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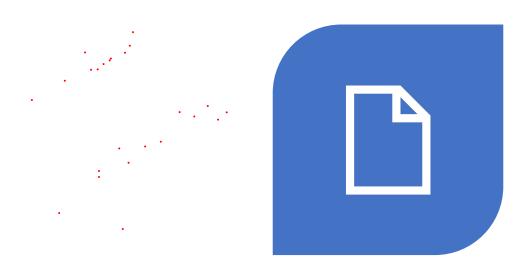








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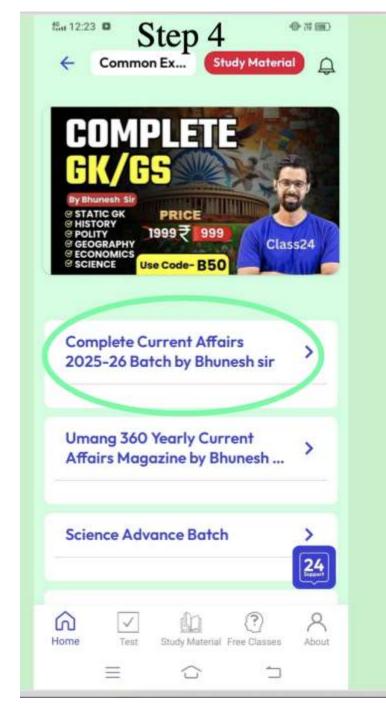
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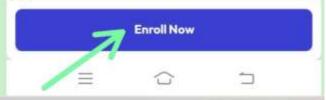






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#### Bangladesh on edge amid funeral for slain leader

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The special sitting has been arranged to ensure the timely consideration of

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# U.S. wants India's nuclear norms globally aligned

Document signed by Trump calls for establishing mechanism to 'assess implementation' of 2008 nuclear deal; Congress says PM Modi forced in SHANTI Bill to make peace with 'once good friend'

#### Jacob Koshy

NEW DELHI

wo days after Parliament cleared the SHANTI Bill, which allows private participation in India's nuclear sector and eases liability norms by capping operator liability for a nuclear incident to ₹3,000 crore, U.S. President Donald Trump on Friday signed into law the National Defence Authorization Act (NDAA) advising the Secretary of State to work with the Indian government and "...align (India's) domestic nuclear liability rules with international norms".

The NDAA, signed every fiscal, is a key law through which the U.S. decides the annual budget and expenditures of its Department of Defense. This financial year, considered from October 2025 to September 2026, a portion of the document says that the Secretary of State " ... shall establish and maintain within the U.S.-India Strategic Security Dialogue, a joint consultative mechanism with the Indian government to assess the implementation of the 2008 Indo-U.S. nuclear deal" and "...align (India's) domestic nuclear liability rules with international norms".

The development comes after Parliament cleared the Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India (SHAN- In the U.S. spotlight

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(NDAA) annually
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- This is the first time in about a decade that India's nuclear liability rules find mention in the U.S. Act
- SHANTI Act aligns India's ouclear liability rules with international norms as the NDAA exhorts

Ti) Bill which repeals existing legislation governing nuclear activity. This was despite several appeals and a walkout by the Opposition in the Lok Sabha demanding that the Bill be referred to a parliamentary panel for scrutiny.

The Bill aligns India closer to the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage and makes it consonant with the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage. It is such an alignment that the NDAA 2026 encourages.

While the NDAA is presented every year in the U.S. and India found mention in it in previous years for defence and security matters, this is the only time, as per a perusal by The Hindu, at least since 2016, that India is specifically mentioned in the context of the 2008 nuclear agreement as well as "nuclear civil liability rules".

#### Cong. slams Centre

The Opposition, which had termed the SHANTI Bill "vendor-driven", slammed the Centre on Saturday over the U.S. law. "Now we know for sure why the PM bulldozed the Shanti Bill through Parliament earlier this week that, among other things, did away with key provisions of the CLND Act, 2010... It was to restore SHANTI with his once good friend," Congress Raiya Sabha MP Jairam Ramesh said in a post on X. "The SHANTI Act may well be called the TRUMP Act -The Reactor Use and Management Promise Act."

SHANTI encourages private companies to participate and potentially allows foreign funding to flow into India's nuclear sector. It removes the links to 'supplier liability' - or the circumstances under which an operator of a nuclear power plant can statutorily claim recourse from a supplier of components if it resulted in a nuclear accident. This is a controversial clause with a history but also said to be one that has frozen foreign participation, particularly American and French nuclear technology, into InThe U.S. President signed the National Defence Authorization Act calling for alignment of India's nuclear liability rules with global norms.

अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति ने नेशनल डिफेंस ऑथराइजेशन एक्ट पर हस्ताक्षर किए, जिसमें भारत के परमाणु दायित्व नियमों को वैश्विक मानकों के अनुरूप करने की बात कही गई।

### 3. Focus of the U.S. document

The Act calls for assessing implementation of the 2008 India-U.S. civil nuclear deal. यह अधिनियम 2008 के भारत-अमेरिका नागरिक परमाणु समझौते के क्रियान्वयन के आकलन की मांग करता है।

## 4. SHANTI Bill key provision

The SHANTI Bill caps operator liability for a nuclear accident at ₹3,000 crore. SHANTI विधेयक परमाणु दुर्घटना की स्थिति में ऑपरेटर की देनदारी ₹3,000 करोड़ तक सीमित करता है।

## 5. Change from earlier law

The Bill eases provisions of the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010. यह विधेयक 2010 के परमाणु क्षति नागरिक दायित्व अधिनियम के प्रावधानों को शिथिल करता है।

## 6. Private sector participation

The SHANTI Bill allows greater private sector participation in India's nuclear energy sector. SHANTI विधेयक भारत के परमाणु ऊर्जा क्षेत्र में निजी क्षेत्र की अधिक भागीदारी की अनुमति देता है।

## 7. Supplier liability issue

The Bill weakens supplier liability provisions, limiting operator's right of recourse. यह विधेयक आपूर्तिकर्ता दायित्व को कमजोर करता है और ऑपरेटर के पुनः दावा अधिकार को सीमित करता है।

## 8. Alignment with global conventions

The Bill aligns India's framework with the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage. यह विधेयक भारत की व्यवस्था को परमाणु क्षति के लिए नागरिक दायित्व संबंधी वियना कन्वेंशन के अनुरूप बनाता है।

## 9. International compensation norms

It also aligns with the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage. यह परमाणु क्षति के लिए पूरक मुआवजा कन्वेंशन के अनुरूप भी है।

## ◆ 10. U.S. strategic interest

The alignment encourages foreign investment, especially from U.S. and French nuclear firms. यह सामंजस्य विशेष रूप से अमेरिकी और फ्रांसीसी परमाणु कंपनियों के निवेश को प्रोत्साहित करता है।

## ◆ 11. NDAA significance

The NDAA is a key U.S. law deciding defence spending and strategic priorities annually. NDAA एक प्रमुख अमेरिकी कानून है जो प्रतिवर्ष रक्षा व्यय और रणनीतिक प्राथमिकताएं तय करता है।

## 12. Rare reference to India

India's nuclear liability rules were mentioned in the NDAA after nearly a decade. करीब एक दशक बाद NDAA में भारत के परमाणु दायित्व नियमों का उल्लेख किया गया।

## ◆ 13. Opposition criticism

The Opposition termed the SHANTI Bill as vendor-driven and U.S. influenced. विपक्ष ने SHANTI विधेयक को विक्रेता-केंद्रित और अमेरिका प्रभावित बताया।

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2	Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Disaster (2011)	Japan	Level 7	Earthquake & tsunami caused reactor meltdowns and radiation leaks	भूकंप व सुनामी से रिएक्टर मेल्टडाउन व विकिरण रिसाव
3	Three Mile Island accident (1979)	USA	Level 5	Partial core meltdown due to equipment failure & human error	तकनीकी खराबी व मानवीय त्रुटि से आंशिक कोर मेल्टडाउन
4	Kyshtym Disaster (1957)	USSR (Russia)	Level 6	Explosion of nuclear waste storage at Mayak facility	मायाक संयंत्र में परमाणु अपशिष्ट भंडारण विस्फोट
5	Windscale Fire (1957)	United Kingdom	Level 5	Fire in nuclear reactor released radioactive iodine	परमाणु रिएक्टर में आग से रेडियोधर्मी आयोडीन का उत्सर्जन

The SHANTI Bill primarily aims to align India's nuclear liability framework with which international mechanism?

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A. Geneva Convention

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B. Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage परमाणु क्षति के लिए नागरिक दायित्व संबंधी वियना कन्वेंशन

C. Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty परमाणु अप्रसार संधि

D. Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty समग्र परमाणु परीक्षण प्रतिबंध संधि



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# President grants assent to rural jobs Bill; Centre lists its four focus areas

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**NEW DELHI** 

President Droupadi Murmu on Sunday gave assent to the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G Ram G) Bill, which replaces the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) enacted by the erstwhile Congress-led United Progressive Alliance government.

The new Act brings structural changes to the scheme while increasing the number of guaranteed days of work from 100 to 125, the Centre said.

Amid criticism, Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan released a video message, defending the



new legislation. He criticised attempts to "mislead" the nation and create "confusion" in the name of the MGNREGA.

"Viksit Bharat-G Ram G is a step forward from MGNREGA," Mr. Chouhan said, emphasising that provisions for unemployment allowance have been strengthened in the law.

There are provisions for penalty for delay in wages, he said, adding a budget of ₹1,51,282 crore has been reserved under the scheme for comprehensive development of villages.

