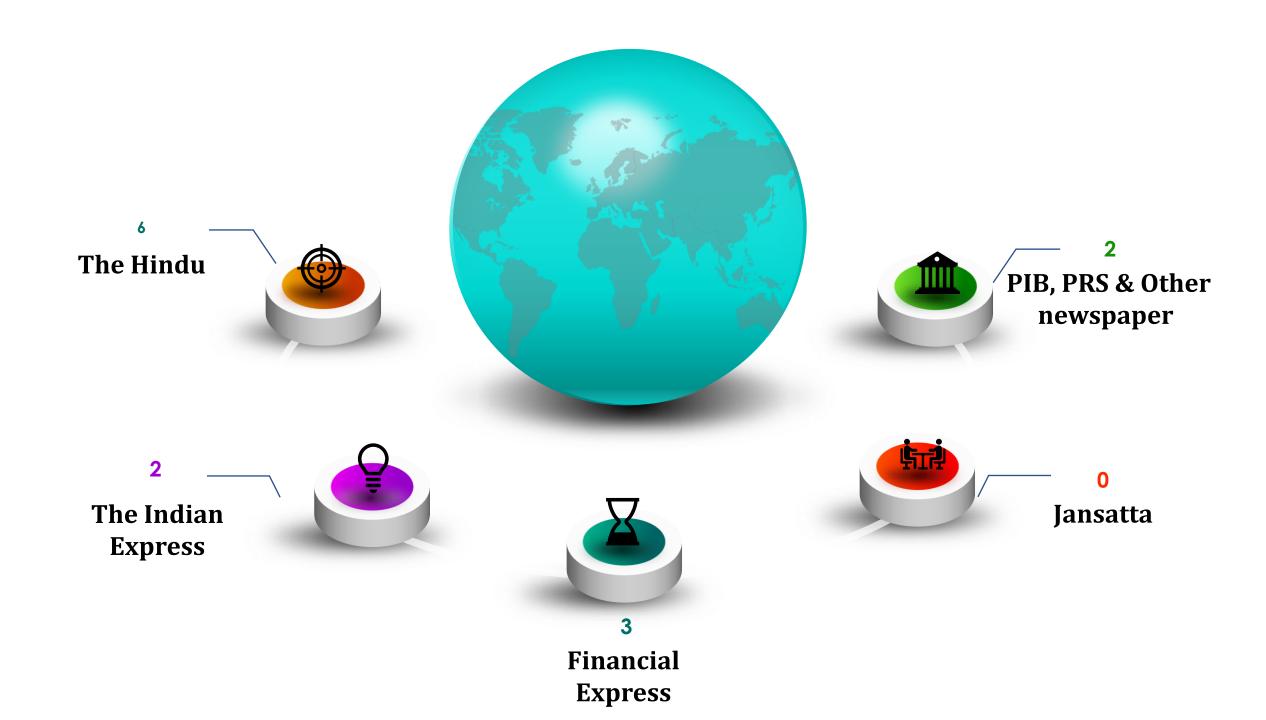
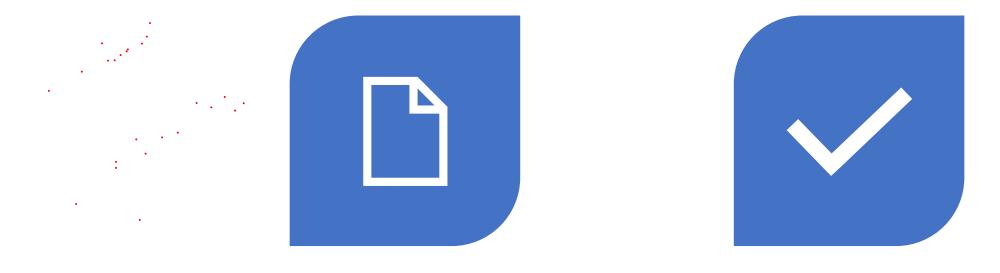
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The Hindu Bureau

What began as a day of rap-turous celebration over the IPL victory of Royal Chal-

engers Bengaluru (RCB) in Bengaluru on Wednesday

turned into one of crush-ing tragedy when 11 people

– all aged below 40 – were killed and 47 injured after a

massive build-up of fans at

the M. Chinnaswamy Stadi-um led to a stampede.

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Sikkim landslide: Lt. Colonel, wife among 6 missing

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Centre drafting a new national policy for elderly

NEW DELHI

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NEW DELHI A new national policy on senior citizens is in the draft stages with Union Ministry, officials said, adding that some details of it were discussed on Wednesday st a meeting of the National Council for Senior Citizens, chaired by Social Justice Minister Virendra Kumar. 20 PAGE 4

YouTuber held on charges of spying for Pak.

CHANDIGARH CHANDIGARH The Punjab Police on Wednesday said its Special Operation Cell had arrested a YouTube-influence on charges of spying for Pakistan's. Inter-Services Intelligence. DGP Gaurav Yadav identied the accused as Jasbir Singh, 41, alias Jaan Mahal, a resident of Mahlan village in Rupnagar district. » PAGE 4

IRCTC suspends 2.5 crore user IDs in digital drive

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have suffered head inju-ries. Their condition is sta-ble as of now, according to

the doctor. Vydehi Medical Admi-

nistrator Humera Sayeeda said that apart from the

four deceased, 12 others who suffered injuries were

who suffered injuries were under treatment at the hospital. Their condition was stable, she said. Since late afternoon, roads in and around the stadium and the entire Central Business District (CBD) were choked and the traffic police had trouble ensuring smooth move-ment of vehicles.

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States advised to prepare as COVID claims 7 more lives

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the Indian Council of Med-ical Research - Virus Re-search and Diagnostic Lab-oratory network. "The Union Health Mi-nistry continues to closely monitor the situation," the official said. ABX



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to this, at Vidhana Soudha,

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The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI more COVID-19

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Next Census to conclude by March 2027: govt.

The Census after an unprecedented 16-year gap will be the country's first digital Census

<u>Vijaita Singh</u> NEW DELHI

ndia will count its population by March 1, 2027, in a Census to be held after an unprecedented 16-year gap, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs announced on Wednesday. This will be the country's first digital Census, and the first in Independent India to include an enumeration of castes as well.

