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Mr. Rijju said the Bill, introduced last month, seeks to protect national security and interest and asserted that it is not aimed at any religion or organisation. It is intended to prevent instances of foreign contributions, he said.

Since there are elections in Kerala, the Congress and the Communists are spreading wrong things about the Bill," he said.

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On the other hand, travellers flying within the country faced a smaller ATF rate increase of around 9%. The Centre defended the hikes, noting that its oil marketing companies (OMCs) are bearing the brunt of the spike in global oil prices, absorbing losses of ₹80 per cylinder over ₹300.

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of the Ministry of Petroleum, in consultation with Ministry of Civil Aviation, have passed only a partial and staggered increase of ₹200 per litre of ATF," the Ministry said in a post on social media.

In other words, the government says it has absorbed the cost of the actual increase in international prices, PSU OMC Companies

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Poll field



Making it secure: Election officials walk through a field carrying ballot boxes ahead of the Assam Assembly election, at Burdwan in Horiganj district on Wednesday. (I)

Exclusion from poll rolls in Bengal does not remove voting rights forever: SC

Kishorekanta Rajasawal
NEW DELHI

The rights of West Bengal voters purged from the electoral rolls during a special intensive revision (SIR), and unable to make it to any of its supplementary lists ahead of the Assembly election, cannot be washed away forever," the Supreme Court said on Wednesday.

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Under-recoveries of oil marketing companies projected to cross **₹40,484 crore** by May-end

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of the Ministry of Petroleum, in consultation with Ministry of Civil Aviation, have passed only a partial and staggered increase of 25% (only ₹15/litre) to the airlines," the Ministry said in a post on social media.

In other words, the government says it has passed on only a quarter of the actual impact if ATF prices were aligned with current international rates.

The Ministry noted that OMCs are bearing an average loss of ₹380 on the sale of every LPG cylinder, given current rates. "Cumulative losses by end-May will reach approximately ₹40,484 crore," the Ministry said in a social media post. There has been a 44% spike in benchmark Saudi Contract prices between March and April, as 20% to 30% of global LPG is stranded in the Strait of Hormuz.

Public-sector OMCs are also incurring losses of about ₹24.4 for every litre of petrol and ₹104.99 for every litre of diesel sold, as of today, the Ministry added.

'Staggered increase'

The ATF rate for scheduled domestic carriers has been increased by ₹21 per litre, whilst those for non-scheduled and international airlines are up more than ₹110 per litre, Ministry joint

secretary Sujata Sharma told journalists. She clarified that these are retail prices, not the base prices of the fuel.

Though the government referred to a "staggered increase" in ATF rates, Ms. Sharma could not offer any clarity on the timing of the next such hike. "When will it happen next, I cannot say now. The government will take a decision at the appropriate time," she said.

Commercial LPG rates, on the other hand, are de-regulated, market-determined, and revised monthly. "Their consumption is less than 10% of the total LPG consumed in the country," the Petroleum Ministry said, noting that around 55,622 MT of commercial LPG has been lifted by States/UTs since March 14.

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- State-run Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) hiked commercial LPG prices by **₹196-₹218 per cylinder** across major metro cities
- सरकारी तेल विपणन कंपनियों (OMCs) ने प्रमुख महानगरों में व्यावसायिक LPG की कीमतें **₹196-₹218 प्रति सिलेंडर बढ़ाईं**
- Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) prices **more than doubled** for international flights; ATF reached **₹2.07 lakh per kilolitre**
- विमानन टर्बाइन ईंधन (ATF) की कीमतें अंतर्राष्ट्रीय उड़ानों के लिए **दोगुनी से अधिक हो गईं**; ATF **₹2.07 लाख प्रति किलोलीटर** पर पहुंचा
- The trigger: **44% spike in Saudi Contract prices** (benchmark for LPG) + **20-30% of global LPG stranded in the Strait of Hormuz** due to the ongoing US-Iran war
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- IndiGo added a **₹10,000 fuel surcharge** on international/long-haul flights
- IndiGo ने अंतर्राष्ट्रीय/लंबी दूरी की उड़ानों पर **₹10,000 का ईंधन अधिभार जोड़ा**
- OMCs bear average loss of **₹380 per LPG cylinder**; cumulative losses to cross **₹40,484 crore by May-end**
- OMCs को प्रति LPG सिलेंडर **₹380 का औसत घाटा** हो रहा है; संचयी घाटा **मई-अंत तक ₹40,484 करोड़** पार करेगा

- **LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas)** is the cooking gas we use — it comes in cylinders; **commercial LPG** is used by hotels, restaurants and businesses (blue cylinders); **household LPG** is used at home (red/domestic cylinders)
- **LPG (द्रवीभूत पेट्रोलियम गैस)** वह रसोई गैस है जो हम उपयोग करते हैं; **व्यावसायिक LPG** होटल/रेस्तरां में (नीले सिलेंडर); **घरेलू LPG** घर में उपयोग होती है (लाल/घरेलू सिलेंडर)
- **ATF (Aviation Turbine Fuel)** is the fuel used by aeroplanes — like petrol for cars but for aircraft
- **ATF (विमानन टर्बाइन ईंधन)** वह ईंधन है जो हवाई जहाज में उपयोग होता है — जैसे कार के लिए पेट्रोल, वैसे विमान के लिए ATF
- The **Strait of Hormuz** is a narrow sea channel between Iran and Oman — nearly **20-30% of the world's LPG** passes through it; when it is blocked or unsafe, global fuel prices shoot up
- **होर्मुज जलडमरूमध्य** ईरान और ओमान के बीच एक संकरा समुद्री मार्ग है — विश्व का **20-30% LPG** यहाँ से गुजरता है; जब यह अवरुद्ध हो, तो वैश्विक ईंधन कीमतें बढ़ जाती हैं
- **Saudi Contract price** is the international benchmark price at which India buys LPG from Saudi Arabia (set by **Saudi Aramco**) — India imports most of its LPG
- **सऊदी कॉन्ट्रैक्ट मूल्य** वह अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बेंचमार्क कीमत है जिस पर भारत सऊदी अरब से LPG खरीदता है (**सऊदी अरामको** द्वारा निर्धारित)
- **Household LPG prices remain unchanged** — the government is shielding domestic consumers; OMCs bear the loss
- **घरेलू LPG कीमतें अपरिवर्तित हैं** — सरकार घरेलू उपभोक्ताओं को बचा रही है; OMCs घाटा उठा रहे हैं

