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At least eight missiles were shot in Russia and Ukraine territory in 24 hours, local authorities on both sides said on Monday, with damage reported to energy infrastructure in Russia's Redefed region. ■ PAGE 14

Fuel prices hiked for fourth time in 10 days by Centre
NEW DELHI
In the fourth hike in ten days, prices of petrol and diesel were increased by ₹ 2.7 to ₹ 4 per litre across the country and for all variants on Monday. With the latest increase, retail fuel prices are up by about ₹ 7.3 per litre since May 15. ■ PAGE 8

Foreign Ministers of Quad to meet in Delhi today
NEW DELHI
Foreign Ministers of the Quad will meet for the first time in nearly a year, as Federal Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar hosts U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong, and Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono in Delhi on Tuesday at Delhi's Hyderabad House. ■ PAGE 4

Nagas and Meiteis stage protest for hostages' release
DISPUR
Hundreds of Nagas on Monday staged a protest in Imphal, demanding the release of six civilians allegedly held hostage by suspected militant forces. Organized by Naga People's Union (NPU), the rally, joined by members of the Meitei community, began from the Yiboi Market area in central East and headed towards the CA's bungalow. ■ PAGE 2

Land issue being complicated by Waqf Board: CM
BOTTANUR
Kerala Chief Minister Viji Varma on Monday accused the State Waqf Board of "deliberately trying to complicate and divert attention" by the United Democratic Front (UDF) administration to resolve the Muhammedan land issue swiftly in Ettimadai. ■ PAGE 2

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Nation's honour



RIP MP Hema Malini receives the Padma Vibhushan, conferred posthumously to her late husband and legendary actor Dharmendra, on his 86th from President Droupadi Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi on Monday. (AP/Anirban Chakraborty)

Gulf countries must have ties with Israel for deal on Iran

Agence France Presse
WASHINGTON
U.S. President Donald Trump on Monday said Saudi Arabia and other Gulf nations must normalise ties with Israel as part of efforts to reach a deal with Iran, adding fresh uncertainty into protracted peace negotiations.
In another hurdle for Israel, he said it should be mandatory for Qatar, Pakistan, Egypt, Turkey, and other nations to sign up to the Abraham Accords, a set of agreements brokered in 2020 with nations historically hostile to Israel.

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3 AIADMK MLAs quit, join TVK; Opposition calls it 'horse-trading'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI
Three AIADMK rebel legislators, who had voted in favour of the C. Joseph Vijayaraj government in Tamil Nadu during the recent state vote, resigned from the Assembly on Monday and joined the ruling TVK, barely 21 days after they were elected.
This not only came as a setback to the AIADMK which faced a post-poll rebellion from a group of 28 owing allegiance to regional ardent support S. P. Velupillai Prabhakaran and C. Vijayabaskar - but also triggered allegations from the Opposition of "horse-trading" by the ruling party, which is short of a majority in the House.
The MLAs - Maragatham Kumaravel (Maduravankam), S. Jayakumar (Perambalur), and S. Sathyanarayanan (Thattaparani) - were among 25 of the 47 legislators of the AIADMK who rebelled against party general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami a fortnight ago.
After submitting their resignation letters to the speaker, Kumaravel at his chamber in the Secretariat in the afternoon, the three met Public Works Minister Anbarasu Arjuna at his office and presented him with shawls. They joined the TVK in the evening and justified their decision saying they could not accept Mr. Palaniswami's alleged plan to form a government with the support of the opposition.



Maragatham Kumaravel
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Kerala lynching case: HC acquits first accused, enhances punishment for 12 others to life term

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI
The Kerala High Court on Monday acquitted Hussain of Pakhalan, Pakhalad - the first accused in the lynching of Madina, a mentally challenged tribal youth, in 2018, finding evidence against him unreliable. The court, however, rejected the appeals filed by 12 other accused and awarded them life imprisonment.
The court was hearing appeals filed by the accused seeking acquittal, and also by the State government and Madina's mother. The court enhanced punishment for the accused.



A file photo of Madina's mother Madi, left, and actor Sarath in the trial court for the fatal case of Madina in 2023. (AP/Anirban Chakraborty)

Madina sat tied against the temple treasury box on the afternoon of February 22, 2018. Forest officials, shop employees, roadside vendors, and a policeman appeared before the court, and pleaded ignorance when their testimonies were read out on the screen and claimed inability to identify the persons involved in the trial. The court, in clear violation of their testimonies, convicted several accused persons had contacted witnesses during the trial. The court, in clear violation of their testimonies, convicted several accused persons had contacted witnesses during the trial. The court, in clear violation of their testimonies, convicted several accused persons had contacted witnesses during the trial.

Members submit resignation letters, they do not need to state a reason. It is sufficient if they contain the statement that they are resigning from the post effective today. The Election Commission would be notified of the vacancy," the speaker said.

On the petition submitted by the Opposition faction seeking disqualification of those who voted in favour of the government during the trust motion, Speaker J.C. Prabhakar said the speaker reiterated that it was under consideration.
With the three resignations, the strength of the AIADMK (inclusive of the two factions) was down to 44 from 47.
Five rebel MLAs - S.M. Subramaniam (Arcoot), P. Hari Shankar (Arattur), K. Raju (Guruvayur), Dilipkumar Jayankar (Changanassery), and R.N.S. Nataraj (Kargyapatti) - have decided to back Mr. Palaniswami. They told journalists they regretted the "mistake" in their resignation letters. When they presented handwritten letters. When

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Affidavit sought

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the fiasco and heard petitioners over many days. It had finally not cancelled the 2024 exam, reasoning that the leak had been localised.

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Supreme Court Observation / सुप्रीम कोर्ट की टिप्पणी	Supreme Court criticised NTA over alleged NEET-UG 2026 paper leak and said the agency had "not learnt its lesson" after the 2024 controversy. / सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने कथित NEET-UG 2026 पेपर लीक मामले में NTA की आलोचना की और कहा कि एजेंसी ने 2024 विवाद से "कोई सबक नहीं सीखा"।
Bench Hearing the Case / मामले की सुनवाई करने वाली पीठ	Two-judge Bench led by Justice P.S. Narasimha heard the petitions. / न्यायमूर्ति पी.एस. नरसिम्हा की अध्यक्षता वाली दो-न्यायाधीश पीठ ने याचिकाओं की सुनवाई की।
Petition Filed By / याचिका किसने दायर की	Federation of All India Medical Association and United Doctors Front filed petitions. / फेडरेशन ऑफ ऑल इंडिया मेडिकल एसोसिएशन और यूनाइटेड डॉक्टर्स फ्रंट ने याचिकाएँ दायर कीं।
Main Demand / मुख्य मांग	Petitioners demanded restructuring or replacement of NTA. / याचिकाकर्ताओं ने NTA के पुनर्गठन या प्रतिस्थापन की मांग की।
Affidavit Ordered / हलफनामा दाखिल करने का आदेश	SC directed NTA to file an affidavit within 3 days explaining implementation of monitoring committee recommendations. / सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने NTA को 3 दिनों में मॉनिटरिंग समिति की सिफारिशों के क्रियान्वयन पर हलफनामा दाखिल करने का निर्देश दिया।
Committee Mentioned / उल्लेखित समिति	Monitoring/high-powered committee headed by former ISRO Chairman K. Radhakrishnan. / पूर्व ISRO अध्यक्ष के. राधाकृष्णन की अध्यक्षता वाली उच्चस्तरीय समिति।
2024 NEET Leak Reference / 2024 NEET लीक संदर्भ	Court recalled that over 20 lakh students were affected in 2024 paper leak controversy. / न्यायालय ने याद दिलाया कि 2024 पेपर लीक विवाद से 20 लाख से अधिक छात्र प्रभावित हुए थे।
CBI Investigation / CBI जांच	Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe is underway. / केंद्रीय अन्वेषण ब्यूरो (CBI) की जांच जारी है।
Retest Information / पुनर्परीक्षा जानकारी	Retest scheduled on June 21 after leak allegations. / लीक आरोपों के बाद 21 जून को पुनर्परीक्षा निर्धारित की गई।

Suggested Reform / सुझाए गए सुधार	Shift from physical papers to Computer-Based Test (CBT) mechanism recommended. / फिजिकल प्रश्नपत्रों से Computer-Based Test (CBT) प्रणाली की ओर जाने की सिफारिश।
Digital Locking Proposal / डिजिटल लॉकिंग प्रस्ताव	Petitioners demanded "digital locking" of question papers. / याचिकाकर्ताओं ने प्रश्नपत्रों की "डिजिटल लॉकिंग" की मांग की।
Parliamentary Accountability Issue / संसदीय जवाबदेही मुद्दा	Petition alleged NTA is not directly answerable to Parliament unlike UPSC or SSC. / याचिका में आरोप लगाया गया कि UPSC या SSC की तरह NTA सीधे संसद के प्रति जवाबदेह नहीं है।
Ministry Involved / संबंधित मंत्रालय	Ministry of Education received notice from Supreme Court. / शिक्षा मंत्रालय को सुप्रीम कोर्ट द्वारा नोटिस जारी किया गया।
CBSE Marking Glitch Mention / CBSE मार्किंग गड़बड़ी उल्लेख	Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan sought report on CBSE portal marking glitches. / शिक्षा मंत्री धर्मेंद्र प्रधान ने CBSE पोर्टल मार्किंग गड़बड़ियों पर रिपोर्ट मांगी।
NTA Full Form / NTA का पूर्ण रूप	National Testing Agency. / नेशनल टेस्टिंग एजेंसी।
UPSC-Type Analytical Point / UPSC प्रकार विश्लेषण	Repeated paper leak incidents highlight need for institutional transparency, technological safeguards, and parliamentary accountability. / बार-बार होने वाली पेपर लीक घटनाएँ संस्थागत पारदर्शिता, तकनीकी सुरक्षा और संसदीय जवाबदेही की आवश्यकता दर्शाती हैं।

President confers Padma awards; Dharmendra, N. Rajam honoured

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu on Monday presented Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri awards for 2026 at the Civil Investiture Ceremony-I held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan here.

Among the dignitaries present on the occasion were Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

For this year, the President has approved 131 Padma awards, including five Padma Vibhushan, 13 Padma Bhushan, and 113 Padma Shri.