A government note said the MGNREGA "created works", while the VB-G Ram G would create "outcomes". Works under the

## Cong. takes to the streets over move

#### **NEW DELHI**

The Congress continued attack on the Centre for "dismantling" the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. The party held protests on Sunday at all district headquarters. » PAGE 5

scheme would be undertaken across four focus areas – water security, core rural infrastructure, livelihoodrelated infrastructure, and extreme weather mitigation. The Centre continued to be the principal funding partner and the 60:40 model was followed in nearly all Centrally sponsored schemes, the note said.



## ♦ What is the News? | खबर क्या है

हिंदी	
राष्ट्रपति <b>द्रौपदी मुर्मू</b> ने <i>विकसित भारत–रोज़गार एवं आजीविका गारंटी</i> <i>मिशन (ग्रामीण</i> ) विधेयक को मंज़ूरी दी	
नया क़ानून <b>मनरेगा (MGNREGA)</b> का स्थान लेता है	
ग्रामीण रोजगार नीति में संरचनात्मक बदलाव लाए गए हैं	

## 🔷 Name of the Act | अधिनियम का नाम

English	हिंदी
Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika	विकसित भारत–रोज़गार एवं आजीविका गारंटी मिशन (ग्रामीण) अधिनियम
Mission (Gramin) Act (VB-G RAM G)	

## ♦ Key Changes from MGNREGA | मनरेगा से प्रमुख बदलाव

Aspect	English	हिंदी
Guaranteed Workdays	Increased from 100 to 125 days	गारंटीकृत कार्यदिवस 100 से बढ़ाकर 125
Nature of Focus	From "works" to measurable outcomes	केवल "कार्य" से हटकर <b>परिणाम-आधारित दृष्टिकोण</b>
Wage Delay	Penalty provisions strengthened	मज़दूरी विलंब पर दंड प्रावधान मज़बूत
Budget Size	₹1,51,282 crore allocated	₹1,51,282 करोड़ का बजट

## 🔷 Four Focus Areas of the New Scheme | योजना के चार फोकस क्षेत्र

No.	English	हिंदी
1	Water Security	जल सुरक्षा
2	Core Rural Infrastructure	मूल ग्रामीण अवसंरचना
3	Livelihood-related Infrastructure	आजीविका से जुड़ी अवसंरचना
4	Extreme Weather Mitigation	अत्यधिक मौसम/जलवायु जोखिम न्यूनीकरण

## Q. With reference to the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin), consider the following statements:

- 1. It replaces the MGNREGA.
- 2. It increases guaranteed rural employment from 100 to 125 days.
- 3. It focuses on water security and extreme weather mitigation.
- 4. It follows a 75:25 Centre-State funding pattern.

## Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A) 1, 2 and 3 only
- B) 1 and 4 only
- C) 2 and 4 only
- D) 1, 2, 3 and 4

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Death knell for the rural job guarantee Fiscal prudence likely to stifle work demand



Women in Blue look to extend the lead SPORT IS PAGE AS

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Ahead of Kerala polls. UDF to take in Trinamool, JRP

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#### Russian General killed in car bomb attack | Core sector in Moscow hours after peace talks in U.S.

A car bomb killed a sumor Russian general in south-ers Moscow on Monday morning, the latest high-profile army figure to be blown up in a blast that come land toward for the start and the author offer fun-sion and the author dele-mate hold separate talks in gates held separate talks in Miami on a plan to end the

War. Kyiv has not commented on the incident, but Russian investigators and they were probing if the blast was "linked" to "Uk-

blait was "linked" to "Ub-rations special forces." Lieutenant General Fa-Tarvierov, Ste, head of the Russian general staff's training department, was killed when the bomb, which had been placed un-der his parked car, deto-nated in a residential quar-

Investigators work at the scene where cieutenant General Fanit barvarov was killed in a car bomb in Moscow on Monday, reurens

ter of southern Moscow. The scene had been cordoned off by security foresifting through the debris. Modus operandi
"We absolutely didn't ex-pect it. We thought we were safe, and then this happens right next to us," a

local resident told AFP. The attack was similar to other assaminations of generals and pro-war figures that have either been claimed, or are widely believed to have been orchestrated, by Ukraine.
Russie's Investigative Committee, which probes major crimes, said it was The attack was similar

lines of enguley into the murder. One of them in-volves the possible organi-sation of the crime by Uk-

raintan special services."
Sarvarov fought in the Savarov rought in the Russian army's campaigns in the North Caucasus, in-cluding Chechnya in the 1990s, according to the De-fence Ministry's website. He commanded Russian forces in Syria in 2015-16. The Kremlin said Presi-These sectors grew at a rate of 5.8% in November

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tries (ICI) grew at a slower pace of L6% in November compared with the corres-ponding period last year, data released by the Minis-try of Commerce and Industry said on Monday.

the victim suggested he had been shot by assailants who arrived on a motorcythe and fled. However, the police's preliminary find-ings indicated that the inci-dent took place inside a

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Inspector Aritment Mondol of Sonadanga mo-del police station said the shooting took place just be-fore noon and he was "im-mediately taken to the hus-pital," adding the police Cement emerged as the best-performing segment, recording the highest year on-year growth of 14,5%.

#### One more top leader of July uprising shot at as Bangladesh faces turmoil

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had been deployed both at the crime scene and the hospital. Purther details

Habbut Alam DHAKA

Amid continuing nation-wists unrest in stangladesh and mounting demands for resignation of the cour-try's Home Affairs Adviser following the lifting of July uprising leader Sharif Osman Hadi, another teater linked to the movement of the movement of the stanglading of the following the stanglading of the following the stanglading of the stanglading of

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would be shared after pre-liminary investigation, he said. The shooting intensified The shooting intensited fears of a widening cycle of political violence at a time when Bangladeah is grappling with instability, presents, and uncertainty over the path to elections. The absoring presence to presence constrains to mount on the interim government fadlowing the killing of Hadi, convener all ambanperson of Ingli-The shooting comes as

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According to the police,
the bullet grazed Mr. Shiledur's scale and exited without causing fatal injury.
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and spokesperson of Ingliab Manch and a promi-ment figure of the July uprising. Earlier on Monday, Ingliab Manch, a socie-cultural Hospital in critical condi-tion, where he is said to be out of danger. Initial information from

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#### The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

ndia and New Zealand on Monday concluded discussions on a free trade agreement (FTA) that will give India tariff-free access to the island nation's markets, bring in \$20 billion in investments over 15 years, and help double bilateral trade to \$5 billion in the next five years.

The deal will remove or cut tariffs on 95% of New Zealand's exports - from timber to fruits - to India. but New Delhi safeguarded the interests of its agricultural and dairy farmers, considered politically sensitive, and made no concessions on import of dairy, onions, sugar, spices, edible oils, and rubber. New Zealand will give temporary employment visas for Indian professionals in skilled jobs with a quota of 5,000 visas annually and a

stay of up to three years.

Union Minister for Commerce Piyush Goyal said the government has been "sensitive in protecting interests" of agricultural and dairy farmers. "Rice, wheat, dairy, soya and various other agricultural products have not been opened up with any access." he said.

Hailing the FTA, to be signed in the first half of 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Concluded in just nine months, this historic milestone reflects a strong political will and shared ambition to deepen economic ties between our two countries."

#### 'FTA will boost ties'

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"The FTA would significantly deepen bilateral economic engagement, enhance market access, promote investment flows, strengthen strategic cooperation between the two countries, and also open up new opportunities for innovators, entrepreneurs, farmers, MSMEs, students and youths of both countries across various sectors," the External Affairs Ministry said.

The pact will help Indian exporters, reeling under the impact of 50% tariffs imposed by the Trump administration on Indian goods, diversify shipments in the Oceania region. India has already implemented a trade pact with

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Underlining this, Mr. Goyal said the deal will give "opportunities for all sections of our export communities" and exporters wishing to "diversify their export basket". Speaking at a press conference, he said that India has been "very cautious of ensuring that our micro, medium and

small enterprises, innovators and start-ups get big opportunities in New Zealand."

The Minister said the agreement will provide a fillip to labour-intensive sectors such as apparel, leather, textiles, rubber, footwear and home decor. It will encourage export of automobiles, auto components, machinery, electronic goods and electrical and pharmaceuticals, he said.

The temporary employment visas cover AYUSH practitioners, yoga instructors, Indian chefs, and music teachers, as well as high-demand sectors including IT, engineering, healthcare, education, and construction, strengthening workforce mobility and services trade.

For New Zealand, Mr. Luxon said "the gains are wide-ranging and significant". "India is the world's most populous country and is the fastest-growing big economy, and that creates opportunities for jobs for Kiwis, exports and growth," he said.