- **Commercial LPG price hike** (19 kg cylinder in Delhi): ₹1,883 → ₹2,078.5 (hike of ₹195.5)
- व्यावसायिक LPG मूल्य वृद्धि (दिल्ली में 19 किग्रा सिलेंडर): ₹1,883 → ₹2,078.5 (₹195.5 की वृद्धि)
- City-wise commercial LPG hikes: **Mumbai ₹196, Chennai ₹203, Kolkata ₹218**
- शहर-वार व्यावसायिक LPG वृद्धि: मुंबई ₹196, चेन्नई ₹203, कोलकाता ₹218
- **No change in household LPG cylinder prices**
- घरेलू LPG सिलेंडर की कीमतों में कोई बदलाव नहीं
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- ATF for **scheduled domestic carriers:** raised by ₹21/litre (staggered increase)
- अनुसूचित घरेलू वाहकों के लिए ATF: ₹21/लीटर की वृद्धि (चरणबद्ध वृद्धि)
- **Non-scheduled and international airlines:** ATF up by **more than ₹110/litre**
- गैर-अनुसूचित और अंतर्राष्ट्रीय एयरलाइनों: ATF ₹110/लीटर से अधिक बढ़ा

Polity / राजव्यवस्था

- **LPG pricing in India:** Household LPG — **regulated by government**; Commercial LPG — **deregulated (market-determined)**; ATF — **deregulated**, revised daily by OMCs
- **भारत में LPG मूल्य निर्धारण:** घरेलू LPG — **सरकार द्वारा विनियमित**; व्यावसायिक LPG — **विनियंत्रित (बाजार-निर्धारित)**; ATF — **विनियंत्रित**, OMCs द्वारा दैनिक संशोधित
- **Essential Commodities Act:** Government can intervene in pricing of essential goods including fuel
- **आवश्यक वस्तु अधिनियम:** सरकार ईंधन सहित आवश्यक वस्तुओं के मूल्य निर्धारण में हस्तक्षेप कर सकती है
- **PNGRB (Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board):** Regulates downstream petroleum sector in India
- **PNGRB (पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस नियामक बोर्ड):** भारत में डाउनस्ट्रीम पेट्रोलियम क्षेत्र को नियंत्रित करता है

💰 Economy / अर्थव्यवस्था

- **Under-recovery:** Difference between the cost of fuel to OMCs and the price charged to consumers — a form of hidden subsidy
- **अंडर-रिकवरी:** OMCs की ईंधन लागत और उपभोक्ताओं से वसूले जाने वाले मूल्य के बीच अंतर — छिपी सब्सिडी का एक रूप
- **CPI Inflation:** Commercial LPG hike raises cost for food businesses → **food inflation** rises → **CPI goes up** → RBI may hold or raise interest rates
- **CPI मुद्रास्फीति:** व्यावसायिक LPG वृद्धि से खाद्य व्यवसायों की लागत बढ़ती है → **खाद्य मुद्रास्फीति** बढ़ती है → **CPI** बढ़ता है → RBI ब्याज दरें बनाए रख सकता है या बढ़ा सकता है
- **Current Account Deficit (CAD):** Higher crude/LPG import bills → wider CAD → rupee depreciation pressure
- **चालू खाता घाटा (CAD):** अधिक कच्चे/LPG आयात बिल → व्यापक CAD → रुपए का अवमूल्यन दबाव
- **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY):** Provides subsidised LPG to BPL households — protection of domestic LPG prices is essential for its success
- **प्रधानमंत्री उज्ज्वला योजना (PMUY):** BPL परिवारों को सब्सिडीयुक्त LPG — घरेलू LPG कीमतों की सुरक्षा इसकी सफलता के लिए जरूरी है

🌿 Environment / पर्यावरण

- **LPG is cleaner than coal/wood:** Reducing household air pollution; PMUY directly linked to **reducing indoor pollution**
- **LPG कोयले/लकड़ी से स्वच्छ है:** घरेलू वायु प्रदूषण कम करना; PMUY इनडोर प्रदूषण कम करने से सीधे जुड़ी है
- **Jet fuel emissions:** ATF combustion contributes to **CO₂, NO_x, and contrail formation** — climate concern
- **जेट ईंधन उत्सर्जन:** ATF दहन **CO₂, NO_x, और कॉन्ट्रेल निर्माण** में योगदान करता है — जलवायु चिंता
- **Transition to cleaner aviation fuel (SAF — Sustainable Aviation Fuel):** A long-term solution; India's aviation policy increasingly focused on SAF
- **स्वच्छ विमानन ईंधन (SAF) की ओर संक्रमण:** एक दीर्घकालिक समाधान; भारत की विमानन नीति SAF पर तेजी से केंद्रित

🔬 Science & Technology / विज्ञान-प्रौद्योगिकी

- **LPG composition:** Mainly **Propane (C₃H₈) and Butane (C₄H₁₀)** — byproducts of natural gas processing and petroleum refining
- **LPG संरचना:** मुख्यतः **प्रोपेन (C₃H₈) और ब्यूटेन (C₄H₁₀)** — प्राकृतिक गैस प्रसंस्करण और पेट्रोलियम शोधन के उपोत्पाद
- **ATF (Jet A-1):** A highly refined kerosene-type fuel; **flash point > 38°C**; stringent international specifications
- **ATF (Jet A-1):** एक अत्यधिक परिष्कृत केरोसिन-प्रकार का ईंधन; **फ्लैश पॉइंट > 38°C**; कड़े अंतर्राष्ट्रीय विनिर्देश
- **Saudi Contract Price** is reviewed by **Saudi Aramco** monthly — global benchmark for LPG trade
- **सऊदी कॉन्ट्रैक्ट मूल्य** मासिक रूप से **सऊदी अरामको** द्वारा समीक्षा की जाती है — LPG व्यापार के लिए वैश्विक बेंचमार्क

