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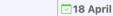












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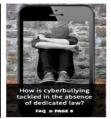
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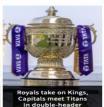
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as a Canadian diplomat



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Amid complaints. Trinamool sees major reshuffle

KOLKATA In a major organisational reshuffle, the Trinamool Congress, removed 25 district presidents and district chairpersons on Friday. The party abolished the post of trict presidents in Birbhur and Kolkata (Uttar) w PAGE 1

'Need assistance for residents hit by Pak. shelling

The J&K administration on Saturday said it would be reaching out to the Centre to provide rehabilitation to the affected population. Kupwara, Baramulla, Rajouri, and Poonch close to the LoC, and Jammu, Samba close Teternational Border — Bore Pakistan. ** PAGE 6 by Pakistan. ** PAGE 6 by The I&K administration on Pakistan. » PAGE 4

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the idea of all-party delega-tions as the narrative of In-dia becoming a vishwaguru [world leader] had "failed". The delegations are ex-

pected to travel to as many

as 35 capitals across the globe to explain India's

Mr. Ramesh noted that

after Mr. Rijiju had spoken to Congress chief Mallikar-

to Congress chief Mallikar-jun Kharge and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Friday morning, his party sent the names of former Union Minister Anand Sharma, party's Deputy

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Pagaration mentation, and conservation of India's ma nuscript heritage. To ac-commodate this new initiative, the Union Budget had hiked the budgetary alloca-tion for the existing NMM from ₹3.5 crore to ₹60

Israel army launches big operation in Gaza

Associated Press
JERUSALEM
Transport of the Trump concluded his trip to pressure Hamas to release remaining hostages and on Saturday, Defence Minister Israel Katz said that Operation Gideon with "great force" by 18-

Speaking as one In the aftermath of Operation Sindoor, seven all-party

delegations led by the following leaders will visit up to 35 global capitals to explain India's stance on te







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Mr. Sharma's name figured
on the government list. Mr. tary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju named Congress MP Shashi Tharoor as one of the leaders of the seven de-legations, while Mr. Tha-roor was not nominated by his own party. Mr. Ramesh accused the Modi govern-ment of being "dishonest and playing games with a mischievous mindset" by mischievous mindset" by leaving out most of the names given by the party. He said it came up with the idea of all-party dele

on the government list. Mr. Gogoi, against whom As-sam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma had lodged a strong protest, Mr. Hus-sain and Mr. Warring were

ter most, Bharat stands un-ited. Seven All-Party Delesain and Mr. Warring were all dropped.

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Responding to the final list, Mr. Ramesh said it in ovoletare a result or the result of the said gations will soon visit key partner nations, carrying

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Pak, drones dron drugs arms despite truce

NEW DELHI Pakistan continued to drop narcotics and arms into India with the help of Chinese drones despite a heightened vigil both on land and in the air ilong the western border after ndia and Pakistan announced a cessation of military perations, recoveries made by the Border Security Force and Punjah Police show. The items covered from May 10 to May 16 included a packet containing 2.7 kilograms of high-grade explosive, "DJI Mavic 3 Classic" drones, pistols

Why was Pak. informed about the attack: Rabul

Tagging External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's reported statement that India Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Saturday asked who had Pakistan at the start of our attack was a crime," Mr. Gandhi said on X. However, the MEA, in a statement, said Mr. Gandhi's claim was an "utter misrepresentation of facts".

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NEW DELHI

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via seaports. It has been decided to reciprocate this measure by imposing port restrictions on imports from Bangladesh of readymade garments of all categories across all land ports - LCS (Land Customs Stations) and ICP (Integrated Check Posts)," said a senior official, who said that in recent months India has noticed aggressive inspection of Indian trucks on the Bangladeshi side.

From now, ready-made garments from Bangladesh will be allowed to enter India only through the ports of Kolkata and Nhava Sheva (Mumbai) where the cargo shipments will be subjected to "mandated inspections".

On April 13, Bangladesh stopped Indian yarn exports through land ports.

Bangladesh stopped from April 15 Indian rice exports via Hili

and Benapole ICPs of West Bengal.

"India has decided to

impose port restrictions across all LCSs and ICPs in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Mizoram on specified Bangladesh exports to India, targeting those commodities that can be locally manufactured," said the official, explaining the second part of the notification.

The specified items under this order will include ready-made garments, plastic, wooden furniture, juices, carbonated drinks, fruit-flavoured drinks, bakery, confectionery, cotton varn, and dyes.

The Hindu has learnt that the list of specified items will be reviewed from time to time. This order on specified items will also be implemented through the LCSs of Fulbari and Changrabandha located on northern part of West Bengal.

The official said that Bangladesh, which is a major global producer of textile items, has been "cherry-picking" on trade issues and that India did not want it to continue doing so.

According to Indian estimates, at least 93% of Bangladesh's ready-made garment exports to India pass through the land ports.

Officials said that considerable thinking had taken place about these economic and commercial measures and that the Chief Ministers of the northeastern States concerned and West Bengal officials have already been informed about the decision. It is understood that the restrictions imposed on specified items on all

LCS and ICP in the northeast will help the local manufacturing sector in the region.

The Hindu was told that the steps are being taken to "send a message" to Bangladesh's interim government led by Muhammad Yunus, who in his recent visit to China had described the northeastern states of India as "land-locked".

"The eastern part of India, known as the Seven Sisters, is landlocked. They have no access to the ocean. We are the only guardians of the ocean in this region. This opens up huge possibilities," Mr. Yunus had said, calling upon the Chinese manufacturing sector to access northeastern India through Bangladesh.



Reciprocal measure: On April 13, Bangladesh stopped Indian yarn exports through land ports. AP

India's Move:

- India has restricted Bangladeshi exports via land ports.
- Ready-made garments will only be allowed through Kolkata and Mumbai ports.

Reason:

In response to Bangladesh's restrictions on Indian yarn exports through land ports.

Impact:

 At least 93% of Bangladesh's ready-made garment exports to India previously passed through land ports.

2. Reasons Behind the Decision:

- Retaliation for Bangladesh's Move:
 - Bangladesh stopped Indian yarn exports via land ports on April 13.
 - India is reciprocating to ensure balanced trade practices.
- Local Manufacturing Concerns:
 - The decision aims to support local manufacturers in the northeastern region of India.
 - Concerns were raised as Bangladesh is a global textile producer, leading to an imbalance.

3. Details of Restrictions:

Specific Items Restricted:

 Ready-made garments, plastic, wooden furniture, juices, carbonated drinks, fruit-flavoured drinks, bakery items, confectionery, cotton yarn, and dyes.

Ports of Entry:

Only Kolkata and Nhava Sheva (Mumbai) ports are allowed for cargo shipments.

Areas Affected:

Land Customs Stations (LCS) and Integrated Check Posts (ICP) in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura,
 and Mizoram.

Implementation:

The order will be implemented through LCSs of Fulbari and Changrabandha.

Indian Concerns:

 The northeastern states are landlocked, lacking access to the ocean, making them vulnerable to trade restrictions.

India−Bangladesh Bilateral Trade Overview (FY 2023–24)

Trade Indicator	Value (USD Billion)	Remarks	ð
Total Bilateral Trade	13.0	Bangladesh is India's largest trade partner in South Asia	
India's Exports to Bangladesh	11.38	Major exports include cotton yarn, cereals, a machinery	nd
India's Imports from Bangladesh	1.62	Primarily ready-made garments and jute products	
Trade Balance (India's surplus)	9.76	Reflects a significant trade surplus in India's favor	

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- Cotton Yarn & Handloom Products: Valued at \$2.39 billion, accounting for 20% of India's exports to Bangladesh
- Cereals: Notably rice and wheat
- Machinery and Mechanical Appliances: Industrial and agricultural machinery
- Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals: Including organic chemicals and medicinal products The Indian Express

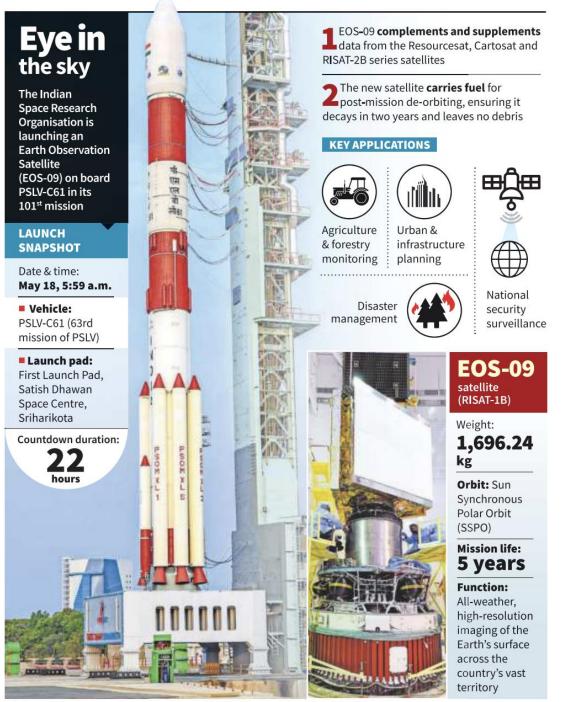
The Observatory of Economic Complexity

Key Import Commodities from Bangladesh to India

- Ready-Made Garments: Valued at over \$700 million annually
- Jute Products: Such as bags, carpets, and yarn
- Textile Scraps: Used in recycling and manufacturing
- Fish and Seafood: Including hilsa and prawns The Indian Express Reuters +2 Wikipedia

Trade Agreements and Initiatives

- South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA): Provides duty-free access to most goods between member countries, including India and Bangladesh
- Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA): Under negotiation to further enhance trade relations
- Maitri Setu Bridge: Inaugurated in March 2021, this bridge over the Feni River connects Sabroom in India to Ramgarh in Bangladesh, facilitating trade and connectivity



Tipped to glory: The countdown for the launch began at 7.59 a.m. on Saturday. SOURCE: ISRO

INBRIEF



School students join West Bengal teachers' protests

Students came out in support of their protesting Students came out in support of their protesting teachers in West Bengal on Saturday after they teachers in West Bengal on Saturday after they participated with placards in the six-in outside Bikash Bhavan as the teachers conducted open air classes for them. The teachers taught moral stories to 30 to 40 students studying in Classes 4 stories to 30 to 40 students studying in Classes 4 have been protesting for over a month as a response to the Supreme Court ruling on April 3 which upheld the cancellation of 3 which upheld the cancellation of the Classes are supported to the Supreme Court ruling on April 3 which upheld the cancellation of the Classes are supported to the Supreme Court ruling on April 3 which upheld the cancellation of the Classes are supported to the Supreme Court ruling on April 3 which upheld the cancellation of the Supreme Court ruling conductions are supported to the Supreme Court ruling and the Supreme Court rul during the 2016 recruitment process conducted by the WBSSC, citing irregularities.