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The Constitution mandates that the first Census after 2026 can be used as the basis to redraw Lok Sabha constituencies which are currently drawn on the basis of 1971 Census data.

Two-phase process

The next general election is expected to be held in 2029.

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To be counted

India will be counting its people after a gap of 16 years in the first digital Census which will also include caste enumeration



Crucial numbers: An enumerator at a household in Hyderabad during the 2011 Census, FILE PHOTO

held in 2011 and the subsequent exercise scheduled to take place in 2021 was delayed indefinitely, initially due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On April 30, the Union Cabinet had decided to include caste enumeration as part of the next Census exercise. October 1, 2026: Reference date for Union Territory of Ladakh and the non-synchronous snowbound areas of the U.T. of Jammu and Kashmir and States of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand

March 1, 2027: Reference date set for remaining parts of the country

Around 24 lakh

enumeration blocks (EB) finalised for the 2011 Census are likely to be used for the 2027 Census. Each EB usually comprises 150-180 houses or 650-800 people

India's Census is conducted under the provisions of the Census Act, 1948 and the Census Rules, 1990, and will be completed in two phases: first, the house listing and housing schedule; and then, the population enumeration. Both phases usually span a

No reason for another delay of 23 months: Cong.

NEW DELHI

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NPR updation

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There was no announcement on updating the National Population Register (NPR), which already has a database of 119 crore residents.

The population register

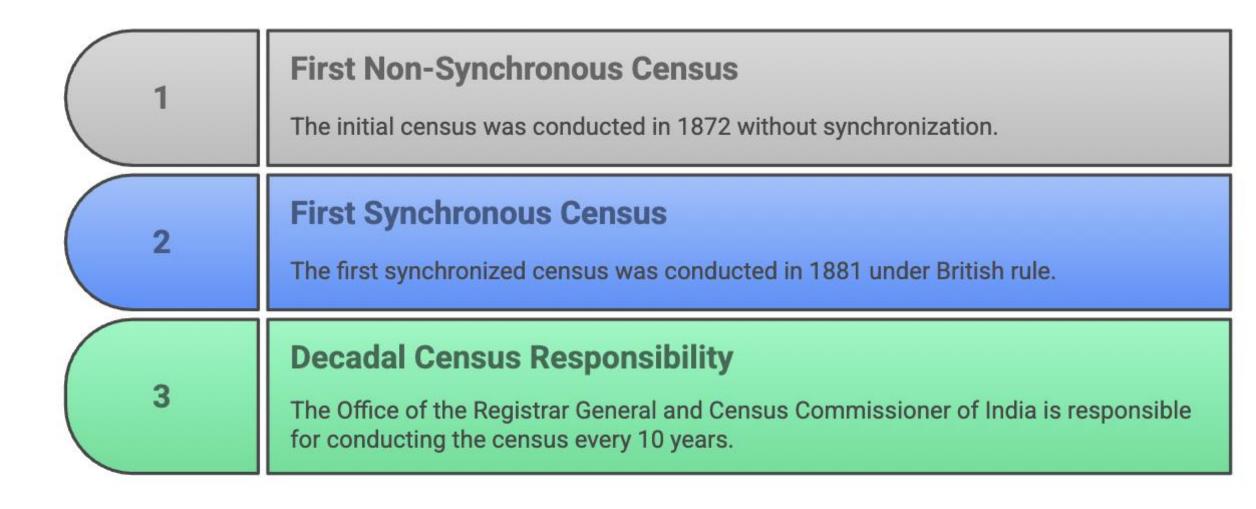
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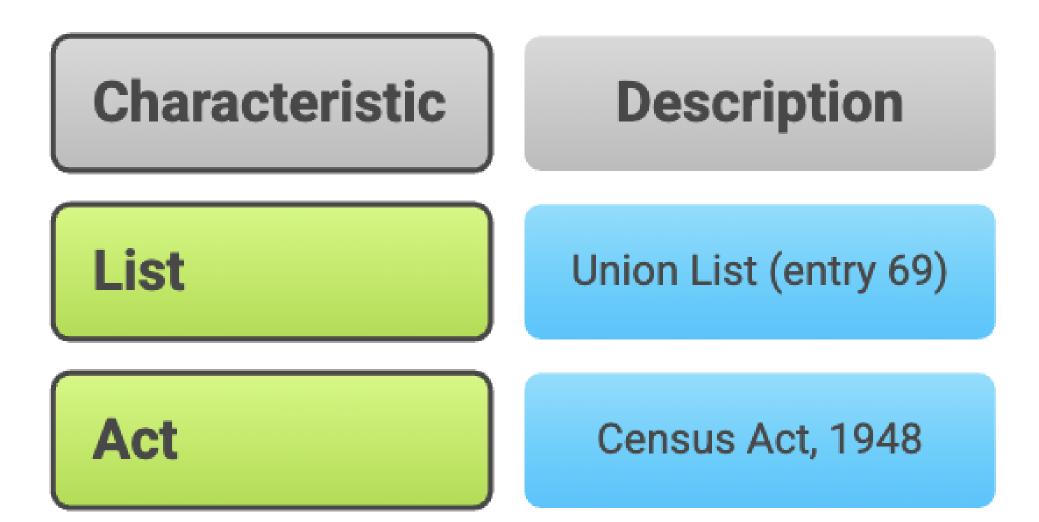
According to the Citizenship Rules 2003, the NPR is the first step towards compilation of a National Register of Indian Citizens (NRIC/NRC).