F1. Past / भूतकाल

- **1991 BOP Crisis:** India's forex reserves fell to cover only **2 weeks of imports** partly due to Gulf War-triggered oil price spike → India pledged gold, undertook IMF loan
- **1991 BOP संकट:** भारत का विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार केवल **2 सप्ताह के आयात** को कवर करने के लिए गिरा — खाड़ी युद्ध से तेल मूल्य वृद्धि आंशिक कारण → भारत ने सोना गिरवी रखा
- **2008 Global Oil Price Spike:** Brent crude crossed \$147/barrel; India's OMC losses skyrocketed; large subsidies required
- **2008 वैश्विक तेल मूल्य उछाल:** ब्रेंट क्रूड \$147/बैरल पार; भारत के OMC घाटे आसमान छू गए; बड़ी सब्सिडी की आवश्यकता
- **PMUY (2016):** Launched to provide free LPG connections to BPL families — protecting household LPG is central to this scheme's success
- **PMUY (2016):** BPL परिवारों को मुफ्त LPG कनेक्शन — घरेलू LPG की सुरक्षा इस योजना की सफलता के लिए केंद्रीय
- **COVID-19 impact on ATF (2020):** Global aviation nearly collapsed; ATF prices plunged → airlines in distress
- **ATF पर COVID-19 प्रभाव (2020):** वैश्विक विमानन लगभग ध्वस्त; ATF कीमतें गिरीं → एयरलाइनों संकट में

F3. Future / भविष्य

- **Best case:** US-Iran conflict resolves quickly → Strait of Hormuz reopens → global LPG supply normalises → prices fall → OMC losses reduce
- **सर्वोत्तम स्थिति:** US-ईरान संघर्ष जल्दी सुलझता है → होर्मुज जलडमरूमध्य फिर खुलता है → वैश्विक LPG आपूर्ति सामान्य → कीमतें गिरती हैं → OMC घाटा कम
- **Worst case:** Prolonged conflict → sustained high energy prices → household LPG also hiked → political backlash → fiscal stress for government
- **सबसे खराब स्थिति:** लंबा संघर्ष → लगातार उच्च ऊर्जा कीमतें → घरेलू LPG भी बढ़े → राजनीतिक प्रतिक्रिया → सरकार पर राजकोषीय तनाव
- **Impact on India:** CAD worsens → rupee weakens → imported inflation → RBI forced to tighten monetary policy → growth slowdown risk
- **भारत पर प्रभाव:** CAD बिगड़ता है → रुपया कमजोर → आयातित मुद्रास्फीति → RBI को मौद्रिक नीति कड़ी करनी पड़े → विकास मंदी का जोखिम
- **Long-term:** India must accelerate **domestic gas production, LNG infrastructure, and energy diversification** (green hydrogen, biofuels, SAF)
- **दीर्घकालिक:** भारत को घरेलू गैस उत्पादन, LNG बुनियादी ढांचा और ऊर्जा विविधीकरण (हरित हाइड्रोजन, जैव ईंधन, SAF) में तेजी लानी होगी

Fuels on fire

According to the government, the LPG hike has been necessitated by a 44% spike in benchmark Saudi Contract prices as 20-30% of global LPG remain stranded in the conflict-hit Strait of Hormuz

Commercial
LPG prices
hiked by
₹196-218
per cylinder
across the
country

Aviation fuel
prices more
than doubled
for international
flights; up
8.6% for
domestic



Under-recoveries of oil
marketing companies
projected to cross
₹40,484 crore
by May-end

IndiGo increases fuel
surcharges up to **₹950**
for domestic and to **₹10,000**
for international flights



**Commercial
LPG**
consumption
less than
10% of total LPG
consumption in
India, says Centre



● HISTORY

Ashoka championed Buddhism; how his grandson helped spread Jainism

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New Delhi, April 1

ON THE occasion of Mahavir Jayanti on Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Samrat Samprati Museum in Koba, Gandhinagar. The museum is dedicated to Jain history and the life of Samrat Samprati, the grandson of the Mauryan ruler Ashoka.

Unlike Ashoka, who is known for helping spread Buddhism, Samprati is remembered for his deep association with Jainism. Here's how Samprati was instrumental in spreading the faith across the subcontinent and beyond.

Ashoka's Buddhist legacy

The rise and spread of the Mauryan Empire in the third century BCE, with all its associated grandeur and administrative order, is well known. Ashoka, who ruled from circa 269 to 232 BCE, is credited with expanding the empire and later instituting a moral framework grounded in Buddhist virtues. According to John E. Cort in *Framing the Jina: Narratives of Icons and Idols in Jain History* (2010): "He created a model for

ethical kingship that persists today in the religious and political imaginaire of Buddhist Southeast Asia." Indeed, Buddhists often regard Ashoka as almost single-handedly responsible for the spread of Buddhism beyond the north Indian landscape.

Yet, despite the prominence of Buddhism under the Mauryas, Jainism remained an important religious tradition. "Asoka's wives were predominantly Buddhist, but his first wife, Padmavati, was a Jain," notes Michael C. Howard in *Transnationalism in Ancient and Medieval Societies* (2012).

Another Mauryan figure central to Jain narratives is Ashoka's grandfather, Chandragupta Maurya, who, Jain traditions say, embraced the faith. "The Digambara historians credit him with leading a migration south to avoid a great famine, and eventually dying in meditation at the holy shrine of Shravana Belgola [in present-day Karnataka]," writes Cort.

While Chandragupta Maurya is venerated in the Digambara Jain tradition, "for Shvetambaras, the central person in the Mauryan dynasty was Ashoka's grandson and successor, Samprati," notes Cort. Al-

Keeping the faith

● Jain communities in western India often attribute the construction of 'old' temples (those lacking firm inscriptional or textual evidence) to Samprati, as well as the installation of ancient icons without donor records

● 'Samprati and his temples and icons... came to occupy a place in the Jain history of western India closely analogous to that occupied by Ashoka in the Buddhist history of India,' the scholar John E. Cort has written

though several of Ashoka's sons are said to have contested the throne after his death in 232 BCE, historical sources offer little consensus on the line of succession.

A popular theory, also mentioned by Colleen Taylor Sen in *Ashoka and the Maurya Dynasty* (2022), is that the empire was divided between his grandsons: Dasharatha and Samprati. Samprati was the son of Kunala. Jain texts, in particular, portray him as an adherent who played a significant role in the dissemination of Jina images across the subcontinent.

Ashoka's Jain counterpart

Samprati is believed to have reigned between 230 and 220 BCE. According to Cort, "The story of Samprati first emerges in Shvetambara writings... in the context of the rules of monastic practice."

Over time, his legacy grew, with anonymous and undated medieval works devoted entirely to him, such as the 461-verse *Sanskrit Deeds of King Samprati* (*Samprati Nripa Charitra*).