Madhya Pradesh HC allows NEET-UG result declaration

The Madhya Pradesh High Court has modified its The Madnya Pradesh High Court has modified its May 15 order putting an interim stay on the declaration of the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test — Undergraduate (NEET-UG) results nationwide and allowed the results to be results nationwide and allowed the results to be announced for all centres across the country, barring II-odd test centres in indore where modifications were made by Justice Subodh Abhyankar on Friday after Solictor-General conferencing, assured the court that a reply on the details of the centres affected by power outage will be filed within two days.

Official suspended for misuse of Bengal poll officer's login ID

The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of West Bengal has suspended Arun Gorain, an assistant system manager in the Kakdwip subdivision of South 24 Parganas, over allegations of improper disposal of forms related to additions, changes, and objections in the electoral roll. A notification, issued by the CEO's office, stated that Mr. issued by the CEO's office, stated that Mr. Gorain's mobile number was allegedly inserted into the login credentials of Swapan Kumar Halder, the Assistant Electoral Registration Officer of Assembly Constituency 131 (Kaledwip). The CEO's statement further alleged that several applications filed had been improperly dispos of following the fraudulent login.

BSF appeals to public to report on gold smuggling

Officials of the South Bengal Frontier of the Border Security Force (BSF) have appealed to residents in the border areas to report any details on gold smuggling. Information can be shared via the Seema Sathi helpline at 14419 or WhatsApp and voice messages on 9903 472227. "Credible information will be rewarded, and identity of informers will be kept confidential," the BSF South Bengal Frontier said. On Friday, personnel from the 143 Battalion thwarted a gold smuggling attempt along the India-Bangladesh border in North 24 Parganas district. Two smugglers were caught attempting to bring 10 gold biscuits, weighing 1,167 kg, into India from Bangladesh.

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The girls without the dark tattoo: Kandha breathes free

Subojini Pradhan, in her seventies, walks by the dusty lanes of Kutabadi village in the remote Kandha-mal district of Odisha, the complexion of her face barely recognisable be-neath an intricate pattern of deep black tattoos. Ms Subojini is among the last Kandha tribal women to bear these striking facial markings, a vanishing tra-dition evoking a dark past.

A form of protection
For generations, Kandha
women tattooed their faces with stark, geometric
designs – not as adornment but as a form of protection. Their intent was to
appear less attractive subunal exploitation by lanual exploitation by lan-dlords, local royals, and

British colonisers. Now, as modernity seeps into the hills of Kand-hamal, young girls have put an end to the practice, and Ms. Subojini is happy not being passed on to the

next generation.

"God has given each of us a beautiful face. We have no right to disfigure it. But tradition was im-posed on us, and we had posed on us, and we had little choice but to obey our elders. Perhaps I could have erased all my tattoos and seen my face in its nat ural, untouched form, Still

ural, untouched form. Still, I am glad that my grand-daughters are free from they don't have to follow it any more," she said. The said that they don't have to follow it any more, she said. The said that they don't have to follow it any more, she said. The said that they have they are they

cess," Premanti Pradhan, a woman in her sixties from

skin with needles, showing no mercy. Blood would

flow down our faces, and flow down our faces, and the resulting infections left us swollen and unrecognis-able for days. For over a week, we could barely eat. It took nearly two months to recover completely. But this painful ordeal marked an important rite of pas-sage in the life of every Kandha woman," Ms. Prad-han recalled.

the same village, says.

"Specially trained tattoo artists, usually elderly women, would pierce our bractice to escape sexual exploitation and gradually evolved into a defining

came a distinct symbol of Kandha womanhood. A nan without tattoos of woman without tattoos of-ten struggled to find a groom. Even men came to believe that a woman with

out tattoos couldn't truly be Kandha," Mr. Jyotiraj

marker of identity for the marker of identity for the Kandha community. "What we have heard from our forefathers is that the community of the tant and widespread. Kings, and later the British, had tax collectors and in-formers stationed in most villages. These informers would report of are 5 pm.

ried, while the typical Kandha ear ornaments signified marital status, and reinforced community identity," Mr. Jyotiraj Prad-

tion, many young women would flee into the forests, hoping to evade evil not-ice," Jyotiraj Pradhan, a Kandha community leader

and record-keeper, said. "Over time, tattoos be-

han added.
According to Kailash Chandra Dandpat, a pro-minent civil society leader who has worked with the Kandha community for ovtice of facial tattooing among Kandha women be-

Decline in practice This shift, Mr. Dandpat said, was driven by wides-pread social awareness campaigns and sustained individual counselling with

parents.
"Today, it is rare to find women under the age of 40 with facial tattoos. Girls are no longer confined to their homes. They attend school and are no longer subjected to the practice," Mr. Dandpat said. "Young men and wo-

men are now carving tat-toos on their bodies to make fashion statements. In this part of world, tattoos have a tragic history.
After 15 to 20 years, the tattooed women would no
longer be seen in Kandhamal. At least the traditional
tattoo is a good riddance
for Kandha women," Jineri Pradhan, another elderly

Manuscripts Mission to be launched by PM on June 9

'Gyan Bharatam Mission' will be responsible for survey, documentation, conservation of India's manuscript heritage lying with academic institutions, museums, libraries, and private collectors

Sreeparna Chakrabarty

rime Minister Na-rendra Modi will on June 9 launch the revamped National Ma-nuscripts Mission, annuscripts Mission, an-nounced in the Union Bud-

get for 2025-26. The Gvan Bharatam Mis sion, which is expected to cover more than one crore cover more than one crore manuscripts, will be res ponsible for the survey documentation and con servation of India's manuservation of initials manu-script heritage lying with academic institutions, mu-seums, libraries, and priv-

seums, libraries, and priv-ate collectors.

To accommodate this new initiative, the Union Budget had hiked the bud-getary allocation for the ex-isting National Manu-scripts Mission (NMM) from ₹3.5 crore to ₹60

Sources told The Hindu that a series of meetings, helmed by the Union Culture Secretary, had taken place to finalise the conplace to finalise the con-tours of the new organisa-tion being set up and it was expected to be launched on June 9 by the Prime

The Sangh Parivar-backed trade union Bharatiya Maz-door Sangh (BMS) has boy-

the trade union leaders of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) mem-

ber countries held in Beij-ing on Thursday and Fri-

Though the BMS had Though the BMS had earlier decided to send a three-member delegation for the event, it decided to boycott the proceedings following the Pahalgam ottocker.

attacks. BMS national secretary Pawan Kumar told The Hindu that the decision to boycott was taken as China

supported Pakistan during

otted the first meeting of



Voices from the past: Manuscripts will be digitised with the help of the NMM at the Oriental Research Institute, Mysuru. M.A. SRRAM

Culture Ministry was set to "revive and relaunch" the NMM and was mulling over the formation of an auto-nomous body to help pre-serve ancient texts in India.

in June 9 by the Prime nad organised a meeting first on October 14, 2024, The Hindu had reported to discuss the way forward.

last October that the Union The meeting, chaired by The NMM is a part of the

Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts. It was set up in 2003, but had not taken off as expected. The Culture Ministry had organised a meeting

The SCO meeting discussed workers' rights, problems of gig workers, etc. M.MOORTHY

Operation Sindoor. The

Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, was at-tended by experts in the field like former Chairper-son of the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore and linguist Udaya Narayana Singh; Professor K. Ramasubramanian of the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay; M.A. Alwar of Samskriti Founda-tion; Sudha Gopalakrish-nan, Founder Director of

NMM; Chamu Krishna Shastry, Chairman of Bhar-

gar Giri, who attended the meeting, said, "... As trade union representatives, our

concern was trade union activities in this region. The meeting discussed is-sues such as workers'

Shrinivasa Varakhedi, Vice-Chancellor of Central Sanskrit University, Delhi. The expert group also included a programme manager from Google Arts and Culture.

began to come of age. Soon after, the young woman would be summoned to pa-laces or other places. The

tribal people had little power to resist. In despera-

3 lakh titles digitised According to sources, the NMM has till date, pre-pared a metadata of 52 lakh manuscripts and

pared a metadata of 52 lakh manuscripts and roughly over three lakh tis. However, only one-third of them have been uploaded official from the NMM said out of the nearly 1.3 lakh manu-scripts uploaded, only 70,000 were available for

viewing.

The reason for this was that there was no "access policy", which means there is no incentive for

private owners to make manuscripts available with them to be viewed. Around 80% of manu-scripts in India are with private parties.
The NMM has also said

that over the past 21 years, it has undertaken preventive and curative conserva-tion of nine crore folios.