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## 1. Core development

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## 2. Objective of the agreement

The agreement aims to double bilateral trade to \$5 billion in five years. इस समझौते का उद्देश्य पाँच वर्षों में द्विपक्षीय व्यापार को 5 अरब डॉलर तक दोगुना करना है।

## 3. Investment target

India expects \$20 billion in investments from New Zealand over 15 years. भारत को अगले 15 वर्षों में न्यूज़ीलैंड से 20 अरब डॉलर के निवेश की उम्मीद है।

## 4. Tariff liberalisation

The deal removes or reduces tariffs on 95% of New Zealand's exports to India. यह समझौता भारत में न्यूज़ीलैंड के 95% निर्यात पर शुल्क समाप्त या कम करता है।

## 5. Sensitive sectors protected

India did not open sensitive agricultural and dairy sectors to concessions. भारत ने संवेदनशील कृषि और डेयरी क्षेत्रों को रियायतों के लिए नहीं खोला।

## 6. Agricultural items excluded

Items like dairy, onions, sugar, edible oils and spices were excluded. डेयरी, प्याज़, चीनी, खाद्य तेल और मसालों को समझौते से बाहर रखा गया।

## ◆ 7. Duty-free access for New Zealand

New Zealand gets duty-free access to timber, wool, coal and forestry products. न्यूज़ीलैंड को लकड़ी, ऊन, कोयला और वानिकी उत्पादों पर शुल्क-मुक्त पहुंच मिली।

## 8. Partial duty concessions

Duty concessions were granted on kiwi fruit, wine, seafood, honey and milk albumins. कीवी फल, वाइन, समुद्री उत्पाद, शहद और मिल्क एल्ब्यूमिन पर आंशिक शुल्क रियायत दी गई।

## 12. Employment visas provision

New Zealand will provide 5,000 employment visas annually to Indians. न्यूज़ीलैंड हर वर्ष भारतीयों को 5,000 रोजगार वीज़ा प्रदान करेगा।

## 13. Duration of stay

The employment visas allow a stay of up to three years. रोजगार वीज़ा के तहत तीन वर्ष तक रहने की अनुमति होगी।

## 14. Skilled professionals covered

The visas cover AYUSH practitioners, chefs, yoga instructors and teachers. वीज़ा में आयुष विशेषज्ञ, शेफ, योग प्रशिक्षक और शिक्षक शामिल हैं।

## ◆ 15. High-demand sectors

IT, engineering, healthcare, education and construction sectors benefit. आईटी, इंजीनियरिंग, स्वास्थ्य, शिक्षा और निर्माण क्षेत्र लाभान्वित होंगे।

## 16. Labour-intensive exports

The deal boosts exports in textiles, apparel, leather and footwear. यह समझौता वस्त्र, परिधान, चमड़ा और जूता उद्योग के निर्यात को बढ़ावा देता है।

## 17. Manufacturing exports

Automobiles, machinery, electronics and pharmaceuticals gain market access. ऑटोमोबाइल, मशीनरी, इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और दवाओं को बाज़ार पहुंच मिलेगी।

## ◆ 18. MSME opportunities

The agreement opens opportunities for MSMEs and startups. यह समझौता एमएसएमई और स्टार्टअप्स के लिए नए अवसर खोलता है।

## ◆ 19. Strategic dimension

The FTA strengthens India's economic presence in the Oceania region. यह एफटीए ओशिनिया क्षेत्र में भारत की आर्थिक उपस्थिति को मजबूत करता है।

## 20. Political significance

The agreement reflects strong political will and shared economic ambition. यह समझौता मजबूत राजनीतिक इच्छाशक्ति और साझा आर्थिक दृष्टि को दर्शाता है।

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## India-New Zealand trade

	India's exports	Imports	Trade surplus
2024-25	\$711 mn	\$587 mn	\$123 mn
2023-24	\$538 mn	\$335 mn	\$203 mn
2022-23	\$547 mn	\$477 mn	\$70 mn
2021-22	\$487 mn	\$374 mn	\$112 mn

Which of the following is a key feature of the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement?

भारत-न्यूज़ीलैंड मुक्त व्यापार समझौते की प्रमुख विशेषता कौन-सी है?

- A. Full opening of India's dairy sector भारत के डेयरी क्षेत्र का पूर्ण उदारीकरण
- B. Annual quota of employment visas for Indian professionals भारतीय पेशेवरों के लिए वार्षिक रोजगार वीज़ा कोटा
- C. Elimination of tariffs on all agricultural products सभी कृषि उत्पादों पर शुल्क समाप्ति
- D. Inclusion of defence trade cooperation रक्षा व्यापार सहयोग को शामिल करना

#### SC refuses to list urgent plea against PMO offering chadar

A Special Vacation Bench of the Supreme Caurt on Monday, headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant. refused an oral mentioning to hear an urgent plea to stop the Prime Minister's office from offering a cere-monial chadar at the dar-gah of the Suh mystic Kirwaja Monsuddin Chishtu in Ajmer during the Urs commenurating the saint's death anniversary.

Misloading message The lawyer making the mentioning in court said the offer of the caremonial cloth on behalf of the Prime Minister would send a wrong message as a salt filed by Vishnu Gupta, pre-sident of the Hindu Sena, seeking a declaration that neeking a declaration that the Ajiner dargah was built over an ancient and pre-ex-tating Shiva temple, the Bhagwan Shri Sankatmo-chan Mahadev Virajman Temple', was pending in a Rajasihan court.

Rajasthan court.
"We pray for a listing to-day itself. We are seeking a stay of that offer by the Of-fice of the Frime Minister. There is a suit pending in an Ajmer court. The lawyer submitted. However, Chief



is list the case later in the day. "No. I will not list any matter today. We are not listing any mother the same day," the CHI responded to the lawyer's request.

Comised signed the easier to at least their list the case on December 36. "For that, you follow the procedure," the Chief Paulter replied.

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#### Bangladesh mission stops visa National Herald case: services, cites security issues

Over the weekend, there were sharp exchanges between India and Bangladesh after a group

The Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi has stopped issuing visas citing "prevailing security situa-tion", a diplomatic source isid The Hinds on Montag. The development came after India classed its visa ap-plication centres in Rangla-deal that were targeted by mosts indicated is death of radical leader sharff Caman Hadi who was abot on December 12 by unidenti-hed gummen. weekend, there were sharp suchang to the property of the property o

es between the two sides after a group of men came to the main gate of the Ban-gladesh mission here and shouted slogans. They al-legedly hursed threats at the diplomats who were present on the mission

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## The latest indefinite sup-pension of the Indian Visa Application Centres (VACs) came after the fa-cilines in Khaina and Chi-cagong, and the Assistant High Commission in Ruj-shahi were targeted by males in the aftermash of the Commission of the Com-central Commission of the rumours that the suppret-ed associates haid find be fir-dia.

#### BJP. Congress stage protest

and Congress leaders held protests outside the Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Kelkata on Monday against the attack on Hisdus in the neighbouring country. The protesters blad to Histalia in the neighbouring country. The protectors fried to much to the Bongladesh mission in the Beck Bagan area. They was stopped by the tookets Police due to safety concorns. When they were barred from moving

the authorities do not have precise information about the whereabouts of the kill-

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### HC seeks Gandhis' response on ED plea

#### The Hindu Bureau

The Delhi High Court on Monday asked Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rabut candly and others to

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sum! Bhandari on the agency's ples. In its order, the trial court had said that an in-vestigation and the conse-quent prosecution com-plaint (equivalent to a chargesheet) permissing to



dering is "not maintaina-ble" in the absence of an FIR for the offence men-tioned in the schedule to the Presention of Monsy Laundering Act (PMLA). Is said the agency's prob-stemmed from a private complaint and not an FIR. During the bearing on Monday, the EU, represent-

ed by Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, contended that the trial court with its view has gone "horribly wrong" and this would af-

ong" and this wound and of other cases also.
The ED, in its pleas, said effect gives a has pass to a category of money laun-devers only on the ground that the acheduled offence is reported by a private in-dividual by way of a com-

### Court stays conviction of

#### cheating case The Hindu Bureau

NCP leader in

The Supreme Court on The Supreme Court on Munday stayed the convis-tion of NCP leader and former Maharashtra Mins-ter Maniferse Kolaste in a 1995 cheating and forgery case linked to a govern-ment housing scheme.

A Bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Bustice Joymalya Bagchi orully expressed a tentative view that there was a "fun-damental error in the con-viction itself".

The Bombay High Court, on December 19, had granted ball to Mr. Ke-hate while suspending his er, the High Court had re-russed to suspend his con-viction noting that prima-fuce evidence pointed to Mr. Kokate's involvement. The NCP leader had moved the High Court after a ses-sions court had upheld the conviction determined by

On Monday, senior ad-vocate Mukul Rohats, for the former Minister, said his client had no criminal antecedents, was a five-

er was accused of securing a flat in a government scheme for the economi-cally weaker section (EWS) by submitting false affida-vits about his income. "False declaration does

"False declaration does not make a document a forgery. There is a funda-mental error in the convic-tion itself," justice Bagchi

tion tracel, Justice Hageli observed mally. Chief Justice Kant said this was only a tentative view, the court would hear the case in detail after rec-

#### Insync



#### Ex-Chhattisgarh CM's son received over ₹200 crore in liquor scam, says ACB

#### Chudshomoy Sikilar

Chaitanya Baghel, son of senior Congress leader Bhupesh Baghel, received €200 crore-250 crore gen-erated through the alleged liquer seam in Chhaitiagarh, the State's Anti Cor-ruption Bureau Teonomic Offences Wing (ACB-EOW) said in a chargesheet filed

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Earlier, the Directorate Earlie

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## channels to his family firms, and used it for un-der-construction real es-tate projects. He received and invested large same of the seam money through his family briends and asso-ciates, also through bank-ing channels, it is also by the same the same transoffeged. The alleged scarr our-

faced during Mr. Bhupesh Baghel's tenure as Chhar-Lisgarh's Chief Minister and it purportedly caused loss to the exchequer. The ACB-

to the exchaquer. The ACE-EOW also increased the Co-tal face value of the alleged seam, ascending to Mon-day's press statement.

"As of now, the investi-gation has estimated the total amount of the exclu-seam to be approximately \$2,074 crore. However, \$2,074 crore. However, that this illegal amount, from all sources. amount, from all sources, could exceed \$3,500 crore," the release said.