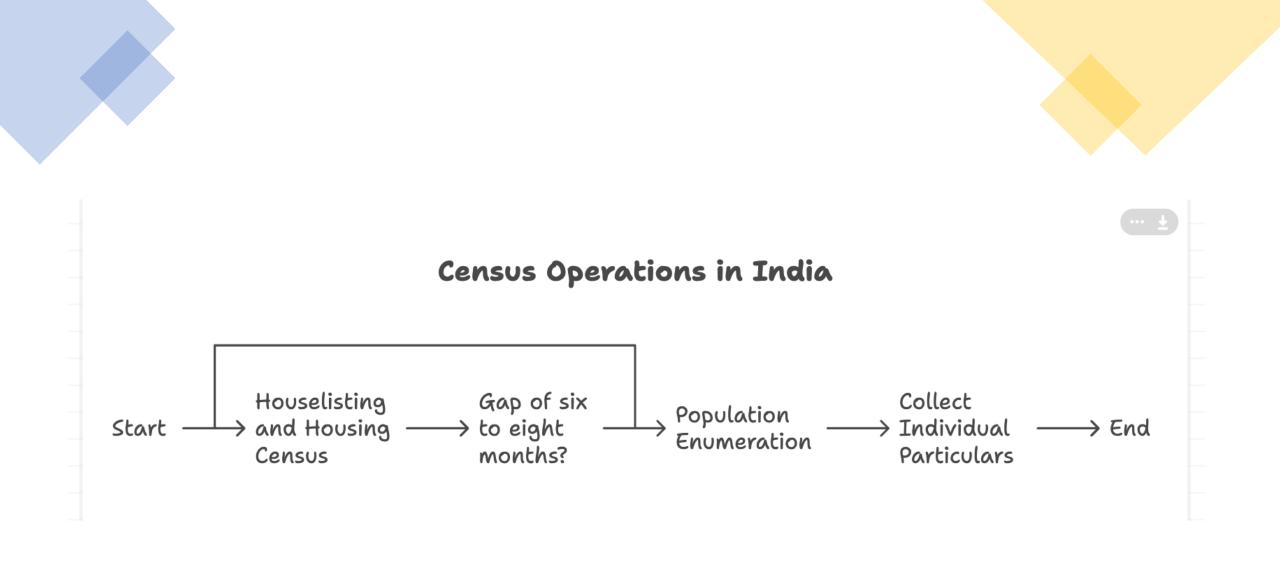
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Indian Census Timeline



Census in India







Key Highlights of the 2027 Census

Feature	Details
Timeline	Will conclude by March 1, 2027
Gap Since Last Census	16 years – unprecedented (last held in 2011)
Reference Dates	Oct 1, 2026 (snow-bound UTs), March 1, 2027 (rest of India)
Phases	2 phases – (1) Housing listing, (2) Population enumeration
Mode	First-ever digital Census in India
Caste Enumeration	Will include caste data collection for the first time since 1931

New Additions & Technology

- A mobile app will be used by ~30 lakh enumerators (mostly school teachers).
- A self-enumeration portal (only for NPR-updated households) will allow online entries.
- Caste enumeration to be added as a new column alongside SC/ST categories.

Constitutional and Political Implications

- Delimitation: 2026 Census will form the basis for redrawing Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies (currently based on 1971 data).
- Women's Reservation: 33% reservation for women in Lok Sabha and Assemblies will be based on this Census data.
- Opposition Criticism: Congress criticized the delay of 23 months as political, accusing the government of "missing deadlines".

National Population Register (NPR)

- **No update announced** to the NPR, last updated in 2010 with 119 crore entries.
- NPR is the **first step** towards the **National Register of Indian Citizens (NRIC/NRC)** under the Citizenship Rules 2003.

Additional Facts for Prelims

Item	Detail
Census Act Year	1948
Census Rules Year	1990
Enumeration Blocks	~24 lakh EB from 2011 to be reused (each EB = 150–200 houses approx.)
Self Enumeration	Available only to NPR-updated households
Last Caste Census	1931 (except Socio Economic Caste Census in 2011, which lacked credibility)

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INBRIEF



Thug Life: T.N. permits special shows for Haasan's movie

The Tamil Nadu government on Wednesday granted permission to the makers of ace filumnaker Mani Ratnami's *Thug Life*, starring Kamal Haasan, to host special shows at 9 a.m. only on the day of its release, on Thursday. This comes in response to a formal request made by Raaj Kamal Films International, Mr. Kamal's production banner backing the film. Accepting the request, the government has allowed the makers to screen a total of five shows on the day of the release, with the first one starting at 9 a.m on Thursday and the last show ending at 2 a.m. on Friday.

CBI arrests Hisar man for rape, assault of minor girls

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has ted a man from Harvana's Hisar for allegedly committing rape and sexual assault on multiple minor girls over the past few years. A search conducted by the CBI team at the residence of conducted by the CBI team at the residence of the accused on Tuesday allegedby led to the recovery of incriminating electronic gadgets as detected images and videos from the interpol's international Child Sexual Exploitation database. The analysis of the images and videos using cyber forensic tools revealed the location of the incidents to Hisar, depicting multiple victums.

After M.P., Rahul goes to Harvana to kick-start revamp of Congress unit

THE HINDU

States

Leader of the Opposition in LS underscores need to nurture promising, ideologically committed party leadership in Harvana as part of the 'Sangathan Srijan Abhivan' to rejuvenate Congress



Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda welcomes LoP in Lok paign to revamp the party in Madhya Pradesh. The Congress's Haryana unit Sabha Rahul Gandhi in Chandigarh on Wednesday, AN

cember 26, 2024, at a Conment of the District Concember 26, 2024, at a Con-gress Working Committee meeting held in Belagavi, Karnataka. The party has already declared 2025 as the year to strengthen its organisation across the country. gress Committee presi-dents in Haryana. Former Chief Minister

Former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Haryana Congress chief Udal Bhan, former Harya-ning Chaudhary Birender Singh, and senior Haryana leaders Kumari Selja and Randeep Singh Surjewala also attended the meeting. B.K. Hariprasad, Con-gg B.K. Hariprasad, Con-gg affairs in Haryana, said afntry. country. Congress general secre-tary (organisation) and Lok Sabha MP K.C. Venugopal said that as part of the cam-paign, Mr. Gandhi on Wed-nesday addressed a meet-ing of the observers who will oversee the appoint