Some traditions describe Samprati as a Jain from birth, but most accounts emphasize his conversion under the monk Suhas-

tin, the eighth leader of the Jain congregation established by Mahavira, whom he is said to have met in Ujjain.

His propagation of Jainism was likely shaped by personal and regional influences.

Following his conversion, Samprati is credited with actively promoting Jainism across the subcontinent and beyond — facilitating the movement of monks into distant regions, constructing and renovating thousands of temples, and establishing vast numbers of icons. Some authors even attribute to him the spread of Jain teachings to regions as far as China, Burma (now Myanmar), Afghanistan, Nepal, and Bhutan. More expansive interpretations go further still, crediting him with extending Jain influence into Central Asia, the Arabian peninsula, and parts of West Asia.

These accounts bear a striking resemblance to Buddhist narratives of Ashoka's missionary activities. "Further, just as Ashoka not only spread the Buddhist teachings but also instituted the Buddhist ritual culture of stupas throughout these lands, so Samprati did more than send missionaries. He also built temples and installed icons," writes Cort.

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Samrat Samprati Museum** in **Koba, Gandhinagar (Gujarat)** on the occasion of **Mahavir Jayanti**
- पीएम नरेंद्र मोदी ने महावीर जयंती के अवसर पर कोबा, गांधीनगर (गुजरात) में सम्राट संप्रति संग्रहालय का उद्घाटन किया
- The museum is dedicated to **Jain history** and the life of **Samrat Samprati** — grandson of Mauryan emperor Ashoka
- संग्रहालय जैन इतिहास और मौर्य सम्राट अशोक के पोते **सम्राट संप्रति** के जीवन को समर्पित है
- Article highlights the **parallel legacy** of Ashoka (Buddhism) and Samprati (Jainism) within the **Mauryan dynasty**
- लेख मौर्य वंश में अशोक (बौद्ध धर्म) और संप्रति (जैन धर्म) की **समानांतर विरासत** को उजागर करता है
- Connects to **Mahavir Jayanti** — an important national event (birth anniversary of **Lord Mahavira**, 24th Tirthankara of Jainism)
- महावीर जयंती से जुड़ा है — **भगवान महावीर** (जैन धर्म के 24वें तीर्थंकर) की जन्म जयंती

- **Ashoka** was a great Mauryan emperor who promoted **Buddhism** across Asia after the Kalinga War; his edicts and missionary activities are famous worldwide
- **अशोक** एक महान मौर्य सम्राट था जिसने कलिंग युद्ध के बाद पूरे एशिया में **बौद्ध धर्म** का प्रचार किया
- **Samprati** was Ashoka's **grandson** (son of Kunala) who ruled approximately **230-220 BCE** and did for Jainism what Ashoka did for Buddhism
- **संप्रति** अशोक का **पोता** था (कुनाल का पुत्र) जिसने लगभग **230-220 BCE** में शासन किया और जैन धर्म के लिए वही किया जो अशोक ने बौद्ध धर्म के लिए किया
- **Chandragupta Maurya** (founder of Mauryan empire, Ashoka's grandfather) also had **Jain connections** — Digambara tradition credits him with embracing Jainism and dying in meditation at **Shravana Belgola, Karnataka**
- **चंद्रगुप्त मौर्य** (मौर्य साम्राज्य के संस्थापक, अशोक के दादा) का भी **जैन संबंध** था — दिगंबर परंपरा उन्हें जैन धर्म अपनाने और **श्रवण बेलगोला, कर्नाटक** में ध्यान में मृत्यु का श्रेय देती है
- The **Mauryan dynasty** thus had deep connections to **both Buddhism AND Jainism** — a fact often overlooked in favour of only Ashoka's Buddhist legacy
- इस प्रकार **मौर्य वंश** का **बौद्ध और जैन दोनों धर्मों** से गहरा संबंध था — एक तथ्य जो अक्सर केवल अशोक की बौद्ध विरासत के पक्ष में अनदेखा किया जाता है
- Samprati is said to have spread Jain teachings as far as **China, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Central Asia, and the Arabian Peninsula**
- संप्रति ने जैन शिक्षाओं को **चीन, म्यांमार, अफगानिस्तान, नेपाल, भूटान, मध्य एशिया और अरब प्रायद्वीप** तक फैलाया

- **Dasharatha:** Another grandson of Ashoka with whom the empire was divided; ruled over a different part
- **दशरथ:** अशोक का एक और पोता जिनके साथ साम्राज्य विभाजित हुआ
- **Padmavati:** First wife of Ashoka; was a Jain — showing Jain influence even in Ashoka's personal life
- **पद्मावती:** अशोक की पहली पत्नी; जैन थीं — अशोक के व्यक्तिगत जीवन में भी जैन प्रभाव दर्शाता है

D5. Why Important for India? / भारत के लिए क्यों महत्वपूर्ण?

- Jainism is one of India's **indigenous religions** with rich philosophical, cultural, and artistic heritage — understanding its historical spread matters
- जैन धर्म भारत के **स्वदेशी धर्मों** में से एक है — इसके ऐतिहासिक प्रसार को समझना महत्वपूर्ण है
- The museum at Gandhinagar connects to **Gujarat's deep Jain heritage** — Jain community is significant in Gujarat's social and economic fabric
- गांधीनगर का संग्रहालय **गुजरात की गहरी जैन विरासत** से जुड़ा है
- Samprati's legacy of "**Jain missionary activity**" across Asia parallels Ashoka's Buddhist diplomacy — relevant to India's **soft power** narrative
- एशिया में संप्रति की "**जैन मिशनरी गतिविधि**" की विरासत अशोक की बौद्ध कूटनीति के समानांतर है — भारत की **सॉफ्ट पावर** कथा के लिए प्रासंगिक
- Promotes **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat** ethos by highlighting pan-India cultural connections through ancient religion
- प्राचीन धर्म के माध्यम से अखिल-भारतीय सांस्कृतिक संबंधों को उजागर करके **एक भारत श्रेष्ठ भारत** भावना को प्रोत्साहित करता है