They are announced ev-

ery year on Republic Day. On Monday, the President presented two Padma Vibhushan, six Padma Bhushan, and 58 Padma Shri awards.

She conferred the Padma Vibhushan on legendary Bollywood actor Dharmendra posthumously, received by his wife and MP Hema Malini; and violin virtuoso N. Rajam, for exceptional contribution to their respective fields.

'Singing violin'

Ms. Rajam pioneered a revolutionary approach to classical music by introducing "Gayaki Ang" – a technique that enables violin to emulate human vocals – earning her global renown as the "Singing



High honour: President Droupadi Murmu conferring the Padma Vibhushan on violinist N. Rajam, the Padma Bhushan on Kotak Mahindra Bank founder Uday Suresh Kumar Kotak, and the Padma Shri on cricket player Harmanpreet Kaur Bhullar in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

Violin". The Padma Bhushan was presented to former Uttarakhand Chief Minister Bhagat Singh Koshyari; Shatavadhani R.

Ganesh, who revived the classical art form of "Avadhana"; Uday Suresh Kumar Kotak, founder of Kotak Mahindra Bank; and emi-

nent gastroenterologist Kallipatti Ramasamy Palaniswamy.

The award was conferred posthumously on

former MP Vijay Kumar Malhotra and "ad guru" Pi-yush Pandey.

The remaining Padma awardees will be felicitated

in the second round of the ceremony to be held later.

Among the Padma Shri recipients were Prosenjit Chatterjee, one of the most influential figures of Indian cinema; Harmanpreet Kaur Bhullar, an inspirational figure in Indian women's cricket; para athlete Praveen Kumar; former Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Director-General K. Vijay Kumar; folk musician Mir Haji Kasam; Tamil devotional music artist N. Swaminathan; and traditional folk music artist Taga Ram Bheel.

Other awardees

While Silambam master K. Pajanivel was awarded for promoting the ancient art

originating from Tamil Nadu, hockey coach Baldev Singh was felicitated for distinguished service to Indian hockey for over four decades.

"Kantha" embroidery artist Tripti Mukherjee, social worker Janardan Bapurao Bothe, and husband-wife duo of Dr. Ramchandra Godbole and Suneeta Godbole, who provided healthcare and social support to tribal communities, also received the Padma Shri. Environmentalists Devaki Amma G. and Hally War; bibliophile Ankegowda M.; Sanskrit scholar Vempaty Kutumba Shastri; and botanist Gambir Singh Yonzon were the others who received the Padma Shri.

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President Droupadi Murmu conferred Padma Awards at Civil Investiture Ceremony-I, Rashtrapati Bhavan

राष्ट्रपति द्रौपदी मुर्मू ने नागरिक अलंकरण समारोह-1 में पद्म पुरस्कार प्रदान किए



131 total awards: 5 Padma Vibhushan, 13 Padma Bhushan, 113 Padma Shri approved for 2026

131 पुरस्कार: 5 पद्म विभूषण, 13 पद्म भूषण, 113 पद्म श्री



Bollywood legend Dharmendra received Padma Vibhushan posthumously

बॉलीवुड के दिग्गज धर्मेन्द्र को मरणोपरांत पद्म विभूषण



Violin virtuoso N. Rajam honored for pioneering 'Gayaki Ang' technique

वायलिन विदुषी एन. राजम को 'गायकी अंग' तकनीक के लिए सम्मान



Harmanpreet Kaur Bhullar (women's cricket), Praveen Kumar (para-athlete) among Padma Shri

हरमनप्रीत कौर, प्रवीण कुमार पद्म श्री में शामिल

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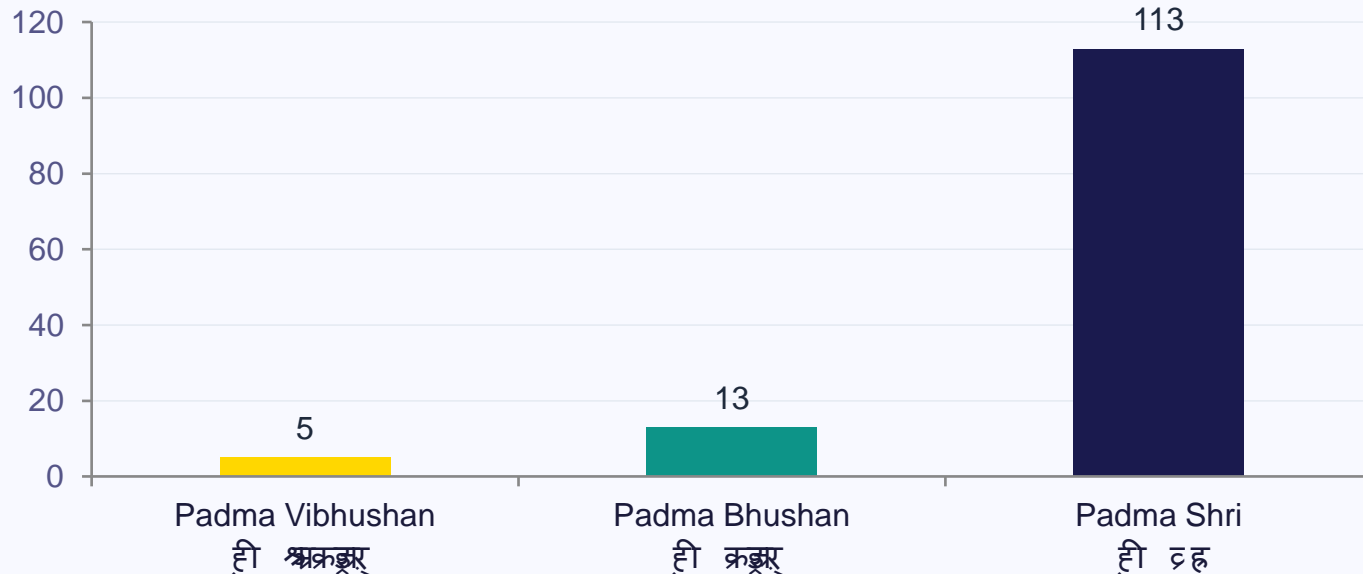
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2026 Awards Distribution



Padma Vibhushan

Dharmendra (posthumous), N. Rajam

Padma Bhushan

*Uday Kotak, Bhagat Singh Koshyari,
Shatavadhani R. Ganesh*

Padma Shri (selected)

*Harmanpreet Kaur, Praveen Kumar,
Prosenjit Chatterjee, Baldev Singh*

Padma Vibhushan (5)

SN	Name	Field	State / Country
1	Shri Dharmendra Singh Deol (Posthumous)	Art	Maharashtra
2	Shri K T Thomas	Public Affairs	Kerala
3	Ms. N Rajam	Art	Uttar Pradesh
4	Shri P Narayanan	Literature and Education	Kerala
5	Shri V S Achuthanandhan (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Kerala

Padma Bhushan (13)

SN	Name	Field	State / Country
6	Ms. Alka Yagnik	Art	Maharashtra
7	Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari	Public Affairs	Uttarakhand
8	Shri Kallipatti Ramasamy Palaniswamy	Medicine	Tamil Nadu
9	Shri Mammootty	Art	Kerala
10	Dr. Nori Dattatreyyudu	Medicine	United States of America
11	Shri Piyush Pandey (Posthumous)	Art	Maharashtra
12	Shri S K M Macilanandhan	Social Work	Tamil Nadu
13	Shri Shatavadhani R Ganesh	Art	Karnataka
14	Shri Shibu Soren (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Jharkhand
15	Shri Uday Kotak	Trade and Industry	Maharashtra
16	Shri V K Malhotra (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Delhi
17	Shri Vellappally Natesan	Public Affairs	Kerala
18	Shri Vijay Amritraj	Sports	United States of America

Multi-Subject Connections / बहु-विषय संबंध

History / इतिहास

Awards est. 1954 with Bharat Ratna; Dharmendra — Golden Age of Bollywood (1960–80s); N. Rajam rooted in Hindustani tradition

1954 में स्थापना; धर्मेन्द्र — हिंदी सिनेमा का स्वर्ण युग

Geography / भूगोल

Awardees from Tamil Nadu (Silambam), West Bengal (Kantha), Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Sikkim

तमिलनाडु, बंगाल, पंजाब, राजस्थान, उत्तराखंड से पुरस्कृत

Polity / राजव्यवस्था

Article 18 — Padma awards NOT titles (SC 1996). President confers, PM committee nominates. Rashtrapati Bhavan ceremony.

अनुच्छेद 18 — उपाधि नहीं (SC 1996); राष्ट्रपति प्रदान करते हैं

Economy / अर्थव्यवस्था

Uday Kotak — Kotak Mahindra Bank founder; private banking icon; financial sector excellence recognised

उदय कोटक — कोटक महिंद्रा बैंक; निजी बैंकिंग क्षेत्र

Environment / पर्यावरण

Devaki Amma G. & Hally War — environmentalists; tribal healthcare workers honoured (Godbole couple)

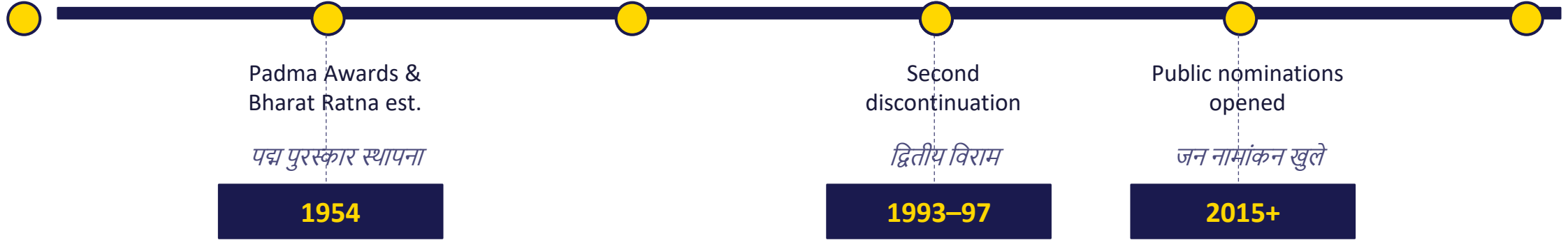
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Science & Tech / विज्ञान

