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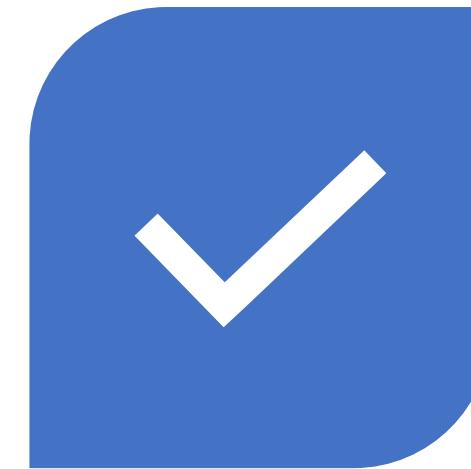




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# Vande Bharat sleeper makes its inaugural run

**Shrabana Chatterjee**

KOLKATA

On a two-day visit to West Bengal, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched India's first overnight sleeper Vande Bharat train connecting Kolkata and Guwahati. The inauguration ceremony was held in Malda on Saturday.

Four new trains from various parts of West Bengal to other States were also virtually launched by the Prime Minister.

"The first sleeper Vande Bharat train is now joining the land of Ma Kali with the land of Ma Kamakhya," Mr. Modi said after flagging off the new train, adding the new trains would provide ease of travel and trade.

The Vande Bharat sleeper train will run between Howrah and Kamakhya stations six days a week in both the up and down directions, departing How-

rah at 6.20 p.m., and Kamakhya at 6.15 p.m., making the journey in about 14 hours.

The other trains launched were four Amrit Bharat Express services: New Jalpaiguri to Nagercoil and Tiruchirappalli and Alipurduar to Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal, Bengaluru and Mumbai (Panvel).

The new trains come as a push towards setting the agenda for poll-bound West Bengal.

**'Self-sufficient railways'**  
"Foreign nationals are now making videos of our trains and telling people how our rail system has been revolutionised. This new Vande Bharat train is made in India," Mr. Modi said in his address.

Along with being modernised, the Indian Railways is becoming self-sufficient, he said, adding there are 150 Vande Bharat trains



Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with students after inaugurating a Vande Bharat sleeper train in Malda on Saturday. ANI

to date in India.

Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw was present.

Local cuisine from Bengal and Assam would be available on the sleeper Vande Bharat train, Mr. Vaishnaw said.

The Mayfair Spring Valley Resort, Guwahati, has partnered with the Indian

present at the event, as was Governor C.V. Ananda Bose.

## New rail projects

At the same event, the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for various road and railway projects estimated at ₹3,250 crore. He launched projects for a new rail line between Balurghat and Hili; next generation freight maintenance facilities at New Jalpaiguri; upgrade of the Siliguri Loco Shed; and modernisation of the Vande Bharat train maintenance facilities in Jalpaiguri district. He also laid the foundation stone for the rehabilitation and four-laning of the Dhupguri-Falakata section of National Highway 31D.

Later in the day, the Prime Minister addressed a public meeting of BJP workers and supporters at a ground in Malda.

## Route Map



## What happened / इसे क्या हुआ?

Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off **India's first overnight sleeper Vande Bharat** train, connecting **Kolkata–Guwahati**.

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने क्रवघ्ल इह हणच्रहङ्ग अध्यवस्था १ हृष्ट अङ्गुक्रवघ्ल ट्रेन को हरी झंडी दिखाई, जो इङ्गच्रड्वल्व-एक्सप्रेस को जोड़ती है।

## Inauguration venue / कार्यक्रम का स्थान

The inauguration ceremony was held in **Malda (West Bengal)**.

उद्घाटन समारोह राज्यव्वर (ट्रायर एक्सप्रेस) में हुआ।

## Route, frequency, timing / रोड, अवधि, समय

The sleeper Vande Bharat will run between **Howrah and Kamakhya**, 6 days a week (both directions).

स्लीपर वंदे भारत एक्सप्रेस-ड्वल्वल्व व्र के बीच द्विव्याप्ति शक्ष (दोनों दिशाओं में) चलेगी।

Departure: **Howrah ~6:20 PM; Kamakhya ~6:15 PM**; journey time **~14 hours**.

प्रस्थान: एक्सप्रेस ~6:20 PM; ड्वल्वल्व व्र ~6:15 PM; यात्रा समय चण्कण 14 लङ्गु।

- Other launches / अन्य लॉन्च

- Four Amrit Bharat Express services were also launched:

- चार अमृत भारत एक्सप्रेस सेवाएँ भी लॉन्च हुईं:

- New Jalpaiguri → Nagercoil

- न्यू जलपाईगुड़ी → नागरकोइल

- New Jalpaiguri → Tiruchirappalli

- न्यू जलपाईगुड़ी → तिरुचिरापल्ली

- Alipurduar → Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal (Bengaluru)

- अलीपुरद्वार → सर एम. विश्वेश्वरेया टर्मिनल (बैंगलुरु)

- Alipurduar → Mumbai (Panvel)

- अलीपुरद्वार → मुंबई (पनवेल)

- Message & context / संदेश और संदर्भ

- PM linked the service symbolically ("Ma Kali to Ma Kamakhya") and said it would ease travel and trade; the launches also set the agenda in poll-bound West Bengal.

- पीएम ने इसे प्रतीकात्मक रूप से ("मा काली से मा कामाख्या") जोड़कर यात्रा/व्यापार में सुविधा की बात कही; चुनावी माहौल वाले बंगाल में इसे एजेंडा-पुश के रूप में भी देखा गया।

- Railways capability / रेलवे की क्षमता

- PM said the new Vande Bharat is **made in India**; railways are becoming more self-sufficient; he mentioned ~150 **Vande Bharat trains** so far in India.

- पीएम ने इसे मेड-इन-इंडिया बताया; रेलवे को अधिक आत्मनिर्भर बताया; अब तक लगभग 150 वंदे भारत ट्रेनों का उल्लेख किया।

- **Food & operations / भोजन व संचालन**
  - Railway Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** was present; **Bengal and Assam cuisine** will be available onboard.
  - रेल मंत्री अश्विनी वैष्णव मौजूद रहे; ट्रेन में बंगाल व असम का स्थानीय भोजन उपलब्ध होगा।
  - A Guwahati hotel (Mayfair Spring Valley Resort) partnered with **IRCTC** as the official caterer for the sleeper train.
  - गुवाहाटी के एक होटल (Mayfair Spring Valley Resort) ने स्लीपर ट्रेन के लिए **IRCTC** के साथ आधिकारिक कैटरिंग पार्टनरशिप की।
- **Key attendees / प्रमुख उपस्थित लोग**
  - BJP leaders **Sukanta Majumdar, Suvendu Adhikari, Samik Bhattacharya** were present; Governor **C.V. Ananda Bose** also attended.
  - भाजपा नेता सुकांत मजूमदार, सुवेंदु अधिकारी, सामिक भट्टाचार्य उपस्थित रहे; राज्यपाल सी. वी. आनंद बोस भी मौजूद थे।
- **New projects announced / नई परियोजनाएँ**
  - Foundation stones/projects worth **₹3,250 crore** were launched, including: new rail line **Balurghat–Hili**, next-gen freight maintenance at **New Jalpaiguri**, upgrade of **Siliguri Loco Shed**, modernisation of **Vande Bharat** maintenance in Jalpaiguri, and **4-laning/rehabilitation** of **Dhupguri–Falakata** section of **NH-31D**.
  - **₹3,250 करोड़ की परियोजनाओं** का शिलान्यास/लॉन्च हुआ: बालुरघाट–हिली नई रेल लाइन, न्यू जलपाईगुड़ी में फ्रेट मेटेनेंस सुविधा, सिलीगुड़ी लोको शेड अपग्रेड, जलपाईगुड़ी में वंदे भारत मेटेनेंस आधुनिकीकरण, और **NH-31D** के धूपगुड़ी–फालाकाटा हिस्से का चार-लेन/पुनर्वास।

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Consider the statements: (1) The inaugural overnight sleeper Vande Bharat connects Kolkata and Guwahati.

(2) It will run all seven days

. Which is/are correct?

(a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2



# Trump announces tariffs on eight European nations over Greenland

The tariffs are set at 10% starting February 1, and will rise to 25% from June; Trump says the tariffs would remain 'until a deal is reached for purchase of Greenland'; Germany states it is 'consulting with European partners on a joint response'

**Sriram Lakshman**

LONDON

In the latest of a series of moves to acquire Greenland, U.S. President Donald Trump has announced tariffs on European and NATO allies, despite having negotiated trade deals with the U.K. and the European Union in 2025. The announcement, which the President made on Truth Social, applies to Denmark, Norway, Sweden, France, Germany, The United Kingdom, The Netherlands, and Finland.

Mr. Trump said the countries would pay a 10% tariff on their exports to the U.S. starting February 1. The rate would go up to



**Escalating tension:** Donald Trump waves as he boards Air Force One in Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, on Friday. AFP

25% from June 2026.

"This Tariff will be due and payable until such time as a Deal is reached for the Complete and Total purchase of Greenland," Mr. Trump wrote.

Last week, the countries in question sent a handful of troops to Greenland at Denmark's request, in the face of escalating threats from Mr. Trump – an event Mr. Trump alluded to in his

post. Greenland, a mineral-rich Arctic island, is a self-governing territory of Denmark, which is a member of the NATO alliance.