#### NITI Aayog proposes \$10-bn research fund, scholarships to 'globalise' higher education

#### Abbinay Lakshman

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#### Murders, dacoity, and riots fell in 2025, says Bihar government

#### Amit Bhelaci

General of Police Vinay Ka-mar, the police's swift ac-tion and strict vigit hed to-tion and strict vigit hed to-sense between January 2025 and November 2025 in major criminal cines. Resides, the police seized 4,828 linearms and 38,445 cartifulges during the same The Biliar government on Monday said the State had wirnessed a decline in the number of major criminal cases of munilers, decoity, and rishs compared with fact year's due to better and effective policing.

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# NITI Aayog proposes \$10-bn research fund, scholarships to 'globalise' higher education

#### Abhinay Lakshman

NEW DELHI

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The NITI Aayog on Monday released a report titled "Internationalisation of



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higher education in India: prospects, potential, and policy recommendations", which recommended 22 such policy interventions in order to deal with the "imbalance between inbound and outbound student mobility". The study, conducted over the past

year, noted that in 2024, for every international student who came to India to study, 28 Indian students went abroad for higher education.

This report comes a week after the Union government introduced the Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhishthan Bill, 2025, to overhaul India's higher education regulatory framework, under which the proposed Standards Council (Manak Parishad) has been given a specific mandate to design "non-binding frameworks" for the "internationalisation" of higher education in the country.

The NITI Aayog report has made a host of recommendations in the areas of strategy, regulation, branding, communications, and outreach, and curriculum and culture.

#### **Hub for education**

Noting that India "requires an increase in the inflow of international students" to become a "global destination" for higher education and research, the report also uses different forecasting methods to estimate that by 2047, India could have as many as 7.89 lakh to 11 lakh international students. As of 2022, India was hosting close to 47,000 international students in its higher education institutions.

Some of the recommendations for internationalisation made in the NITI Aayog report are setting up a Bharat Vidva Kosh as a national research sovereign wealth fund (suggesting a \$10 billion corpus, of which 50% can be raised from diaspora and philanthropy while the Centre matches this amount with another 50%); a Vishwa Bandhu scholarship to attract foreign students; and a Vishwa Bandhu fellowship to attract foreign research talent and faculty.

Country	R&D Spending (% of GDP)	Notes
KR <b>South Korea</b>	~4.9%	Highest among G20; strong tech focus (semiconductors, AI). ( <u>B20 Global Institute</u> )
US <b>United States</b>	~3.46%	Large absolute R&D spend, strong private sector contribution. (B20 Global Institute)
JP <b>Japan</b>	~3.30%	Long history of R&D in tech and manufacturing. (B20 Global Institute)
DE <b>Germany</b>	~3.14%	Europe's largest economy, strong industrial R&D. (B20 Global Institute)
GB <b>United Kingdom</b>	~2.91%	Strong academic & industry collaboration. (B20 Global Institute)
E∪ <b>European Union</b> (aggregate)	~2.2–2.3%	EU R&D intensity across member states. (European Commission)
CN <b>China</b>	~2.5–2.6%	Rapidly rising R&D share of GDP. (European Commission)
CA <b>Canada</b>	~ <b>~1.6%</b> (typical OECD level)	Moderate R&D investment (OECD data trend). (World Bank Open Data)
IN <b>India</b>	~0.64%	Significantly below OECD/G20 average; long-term goal is >2%. (Press Information Bureau)

A∪ <b>Australia</b>	~ <b>~1.7%</b> (est.)	Below top tier, R&D focus lower than top G20. (World Bank Open Data)
вк <b>Brazil</b>	~ <b>1.3</b> % (approx)	Medium investment, lower than advanced economies.  (Department of Science and Technology)
RU <b>Russia</b>	~ <b>1.1%</b> (approx)	Moderate research intensity among G20. ( <u>Department of Science</u> and <u>Technology</u> )
IT <b>Italy</b>	~ <b>1.4%</b> (similar EU peers)	Italy's R&D generally around EU average. (European Commission)
мх Мехісо	~0.27%	One of the lowest within G20. (B20 Global Institute)
ID <b>Indonesia</b>	~0.28%	Low R&D intensity. (B20 Global Institute)
ZA South Africa	~<1%	R&D intensity below many peers. (World Bank Open Data)
SA <b>Saudi Arabia</b>	~ <b>~0.8–1.0%</b> (est.)	Increasing but still moderate investment. (World Bank Open Data)
TR <b>Turkey</b>	~~1.0%	Rising R&D focus. (World Bank Open Data)
AR <b>Argentina</b>	~<0.7%	Data suggests lower spending. (World Bank Open Data)

## High R&D Intensity Leaders

- South Korea (~4.9%) among the highest R&D shares globally. B20 Global Instit...
- United States (~3.46%) & Japan (~3.30%) advanced innovation ecosystems.
- Germany (~3.14%) & UK (~2.91%) strong industrial & academic R&D.
- → These countries invest significantly above the G20 average (~3.0%). B20 Global Instit...

## Lower R&D Intensity (Emerging/Developing G20)

India (~0.64%) — much lower than global and G20 peers; long-term plans aim to raise it.

Press Information...

- Mexico (~0.27%), Indonesia (~0.28%) among lowest in G20.
- Brazil, Russia around 1.1–1.3% range. Department of Sc...

## Core idea of the proposal

NITI Aayog has proposed a comprehensive roadmap to internationalise India's higher education system. नीति आयोग ने भारत की उच्च शिक्षा को अंतरराष्ट्रीय बनाने के लिए एक व्यापक रोडमैप प्रस्तावित किया है।

## Objective behind the roadmap

The aim is to make India a global destination for higher education and research. इसका उद्देश्य भारत को उच्च शिक्षा और अनुसंधान का वैश्विक केंद्र बनाना है।

## Key challenge identified

India faces a severe imbalance between inbound and outbound student mobility. भारत में आने वाले और बाहर जाने वाले छात्रों के बीच गंभीर असंतुलन मौजूद है।

- For every one international student coming to India, 28 Indians go abroad for studies.
- भारत में पढ़ने आने वाले हर एक विदेशी छात्र के मुकाबले 28 भारतीय छात्र विदेश जाते हैं।

## Research funding proposal

A national research sovereign wealth fund of \$10 billion has been suggested. 10 अरब डॉलर के राष्ट्रीय अनुसंधान संप्रभु संपत्ति कोष का प्रस्ताव दिया गया है।

- 50% of the fund to be raised from diaspora and philanthropy.
- कोष का 50% प्रवासी भारतीयों और परोपकार से जुटाने का सुझाव है।
- The remaining 50% to be matched by the Central government.
- शेष ५०% राशि केंद्र सरकार द्वारा मिलाई जाएगी।

## Bharat Vidya Kosh

The fund has been proposed under the name "Bharat Vidya Kosh". इस कोष को "भारत विद्या कोश" नाम देने का प्रस्ताव है।

- It will support long-term research and innovation in Indian institutions.
- यह भारतीय संस्थानों में दीर्घकालिक अनुसंधान और नवाचार को समर्थन देगा।

## Scholarship and fellowship initiatives

Vishwa Bandhu scholarships have been proposed to attract foreign students. विदेशी छात्रों को आकर्षित करने के लिए "विश्व बंधु" छात्रवृत्ति का प्रस्ताव है।

- · Vishwa Bandhu fellowships are proposed to attract foreign faculty and researchers.
- विदेशी फैकल्टी और शोधकर्ताओं को लाने के लिए "विश्व बंधु" फेलोशिप प्रस्तावित है।

### Global faculty and campus presence

The roadmap recommends easing regulations to allow foreign universities to operate in India. रोडमैप विदेशी विश्वविद्यालयों को भारत में परिसर खोलने हेतु नियमों को सरल करने की सिफारिश करता है।

- · Focus on academic collaboration rather than mere commercial presence.
- केवल व्यावसायिक नहीं बल्कि अकादिमक सहयोग पर ज़ोर दिया गया है।

### Erasmus-type mobility programme

An Erasmus-like student and faculty exchange programme has been proposed. इरास्मस जैसे छात्र-फैकल्टी विनिमय कार्यक्रम का प्रस्ताव दिया गया है।

- This will promote cross-border academic exposure.
- इससे अंतरराष्ट्रीय शैक्षणिक अनुभव को बढ़ावा मिलेगा।

# Future projections highlighted

India could host nearly 8 to 11 lakh international students by 2047. 2047 तक भारत में लगभग 8 से 11 लाख विदेशी छात्र हो सकते हैं।

- In 2022, India hosted only around 47,000 international students.
- २०२२ में भारत में केवल लगभग ४७,००० विदेशी छात्र थे।

# Strategic importance

Internationalisation of higher education is linked to India's soft power. उच्च शिक्षा का अंतरराष्ट्रीयकरण भारत की सॉफ्ट पावर से जुड़ा है।

- It also supports talent retention, innovation, and economic growth.
- यह प्रतिभा संरक्षण, नवाचार और आर्थिक वृद्धि में भी सहायक है।

#### Question

Which of the following proposals is associated with NITI Aayog's plan to internationalise higher education?

नीति आयोग की उच्च शिक्षा के अंतरराष्ट्रीयकरण योजना से संबंधित प्रस्ताव कौन-सा है?