N. Rajam's 'Gayaki Ang' — acoustic innovation; Praveen Kumar — para-athlete, sports science & prosthetics

गायकी अंग — ध्वनि नवाचार; प्रवीण कुमार — अनुकूली खेल

Timeline / कालक्रम — Padma Awards History



Bharat Ratna > Padma Vibhushan > Padma Bhushan > Padma Shri | Announced: Republic Day (Jan 25) | Ceremony: Rashtrapati Bhavan

Key Terms / मुख्य शब्द

Padma Vibhushan पद्म विभूषण

India's 2nd highest civilian honour
भारत का दूसरा सर्वोच्च नागरिक सम्मान

Article 18 अनुच्छेद 18

Abolition of titles; Padma = NOT a title (SC 1996)
उपाधि उन्मूलन; पद्म = उपाधि नहीं

Avadhanam अवधान

Telugu art of answering 8–100 questioners simultaneously
एक साथ 8–100 प्रश्नकर्ताओं का उत्तर देने की कला

Civil Investiture नागरिक अलंकरण

Official ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan for civilian honours
राष्ट्रपति भवन में नागरिक सम्मान समारोह

Gayaki Ang गायकी अंग

Technique making violin emulate human vocals
वायलिन को मानव स्वर की नकल कराने की तकनीक

Silambam सिलम्बम

Ancient Tamil Nadu stick-fighting martial art
तमिलनाडु की 5000 वर्ष पुरानी मार्शल आर्ट

Kantha कांथा

Traditional embroidery art of West Bengal
पश्चिम बंगाल की पारंपरिक कढ़ाई कला

Bharat Ratna भारत रत्न

India's highest civilian award (above all Padmas)
भारत का सर्वोच्च नागरिक पुरस्कार

Exam Relevance / परीक्षा प्रासंगिकता — PYQ & MCQ

Statement-Based MCQ ()

1. Padma Awards were instituted in 1954 along with Bharat Ratna.
2. The Padma Awards are considered 'titles' under Article 18 of the Indian Constitution.
3. Awards are announced on Republic Day and conferred by the President at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
4. Padma Vibhushan is the second highest civilian honour after Bharat Ratna.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1, 3 and 4 only

(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Statement 2 is INCORRECT — Supreme Court (1996) ruled Padma Awards are NOT titles under Article 18.

कथन 2 गलत है — सर्वोच्च न्यायालय (1996) ने माना कि पद्म पुरस्कार अनुच्छेद 18 के तहत उपाधि नहीं हैं।

10 Quick Revision Points / 10 त्वरित पुनरावृत्ति बिंदु

01

131 awards 2026: 5 Vibhushan, 13 Bhushan, 113 Shri
131 पुरस्कार 2026

02

Dharmendra — Padma Vibhushan (posthumous)
धर्मेन्द्र — मरणोपरांत पद्म विभूषण

03

N. Rajam — Padma Vibhushan; 'Gayaki Ang' violin pioneer
एन. राजम — 'गायकी अंग' प्रणेता

04

Uday Kotak — Padma Bhushan; Kotak Mahindra Bank founder
उदय कोटक — पद्म भूषण; बैंकिंग आइकन

05

Padma Awards instituted: 1954 (same as Bharat Ratna)
पद्म पुरस्कार 1954 में स्थापित

06

SC 1996: Padma awards NOT titles under Article 18
SC 1996: अनुच्छेद 18 के तहत उपाधि नहीं

07

Silambam — ancient Tamil martial art (K. Pajanivel)
सिलम्बम — तमिलनाडु की प्राचीन मार्शल आर्ट

08

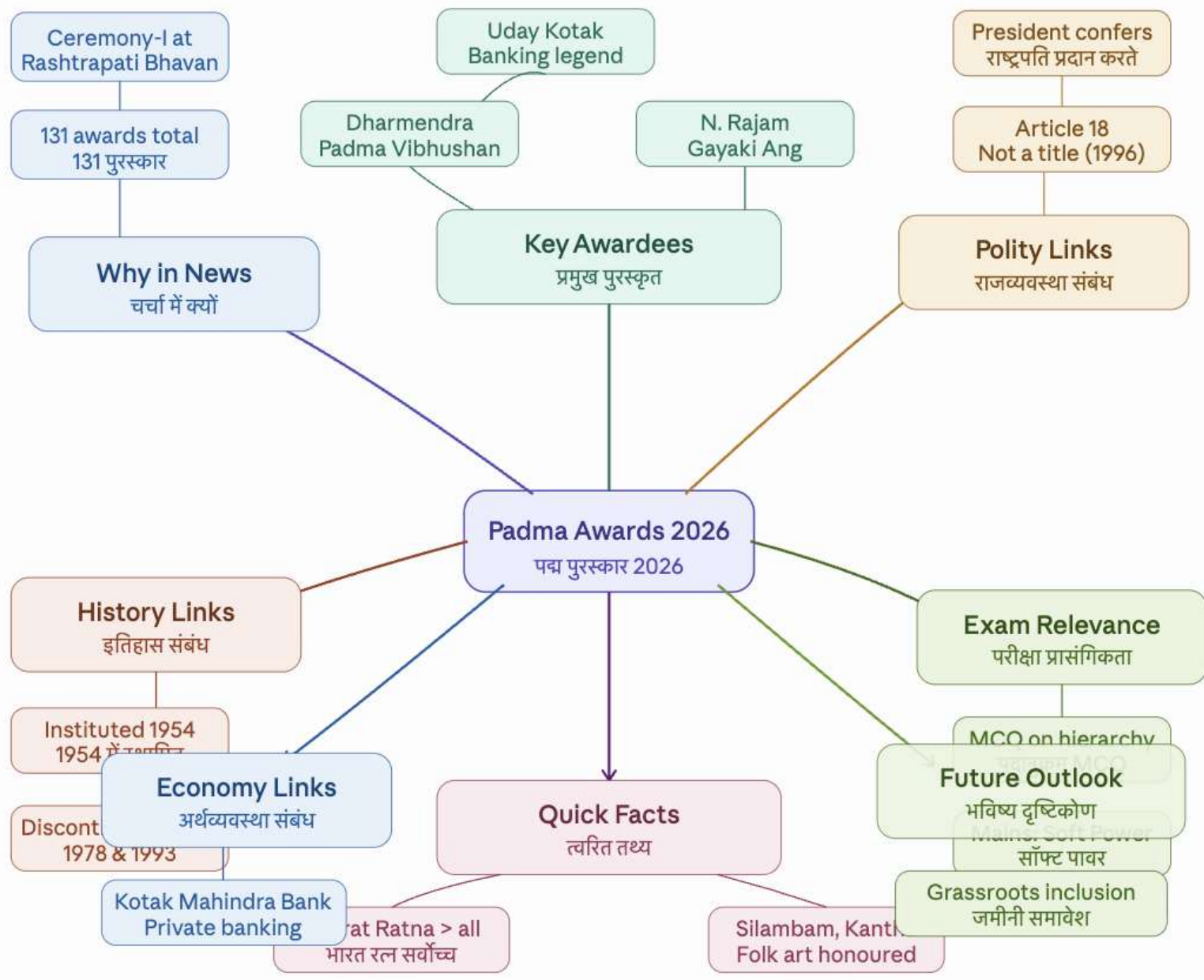
Kantha — West Bengal embroidery art (Tripti Mukherjee)
कांथा — पश्चिम बंगाल की कढ़ाई कला

09

Harmanpreet Kaur Bhullar — women's cricket; Padma Shri
हरमनप्रीत कौर — महिला क्रिकेट; पद्म श्री

10

Avadhanam — Telugu literary art; Shatavadhani R. Ganesh
अवधान — तेलुगु साहित्य कला



Ceremony-I at
Rashtrapati Bhavan

131 awards total
131 पुरस्कार

Why in News
चर्चा में क्यों

Uday Kotak
Banking legend

Dharmendra
Padma Vibhushan

N. Rajam
Gayaki Ang

Key Awardees
प्रमुख पुरस्कृत

President confers
राष्ट्रपति प्रदान करते

Article 18
Not a title (1996)

Polity Links
राजव्यवस्था संबंध

Padma Awards 2026
पद्म पुरस्कार 2026

Exam Relevance
परीक्षा प्रासंगिकता

Future Outlook
भविष्य दृष्टिकोण

MCO on hierarchy

Mainly Soft Power
सॉफ्ट पावर

Grassroots inclusion
जमीनी समावेश

Quick Facts
त्वरित तथ्य

Silambam, Kanti
Folk art honoured

Bharat Ratna > all
भारत रत्न सर्वोच्च

History Links
इतिहास संबंध

Instituted 1954
1954 में स्थापित

Economy Links
अर्थव्यवस्था संबंध

Discont
1978 & 1993

Kotak Mahindra Bank
Private banking

IN BRIEF



HC posts plea against Kejriwal, others for hearing on July 16

The Delhi High Court on Monday posted the hearing on the CBI's plea against the acquittal of AAP Chief Arvind Kejriwal and other accused in the liquor policy case for July 16. The single judge Bench of Justice Manoj Jain noted that three affidavits appeared to have been filed on behalf of unrepresented AAP leaders Mr. Kejriwal, Manish Sheela and Durgesh Pathak, who had earlier boycotted the hearing. Vakufnama is an authorization letter submitted by an advocate to represent a party in court.

8 killed as car falls into deep gorge in Maharashtra's Rajgad

Eight persons were killed after the car they were travelling in fell into an 800-foot-deep gorge in Rajgad district of Maharashtra, a police official said on Monday. The accident occurred in the Anandnagar Chat section on Poladpur-Mahabaleshwar road early on Sunday morning. The sports utility vehicle was located in the gorge on Monday morning, after relations of the victims alerted the police when the group failed to reach their destination in Satara district. The victims had left from Harve Road in Pune. The police tracked the victims' last location through a mobile tower near Poladpur. Following this, a search and rescue operation was launched.