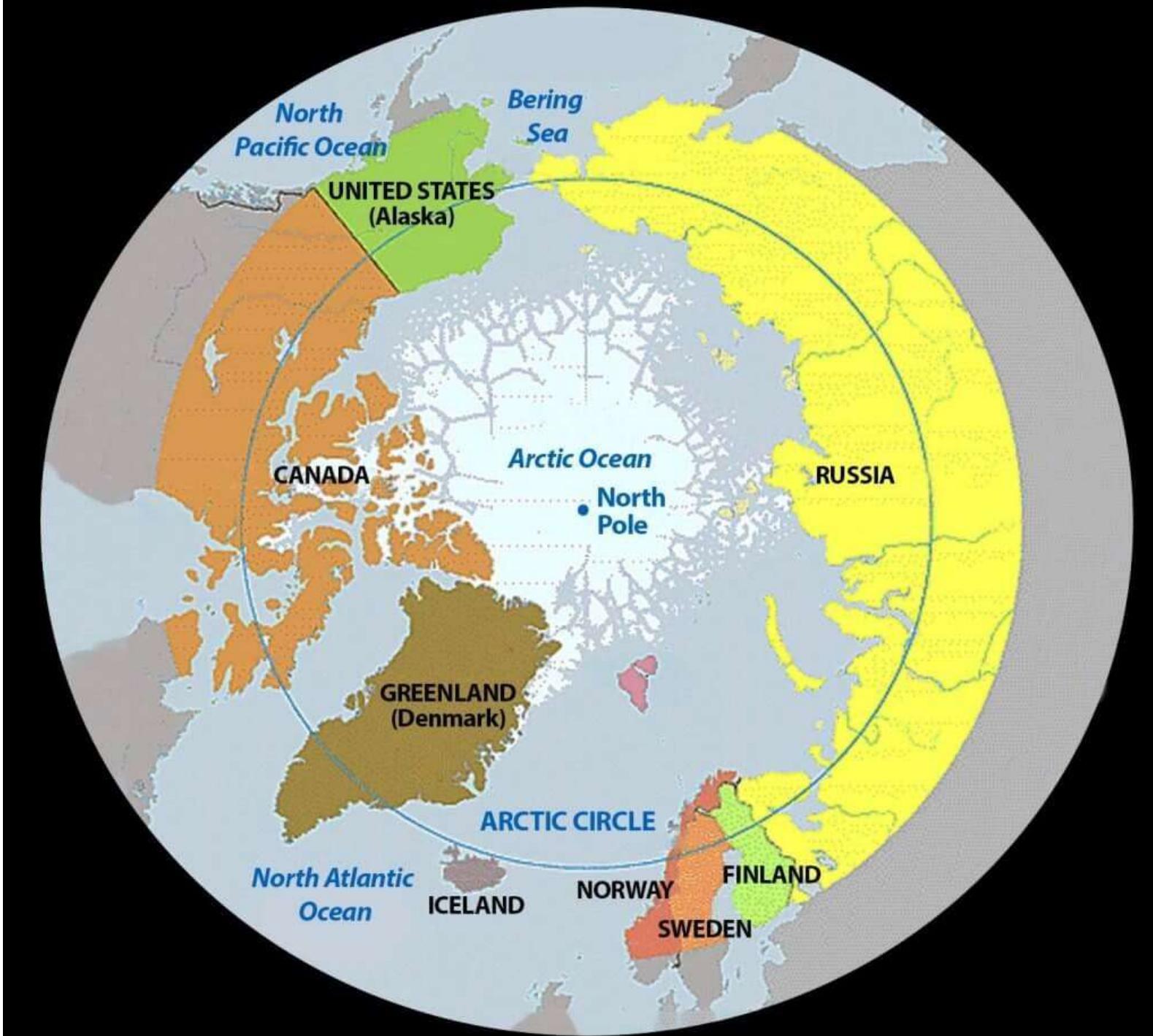
He said the countries "have journeyed to Greenland, for purposes unknown" and that it was "a very dangerous situation for the Safety, Security, and Survival of our Planet [sic]". The countries' actions had increased the risk to a unsustainable and untenable level, Mr. Trump claimed, saying global peace and security were at stake.

Germany had noted Mr. Trump's statement and was in close consultation with its European partners, a German government

spokesperson told *The Hindu* via email. The countries would together decide on their response, the spokesperson said.

In his post, Mr. Trump alleged that Russia and China wanted the Arctic island and that there was nothing Denmark could do to defend it.

Russia and China are not considered threats to Greenland as of now, Major General Søren Andersen, commander of Denmark's Joint Arctic Command said in an interview published on Saturday. On Thursday, a spokesperson for the Russian government rejected the notion the Beijing and Moscow had plans to occupy Greenland.



## WHAT IS IT?

- World's Largest Island
- Self-Governing Territory  
(Kingdom of Denmark)
- Internal Autonomy  
(Not Sovereign)

## GEOGRAPHY & ICE SHEET

- Greenland ICE SHEET  
~~80% of Island
- 2nd Largest after Antarctica

## ANCIENT ROCKS

- Canadian Shield
- Precambrian Age

## FJORDS & GLACIERS

- Jakobshavn Glacier
- Fast-Moving Ice

## RESOURCES

- Rare Earth Elements



## GOVERNANCE

### DENMARK

- Defence
- Foreign Affairs
- Currency

### GREENLAND

- Education
- Health
- Resources
- Environment

### Self-Rule Act, 2009

"Right to Self-Determination"

## INTERNATIONAL LAW

- UN Charter: No Forceful Annexation
- Free Consent of Denmark & People
- Annexation = **ILLEGAL**



## EU THE BIGGEST SOURCE OF US IMPORTS

- US imports value (\$ bn)
- Share of total US imports (%)



Source: US Census Bureau/Bloomberg; Note: Figures are sum of Jan-May in 2025

- **What happened / क्या हुआ**
  - U.S. President Donald Trump announced **tariffs on eight European countries** linking it to a demand for a **deal to purchase Greenland**.
  - अमेरिका के राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप ने आठ यूरोपीय देशों पर टैरिफ घोषित किए और इसे ग्रीनलैंड खरीदने के समझौते से जोड़ा।
- **Tariff rates & timeline / टैरिफ दरें और समय**
  - Tariffs set at **10% from February 1**, planned to rise to **25% from June** (as stated in the report); Trump said they would remain **until a Greenland purchase deal is reached**.
  - रिपोर्ट के अनुसार **1 फरवरी से 10%**, और **जून से 25%**; ट्रंप ने कहा कि ग्रीनलैंड खरीद समझौता होने तक टैरिफ जारी रहेंगे।
- **Countries covered / किन देशों पर**
  - The announcement applies to **Denmark, Norway, Sweden, France, Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and Finland**.
  - यह घोषणा डेनमार्क, नॉर्वे, स्वीडन, फ्रांस, जर्मनी, यूनाइटेड किंगडम, नीदरलैंड्स और फिनलैंड पर लागू बताई गई।
- **Platform & context / माध्यम और संदर्भ**
  - Trump made the announcement on **Truth Social**; the report notes this comes despite earlier negotiated trade deals with the **U.K. and the EU (2025)**.
  - ट्रंप ने यह घोषणा **Truth Social** पर की; रिपोर्ट के अनुसार यह यूके और ईयू (2025) के साथ ट्रेड-डील संदर्भ के बावजूद आया।

- **Greenland status / ग्रीनलैंड की स्थिति**
  - Greenland is a mineral-rich Arctic island and a self-governing territory of Denmark; Denmark is a **NATO member**.
    - ग्रीनलैंड खनिज-समृद्ध आर्कटिक द्वीप है और डेनमार्क का स्वशासी क्षेत्र है; डेनमार्क **NATO** का सदस्य है।
- **Escalation & troop move / तनाव और सैनिक तैनाती**
  - The report mentions European countries sent a handful of troops to Greenland at Denmark's request amid escalating threats.
    - रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, बढ़ते तनाव के बीच डेनमार्क के अनुरोध पर कुछ देशों ने सीमित संख्या में सैनिक ग्रीनलैंड भेजे।
- **Trump's claims / ट्रंप के दावे**
  - Trump alleged **Russia and China** wanted Greenland and suggested Denmark could not defend it; he also framed it as a broader security issue.
    - ट्रंप ने दावा किया कि रूस और चीन ग्रीनलैंड चाहते हैं और डेनमार्क उसकी रक्षा नहीं कर सकता; इसे उन्होंने व्यापक सुरक्षा मुद्दे की तरह प्रस्तुत किया।
- **Counter-view / प्रतिवाद**
  - Denmark's Joint Arctic Command chief (Maj Gen Søren Andersen) was cited saying **Russia and China are not considered threats to Greenland as of now**; Russia rejected claims about plans to occupy Greenland.
    - डेनमार्क के जॉइंट आर्कटिक कमांड प्रमुख (मेजर जनरल सोरेन एंडरसन) के अनुसार फिलहाल रूस/चीन को ग्रीनलैंड के लिए खतरा नहीं माना जाता; रूस ने कब्जे वाली बातों को खारिज किया।
- **Europe's response / यूरोप की प्रतिक्रिया**
  - Germany said it was **consulting European partners** and a joint response would be decided collectively.
    - जर्मनी ने कहा कि वह यूरोपीय साझेदारों से परामर्श कर रहा है और संयुक्त प्रतिक्रिया सामूहिक रूप से तय होगी।

Topic	Extra facts (English)	अतिरिक्त तथ्य (Hindi)
Tariff basics	A tariff is a tax on imports; it can raise domestic prices, protect local industry, and trigger retaliation.	टैरिफ आयात पर कर है; इससे घरेलू कीमतें बढ़ सकती हैं, उद्योग संरक्षण होता है, और प्रतिशोधी कार्रवाई हो सकती है।
Ad valorem vs specific tariff	Ad valorem is a % of value (e.g., 10%); specific is per unit (e.g., \$X per ton).	Ad valorem मूल्य का %; specific प्रति इकाई तय राशि।
Trade war impact	Tariffs can shift supply chains, reduce trade volumes, and raise inflationary pressures.	टैरिफ से सप्लाई-चेन शिफ्ट, व्यापार घट, और महंगाई दबाव बढ़ सकता है।
Greenland polity	Greenland is an autonomous territory within the Kingdom of Denmark; foreign affairs/defence are largely Denmark's domain.	ग्रीनलैंड डेनमार्क के किंगडम के भीतर स्वायत्त क्षेत्र; विदेश/रक्षा के अधिकांश पक्ष डेनमार्क के अंतर्गत।
Why Greenland matters	Strategic Arctic location + potential minerals/rare earths + shipping routes as ice melts.	आर्कटिक रणनीतिक स्थिति + खनिज/रेयर अर्थ + बर्फ घटने से नए शिपिंग रूट।
NATO link	Denmark is a NATO member; Greenland's strategic value ties into North Atlantic security dynamics.	डेनमार्क NATO सदस्य है; ग्रीनलैंड नॉर्थ अटलांटिक सुरक्षा में रणनीतिक महत्व रखता है।
Arctic geopolitics	Arctic is contested for resources, bases, and sea lanes; diplomacy often involves Arctic Council states (forum role).	आर्कटिक में संसाधन, बेस, समुद्री मार्गों को लेकर प्रतिस्पर्धा; कूटनीति में आर्कटिक काउंसिल देशों की भूमिका (फोरम)।
Negotiation lever	Tariffs are often used as bargaining leverage in trade/strategic negotiations.	टैरिफ को कई बार बातचीत/सौदेबाजी के दबाव-उपकरण की तरह इस्तेमाल किया जाता है।