- A. Creation of Bharat Vidya Kosh भारत विद्या कोश की स्थापना
- B. Abolition of foreign university regulations विदेशी विश्वविद्यालयों से जुड़े सभी नियमों का उन्मूलन
- C. Mandatory foreign education for Indian students भारतीय छात्रों के लिए विदेशी शिक्षा अनिवार्य करना
- D. Replacement of NEP 2020 राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति 2020 को बदलना



#### Assam tribal council chief's house torched amid protests

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#### V-P stresses civil servants' role in grassroots development

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan on Monday trunslating the government's vision of making India a developed nation by 2047, and said the prime focus should be on taking development to the gramments. Addressing trainer officers of the ballan Definice Accounts Service (DAS), he said tedfan Defense Accounts Service (IDAS), he said the youthful energy and innovative thirding of young officers were vital to nation building, and Both as their pairing manners. As the nation noises towards the ambitious goal of becoming a West Bharry by 20-9, civil servants will play a pivotal role in standarding this vision into realthy. The Vice-President said, we

#### Uttarakhand govt. a mute spectator to land grab: SC

Court's rap comes after private individuals lay claim to land re-vested with government as forests: the case dates back over four decades, when 2.866 acres were notified as government forestland

#### Kriebmadas Raingopal

he Supreme Court on Monday cen-sured the Uttarak-hand government for sit-ting as a "allent spectator" as private individuals systematically grab thousands of acres of forest land be-

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government forest land in the State. However, a part of this

land was allegedly leased out to Pashulok Sewa Sam-

The society claimed to have further allotted par-cels of land to its members.

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government,
Despite this, private in-dividuals started laying claim to title or ownership-to the re-vested land in 2001 on the basis of the compromise reached through a "collusive de-cree" in the dispure between the society and its al-leged members decades

cels or land to its members, subsequently, a dispute arose between the society and its members, which led to a compromise. It is a compromise to the compromise dated and it surrendered 1944 acres of the land to the Payest Department in Ce-lotter 1984. Following the surren-der, the land was finally re-vented as forest with the No construction or sale kninging the scope of the case and issuing notice, the Rupreme Caust directed the Chief Secretary and Principal Chief Conserva-tor of Forest of Uttask-hand to constitute an in-

No construction activity allowed

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quiry committee to examine all the facts and submit a report. "Meanwhile, all private individuals are restrained from alienating the tand, encumbering II or creating any third-party rights. It goes without saying that no construction activity shall be allowed to take place either. The vacant land (other than the residential (other than the residential beauses) shall be taken into pensession by the Percet Department and the Col-lector concerned," the Bonch said.

The court posted the case for further hearing on business.

#### Plan to demarcate mining areas in Aravallis under way

The Indian Council of Por-estry Research and Educa-tion (ICPRE) will in the coming days prepare a dis-trict-wise report on which hills meet the criteria to be considered part of the Ara-valli Bange, but strictly for the purposes of missing, Union Environment Minis-ter Bhapender Vaday said at a press briefing on Monday. Under fire from environ-

Under fire Brom environ-mental activism and a so-cial media storm sileging that vast tracts of the Ara-valli Barage may be opened for mining. Mr. Vastav stressed that no new min-ing licences would be amplementally before premie Court order of No-premie Court order of No-yember 20, a detailed Mais vember 20, a detailed Man-agement Plan for bearstoable Mining

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tosse in the courts for years, a uniform definition of what constituted the Arassalli Bange of hills, ap-plicable across all the ries where the Aravalli Range is found, remained elusive. A computtee of experts, consisting of repre-sentatives of the Union Environment Ministry recommended that all recommended that all States agree to adopt the aforementioned uniform criterion of "190 metres alroye boad relief" for regu-lating mining in the Araval-li region, as had been in force in Rajauthan since is-mary 9, 2006.

#### HC dismisses plea for CBI probe against Sharad Pawar

#### + The Hindu Bureau

The Bombay High Court or reau of Investigation (CBI) probe against senior NCP Sharad Pawar; leader Stu-rud Pawar, his daughter and Baramati MP Supriya Sule, and Mahurashrie De-gaty Chief Minister Ajii Pa war over alleged irregular permissions granted for the Lavasa hill station pro-

the Lavana hill station pro-post in Pune district.

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#### Anjadip, indigenous anti-submarine | PSU signs pact with Safran shallow water craft, joins the Navy

#### The Hindu Bureau

The Indian Navy on Mon-day received Anjudip, the third of eight anti-subma-rine warfare shallow water craft (ASW SWC), indigenously designed and built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolksta

The delivery took place in Chennai, marking another significant step in

another significant step in India's tirce towards self-india's tirce towards self-shiptsulding.

The Navy said that the ASW SWC project was be-tilic-private partnership between the GRSE and the Uti-private partnership between the GRSE and the cigned and constructed in accordance with the class accordance with the class to the construction of the con-tent of the construction of the partnership of the con-tent of the con-te



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of collaborative defenses manufacturing in india, At approximately 77 matres in length, the ASW SWCs are the largest indian raval wassings to be pro-are equipped with state-of-the-art inflatweight to-op-loped and submarine real-ets and shallow-water corner, resulting effective sonar, resulting effective

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VSM, Chief Staff Officer (Teehnical), Eastern Naved Command.
Fitted with an indige-nous 30 mm naval surface produced in the surface of the indigenous content, Anja-dig esemplifies the govern-ment's Automativities Pha-res vision and the growing arrength of india's slomes-tic defence manufacturing ecosystem, the Navy said.

## group to make advanced defence systems in India

in a major step under the "Make-in-India" pro-gramme, India Optel Limit ed (ICIL), a Mini Navratna defence public sector un-dernsting (DPSU), signed a collaboration agreement with Safran Electronics & Defense, a French company, on Monday for the pro-duction of two high proct-sion combat-proven

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Tushar Tripathi, left, with Alexandre Ziegler, right, during

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# Anjadip, indigenous anti-submarine shallow water craft, joins the Navy

#### The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

The Indian Navy on Monday received *Anjadip*, the third of eight anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft (ASW SWC), indigenously designed and built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.

The delivery took place in Chennai, marking another significant step in India's drive towards selfreliance in defence shipbuilding.

The Navy said that the ASW SWC project was being executed under a public-private partnership between the GRSE and the L&T Shipyard, Kattupalli. The vessels had been designed and constructed in accordance with the classification rules of the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS), demonstrating the success



Navy personnel and officials take delivery of *Anjadip*, an anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft, in Chennai. PTI

of collaborative defence manufacturing in India.

At approximately 77 metres in length, the ASW SWCs are the largest Indian naval warships to be propelled by waterjets. They are equipped with state-of-the-art lightweight torpedoes, indigenously developed anti-submarine rockets and shallow-water sonar, enabling effective

detection and engagement of underwater threats. These platforms will significantly enhance the Navy's anti-submarine warfare capability, coastal surveillance and mine-laying operations, the Navy added.

Anjadip is named after Anjadip Island off the coast of Karwar in Karnataka and is a reincarnation of the erstwhile INS Anjadip, a Petya-class corvette that was decommissioned in 2003.

The naming underscores India's commitment to safeguarding its extensive maritime domain.

With this delivery, the GRSE has achieved the rare feat of delivering five warships to the Navy in a single year. Anjadip is the 115th warship built by the shipyard and the 77th delivered to the Navy. The vessel was accepted by Rear Admiral Gautam Marwaha, VSM, Chief Staff Officer (Technical), Eastern Naval Command.

Fitted with an indigenous 30-mm naval surface gun and boasting over 80% indigenous content, *Anjadip* exemplifies the government's *Aatmanirbhar* Bharat vision and the growing strength of India's domestic defence manufacturing ecosystem, the Navy said.

The Indian Navy inducted Anjadip, an indigenous anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft. भारतीय नौसेना में स्वदेशी पनडुब्बी-रोधी उथले जल युद्धपोत अंजदीप को शामिल किया गया।

# 2. Project category

Anjadip belongs to the Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft programme. अंजदीप एंटी-सबमरीन वारफेयर शैलो वॉटर क्राफ्ट कार्यक्रम का हिस्सा है।

#### 3. Number in series

Anjadip is the third of eight ASW shallow water crafts planned for the Navy. अंजदीप नौसेना के लिए नियोजित आठ एएसडब्ल्यू शैलो वॉटर क्राफ्ट में तीसरा पोत है।

# 4. Indigenous design and build

The vessel is indigenously designed and built in India. यह पोत भारत में ही स्वदेशी रूप से डिजाइन और निर्मित किया गया है।

### 5. Shipyard and partners

It was built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers with L&T Shipyard under PPP. इसे गार्डन रीच शिपबिल्डर्स एंड इंजीनियर्स ने एलएंडटी शिपयार्ड के साथ पीपीपी मॉडल में बनाया।

### 6. Delivery location

The delivery of Anjadip took place in Chennai. अंजदीप की डिलीवरी चेन्नई में हुई।

## 7. Self-reliance significance

The induction marks a major step towards self-reliance in defence shipbuilding. यह शामिल किया जाना रक्षा जहाज निर्माण में आत्मनिर्भरता की दिशा में बड़ा कदम है।

### 8. Design standards

The vessel was constructed as per Indian Register of Shipping classification rules. पोत का निर्माण इंडियन रजिस्टर ऑफ शिपिंग के वर्गींकरण मानकों के अनुसार किया गया है।

## 10. Propulsion feature

It is the largest Indian naval vessel to be propelled by waterjets. यह वॉटरजेट से संचालित होने वाला भारत का सबसे बड़ा नौसैनिक पोत है।

# ◆ 11. Anti-submarine weapons

The craft is equipped with lightweight torpedoes and indigenous ASW rockets. यह पोत हल्के टॉरपीडो और स्वदेशी पनडुब्बी-रोधी रॉकेट से लैस है।

# 12. Sonar capability

It carries shallow-water sonar for underwater detection. इसमें पानी के नीचे खतरों की पहचान के लिए शैलो-वॉटर सोनार लगा है।

# ◆ 13. Operational role

The platform enables detection and engagement of underwater threats. यह प्लेटफॉर्म पानी के नीचे मौजूद खतरों की पहचान और निपटान में सक्षम है।

# ◆ 18. Indigenous content

The vessel has over 80% indigenous content. इस पोत में 80% से अधिक स्वदेशी सामग्री का उपयोग हुआ है।

# 19. Weapon fit

Anjadip is fitted with an indigenous 30-mm naval surface gun. अंजदीप में स्वदेशी 30 मिमी नौसैनिक सतह तोप लगी है।

# 20. Atmanirbhar Bharat alignment

The project reflects the Atmanirbhar Bharat vision in defence manufacturing. यह परियोजना रक्षा निर्माण में आत्मनिर्भर भारत की सोच को दर्शाती है। Anjadip, recently inducted into the Indian Navy, is best described as which of the following?