- **Mauryan Dynasty Timeline:**

- **Chandragupta Maurya (322-298 BCE):** Founded Mauryan Empire; defeated Seleucus Nicator; associated with Jainism (Digambara); advised by **Chanakya/Kautilya**
- **चंद्रगुप्त मौर्य (322-298 BCE):** मौर्य साम्राज्य की स्थापना; सेल्यूकस निकेटर को हराया; जैन धर्म से जुड़े; चाणक्य/कौटिल्य के सलाहकार
- **Bindusara (298-272 BCE):** Son of Chandragupta; associated with **Ajivika sect**
- **बिंदुसार (298-272 BCE):** चंद्रगुप्त के पुत्र; **आजीविक संप्रदाय** से जुड़े
- **Ashoka (269-232 BCE):** Kalinga War → conversion to Buddhism; Rock/Pillar Edicts; Dhamma; sent missionaries to Sri Lanka, Greece, Egypt
- **अशोक (269-232 BCE):** कलिंग युद्ध → बौद्ध धर्म में रूपांतरण; शिला/स्तंभ अभिलेख; धम्म; श्रीलंका, ग्रीस, मिस्र में मिशनरी
- **Samprati (230-220 BCE approx):** Jain champion; parallel to Ashoka in religious promotion
- **Dasharatha:** Ruled part of empire after Ashoka; last major Mauryan kings; empire declined after **Pushyamitra Shunga (185 BCE)**

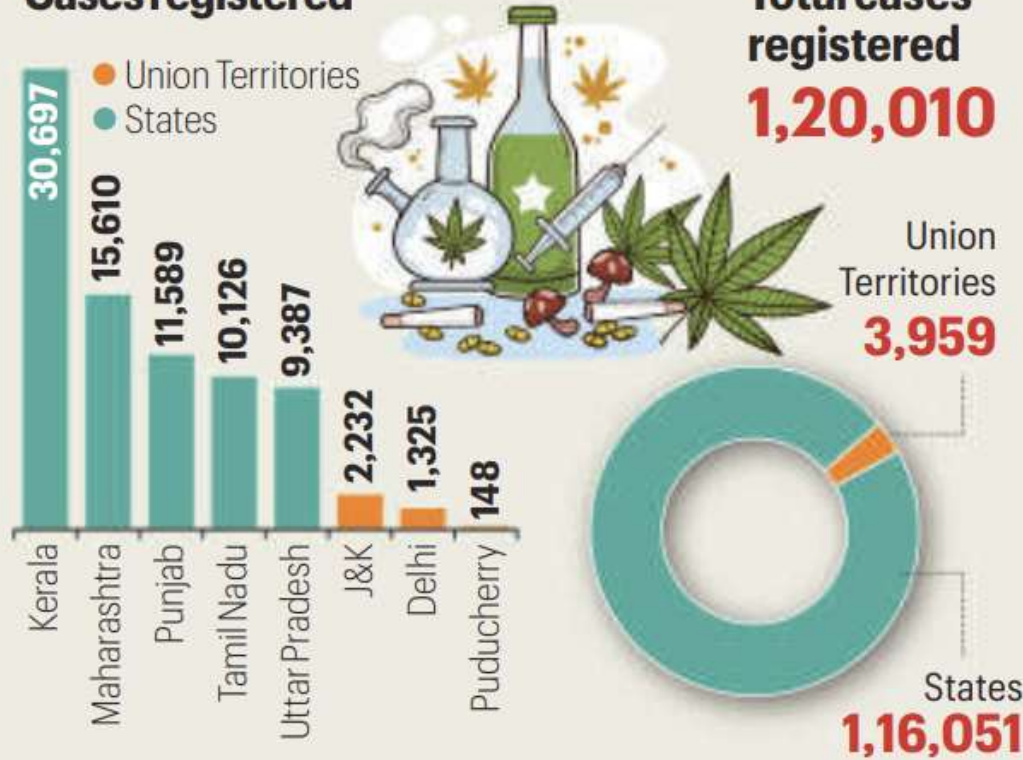
Important Jain Sites in India / भारत में महत्वपूर्ण जैन स्थल

Site / स्थल	State / राज्य	Significance / महत्व
Palitana	Gujarat	900+ Jain temples on Shatrunjaya hill; holiest Jain pilgrimage
Shravana Belgola	Karnataka	Gomateshwara/Bahubali statue; Chandragupta connection
Dilwara Temples	Rajasthan (Mt. Abu)	11th-13th century; marble craftsmanship
Ranakpur	Rajasthan	15th century; 1,444 marble pillars
Ellora Caves	Maharashtra	Jain caves (caves 30-34) alongside Buddhist and Hindu
Gwalior Fort	Madhya Pradesh	Jain rock-cut figures

● KERALA, NOT PUNJAB, RECORDS MOST CASES UNDER ANTI-NARCOTICS LAW

Punjab made up for 9.6% of the total 1,20,010 cases registered under the NDPS Act in 2023, as against Kerala's 25.6%, as per Govt's reply in RS on Wednesday

Cases registered



The NDPS Act, 1985, which regulates operations relating to narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, was amended in 2014 and has been in force nationwide since May 1 that year.

*Data shared by Union Minister of State (Home) Nityanand Rai, based on NCRB record

6 finalists; Indian-origin translator Padma Viswanathan in running

Aishwarya Khosla

New Delhi, April 1

THE 2026 International Booker Prize shortlist comprises six books covering roughly a century of difficult history, moving from 1930s Taiwan to post-revolution Iran, from the Albanian Alps to the suburbs of Paris, each stopping somewhere power has left its mark.

The finalists include Ana Paula Maia's dystopian Brazilian novel *On Earth As It Is Beneath*, translated from the Portuguese by Padma Viswanathan, a Canadian-American writer and professor of Indian origin.

Maia's 2025 novella is set in a penal colony where enslaved people were once tortured and murdered.

In an exclusive interview with *The Indian Express* following the longlist announcement, Viswanathan revealed that the translation took nine weeks, five drafts. "For the third draft, I retyped the entire manuscript from start to finish over just a few days, aware that Ana Paula seemed to employ a sort of free-wheeling association with her relatively curt language."