Exam	Paper/Year (approx.)	Question (memory-based PYQ-pattern)	Answer
UPSC (Pre)	Recent	“Tariff” refers to:	A tax imposed on imports
UPSC/PSC	Recent	Which body is primarily associated with global trade rules and dispute settlement?	WTO
SSC (GK/Eco)	Recent	Ad valorem duty means:	Duty as a percentage of value
Banking (Eco)	Recent	A rise in import tariffs generally tends to:	Reduce imports and raise domestic prices (ceteris paribus)
Railway/SSC	Recent	“Trade deficit” occurs when:	Imports exceed exports
UPSC/Defence/IR	Recent	NATO is primarily a:	Collective defence alliance
State PSC (Geo/IR)	Recent	Greenland is associated with which region?	Arctic / North Atlantic
Defence (IR/Security)	Recent	Strategic competition in the Arctic is driven by:	Resources + sea lanes + security positioning
UPSC/PSC	Recent	Retaliatory tariffs are usually imposed by:	Trading partners in response to another country's tariffs
Banking/SSC	Recent	A tariff imposed “per unit” is called:	Specific tariff

Consider the statements:

- (1) Greenland is described as a self-governing territory of Denmark.
- (2) Denmark is a member of NATO. Which is/are correct?

- a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both (d) Neither



# 8 Opposition leaders booked as row over Manikarnika Ghat intensifies

**Mayank Kumar**

LUCKNOW

A war of words erupted on Sunday between the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Opposition parties after multiple first information reports (FIRs) were lodged in Varanasi against those allegedly spreading AI-generated images and misleading information on social media regarding redevelopment work at the Manikarnika Ghat.

Reacting to the FIR against him, Mr. Singh alleged that the redevelopment work had caused destruction at Manikarnika Ghat. Temples were damaged and a statue of Ahilyabai Holkar was defaced, drawing protests from *sadhus* and others, he alleged.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday accused the Congress of spreading "false propaganda" to defame Kashi. He was responding to allegations regarding the demolition of statues and

Pappu Yadav, and Congress leader Jaswinder Kaur. The FIRs have been lodged under Section 196 (promoting enmity, hatred, or disharmony between different groups through speech, writing, signs, or electronic means) and Section 298 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sahita (BNS), 2023.



Old structures being demolished at the Manikarnika Ghat in Varanasi. ANI VIDEO GRAB

temples at the ghat and viral videos related to it.

"Separate cases have been registered in Varanasi on the petition of Municipal Corporation officials against those allegedly spreading AI-generated images and misleading information on social media regarding the redevelopment

work at the Manikarnika Ghat. Based on the complaints received, the police have filed cases against various X handles and individuals. We are keeping a track on social media and using digital footprints to crack down on those spreading rumours," Atul Anjan Tripathi, Assistant

Commissioner of Police, Dashaswamedh, Varanasi, said. The booked individuals include leaders of political parties, including the Congress and AAP.

## 'Dictatorial attitude'

Uttar Pradesh Congress president Ajay Rai said that if the videos were AI-generated, concrete evidence should be made public, and described the cases as reflective of a dictatorial attitude. "I ask the Chief Minister directly: If the video of the statue is AI-generated, concrete evidence of this should be made public. It should also be clarified where the statue went and where it is currently located. The government is trying to conceal the truth by claiming it was an AI video. This contradiction raises questions about the government's own intentions. Yesterday, the Chief

Minister visited Varanasi and was scheduled to visit Manikarnika Ghat, but it was suddenly cancelled. The question is, why was this visit cancelled? Was it to prevent the truth from coming out? Congress makes it clear that any tampering with the faith, culture and heritage of Kashi will not be tolerated. The voice of truth cannot be suppressed," Mr. Rai said.

The BJP alleged that the Opposition's attempt to spread falsehoods and provoke outrage reflected political desperation rather than concern for culture.

"At a time when the government is undertaking transparent and sensitive rejuvenation of Kashi's heritage, the Opposition's attempt to spread falsehoods and provoke outrage reflects not concern for culture, but political despera-

tion and a calculated effort to derail development through misinformation," Pushkar Mishra, a senior BJP functionary, said.

A local Congress leader in Varanasi, Manish Kumar Upadhyay, alleged that for the past several years, the manner in which Kashi's historicity, ancient traditions, cultural and religious identity, and civilisation were being affected in the name of development by the local administration at the behest of the government was a matter of grave concern and a subject of self-reflection for residents of the city.

Manikarnika Ghat is among the holiest cremation grounds in Hinduism, believed to grant *moksha* or liberation from the cycle of birth and death, and holds deep cultural significance for devotees across the country.

- **What happened / क्या हुआ**
  - FIRs were lodged in Varanasi against people accused of spreading AI-generated images and misleading social-media claims about the redevelopment work at Manikarnika Ghat.
  - वाराणसी में मणिकर्णिका घाट के पुनर्विकास को लेकर AI-जनरेटेड तस्वीरें और सोशल मीडिया पर भ्रामक दावे फैलाने के आरोप में FIR दर्ज हुई।
- **Political row / राजनीतिक विवाद**
  - Opposition called the cases **dictatorial**, while BJP alleged a **calculated misinformation campaign** to derail the government's Kashi rejuvenation/development push.
  - विपक्ष ने मामलों को तानाशाही रखैया बताया; भाजपा ने इसे विकास/काशी पुनर्जागरण को पटरी से उतारने के लिए सोची-समझी भ्रामक मुहिम कहा।
- **Who was booked (as per names visible) / किन पर केस (जिन नामों का उल्लेख दिखता है)**
  - Names mentioned include AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh, Lok Sabha MP Rajesh Ranjan (Pappu Yadav) and Congress leader Jaswinder Kaur (the report says eight Opposition leaders booked).
  - जिन नामों का उल्लेख दिखता है: AAP राज्यसभा सांसद संजय सिंह, लोकसभा सांसद राजेश रंजन (पप्पू यादव), कांग्रेस नेता जसविंदर कौर (रिपोर्ट के अनुसार कुल 8 विपक्षी नेताओं पर केस)।
- **Legal provisions mentioned / कानूनी धाराएँ**
  - FIRs were lodged under **Section 196** (promoting enmity/hate/disharmony through speech/writing/signs/electronic means) and **Section 298 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023**.
  - FIR में धारा 196 (भाषण/लेखन/संकेत/इलेक्ट्रॉनिक माध्यम से वैमनस्य/घृणा/असामंजस्य) और BNS 2023 की धारा 298 का उल्लेख है।

- **Claims and counter-claims / आरोप-प्रत्यारोप**

- An Opposition leader alleged redevelopment caused **destruction at the ghat, temples were damaged**, and a **statue of Ahilyabai Holkar was defaced**, triggering protests by sadhus and others.
- विपक्ष की ओर से दावा: पुनर्विकास से घाट पर नुकसान, मंदिरों को क्षति, अहिल्याबाई होलकर की प्रतिमा के साथ छेड़छाड़/अपमान—जिससे साधुओं आदि का विरोध हुआ।

- **Police action / पुलिस की कार्रवाई**

- Police said multiple cases were registered based on complaints/petitions and they were tracking social media and using **digital footprints** to act against rumor-mongering.
- पुलिस के अनुसार शिकायतों पर केस दर्ज हुए और डिजिटल फुटप्रिंट्स के जरिए सोशल मीडिया ट्रैक करके अफवाह फैलाने वालों पर कार्रवाई होगी।

- **Visit cancellation angle / दौरा रद्द होने का मुद्दा**

- The report mentions a planned visit to Manikarnika Ghat that was **suddenly cancelled**, which the Opposition linked to "truth being suppressed"; BJP rejected this and called it misinformation.
- रिपोर्ट में मणिकर्णिका घाट का एक प्रस्तावित दौरा अचानक रद्द होने की बात है; विपक्ष ने इसे "सच दबाने" से जोड़ा, भाजपा ने इसे भ्रामक नैरेटिव बताया।

- **Why Manikarnika matters / मणिकर्णिका का महत्व**

- Manikarnika Ghat is among the **holiest cremation grounds** in Hinduism, believed to grant **moksha** and holds deep cultural significance.
- मणिकर्णिका घाट हिंदू धर्म के सबसे पवित्र श्मशान घाटों में माना जाता है; मोक्ष से जोड़ा जाता है और सांस्कृतिक दृष्टि से अत्यंत महत्वपूर्ण है।

## Aspect

### What is Manikarnika Ghat?

#### Details

One of the *oldest and holiest cremation ghats* on the banks of the Ganges in Varanasi (Kashi). Hindus believe cremation here helps the soul attain *moksha*. It's mentioned in ancient texts and inscriptions. ([Wikipedia](#))

### Historical background

The ghat existed since ancient times; *local tradition records renovation and support* by Queen Ahilyabai Holkar in **1771 and later 1791**. Around that structure were *platforms (madhi)* and *four statues* of Ahilyabai. ([India Today Hindi](#))

### What was removed / happened recently?

During ongoing **redevelopment work**, an old *madhi (raised platform)* with associated statues — including those linked to Ahilyabai Holkar — were taken down. This triggered claims of heritage damage. ([The Times of India](#))