Pak.-linked 'ghost SIM card' racket busted by Assam Police

busted an alleged Pakistan-linked fake SIM card racket and arrested seven people from the northeastern northern, and southern parts of the country.

The arrests followed a tip-off from the Army's As-sam-based Gajraj Corps about a group using frau-dulently acquired SIM cards for cybercrimes and anti-national activities. The anti-national activities. The State police registered a case with its Special Task Force (STF) on May 14 and launched an investigation code-named Operation Ghost SIM.

Ghost SIM.

Five of the arrested men
are from Rajasthan. While
Saddik (47), Arlf Khan (20),
and Sajid (21) were arrested
from Alwar and Bharatpur
districts, Akeek (25) was arrested from the Guwahati
airport and Arsad Khan
(34) from the New Delhi (34) from the New Delhi

airport.
The remaining two are from western Assam's Dh bri district. Jakariya Ahmad (24) was arrested from the district's Bilasipara, while Mofijul Islam (19) was arrested from Telanga-na's Sangareddy district. "Our Special Branch

and STF worked on this case with inputs provided

Seven people were arrested and, 948 ghost SIM cards and other technical

parts in Rajasthan and Te-langana helped us catch the people involved in this racket," Assam's Director-General of Police Harmeet

14 people being probed Apart from seizing 948 ghost SIM cards and other ghost SIM cards and other technical devices, the pol-ice picked up 14 people from different places in trying to find out if they are involved in this racket or were duped [by the cyber criminals]. Mr. Singh said. During the investiga-burned the second of the Whatskap accounts were

WhatsApp accounts were created by using these fraudulent SIM cards with OTPs for activation routed

Mr. Singh said the inves-Mr. Sings said the inves-tigation could reveal a big-ger conspiracy behind the ghost SIM racket. A fraudu-lently acquired SIM card seized earlier was used to

Sangh Parivar-backed trade | CBSE asks schools to put union boycotts SCO meet up boards to reveal bitter on labour issues, faces flak truths of high sugar intake

Press Trust of India

The CBSE has directed affi-liated schools to establish "sugar boards" to monitor and reduce the sugar intake of children, according to officials.

The Central Board of Se-

ary snacks, beverages and processed foods within school environments. The excessive consumption of

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sugar not only increases the risk of diabetes but also contributes to obesity, dental problems and other metabolic disorders, ulti-mately impacting chil-dren's long-term health

calorie intake for children aged four to 10 years, and 15% for those aged II to 18 years, substantially exceeding the recommen

NCPCR nudge
The direction was issued
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(NCPCR) – a statutory body formed to ensure that
rights of children, especially those who are most vulnerable and marginalised,

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sues such as workers' rights, possible impact of Artificial Intelligence on workers and the problems of gig and platform workers. But by boycotting such a meeting, BMS proved that it does not stand for workers' issues, but is playing the politics of Sangh Parver. Leader R. Karumalawan said SCO meeting The Central Board of Se-condary Education (CBSE) has noted that there has been a significant increase in Type 2 diabetes among children, a condition once primarily seen in adults, over the past decade. "This alarming trend is largely attributed to high autor in work and the con-cept of the control of the autor in work and the con-cept of the control of the art snaps is the control of the art snaps in work and the con-cept of the control of the con-trol of the conoperation Sindoor. The meeting was organised by the All China Federation of Trade Unions such as the All India Trade Unions Congress (ATTUC) and the Centre of Indian Trade Union (CITU) at tended the meeting. ATTUC leader Vidya Sar of about India or Patient of the Congress (ATTUC) and the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) at tended the meeting. ATTUC leader Vidya Sar of the Northers in the meeting; he said.

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Manuscripts Mission to be launched by PM on June 9

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Sreeparna Chakrabarty NEW DELHI

rime Minister Narendra Modi will on June 9 launch the revamped National Manuscripts Mission, announced in the Union Budget for 2025-26.

The Gyan Bharatam Mission, which is expected to cover more than one crore manuscripts, will be responsible for the survey, documentation and conservation of India's manuscript heritage lying with academic institutions, museums, libraries, and private collectors.

To accommodate this new initiative, the Union Budget had hiked the budgetary allocation for the existing National Manuscripts Mission (NMM) from ₹3.5 crore to ₹60 crore.

Sources told *The Hindu* that a series of meetings, helmed by the Union Culture Secretary, had taken place to finalise the contours of the new organisation being set up and it was expected to be launched on June 9 by the Prime Minister.

The Hindu had reported



Voices from the past: Manuscripts will be digitised with the help of the NMM at the Oriental Research Institute, Mysuru. M.A. SRIRAM

last October that the Union Culture Ministry was set to "revive and relaunch" the NMM and was mulling over the formation of an autonomous body to help preserve ancient texts in India.

The NMM is a part of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts. It was set up in 2003, but had not taken off as expected.

The Culture Ministry had organised a meeting first on October 14, 2024, to discuss the way forward.

The meeting, chaired by Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, was attended by experts in the field like former Chairperson of the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore and linguist Udaya Narayana Singh; Professor K. Ramasubramanian of the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay; M.A. Alwar of Samskriti Foundation; Sudha Gopalakrishnan, Founder Director of NMM: Chamu Krishna Shastry, Chairman of Bhartiya Bhasha Samiti; and Shrinivasa Varakhedi, Vice-Chancellor of Central Sanskrit University, Delhi.

The expert group also included a programme manager from Google Arts and Culture.

3 lakh titles digitised

According to sources, the NMM has till date, prepared a metadata of 52 lakh manuscripts and roughly over three lakh titles have been digitised.

However, only one-third of them have been uploaded.

A senior official from the NMM said out of the nearly 1.3 lakh manuscripts uploaded, only 70,000 were available for viewing.

The reason for this was that there was no "access policy", which means there is no incentive for private owners to make manuscripts available with them to be viewed.

Around 80% of manuscripts in India are with private parties.

The NMM has also said that over the past 21 years, it has undertaken preventive and curative conservation of nine crore folios.

• Event:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the Gyan Bharatam Mission on June 9, 2025.

Objective:

- Survey, documentation, and conservation of India's manuscript heritage.
- Involves academic institutions, museums, libraries, and private collectors.

2. Key Features of the Gyan Bharatam Mission:

Revamped Initiative:

- Part of the National Manuscripts Mission (NMM) under the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts.
- Originally set up in 2003 but remained underutilized.

Budget Allocation:

- Budget hike: From ₹3.5 crore to ₹60 crore.
- Announced in the Union Budget 2025-26.

Scope:

- Expected to cover over 1 crore manuscripts across India.
- Includes survey, documentation, and digital conservation.
- Collaboration with academic institutions, libraries, museums, and private collectors.

3. Progress Made:

- Digital Archive:
 - NMM has prepared a metadata of 52 lakh manuscripts.
 - Around 3 lakh titles digitized, but only 70,000 available for public viewing.
- Reasons for Limited Access:
 - Absence of an "access policy".
 - 80% of manuscripts are held by private parties, making access difficult.
- Ongoing Conservation Efforts:
 - Over 21 years, NMM has conserved nine crore folios.

5. Challenges and Roadblocks:

- Lack of Public Access:
 - Most manuscripts are in private collections.
 - Lack of a proper policy framework for public accessibility.
- Cultural Preservation:
 - There is a need for collaboration between private collectors and the government.
- Technological Integration:
 - Need for digitization and archival infrastructure.
 - Collaborations with tech companies for digital preservation.

CBSE asks schools to put up boards to reveal bitter truths of high sugar intake

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI

The CBSE has directed affiliated schools to establish "sugar boards" to monitor and reduce the sugar intake of children, according to officials.

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has noted that there has been a significant increase in Type 2 diabetes among children, a condition once primarily seen in adults, over the past decade.

"This alarming trend is largely attributed to high sugar intake, often due to the easy availability of sugary snacks, beverages and processed foods within school environments. The excessive consumption of



CBSE has noted there has been a significant increase in Type 2 diabetes among children.

sugar not only increases the risk of diabetes but also contributes to obesity, dental problems and other metabolic disorders, ultimately impacting children's long-term health and academic performance," the CBSE said in a letter to school principals.

Studies indicate that su-

gar constitutes 13% of daily calorie intake for children aged four to 10 years, and 15% for those aged 11 to 18 years, substantially exceeding the recommended limit of 5%.

NCPCR nudge

The direction was issued after a nudge by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) – a statutory body formed to ensure that rights of children, especially those who are most vulnerable and marginalised, are protected.

The schools have been asked to establish "sugar boards" where information is displayed to educate students about the risks of excessive sugar intake.

Health Concern:

- Sharp increase in Type 2 diabetes among children.
- Traditionally considered an adult disease, but now increasingly seen in children.

Causes:

 High sugar intake from easily accessible sugary snacks, beverages, and processed foods within school environments.

Consequences:

- Increased risk of diabetes, obesity, dental issues, metabolic disorders.
- Long-term effects on health and academic performance.

3. Sugar Intake Data:

- Daily Caloric Contribution:
 - 13% for children aged 4-10 years.
 - 15% for those aged 11-18 years.
 - Recommended limit: 5%.

Observation:

The intake is substantially exceeding recommended levels.

□ Diabetes Prevalence Among Indian Youth (Under 18)

Age Group	Diabetes Type	Prevalence Rate	Remarks
10-19 years	Type 2 & Pre-diabetes	Boys: 12.3% Girls: 8.4%	Higher prevalence in boys; associated with obesity and sedentary lifestyle.
0-14 years	Type 1 Diabetes	Varies regionally: Karnataka: 17.93 per 100,000 Karnal (Haryana): 24.22 per 100,000 (ages 5–14)	Type 1 diabetes is less common but increasing; requires insulin therapy.

4. Role of NCPCR:

Involvement:

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) nudged CBSE to take action.