Amit Shah to visit border areas over next three weeks

Starting with Rajasthan on Tuesday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah will visit the country's border areas over the next three weeks, a government official said. During his visits to border outposts along Pakistan and Bangladesh borders, Mr. Shah is expected to take stock of the security situation with state government and Border Security Force (BSF) officials. Mr. Shah arrived in Rajasthan's Bikaner on Monday night. He will visit the BSF border outpost at Simla on Tuesday, where he will attend the "Prakal Sammelan" and virtually inaugurate barracks for women personnel. Later in the day, he will review the border situation with senior BSF officers in Bikaner. The meeting will also include representatives from the Union Home Ministry and senior officials from the five districts that share a border with Pakistan, the official said.

One held after 'rape, murder' of minor girl in Kashmir

The J&K Police arrested a young man on Monday amid a public outcry over the alleged rape and murder of a minor girl, who was running on Saturday in Budgam, central Kashmir. "Over the last 36 hours, we questioned multiple suspects. After a while, one of the suspects admitted his involvement in the crime," senior Superintendent of Police, Budgam, R.K. Hart Prasad, said. The 12-year-old victim's body was recovered in Budgam on Sunday. A copy of the report and the girl's shoes were found near the body.

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Maitri Prasad
new delhi

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320 tourists stranded in Gulmarg cable car rescued; probe ordered

Ferozabad
Srinagar

More than 320 tourists aboard Asia's highest cable car, the Gulmarg Gondola, were rescued after a six-hour-long operation in north Kashmir's Gulmarg on Monday. Rescue operations were launched in the afternoon after the cable car developed a technical snag, leaving 60 cabins suspended mid-air. Panic gripped the stranded tourists as the weather turned inclement, with strong winds and rain lashing Gulmarg.

The rescue operation lasted over six hours and ensured the safety of all tourists, officials said. Technical snags were not assessed the nature and extent of the malfunction, they added.

Teams from the National Disaster Response Force, state Disaster Response Force, the Jammu and Kashmir Police, and the Air Force were called in to assist the stranded tourists.



A tourist climbs down from the cable car at Gulmarg Gondola after the service was halted due to a technical snag on Monday.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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Closely monitoring Ebola situation in Africa: Health Ministry

The Hindu Bureau
New Delhi

Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda on Monday reviewed preparedness and surveillance measures to counter the Ebola virus, amid concern that the outbreak in Africa may spread to other parts of the world. India has not reported any case of the fatal Ebola disease to date. The Health Ministry said it was monitoring the situation in Africa. "We are working closely with the World Health Organization and other agencies concerned, and have strengthened surveillance and public health preparedness across the country," said a senior official. Meetings have also been held with states. "All states were notified to review preparedness and response measures."

DCGA Director The Directorate General of Civil Aviation has directed airlines to ensure that passengers travelling from or transiting through Uganda or the Democratic Republic of the Congo must fill out a form providing personal and contact details, travel origin, exposure history, and any medical symptoms. As per the standard operating procedure, airlines are required to ensure seating with at least three vacant rows around the suspected passenger. Suspected cases must be provided masks and personal protective equipment. While masks must also be held with states, "All states were notified to review preparedness and response measures."

FAITH

Definition of a Vaishnava

Who is a Vaishnava? Obviously, a Vaishnava is a devotee of Vishnu. He acknowledges the supremacy of Vishnu. But beyond this, there are specific qualities which a person should have, to be called a Vaishnava, said M.A. Venkateshrithin in a discourse.

Vishnu is not the first name of the Supreme One. As Parasara Bharata pointed out, Vishnu is the first avatar of the Supreme One, he gave the tasks of creation and destruction to Brahma and Shiva, respectively. He placed himself in the middle as Vishnu the protector. His first name is Narayana. Then comes the name Vasudeva. The third name is Vishnu. That being the case, why do we use the word Vaishnavam, to refer to the faith that recognises the overlordship over everyone and everything? Why don't we say Narayanam or Vasudevam, considering that these are based on His earlier names? Bhaskara tells us about the characteristics of a Vaishnava, and the foundation of all that is the very name Vishnu.

Vishnu means the all pervasive One. In the Vishnu Sahasranama, it is the second name. He is present in everyone as anurupa, regardless of whether we are His devotees or not. He is even present in the antine who hate Him. When Hiranyakasipu asks Prahlada where Hari can be found, the child replies that He is present in Pralada and even in Hiranyakasipu. He is present in certain creatures and certain (non-sentient) entities. The entire universe is His body. This is the source source concept. Kindness to all, and anger towards none should be the motto of a person, if he or she can be considered a Vaishnava.

MICROWORD 14803



- Across
- Spoooner exclaim: "I fall flat for lady!" (8)
 - Legendary skill (8)
 - What's behind sacrifice? Fatherhood - laying aside past (7)
 - Take it in stride for starters - throw-up in party, perhaps losing equilibrium (8)
- Down
- See, Pal's generosity to same extent kept hawk silent (10)
 - Cliffhanger stands in camp (8)
 - Close to retirement, mean master escaped monetary (8)
 - Cap and Private Investigator seldom need to (10)
 - Separate warts beginning to love swinging around (8)
 - Can this impurity hurt Modern Cafe? (7)
 - UFDs were not (8, 7)
 - Distantly Roman, Steve & Burra scratching heads and eyebrows (8)
 - Tall model urpand without embarrassment and remorse at first (8)
 - Model is not complaining (7)
 - Tumbler acknowledging king's wave (7)
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that login authentication, user access systems and payment gateways are accurate and in order," an official from the Ministry of Education explained.

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CBSE UPDATE

On Screen Marking (OSM) for CLASS 12

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Answer sheets will now be **Scanned & Converted into Digital / PDF Format** and Checked **On Screen** by Examiners.



Students – Write Smart, Write Clear:

- ✓ Write neatly & clearly
- ✓ Maintain proper spacing
- ✗ Avoid overwriting / cutting
- ✓ Use clear headings & margins

➔ So your answers scan properly & nothing gets missed during digital checking.

! Important Note:

- ✓ This system is **ONLY for Class 12 (2026)**.
- ✓ Class 10 copies will still be checked **Physically (Offline)**.



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www.cbse.gov.in

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@ShagunT76262848

Paid ₹400 successfully for CBSE Class 12 photocopy/revaluation application, amount deducted and payment successful, but portal again asking for payment. Please resolve this issue. @cbseindia29 #CBSE #CBSEClass12 #Revaluation @ABPNews @TheAnuragTyag

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Sumit Verma
@SumitVe46181300

My payment is detected from my account, But it shows payment is not successful, still after 14 hours. Now what can I do

A
10:52 AM · May 21, 2026 · **134** Views

The payment portal is not working, what the hell you cannot make a simple portal to work, then G have done in the OSM Evaluation. Atleast, Kindly ****Apologise**** now and fix the issue

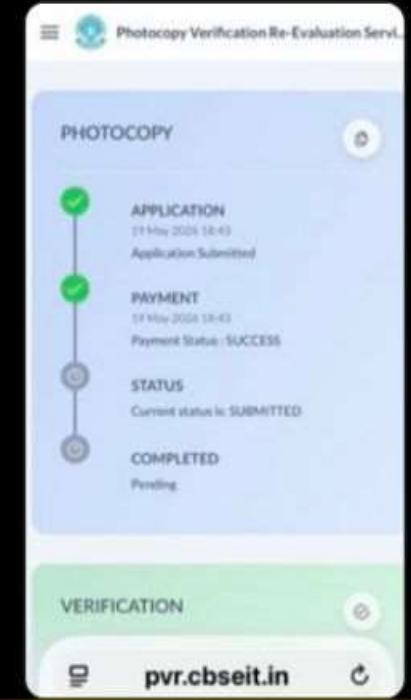
10:48 AM · May 21, 2026 · **207** Views

cheese
@pryyawn

THIRD day of this mess. Paid for my answer book yesterday, money got deducted and the portal still said "payment not successful." 3 days of website crashes just to access our own answer books. We're mentally frustrated ATP. #CBSEJustice #cbse

10:07 AM · May 21, 2026 · 4

Monica @MonicaDubey · 4m
Every after trying continuously for 3 days we haven't been able to download the answer sheets. This is so frustrating! @cbseindia29



Abinash Patnaik
@AbinashIND76

Still there are issues in website even now...how come CBSE is so immature is handling this....issues are persistently coming up in last 3 days

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'THESE AREN'T OUR COPIES'

CLASS 12 STUDENTS CLAIM

ANSWER SHEETS WERE CHANGED



ISSUED COPY

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- (iv) heat energy

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MY ANSWER SHEET

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Main Issue / मुख्य मुद्दा	Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan sought a detailed report from CBSE regarding glitches in the new On-Screen Marking (OSM) system used for Class 12 evaluation. / केंद्रीय शिक्षा मंत्री धर्मेंद्र प्रधान ने कक्षा 12 मूल्यांकन में उपयोग किए गए नए On-Screen Marking (OSM) सिस्टम की गड़बड़ियों पर CBSE से विस्तृत रिपोर्ट मांगी।
OSM Full Form / OSM का पूर्ण रूप	On-Screen Marking System. / ऑन-स्क्रीन मार्किंग प्रणाली।
Purpose of OSM / OSM का उद्देश्य	Replaced traditional physical evaluation with digital scanning and onscreen checking of answer sheets. / पारंपरिक कॉपी जांच के स्थान पर डिजिटल स्कैनिंग एवं ऑन-स्क्रीन मूल्यांकन लागू किया गया।
Institutions Assisting CBSE / CBSE की सहायता करने वाले संस्थान	IIT Madras and IIT Kanpur experts were deputed to assist CBSE. / IIT मद्रास एवं IIT कानपुर के विशेषज्ञों को CBSE की सहायता हेतु लगाया गया।
Technical Review Scope / तकनीकी समीक्षा का दायरा	Experts will examine IT infrastructure robustness, login authentication, user access systems, and payment gateways. / विशेषज्ञ IT अवसंरचना, लॉगिन प्रमाणीकरण, यूजर एक्सेस सिस्टम एवं पेमेंट गेटवे की जांच करेंगे।
Number of Answer Books / उत्तर पुस्तिकाओं की संख्या	Around 98 lakh answer books were scanned and digitally evaluated. / लगभग 98 लाख उत्तर पुस्तिकाओं का स्कैन एवं डिजिटल मूल्यांकन किया गया।
Average Pages Scanned / औसत स्कैन पृष्ठ	Each answer book had around 20 pages, leading to nearly 1.96 crore scanned pages. / प्रत्येक उत्तर पुस्तिका में लगभग 20 पृष्ठ थे, जिससे लगभग 1.96 करोड़ पृष्ठ स्कैन किए गए।