The Hindu Bureau In a major push towards clean mobility, the Com-mission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) an-nounced on Wednesday that from January I next year, no new diesel or pe-trol vehicles can be added to the fleets of e-commerce

ter June 10, the All India Congress Committee and Pradesh Congress Commit-tee observers will tour the State as part of the process to the fleets of e-commerce companies and vehicle agof district president ap-pointments and recom-mend a panel of six names gregators operating in the Delhi-NCR region. This mandate applies across the spectrum of

four-wheelers, three-wheelers, and two-wheel-ers. From the beginning of M.P. rejig At Tuesday's 'Sangathan Srijan Abhiyan' in Bhopal, Mr. Gandhi also held four 2026, only electric or com pressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles will be allowed to separate meetings and discussions with party leadbe newly inducted into ers, office-bearers and commercial delivery and workers as part of efforts to reorganise the Congress in mobility fleets. So far, the directive is li-

the State, where it has been out of power since 2003 barring a 15-month period between 2018 and 2020. urged the governm Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan to "formu-Two Congress MLAs and a party leader told The Hin-du that Mr. Gandhi adand Rajasthan to "formu-late comprehensive poli-cies encompassing motor vehicle aggregators, deliv-ery service providers and e-commerce entities for du that Mr. Gandhi ad-dressed multiple concerns raised during the meetings, including ticket distribu-tion, appointments of dis-trict and block level com-mittees and factionalism in the State unit, among others. e-commerce entities for the entire NCR, prioriti-sing Gurugram, Faridabad, Sonipat, Noida, Greater Noida and Ghaziabad" - ci-ties that depend heavily on

from each district.

No diesel, petrol delivery fleets in NCR from 2026



The CAQM noted that tra is a major contributor to a pollution in NCR

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3 injured in attack on Dalit wedding procession in U.P.

nt, said.

Samridhi Tewari NEW DELHI

At least three people were At least three people were injured on Tuesday after a wedding procession by members of a Dalit com-munity was pelted with stones and hit with rods and sticks at Rahdra village in Amroha, Uttar Pradesh

Two daughters of Ram pal, a local belonging to the latay (Dalit) communi ty, were getting married. The procession that ar-rived from Shirkoi Bhur in Moradabad for Sonam Ku-

Moradabad for Sonam Ku-mari, Mr. Rampal's elder daughter, faced the assault. "On June 2, a wedding procession was being car-ried out around 5.30 p.m. Around 15.20 people from the same village, belonging torchly entered the wed-ding. procession and procession

stopped us from dancing. When we opposed it, all the above people used cas-teist words and attacked us The Hindu Bureau Two days after Shiv Sena with sticks, rods, knives, and sharp-edged weapons to kill us. I, too, received an (UBT)'s Nashik district's de-puty leader Sudhakar Bad-gujar met Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, the open injury on my head and many other small inju-ries," Kanhaiya, the com-Devendra Fadnavis, the party on Wednesday ex-point he basiver aligniting in "anti-party activities". During his meeting with the CAM, Mr. Badguiger has been the sense of the with the way the Sena (UHT) has been function-ing, which has "left a dozen bet and unhappy". "If the party chief is de-termined to remove me He said many in the pro-cession were assaulted with knives. A video pur-ported to be of the chaotic ported to be of the chaotic scene has surfaced on so-cial media. The police said they had to resort to mild and restore order. A case was registered at the Gajar-la police station under va-rious Sections of the INN-Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Preven-tion of Atrocities) Act, 1889 (Amendment 2015).

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Chhattisgarh govt. nod for Jharkhand bandh policy to promote tourism called by tribal outfits in tribal-dominated areas

They accused the Heman Soren-led government of attempting to "erase tribal religious identity" and warned of intensified prot-ests if their concerns are not addressed. "If our voic-Shubhomoy Sikdar RAIPUR The Chhattisgarh Cabinet

es are ignored, we will march to the Assembly and then to Parliament," a tribal leader said. Another protester, Raj-kishore, emphasised that the issue extends beyond the construction itself, al-

the construction itself, al-leging a "broader conspira-cy to undermine tribal Kenyo". Weinyo: molition of the newly con-structed ramp, protection of tribal religious sites, im-chayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, and removal of encroachment on tribal land.



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Drop by drop, how the border between Bihar and U.P. blurs in Jawahi Diyar village

Amarnath Tewary

In Bihar's lawahi Diyar village along the border of Ut-tar Pradesh, life flows on an even keel. And so does liqu-or. While Bihar was deor. While Binar was de-clared a dry State in 2016, li-quor flows freely in the riverine village, blurring the State borders, literally.

the State borders, literally. With the arrival of noon, the remote village in Buxar district becomes a centre of activity. At times, too much activity - something that has become difficult for vil-lagers like 68-year-old Awadh Bihari Yadav and his sons to ignore.

sons to ignore. While a portion of Mr. Yadav's humble home with unplastered walls lies in Buxar district of Bihar, the rest falls in Ballia district of neighbouring Uttar Pra-desh. "The village youth of-ten go across the border to get drunk and even smuggle in bottles," says Satyen-dra, 30, Mr. Yadav's youngest son, a farmer

CM (CM)



Not too far from their house is a liquor shop, an-nouncing its presence with a red signboard hanging on English/beer Wine Shop'. Bottles and cash are ex-changed through a single iron grilled window. At the bend in the road that leads to the shop is a small shack mark to the shop is a single show the lift around 1 p.m. on a drinking. They occasional-ly disperse on their motor-cycles when they see a car with Bihar registration number. The man behind the counter is quick to reas-sure. "Don't worry, this ll of there is no ban on liquot here." he casy, wishing to here," he says, wishing to remain anonymous. As an afterthought, he adds, "The that sells snacks. It's around 1 p.m. on a scorching June afternoon, but there are groups of men in their 20s sitting and shop is owned by a person living in the neighbourn of the neighbourn of the second sec

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kinds of problems: seasonal displacement during the floods each year, and liqu-or," says Mr. Satyendra. The nearest police sta-tion on the Bihar side is about 5 km away, at Bra-hampur, while in U.P. it is a that is to be a sense while the article of the second state murder or decoint take policemen were caught for storing liquor in the Sultan-gari police station in Parna. Two years ago, liquor was being sold from the Hajipur police station in Vaishali district. Liquor is smuggled

the village, the police first have to confirm whether it have to confirm whether it happened on the Bihar or U.P. side," says another vil-lager, wishing not to be named. The liquor store is open named. In an edd. In the set of the set of

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Strict vigil According to the police, however, they are patroll-ing hard. "We are plugging