Objective:

Protect vulnerable and marginalized children from health risks.

Directive:

 Schools to use "sugar boards" to create awareness among students about the risks of excessive sugar intake.

SKOPJE

North Macedonia, Britain finalise historic strategic partnership deal



partnership deal, boosting trade, investment, and cooperation in ecurity, defence, education, and infrastructure. The deal includes a \$6.7 billion investment cycle, access to British expertise, and joint

HELSINKI

'Several fatalities' after two helicopters collide in Finland



collided mid-air in Finland and crashed. The accident caused several fatalities — exact numbers and identities are still being determined. The helicopters took off from Estonia, carrying businessmen. They collided west of Helsinki around midday.

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Agence France-Presse

Thousands of LGRT acti-

gary's right-wing govern-ment after it moved to ban he Budapest Pride parade

The march followed a

Three Iranians charged with suspected espionage in U.K.



spionage for Iran's intelligence services, U.K. police said. Arrested on May 3, they face serious charges under the National Security Act U.K. yows to strengthen national security powers amid growing

DAMASCUS

Syrian government forces raid Islamic State hideouts in Aleppo



one militant and arresting others, the first such operation announced under the new Islamist rulers. One security officer was also killed. Weapons, bombs, and uniforms with security insignia were seized. Raids targeted sleeper cells in four locations. w

Israel launches Operation Gideon Chariots in Gaza to pressure Hamas

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Iran says it will continue nuclear talks with the U.S.

Associated Press Agence France-Presse

Iran's President said his country will continue talks with the United States over its rapidly advancing nu-clear programme but will not withdraw from its rights because of U.S.

threats.

"We are negotiating, and we will negotiate, we are not after war but we do not fear any threat," President Masoud Pezeshkian said during a speech to na-vy officials broadcast by state television on Saturstate television on Satur-day. "It is not like that they think if they threaten us, we will give up our human right and definite right," Mr. Pezeshkian said. The negotiations have reached the "expert" level, meaning the sides are try-



the details of a possible deal. But a major sticking point remains Iran's en-richment of uranium, which Tehran insists it must be allowed to do and the Trump administration increasingly insists the Is-lamic Republic must give

'U.S. must leave' Meanwhile, Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Kha-

that the United States "must and will leave" the region, following a visit to

region, following a visit to Gulf Arab states by Presi-dent Donald Trump.
"With the determina-tion of the region's nations, America must and will leave this region," Mr. Kha-menei said in a televised address, criticising what he called a falled U.S. model aimed at keeping Gulf trates demonder on U.S. states dependent on U.S. support. The remarks from the Iranian supreme leader the framan supreme leader come a day after Mr. Trump concluded a high-profile Gulf tour aimed at strengthening alliances and securing multi-trillion dollar investments. On his tour, Mr. Trump

Putin-Zelenskyv meet possible only after deal: Kremlin

Agence France-Presse

The Kremlin on Saturday said a meeting between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy dent Volodymyr Zelenskyy would be possible only af-ter both sides reach an agreement, a day after af-ter Moscow and Kyiv held their first direct talks in ov-er three years, which did not result in a truce.

The morning after the talks, a Russian drone at-tack on a minibus carrying evacuated civilians in the eastern Sumy region killed nine people and wounded five, local authorities said.

"Russia only retains the op-portunity to continue killing". He reiterated his call on Ukraine's allies to step up sanctions on Moscow

the attack, adding that

Prisoner swap
"Without stronger sanctions, without stronger
pressure on Russia, there
will be no real diplomacy
there," the Ukrainian Presi-

dent said. The first direct talks since the spring of 2022 -shortly after Moscow's full scale invasion that February - between Ukraine and Russia in Istanbul resulted

Cast away



e wait: A man stands on the roof of a flooded in

Trump to speak to Russian, Ukrainian leaders tomorrow

U.S. President Donald Trump said on Saturday he would speak to the Presi-dents of Russia and Uk-raine on Monday following talks between the two sides at which a Ukrainian official said Moscow's nesoues at which a Ukrainian official said Moscow's ne-gotiators voiced new de-mands before a ceasefire could be agreed. In Moscow, Kremlin spokesmercom Droise.

pokesperson Dmitry Pes-tov told Russian news agencies preparations were under way for a conersation between Russian resident Vladimir Putin

Mr. Trump, writing on truth Social, said he would peak with Mr. Putin to dis-



cuss stopping the war at 10 a.m. Eastern (1400 GMT) on Monday. He said he would speak afterwards with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and

voiodymyr Zeienskyy and various members of NATO. Mr. Trump has been pressuring Mr. Putin and Mr. Zelenskyy to agree to a ceasefire in the more than three-year-old war.

Erdogan sees an end in sight for U.S. sanctions on Turkish defence sector

Agence France-Presse

Turkive has seen an easing dent, with steps towards ending the measure ad-vancing quickly, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said

"We can easily say that CAATSA," he told reporters while returning from a Eu-ropean summit, referring to U.S. sanctions

legislation. In 2020, Washington imposed sanctions on An-kara over its purchase of an

under a 2017 law known as under a 2017 law known as CAATSA, which aims to li-mit Russia's military in-fluence. The move soured ties between the two NATO member countries. It also booted Turkiye out of its F-35 programme, with Washington, saving

with Washington saying the presence of the S-400 would allow the Russians to collect information on

to collect information on the stealth jet's capabili-ties. Mr. Erdogan said Tur-kiye had raised the sanc-tions issue with Mr. Trump to the collection of the collection envoy to Ankara. Tom Barrack.

"With my friend Trump taking office, we have achieved a more open, more constructive and more sincere communica-



tion on these issues." Mr. Erdogan added., saying Turkiye valued "every pos-itive step in this direction". "I believe we will over-"I believe we will over-come the CAATSA process much faster. As two great NATO allies, there should be no restrictions or obsta-cles in the field of defence between up. " be said."

Turkive's partnership with the United States was "of vital importance for the establishment of stability

Modernising air force In March, Mr. Erdogan spoke to Mr. Trump about the need to finalise a deal to let Turkive buy U.S. F-16 fighter planes and be read-mitted to the development

law passed in Hungary in March that bans LGBT Pride events and allows faprogramme for F-35 warplanes.
Turkiye has been seeking to modernise its air
force, and has been seeking to buy 40 Eurofighter
Typhoons which are built
by a four-nation consortium grouping Germany, Britain, Spain and Italy.

action over Budapest Pride ban threat

Brussels march urges EU to take

cial recognition to identify organisers, a move widely condemned by rights groups and EU officials as an attack on civil liberties. "We have come to sound the alarm," Viktoria Radvanyi, the chair of Budapest Pride, said while cial recognition to identif standing on a platform at the event. "What is really alarming is that we have not seen the [European] Commission take any legal action in two months," Ms. Podywayi added. Radvanyi added. Although she met some

Commission representa-tives on Friday, she ac-cused the EU executive of being "complicit" with Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban through its

inaction. Roland Papp, a 35-year-

old journalist who attend-ed Budapeat Pride for years, described a "horri-ble time". "Budapeat Pride had been going on for 30 years and now it's really going back to the horrible times," he said, vowing to be in the Hungarian capital Buds as at Mover Gerrely

Karacsony vowed that the parade would go ahead. "Budapest Pride cannot be banned, for the simple reason that love and freedom son that love and freedom cannot be banned," said Mr. Karacsony, inviting supporters from across Eu-rope to join what organis-ers hope will be the "big-gest, most colourful and most international" pride

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Associated Press

JERUSALEM

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Intense attack: Palestinians inspect the site of an Israeli strike on a house in Jabalia, in the northern Gaza Strip, on Saturday. REUTERS

that has ruled Gaza for nearly two decades.

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1. Operation Overview:

Operation Name: Gideon Chariots

Objective:

- Pressure Hamas to release remaining hostages.
- Dismantle the militant group.
- Location: Gaza Strip
- Initiated by: Israel's Army
- Announced by: Defence Minister Israel Katz

Context:

- Follows days of intensive air strikes that resulted in 150+ deaths.
- Gaza remains under blockade with no food, water, fuel, or goods entering the region.

3. Ground Situation in Gaza:

Blockade:

- Gaza has been under Israeli blockade for nearly two decades.
- No food, water, fuel, or humanitarian aid is entering Gaza.

Impact:

- Over 150 deaths reported in the last 24 hours due to Israeli airstrikes.
- 3,000+ deaths since January ceasefire was broken by Israel.
- Famine risk:
 - Gaza's Health Ministry warns of food security collapse.



Constitution of India is supreme, says CJI NEWS > PAGE 4



Ashoka University Professor arrested

Diversity among HC judges 88% of Madras High Court judge picks not from General Category



GT routs DC, makes it along with RCB, PBKS



Defence, trade are key issues at U.K.-EU summit

security pact, agreements related to trade and a joint situation. to PAGE 14

Cong. slams govt. over COVID-19 toll 'mismatch'

NEW DELHI

The Congress attacked the Centre over alleged mismatch between the official COVID-19 toll and the figures reflected in the Civil Registration System data. "It was clear that India cale that we hadn't seen, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said. » PAGE 4

Vlogger Ivoti was being groomed by Pak.: officials

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Travel vlogger Jyoti Rani,
arrested on charges of
espionage, was being groomed
by Pakistani intelligence
officials as an "asset" and was in touch with them during the conflict with Pakistan, said Hisar Superintendent of Police Shashank Kumar Sawan.» PAGE 5

Mayawati namess her nephew to key post in BSP

LUCKNOW Bahujan Samaj Party president Mayawati on Sunday Anand, as the party's chief icial meeting". He will now see the BSP's strategies fo

17 of a family killed in Hyderabad blaze

Eight children among deceased: 17 people rescued from the building which is located near the Charminar; cause of fire yet to be determined, police to probe further; the only staircase was filled with smoke, cutting off the upper floors, fire personnel drilled through a wall to gain access; Telangana govt. announces an ex gratia of ₹5 lakh to the kin

Lavpreet Kaur

eventeen members of a family, eight of them children, were killed in a massive fire that erupted in a building near the Charminar in the heart

the Charminar in the heart of Hyderabad early on Sun-day, officials said.