• The Shortlist



THE NIGHTS ARE QUIET IN TEHRAN By Shida Bazayr

Set across four decades, this is a polyphonic novel of one family's flight from & return to Iran. *Translated by Ruth Martin*



THE DIRECTOR By Daniel Kehlmann

An artist's life and a pact with the devil; this is a novel about the dangerous illusions of the silver screen. *Translated by Ross Benjamin*



THE WITCH By Marie NDiaye

A mediocre witch, in a mediocre marriage, tries to pass on her gifts to her twin daughters, who, it becomes apparent, have skills far beyond her own. *Translated by Jordan Stump*



SHE WHO REMAINS By Rene Karabash

A dark and poetic novel about identity, gender, love, freedom, and societal norms. *Translated by Izidora Angel*



ON EARTH AS IT IS BENEATH By Ana Paula Maia

A novel that sets us among an isolated group of men whose bonds break down in ways hard to comprehend & impossible to look away from. *Translated by Padma Viswanathan*



TAIWAN TRAVELOGUE By Yang Shuang-zi

A bittersweet story of love between two women, nested in an artful exploration of language, history and power. *Translated by Lin King*



India Leads Globally in Nagoya Protocol Compliance Certificates

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Topic	Exam-Oriented Content
Why in News	India has emerged as the global leader in issuing IRCCs under the Nagoya Protocol. भारत नागोया प्रोटोकॉल के तहत IRCCs जारी करने में वैश्विक अग्रणी बनकर उभरा है।
Key Data	India issued 3,561 IRCCs out of the global total of 6,311, which is more than 56% of the world total. भारत ने वैश्विक कुल 6,311 IRCCs में से 3,561 जारी किए, जो विश्व कुल का 56% से अधिक है।
Global Position	India is ranked first globally in issuance of Internationally Recognised Certificates of Compliance. अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर मान्यता प्राप्त अनुपालन प्रमाणपत्र जारी करने में भारत प्रथम स्थान पर है।
Other Leading Countries	India is followed by France, Spain, Argentina, Panama, and Kenya. भारत के बाद फ्रांस, स्पेन, अर्जेंटीना, पनामा और केन्या का स्थान है।
Registered Countries	Among 142 registered countries, only 34 countries have issued IRCCs so far. 142 पंजीकृत देशों में से अब तक केवल 34 देशों ने IRCCs जारी किए हैं।
What is IRCC	IRCC stands for Internationally Recognised Certificate of Compliance. It is an official record issued under the Access and Benefit-Sharing system. IRCC का पूरा नाम Internationally Recognised Certificate of Compliance है। यह Access and Benefit-Sharing व्यवस्था के तहत जारी एक आधिकारिक अभिलेख है।
Meaning of IRCC	It confirms that access to genetic resources was granted legally and that required conditions were fulfilled. यह प्रमाणित करता है कि आनुवंशिक संसाधनों तक पहुँच कानूनी रूप से दी गई और आवश्यक शर्तें पूरी की गईं।

What is Nagoya Protocol	<p>The Nagoya Protocol is an international agreement related to access to genetic resources and fair sharing of benefits arising from their use.</p> <p>नागोया प्रोटोकॉल आनुवंशिक संसाधनों तक पहुँच और उनके उपयोग से प्राप्त लाभों के न्यायपूर्ण बँटवारे से संबंधित एक अंतरराष्ट्रीय समझौता है।</p>
Parent Convention	<p>The Nagoya Protocol is a supplementary agreement to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).</p> <p>नागोया प्रोटोकॉल, जैव विविधता अभिसमय (CBD) का एक पूरक समझौता है।</p>
Adoption	<p>It was adopted in 2010 at Nagoya, Japan.</p> <p>इसे वर्ष 2010 में जापान के नागोया में अपनाया गया था।</p>
Entry into Force	<p>The Protocol entered into force in 2014.</p> <p>यह प्रोटोकॉल वर्ष 2014 में प्रभाव में आया।</p>
ABS Full Form	<p>ABS stands for Access and Benefit-Sharing.</p> <p>ABS का पूरा नाम Access and Benefit-Sharing है।</p>
Meaning of ABS	<p>It means that when genetic resources or related traditional knowledge are used, the benefits should be shared fairly with the provider country or community.</p> <p>इसका अर्थ है कि जब आनुवंशिक संसाधनों या उनसे जुड़े पारंपरिक ज्ञान का उपयोग किया जाए, तो उसके लाभों का न्यायपूर्ण बँटवारा प्रदाता देश या समुदाय के साथ होना चाहिए।</p>
Prior Informed Consent (PIC)	<p>PIC means permission must be taken in advance from the provider country or authority before accessing genetic resources.</p> <p>PIC का अर्थ है कि आनुवंशिक संसाधनों तक पहुँच से पहले प्रदाता देश या प्राधिकरण से पूर्व अनुमति लेना आवश्यक है।</p>

One-Liner Facts	Exam Points
<p>Nagoya Protocol = Biodiversity-related agreement नगोया प्रोटोकॉल = जैव विविधता से संबंधित समझौता</p>	<p>Not a climate treaty, not a pollution treaty. यह एक जलवायु या प्रदूषण समझौता नहीं है।</p>
<p>Adopted in 2010 2010 में अपनाया गया</p>	<p>Place: Nagoya, Japan. स्थान: नागोया, जापान</p>
<p>Entered into force in 2014 2014 में लागू हुआ</p>	<p>Important factual question for prelims. प्रील्स के लिए महत्वपूर्ण तथ्यात्मक प्रश्न</p>
<p>IRCC is proof of legal access IRCC कानूनी पहुंच का प्रमाण है</p>	<p>Shows PIC and MAT compliance. यह PIC और MAT अनुपालन दिखाता है</p>
<p>India is a mega-diverse country भारत एक मेगा-विविध देश है</p>	<p>Hence biodiversity governance is strategically important. इसलिए जैव विविधता प्रशासन रणनीतिक रूप से महत्वपूर्ण है</p>
<p>Biological Diversity Act, 2002 जैव विविधता अधिनियम, 2002</p>	<p>Important Indian law linked with biodiversity conservation and access regulation. यह भारतीय कानून है जो जैव विविधता संरक्षण और पहुंच विनियमन से जुड़ा हुआ है</p>

Question

Consider the following statements about the Nagoya Protocol:

नागोया प्रोटोकॉल के संबंध में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार कीजिए:

Content

1. It is a supplementary agreement to the Convention on Biological Diversity.
1. यह Convention on Biological Diversity का एक पूरक समझौता है।
2. It mainly deals with greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.
2. यह मुख्यतः ग्रीनहाउस गैस उत्सर्जन में कमी के लक्ष्यों से संबंधित है।
3. It is related to fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources.
3. यह आनुवंशिक संसाधनों के उपयोग से उत्पन्न लाभों के न्यायपूर्ण और समान बँटवारे से संबंधित है।

Which of the statements given above are correct?

