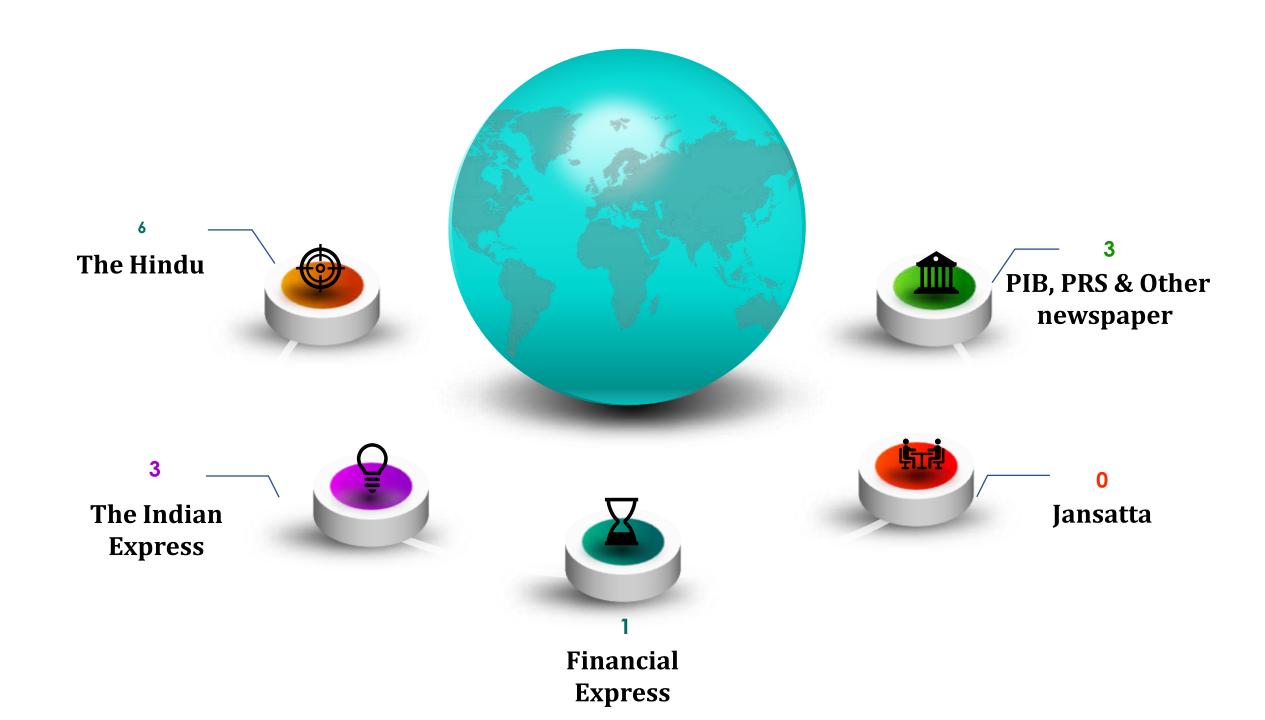




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India, U.K. ink trade pact, expand cooperation

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Sriram Lakshman LONDON

ndia and the United Kingdom signed a Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement on Thursday during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the U.K. The deal was signed by Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and his British counterpart Jonathan Reynolds. The two sides also released a reworked and extended cooperation framework, replacing 'Roadmap 2030' with the 'India-U.K. Vision 2035' framework.

"Today marks a historic day in our bilateral relations," said Mr. Modi while delivering a press statement beside U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer at Chequers, the latter's official country residence.

Mr. Modi said the deal

would benefit Indian farmers, the MSME sector, Indian footwear and jewellery exports, as well as seafood and engineering goods sectors. He indicated that British medical devices and aerospace parts would be more easily sold in India (i.e., they would face lower Indian tariffs). Both sides were keen to emphasise the benefits of the deal to their respective political constituents.

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Stronger bond: PM Narendra Modi with his British counterpart Kein Starmer at Chequers Estate in the U.K. X/@NARENDRAMODI

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Prime Minister Modi thanked Mr. Starmer for his support following the Pahalgam terror attack of April 22. "We are united in the belief that there is no place for double standards in the fight against terrorism," Mr. Modi said.

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2. Key Benefits to India

- Boost to:
 - Indian farmers
 - MSMEs
 - Footwear and jewellery exports
 - Seafood and engineering goods
- Lower tariffs on British medical devices and aerospace parts in India.

3. Benefits to the UK

- Gains in manufacturing, whisky distillation, cutting-edge tech, and service sectors.
- Big win for UK distillers in Scotland and service hubs like Manchester and Leeds.

4. Significance of the Deal

- U.K. Minister: "Biggest trade deal since Brexit and best deal India has ever offered."
- Agreement announced in May 2025 after 3+ years of negotiations.

5. Double Taxation Relief

- India and UK agreed to negotiate a reciprocal **Double Contributions Convention (DCC)**:
 - Employees working across borders will pay social contributions in only one country.
 - Exemption period extended from 1 year to 3 years.