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holes on the borders in The report also states partnership with the State Prohibition and Excise De-partment. We have also sent a proposal to the State that as many as 9.36 lakh cases of prohibition law violations were registered in the State since April government to hand ove. prohibition matters to us 2016, leading to the arrest of 14 lakh people. "As many as 4.18 lakh cases were dis from the CID (Crime Inves from the CID (Crime Inves-tigation Department) wing," Bihar Additional Di-rector General of Police Kundan Krishnan tells The as 4.18 lakh cases were dis-posed of by special excise courts with 4.16 lakh con-victions," the report adds. The excise and police departments together, ac-cording to the report, seized 3.86 crore litres of il-

Kundan Krishnan tells The Hindu. About the missing barrigade on the border of finer asys, "There is a de-partment [the State Proh-bilion, Excise and which usually puts up which usually puts up which usually puts up which usually puts up which as the properties of which as the properties of the bilion and Excise Departseized 3.86 crore litres of il-licit liquor. Rashtriya Janata Dal leader and Leader of the Opposition in the Bihar As-sembly rejashwi Yadaw of-ten criticises the State go-vernment, saying that the "prohibition has complete-ly fabet Chief Minister, though, continues to cau-tion people with his ofr-re-tion people with his ofr-

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No diesel, petrol delivery fleets in NCR from 2026

<u>The Hindu Bureau</u> NEW DELHI

In a major push towards clean mobility, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) announced on Wednesday that from January 1 next year, no new diesel or petrol vehicles can be added to the fleets of e-commerce companies and vehicle aggregators operating in the Delhi-NCR region.

This mandate applies across the spectrum of four-wheelers, threewheelers, and two-wheelers. From the beginning of 2026, only electric or compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles will be allowed to be newly inducted into commercial delivery and mobility fleets.

So far, the directive is limited to Delhi-NCR. However, the CAQM has urged the governments of Harvana, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan to "formulate comprehensive policies encompassing motor vehicle aggregators, delivery service providers and e-commerce entities for the entire NCR, prioritising Gurugram, Faridabad, Sonipat, Noida, Greater Noida and Ghaziabad" - cities that depend heavily on



The CAQM noted that transport is a major contributor to air pollution in NCR.

both intra-city and inter-city vehicular movement.

The commission emphasised that implementing the norms would help address the "significantly high contribution from the transport sector to the overall air pollution in the entire NCR, consistently throughout the year and more adversely during the winter season".

The rapid transition to cleaner and more efficient mobility solutions is "imperative", the CAQM noted, adding that zero-emission vehicles such as Battery Electric Vehicles should be prioritised. "There is need for an urgent transition to cleaner modes of mobility," said the CAQM notice.

Feature	Details 🖞
Policy Issuer	Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM)
Effective From	January 1, 2026
Applies To	All new vehicles in commercial delivery and mobility fleets
Permissible Fuel Types	Only Electric Vehicles (EVs) and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)
Vehicles Covered	2-wheelers, 3-wheelers, 4-wheelers
Geographic Scope	Initially: Delhi-NCR
Suggested Expansion	Haryana, UP, Rajasthan (Gurugram, Noida, Ghaziabad, etc.)

Why the Ban?

- Transport sector is a major contributor to air pollution in NCR.
- Pollution levels are especially critical during winters.
- Aims to transition to zero-emission vehicles to improve air quality.

Strategic Implications

Dimension	Impact
Environmental	Will reduce PM2.5 and NOx emissions; aids in meeting air quality norms
Governance	Pushes inter-state policy convergence in NCR
Economic	Boosts demand for EVs, infrastructure (charging stations)
Social	Health benefits due to reduced vehicular pollution

Fact	Detail
CAQM Full Form	Commission for Air Quality Management
First established	2020 (under an Ordinance, now a law)
Headquarters	New Delhi
Legal Backing	Air Quality Commission Act, 2021
NCR Includes	Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, UP (parts)



Rank	Country	Total EVs (Cars & 2-Wheelers)	EV Car Sales (2024)	EV Car Market Share (2024)	Notes
1	China	~20.4 million cars	11 million	~50%	Largest EV market globally; ~60% of global EV sales .
2	United States	~2.5 million cars	1.6 million	~10%	Growth driven by incentives like the Inflation Reduction Act .
3	Germany	~1.6 million cars	~500,000	~25%	Strong EV policies and infrastructure .
4	Norway	~600,000 cars	~150,000	~91%	Highest EV market share globally .
5	France	~1.3 million cars	~400,000	~25%	Consistent growth in EV adoption .
6	United Kingdom	~1.2 million cars	~370,000	~25%	Significant government support for EVs .

India's Electric Vehicle Landscape (2024)

Category	Figures (2024)
Total EV Sales	Over 2 million units across all vehicle categories .
Electric Cars	Approximately 100,000 units sold; ~2.4% of total car sales .
Electric Two-Wheelers	Over 1.2 million units sold; ~6.7% of total two-wheeler sales .
Electric Three-Wheelers	Approximately 700,000 units sold, including e-rickshaws .
Leading States	Uttar Pradesh (highest EV registrations), Maharashtra, Karnataka .

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India, Australia agree to work together in fight against terrorism

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nister Rajnath Singh. "Glad to meet Deputy Prime Minister of Australia Richard Marles. Had a pro-ductive discussion on dee-pening the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, which marks its fifth anniversary today. Our shared vision for a stable, secure, and prosper-ous Indo-Pacific continues to guide our collabora-tion," said Mr. Modi through a post on X. Earlier, Mr. Singh and The two Ministers agreed to intensify and di-versify defence industry collaboration between the

Mr. Marles condemned the two countries. Abhinay Lakshman new national policy

Rajnath Singh with Australia's Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR terror attack in Pahalgan

"Reviewed the full range of the India-Australia defence partnership during the extremely fruitful fence partnership during the extremely fruitfur Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister and thanks Australia for its un-dia's resolute response against barbaric act of ter-ror in Pahalgam," said Mr. Singh in a post on X. there





come in from relevant sta-keholders and some of counted for 8.23% of the nation's population at the time. these suggestions were put forth at the meeting on According to the govern-Wednesday.