हाल ही में भारतीय नौसेना में शामिल अंजदीप किस प्रकार का पोत है?

A. Aircraft carrier for blue-water operations नीले पानी के अभियानों के लिए विमानवाहक पोत

B. Anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft पनडुब्बी-रोधी उथले जल युद्धपोत

C. Guided missile destroyer निर्देशित मिसाइल विध्वंसक

D. Fleet support tanker बेड़ा सहायता टैंकर

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#### Death knell for the rural job guarantee

guarantees the right to life. The Supreme Court in Olga Tella v.
Bombay Municipal Corporation in 1985 ruled that "if thore's an obligation upon the State to secure to the citizens an adequate means of livelihood and right to work, it would be sheer pedantry to exclude the right to livelihood from the content of the right to

MGNREGA, arrived at through maintened sucial movements and passed manimously in Parliament, envisions the right to work as a necessary condition for the right to life, it is, therefore, a the right to life. It is, therefore, a theparture from earlier public works programmes as MGNREGA's provisions amount to justiciable rights - the right is work on demand, the right work on demand, the right work is unemployment allowance if week is not provided within 15 days, the right to recover of where within right to payment of wages within 18 days and payment of delay compensation otherwise, gender parity in wages, minimum wages, among others. The Act also envisaged relief from ecological distress through the creation of long term surainable assets. As an engine to implement the 7.8rd Constitutional Amendment, MCINREGA strengthened the panchayat raj institutions.

Five broad positive outcomes of MCNREGA can be identified as (a)

it is universal and not targeted, (but resulted in an increase in cural incomes, (c) it counters gender and caste inequalities, (d) it creates quality assets and (e) it empowers communities. Within few years of MGNREGA, studies



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money lenders decreased by 20%. About 45% of female Md/NREGA workers were either not working several participation and the several participation has been annual 189% in Md/NRSGA over the last five posses, in the fixer of monitoring evidence, even the World Bank.

"barriers of development" in 2009 "barrier to development" in 2009 to calling it a "stellar example" of rural development in 2014. MGNREGA's role during the COVID pandemic is widely known.

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Chronic underfunding has resulted in persistent wags payment delays, a fact payment delays delays a fact payment delays delay principles to mitigate corruption like social audits have been

nderfunded. The VB-G RAM G Act was steamvolled in Parliament in such a scenario. Section 5(D of this Act gives arbitrary, discretionary powers to the Union government to decide where, what and how public works will happen. According to Section 4(8), the Union government will determine and prescribe "State-wise mative allocations" of funds normative allocations" of funds based on "depetive parameters", instead of demand-driven, as MP Manoj Ban put it, this makes it "command-driven" rendering it to a centrally apponsered allocation based model, putting States at the necky of the Centre, Local autonomy ideas of MCPRISGA stand compromised. In the Swarraj Abbiyon case in 2008, the Superme Count ordered and the Superme Count ordered compensation for delays in payments caused by it. The new Act places in outligation on the delays. Rengitly 90% of the MCSPRECA supermittine is borned to the supermittine in borne of the Supermittine of the Supermittine of the Supermittine of Sunda the County in States, the County to State raths of Randa Turther, the new Act states that "supermittine the new Act states that "supermittine the pass and the Sunda Sunda Supermittine Supermitten Supermittine Supermittine Supermittine Supermittine Supermittine Supermittine Supermitten Supermi borne by the State government".

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o mitigate corruption.
MCINRECIA combines Mahatma MUNRETA combines Mahatma Gandhi's ideas of local governance with B.R. Ambebdkan's spirit of empowering citizens with rights. By furmalising the decade long slow poisoning of the MUNREGA, the new Act undermines both Gandhi and Ambedkar.

#### Himachal needs a financial boost

The State needs more money to protect and preserve its vital forest cover

Archana Vaidya

rowing up in Himaebal Pradesh in the eight-less. I have often heard in the control of the contr stood the importance of forests but always spoke of the disproportionate burden on the State. He thought that since the forests provide many important services which be-nefit the entire country, the

State should be provided and state of the state machal Pradesh at 19.05 labb crore. It calculated the annual total economic value of Himachal's forests at £1.20 lakh crore; this includes £1.65 lakh crore for carbon sequestra-tion, 668,941 crore for ecosys-

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Budget Management Act in 2008, which imposed limits on its flecal and revenue deficits, and influenced its expen-diture patterns without adeq-uately taking into account the limitations of its largely agrar-

intended results in Himachal Pradesh, it started with 12th FC when a total of \$1,000 iture was allocated as Green Bonns. To be distributed among States on the basis of their share of the country's to-tal Screen area. This was channed to as locerative based changed to an incentive-based grant by 13th FC to reward States for maintaining and improving forest covers, focus-ing on canopy density. The 14th FC went a step ahead and incorporated "forest cover" as a criterion in its formula for ortsental tax devolution, as-

dentrue it a weight of 7,5% and ecology" and 10% respectively, which needs to be furth-or enhanced significantly to make any meaningful contri-bution. The present metho-dology for calculating the area under "forests and ecology" is also flawed as it only must be data engarding, dense forest, despite there being a separate mention of scology. About a despite there being a separate mention of ecology. About a third of the State's geographi-cal area is permanent snow, glaciers, cold deserts, and alpine pastures where no vege-tation grows but has a tremen-dous amount of ecological value. While calculating area under forest in the State, this area should either be deduct-ed from the total area to arrive at the effective forcet cover in recognised in its own right un-der the head ecology.

The 16th FC needs to lead nto these issues. Higher allo-ations are needed to protect

#### India tops global doping list for the third consecutive year

Global comparisons show that despite more rigorous testing regimes, the doping rate is much lower in many other countries

#### DATA POINT

#### Deveament Biliani

ndia has recorded the highest number of doping offendors globally for the third consecu-tive year, according to the latest World Anti-Doping Agency's (WA-PA) report. According to the WA-PA years. According to the WA-PA'S 2024 report, india recorded 2621 possibly desping cases from considerity rate (Chert 14). The fi-considerity rate (Chert 14). The fipositivity rate (Chart III). This fi-gure is more than double of any

tive cases at 1:78%, followed by the U.S. at 1.00% (Chart 2). In terms of tions in 2024 with 91 cases, fol-lowed closely by finly with 85. Rus-sia and the U.S. reported 76 cases each, while Germany and China corded 84 and 43 cases, respec-

Cructally, these nations record-Critically, these nations record of fewer positive results in both absolute and percentage terms that think, despite measuring the state of the stat

host the 2030 Commonwealth Cames, seen as a stepping stone towards its larger ambition of host-ing the 2036 Olympics.

Sport-wise data from India shows that athletics recorded the most positive results in absolute terms. Of the 260 positive cases in 2024, as many as 78 came from athletics, followed by weightlifting (13) and wrestling (29). Boxing and vides a from powerlifting recorded 17 cases forcement each, while kabaddi accounted for violations

10 cases. (Table 4) These figures reflect a partern that has held over several years, with endurance and strength-based sports dominating the list of violations. In July, un-der 23 wrestling champion and Pa-ris Olympics quarter-finalist Recti-lia. Hooda tested positive for bunned substances and was provi-sionally superided, drawing atten-Report 2022, 2022 and 2028

tion to disping risks even among elite athletes.