Major Complaints / प्रमुख शिकायतें	Students reported blurred scans, rotated pages, unreadable answers, and missing content. / छात्रों ने धुंधली स्कैन कॉपियाँ, घुमे हुए पृष्ठ, अपठनीय उत्तर एवं सामग्री गायब होने की शिकायत की।
Re-evaluation Crisis / पुनर्मूल्यांकन संकट	Re-evaluation portal crashed due to heavy traffic after Class 12 results. / कक्षा 12 परिणाम के बाद भारी ट्रैफिक के कारण पुनर्मूल्यांकन पोर्टल क्रैश हो गया।
Student Impact / छात्रों पर प्रभाव	Many students received lower-than-expected marks and sought rechecking. / कई छात्रों को अपेक्षा से कम अंक मिले और उन्होंने पुनर्मूल्यांकन की मांग की।
Physics Answer Sheet Mix-up / फिजिक्स उत्तर पुस्तिका गड़बड़ी	A student claimed another student's Physics answer sheet was uploaded under his profile. / एक छात्र ने दावा किया कि किसी अन्य छात्र की फिजिक्स उत्तर पुस्तिका उसके प्रोफाइल पर अपलोड कर दी गई।
CBSE Response / CBSE की प्रतिक्रिया	CBSE acknowledged some mismatches and handed original answer sheets to affected students. / CBSE ने कुछ गड़बड़ियों को स्वीकार किया और प्रभावित छात्रों को मूल उत्तर पुस्तिकाएँ सौंपीं।
Teachers' Warning / शिक्षकों की चेतावनी	Teachers had warned in February 2026 that evaluators lacked proper training for OSM. / शिक्षकों ने फरवरी 2026 में चेतावनी दी थी कि परीक्षकों को OSM का पर्याप्त प्रशिक्षण नहीं मिला।
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Rechecking Data / पुनः जांच संबंधी डेटा	About 68,000 answer books were rescanned and over 13,500 were manually rechecked. / लगभग 68,000 उत्तर पुस्तिकाओं को पुनः स्कैन किया गया और 13,500 से अधिक की मैनुअल जांच हुई।

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Result Statistics / परिणाम आँकड़े

Class 12 pass percentage reportedly fell by around 3 percentage points to 85.20%. / कक्षा 12 उत्तीर्ण प्रतिशत लगभग 3 प्रतिशत अंक गिरकर 85.20% रहा।

Portal Maintenance Issue / पोर्टल मेंटेनेंस समस्या

CBSE portal went into maintenance mode during re-evaluation applications. / पुनर्मूल्यांकन आवेदन के दौरान CBSE पोर्टल मेंटेनेंस मोड में चला गया।

Governance Lesson / प्रशासनिक सीख

Large-scale digital reforms require trained manpower, scalable IT systems, and contingency planning. / बड़े स्तर के डिजिटल सुधारों हेतु प्रशिक्षित मानव संसाधन, मजबूत IT प्रणाली एवं वैकल्पिक योजना आवश्यक है।

IN BRIEF

Panel to study quantum tech's potential in financial sector

The Reserve Bank on Monday announced the setting up of an eight-member expert committee to study the potential of quantum technology in the financial sector. Quantum technology represents a paradigm shift compared with traditional systems as it leverages the principles of quantum mechanics. This enables quantum systems to address complex financial problems such as portfolio optimisation, risk assessment, and macroeconomic modelling, the RBI said.

Ashok Leyland bags order from VRL Logistics

Ashok Leyland Ltd. said it has bagged an order for 716 vehicles from VRL Logistics for an unspecified amount. The order includes AVTR 3000 haulage trucks, BV55 4007 trucks and Cyber staff buses. While 300 trucks have already been delivered, the remaining 416 orders are scheduled for execution in the current year. "The order marks a strategic deepening of our partnership to drive higher logistics efficiency," said Anand Sankarwar, MD, VRL Logistics.

Dhoot Transmission to raise ₹1,400 crore via IPO

Auto component manufacturer Dhoot Transmission Ltd. is set to file the capital market for raising a fresh round of ₹1,400 crore, according to the prospectus. The proposed offer is a mix of fresh issue and offer for sale. The fresh issue will consist of equity shares aggregating up to a value of ₹1,400 crore. The offer for sale will comprise up to 14% of the company's shares. The company proposes to use the IPO proceeds for expansion, repayment of borrowings of ₹452.9 crore, and for investment in subsidiaries.

BP subsidiary, ONGC sign TSP agreement

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Building on enhanced output from Mumbai High from a similar pace, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) inked another technical services provider (TSP) pact with BP. BP's subsidiary, BP Exploration Services India, for its West-Asian Offshore fields.

"The TSP will review field performance and identify improvements to reserve, facilities and wells to boost production from Western Offshore fields (including the Mumbai High)," ONGC said.

It added the TSP inked deal is for a three-year output by 10.8% and gas output by 31.5% over the 10-year contract period.

"In terms of oil plus oil-equivalent gas, the pact is to create works to about 24.3% from 128.5 MMTOE to 159.36 MMTOE."

"The increase is expected to be visible from fiscal year 2022 with full-scale

Cyient Semicon raises \$30 million

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

IT firm Cyient's subsidiary Cyient Semiconductors raised \$30 million via equity and debt from funds managed by IAA India Alternatives (IdeaVentures) and affiliated to investors. The transaction includes equity investment of about \$10 million at a post-money valuation of about \$300 million (₹4,500 crore) alongside

'Prolonged war may shave 200 bps off corporate profitability'

The Hindu Bureau
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Having undertaken a stress test of 34 sectors, Citic Ratings said that prolonged supply-chain disruptions due to the West Asia conflict could shave off corporate operating profitability by 200 basis points (bps) this fiscal from the pre-conflict expectation of 12%, with some sectors seeing a more pronounced impact.

"This is assuming supply-chain disruptions lasting for 9 months this fiscal compared with 6 months in Citic's base case, with crude prices averaging \$100 per barrel for the fiscal versus a base case assumption of \$50."

"For companies, managing costs and profitability will be a bigger challenge than achieving top-line growth," said Rajat Rai, MD, Citic Ratings. "Of the 34 sectors, stress-tested would include operating profitability being eroded more than 10% due to higher inventory costs and inability to fully pass on the losses to consumers immediately," he said.

"On the other hand, even a partial pass-through can drive up realisations, resulting in a lower impact on revenue growth for most sectors. Further, credit profiles will be cushioned by controlled government spending and stability of domestic demand. We foresee the credit quality of most sectors, accounting for 10% of our rated corporate debt, being negatively impacted," he added.

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NEW DELHI

Capital markets regulator SEBI has barred seven individuals from securities trading in a ₹20-cr. scam involving a coordinated pump-and-dump scheme across social media platforms and making unlawful gains of over ₹20.28 crore.

Apart from the defendant, the regulator has also directed enforcement against Gupta and his sons, Rohan Gupta and Anshul Gupta, to immediately cease and desist from defaming investigations or search analyst services or from portraying themselves as research analysts.

In a 284-page interim order passed on May 22, SEBI alleged that Hemant, Rohan and Anshul acted as "operators" who first accumulated positions in



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Four other family members - Sharon, Leena, Rohan and Purvraj Gupta - are also named in the order, which allegedly facilitated the operation by allowing the use

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cannot serve non-standard businesses," the FM said, citing examples of how the income generation of loans varies over multiple activities.

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The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued an Official Action Indication (OAI) to Aurobindo Pharma subsidiary on various aspects of its formulation, manufacturing facility near Hyderabad.

OAI is one of the three classifications the regulatory agency uses to question and it means regulatory actions are recommended.

The U.S. FDA had inspected the facility of Eureka Pharma, in Kolhapur village of Ranga Reddy district, from February 16-27 last year.

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Investors upbeat as oil prices slip on renewed peace talks

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Investors returned to buying, pushing the benchmark Sensex and Nifty upwards, as oil prices dipped and rupee appreciated.

Sensex and Nifty rose 1.4% and 1.2% to 76,498.36 and 14,031.70 points respectively after trading and gradually improving over the day's session.

All but the Nifty FMIEE index among the sectoral indices registered a close of more than 2.5%. Of the 3,419 stocks that traded, 2,270 advanced and 1,450 declined. Markets were spooked by the uncertainty of the escalating war between Iran and the U.S.

The closure of the Strait of Hormuz had choked oil supplies, spiking prices. Brent Crude Futures were consistently trading at over \$104-\$105 a barrel for the better part of the past three months. The indicator had gone as high as \$112 a barrel in some days.

Cheaper oil reduced pressure on the Indian rupee which appreciated to 95.26 against the U.S. dollar on Monday.

"Global sentiment improved on reports of progress towards resolving the Strait of Hormuz, although credibility remains untested," analysts said.

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India very vulnerable

B.V. Naidu, a foundational architect in India's semiconductor and Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) ecosystem and a former president of IESA, India is extremely vulnerable to memory chip shortage due to its heavy reliance on electronic component imports and a consumer base driven by price elasticity.

"It seems global chip makers are prioritising premium brands such as

Apple and Samsung for standard memory allocation, leaving budget brands in India and in other geographies to starve of chip/component supply. This has resulted in a short supply of economy smartphones in India. Also, I was told prices of several brands of cellphones have gone up by at least 15-20%," Mr. Naidu said.

As per IESA, higher DRAM and NAND prices, combined with the shift to AI-enabled applications and larger storage needs, are making the sub ₹10,000 to ₹15,000 category increasingly difficult to sustain profitably.