The blaze began around
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for of the three-storey building and rapidly spread to the top floors. The ground floor had jewellery shops run by the family, while is members lived on the up-

per floors.

A dozen fire engines, a hydraulic platform, and a robot were rushed to the spot as part of a coordinat-ed emergency response by multiple departments and

Fire and Rescue personnel said they managed to bring 17 people, including four from the terrace, to

safety. An officer of the disaster response team was in-jured, said Y. Nagi Reddy, Director-General of the Telangana State Disaster Res-ponse and Fire Services. The cause of the fire is yet to be deterr Charminar Police have filed a case. Prime Minister Naren-

Prime Minister Naren-dra Moodi expressed grief over the loss of lives and announced an ex gratia of £2 lakh to the kin of the de-ceased and ₹50,000 for the injured.

The Telangana govern-

ment announced an ex gra-ria of ₹5 lakh to the kin of the deceased. "The only staircase, nar-

row and located near the spot where the fire broke out, was quickly filled with smoke and heat, cutting off the upper floors," said Mr.



the personnel drilled through a wall on the first floor. It took nearly two hours to fully extinguish the fire. A total of 87 per-sonnel were involved in the operation, including Deputy Fire Officer Ven-

ries during the rescue ef-fort," explained the officer. The Prime Minister expressed grief over the loss of lives and wished a spee-dy recovery to the injured.

ones. May the injured re-cover soon," the Prime Mi-nister's Office posted on X. Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramar-

Garment factory fire kills eight in Maharashtra

Eight persons, three women and a toddler among them, were killed in a fire at a garment mill in a Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation area in Solapur on Sunday, with the fire spreading rapidly amid stocks of cottor in the unit. Solapur District Collector Kumar Ashirwad said Prima facie, the cause of death seems to be suffocation.

and Damodara Raja Narasimha, inspected the acci-dent site on the directions of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

Multiple departments

bad Municipal Corpora-tion, and water board and revenue officials, were part of the coordinated emer-gency response to the tragedy.

The deceased were identified as Prahlad Modi,

identified as Prablad Meed;
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Mu bad, it was a heart-wrench ing twist to a legacy built over 50 years.

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In troubled waters



'Understanding' with Pak. + has no 'expiry date': Army

Dinakar Peri NEW DELHI

Following repeated asser-tions by Pakistan that the understanding to "stop all firing and military action on land, in the air, and sea" ended on Sunday, the In-dian Army said that there was "no expiry date" to the

agreement.
"No Director-General of Military Operations [DGMO] talks are sche-duled today. As far as con-tinuation of break in hostilities, as decided in DGMOs' interaction of May 12, there is no expiry date to it," the Army said on Sunday.

Pakistan Foreign Minis-er Ishaq Dar had earlier inter Ishaq Dar had earlier in-formed the country's Par-liament that India and Pakistan held "military-to-military communications" on May 14 and 15 and the



Calm watch: Security personnel at Gupkar Road on the banks of the Dal Lake in Srinagar on Sunday.

and Pakistan had agreed to continue the stoppage of all firing that came into ef-fect from 5 p.m. on May 10 following days of military confrontation, and continue the "confidence build-ing measures" to reduce the alertness level. But the Army did not clarify if the DGMOs spoke that day and what confidence-building measures would be taken

India to apprise FATF of terror bases in Pakistan

Satellite launch went wrong minutes after lift-off due to glitch: ISRO

Hemanth C.S.

The Indian Space Research Organisation said it could not complete the mission to put the earth observation satellite EOS-09 into orbit following a technical glitch minutes after the PSLV-C61 rocket lifted off with it from the Satish Dha wan Space Centre in Sriha-rikota at 5.59 a.m. on

ISRO Chairman V. Na-ISNO Chairman V. Na-rayanan told presspersons that there "was a fall in chamber pressure in the motor case" during the third stage, due to which the "mission could not be accomplished."

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The PSLV-C61 was ex-pected to place the satellite into a sun synchronous po-lar orbit 17 minutes after lift-off.

"The PSLV is a four-

stage vehicle and secondstage performance was quite normal. The third stage's motor started per-fectly, but during the func-tioning of the stage, we are seeing an observation and the mission could not be complished. After analy

accomplished. After analy-sis, we shall come back," Mr. Narayaman said.
The third stage is a solid rocket motor that provides the upper stages higher thrust after the atmospher-ic phase of the launch.
Former ISRO Chairman

lid motor – an endeavour marked by multiple fai-lures. It is indeed unusual resurfacing at this stage. Nevertheless, I have com-plete confidence that the team will identify the root cause both swiftly and effectively."

Before Sunday's launch Before Subday's launch, the PSLV had suffered only two failures. The very first mission in 1993, PSLV-DI, could not place the satellite in orbit and in 2017, the 41st flight ended in failure. Sunday's setback folFailed attempt: The PSLV- C61 lifts off from the Satish Dhawan

lows the ISRO's failure to perform an intended orbit-raising operations for the NVS-O2 satellite due to a valve malfunction. The NVS-02 was launched on January 29 in what was the landmark 100th launch

gured using ISRO's RISAT-1 heritage bus, with most of the functional require-ments of the Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) payfrom Sriharikota.

The C61 mission was also the 63rd flight of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle and the 27th in the PSLV-XL configuration. load and the bus platform systems derived from the Since the 2017 failure, all PSLV launches had been successful with the preearlier ISRO missions

1,696.24 kg carries a SAR payload capable of provid-ing images for various earth observation applica-tions under all-weather vious one being the Spa-DeX mission in December Similar to the EOS-04 satellite, EOS-09 was de-signed with the mission ob-jective of ensuring remote onditions. The EOS-09 was de-

jective of ensuring remote sensing data for the user community engaged in op-erational applications and to improve the frequency of observation. The space agency said the spacecraft was confi-The EOS-09 was de-signed to provide continu-ous and reliable remote sensing data for operation-al applications across va-rious sectors and had a mission life of five years, the ISRO said.

Oppose the Presidential Reference: Stalin to CMs

The Hindu Bureau

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has written to the Chief Ministers of se-ven States and a Union Territory, all ruled by non-BIP parties, urging them to op-pose the Presidential Refe rence to the Supreme Court on the timeframe for Governors and the Presi-dent to act on Bills referred to them under Article 200.

1st time in 8 yrs, Isro workhorse PSLV fails on 101st launch; sat lost

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Sriharikota: Isro's workhorse rocket PSLV malfunctioned mid-flight and failed to inject a satellite into orbit after an early morning launch on Sunday. The mission, designated PSLV-C61, was Isro's 101st launch to place EOS-09 earth observation satellite into a sun-synchronous polar orbit.

►EDIT PAGE: Rare Setback, But Isro Will Bounce Back

The setback marks the third unsuccessful PSLV mission in 32 years, excluding a partial failure in 1997. PSLV-C61 lifted off at 5.59 am from the first launch pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. Around six minutes into the flight, the rocket veered off its intended trajectory.

Isro chairman V Naraya-

3RD-STAGE MOTOR MALFUNCTIONED?

- > Snag in 3rd-stage motor suspected.
 'There was a fall in chamber pressure in the solid motor and mission could not be accomplished,' says Isro chief V Narayanan
- ➤ In 63 flights, PSLV has failed 4 times. 1993 | PSLV-D1 (maiden flight); 1997 | PSLV-C1 (partial failure; IRS-1D placed in orbit lower than planned); 2017 | PSLV-C39 (heat shield failed to separate)
- > 2nd failure for Isro in 2025 after NVS-02 nav sat didn't make it to final orbit in Jan

PSLV lifts off from Sriharikota on Sunday. The rocket failed 6 minutes into the flight

nan later said the rocket's performance was normal up to the second stage. "The vehicle's third stage uses a solid motor system. There was a fall in chamber pressure in solid motor and the mission could not be accomplished. We are studying the performance," Narayanan told newspersons.

Sunday's mission was to

place the 1,696kg EOS-09 radar imaging satellite into a 529-km orbit. EOS-09 carried a synthetic aperture radar for remote sensing through clouds and at night, with uses in agriculture, forestry, soil moisture monitoring, disaster response, and surveillance.