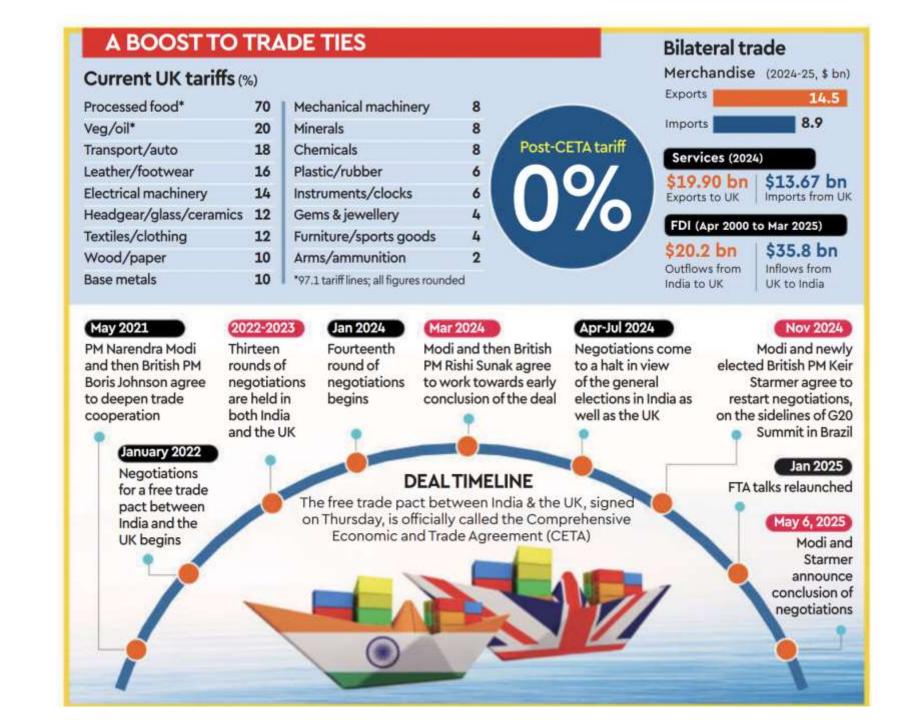
6. Vision 2035 Pillars

- Technology and jobs
- Climate change
- Defence
- Security

- 7. Multilateralism and Global Cooperation
 - Discussed global issues:
 - Strengthening multilateralism (UN, WTO, IMF, WHO, Commonwealth)
 - Reforming international institutions to reflect "contemporary global realities."
- 8. Strategic Cooperation
 - Cooperation on economic offenders' extradition.
 - PM Modi thanked UK PM Starmer for support during Pahalgam terror attack.
 - Joint stance against double standards in terrorism.

9. Industry Reception

 Indian industry bodies welcomed the deal as a positive move in a challenging global trade environment.



2. Economic Benefits vs Health Risks

- The FTA allows tariff-free entry of ultra-processed food (UPF) and HFSS (High in Fat, Sugar, Salt) products from the U.K. into India.
- Lower prices may lead to increased consumption of:
 - Biscuits
 - Chocolates
 - Soft drinks
- Risk: Rise in obesity, diabetes, and non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

3. Learning from Mexico's NAFTA Mistake

- Post-NAFTA (1992), Mexico saw:
 - A spike in HFSS food imports.
 - Increase in NCDs due to poor regulation.
- Mexico later introduced policies like:
 - Soda Tax
 - HFSS front-of-pack warning labels.

. India's Weak Regulatory Framework

- India's current systems on HFSS foods:
 - Voluntary star rating system by FSSAI (FoPNL) is ineffective.
 - Industry self-regulation is rarely enforced.
 - Weak enforcement of ad codes (especially celebrity endorsements).
 - No mandatory HFSS warning labels yet.

Q. With reference to the India-U.K. Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement signed in 2025, consider the following statements:

- The agreement includes a reciprocal Double Contributions Convention to avoid double taxation on social contributions.
- 2. The Vision 2035 framework focuses on only economic growth and technology exchange.
- 3. Indian medical devices and aerospace parts will face higher tariffs in the U.K. post agreement.
- 4. The deal replaces the earlier "India-U.K. Roadmap 2030."

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

A. 1 and 4 only

B. 2 and 3 only

C. 1, 2 and 4 only

D. 1, 3 and 4 only

11 killed in clashes between Thai and Cambodian forces

Associated Press BANGKOK

Thai and Cambodian soldiers clashed in several areas along their border on Thursday in a major escalation of their conflict that left at least 11 people dead, mostly civilians. The two sides fired small arms, artillery and rockets, and Thailand also called in air strikes.

Thai villagers could be seen on video fleeing their homes to seek shelter as the clashes began in the morning.

Fighting was ongoing in at least six areas along the border, Thai Defence Ministry spokesperson Surasant Kongsiri said.

The trigger for the clashes was a mine explosion along the border on Wednesday that wounded five Thai soldiers and led Bangkok to withdraw its Ambassador to Cambodia and ex-

pelled Cambodia's.

Thailand has also sealed all land border crossings while urging its citizens to leave Cambodia.

The Southeast Asian neighbours have longstanding border disputes that periodically flare along their 800-km frontier and usually result in brief confrontations that sometimes involves exchanges of gunfire.

But relations have deteriorated sharply since a confrontation in May that killed a Cambodian soldier, and Thursday's clashes were far bigger in scale and intensity than usual.

The first clash on Thursday morning happened in an area near the ancient Ta Muen Thom temple along the border of Thailand's Surin province and Cambodia's Oddar Meanchey province.

A video from the Thai side showed people run-



People wait in line to get food at a shelter in Thailand's Buriram province on Thursday, following clashes along the border. REUTERS

ning from their homes and hiding in a concrete bunker as explosions sounded.

The Thai army said its forces heard a drone before seeing six armed Cambodian soldiers moving closer to Thai military positions at the border. It said Thai soldiers tried to shout at them to defuse the situation, but the Cambodian side started to open fire.

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PM writes to UN

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet wrote to the current President of the UN Security Council asking for an urgent meeting "to stop Thailand's aggression".

The Thai army said it later launched air strikes on military targets in Cambodia, while the Cambodian Defence Ministry said the Thai jets dropped bombs on a road near the ancient Preah Vihear temple, which has been the site of some of the most prominent and violent past conflicts between the countries.

Thailand's Foreign Ministry accused Cambodia of attacking both military and non-military sites in Thailand, including a hospital.

Acting Prime Minister Phumtham Wechayachai said 11 people have died, including 10 civilians and one soldier.

Meanwhile 28 have been injured, four of

whom were soldiers and the rest civilians.

On Wednesday, Thailand withdrew its ambassador to Cambodia and expelled the Cambodian ambassador to protest the mine blast that wounded its soldiers.

Thai authorities alleged the mines were newly laid along paths that both sides had agreed were supposed to be safe. They said the mines were Russian-made and not of a type employed by Thailand's military.

Cambodia rejected Thailand's account as "baseless accusations," pointing out that many unexploded mines and other ordnance are a legacy of 20th century wars and unrest.