"The market is witnessing a structural recalibration toward higher-value devices. That means, phone makers are prioritising premium phone production over entry level phones," explained Ashok

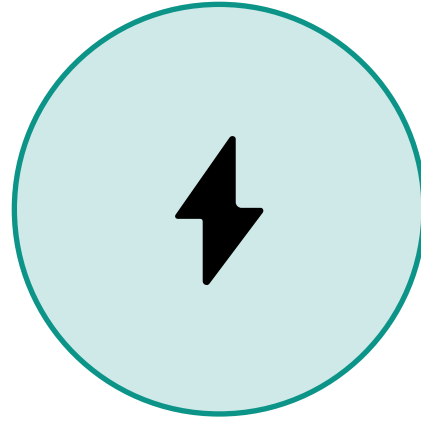
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Confirming the trend, Rajeev Rajput, Senior Principal Analyst at Gartner, in a recent report said, "Memflation will destroy, or at least delay, non-AI demand into 2028, to varying degrees depending on the application. Technology suppliers should prepare for higher prices during the first half of 2026, followed by persistent but moderating price increases throughout the rest of the year." CIOs and IT leaders should be cautious about signing supply agreements with unfavourable pricing terms that extend beyond 2027, he warned.

Echoing a similar sentiment, Mr. Chandak said while capacity expansion announcements were underway globally, meaningful and substantial relief may take up to another two years because semiconductor capacity creation was highly capital-intensive and time-consuming.

"We expect the market to remain tight through 2026-2027, with gradual normalisation thereafter," he added.

On bill of materials (BOM) pressure and smartphone profitability, Mr. Chandak observed, memory pricing has become one of the biggest cost pressures in smartphone and entry level laptop manufacturing.



'Memflation' Crisis

Global Semiconductor Shortage & India's Mobile Market

'मेमफ्लेशन' संकट: वैश्विक अर्धचालक कमी और भारत का मोबाइल बाजार

UPSC CSE / State PCS / SSC

HBM

2-3x wafer

DRAM

Volatile

NAND

Non-volatile

Memflation

Memory+Inflation

Why in News / चर्चा में क्यों



Global semiconductor 'memflation': HBM capacity diverted from standard DRAM/NAND for AI infrastructure

वैश्विक अर्धचालक 'मेमफ्लेशन': AI बुनियादी ढाँचे के लिए HBM क्षमता मानक DRAM/NAND से मोड़ी गई



India faces acute shortage of sub-₹10,000–₹15,000 smartphones; prices up 15–20%

भारत में ₹10,000–₹15,000 से कम स्मार्टफोन की गंभीर कमी; कीमतें 15–20% बढ़ीं



IESA flags India's extreme vulnerability due to heavy reliance on imported electronic components

IESA ने आयातित इलेक्ट्रॉनिक घटकों पर भारी निर्भरता के कारण भारत की अत्यधिक असुरक्षा को उजागर किया



Gartner warns: Memflation will delay non-AI demand into 2028; higher prices expected H1 2026

गार्टनर: मेमफ्लेशन 2028 तक गैर-AI माँग विलंबित करेगा; H1 2026 में उच्च कीमतें अपेक्षित



Memory pricing is now the single biggest Bill of Materials (BOM) cost pressure for smartphones

मेमोरी मूल्य निर्धारण अब स्मार्टफोन के लिए BOM का सबसे बड़ा एकल लागत दबाव

Key Facts & Data / मुख्य तथ्य एवं डेटा

2-3x

HBM vs DRAM
wafer capacity

15-20%

India phone
price hike

₹76,000
Cr

India Semicon
PLI outlay

2028

Non-AI demand
delay (Gartner)

Memory Types Compared / मेमोरी प्रकार तुलना

DRAM

Active processing

Volatile (data lost off power)

NAND

Phone/SSD storage

Non-volatile (data retained)

HBM

AI GPU memory

2-3x wafer capacity; ultra-fast

Multi-Subject Connections / बहु-विषय संबंध

History / इतिहास

Post-1991 liberalisation left India without domestic chip fabs; 2020 COVID exposed supply fragility

1991 बाद उदारीकरण में घरेलू चिप फैब नहीं; 2020 COVID ने आपूर्ति नाजुकता उजागर की

Geography / भूगोल

Taiwan Strait — critical chokepoint (TSMC ~90% cutting-edge chips); India fabs: Gujarat (Dholera, Sanand), Assam

ताइवान जलडमरूमध्य — TSMC का वर्चस्व; भारत फैब: गुजरात, असम

Polity / राजव्यवस्था

PLI Semiconductor Scheme (₹76,000 cr, MeitY/ISM); IT Act 2000; DPDP Act 2023 — governs digital ecosystem

सेमीकंडक्टर PLI (₹76,000 करोड़, MeitY/ISM); IT अधिनियम; DPDP 2023

Economy / अर्थव्यवस्था

India electronics import ~\$70–80 bn/year; BOM pressure; WPI/CPI for electronics rising; Gartner forecasts

इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स आयात ~\$70–80 बिलियन; BOM दबाव; WPI/CPI वृद्धि

Environment / पर्यावरण

Chip fabs are water-intensive & energy-intensive; expanding fabs = higher environmental costs; e-waste concerns

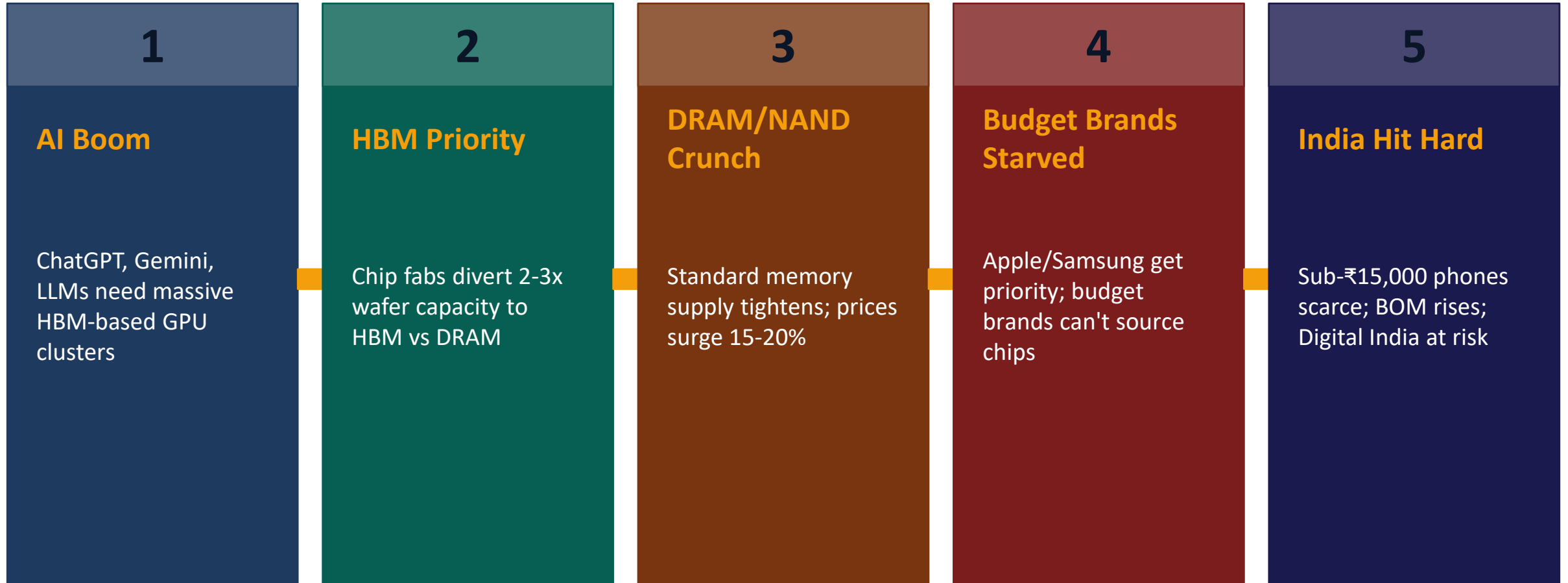
चिप फैब जल-गहन व ऊर्जा-गहन; विस्तार = उच्च पर्यावरणीय लागत; ई-कचरा

Science & Tech / विज्ञान

HBM: stacked 3D DRAM, 2–3× wafer, for NVIDIA H100/AI GPUs; DRAM volatile; NAND non-volatile; wafer = silicon disc

HBM: स्तरित 3D DRAM; NVIDIA H100; DRAM अस्थिर; NAND गैर-अस्थिर

How Memflation Works / मेमफ्लेशन कैसे काम करता है



AI Demand → HBM Priority → DRAM Shortage → Budget Brand Crisis → India Impact

AI माँग → HBM प्राथमिकता → DRAM कमी → बजट ब्रांड संकट → भारत पर प्रभाव

Exam Relevance / परीक्षा प्रासंगिकता — Statement MCQ

Statement-Based MCQ

1. HBM (High Bandwidth Memory) consumes 2–3 times more wafer capacity than conventional DRAM.
2. NAND is a type of volatile memory that loses data when power is switched off.
3. India's electronics import bill is one of the largest import categories for India.
4. Gartner projects that Memflation will delay non-AI demand into 2028.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1, 3 and 4 only

(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Statement 2 is INCORRECT: NAND is NON-VOLATILE (retains data without power). DRAM is volatile.