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Rajon ki Baoli Restoration

Dilapidated Stepwell

Deteriorating historical water reservoir

Archaeological Survey

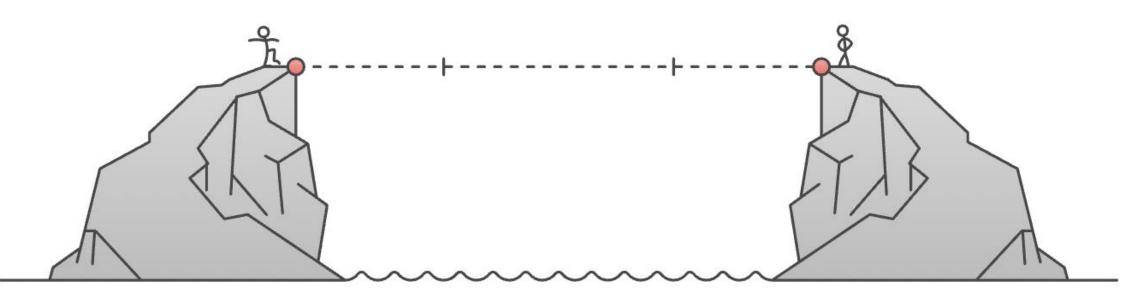
Assessment and planning phase

Restoration Process

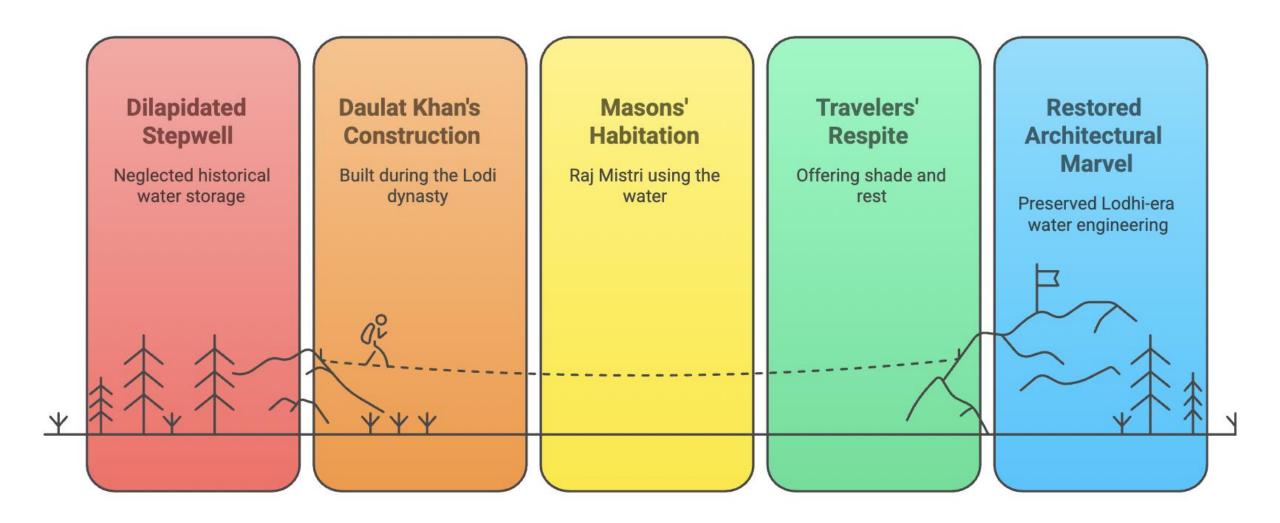
Repairing and rebuilding structure

Restored Stepwell

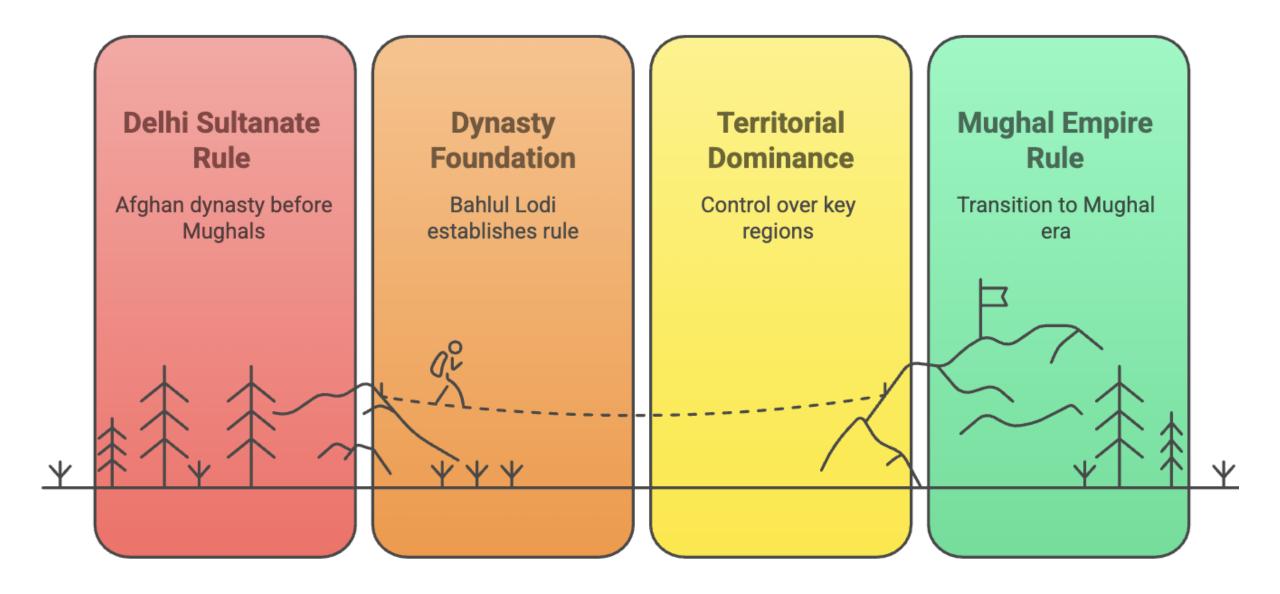
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Rajon ki Baoli Transformation

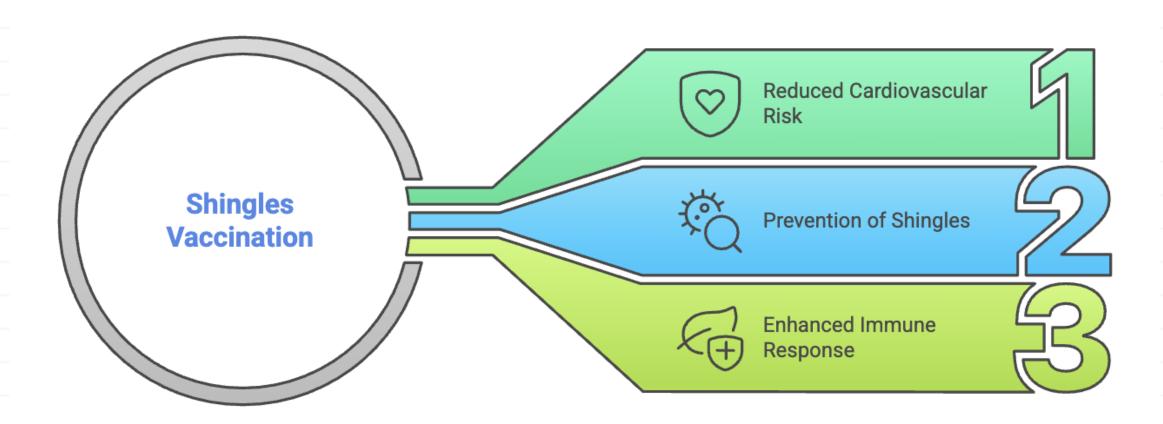


Lodi Dynasty's Rise and Fall





Unveiling the Protective Effects of Shingles Vaccination



Shingles Explained

What causes shingles?

Varicella-zoster virus (VZV), the same virus that causes chickenpox.

What happens after someone has chickenpox?

The virus stays in their body and can reactivate later in life, causing shingles.

Can someone get VZV from someone with shingles?

Yes, if they never had chickenpox or the chickenpox vaccine.

How can people get the virus from shingles?

Through direct contact with fluid from the rash blisters or by breathing in virus particles from the blisters.









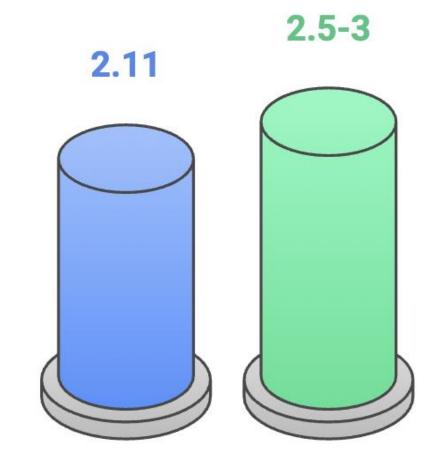
RBI Surplus Transfer to Central Government

FY 2023-24

Previous fiscal year transfer amount

FY 2024-25

Estimated transfer range for next fiscal year



Sources of RBI Revenue



Returns on Assets

Investments in foreign bonds and deposits.



Interest Income

Earnings from government securities and bank lending.



Commission

Fees for managing government debt obligations.