Cambodia also downgraded diplomatic relations, recalling all Cambodian staff on Thursday from its embassy in Bangkok.













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Aspect	Thailand	Cambodia	Ð
Capital	Bangkok	Phnom Penh	
Official Language	Thai	Khmer	
Currency	Thai Baht (THB)	Cambodian Riel (KHR); USD widely accepted	
Government Type	Constitutional Monarchy with Parliamentary Democracy	Constitutional Monarchy with Parliamentary Democracy	
Head of State	King Vajiralongkorn	King Norodom Sihamoni	
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Major Religion	Theravada Buddhism (~94%)	Theravada Buddhism (~97%)	
GDP (Nominal)	~\$550 billion (2023)	~\$30 billion (2023)	
GDP per Capita	~\$7,800	~\$1,800	
Major Exports	Electronics, automobiles, rubber, food	Garments, footwear, rice, bicycles	
Tourism Highlights	Beaches, Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Phuket, Ayutthaya	Angkor Wat, Phnom Penh, coastal cities (Sihanoukville)	
Colonial Past	Never colonized (unique in Southeast Asia)	French colony (part of French Indochina)	
ASEAN Membership	Yes	Yes	
Literacy Rate	~94%	~83%	
Human Development Index	0.800 (High)	0.593 (Medium)	

- Date: Thursday (exact date not specified)
- At least **11 people dead** 10 civilians and 1 soldier.
- Triggered by a **mine explosion** along the border on Wednesday.
- Thai forces launched air strikes, and Cambodia accused Thailand of military aggression.

2. Geographical Context

- Fighting occurred along the 800-km shared border.
- Intense conflict near:
 - Ta Muen Thom temple (Thailand's Surin province)
 - Oddar Meanchey province (Cambodia)
 - Near Preah Vihear temple site of past disputes.

3. Timeline & Escalation

- May: Earlier skirmish killed a Cambodian soldier.
- Current clash: Multiple locations, air strikes, and drone deployment.
- Thailand sealed all land border crossings, urged citizens to leave Cambodia.

4. Military Actions

- Thailand:
 - Used drones to monitor border activity.
 - Claimed Cambodian soldiers moved too close to Thai posts.
 - Deployed air strikes after Cambodian soldiers opened fire.
 - Alleged newly laid Russian-made mines caused Thai injuries.

- Cambodia:
 - Called Thai actions "unprovoked incursions".
 - Claimed to act in self-defence.
 - Said Thai jets bombed roads near Preah Vihear temple.

5. Diplomatic Fallout

- Thailand:
 - Withdrew ambassador from Cambodia.
 - Expelled Cambodian ambassador.
- Cambodia:
 - Wrote to **UN Security Council** urging action.
 - Recalled embassy staff from Bangkok.
 - Called Thailand's claims "baseless accusations".

Q. With reference to the recent border clashes between Thailand and Cambodia, consider the following statements:

- 1. The recent clashes began after a mine blast wounded several Thai soldiers.
- 2. Preah Vihear temple, a site of historical significance, was one of the areas near the conflict zone.
- 3. Cambodia launched air strikes on Thai territory in response to aggression.
- 4. Both countries have recalled their ambassadors following the conflict.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
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Two-member committee to probe charges against Kerala IAS officer

The Hindu Bureau

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Karnataka will go ahead with Mahadayi project: Deputy CM

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PMK founder seeks ban on Anbumani's padayatra in T.N.

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The Hindu Bureau Dr. Ramadous rettorated that his name should not that his name should not be used by his som in any context, though he may use his initial. Mr. Remadous said he had assumed charge as "party president" on May 10, 2025. The executive and administrative com The tunile between PMR founder 3. Ramadons and his non Anbumani Rama-dons has intenaified, with the former lodging a com-plant with the Director-General of Polics, assiking measures in prevent the latter's uproving 100-day padoyutra "to reclaim the urbuts of the Tandi and administrative com mittees were revenipee and the list of office bear ers, including the honor padagatra "to recaim the rights of the Tamil people". Speaking to reporters at his Thailapuran residence near Tiodivanam on Thursday, Dr. Ramadoss and the police should preary president, treasurer, and general secretary have been furnished with the Election Commission of th dia (007b) "I have duly appointed office-boarers to run the party and if anyone pre-vents them from doing their duties or falsely vent Dr. Anbumani from taking out the podavarra as der issuer in nurth Tandi Nidu: Merken in nurth Tandi Nidu: Merken in nurth Tandi He ako sought police in bicciplinung: Action Com-tervention to prevent the use of the PMK (flag during the pedepatra. it would cause law and or

CM Stalin undergoes diagnostic angiogram

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Telangana CM meets verdict on Kharge and Rahul govt's plea on on the State's caste survey and efforts to provide 42% Class (HC) communities in education, politics and em-ployment. The earlier and port from like-minded Mis to mout pressure on the entiting the 42% reservation. The State conducted State of the entiting the 42% reservation. Darshan's bail The Itindu Bureau The supporte Court on Thursday reserved for judgment Kenrataka's chal-lenge to a fligh Court des-des and the Court of the the second ball Court des-ter and the Renutaswamy marder case, A bouch of justices JP Pardiwala and k Mahadewan questioned k Mahadewan duestioned Caste, Economic, Employ-ment and Political Survey. Mr. Beddy made a state-

ment on the survey results in the Assembly on Febru-ary 4. In a post on X, My, Reddy said that the caste versed beyond the limits of sail jurisdiction and vir-nady "dictated an order of acquittal". The Bench desurvey led to the resolve to provide 42% reservations for OBCs in local body bated whether the court indulged in a "perverse sa-arcise" of discretionary

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The Chief Minister along with Departy Chief Minister Malhu. Bhatti. Witzmanaka and their Gabinet col-lengues met with All India Compress Committee presi-dent Malikarjan Khange and Leader of Dipponition in Lak Sabha Bahud Gaudh in New Delha on Tharaday. Mr. Roddy will make a pre-sentiation to Congress MP workers at the Banner ognatta biological Park in Bengaluru try to shift an elephant into a carriage to be sent to the Himeji Central Park in Japan. The second batch of four elephants will be transported through a cargo ation from thengaluru to Osaila. Weterinary doctors and leagens will accompany the algebants and he with them for two works in thing them adjust to the new anuimment is unional usawa

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24-year survey reveals that coral cover in Lakshadweep saw a 50% reduction

The Hindu Bureau BENGALURU

Concerning revelations have emerged from one of the longest-running coral reef monitoring programmes in the Indian Ocean. The 24-year-long study shows that corals in the Lakshadweep archipelago have declined to half of what they were in 1998 as a result of repeated marine heatwaves, exacerbated by climate change.