कथन 2 गलत है: NAND गैर-अस्थिर है (बिना बिजली के डेटा बनाए रखती है)। DRAM अस्थिर है।

Key Terms / मुख्य शब्द

Memflation

Memory + Inflation: price rise due to memory chip shortage
मेमोरी + महंगाई: मेमोरी चिप कमी से मूल्य वृद्धि

DRAM

Dynamic RAM: volatile memory for active processing in phones/PCs
सक्रिय प्रसंस्करण के लिए अस्थिर मेमोरी

BOM

Bill of Materials: total component cost to manufacture a product
उत्पाद निर्माण के लिए कुल घटक लागत

ISM

India Semiconductor Mission: nodal agency under MeitY (₹76,000 cr)
MeitY के तहत नोडल एजेंसी (₹76,000 करोड़)

HBM

High Bandwidth Memory: stacked 3D DRAM for AI GPUs (NVIDIA H100)
स्तरीत 3D DRAM; AI GPU के लिए

NAND

Non-volatile flash storage: retains data without power (phones, SSDs)
गैर-अस्थिर भंडारण; बिना बिजली डेटा सुरक्षित

IESA

India Electronics & Semiconductor Association; HQ: Bengaluru
भारत इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स एवं सेमीकंडक्टर संघ; मुख्यालय: बेंगलुरु

Wafer

Thin silicon disc — raw material; one wafer makes hundreds of chips
पतली सिलिकॉन डिस्क — एक वेफर से सैकड़ों चिप

10 Quick Revision Points / 10 त्वरित पुनरावृत्ति बिंदु

01 Memflation = Memory + Inflation (memory chip shortage = price rise)
मेमफ्लेशन = मेमोरी + महंगाई

02 HBM uses 2–3× more wafer capacity than conventional DRAM
HBM पारंपरिक DRAM से 2–3 गुना अधिक वेफर उपयोग करता है

03 India: sub-₹15,000 phones scarce; prices up 15–20%
भारत: ₹15,000 से कम फोन दुर्लभ; 15–20% महंगे

04 IESA flagged India's extreme vulnerability to chip shortage
IESA ने भारत की अत्यधिक असुरक्षा उजागर की

05 Gartner: Memflation delays non-AI demand into 2028
गार्टनर: 2028 तक गैर-AI माँग विलंबित

06 DRAM = volatile; NAND = non-volatile (retains without power)
DRAM = अस्थिर; NAND = गैर-अस्थिर

07 Apple & Samsung get priority chips; budget brands starved
Apple, Samsung को प्राथमिकता; बजट ब्रांड वंचित

08 India Semiconductor PLI: ₹76,000 cr (Tata/Micron fabs in Gujarat/Assam)
भारत सेमीकंडक्टर PLI: ₹76,000 करोड़

09 TSMC (Taiwan): ~90% cutting-edge chip fabrication; Taiwan Strait = critical chokepoint
TSMC (ताइवान): ~90% अत्याधुनिक फेब्रिकेशन


10 BOM (Bill of Materials): memory pricing = biggest cost pressure in smartphones
BOM: मेमोरी मूल्य = स्मार्टफोन में सबसे बड़ा लागत दबाव





Indian Army Develops AI Platforms Kautilya and Q-FORCE

Main Development / मुख्य विकास	Indian Army developed two AI-based platforms — Kautilya and Q-FORCE — in 2026. / भारतीय सेना ने 2026 में दो AI-आधारित प्लेटफॉर्म — Kautilya और Q-FORCE — विकसित किए।
Kautilya Platform / कौटिल्य प्लेटफॉर्म	Kautilya is an AI-powered Command Intelligence Platform. / कौटिल्य एक AI-संचालित कमांड इंटेलिजेंस प्लेटफॉर्म है।
Q-FORCE Platform / Q-FORCE प्लेटफॉर्म	Q-FORCE is an integrated logistics and sustainment application. / Q-FORCE एक एकीकृत लॉजिस्टिक्स एवं सप्लाई-सस्टेनमेंट एप्लिकेशन है।
Launch Period / लॉन्च अवधि	Kautilya launched during 21–25 May 2026; Q-FORCE around 22–25 May 2026. / कौटिल्य 21–25 मई 2026 तथा Q-FORCE लगभग 22–25 मई 2026 के दौरान लॉन्च किया गया।
Purpose of Kautilya / कौटिल्य का उद्देश्य	Provides command intelligence, analytics, decision support, and operational readiness monitoring. / कमांड इंटेलिजेंस, विश्लेषण, निर्णय सहायता एवं ऑपरेशनल तैयारी निगरानी प्रदान करता है।
Technology Used / उपयोग की गई तकनीक	Uses AI-enabled dashboards and Natural Language Processing (NLP). / AI-सक्षम डैशबोर्ड एवं Natural Language Processing (NLP) का उपयोग करता है।
NLP Meaning / NLP का अर्थ	NLP enables computers to process and interpret human language. / NLP कंप्यूटरों को मानव भाषा को समझने एवं संसाधित करने में सक्षम बनाता है।
Kautilya Functions / कौटिल्य के कार्य	Handles personnel, equipment, weapons, training, logistics, rations, and operational data. / कर्मियों, उपकरणों, हथियारों, प्रशिक्षण, लॉजिस्टिक्स, राशन एवं ऑपरेशनल डेटा का प्रबंधन करता है।

AI Co-pilot Feature / AI सहायक विशेषता	Functions as an AI co-pilot for administrative and operational tasks. / प्रशासनिक एवं ऑपरेशनल कार्यों हेतु AI सहायक के रूप में कार्य करता है।
Purpose of Q-FORCE / Q-FORCE का उद्देश्य	Designed for inventory handling, supply-chain management, and sustainment operations. / इन्वेंटरी प्रबंधन, सप्लाई चेन प्रबंधन एवं सस्टेनमेंट संचालन हेतु विकसित।
Operational Scope / संचालन क्षेत्र	Integrates logistics and inventory systems across varied terrains and conditions. / विभिन्न भू-भाग एवं परिस्थितियों में लॉजिस्टिक्स एवं इन्वेंटरी सिस्टम को एकीकृत करता है।
Wider AI Strategy / व्यापक AI रणनीति	Indian Army linked these platforms to its broader move toward AI-driven military systems. / भारतीय सेना ने इन प्लेटफॉर्म को AI-संचालित सैन्य प्रणाली की व्यापक रणनीति से जोड़ा।
2026 Defence Theme / 2026 रक्षा थीम	Indian Army described 2026 as the year of networking and data-centric warfare. / भारतीय सेना ने 2026 को नेटवर्किंग एवं डेटा-केंद्रित युद्ध का वर्ष बताया।
Full AI Integration Target / पूर्ण AI एकीकरण लक्ष्य	Full AI integration into operations targeted by 2027. / 2027 तक पूर्ण AI एकीकरण का लक्ष्य रखा गया।
Operation Sindoor / ऑपरेशन सिंदूर	Earlier AI usage in Operation Sindoor involved 23 AI applications. / ऑपरेशन सिंदूर में पहले 23 AI अनुप्रयोगों का उपयोग किया गया था।
Project SANJAY / प्रोजेक्ट संजय	Project SANJAY is associated with digital integration in Indian military operations. / प्रोजेक्ट SANJAY भारतीय सैन्य अभियानों में डिजिटल एकीकरण से संबंधित है।
AI Definition / AI की परिभाषा	Artificial Intelligence enables machines to perform tasks like decision-making, analytics, and pattern recognition. / कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता मशीनों को निर्णय, विश्लेषण एवं पैटर्न पहचान जैसे कार्य करने में सक्षम बनाती है।



India's First National AI and Digital Water Summit 2026



Event Name	India's First National AI and Digital Water Summit 2026
कार्यक्रम का नाम	भारत का पहला राष्ट्रीय AI एवं डिजिटल जल शिखर सम्मेलन 2026
Organised By	Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) and Elets Technomedia Pvt. Ltd.
आयोजक	बेंगलुरु जल आपूर्ति एवं सीवरेज बोर्ड (BWSSB) तथा Elets Technomedia Pvt. Ltd.
Venue	Bengaluru, Karnataka
स्थान	बेंगलुरु, कर्नाटक
Date	27 May 2026
तिथि	27 मई 2026
MoU Signed On	20 February 2026
MoU हस्ताक्षर	20 फरवरी 2026
Main Theme	Artificial Intelligence in Urban Water Management
मुख्य विषय	शहरी जल प्रबंधन में कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता
Major Focus Areas	Smart operations, digital twins, water-loss management, energy optimisation, data governance, ethical AI, cybersecurity
प्रमुख फोकस क्षेत्र	स्मार्ट संचालन, डिजिटल द्विन, जल हानि प्रबंधन, ऊर्जा अनुकूलन, डेटा गवर्नेंस, नैतिक AI, साइबर सुरक्षा

RBI Mandates Three-Year Cooling-Off for Co-operative Bank Directors

Main Decision / मुख्य निर्णय	Reserve Bank of India (RBI) mandated a three-year cooling-off period for directors of co-operative banks. / भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (RBI) ने सहकारी बैंकों के निदेशकों के लिए 3 वर्ष की "कूलिंग-ऑफ अवधि" अनिवार्य की।
Date of Directions / निर्देश जारी होने की तिथि	RBI issued final Amendment Directions on 25 May 2026. / RBI ने 25 मई 2026 को अंतिम संशोधन निर्देश जारी किए।
Applicable Banks / लागू बैंक	Rule applies to Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs), State Co-operative Banks, and Central Co-operative Banks. / यह नियम शहरी सहकारी बैंक, राज्य सहकारी बैंक एवं केंद्रीय सहकारी बैंकों पर लागू होगा।
Cooling-Off Rule / कूलिंग-ऑफ नियम	Directors completing 10 continuous years on the same bank's board must take a 3-year break before reappointment. / किसी बैंक के बोर्ड में लगातार 10 वर्ष पूरा करने वाले निदेशक को पुनर्नियुक्ति से पहले 3 वर्ष का अंतराल लेना होगा।
Objective of Rule / नियम का उद्देश्य	Improve governance, transparency, accountability, and reduce concentration of power. / प्रशासन, पारदर्शिता, जवाबदेही सुधारना एवं शक्ति के केंद्रीकरण को कम करना।
Restriction During Cooling-Off / कूलिंग-ऑफ अवधि में प्रतिबंध	Former director cannot associate with the same bank except as member or customer. / पूर्व निदेशक उसी बैंक से सदस्य या ग्राहक के अलावा किसी अन्य रूप में नहीं जुड़ सकता।
Service in Other Banks / अन्य बैंक में सेवा	Former director may serve on another bank's board if eligible. / पात्र होने पर पूर्व निदेशक किसी अन्य बैंक के बोर्ड में सेवा दे सकता है।