Population projections estimate 20% of the country will be senior citizens by 2047; discussions focus on how the draft policy should 'reflect demographic realities' as India heads into the future licy forn formulation, imple-tion, and feedback mentation, and freedback Deliberations also went into establishing a grie-vance redress machanism reglect; implementing mi-meting community en-gagement and intergenera-moting community en-gagement and intergenera-tion of the progress under-took a detailed review of the progress under the other progress under the O(BVY) and Integrated Pro-(BVY) and Integrated Pro-(BVY) and Integrated Pro-(BVY) and Integrated Pro-gramme for Senior Citizens (IPSIC), Senior Citizen For guality and post-distribut-



ment's projections, they will account for about 12.16% of the country's population in 2026. The government on Wednes-day said the forthcoming They added that one of the suggestions was to con-sider that India will have a higher that india will have a higher proportion of se-nior citizens by 2047. This was the fourth meeting of the National Council for Senior Citizens, the government said in its strutement Census reference period for a headcount would be March 2027.

> Digital inclusion At the meeting, the council also deliberated on "digital inclusion" of senior citi-zens, the government said. It further discussed institutionalising NGOs and se-

YouTuber arrested in Punjab on charges of spying for Pakistan





The Punjab Police on Wed-nesday said its Special Op-entities of the standard op-elit singht has land header had arrested a YouTube in-fluencer on charges of apy-ing for Pakistan's inter-bie (DGP) Gaurav Yadav identified the accused as Jashr Singh, 4, alias Jaan Jawilage in Ruynagar dis-trict. He was operating a YouTube channel titled edly uploading travel and cooking content. Rahim, alias Danish, a Pa kistani national and ex-pelled official from the Pa-kistan High Commission to

Sensitive information Sharing details of the oper-ation, Assistant Inspector-General of Police Ravjot had received credible in-puts indicating that Jasbir Singh had been in contact with several Pakistan-based entities, including by agents, and had alleged by formation pertaining to cooking content. Mr. Yadav said the ac-cused had been found as-sociated with Pakistani intelligence operative Shakir, alias Jutt Randhawa, alleg-edly part of a terror-backed espionage network. He said Jasbir Singh maintained close contact with Ivoti Malhotra, a Hainformation pertaining to ryana-based YouTuber who has been arrested for espionage by the Haryana Police, and with Ehsan-urthe movement of the Indian Army and other inter-nal matters to Pakistani handlers.

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Our society is still conser-vative, and not every pa-rent is like justice Lalla of the Himachal Pradesh High Court who openly supported her gay son), the Madras High Court has aid adding that it sheald-ice to deny security to ice to deny security to LGBTQIA+ couples facing

reats. A Division Bench of Jus-A Division Bench of Jus-tices G.R. Swaminathan and V. Lakshminarayanan made the observation while allowing a *habeas corpus* petition filed by a 25-year-old woman from Tirupattur over the illegal detention of her nextner by detention of her partner by the latter's parents at their residence in Vellore district. The judges allowed the

detainee, who is also an adult, to go with the petitioner after she confirmed that her parents had con-fined her at their residence. Justice Swaminathan al-so gave ₹1,000 from his

personal funds towards the invevance expenses of the same-sex couple. The Division Bench also

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ueer?" the judges wondered. Meanwhile, censuring the police for having forced the detainee to go er the use of the expres-sion 'queer' to describe persons whose gender identity or sexual orienta-tion were outside societal norms. It said that there was nothing strange or odd about such inclinations and therefore the senses with her parents when a complaint was lodged with them, the Court held that and, therefore, the expresthe officials, the jurisdic

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tenu can very well consti-tute a family." missing. The Army has de-ployed specialised teams and engineering equip-ment, but the ongoing ef-forts have been significant-Welfare efforts The Division Bench also re-ferred to efforts taken by ly hampered by extremely bad weather, unstable ground, and the challeng-Justice N. Anand Venka tesh of the Madras High Court to improve the con ditions of the LGBTQIA ing high-altitude terrain," a community. It said that the judge had approved a deed of familial Defence Ministry state ment said on Wednesday. The Guwahati-based de association to recognise the civil union entered into by LGBTQIA+ partners. fence spokesperson Lt Col. Mahendra Rawat said Army teams had been defy-



Battered state: Res cue operation carried out by the Army after th

ing extreme weather consince the early i ditions and a hazardous terrain to assist local peo-ple and stranded tourists.

quality and post-distribu-tion follow-up of assisted

living devices, the state-ment added. The government said that under the Rashtriya

Vayoshri Yojana, more than five lakh senior citi-zens had been given "free

assisted living devices".

officer wife among six

Only foot connectivity "Lachen village, the main hub for tourism in the region, has been completely cut off. The Army has esta-blished foot connectivity to the village and reached region, with Mizoram ac out to H3 stranded tourists, who will be evacuated soon," he said. Thirty tourists, includ-

ing some foreign nationals, were airlifted by military helicopters after the weather eased on June 3. of Landslides and rockfalls have been the major killers from 6.33,144 on Tuesday

ing 33 stranded indivi-duals, including two U.S. nationals, from th Chaten region," Force said in a post on X. In Manipur, the Army extended assistance to So bam Leikai village in Imphal East district. "The un-precedented floods had left the local population

ounting for 644 of them. followed by Nagaland with struggling for survival, with clean drinking water 93. Landslides, landslips, and rockfalls have cut off becoming an urgent neces many strategic locations in sity. Thus, the Army esta blished emergency drink Arunachal Pradesh and blished emergency drink-ing water distribution points. Also, 5,750 litres of In Assam, the number people affected by ods decreased by 16,008 fresh water was supplied. a Defence Ministry spokes

person said.

Modi likely to attend BRICS summit in Brazil next month; meet closely watched by U.S. govt.

NEWS ANALYSIS Press Trust of India

The Supreme Court on Weckesday sought the ment's response on a peti-tion of two journalists who were allegedly thrashed by the police for reporting on illegal sand mining a A Bench of Justices San-law Karol and Satish Chan-

jay Karol and Satish Chan-dra Sharma, however, re-fused to grant interim protection from arrest to them.

em. The Bench agreed to hear the petitions of Shash-ikant Goyal and Amarkant Singh Chouhan, and issued notices to Madhya Pradesh and the NCT of Delhi for the event comes soon after the four-day conflict with es and posted their responses and p the matter on June 9.