At the grass-room level, enforce-ment used appears to be a deter-rent. During India's University Games earlier this month, there

The MGNREGA envisions the right to work as a песенату condition for the

ter anti-doping officials arrived at venius, in some cases leaving only a single competitor to participate. India's National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) has defended its record, arguing that higher num-bers reflect improved detection rather than rising drug use. In a statement based on Wednesday, the agency said india had "signif-

cantly strengthened" its anti-dep-ing framework in recent years. However, global comparisons

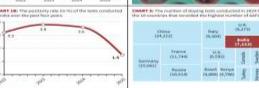
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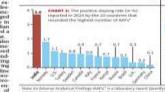
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The government has also moved to tighten the logal framework. Parliament recently passed the National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill. 2025, incorporating changes sought by WADA to bring India's anti-doping regime in line with global standards. The bill pro-libits doping in sports, and pro-vides a framework for testing, en-forcement, and adjudication of

#### Playing it dirty

The data for the charts were assured from the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) Anti-Doping Rule Violations 1409W







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#### Auto Industry's exports fetch Rs. 30 crores

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#### No disability by dual classification

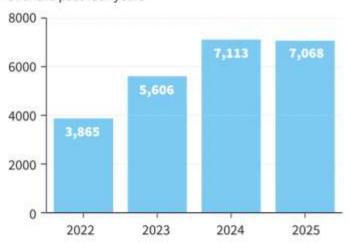
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# Playing it dirty

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CHART 1A: The total number of samples tested in India over the past four years



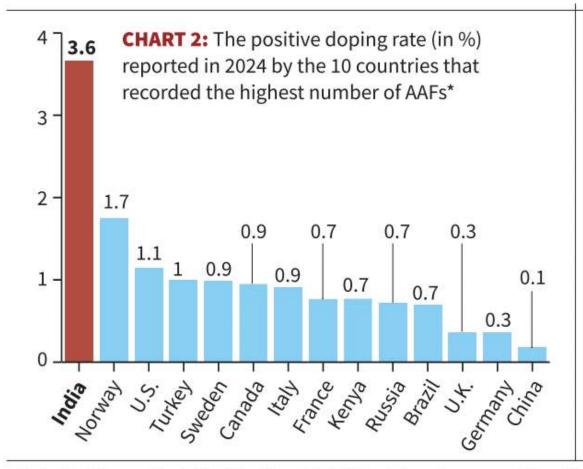
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CHART 1B: The positivity rate (in %) of the tests conducted in India over the past four years

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CHART 3: The number of doping tests conducted in 2024 by the 10 countries that recorded the highest number of AAFs\*

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**TABLE 4:** The total number of samples collected, total AAFs, and the corresponding positivity rate across the 10 sports that recorded the highest number of AAFs\* in India

Sport	Total Samples	Total AAFs	Positivity rate (in %)
Athletics	1,862	76	4.1
Weightlifting	664	43	6.5
Wrestling	414	29	7
Powerlifting	54	17	31.5
Boxing	413	17	4.1
Kabaddi	181	10	5.5
Bodybuilding	12	8	66.7
Judo	186	6	3.2
Wushu	111	5	4.5

Note: An Adverse Analytical Findings (AAFs)\* is a laboratory report identifying the presence of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers (including elevated quantities of endogenous substances) or evidence of the use of a prohibited method, in line with WADA standards



Aspect	English	श्रम्ह
Location	Kashiwazaki & Kariwa, Niigata Prefecture, Japan	काशीवाज़ाकी व कारीवा, निगाता प्रान्त, जापान
Operator	Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO)	टोक्यो इलेक्ट्रिक पावर कंपनी (TEPCO)
Туре	Nuclear Power Plant (BWR reactors)	परमाणु विद्युत संयंत्र (BWR रिएक्टर)
Capacity	~7,965 MW (World's largest nuclear plant by capacity)	लगभग 7,965 मेगावाट (क्षमता के अनुसार विश्व का सबसे बड़ा)
Restart Approval	Approved after nearly 2 decades	लगभग दो दशकों बाद पुनः आरंभ की मंजूरी
State Approval	Niigata Prefectural Assembly cleared restart	निगाता प्रांतीय विधानसभा की स्वीकृति
Background	Shut after Fukushima (2011) safety concerns	फुकुशिमा (2011) के बाद सुरक्षा कारणों से बंद
Policy Shift	Marks shift in post-Fukushima energy policy	फुकुशिमा-पश्चात ऊर्जा नीति में बदलाव
Key Objectives	Energy security, cost control, decarbonisation	ऊर्जा सुरक्षा, लागत नियंत्रण, डी- कार्बनाइजेशन
Public Response	Protests by local residents	स्थानीय जनता द्वारा विरोध

Dimension	English	श्रम्ह
Energy Security	Reduces dependence on LNG & fossil fuel imports	LNG व जीवाश्म ईंधन आयात पर निर्भरता घटेगी
Climate Goals	Supports Japan's net-zero commitments	नेट-ज़ीरो लक्ष्यों को समर्थन
Economic	Helps control electricity costs	बिजली लागत नियंत्रण में सहायक
Geopolitical	Response to volatile global energy markets	अस्थिर वैश्विक ऊर्जा बाजारों की प्रतिक्रिया
Technology	Revival of nuclear expertise & safety standards	परमाणु तकनीक व सुरक्षा मानको का पुनरुत्थान

## Q. With reference to the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Plant, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is located in Niigata Prefecture on the western coast of Japan.
- 2. It is operated by Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO).
- 3. It is the largest nuclear power plant in the world in terms of installed capacity.
- 4. It was restarted immediately after the Fukushima nuclear disaster.

## Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A) 1 and 2 only
- B) 1, 2 and 3 only
- C) 2 and 4 only
- D) 1, 3 and 4 only

# National Mathematics Day & Srinivasa Ramanujan's Legacy

Aspect	English	श्रम्ह
Observed On	22 December every year	प्रत्येक वर्ष 22 दिसंबर
Occasion	Birth anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan	श्रीनिवास रामानुजन की जयंती
First Observed	2012	2012
Declared By	Government of India	भारत सरकार
Purpose	Promote mathematical thinking & innovation	गणितीय सोच और नवाचार को बढ़ावा
Category	Science & Technology / Culture	विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी / संस्कृति

Aspect	English	श्राप्त्ह
Born	22 December 1887	22 दिसंबर 1887
Birthplace	Erode, Tamil Nadu	इरोड, तमिलनाडु
Field	Number Theory, Infinite Series	संख्या सिद्धांत, अनंत श्रेणियाँ
Famous For	Intuitive mathematical formulas	सहज गणितीय सूत्र
Collaborated With	G. H. Hardy (Cambridge)	जी. एच. हार्डी (कैम्ब्रिज)
Died	1920 (Age 32)	1920 (आयु 32 वर्ष)

# **English**

Ramanujan Prime & Tau Function

Partition Function

**Mock Theta Functions** 

Infinite Series for  $\pi$ 

1729 (Hardy–Ramanujan Number)

# श्रमह

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1729 (हार्डी-रामानुजन संख्या)

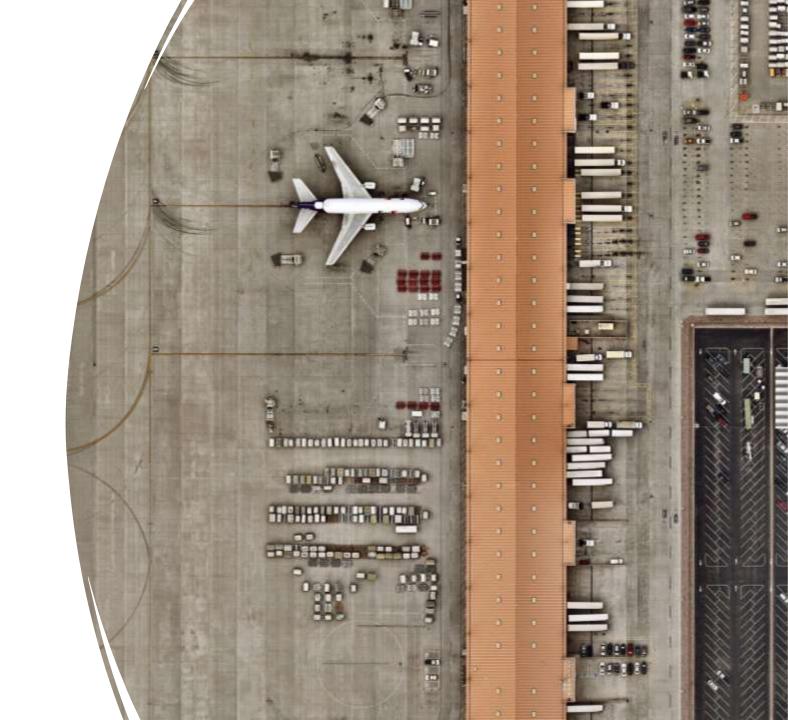
# U19 Asia Cup Final: Pakistan Defeated India by 191 Runs

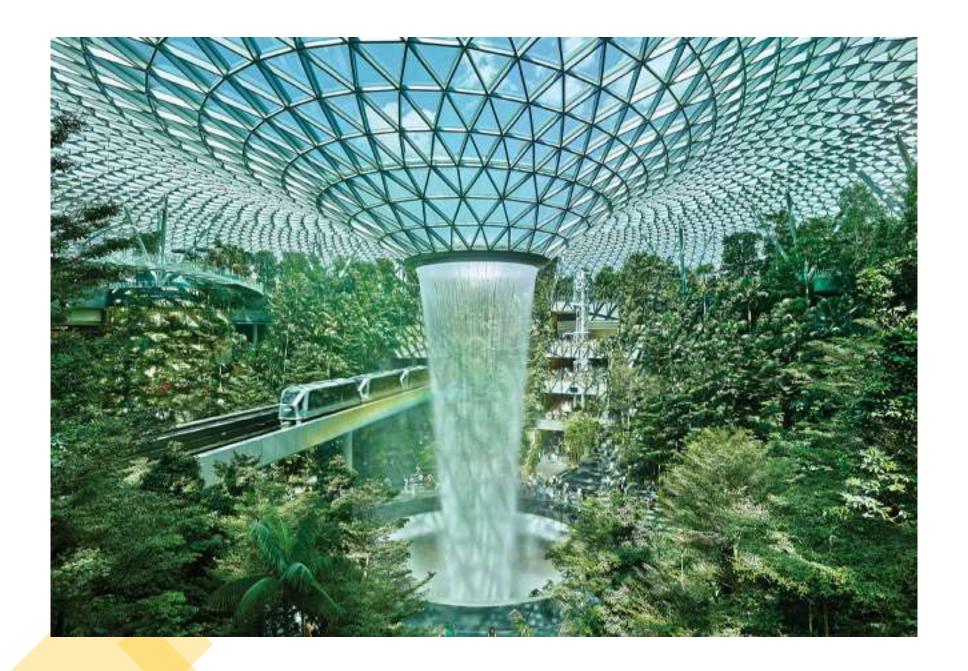
Aspect	English	श्राप्त्ह
Tournament	Under-19 Asia Cup	अंडर-19 एशिया कप
Match	Final	फाइनल
Venue	Dubai, UAE	दुबई, संयुक्त अरब अमीरात
Teams	India U19 vs Pakistan U19	भारत U19 बनाम पाकिस्तान U19
Result	Pakistan won by <b>191 runs</b>	पाकिस्तान 191 घ्रष्ट से विजयी
Pakistan Score	347/8 (50 overs)	347ण8 ज50 इ. त्रघझ
India Score	156 all out	156 घ्रष्ट ज़ल् च ष क्झ
Title Significance	Pakistan's <b>first outright Men's U19 Asia Cup title</b>	पाकिस्तान का <b>हणचत्र हज्ज्ञ हर्म्ड्</b> ड्र <b>U19 ङ्भट्र ग्रव इ ह स्म्ह्</b> ंट्र