However, local conditions, such as wave exposure and depth, play essential roles in shaping how reefs respond to and recover from these events.

The study, 'Local Environmental Filtering and Frequency of Marine Heatwaves Influence Decadal



The researchers have been tracking reef condition at three atolls across the Lakshadweep archipelago to understand how reefs respond to climate change. REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE

Trends in Coral Composition', published in the journal *Diversity and Distributions*, uses long-term data sets to propose a predictive framework, which could help identify vulnerable reefs, and reefs that may still have the potential

to recover.

Since 1998, researchers from the Nature Conservation Foundation have been tracking reef condition at three atolls across the Lakshadweep archipelago – Agatti, Kadmat and Kavaratti – to understand how reefs respond to climate change. This programme has monitored reefs as they declined and recovered from three major El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) events – in 1998, 2010 and 2016.

Reduced recovery rate

"Over 24 years, coral cover declined from 37.24% to 19.6%, reflecting a roughly 50% reduction from the1998 baseline. This decline was explained by reduced recovery rates after each bleaching event, despite coral mortality decreasing with successive events. Recovery rates dramatically increased after six years, suggesting a critical period of bleachingfree years needed for reefs to recover.



- One of the longest-running coral reef monitoring programmes in the Indian Ocean.
- Duration: 24 years (since 1998).
- Location: Lakshadweep archipelago (Agatti, Kadmat, Kavaratti atolls).
- Conducted by: Nature Conservation Foundation.

2. Key Findings

- Coral cover declined from 37.24% (1998) to 19.6% (2022) approx. 50% reduction.
- Cause: Repeated marine heatwaves and climate change.
- Three major El Niño events tracked: 1998, 2010, 2016.
- Bleaching episodes led to lower **coral recovery rates**, even though mortality decreased.

3. Local Influences on Coral Recovery

- Wave exposure and depth influence coral reef survival and resilience.
- Local environmental filtering plays a vital role in reef responses.

4. Predictive Framework

- Published in journal Diversity and Distributions.
- Uses long-term data to:
 - Identify vulnerable reefs.
 - Predict which reefs may still recover.

Торіс	Details	
Location	Lakshadweep archipelago (Agatti, Kadmat, Kavaratti)	
Coral Decline	From 37.24% to 19.6% over 24 years	
Cause	Repeated marine heatwaves, climate change	
ENSO Impact Years	1998, 2010, 2016	
Organisation	Nature Conservation Foundation	
Journal	Diversity and Distributions	
Concept	Environmental filtering and predictive frameworks for reef recovery	

Q. With reference to the 24-year study on coral reefs in the Lakshadweep archipelago, consider the following statements:

- 1. The study found that coral cover in Lakshadweep reduced by over 70% from 1998 to 2022.
- 2. The decline in coral cover is linked to repeated marine heatwaves and major El Niño events.
- 3. The study emphasized that local factors like wave exposure and depth influence reef recovery.
- 4. The study concluded that reefs recover quickly within 1–2 years of bleaching events.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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Coromandel Intl to add \$8 mn stake in Senegal's BMCC

Coronnandel International will buy an additional 1726/98 atake for \$7.70 million in Senogaleae rock phosphate more Boolas Minning and Chermicals MMC to 71.51%. the agriculture solutions from aid. The board also approved the setting of ef a 3,868 TPD tagging plant at Kakinada facility for 1572 crore. For the quarter ended lune, the firm's consolidated net profit green 62% to 8501.89 cross while total hussing roce 49% or 77,950-01 cross.

Canara Bank QI net rises 22% as non-interest income grows

Canara Bank reported a 21,69% year-on-sear Canana Bank reported a 21.69% year-on-year increase in first quarter (PY28) net profit to 64.752 crore. The bank said a significant rise in nen-interprint income drove the growth. The lender's Qi net interest income full 1.7% to 59.009 ertore, however, other income jumped 32.7% to F2,060.48 crore, Gross non performing assets ratio improved to 2.40% from 4.14% while Net NPA ratio hettered to 0.63% from 1.24%.



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The government will soon release a new National Te-lecom Policy, seven years after the last one was put out. The Department of Te-

lecommunications (DoT) on Thursday published the draft text for comment, with a vision statement emphasizing a "telecom product nation that is dri-ven by innovation and that universally connects its ci-

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tablecom fitms. The government has set a target of covering 90% of the population with 5G by 2030, and 100% with 4G. Towers that are connected by fiber to telecom net-works (as apponed to wite-leas links to other towers), are songhot to be increased are sought to be increased from 46% to 80%. One miltion with hotspots are tar-geted to he set up to tenth geted to be set up (a tenth of the 2018 policy's target), and encouraging satellite internet where needed. Internet where needed. The centre has also pro-posed a brost to local re-search and development (BAD) efforts in telecom, and increased indium parti-cipation in global standar-

disation discussions, par-ticularly on 6G. Domestic

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India U.K. trade deal likely to boost farm export growth by 20%

The India-United Kingdom CETA sharpens' India's competitive edge on a number of agricultural and food-related items, according to an official