Suhasini Haidar Prime Minister Narendra Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to travel to Rio De Janeiro in July to attend the BRCS summit. In The gathering is being closely watched by the Do-nald Trump administra-tion in the U.S. that sees BRICS as a counterweight lored nations. Busisian Pre-

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Pakistan, and India's "new normal" on fighting terror. Any joint statement on cross-border terrorism by the largely economic grouping will be significant for India, officials said. to the G-7 group of deve-loped nations. Russian Pre-sident Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinp-ing are expected to attend, as well as the leaders of Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Iran, Egypt, and Indonesia. Mr. Modi's attendance at the event comes soon after

rovar Yatra for Indian pil-Any meeting with the Chinese President, whom Mr. Modi last met on the sigrims to Tibet in June. Alternative currencies delines of the previous BRICS summit in Kazan, Russia in 2024, will also be In addition, BRICS discus-sions on the use of alterna-tive or national currencies



the wrong way' by being a part of BRICS. "[BRICS countries] are saying, 'Let's move to not support the dollar, and dol-lar hegemony... That is not influent to wink it may and

influence people in America," he said. The BRICS-II now repre-

remarks on Army sent half the world's popu-lation and 39% of global GDP. The G-7, on the other hand – comprising Cana-da, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the U.K., and the U.S., along with the EU – accounts for about 30% of the world's GDP. Ishita Mishra

"The Rio reset" Washington-based think-tanks are billing the meet-ing of the BRICS grouping the "Rio Reset" supressing ing of the based's grouping the "Rio Reset", suggesting it will pose a challenge to Western economies. Ac-cording to the Brazil Presi-dency's concept note, the motto for this year's BRICS summit will be: "Streng-theming Compared to the Strengthening Cooperation in the Global South for More In-clusive and Sustainable Go-

vernance". The note makes no mention of the use of alternate currencies. Section 500 of the Indian

Penal Code. "No doubt ov-er the fact that Article 19(0) (a) of the Constitution of of speech and expression but this freedom is subject to reasonable restrictions and it does not include the freedom to make state-ny to any berson of defa-Observing that freedom of speech is subject to reason-habad fligh Court last week denied relief to the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahui case filed against him over his alleged remarks against the Indian Army. Beacting Mig the defa-mation case as well as the ments which are defamato-ry to any person or defa-matory to the Indian Army," the court noted. The matter pertains to a case filed against Mr. Gand-hi by former Border Roads Organization Organisation Director Uday Shankar Srivastava, who alleged that his state-ments after a clash betmation case as well as the summoning order passed in February by an MP-MLA court in Lucknow, a Bench of Justice Subhash Vidyar-thi on May 29 said the trial ween the Indian and Chi-nese Armies in 2022 had defamed the Indian Army. court was right to sur The remarks were made by Mr. Gandhi during the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

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Army and IAF carry out relief operations in Northeast

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The armed forces on Wed-The armed forces on Wed-nesday undertook rescue and relief operations in areas affected by floods and landslides in Northand landslides in North-eastern States. "In response to the de-vastating landslides in Sik-kim, Indian Air Force Mi-17 belicopters ranidly

helicopters rapidly helicopters rapidly launched HADR (humani-tarian aid and disaster re-lief 10ps – airdropping re-lief supplies, inserting NDRF teams, and evacuat-ing 2³ attracted induct rain began battering all eight northeastern States from the last week of May. Landslides claimed more than 70% of the 47 lives claimed by rain-induced disasters. Over 800 inci-dents of landslides have been recorded across the

Govt. to bring new national policy on senior citizens

Population projections estimate 20% of the country will be senior citizens by 2047; discussions focus on how the draft policy should 'reflect demographic realities' as India heads into the future

Abhinay Lakshman NEW DELHI

new national policy on senior citizens is in the draft stages with the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, government officials said, adding that some details of it were discussed on Wednesday at a meeting of the National Council for Senior Citizens, chaired by Social Justice Minister Virendra Kumar.

The Ministry said discussions focused on how the draft policy should "reflect the demographic realities" of India as it heads into the future.

A statement from the Ministry said population projections estimated that 20% of the country would be senior citizens by 2047.

According to the 2011 Census, senior citizens accounted for 8.23% of the nation's population at the time.

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According to the government's projections, senior citizens will account for 12.16% of the country's population in 2026. GETTY IMAGES

ment's projections, they will account for about 12.16% of the country's population in 2026. The government on Wednesday said the forthcoming Census reference period for a headcount would be March 2027.

A government official told *The Hindu*, "The policy is in a draft stage now. Suggestions have already come in from relevant stakeholders and some of these suggestions were put forth at the meeting on Wednesday."

They added that one of the suggestions was to consider that India will have a higher proportion of senior citizens by 2047.

This was the fourth meeting of the National Council for Senior Citizens, the government said in its statement.

Digital inclusion

At the meeting, the council also deliberated on "digital inclusion" of senior citizens, the government said. It further discussed institutionalising NGOs and senior citizen associations in policy formulation, implementation, and feedback mechanisms.

Deliberations also went into establishing a grievance redress mechanism to address elder abuse and neglect; implementing minimum standards for "old age homes" and senior care institutions; and "promoting community engagement and intergenerational bonding".

The council also undertook a detailed review of the progress under the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY) and Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPSrC), Senior Citizen Portal in terms of enhancing quality and post-distribution follow-up of assisted living devices, the statement added.

The government said that under the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana, more than five lakh senior citizens had been given "free assisted living devices".

Feature	Details
Policy Name	New National Policy on Senior Citizens
Authority	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Headed by	Union Minister Virendra Kumar; discussed in National Council for SCs
Status	In draft stage; suggestions under discussion
Reference Year for Census	March 2027
Population Data	8.23% seniors in 2011; projected 12.16% in 2026; 20% by 2047

Domain	Proposed Measures
Elder Abuse	Create a grievance redress mechanism for elder abuse and neglect
Care Standards	Implement minimum standards for old age homes and senior care institutions
NGO/Community Role	Institutionalise NGO involvement and senior citizens' associations in policy
Digital Inclusion	Bridge digital divide for seniors; promote access to technology and online services
Intergenerational Bonding	Promote community engagement and joint family values
Schemes Reviewed	Rastriya Vayoshri Yojana, Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPSrC)

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Beijing calls Rubio's Tiananmen

Square remarks an attack on China

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EU gives Bulgaria green light to adopt euro in 2026 despite protest



The EU gave the green light for Bulgaria to adopt the euro on January 1, 2026, putting the Balkan country on course to become the 21st member of the single currency area. The push has sparked protests and backlash from many Bulgarians, as they fear painful nomic consequences. AFP



There was indeed an explosion," Kremlin spokesman said.