### Why the work is happening

The *redevelopment project* aims to modernize the ghat for better sanitation, space management, structured wood storage, walkways, waiting areas, and drainage — similar in approach to the *Kashi Vishwanath Corridor* projects. ([NDTV India](#))

## Controversy / claims

Opposition parties and local groups alleged that *heritage elements and idols were destroyed* without notice, hurting cultural and religious sentiments. They linked the removal with political motives and accused the government of destroying historical identity. ([Hindustan Times](#))

## Government / official response

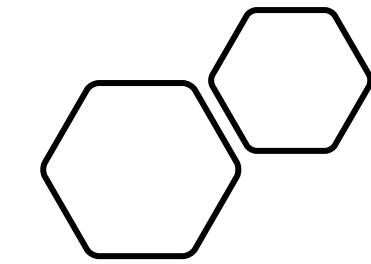
Officials, including CM Yogi Adityanath and the district administration, said: No temple or idol was destroyed; artifacts found or removed are *being preserved* by the culture/archaeology department and will be *reinstalled after renovation*. Claims of demolition are *being spread via misleading or AI-generated content*. ([NDTV India](#))

## Rani Ahilyabai Holkar

- **Birth & Background:** Ahilyabai was born on **31<sup>st</sup> May 1725** in **Chondi**, Ahmednagar (Maharashtra), her father, **Mankoji Rao Shinde**, was the village head.
- **Marriage & Early Life:** She was married to **Khanderao Holkar** in 1733, the son of **Malhar Rao Holkar**, the ruler of Malwa and the founder of the **Holkar dynasty**.
  - Ahilyabai was widowed in **1745** after Khanderao died in the **siege of Kumher Fort**.
  - Malhar Rao Holkar prevented Ahilyabai from committing **sati** and trained her in military and administrative matters.
- **Ascension to Power:** After the death of Malhar Rao Holkar in 1766 and her son Male Rao Holkar in 1767, Ahilyabai Holkar took charge of Malwa and became the **ruler of Indore in 1767**.
  - She appointed **Tukoji Rao Holkar** as army commander and made **Maheshwar in Madhya Pradesh** the Holkar dynasty's capital.

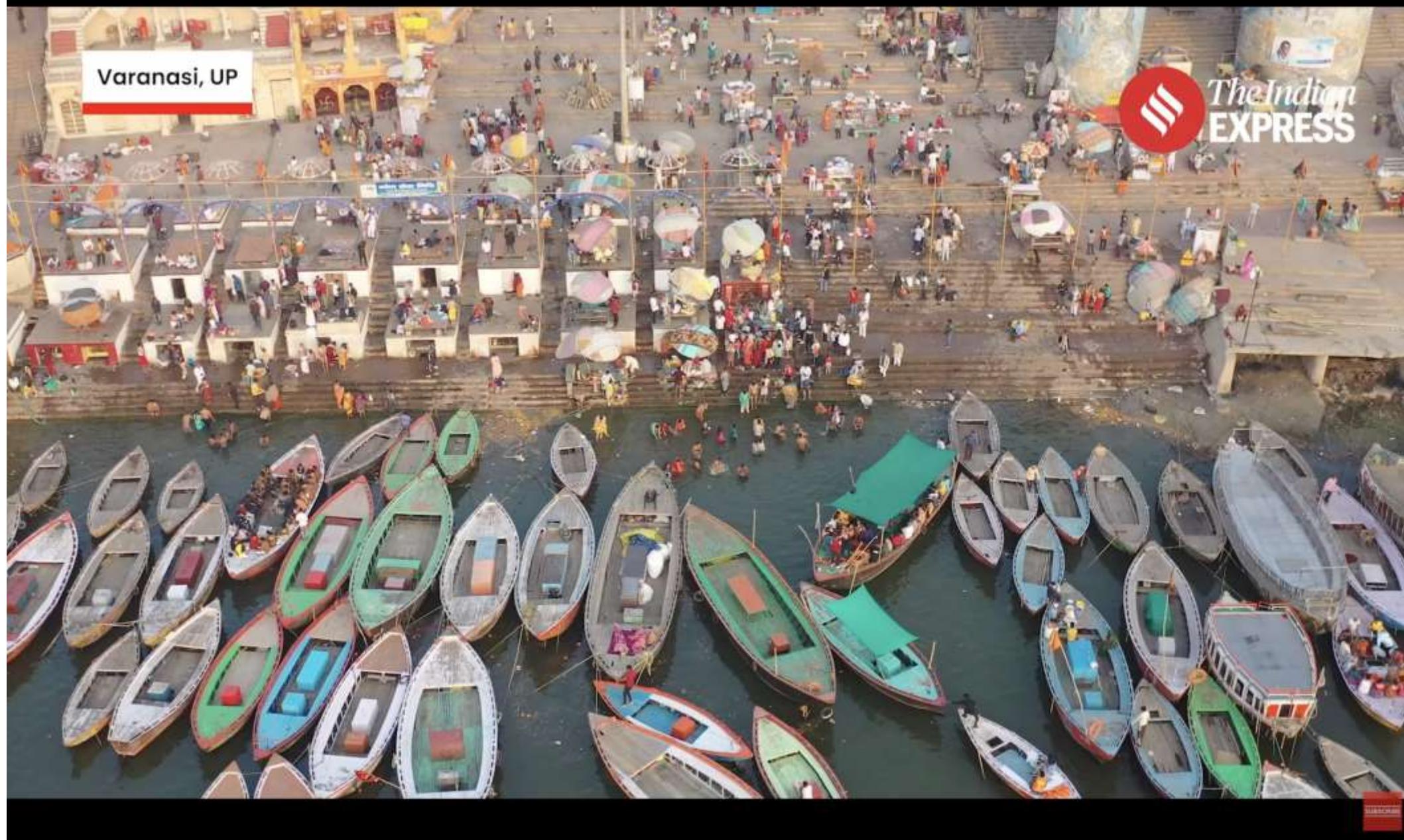
- **Contributions:** Ahilyabai Holkar rebuilt the **Kashi Vishwanath and Somnath temples** in the 18th century, restoring key **Jyotirlingas** of Lord Shiva, and patronised scholars such as Khushali Ram, Marathi poet Moropant, and Shahir Anantaphandi.
  - She holds **deep cultural importance in Varanasi** and is revered by the **Pal (Gadariya) community** as an ancestral figure, with her birth anniversary actively celebrated.
  - She also promoted **women's education, widow remarriage**, and opposed practices like **sati**, while uplifting the **Bhil** and **Gond tribes** and lower castes.
  - She made Maheshwar and Indore major trade hubs, promoting the Maheshwari weaving industry and **making Maheshwari sarees renowned across India**, now registered with a **Geographical Indication (GI) tag**.





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## How long will Modi government live in denial, asks Congress

The Hindu Bureau  
NEW DELHI

China: A World Bank report on air pollution that claimed around one billion people in India were exposed annually to the Indo-Gangetic and the Himalayan foothills, the Congress said, may asked how long the Narendra Modi government would continue to remain in denial" over a deepening public health crisis.

Referring to the World Bank's latest report, "A Breath of Change", Congress general secretary Cormann said, "Modi former Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh had said that the findings were comprehensive, evidence-based and unambiguous.

The report estimates that air pollution in the in-

do-Gangetic Plains and the Himalayan foothills is responsible for around one million deaths in India every year, while causing economic losses amounting to nearly 3% of the region's gross domestic product annually.

In a post on X, Mr. Ramesh had reportedly underscored the scale and urgency of the crisis, noting that the findings in the region were exposed to hazardous air on a daily basis.

The Board of Peace for Gaza comprises a group of countries that are being invited by the U.S. to provide international guarantees for the Gaza Strip, as Hamas is being pressured to give up its territory in exchange for "prompting" enforcement of pollution norms. Mr. Ramesh had asked, "How long will the Modi government live in denial?"

though New Delhi has not responded as yet, this comes three days after Mr. Trump had said in a press conference that the Board of Peace had been formed and that its members would be announced "shortly".

The Trump peace plan for Gaza was first floated on September 29, 2020, when the U.S. President invited Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to the White House. Following the meeting, Mr. Netanyahu agreed to return all 48 remaining hostages who were being held in Gaza to the U.S. in exchange for Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails and Gaza detainees.

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consist of Palestinian and international experts. This transitional entity will be responsible for the Board of Peace, to be headed by Mr. Trump and include "other members of the international state", as well as the United Kingdom's former Prime Minister Tony Blair.

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ing for the "redevelopment of Gaza" till the Palestinian Authority has completed a transition to a permanent peace plan on the first phase of President Trump's peace plan. This also includes the election of the strong leadership of PM Netanyahu," he said.

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leaders to chart new

frontiers for the India-UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

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across the world for troops to participate in the IMF.

Other countries have indicated that India would not be part of the IMF as it is not a peacekeeping force under the UN Charter.

Jordan, Greece, Cyprus,

and Pakistan also said on Sunday that they had received invitations.

(With PTI inputs)

## India invited to join Gaza peace board

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Kaloli Bhattacharjee  
new delhi



U.S. President Donald Trump with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the Oval Office of the White House on February 13, 2020. AP

## As long as Trinamool is in power, investment won't come to Bengal, says Modi

Shiv Sahay Singh  
KOLKATA

Accusing the Trinamool Congress of imposing a "syndicate tax" on all developmental projects, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said investment would not come to West Bengal as long as the Trinamool Congress government remains in power.

"Industries will only come to West Bengal when the law and order situation improves. But in West Bengal, a free run. The police are hand in glove with criminals. You know that there is no industrial development," the Prime Minister said at a public meeting in West Bengal.

There was much enthusiasm among the BJP's rank and file at a public meeting at Singur as the party had been in the opposition with the right-wing coalition that from the State. Tata Motors had decided to pull out of the project after Singur during the regime of the Left Front government, the Prime Minister said.