1989	Bangladesh	Bangabandhu National Stadium	India 224/7 (49 overs)	India won by 79 runs Scorecard ♂	145/10 (39.5 overs)
2003	Pakistan	Gaddafi Stadium	India 229/2 (44.4 overs)	India won by 8 wickets Scorecard t♂	Sri Lanka 225/10 (49.4 overs)
2012	Malaysia	Kinrara Academy Oval	N	India / Pakistan 282/9 (50 overs) / 282/8 (50 overs) latch tied and the trophy was share Scorecard 🗷	ed
2013/14	United Arab Emirates	Sharjah Cricket Stadium	India 314/8 (50 overs)	India won by 40 runs Scorecard ம	Pakistan 274/9 (50 overs)
2016	Sri Lanka	R. Premadasa Stadium	India 273/8 (50 overs)	India won by 34 runs Scorecard ம	Sri Lanka 239/10 (48.4 overs)
2017	Malaysia	Kinrara Academy Oval	Afghanistan 248/7 (50 overs)	Afghanistan won by 185 runs Scorecard ☑	Pakistan 63/10 (22.1 overs)
2018	Bangladesh	Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium	India 304/3 (50 overs)	India won by 144 runs Scorecard ☑	Sri Lanka 160 (38.4 overs)
2019	Sri Lanka	R. Premadasa Stadium	India 106 (32.4 overs)	India won by 5 runs Scorecard ♂	Bangladesh 101 (33 overs)
2021	United Arab Emirates	Dubai International Cricket Stadium	India 104/1 (21.3 overs)	India won by 9 wickets (D/L) Scorecard ☑	Sri Lanka 106/9 (38 overs)
2023	United Arab Emirates	Dubai International Cricket Stadium	Bangladesh 282/8 (50 overs)	Bangladesh won by 195 runs Scoreboard ₽	United Arab Emirates 87 (24.5 overs)
2024	United Arab Emirates	Dubai International Cricket Stadium	Bangladesh 198 (49.1 overs)	Bangladesh won by 59 runs Scorecard ☑	India 139 (35.2 overs)
2025	United Arab Emirates	ICC Academy Ground	Pakistan 347/8 (50 overs)	Pakistan won by 191 runs Scorecard ☑	India 156 (26.2 overs)

Team	Appearances		es	011	
Total First Latest		Champion	Runners-up		
India	11	1989	2024	8 (1989, 2003, 2012, 2013–14, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021)	2 (2024, 2025)
© Pakistan	11	1989	2024	2 (2012, 2025)	2 (2013–14, 2017)
Bangladesh	10	1989	2024	2 (2023, 2024)	1 (2019)
Maristan Maristan	9	2012	2024	1 (2017)	
Sri Lanka	11	1989	2024		5 (1989, 2003, 2016, 2018, 2021)
United Arab Emirates	7	2013–14	2024		1 (2023)
Nepal	9	2012	2024		
Malaysia	4	2012	2017		
Japan	2	2023	2024		
Kuwait	2	2019	2021		
Qatar	1	2012	2012		
Singapore	1	2016	2016		
Hong Kong	1	2018	2018		

Singapore Changi Airport Named World's Best International Airport 2025







#### 物源高 **Aspect English** सिंगापुर चांगी हवाई अड्डा Airport **Singapore Changi Airport** सिंगापुर Country Singapore विश्व का सर्वश्रेष्ठ अंतरराष्ट्रीय World's Best International Airport Award हवाई अड्डा 2025 2025 ट्रैवल + लीजर (इंडियाज़ बेस्ट Travel + Leisure (India's Best **Awarding Body** अवार्ड्स) Awards) दिसंबर 2025 December 2025 **Announcement Date** वैश्विक पाठकों द्वारा ऑनलाइन **Selection Method** Global reader voting (online) मतदान Passenger experience, comfort, यात्री अन्भव, स्विधा व आराम Basis of Ranking facilities

# 🔷 Key Reasons for Top Ranking | शीर्ष रैंक के कारण

English	हिंदी
Exceptional passenger experience beyond transit	ट्रांज़िट से आगे उत्कृष्ट यात्री अनुभव
Iconic Jewel complex with Rain Vortex	रेन वॉर्टेक्स सहित ज्वेल कॉम्प्लेक्स
Indoor gardens & nature-inspired design	इनडोर गार्डन व प्रकृति-आधारित डिज़ाइन
High efficiency, cleanliness, connectivity	उच्च दक्षता, स्वच्छता, कनेक्टिविटी
Seamless immigration & baggage handling	त्वरित इमिग्रेशन व बैगेज प्रबंधन

# 🔷 Signature Attractions (Exam Favourite) | प्रमुख आकर्षण

English	हिंदी
Jewel Changi Airport	ज्येल चांगी एयरपोर्ट
Rain Vortex (World's tallest indoor waterfall)	रेन वॉर्टेक्स (विश्व का सबसे ऊँचा इनडोर जलप्रपात)
Butterfly Garden	बटरफ्लाई गार्डन
Canopy Park	कैनोपी पार्क
Sky-lit terminals	स्काई-लिट टर्मिनल्स

# Q. With reference to Singapore Changi Airport, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is located in Southeast Asia near the equator.
- 2. It was ranked the World's Best International Airport 2025 by Travel + Leisure.
- 3. Jewel Changi Airport houses the world's tallest indoor waterfall.
- 4. The ranking was decided solely by government nominations.

# Which of the statements given above are correct?

- A) 1, 2 and 3 only
- B) 1 and 4 only
- C) 2 and 4 only
- D) 1, 2, 3 and 4

# India Nears \$450 Million BrahMos Missile Export Deals with Vietnam & Indonesia



Aspect	English	<b>炯</b> 疾長
Missile	<b>BrahMos</b> Supersonic Cruise Missile	ब्रहमोस सुपरसोनिक क्रूज़ मिसाइल
Deal Value	~\$450 million (≈ ₹4,000 crore)	लगभग \$450 मिलियन (≈ ₹4,000 करोड़)
Buyer Countries	Vietnam & Indonesia	वियतनाम और इंडोनेशिया
Exporting Country	India	भारत
Region	Southeast Asia	दक्षिण-पूर्व एशिया
Missile Speed	Mach 2.8–3.0	मैक 2.8-3.0
Missile Type	Supersonic, precision- strike	सुपरसोनिक, सटीक प्रहार

strike

## **English Aspect** भारत-रूस सय्क्त India & Russia Joint Development विकास + मास्कवा Brahmaputra + Name Origin Moskva rivers **Platforms** Land, Sea, Air थल, जल, वाय् फायर-एंड-फॉरगेट Guidance Fire-and-forget अत्यधिक सटीकता Very high precision Accuracy

- Q. With reference to the BrahMos missile, consider the following statements:
- It is a jointly developed missile by India and Russia.
- It is a hypersonic missile.
- It can be launched from land, sea and air platforms.
- India is planning to export it to Vietnam and Indonesia.
- Which of the statements given above are correct?
- A) 1, 3 and 4 only
- B) 1 and 2 only
- C) 2 and 3 only
- D) 1, 2, 3 and 4

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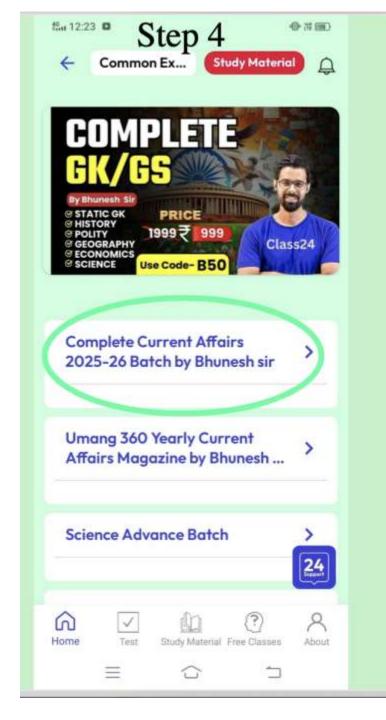
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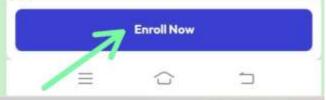






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# Word of the day

# Succour:

assistance in time of difficulty; help in a difficult situation

Synonyms: ministration, relief

**Usage:** His aim was to bring succour to such victims.

Pronunciation: newsth.live/succourpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /'sʌkə/