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to officials who are aware of the calculations. Under the deal, the U.K. will benefit from a 12 per-centage point average tariff reduction – from the cur-rent average of 15% to a new average of 15% to for ex-ports to India. It will see a composite to radiation of ta the Prime Ministers of both the countries. "In agriculture, India ex-ports \$56.63 billion global-ly, while the U.K. Imports \$57.52 billion, but Imports Just 5611 million from In-dia 5611 million from In-Competitive edge Apart from this, the deal "sharpens" India's com-petitive edge on a number removal or reduction of ta-riffs on 90% of the tariff lines, covering 92% of the neuro currently exported of agricultural and food-re-lated terms, the official ex-plained. For example, in the export of fresh grapes dia, abowing room for growth in high-value agri products," a government official said. "Duty-free ac neems currently exported from the U.K. to Isadia. Among the items that will find cheaper access to the india market from the U.K. are whiskey, items re-lated to aerospace, auto-mobiles and electrical machinery. The economic and trade-deal was signed in the UK w Union Commerce and cens is expected to rule agriculture experts by over 20% in next three years." to U.K., the deal provides India an advantage over Brazil and brings it on par Brasil and brings if on par with top experters such us hyper and south Africa. In processed food prep-arations, the deal helps in-dia gain ground on the U.S., Chuna, and Thailand. "Notably, in the pre-cases food sector. Jacob No sensitive sectors India has not provided the U.K.access to its meat sen-sitive sectors such as dairy products, applies, oats, and edible offs. edible offs. "These exclusions re-flect india's calibrated trade strategy – one that prioritises food security. e olts "Notably, in the pro-cessed food sector, tariffa on 99.7% of lines have been slashed from as high, as 70% to zero, offering a major boost for Indian ex-perters," the official said. by Union Commerce and Industry Minister Plyash Goyal and the U.K'.a Secre-tary of State for Business and Trade Jonathan Rey-nolds, in the presence of domestic price stability, and vulnerable farming

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Private sector lender Karur Vysya Bank (KVB) first quarter net profit in-creased 13.8F% to CKR tion service, to allow insti-totions to verify an individual mobile user's identity The "lawful intercep-tion" language from the 2009 policy has been elimierore from £459 crore in crore from 5459 crore in the same period last year. The bank's board also approved issuance of bo-nus equity shares in the proportion of 1.8. Net interest margin shood at 3.46% compared with 6.14 % last year. Net interest income in-creased by 3.16% to 61,000 crore in the April-June 2018 policy has been elimi-nated in Thursday's draft, and focuses instead on building quantum-secure communications. On sus-timation of the "circular eco-nomy" imperative of recy-cling materials from tel-com equipment in us. crore in the April-June quarter, 2025-2026 from

CCTV maker Aditya Infotech set to raise ₹1.300 crore via IPO

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Total advances as on him 30 stood at 869,374 crore, up 15.076 from 877,710 crore as on june 30, 2024. Gross non-performing

t1,027 crore for corres-ponding quarter of pre-vious year. Total deposits as on June 30 crossed ti lakh crore and mood as + 2 + difference

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Two major sectors that have a dominant presence of Micro, Small and Medi-um-scale Enterprises (MSMEs) and are expected

to gain immensely from the India-U.K. Comprehen-sive Economic and Trade

sive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) are tog-tiles and engineering. Elimination of tartfle on textiles and garments from the earlier overings (25% will remove the duty disadvan-tage that the Indian exper-ters faced in the U.K. with commettings such as bar.

ompetitors such as Ban-ladesh and Cambodia, aid government officials.

The segments poised for quisiential growth in-ude ready-made gar-

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With the CETA promising duty-free access and rema-val of trade barriers, this sector is well-positioned to increase its hootpaint in the U.K. market, they sold.

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The aerospace luminess of Godrej Enterprises Group said it has received an or-der from Prat & Whitney to manufacture complex aerospace parts for aircent engine applications. The contract will signifi-cantly extended the compaeantly expand the compa ny's offerings in aircraft en gine applications, both in terms of technology and production volumes, the

"We look forward to ex-"We look forward to ex-panding our footprint in the global aerospace sup-ply chain," he said.

Godrej, Pratt & Whitney ink aerospace part pact

The Hindu Dureau

production volumes, the company said. "This contract is not just a business milestone it is a capabilities in complex ad-rospace menufacturing," said Mancek Behrunkant-din, business head, across-med Biomens, a part of Go

Karur Vysya Bank Q1 net profit rises 14%, announces 1:5 bonus issue

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Aditya Infotech Ltd., one of India's leading manufacturers of security solutions autoanced its initial public offering (IPO) to raise \$1,300 crore from the

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Debt repayment The company plans to use the proceed of the issue for repayment of debt. The off

er opens on July 29 and closes by July 31. clones by July 31. The company is a manu-facturer of CCTV cameras and said thuir new devices were STCC-certified. STQC is a government regulation for quality toot-ing and has been made mandatery for LCTV cam-eras effective April 2025.

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Ajay Seth appointed as IRDAI chairman

The Hindu Bureau HYDERABAD

Former Finance and Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth was appointed as the Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) for a three-year term on Thursday. He will succeed Debasish Panda, also a former IAS officer. Mr. Panda's three-year term ended in March and ever since the post at IRDAI had remained vacant.

Mr. Seth, a 1987-batch Karnataka cadre IAS officer, retired as the Union Finance Secretary in June.

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India

भारतीय बीमा विनियामक और विकास प्राधिकरण Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India		
Abbreviation	IRDAI	
Formation	1999	
Туре	Regulatory Body	
Legal status	Active	
Headquarters	Sy No. 115/1, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad – 500032	
Location	India Hyderabad, Telangana	
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Services	Insurance of India	
Owner	Ministry of Finance, Government of India	
Key people	Ajay Seth , IAS (Chairperson)	
Website	irdai.gov.in ⊵	

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Oriental Life Insurance Company in Calcutta; the company failed in 1834. In 1829, Madras Equitable began conducting life-insurance business in the Madras Presidency.

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The British Insurance Act was enacted in 1870, and Bombay Mutual (1871), Oriental (1874) and Empire of India (1897) were founded in the Bombay Presidency. The era was dominated by British companies.