"Security in jeopardy" Mr. Modi accused the Trinamool of "playing with national security and the constitution". The TMC is playing with national security. That is all on charades. The TMC is fond of infiltrators as they are a socialist vote bank. It can go to



Supporters gather in front of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a rally in Singur, West Bengal, on Sunday. PTI

any tenth amendment at any stage in a government," he said.

Addressing a public meeting in Mulda on Sunday, Mr. Modi said he had embarked on "illegal infiltration" and said it was changing the demography of the state.

Mr. Modi touched on the issue of border fencing and said the Trinamool government was not providing land to erect fencing along the border with Bangladesh.

Several years, the Centre has been writing to the TMC government seeking border fencing, but the state dispensation did nothing," he said.

Mr. Modi reacted sharply to the comments. "Singur doesn't take kindly to infiltrators," he said.

But he urged corporate land-grabbing to stop. "When PM Modi told the TMC government to stop infiltration, he claimed that all investments are coming to Bengal, he won't just distort the facts," he said.

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### Thronging the river



Crowded banks: People gather to take a holy dip at the sangam in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, on Sunday to mark Mauni Amavasya during the Magh Mela festival. More than 4.52 crore devotees took part in the occasion, officials said on X.

## Govt. is proud of Indian companies investing abroad: Commerce Minister

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan  
NEW DELHI

The government is proud of the high and growing amounts of investment Indian companies are making in other countries, which is actively encouraging these companies to make acquisitions and invest abroad, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said.

The statement comes at a time when the latest data

shows that outward direct investment by Indian companies grew nearly 46% to \$20.5 billion in the April-October period.

"We are proud of it, we are encouraging it," Mr. Goyal told a news conference on Friday. "No country has been more successful in outward-looking. You have to be bold and look at going across continents,

and expand the frontiers of your own business."

The commerce minister said the government "strongly encourages Indian businesses to invest abroad and has made regular changes in its policies to encourage them to acquire companies worldwide and to set up manufacturing facilities worldwide, and to provide services world-

wide," Mr. Goyal said.

According to the Reserve Bank of India, the key destinations for outward-looking Indian companies are Singapore, followed by the U.S. and the U.A.E., which together account for more than half of total outward FDI.

The central bank added that the record 90% of the outward FDI was in financial, insurance, and business services.

## Rahul Gandhi to attend MGNREGA protest

The Hindu Bureau  
NEW DELHI

The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, will attend a MGNREGA protest at the site of a dam on January 20 as part of the Congress' nationwide MGNREGA Bachao Sangram, part of the general secretary of the party's grassroots-level organisations, K.C. Venugopal said.

An online review meeting of Pradeesh Congress Committee presidents and party functionaries is to be convened to monitor pan-chayat-level outreach.

## Fill vacant faculty positions within 4 months: SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal  
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has observed that "mathematically, there is no way to fill a month of the posts pending, as a matter of fact."

The backlog of pending scholarship disbursements must be cleared within a period of four months, he said, adding that the relevant Central and State government authorities are to be held liable for failing to do so.

It said the students' cumulative backlog of pending disbursements under the scheme of the National Education Policy, 2020 had set an ambitious target of achieving 30% of the target Knowledge Ratio by the year 2023.

Purely quantitative ex-



SC says the students' backlog has reached 'epidemic' proportions.

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Force (NTP) during a survey showed that nearly 65% of the institutions did not provide access to mental health services, the court said.

The court directed that the concerned HEIs must provide qualified medical help, if not on campus, then through telemedicine, to students. It also directed that the "sample Registration system" data on suicides, especially those falling in the 15-29 age group, must be centrally maintained.

Odisha, and Chandigarh, Punjab said in a joint statement in New Delhi.

"The term of the last Council was less than a year ago, but the full fifth Council is yet to be formed, and the post of chairman has not been filled, while the last chairperson's term ended in December," the statement said.

The Press Council of India, a statutory, quasi-judicial body that oversees print and press freedom, has been without a chairman for the first time in its history, the Press Association of India said. Currently, 14 people have been appointed to the council.

## Media bodies seek new chairperson for Press Council of India

Press Trust of India  
NEW DELHI

Media associations on Sunday urged the government to appoint a new chairperson for the Press Council of India, as the post of chairman has not been filled, while the last chairperson's term ended in December, the statement said.

The Press Council of India comprises 29 members, including the chairperson, with a tenure of three years. Currently, 14 people have been appointed to the council.

# India invited to join Gaza peace board

New Delhi has not yet responded to the invitation, officials say; the Board of Peace, to be headed by Trump and to include 'other members and heads of state', is expected to oversee funding for the 'redevelopment of Gaza' until the Palestinian Authority completes a 'reform programme'

**Kallop Bhattacherjee**

NEW DELHI

**U**nited States President Donald Trump has invited India to be a part of the Board of Peace for Gaza, sources in New Delhi said on Sunday.

U.S. Ambassador Sergio Gor also shared a letter on social media from Mr. Trump to Prime Minister Narendra Modi inviting India.

The Board of Peace for Gaza comprises a group of countries that are being invited by the U.S. to provide a governance structure for the Gaza Strip, as Hamas is being pressured to give up its governance role in the territory as part of Mr. Trump's peace plan.

Officials unwilling to be named said that India has the "invite in hand",

though New Delhi has not responded as yet. This comes three days after Mr. Trump announced on social media that the Board of Peace had been formed and that its members would be announced "shortly".

The Trump peace plan for Gaza was first floated on September 29, 2025, when the U.S. President hosted Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House. Following the announcement, Hamas agreed to return all 48 remaining hostages who were being held in Gaza in exchange for Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails and Gaza detainees.

As per the plan, Gaza will be administered by the "temporary transitional governance of a technocratic apolitical Palestinian committee", which will



U.S. President Donald Trump with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the Oval Office of the White House on February 13, 2025. AFP

consist of Palestinian and international experts. This transitional outfit will be supervised by the Board of Peace, to be headed by Mr. Trump and include "other members and heads of state", as well as the United Kingdom's former Prime Minister Tony Blair.

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ing for the "redevelopment of Gaza" till the Palestinian Authority has completed a "reform programme".

The U.S. is expected to work with international partners to develop a "temporary" International Stabilisation Force (ISF) to be deployed in Gaza soon. The U.S. has been in talks with multiple countries

## UAE President arrives today

**The Hindu Bureau**

NEW DELHI

India will host UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, on Monday.

The UAE President will hold talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "The visit will provide an opportunity for the two

leaders to chart new frontiers for the India-UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. It will also enable exchange of views on regional and global issues of mutual interest, where India and the UAE share a high degree of convergence," the External Affairs Ministry said.

across the world for troops to participate in the ISF.

Officials here have maintained that India would not be part of the ISF as it is not a peacekeeping force under the aegis of the United Nations.

On October 9, 2025, however, Mr. Modi had welcomed the Trump peace plan in a post on X.

"We welcome the agreement on the first phase of President Trump's peace plan. This is also a reflection of the strong leadership of PM Netanyahu," he said.

Jordan, Greece, Cyprus, and Pakistan also said on Sunday they had received invitations.

(With PTI inputs)

- **Core news / मुख्य खबर**

- U.S. President Donald Trump has invited India to join a "Board of Peace for Gaza", sources in New Delhi said; **India has not yet responded.**
- अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रंप ने भारत को "गाज़ा बोर्ड ऑफ पीस" में शामिल होने का निमंत्रण दिया; भारत ने अभी जवाब नहीं दिया।

- **How invitation was conveyed / निमंत्रण कैसे पहुँचा**

- U.S. Ambassador **Sergio Gor** shared a letter from Trump to PM Narendra Modi on social media inviting India.
- अमेरिकी राजदूत सर्जियो गोर ने सोशल मीडिया पर ट्रंप का पीएम मोदी को पत्र साझा किया जिसमें भारत को आमंत्रित किया गया।

- **Purpose of the Board / बोर्ड का उद्देश्य**

- The Board would be a group of countries invited by the U.S. to help provide a **governance structure for Gaza, as Hamas is pressured to give up its governance role.**
- यह बोर्ड उन देशों का समूह होगा जिन्हें अमेरिका आमंत्रित कर रहा है ताकि गाज़ा के लिए गवर्नेंस स्ट्रक्चर बनाया जा सके; हमास पर शासन-भूमिका छोड़ने का दबाव बताया गया है।

- **Leadership & composition / नेतृत्व और संरचना**

- The Board is expected to be **headed by Trump** and include **other members and heads of state**; UK's former PM **Tony Blair** is also mentioned as part of it.
- बोर्ड के ट्रंप की अध्यक्षता में होने और अन्य सदस्य/हेड्स ऑफ स्टेट शामिल होने की बात है; यूके के पूर्व पीएम टोनी ब्लेयर का भी उल्लेख है।

- **Funding & timeline / फंडिंग और अवधि**

- The Board is expected to oversee funding for "redevelopment of Gaza" until the Palestinian Authority completes a "reform programme."
- बोर्ड से गाज़ा के "पुनर्विकास" की फंडिंग की निगरानी की उम्मीद है, जब तक फ़िलिस्तीनी प्राधिकरण (PA) "रिफॉर्म प्रोग्राम" पूरा न कर ले।

- **Peace plan context / शांति योजना का संदर्भ**

- The plan was first floated on **September 29, 2025**, when Trump hosted Israeli PM **Benjamin Netanyahu** at the White House.
- योजना 29 सितम्बर 2025 को सामने आई बताई गई है, जब ट्रंप ने इज़राइली पीएम बेंजामिन नेतन्याहू की व्हाइट हाउस में मेजबानी की।
- The report says **Hamas agreed to return 48 remaining hostages in exchange for Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails and Gaza detainees** after the announcement.
- रिपोर्ट के अनुसार घोषणा के बाद 48 शेष बंधकों की वापसी पर सहमति का उल्लेख है, बदले में इज़राइली जेलों में फ़िलिस्तीनी कैदी और गाज़ा डिटेनीज़।