उपरोक्त में से कौन-से कथन सही हैं?

- (A) 1 and 2 only
(A) केवल 1 और 2
- (B) 1 and 3 only
(B) केवल 1 और 3
- (C) 2 and 3 only
(C) केवल 2 और 3
- (D) 1, 2 and 3
(D) 1, 2 और 3

ESA Launches Celeste Satellites to Boost Navigation System



Topic	Exam-Oriented Content
Why in News	<p>The European Space Agency (ESA) has launched the first two satellites of the Celeste in-orbit demonstration mission.</p> <p>यूरोपीय अंतरिक्ष एजेंसी (ESA) ने Celeste in-orbit demonstration mission के पहले दो उपग्रह लॉन्च किए हैं।</p>
Organisation Involved	<p>The mission has been launched by the European Space Agency (ESA).</p> <p>यह मिशन यूरोपीय अंतरिक्ष एजेंसी (ESA) द्वारा शुरू किया गया है।</p>
Mission Name	<p>The mission is called the Celeste in-orbit demonstration mission.</p> <p>इस मिशन का नाम Celeste in-orbit demonstration mission है।</p>
Satellites Launched	<p>The two satellites launched are Celeste IOD-1 and Celeste IOD-2.</p> <p>लॉन्च किए गए दो उपग्रह Celeste IOD-1 और Celeste IOD-2 हैं।</p>
Launch Vehicle	<p>The satellites were launched aboard Rocket Lab's Electron rocket.</p> <p>इन उपग्रहों को Rocket Lab के Electron rocket से लॉन्च किया गया।</p>
Launch Site	<p>The launch took place from New Zealand.</p> <p>यह प्रक्षेपण न्यू Zealand से किया गया।</p>

Main Objective	<p>The mission aims to test a complementary layer of satellite navigation in low Earth orbit.</p> <p>इस मिशन का उद्देश्य निम्न पृथ्वी कक्षा में उपग्रह नेविगेशन की एक पूरक परत का परीक्षण करना है।</p>
Link with Galileo	<p>Celeste is intended to support Europe's existing Galileo navigation system.</p> <p>Celeste का उद्देश्य यूरोप की मौजूदा Galileo navigation system का समर्थन करना है।</p>
Galileo System	<p>Galileo is Europe's global navigation satellite system, comparable to the American GPS.</p> <p>Galileo यूरोप की global navigation satellite system है, जो अमेरिका की GPS प्रणाली के समान है।</p>
Orbit Used by Celeste	<p>The Celeste satellites are operating in Low Earth Orbit (LEO).</p> <p>Celeste उपग्रह Low Earth Orbit (LEO) में कार्य कर रहे हैं।</p>
Orbit Used by Galileo	<p>The article states that the Galileo system operates in Medium Earth Orbit (MEO).</p> <p>लेख के अनुसार Galileo system Medium Earth Orbit (MEO) में कार्य करती है।</p>
Why LEO is Important	<p>Because LEO satellites are closer to Earth, they can provide stronger signals, better accuracy, and improved reliability.</p> <p>क्योंकि LEO उपग्रह पृथ्वी के अधिक निकट होते हैं, इसलिए वे अधिक मजबूत सिग्नल, बेहतर शुद्धता और अधिक विश्वसनीयता प्रदान कर सकते हैं।</p>
Technology Validation	<p>The mission will validate new technologies, signals, and service capabilities.</p> <p>यह मिशन नई तकनीकों, सिग्नलों और सेवा क्षमताओं को सत्यापित करेगा।</p>
Frequency Bands Used	<p>The satellites will operate in L-band and S-band frequencies.</p> <p>ये उपग्रह L-band और S-band आवृत्तियों में कार्य करेंगे।</p>

System	Region/Country	Type
Galileo	Europe	Global Navigation System
GPS	United States	Global Navigation System
GLONASS	Russia	Global Navigation System
BeiDou	China	Global Navigation System
NavIC	India	Regional Navigation System

Question**Content**

Consider the following statements:

निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार कीजिए:

1. Celeste satellites are intended to complement Europe's Galileo navigation system.

1. Celeste उपग्रहों का उद्देश्य यूरोप की Galileo navigation system को पूरक समर्थन देना है।

2. The Celeste satellites operate in Low Earth Orbit.

2. Celeste उपग्रह Low Earth Orbit में कार्य करते हैं।

3. Galileo is India's regional navigation system.

3. Galileo भारत की क्षेत्रीय navigation system है।

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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An aerial photograph of a suburban residential neighborhood. The image shows a grid of streets with houses, many of which have swimming pools and solar panels. The houses are mostly single-story with brown or tan roofs. There are green lawns and trees scattered throughout the neighborhood. The text "Varkala – 20 Cities Towards Zero Waste Initiative" is overlaid in the center of the image in a white, sans-serif font.

Varkala – 20 Cities Towards Zero
Waste Initiative

विषय / Aspect	English	हिंदी
Topic in News	Varkala (Kerala) has been selected in the global "20 Cities Towards Zero Waste" initiative.	वर्कला (केरल) को वैश्विक "20 Cities Towards Zero Waste" पहल में चुना गया है।
Location	Varkala is a coastal town in Thiruvananthapuram district of Kerala.	वर्कला केरल के तिरुवनंतपुरम जिले में स्थित एक तटीय नगर है।
Initiative Name	"20 Cities Towards Zero Waste" Initiative.	"20 Cities Towards Zero Waste" पहल।
Led By	Led by the UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Zero Waste.	संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासचिव के Zero Waste सलाहकार बोर्ड द्वारा संचालित।
Supporting Agencies	Supported by UN-Habitat and UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme).	UN-Habitat और UNEP (संयुक्त राष्ट्र पर्यावरण कार्यक्रम) द्वारा समर्थित।
Aim of Initiative	To promote zero waste practices, resource efficiency, and sustainable urban systems.	शून्य अपशिष्ट प्रथाओं, संसाधन दक्षता और सतत शहरी प्रणाली को बढ़ावा देना।
Core Concept	Focus on Circular Economy – reuse, recycle, reduce waste.	मुख्य अवधारणा: सर्कुलर इकोनॉमी – पुनः उपयोग, पुनर्चक्रण और अपशिष्ट में कमी।
What is Zero Waste	Zero waste aims to minimise landfill waste and maximise resource utilisation.	Zero Waste का उद्देश्य लैंडफिल कचरे को कम करना और संसाधनों का अधिकतम उपयोग करना है।