RBI Surplus Transfer Recommendations

Characteristic

Malegam Committee, 2013

Jalan Committee, 2019

Surplus Transfer

Advocated higher transfer

Transfer excess after CRB



Contingency Risk Buffer

Not specified

5.5-6.5% of balance sheet

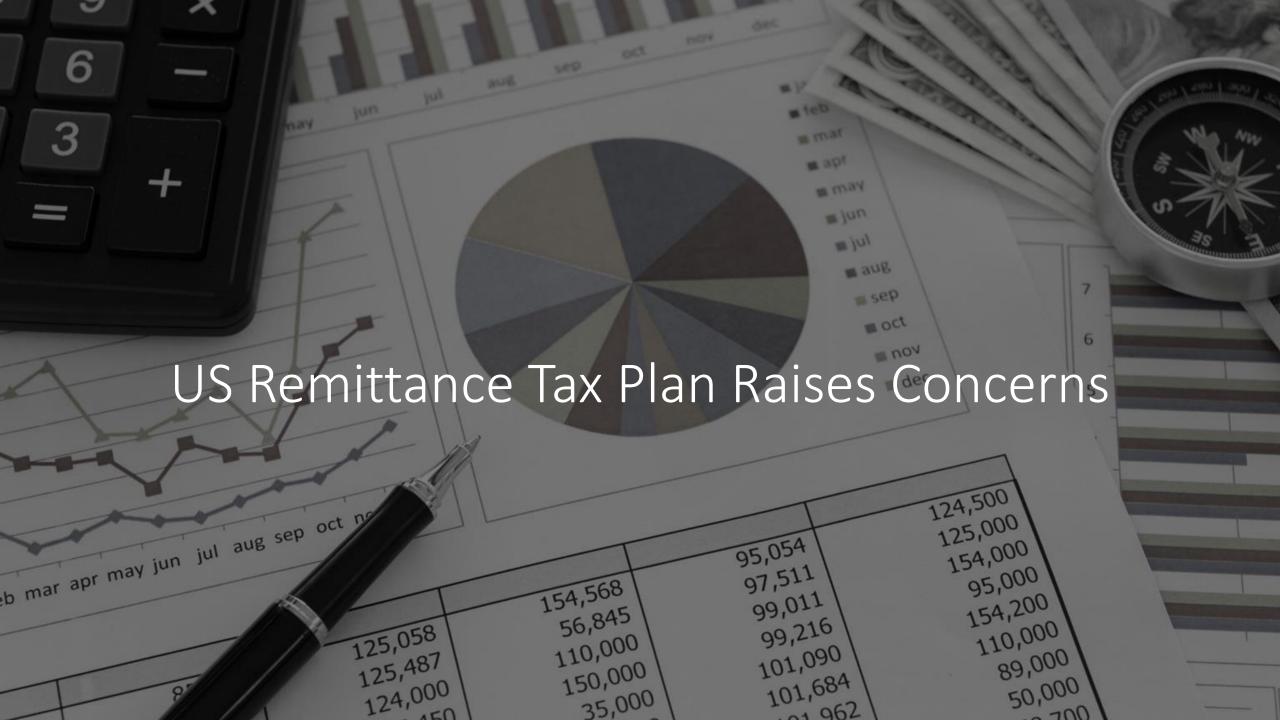
125 Years of Kodaikanal Solar Observatory

About Kodaikanal Solar Observatory

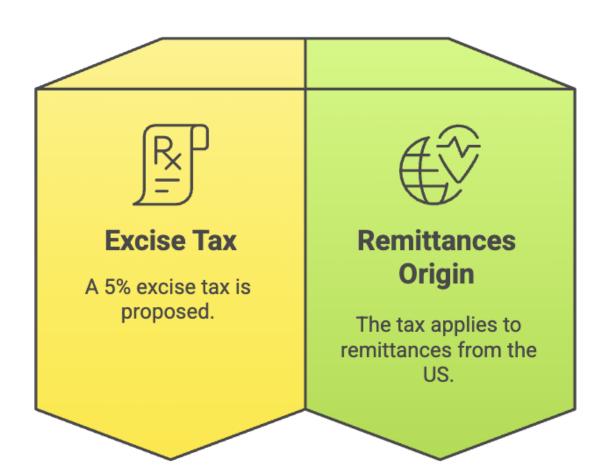
- It was established in 1899 by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics and is located at the southern tip of the Palani Hills in Tamil Nadu.
- It was set up to study the Sun and its influence on Earth's climate, especially the Indian monsoons.
- The observatory was established in response to the **devastating Great Drought of 1875–1877**, which, along with a global famine, killed nearly 50 million people.
- The **Famine Commission** of the time recommended setting up a solar observatory to understand the potential link between solar activity and rainfall patterns.
- Charles Michie Smith, a physicist, was tasked with identifying a suitable location. Kodaikanal was selected due to its clear skies, low humidity, and minimal fog, ideal for solar observations.
- A landmark scientific discovery made at KoSO was the **Evershed Effect in January 1909**. This phenomenon is the apparent radial flow of gases observed in the penumbra (outer region) of sunspots on the Sun.

Other Major Indian Space Observatories

- Indian Astronomical Observatory (IAO) (Hanle, Ladakh): It is one of India's premier facilities for optical and infrared astronomy. It is also managed by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics.
- Mt. Abu Infrared Observatory (MIO) (Aravalli Range): It is operated by the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL). It specializes in infrared observations of celestial bodies.
- Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) (Pune): It is one of the world's largest low-frequency radio telescopes. Operated by the National Centre for Radio Astrophysics (NCRA), it consists of 30 steerable parabolic dishes and uses the SMART (Stretch Mesh Attached to Rope Trusses) design concept.



Proposed Excise Tax Components

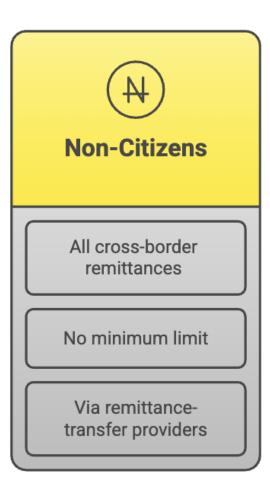


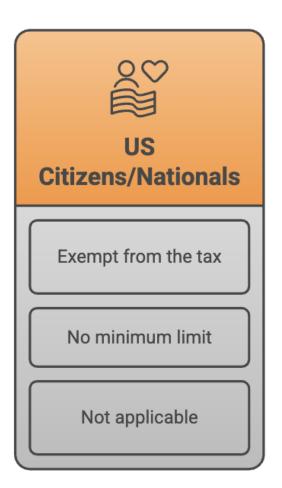
Cross-Border Remittance Tax Comparison

Tax Scope

Minimum Limit

Tax Collection







India's Remittance Inflow from the US

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Largest recipient of US remittances

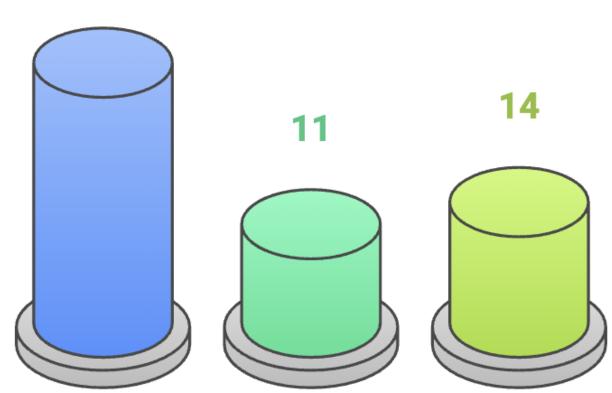
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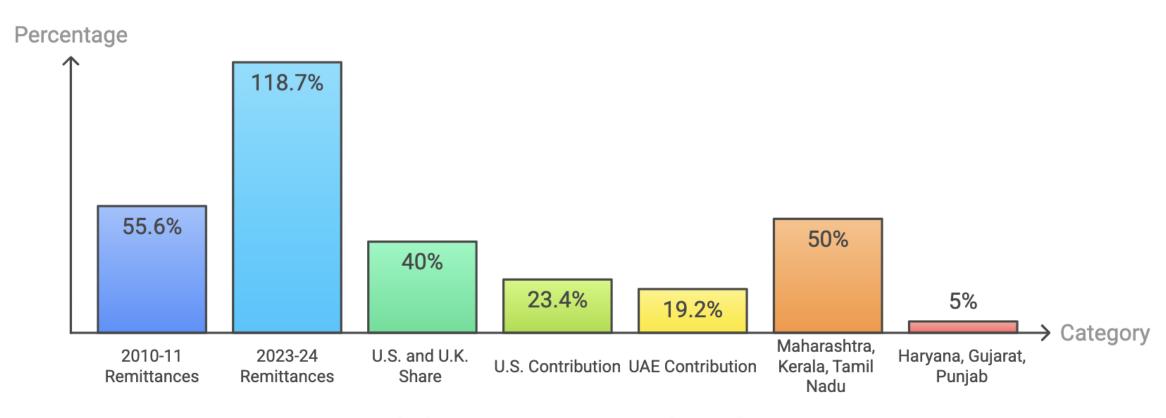
2023-24

Share in world remittances

2024

Share in world remittances





India's Remittance Trends and Distribution



Which side of the Moon should be studied further to understand its formation?