Tenure Calculation Rule / कार्यकाल गणना नियम	Any interruption less than 3 years counts as part of continuous tenure. / 3 वर्ष से कम का कोई भी अंतराल निरंतर कार्यकाल का हिस्सा माना जाएगा।
Reset Condition / कार्यकाल रीसेट शर्त	Only a break of at least 3 years resets tenure calculation. / कम से कम 3 वर्ष का अंतराल ही कार्यकाल गणना को रीसेट करेगा।
Banking Regulation Amendment / बैंकिंग विनियमन संशोधन	Banking Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2025 increased maximum continuous tenure from 8 years to 10 years. / बैंकिंग विनियमन (संशोधन) अधिनियम, 2025 ने अधिकतम निरंतर कार्यकाल 8 वर्ष से बढ़ाकर 10 वर्ष किया।
Effective Date of Earlier Amendment / पूर्व संशोधन प्रभावी तिथि	The increase to 10 years became effective from 1 August 2025. / 10 वर्ष की सीमा 1 अगस्त 2025 से प्रभावी हुई।
Draft Consultation / प्रारूप परामर्श	Draft amendment directions were released on 8 January 2026. / प्रारूप संशोधन निर्देश 8 जनवरी 2026 को जारी किए गए।
Comment Deadline / टिप्पणी अंतिम तिथि	Public comments were invited till 30 January 2026. / 30 जनवरी 2026 तक सार्वजनिक टिप्पणियाँ आमंत्रित की गईं।
RBI Role / RBI की भूमिका	RBI is the central bank of India and regulates banks under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. / RBI भारत का केंद्रीय बैंक है तथा Banking Regulation Act, 1949 के तहत बैंकों को नियंत्रित करता है।
Urban Co-operative Banks / शहरी सहकारी बैंक	UCBs mainly function in urban and semi-urban areas. / शहरी सहकारी बैंक मुख्यतः शहरी एवं अर्ध-शहरी क्षेत्रों में कार्य करते हैं।



men's 100m national
record



Main Achievement / मुख्य उपलब्धि	Gurindervir Singh set a new Indian men's 100m national record of 10.09 seconds. / Gurindervir Singh ने पुरुषों की 100 मीटर दौड़ में 10.09 सेकंड का नया राष्ट्रीय रिकॉर्ड बनाया।
Date of Record / रिकॉर्ड की तिथि	Record achieved on 23 May 2026. / रिकॉर्ड 23 मई 2026 को बनाया गया।
Event Venue / आयोजन स्थल	Record set at National Senior Athletics Federation Competition in Ranchi. / रिकॉर्ड Ranchi में आयोजित राष्ट्रीय सीनियर एथलेटिक्स फेडरेशन प्रतियोगिता में बना।
Historic Achievement / ऐतिहासिक उपलब्धि	Became the first Indian athlete to officially run below 10.10 seconds in men's 100m. / पुरुष 100 मीटर में आधिकारिक रूप से 10.10 सेकंड से कम समय लेने वाले पहले भारतीय एथलीट बने।
Previous Timing / पूर्व समय	Gurindervir Singh earlier clocked 10.17 seconds in semifinal heats on 22 May 2026. / गुरिंदरवीर सिंह ने 22 मई 2026 को सेमीफाइनल में 10.17 सेकंड का समय निकाला था।
Rival Performance / प्रतिद्वंद्वी प्रदर्शन	Animesh Kujur briefly reclaimed the record with 10.15 seconds before Gurindervir's final run. / Animesh Kujur ने 10.15 सेकंड के साथ थोड़े समय के लिए रिकॉर्ड अपने नाम किया था।
Final Race Results / फाइनल रेस परिणाम	Gurindervir Singh won gold, Animesh Kujur won silver (10.20 sec), and Pranav Pramod won bronze (10.29 sec). / गुरिंदरवीर सिंह ने स्वर्ण, अनिमेश कुजूर ने रजत (10.20 सेकंड), तथा प्रणव प्रमोद ने कांस्य (10.29 सेकंड) जीता।
Athlete Background / खिलाड़ी परिचय	Gurindervir Singh belongs to Punjab and serves as an Indian Navy officer. / गुरिंदरवीर सिंह पंजाब से हैं तथा भारतीय नौसेना में अधिकारी हैं।
Other Records / अन्य रिकॉर्ड	He also holds Indian national records in 60m and 4x100m relay events. / उनके पास 60 मीटर एवं 4x100 मीटर रिले के राष्ट्रीय रिकॉर्ड भी हैं।

World Top 10 Fastest Men in 100 m Sprint (Official Record)

Rank	Athlete	Country	Timing	Year	Venue
1	Usain Bolt	Jamaica	9.58 sec	2009	Berlin

रैंक	खिलाड़ी	देश	समय	वर्ष	स्थान
1	उसैन बोल्ट	जमैका	9.58 सेकंड	2009	बर्लिन

| 2 | [Tyson Gay](#) | USA | 9.69 sec | 2009 | Shanghai |

| 2 | टायसन गे | अमेरिका | 9.69 सेकंड | 2009 | शंघाई |

| 3 | [Yohan Blake](#) | Jamaica | 9.69 sec | 2012 | Lausanne |

| 3 | योहान ब्लेक | जमैका | 9.69 सेकंड | 2012 | लॉज़ेन |

| 4 | [Asafa Powell](#) | Jamaica | 9.72 sec | 2008 | Lausanne |

| 4 | असाफा पॉवेल | जमैका | 9.72 सेकंड | 2008 | लॉज़ेन |

| 5 | [Justin Gatlin](#) | USA | 9.74 sec | 2015 | Doha |

| 5 | जस्टिन गैटलिन | अमेरिका | 9.74 सेकंड | 2015 | दोहा |

| 6 | [Christian Coleman](#) | USA | 9.76 sec | 2019 | Doha |

| 6 | क्रिश्चियन कोलमैन | अमेरिका | 9.76 सेकंड | 2019 | दोहा |

| 7 | [Trayvon Bromell](#) | USA | 9.76 sec | 2021 | Nairobi |

| 7 | ट्रेवॉन ब्रोमेल | अमेरिका | 9.76 सेकंड | 2021 | नैरोबी |

| 8 | [Fred Kerley](#) | USA | 9.76 sec | 2022 | Eugene |

| 8 | फ्रेड केरली | अमेरिका | 9.76 सेकंड | 2022 | यूजीन |

| 9 | [Nesta Carter](#) | Jamaica | 9.78 sec | 2010 | Rieti |

| 9 | नेस्टा कार्टर | जमैका | 9.78 सेकंड | 2010 | रियेटी |

| 10 | [Maurice Greene](#) | USA | 9.79 sec | 1999 | Athens |

| 10 | मॉरिस ग्रीन | अमेरिका | 9.79 सेकंड | 1999 | एथेंस |





India plans mandatory blending of
1% Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)
in Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF)



Main Policy / मुख्य नीति	India plans mandatory blending of 1% Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) in Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) from January 2027. / भारत जनवरी 2027 से Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) में 1% Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) मिश्रण अनिवार्य करने की योजना बना रहा है।
SAF Full Form / SAF का पूर्ण रूप	Sustainable Aviation Fuel. / सतत विमानन ईंधन।
Blending Targets / मिश्रण लक्ष्य	1% in 2027, 2% in 2028, and 5% by 2030. / 2027 में 1%, 2028 में 2%, तथा 2030 तक 5% लक्ष्य।
Initial Focus Area / प्रारंभिक फोकस	Initial implementation will focus on international flights. / प्रारंभिक क्रियान्वयन अंतरराष्ट्रीय उड़ानों पर केंद्रित होगा।
SAF Definition / SAF की परिभाषा	SAF is a low-carbon aviation fuel used in aircraft operations. / SAF एक कम-कार्बन विमानन ईंधन है जिसका उपयोग विमान संचालन में किया जाता है।
Legal Recognition / कानूनी मान्यता	India formally recognised SAF through a gazette notification dated 23 April 2026. / भारत ने 23 अप्रैल 2026 की राजपत्र अधिसूचना द्वारा SAF को औपचारिक मान्यता दी।
Regulatory Change / नियामक परिवर्तन	Aviation Turbine Fuel regulations were amended to permit SAF blending with fossil jet fuel. / ATF नियमों में संशोधन कर SAF को जीवाश्म आधारित जेट ईंधन के साथ मिश्रण की अनुमति दी गई।
Ministries Involved / संबंधित मंत्रालय	Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Ministry of Civil Aviation prepared the roadmap. / पेट्रोलियम एवं प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय तथा नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय ने रोडमैप तैयार किया।

International Framework / अंतरराष्ट्रीय ढांचा	Policy linked to CORSIA obligations for international aviation. / यह नीति अंतरराष्ट्रीय विमानन हेतु CORSIA दायित्वों से जुड़ी है।
CORSIA Full Form / CORSIA का पूर्ण रूप	Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation. / अंतरराष्ट्रीय विमानन हेतु कार्बन ऑफसेटिंग एवं उत्सर्जन कमी योजना।
Mandatory CORSIA Phase / CORSIA अनिवार्य चरण	Mandatory phase of CORSIA begins in 2027. / CORSIA का अनिवार्य चरण 2027 में शुरू होगा।
Domestic Flights Status / घरेलू उड़ानों की स्थिति	No specific mandatory SAF blending policy yet for domestic flights. / घरेलू उड़ानों हेतु अभी अनिवार्य SAF मिश्रण नीति अधिसूचित नहीं हुई है।
IOC SAF Production / IOC SAF उत्पादन	Indian Oil Corporation plans SAF production from used cooking oil at Panipat refinery by September 2026. / इंडियन ऑयल कॉर्पोरेशन सितंबर 2026 तक पानीपत रिफाइनरी में प्रयुक्त खाद्य तेल से SAF उत्पादन शुरू करेगा।
BPCL Initiative / BPCL पहल	Bharat Petroleum is commissioning a co-processing unit at Mumbai refinery by end of 2026. / भारत पेट्रोलियम 2026 के अंत तक मुंबई रिफाइनरी में को-प्रोसेसिंग यूनिट शुरू करेगा।
SAF Feedstock / SAF फीडस्टॉक	SAF can be produced from used cooking oil, alcohol-to-jet pathways, and other non-fossil sources. / SAF प्रयुक्त खाद्य तेल, alcohol-to-jet तकनीक एवं अन्य गैर-जीवाश्म स्रोतों से बनाया जा सकता है।
Estimated SAF Demand / अनुमानित SAF मांग	62,000 tonnes in 2027, 130,000 tonnes in 2028, and 380,000 tonnes by 2030. / 2027 में 62,000 टन, 2028 में 1,30,000 टन तथा 2030 तक 3,80,000 टन मांग अनुमानित।

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Veracity:

unwillingness to tell lies

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