Key Objectives	Encourage innovation, knowledge sharing, and best practices in urban waste management.	शहरी अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन में नवाचार, ज्ञान साझा करना और सर्वोत्तम प्रथाओं को बढ़ावा देना।
Global Importance	Recognises cities working towards sustainable development and environmental protection.	सतत विकास और पर्यावरण संरक्षण की दिशा में कार्य करने वाले शहरों को मान्यता देता है।
Significance for India	Highlights India's commitment to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).	भारत की सतत विकास लक्ष्यों (SDGs) के प्रति प्रतिबद्धता को दर्शाता है।
SDG Linkage	Directly linked to SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities) and SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption).	सीधे SDG 11 (सतत शहर) और SDG 12 (जिम्मेदार उपभोग) से जुड़ा है।
Role of UNEP	UNEP coordinates global environmental actions and supports treaties like CBD, CITES, Minamata.	UNEP वैश्विक पर्यावरणीय कार्यों का समन्वय करता है और CBD, CITES, Minamata जैसे समझौतों का समर्थन करता है।
UNEP Facts	Established in 1972; Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya.	स्थापना 1972 में; मुख्यालय नैरोबी, केन्या में।

A close-up photograph of a hummingbird hovering over a cluster of pink flowers. The bird is positioned in the upper right quadrant, facing left towards the flowers. Its wings are blurred, indicating rapid movement. The flowers are in the lower half of the frame, with some in sharp focus and others blurred. The background is a dark, out-of-focus green.

CMS COP15 added 40 migratory
species

विषय / Aspect	English	हिंदी
Topic in News	<p>CMS COP15 added 40 migratory species / populations to the protected lists under the Convention on Migratory Species.</p> <p>Serviços e Inform... +2</p>	<p>CMS COP15 में 40 प्रवासी प्रजातियों / आबादियों को Convention on Migratory Species की संरक्षित सूचियों में जोड़ा गया।</p> <p>Serviços e Inform... +2</p>
Full Form of CMS	<p>CMS stands for the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals. It is also called the Bonn Convention.</p> <p>CMS +2</p>	<p>CMS का पूरा नाम Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals है। इसे बॉन कन्वेंशन भी कहा जाता है।</p> <p>CMS +2</p>
Nature of Treaty	<p>CMS is a global intergovernmental environmental treaty for the conservation of migratory animals and their habitats across borders.</p> <p>CMS +2</p>	<p>CMS एक वैश्विक अंतर-सरकारी पर्यावरणीय संधि है, जिसका उद्देश्य सीमाओं के पार प्रवासी जीवों और उनके आवासों का संरक्षण करना है।</p> <p>CMS +2</p>
Under Which UN Body	<p>CMS functions under the aegis of UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme).</p> <p>CMS +2</p>	<p>CMS, UNEP (संयुक्त राष्ट्र पर्यावरण कार्यक्रम) के अधीन कार्य करता है।</p> <p>CMS +2</p>
Signed / Adopted	<p>The Convention was signed in Bonn, Germany, in 1979. It entered into force in 1983.</p> <p>Shankar IAS Parli... +2</p>	<p>यह कन्वेंशन 1979 में बॉन, जर्मनी में हस्ताक्षरित हुआ था। यह 1983 में प्रभावी हुआ।</p> <p>Shankar IAS Parli... +2</p>
COP15 Venue and Time	<p>CMS COP15 was held in Campo Grande, Brazil, from 23 to 29 March 2026.</p> <p>UNEP - UN Envir... +1</p>	<p>CMS COP15, 23 से 29 मार्च 2026 तक Campo Grande, Brazil में आयोजित हुआ।</p> <p>UNEP - UN Envir... +1</p>
Main Aim	<p>Its main aim is to conserve migratory species throughout their range through international cooperation.</p> <p>CMS +1</p>	<p>इसका मुख्य उद्देश्य अंतरराष्ट्रीय सहयोग के माध्यम से प्रवासी प्रजातियों को उनके पूरे प्रवास क्षेत्र में संरक्षित करना है।</p> <p>CMS +1</p>
Why It Matters	<p>Migratory species cross many countries, so one country alone cannot protect them effectively.</p> <p>IISD Earth Negoti... +1</p>	<p>प्रवासी प्रजातियाँ कई देशों की सीमाएँ पार करती हैं, इसलिए केवल एक देश इनके संरक्षण के लिए पर्याप्त नहीं होता।</p> <p>IISD Earth Negoti... +1</p>

Type of Instruments	<p>CMS works through legally binding Agreements as well as non-binding Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs). UNESCO World H...</p>	<p>CMS कानूनी रूप से बाध्यकारी Agreements तथा गैर-बाध्यकारी Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) के माध्यम से काम करता है। UNESCO World H...</p>
Examples of Species Mentioned in COP15 Coverage	<p>Species highlighted in reporting on the new listings include the cheetah, striped hyena, snowy owl, giant otter, and great hammerhead shark. Down To Earth +1</p>	<p>नई सूचीकरण से जुड़ी रिपोर्टों में चीता, striped hyena, snowy owl, giant otter और great hammerhead shark जैसी प्रजातियों का उल्लेख हुआ है। Down To Earth +1</p>
Significance of Adding 40 Species	<p>The addition shows rising concern over biodiversity loss and the decline of migratory animals worldwide. The Times +2</p>	<p>40 प्रजातियों को जोड़ना वैश्विक जैव-विविधता हास और प्रवासी जीवों की गिरती संख्या पर बढ़ती चिंता को दर्शाता है। The Times +2</p>
Key Threats to Migratory Species	<p>Major threats include habitat loss, climate change, overexploitation, pollution, and barriers to migration. The Times +2</p>	<p>मुख्य खतरों में आवास हानि, जलवायु परिवर्तन, अत्यधिक दोहन, प्रदूषण और प्रवास मार्गों में अवरोध शामिल हैं। The Times +2</p>

Word of the day

Coterie:

an exclusive circle of people with a common purpose

Synonyms:

crowd, network, community

Usage: *The politician relied on a coterie of advisers.*

Pronunciation:

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International Phonetic

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