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Year	Event	Description
1912	Indian Life Assurance Companies Act	First law regulating life insurance in India
1914	Govt. of India action	Began publishing insurance company returns
1928	Indian Insurance Companies Act	Enabled govt. to collect data on life & non-life insurance (Indian & foreign companies)
1938	Insurance Act, 1938	Comprehensive regulation of insurance activities
1950	Insurance Amendment Act	Abolished principal agencies; high competition & unfair practices noted
1956	Nationalisation of Life Insurance	LIC established via ordinance (19 Jan); absorbed 154 Indian, 16 foreign insurers & 75 provident societies
1990s (late)	Reopening to private sector	LIC monopoly ended; private players allowed again

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Brazil to join South Africa's Gaza

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Hulk Hogan, icon in professional

wrestling, dies at age 71, says WWE

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Nearly 50 killed as plane

Global media groups urge Israel to allow access to Gaza

Journalists in Gaza face severe deprivation, with many struggling to feed themselves and their families, over 200 journalists have reportedly been killed in Gaza since conflict began, says RSF

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International news Agence France-Poesse (AP17), Associated Press (AP17), Associated Press (AP) and Resource as well as the BBC on Thursday called on te-cael to allow fourmaliers to on rhumany caned on in-rael to allow journalists in and out of Gasa, which is subject to a strict blockade. "We are disperately concerned for our journal-ists in Gasa, who are in-creasingly unable to feed themselves and their fami-lies," the media groups bes, the metha groups said in a joint statement. They added that "journal-iats andure thany depriva-tions and hardships in war zones. We are desply alarmed that the threat of starvation is now one of them."

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Modia watchdog Repar-ters Withon Randers (DSP) said in early tuly that more than 200 ournalists had been killed in Gaza since Israel any humanitarian aid is being allowed in and accuses Humas of exploit-ing civilian suffering, in-cluding by stealing food huminetis to sail as inflated prices or showing at these - them." "We once again args the jurnelia authorities to allow journelians in and out of Gasa. It is essential that adequate food supplies roach the people there," they concluded. With Casa sould off, many meetia groups



enalists march in a protest against founger in the filmet district of Gass City on July 39, are

In some cases, Israel has accused reporters of being awaiting aid. The World Health Or-ganization's chief warned on Wednesday of wides-presid star-suftin in Gaze, saying food deliveries into "terror operatives", such as when it killed a Gaza as when it folled a Gass based A Azorry staff Jour-nalist and freelascer last year - allegations con-demned by the Qatari news betwork. "We know that probably the territory were "far he low what is needed for the survival of the population".

Killing sid-seckers Witnensen and Gasa's civit defence agency have re-protestly accused locaet forces of firing on aid seek-ers. The United Nations said the military had killed

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A rescue belicopter later spotted the burning hasel-

age of the plane on a forest-ed mountain slope about

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15 kilometres south of Tyn-dan airport. Videos published by Russian investigators showed smake rising from the crash site and what as peared to be fragments of the glane strewn across the farest floor. A march and rescue

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two more women were killed in the Donetsk re-gion on Thursday. Rússia has stepped up blished by investigators. The Angara Airlines flight was headed to the drone and missile attacks on Ukraine more than three years into its invatown of Tynda from the ci-ty of Blagoveshchensk when it disappeared from rader at around 1.00 p.m. local time.

sion, even as the warring parties meet for ceasefire ralks. The Russian army has The Russian army has also been toaking advances on the ground. Families with children were or-dered out of R0 settlements in Donetak, including the town of Dobropilla, where 28,000 people lived before the war "We know this probably most journalists inside Ca-za are operating under the surgices of Hamus, and un-til Hamus is destroyed, they will not be allowed to report freely." Israels go vertificat apokeperion David Mercer told a prese conference last December.

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The Antonov AN-24 preserver plane at what is said to be the creat site, outside the lown of Tynda in Ruispirk eastern Amar region. An

team arrived only hours af-ter the crash at the remote, state media in China

Chinese President Xi Jinping sent a message of condolence to Russian hard-to-reach site and fished no evidence of survi-vors, according to the state news agency 73.88. Investigators did not say counterpart Patin "I would like to express what caused the crash.

Weather conditions at the time of the incident were prior, Angara Abilities CBO Serges Salamanov told my deep condolences to the victims and sincere sympathy to the families of the victums," Mr. Xi said, according to Chinese state broadcaster CCTV.

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Israel recalls Gaza negotiators after Hamas responds

Agence France Presse

Israel on Thursday said that after Hamas had sub-mitted its response to me-diators on the latent cease. fire proposal, the israeli negotiators were being brought back for bicongrit back for consultations. Mediators have been shuttling between irraeli and flamas delegations in Qatar for more than two weeks, but the indirect talks have so far failed to yield an elusion trees.

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Iran defends 'unshakable' right to enrich uranium ahead of talks

Agence France-Press

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former top judge in murder-related case

Bangladesh arrests

Agence France Presse dent uprising last year that ousted former premier sheikh Hasina.

Police in Bangladesh ar-rested the country's form-er top judge on Thursday in connection with a mar-The murder case was filed by Ala Uddin, a leader of the Barigladesh Nation-alist Party (BNP) – which is in connection with a mar-der-related case, authori-ties said. A court in Dhaka later aent the fourner chief hatter, est the fourner chief hatter, sityear-old, ABM Khairul Haque, to jail. Police officer Nasir la-man said that "Haque is fac-ing several other cases, but he was shown arrested for his alleged involvement in a murcher" during the stuallut Party (INP) - which is widely expected to win the next election - accusing Raque, Mr. Hakina and 460 others of killing bis son during the popular popular uprising. Haque was brought into

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Hulk Hogan, icon in professional wrestling, dies at age 71, says WWE



AP

Hulk Hogan, the moustachioed, headscarf-wearing icon in the world of professional wrestling, has died at the age of 71, Florida police and WWE said on Thursday. Hogan, whose real name was Terry Bollea, was perhaps the biggest star in WWE's history. WWE posted a note on X saying it was saddened to learn about Hogan's death. AP

3 navigation satellites to be launched by 2026

ANONNA DUTT NEW DELHI, JULY 24

ISRO will launch three navigation satellites for its Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) by next year, according to a reply in Parliament by the Union MoS for Space Dr Jitendra Singh.