Nearside

Geologically distinct and faces Earth

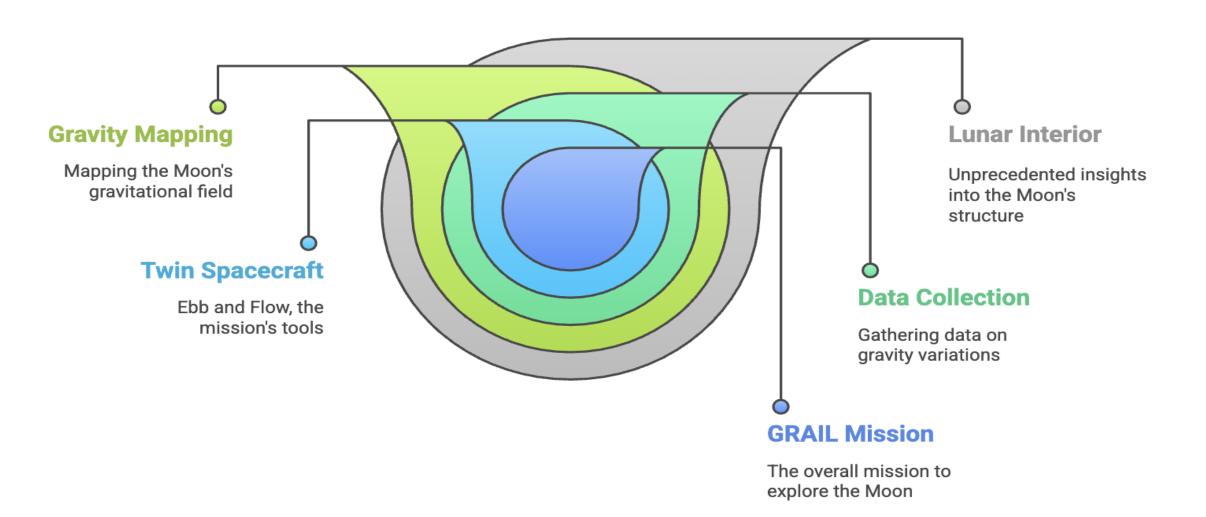


Far side

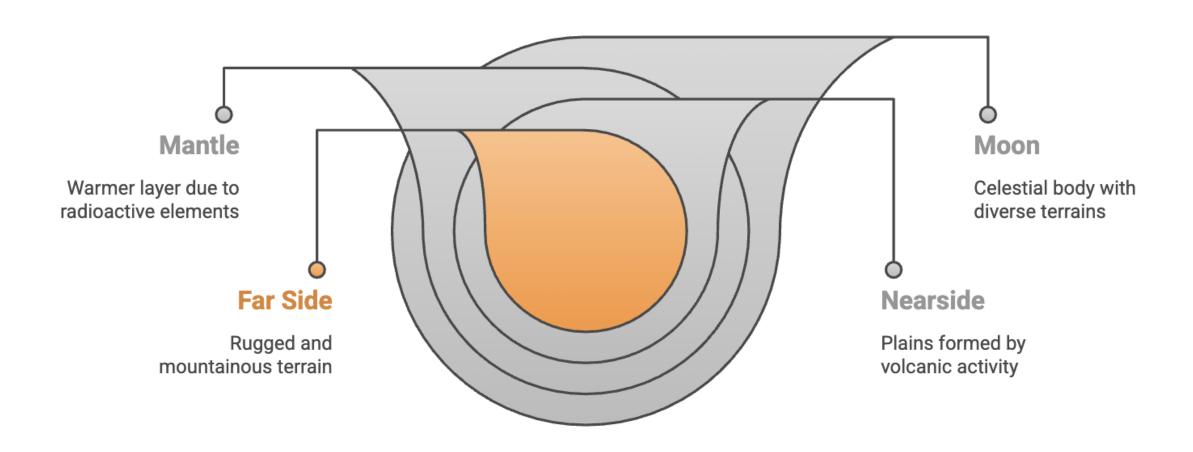
Geologically different and less studied



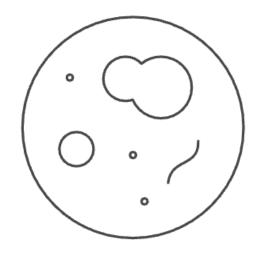
GRAIL Mission's Lunar Exploration



Lunar Surface Characteristics



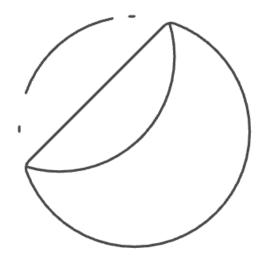
Moon Mantle Temperature



200°C Nearside Mantle



Maximum temperature



100°C Farside Mantle



Minimum temperature

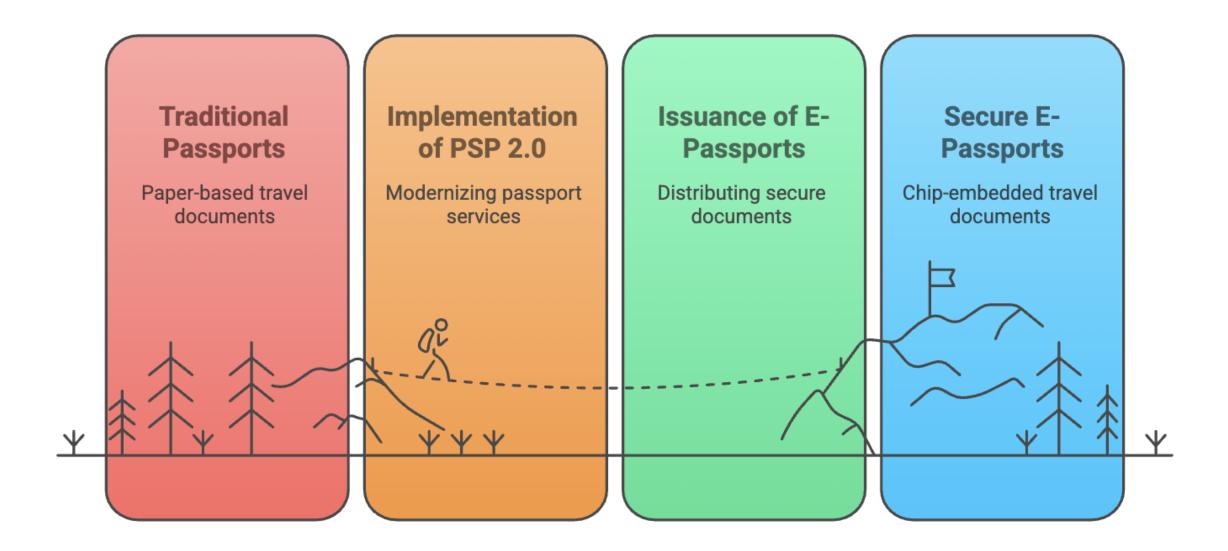
India Meteorological Department (IMD) Criteria for Declaring Heat Wave:

Region/Condition	Heat Wave		
Plains	Max temperature ≥ 40°C		
Hilly Regions	Max temperature ≥ 30°C		
Coastal Stations	When the maximum temperature departure is 4.5°C or more from normal, and provided the actual maximum temperature is 37°C or above.		
Based on Departure from Normal	Heat Wave: Departure from normal is 4.5°C to 6.4°C Severe Heat Wave: Departure from normal is > 6.4°C		
Based on Actual Maximum Temperature	Heat Wave: When actual maximum temperature ≥ 45°C Severe Heat Wave: When actual maximum temperature ≥ 47°C		
Spatial & Temporal Condition	To declare as a heatwave the criteria must be met at minimum 2 stations in a Meteorological subdivision for at least 2 consecutive days .		

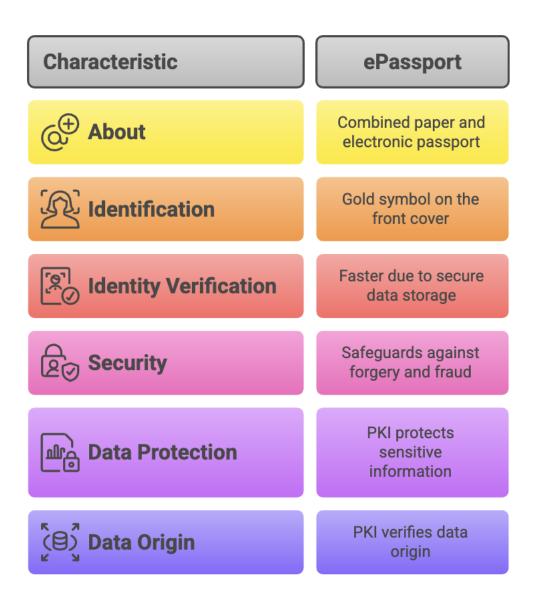
Colour Code	Alert	Warning	Impact	Suggested Actions
Green (No action)	Normal Day	Maximum temperatures are near normal	Comfortable temperature. No cautionary action required.	Nil
Yellow Alert (Be updated)	Heat Alert	Heat wave conditions at isolated pockets persists on 2 days	Moderate temperature. Heat is tolerable for general public but moderate health concern for vulnerable people e.g. infants, elderly, people with chronic diseases	(a) Avoid heat exposure. (b) Wear lightweight, light- coloured, loose, cotton clothes. (c) Cover your head: Use a cloth, hat or umbrella
Orange Alert (Be prepared)	Severe Heat Alert for the day	(i) Severe heat wave conditions persists for 2 days (ii) Through not severe, but heat wave persists for 4 days or more	High temperature. Increased likelihood of heat illness symptoms in people who are either exposed to sun for a prolonged period or doing heavy work. High health concern for vulnerable people e.g. infants, elderly, people with chronic diseases.	(b) Avoid heat exposure– keep cool. Avoid dehydration. (b) Drink sufficient water- even if not thirsty. (c) Use ORS, homemade drinks like lassi, torani (rice water), lemon water, buttermilk, etc. to keep yourself hydrated
Red Alert (Take Action)	Extreme Heat Alert for the day	(i) Severe heat wave persists for more than 2 days. (ii) Total number of heat/severe heat wave days exceeding 6 days.	Very high likelihood of developing heat illness and heat stroke in all ages.	Extreme care needed for vulnerable people.



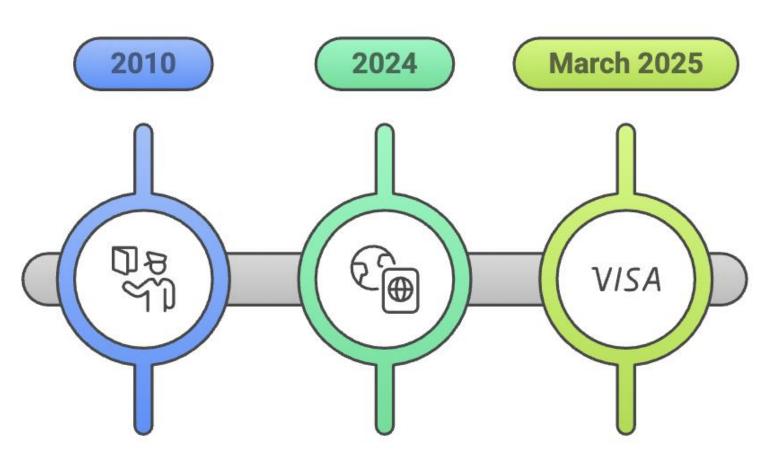
Transition to Secure E-Passports



ePassport Features and Advantages



Evolution of Passport Services in India



Launch of Passport Seva Programme

Introduction of PSP 2.0

Issuance of epassports in major cities

Word of the day

Precedential:

having precedence (especially because of longer service)

Synonym: priority

Usage: There has been precedential treatment for senior members of the firm.

Pronunciation: newsth.live/precedentialpro

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