- **Proposed governance inside Gaza / गाज़ा के भीतर प्रस्तावित शासन**

- Gaza would be administered by a **temporary transitional governance of a technocratic, apolitical Palestinian committee**, comprising **Palestinian and international experts**, supervised by the Board.
- गाज़ा में अस्थायी ट्रांज़िशनल गवर्नेंस—एक टेक्नोक्रेटिक, अपॉलिटिकल फ़िलिस्तीनी समिति (फ़िलिस्तीनी + अंतरराष्ट्रीय विशेषज्ञ) की बात है, जिसकी निगरानी बोर्ड करेगा।

- **ISF (Stabilisation Force) angle / ISF (स्थिरीकरण बल)**
  - The U.S. is expected to work with partners to develop a **temporary “International Stabilisation Force (ISF)”** to be deployed in Gaza; talks with multiple countries for troops are mentioned.
  - अमेरिका अस्थायी “इंटरनेशनल स्टैबिलाइज़ेशन फ़ोर्स (ISF)” बनाने की बात करता है; कई देशों से सैनिक योगदान हेतु बातचीत का उल्लेख है।
  - Officials said **India would not be part of the ISF** because it is **not a UN peacekeeping force**.
  - अधिकारियों के मुताबिक भारत **ISF** का हिस्सा नहीं होगा क्योंकि यह **UN peacekeeping force** नहीं है।
- **Other invitees mentioned / अन्य आमंत्रित देश**
  - **Jordan, Greece, Cyprus, and Pakistan** are also said to have received invitations.
  - जॉर्डन, ग्रीस, साइप्रस, पाकिस्तान को भी निमंत्रण मिलने का उल्लेख है।

Consider the statements:

(1) India was invited to join a “Board of Peace for Gaza”.

(2) New Delhi has not yet responded to the invitation. Which is/are correct?

(a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both (d) Neither

- With reference to the news “India invited to join Gaza peace board”, consider the following statements:
  - The proposed “Board of Peace” is stated to be headed by Donald Trump and is expected to oversee funding for the “redevelopment of Gaza” until the Palestinian Authority completes a “reform programme”.
  - The report states that New Delhi has **not yet responded** to the invitation to join the Board.
  - Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
    - (a) 1 only
    - (b) 2 only
    - (c) Both 1 and 2
    - (d) Neither 1 nor 2

## • What is the deal all about?

APPLE AND GOOGLE have announced a multiyear Artificial Intelligence (AI) partnership that will see Google's Gemini technology power the iPhone maker's digital assistant Siri, which comes installed in every iPhone. "Apple and Google have entered into a multi-year collaboration under which the next generation of Apple Foundation Models will be based on Google's Gemini models and cloud technology. These models will help power future Apple Intelligence features, including a more personalised Siri coming this year," the joint statement said. Apple Intelligence will continue to run on Apple devices and Private Cloud Compute, while maintaining Apple's privacy standards.

While it is not exactly clear how the exchange of technology will work, the partnership is good news for iPhone users who want AI features similar to what Google, Samsung and other smartphone manufacturers are bringing to their handsets. The deal has been in the making for some time now with Apple talking with Google to use Gemini foundation models to power the long-delayed new version of its voice assistant Siri coming later this year.

## • How Apple will benefit

THE BENEFITS FOR Apple are quite obvious. A more capable Siri, as well as other AI features, will now reside in iPhones while guaranteeing user privacy, a core Apple promise. JP Morgan analysts have said that the multi-year partnership agreement

reached with Google will help Apple accelerate its AI development. It will help Apple launch a series of upgraded AI features in 2026, including a more capable Siri. In addition, it will ensure that the iPhone maker can focus on user experience - its main USP.

However, it does suggest that Apple, once known for its vertical integration blueprint, is still struggling to build its own large language model (LLM). In a way, it has conceded that it has fallen behind in the AI race and needs help to remain relevant.



# How the Apple-Google pact changes the AI equation

Apple has finally chosen Google's Gemini AI to power a more personalised version of its digital assistant, Siri. The non-exclusive deal not only marks a major vote of confidence for Google but also says a lot about the complex relationship between the two tech giants, writes *Banasree Purkayastha*

THE PARTNERSHIP IS GOOD NEWS FOR PHONE USERS WHO WANT AI FEATURES SIMILAR TO WHAT GOOGLE, SAMSUNG AND OTHER SMARTPHONE USERS GET

~\$1 billion  
PER-YEAR PAYMENT LIKELY BY APPLE TO GOOGLE

## • What it says about Gemini

THE DEAL VALIDATES that Google has outpaced other AI contenders, especially first off the block OpenAI. In recent months, the search engine giant has allayed investors' doubts about its AI strategy with its Gemini 3 model and the Nano Banana image generator and editor. Bank of America analysts have said that the deal reinforces Gemini's position as the leading LLM for mobile devices. Soon after the partnership announcement, Google's parent Alphabet reached a \$4 trillion valuation for the first time, surpassing Apple to become the second-most valuable company in the world. The win is similar to what Google got with its Search in that Gemini becomes, in the mind of the consumer, a de facto option as an AI model, Morningstar analyst William Kerwin told *The Verge*. "This will give them a ton more users from the iPhone user base and also really cement that brand image as a go-to AI model that supports all these features," he said.

## • What the deal means for OpenAI

APPLE HAD SIGNED a similar pact with ChatGPT-maker OpenAI in June 2024, which made the popular chatbot available as part of its suite of generative AI tools, Apple Intelligence. Since the partnership with Google is not exclusive, Apple is likely to continue to rely on OpenAI's models for some of its Apple Intelligence features. However, it does signal that OpenAI's ChatGPT need not be the top choice when it comes to LLMs for mobile devices. While Gemini already riding on Android phones, and iPhones now set to host Gemini-powered Siri, OpenAI may not find it easy to grow its user base, though it still has the highest number of users. OpenAI has been working on developing a new kind of AI device slotted for launch as early as this year. That device was supposed to rival the phone as the primary way consumers interface with AI assistants. That hope may weaken with OpenAI unlikely to have much insight into Apple's AI capabilities after this deal.

## • Does it raise antitrust concerns?

THE PARTNERSHIP IS in line with their previous pacts. While neither Apple nor Google confirmed the price tag, the non-exclusive deal is expected to be worth around \$1 billion annually. More importantly, for Google, it opens the door to the approximately 1.5 billion iPhone users worldwide. According to *Fortune*, it may even lead to Google getting a share of any revenue iPhone users generate for Apple through product discovery and purchases made through a Gemini-powered Siri.

Whether this deal will attract the scrutiny of antitrust regulators is anybody's guess, but the partnership comes at a time when Google has been battling multiple anti-trust lawsuits. The two tech giants have had a long-time deal that involved Apple products featuring Google as the default search engine on its devices and between 2021 and 2022, Google had paid more than \$26 billion to firms including Apple to make its search engine the default option on iPhones.

Company	Known AI investment (approx.)	Key focus area	Race Status (Present)	Notes
Google (Alphabet)	~\$100B+ (past 5 yrs across AI R&D & acquisitions)	Gemini/LLMs, Cloud AI, Search AI	 <b>Leading in models &amp; ecosystem</b>	Strong AI integrations across Search, Android, Cloud
Microsoft	~\$50B+ (OpenAI partnership + internal AI)	Azure AI, OpenAI support, Copilot	 <b>Top contender</b>	Big enterprise AI push; largest cloud provider tie-ins
OpenAI	~\$30B+ (cumulative from investors, commercial revenue)	GPT models, AGI research	 <b>Leadership in research/models</b>	Leading LLM tech (ChatGPT series)
Meta (Facebook)	~\$40B+ (AI research & infrastructure)	LLaMA models, AI middleware	 <b>Strong research engine</b>	Focus on open models & AI for apps
Amazon	~\$35B+ (AI + AWS investments)	AWS AI/ML services, Alexa	 <b>Cloud + services leader</b>	Massive cloud AI offerings
Apple	~\$10–20B+ (AI + acquisition + partnerships)	AI integration (Siri improvements)	 <b>Growing (not #1 yet)</b>	Recently partnered with Google Gemini
Huawei / Chinese tech	~\$30B+ (AI platforms + chips)	AI hardware & software	 <b>Regional strength</b>	Data availability & domestic market
Baidu / China AI	~\$20–25B+	ERNIE/AI ecosystem	 <b>Strong China presence</b>	Government support

## Category

**AI Models & Research**

## Current Leader(s)

**US OpenAI, Google**

## Why they lead

Best LLMs with real-world deployment

**Compute & Cloud AI Services**

**US Google Cloud, Microsoft Azure, AWS**

Huge investment in AI infrastructure

**Mobile AI Integration**

**US Google (Gemini) + IN Apple (Gemini partnership)**

Optimising AI at device & OS level

**Enterprise AI Adoption**

**US Microsoft & AWS**

Business AI tools boosting productivity

**Global Market Reach**

**Google / AWS / Microsoft**

Strong global enterprise penetration

**Emerging China AI power**

**Baidu / Huawei**

Large data pools + government push

- Deal overview / डील का सार
  - Apple and Google announced a **multi-year AI partnership** where **Google's Gemini technology** will help power a more personalised **Siri** on iPhones.
  - Apple और Google की मल्टी-ईयर AI पार्टनरशिप में iPhone पर **Siri** को अधिक पर्सनलाइज़ड बनाने के लिए **Google Gemini** टेक का उपयोग बताया गया।
- What changes for Apple / Apple के लिए क्या बदलेगा
  - Next generation **Apple Foundation Models** are stated to be based on **Gemini models + cloud technology**; these will power future Apple Intelligence features.
  - आगली पीढ़ी के **Apple Foundation Models** को **Gemini models + cloud** पर आधारित बताया गया; यही आगे के Apple Intelligence फीचर्स को सपोर्ट करेंगे।
  - Apple Intelligence will continue to run on **Apple devices** and via **Private Cloud Compute**, while maintaining Apple's privacy standards.
  - Apple Intelligence डिवाइस पर और **Private Cloud Compute** पर चलेगा—प्राइवेसी स्टैंडर्ड्स बनाए रखने का दावा।
- Why now / अभी क्यों
  - The article suggests Apple wants to **accelerate AI development**, especially for a more capable Siri and upgraded AI features.
  - लेख के अनुसार Apple अपने AI डेवलपमेंट को तेज़ करना चाहता है—खासतौर पर बेहतर Siri और अपग्रेडेड AI फीचर्स के लिए।
  - It also hints Apple has been **behind in the AI race** and needs outside help for large language models (LLMs).
  - संकेत मिलता है कि Apple AI रेस में पीछे रहा है और LLMs के लिए बाहरी मदद ले रहा है।