The first of the three, NVS-03, is scheduled to be launched by year-end. The other two, NVS-04 and NVS-05, will be launched after that "with a gap of six months," as per data.

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Only four of India's seven satellite navigation systems continue to provide location data, the reply said. The IRNSS was envisioned as a seven-satellite constellation that could provide navigation services over the Indian landmass and a radius of 1,500km around it.

So far, 11 satellites have been launched for the IRNSS constellation. Of these, two failed to reach the intended orbit. In what was ISRO's 100th launch, NVS-02 was sent to space in January this year, but the further orbit raising manoeuvres needed to put the satellite in the proper orbit could not be completed because of a technical glitch.

The other IRNSS-1H satellite was lost in 2017 when heat shield did not open for the deployment of the satellite. While one of the satellites was decommissioned after end of its mission life, four others are in use only for one-way message broadcast like the ones used by government for providing info during a natural disaster.

1. Upcoming Satellite Launches

- ISRO will launch 3 navigation satellites for Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS).
- As per Union MoS for Space Dr. Jitendra Singh:
 - NVS-03: to be launched by end of 2025.
 - NVS-04 and NVS-05: to be launched subsequently with a gap of 6 months each.

2. About IRNSS

- IRNSS = Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (also known as NavIC).
- Envisioned as a **7-satellite constellation**.
- Purpose: Provide navigation services over the Indian landmass and 1,500 km radius around it.

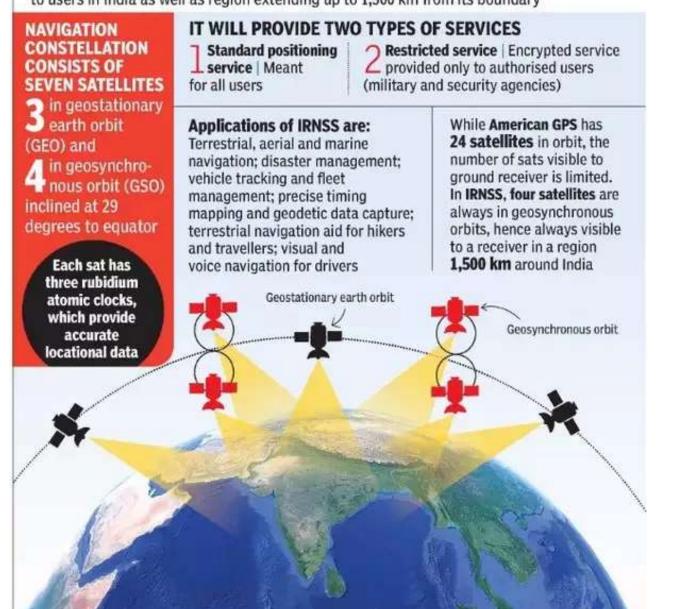
3. Status of Existing IRNSS Satellites

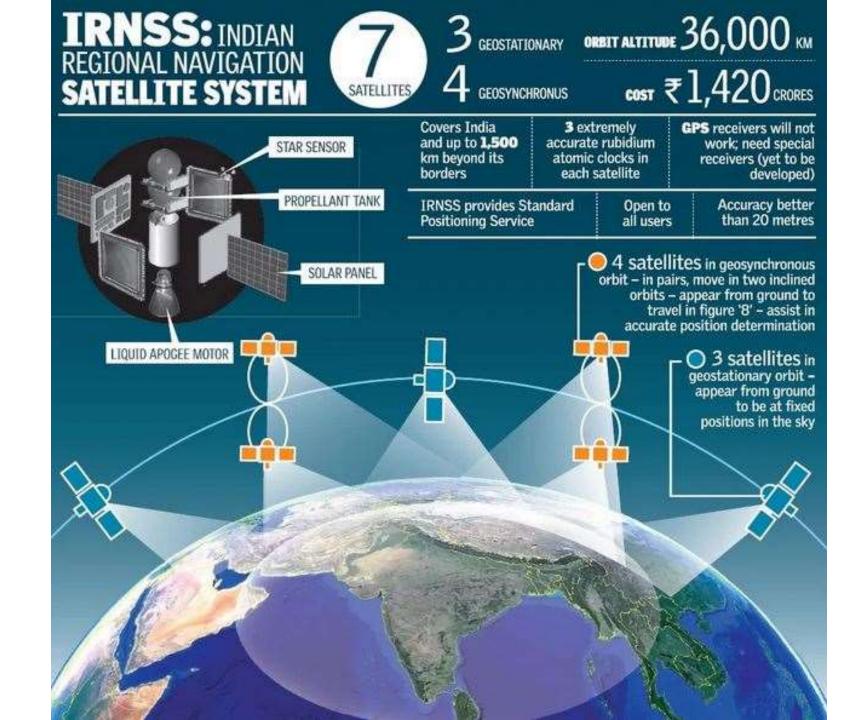
- 11 satellites have been launched for IRNSS till date.
- Issues with existing constellation:
 - Only 4 out of 7 satellites are fully functional for location data.
 - One satellite **decommissioned** after mission life.
 - 4 others used for one-way message broadcast only (e.g., disaster info).
 - **NVS-02**: Failed orbit insertion due to technical glitch in January 2025.
 - IRNSS-1H (2017): Failed due to heat shield malfunction, satellite never deployed.



Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System

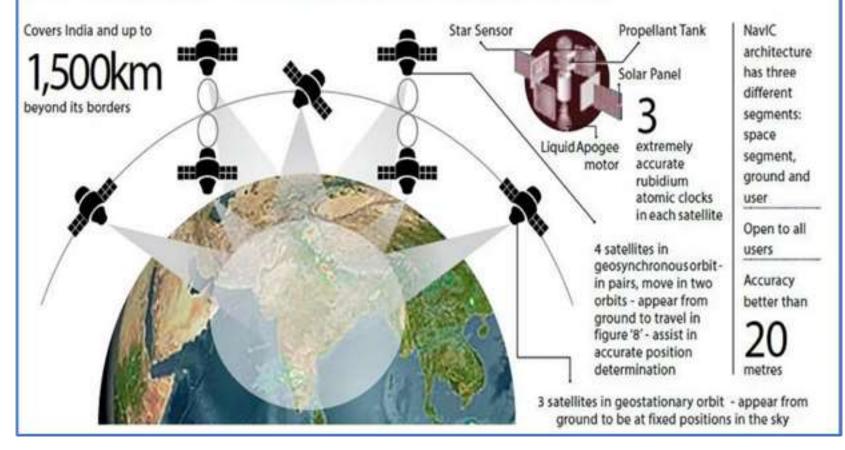
IRNSS (NavIC) is designed to provide accurate real-time positioning and timing services to users in India as well as region extending up to 1,500 km from its boundary





The seven sisters in space

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IRNSS, India's answer to Global Positioning System, will cover a radius of 1,500km with India at the centre. Here is where India stands in a comity of space-faring nations

GPS	GALILEO	2000	
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First satellite launch	Country China	2013	
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Q. With reference to the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS), consider the following statements:

- 1. The IRNSS constellation is designed to consist of 11 satellites that provide global navigation coverage.
- 2. The IRNSS-1H satellite failed to deploy due to a heat shield malfunction.
- 3. NVS-02 failed to achieve the intended orbit due to technical issues after launch.
- **4.** Currently, all seven satellites in the original IRNSS constellation are fully functional and provide navigation data.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

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

Suicides Cases Among Student

- According to the NCRB's Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India (ADSI) Report, 7.6% of total suicides in 2022 were by students, 2,248 student suicides were directly attributed to exam failure.
 - It marks a slight decline from 8.0% in 2021 and 8.2% in 2020.

- Factors Responsible For Student Suicide
- Individual vulnerabilities: Low self-esteem, impulsivity, trauma histories, history of physical or sexual abuse, and learning and intellectual disability.
- Family Pressures: Over-anxious and over-ambitious parents, dysfunctional family, criticisms, comparisons with peers and lack of support in the family, alcoholism, violence, psychological and economic problems in the family increases suicidal risk.
- **Systemic flaws:** One-point evaluation, media hype around results, and lack of career guidance.
- Institutional stressors: Pressure on teachers and students to achieve 100% pass rates.

India Witnesses Surge in IP Filings Over Five Years

• The IP filings in India in the last five years have increased by 44%, rising from 4,77,533 in 2020–21 to 6,89,991 in 2024–25.

• Key Findings

• The highest growth was observed in Geographical Indications (GI) with a 380% increase, followed by Designs (266%), Patents (180%), Copyright (83%), Trademarks (28%), and Semiconductor Integrated Circuits Layout-Designs (SICLD) with a 20% rise.

• Intellectual Property (IP) Rights

- Intellectual Property (IP) is generally defined as the 'Product of Mind'.
 - It is a property that results from the creations of intellect in industrial, scientific, literary or artistic fields.
- Intellectual Property Right (IPR) is the legally enforceable exclusive right granted to the owner of the intellectual property for a limited period.
 - IPR rewards creativity & human endeavor which fuel the progress of humankind.
- Forms of IPR : Patents, Copyrights, Trademarks, Industrial Designs, Geographical Indications, Layout Design of Integrated Circuits, Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights, Protection of undisclosed information/ Trade Secrets.

Form of IPR	What it protects	Criteria	Duration
PATENTS	Inventions	Novelty Inventive Step Industrial Application	20 years from the date of filing the Patent
COPYRIGHTS	Expression of Ideas (Literary, Dramatic, Musical works, Computer Program per se, etc.)	Originality Fixation	Literary works: Lifetime of author + 60 years Cinematography films/records/ photographs/government works : 60 years Broadcasting : 25 years
TRADEMARKS	Identification symbols, logos, slogans, words/ letters	Distinctive Graphically representable Not deceptive	Indefinite Renewal after every ten years
INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS	External appearance of an article	Novel Original Significantly distinguishable	Initially for 10 years Renewal for 5 more years (maximum protection : 15 years)
GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS	Goods of specific geographical origin	Quality Reputation Unique characteristics which are essentially attributable to the geographical area of origin	Indefinite Renewal after every ten years
LAYOUT DESIGN OF INTEGRATED CIRCUITS	Lay out of components in the integrated circuits	Original Distinctive Capable of distinguishing from any other lay-out design.	10 years
PROTECTION OF PLANT VARIETIES & FARMERS' RIGHTS	New varieties Farmers' varieties Extant varieties Essentially derived varieties	Novelty Distinctiveness Uniformity Stability Denomination	Trees and vines : 18 years Extant varieties &others : 15 years

Hornbill Conservation Centre

• The Tamil Nadu government has announced the establishment of India's first Centre of Excellence for Hornbill Conservation at the Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR).

• Focus Hornbill Species: It will focus on conserving four species found in the Western Ghats i.e., Great Hornbill, Malabar Grey Hornbill, Malabar Pied Hornbill, and Indian Grey Hornbill.

• Expansion: Alongside ATR, it will extend to Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, and parts of Kanyakumari.

- Hornbill
- About: Hornbills are large, wide-ranging, fruit-eating birds that primarily inhabit tropical forests (tall trees).
- Unique Traits: Hornbills have large curved beaks, booming calls, and distinctive wing beats.
 - During breeding, the female seals a tree cavity, and the male feeds her through a narrow slit.
- Hornbill Species in India: India hosts 9 species, with 4 in the Western Ghats(Nature Conservation Foundation).

Word of the day

Desultory:

marked by a lack of definite plan or regularity, or purpose

Synonyms: random, aimless, inconstant

Usage: His desultory answers made it clear he wasn't paying attention

Pronunciation: newsth.live/desultorypro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /dɛsəltri/



Thank you 😊