- **What it says about Gemini / Gemini के बारे में क्या संकेत**
  - The deal is framed as a **big validation** for Google's Gemini ecosystem—especially for mobile devices.
  - डील को Google Gemini के लिए बड़ा वैलिडेशन बताया गया—खासतौर पर मोबाइल इकोसिस्टम में।
- **Money angle / भुगतान**
  - The report indicates the non-exclusive deal could be worth **~\$1 billion per year** paid by Apple to Google.
  - रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक यह नॉन-एक्सक्लूसिव डील लगभग **\$1B/वर्ष** के भुगतान के आसपास हो सकती है।
- **What it means for OpenAI / OpenAI पर असर**
  - Apple already had a pact with OpenAI (ChatGPT integration in Apple Intelligence). With Google now in the picture, OpenAI may not be the default/top choice for mobile LLMs in Apple's stack.
  - Apple का OpenAI के साथ पहले से समझौता (Apple Intelligence में ChatGPT) था; अब Google के आने से OpenAI का “डिफॉल्ट/टॉप” रोल कमज़ोर पड़ सकता है।
- **Antitrust concerns / एंटी-ट्रस्ट चिंता**
  - The partnership may attract regulator scrutiny, given Big Tech's history of **default arrangements** and ongoing antitrust focus.
  - Big Tech के डिफॉल्ट-सेटिंग जैसे पुराने मॉडल और चल रही जांचों के कारण एंटी-ट्रस्ट scrutiny बढ़ सकती है।

## Topic

On-device vs cloud AI

Private Cloud Compute (concept)

Non-exclusive partnership

LLM integration in assistants

Antitrust trigger points

Strategic implication

## Extra facts (English)

On-device AI improves privacy/latency; cloud AI enables larger models but raises data-handling concerns.

Hybrid approach: sensitive tasks on-device; heavier tasks in controlled cloud environment with privacy claims.

Non-exclusive deals allow multiple model providers and reduce lock-in risk.

Digital assistants need: speech-to-text, intent detection, tool-use, retrieval, and safety filters.

Issues: market dominance, bundling, default-setting, exclusionary contracts, consumer choice.

Winning “default AI assistant layer” can shape app discovery, services revenue, and ecosystem stickiness.

## अतिरिक्त तथ्य (Hindi)

ऑन-डिवाइस AI से प्राइवेसी/लेटेंसी बेहतर; क्लाउड AI बड़े मॉडल सक्षम करता पर डेटा-हैंडलिंग चिंता बढ़ती।

हाइब्रिड अप्रोच: संवेदनशील काम डिवाइस पर; भारी काम नियंत्रित क्लाउड में (प्राइवेसी क्लेम के साथ)।

नॉन-एक्सक्लूसिव डील में कई मॉडल प्रोवाइडर संभव; लॉक-इन रिस्क कम।

असिस्टेंट में: स्पीच-टू-टेक्स्ट, इंटेंट, टूल-यूज, रिट्रीवल, सेफटी-फिल्टर जरूरी।

मुद्दे: बाज़ार प्रभुत्व, बंडलिंग, डिफॉल्ट सेटिंग, एक्सक्लूजनरी कॉन्ट्रैक्ट, कंज्यूमर चॉइस।

“डिफॉल्ट AI लेयर” जीतने से ऐप-डिस्कवरी, सर्विस रेवेन्यू, इकोसिस्टम स्टिकिनेस प्रभावित।

- Consider the statements
- : (1) The next generation of Apple Foundation Models is stated to be based on Google's Gemini models and cloud tech.
- (2) Apple Intelligence is stated to continue running on Apple devices and Private Cloud Compute.
- Which is/are correct?
- a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both (d) Neither

A large school of blue fish, likely sardines or a similar small species, is shown swimming in a dense, swirling pattern against a dark blue background. The fish are oriented in various directions, creating a sense of movement and depth. The lighting highlights the silhouettes of the fish against the darker water.

India launches first open-sea marine  
fish farming project

Aspect	Details from the news	Related / Extra facts (exam-oriented)
<b>News title</b>	India launches first open-sea marine fish farming project	Often linked with <b>Blue Economy, sustainable fisheries, and marine livelihoods</b> in UPSC/PSC exams
<b>Date</b>	January 19, 2026	Falls under <b>Current Affairs 2025-26</b> cycle
<b>Type of project</b>	<b>Open-sea marine fish farming (mariculture)</b>	Open-sea mariculture uses <b>offshore cages</b> in deep waters, unlike coastal aquaculture (ponds/near-shore cages)
<b>Location</b>	<b>Andaman Sea</b>	Andaman Sea is part of the <b>eastern Indian Ocean</b> , rich in marine biodiversity
<b>Inauguration site</b>	<b>North Bay, near Sri Vijaya Puram (Andaman &amp; Nicobar Islands)</b>	North Bay is also known for <b>coral reefs</b> and eco-tourism
<b>Inaugurated by</b>	<b>Jitendra Singh</b> , Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for <b>Science &amp; Technology</b> and <b>Earth Sciences</b>	Ministry of Earth Sciences plays a key role in <b>ocean observation, marine advisory services, and Blue Economy research</b>

**Nature of project**

**Pilot project**

Pilot projects test **technical feasibility, ecological impact, and economic viability** before scaling up

**Objective**

Harness **ocean-based economic potential** and support **sustainable growth and livelihoods**

Reduces pressure on **capture fisheries**, supports **fishers' income diversification**

**Policy vision linked**

**India's Blue Economy vision**

Blue Economy focuses on **sustainable use of ocean resources for growth, jobs, and ecosystem health**

**Economic significance**

Marks a shift towards utilising **marine resources beyond land-based assets**

Fisheries & aquaculture contribute ~1% to **India's GDP** and support millions of livelihoods

**Environmental angle**

Emphasis on **sustainable marine resource use**

Needs safeguards: **carrying capacity, disease control, waste management, and storm resilience**

**Future potential**

Scope for **scaling up offshore aquaculture** in Indian seas

Can support **exports, protein security, and coastal/island development** if regulated well

- With reference to the first open-sea marine fish farming project launched by India, consider the following statements:
  - The project has been launched in the Andaman Sea as a pilot initiative under India's Blue Economy vision.
  - Open-sea marine fish farming mainly relies on offshore cages in deeper waters rather than coastal ponds.
  - Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
    - 1 only
    - 2 only
    - Both 1 and 2
    - Neither 1 nor 2



Lokpal of  
India Marks  
Foundation  
Day (January  
16)



Aspect

**News title**

News details

Lokpal of India marks Foundation Day on January 16

**Date of observance**

**January 16**

**Why January 16**

Section 3 of the **Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013** came into force on **January 16, 2014**

**Nature of body**

India's **apex statutory anti-corruption body**

**Venue (2026)**

Lokpal of India Office, **New Delhi**

**Chairperson (mentioned)**

**Justice A. M. Khanwilkar**

**Mode of observance (2026)**

**In-house, modest function**

**Core theme**

Transparency, accountability, democratic integrity

**Jurisdiction**

Covers **Prime Minister, Ministers, MPs, and Group A/B/C/D officials**

**Inquiry mechanism**

Preliminary inquiry → Investigation → Prosecution

**Relation with Lokayukta**

Lokpal at **Union level**

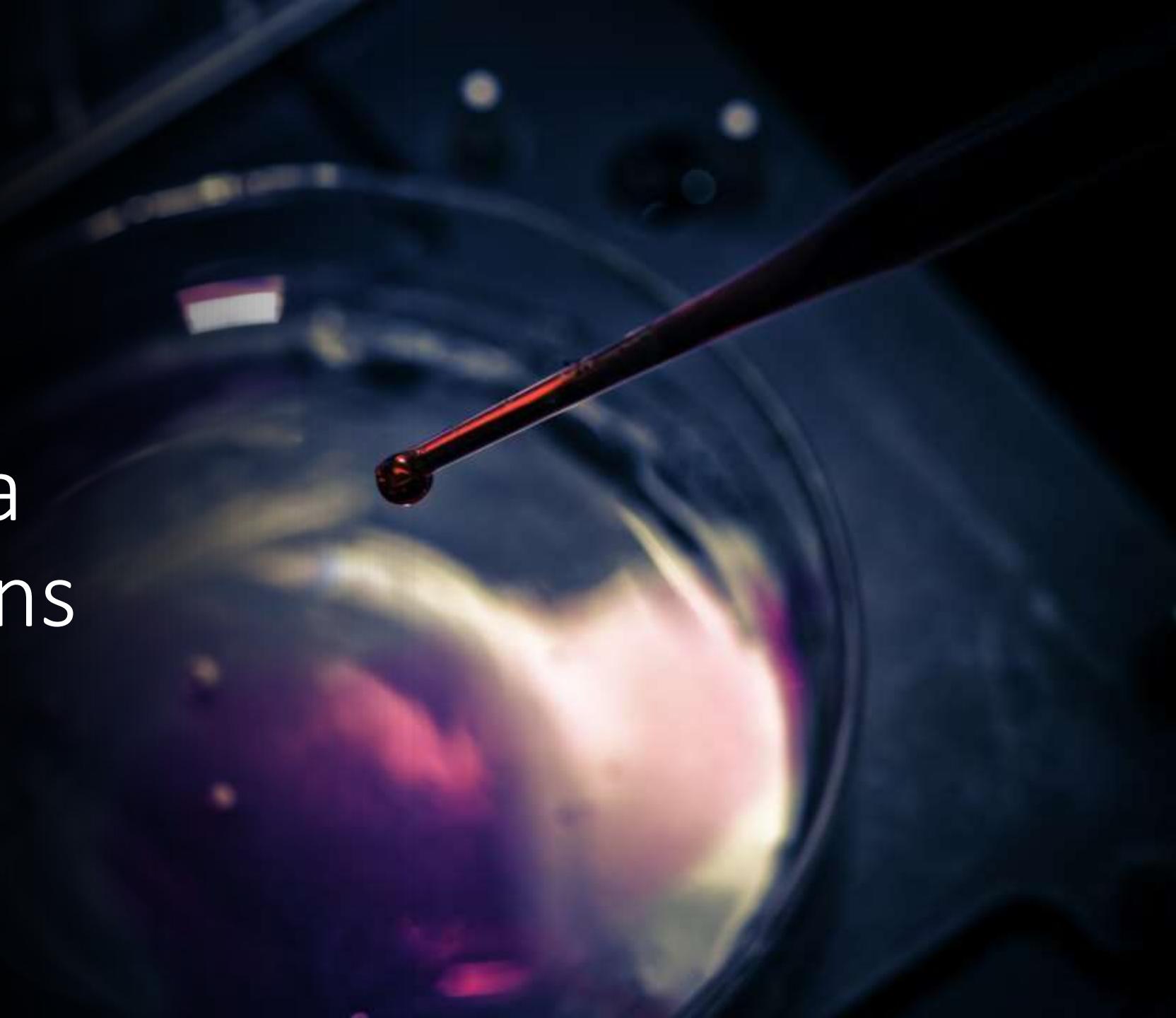
**Public relevance**

Strengthening citizens' trust in governance



- With reference to the Lokpal of India, consider the following statements:
- January 16 is observed as the Foundation Day of the Lokpal because Section 3 of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 came into force on this date.
- The Lokpal of India is a constitutional body established by the Constitution of India.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
  - (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) Neither 1 nor 2

# Indelible Ink Controversy in Maharashtra Civic Elections



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# INDELIBLE STINK

AFTER INITIAL DEFIADE, RED-FACED ELECTION COMMISSIONER TELLS MIRROR THERE WILL BE A PROBE AFTER COLLECTING SAMPLES AND SEEKING CLARIFICATION FROM INK SUPPLIER KORES



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**P**olling for the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation on Thursday landed in a major controversy after multiple voters flooded social media with accounts of how the indelible ink could be removed easily minutes after voting.

As the videos, which showed people wiping the ink off easily with sanitiser or nail polish remover, went viral and the Opposition cried voter fraud, State Election Commissioner Dinesh Waghmare – who was earlier defiant

– went into damage-control mode. “We have taken cognisance of the issue,” Waghmare told Mirror. “We will verify whether the quantity of chemicals – especially silver nitrate, which is crucial for the mark lasting 15 days – is as per the norms.”

He added that random samples of marker pens from polling booths where complaints had surfaced would be collected, and a clarification sought from Kores, the company supplying the pens.

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**“We will verify if the quantity of chemicals – especially silver nitrate, which is crucial for the mark lasting 15 days – is as per the norms”**

–Dinesh Waghmare,  
State Election Commissioner

Aspect	News details
News title	Indelible Ink Controversy in Maharashtra Civic Elections
Date	January 17, 2026
Context	During recent <b>municipal corporation elections in Maharashtra</b> , Opposition parties alleged that the <b>indelible ink was easily coming off</b>
What is indelible ink	A <b>purple mark</b> applied on a voter's finger after voting to prevent repeat voting
Purpose	To indicate that a person has <b>already voted</b>
Nature of controversy	Allegation that ink was <b>not lasting long enough</b>

<b>Authority concerned</b>	Election process supervised by <b>Election Commission of India (ECI)</b> / State Election Commission for civic polls
<b>History of use</b>	India began using indelible ink in <b>1962 General Elections</b>
<b>Composition</b>	Contains <b>silver nitrate</b> , which reacts with skin and sunlight
<b>Global use</b>	Used in elections in <b>India and many developing democracies</b>
<b>Future relevance</b>	Debate may revive calls for <b>biometric or digital safeguards</b>

Exam	Exam date	Question (memory-based / PYQ-pattern)	Answer
UPSC CSE (Pre)	2017	Which of the following is used to prevent multiple voting in India?	Indelible ink
State PSC	Various years	Indelible ink used in elections contains which chemical compound?	Silver nitrate
SSC (GK)	Various years	The Election Commission of India derives its powers from which Article?	Article 324
CAPF / Defence	Various years	One major objective of electoral safeguards like indelible ink is to prevent:	Impersonation and repeat voting
Railway / SSC	Various years	Indelible ink remains visible because it reacts with:	Skin and sunlight

# LOKPAL

*It is a statutory body functioning as "Ombudsman" to investigate corruption allegations against specific public officials and related issues.*



## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

### World

- ⌚ 1809: Institution of Ombudsman first created in Sweden

### India

- ⌚ 1963: Idea of ombudsman first came up in Parliament
- ⌚ 1971: First Lokayukta established in Maharashtra
- ⌚ 2011: Anna Hazare Movement for Lokpal
- ⌚ 2013: Lokpal and Lokayuktas Bill, 2011 passed
- ⌚ 2014: Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013 came into force and amended in 2016
- ⌚ 2019: Justice (Retd) Pinaki Chandra Ghose as first Lokpal of India

## Statutory Provision: Lokpal And Lokayuktas Act (2013)

*Seeks to establish institution of Lokpal at Centre and Lokayukta at State*

### **Jurisdiction**

- ↳ Includes Prime Minister, Ministers, MPs and Groups A, B, C and D officers, officials of Central Govt
- ↳ Institutions financed fully or partly by Government
- ↳ Entities getting over ₹10 lakhs annually in foreign donations under FCRA

### **Power**

- ↳ Authority to approve public servants' prosecution instead of government or relevant authority
- ↳ Power of superintendence and direction over any investigating agency, including CBI, for cases referred to them by Lokpal
- ↳ Incorporates provisions for attachment and confiscation of property of public servants acquired by corrupt means, even while prosecution pending

### **Punishment**

- ↳ Enhances maximum punishment under Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988

### **Appointment**

- ↳ Selection of Chairperson and members through Selection Committee (PM, Speaker-LS, Leader of largest opp party, CJI or sitting SC Judge nominated by CJI and an eminent jurist nominated by President)
- ↳ Search Committee assists Selection Committee in process of selection

### **Structure**

- ↳ Chairperson + maximum 8 members
- ↳ 50% Judicial members
- ↳ 50% from SCs, STs, OBCs, minorities and women

### **Term of office**

- ↳ 5 yrs or until the age of 70 yrs

**Class24**

# Global Risks Report 2026



Time horizon	Risk ranking / theme	What the report highlights	
<b>Immediate term (2026)</b>	<b>1. Geoeconomic confrontation</b>	Biggest global risk; use of trade restrictions, sanctions, investment controls, technology bans to advance geopolitical interests; weakening <b>multilateralism</b> and rising <b>protectionism</b>	
	<b>2. State-based armed conflict</b>	Ongoing wars and regional spillovers raise crisis probability	
	<b>3. Climate-related risks</b>	<b>Extreme weather events</b> among top risks	
	<b>Societal polarisation</b>	Rising divisions amplify governance stress	
	<b>Technological risks (rising)</b>	<b>Misinformation &amp; disinformation</b> ranked <b>5th</b> globally	
	<b>AI adverse outcomes (Top 10)</b>	Job displacement, ethical misuse, security risks	
	<b>Cyber insecurity (9th)</b>	Growing digital vulnerability as systems digitise	
<b>Long term (10 years)</b>	<b>Climate dominance</b>	Climate risks dominate: extreme weather, biodiversity loss, critical Earth-system changes	

WEF Index / Report	What it measures	India's rank (2025)	Total countries	Exam relevance
<b>Energy Transition Index (ETI)</b>	Energy security, sustainability, transition readiness	<b>71st</b>	118	Climate change, energy policy, sustainability
<b>Global Risks Report</b>	Short- & long-term global risks (geo-economic, climate, tech)	Not a rank (risk outlook)	—	IR, economy, security
<b>Future of Jobs Report</b>	Impact of AI, automation on jobs & skills	Not a rank	—	Economy, labour, AI
<b>Global Gender Gap Report</b>	Gender parity across economy, health, education, politics	<b>129th</b>	146	Social justice, women empowerment
<b>Travel &amp; Tourism Development Index</b>	Tourism competitiveness & sustainability	<b>54th</b>	119	Economy, services sector
<b>Global Social Mobility Index</b>	Inter-generational mobility	<b>76th</b>	82	Inequality, welfare

Index / Ranking	Publisher	India's rank (2025)	Total countries	Core theme
<b>Global Innovation Index</b>	WIPO	<b>38th</b>	139	Innovation, R&D
<b>Global Firepower Index</b>	Global Firepower	<b>4th</b>	145	Defence capability
<b>Climate Change Performance Index</b>	Germanwatch & partners	<b>10th</b>	63	Climate action
<b>Global Peace Index</b>	Institute for Economics & Peace	<b>115th</b>	163	Peace & security
<b>World Press Freedom Index</b>	RSF	<b>151st</b>	180	Media freedom
<b>Human Development Index (latest)</b>	UNDP	<b>130th</b>	193	Health, education, income
<b>Global Hunger Index</b>	Concern Worldwide	<b>102nd</b>	123	Nutrition & hunger
<b>Global Soft Power Index</b>	Brand Finance	<b>30th</b>	—	Global influence
<b>Henley Passport Index</b>	Henley & Partners	<b>85th</b>	—	Visa-free access

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## **Puerile:**

of or characteristic of a child; displaying or suggesting a lack of maturity

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**Synonyms:** adolescent, juvenile

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**Usage:** *Nobody liked his puerile jokes.*

## **Pronunciation:**

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**International Phonetic Alphabet:** /'pjʊərɪl/, /'ɪərɪəl/



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