Nothing was damaged. The bridge is working," he said. Ukraine

has targeted the 19-km bridge repeatedly since the Russian war. AFP

'No damage' to Crimea bridge

HOSCOW

ow said a Ukrainian attack on Ti esday on a bridge that link the annexed Crimean peninsula to Russia caused "no damage.



Microsoft to deploy AI-powered

intel gathering for Europe nations

leploying Al-powered intelligence gathering. Its new European iecurity Programme "puts AI at the centre of our work as a tool to ect traditional cybersecurity needs." the company said, AFP

Beijing hit back at U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio for saying that the world will "never forget" the deadly Tiananmen Sq crackdown in 1989, describing his remarks as an "attack" on China nese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lin Jian said Beijing had "lodged a solemn protest" over the U.S. politician's comments. Are

'Extremely hard' to make a deal with Putin said he will retaliate against Kyiv's strikes: Trump Xi, says Trump as steel tariffs double

Associated Press U.S. President to hold talks with his Chinese counterpart this week; Beijing says its stance on developing Sino-U.S. relations is consistent; ministers from OECD countries meet in Paris to discuss the outlook for world economy in light of U.S. tariffs U.S. President Donald

Agence France-Presse

onald Trump said on Wednesday tremely hard" to reach a deal with Chinese leader Xi Jinping, but the EU touted progress in its own trade talks with Washington talks with Washington even though the U.S. President doubled global metal ariffs. Mr. Trump's latest trade

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-Extreme mea res: China was the main target of Donald Trump's April tariff blitz, with levies to the tune of 145% on its goods. REUTERS

of a U.S. hardball approach saries have strained ties that has rattled world markets. Mr. Trump's sweeping tariffs on allies and adver-

with trading partners and sparked a flurry of negotia-tions to avoid the duties. The White House has sug-

gested the President will speak to Mr. Xi this week. However, early on Wed-nesday, Mr. Trump ap-peared to dampen hopes for a quick deal. Tilike Pre-sident XI of China, always have, and always will, but he is VERY TOUCH, AND EXTREMELA HARD TO EXTREMELA HARD TO Posted on his Truth Social platform gested the President will China was the main tar-China was the main tar-get of Mr. Trump's April ta-riff blitz, hit with levies of 145% on its goods and trig-gering tit-for-tat tariffs of 125% on U.S. imports.

Temporary relief Both sides agreed to tem-porarily de-escalate in May, after Mr. Trump de-layed most sweeping meaposted on his Truth Social platform. Asked about the re-marks during a regular press briefing, Chinese Fosures on other countries until July 9. His latest remarks came hours after he increased

hours after he increased his tariffs on aluminium and steel from 25% to 50%, raising temperatures with various partners while ex-empting Britain from the higher levy. reign Ministry spokesman Lin Jian said: "The Chinese side's principles and stance on developing Sino-U.S. relations are consistent."

U.S. President Donaid Trump said that Russian President Vladimir Putin told him "very strongly" in a phone call on Wednes-day that he will respond to Ukrane's weekend drone Ukraine's weekend drone attack on Russian airfields, as the deadlock over the war drags on and Ukrai-nian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy dismisses Rus-sia's ceasefire proposal. The U.S. President said in a social madia roost that in a social media post that his lengthy call with Mr. Putin "was a good conver-sation, but not a conversation that will lead to immediate Peace." It's the first time Mr. Trump has weighed in on Ukraine's daring attack in-side Russia. The U.S. did

weeks over his prolonging of the war. During the call, Mr. Trump's first known talk with Mr. Putin since May 19, they also discussed not have advance notice of the operation, according to the White House. Mr. Trump did not say how he reacted to Mr. Punow he reacted to Mr. Pu-tin's promise to respond to Ukraine's attack, but his post showed none of the frustration that Mr. Trump has expressed with his Rus-sian counterpart in recent



Iran's nuclear programme, according to Mr. Trump. It was not clear if Mr. Trump also planned speak with Mr. Zelensky

+ Aid group pauses food delivery after strikes kill Gazans

The GHF, backed by

halted operations at three locations as

Israel and the U.S.

dozens killed

Associated Press

The Israeli-and U.S.-backed Gaza Humanitarian Foun-dation paused food deliv-ery at its three distribution sites in Gaza after health of-ficials said dozens of Pales-tinians were killed in a se-tinant cheating man the ries of shootings near the sites this week. Israeli strikes across the territory, meanwhile, killed 26 peo-ple overnight and into Wednesday, officials said.

Better plans The GHF said it was in dis-cussions with the Israeli military on better guiding foot traffic near the distri-bution hubs and enhanc-ing military training procebeen no violence in the aid sites themselves, but has acknowledged the poten-tial dangers people face when traveling to them on foot. Thousands of Palesti-nians walk to the sites early each morphism, desperato ing military training proce-dures to promote safety. At least 80 people have been killed since the sites each morning, desperate for food and hoping to beat the crowds, and pass near Israeli forces in the preopened last week, accorddaum darkness



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Agence France-Presse

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Kallol Bhattacherjee NEW DELHI

The interim government of Bangladesh in a notification changed a 2022 Act and removed the mention of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as the 'Father of the Nation'. The development came soon after the administration led by Mohammed Yunus brought in a new set of currency notes that removed the image of Sheikh Mujibur.

The new notification brought on June 3 does not refer to Mujibur as the 'Father of the Nation' while referring to the war of 1971 and the role of freedom fighters. In contrast, the 2022 Act had referred to



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Aspect	Details
Action Taken	Bangladesh's interim govt removed mention of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as "Father of the Nation" (Jatir Pita) from the 2022 Liberation War Act.
Led by	Interim government under Mohammad Yunus
New Currency Notes	Issued without Mujibur Rahman's image
Earlier Status	2022 Act had recognized Mujib as Father of Nation in the 1971 Liberation War narrative
Current Designation	Mujibur still called a "freedom fighter", alongside other 1971 leaders
Govt's Rationale	Emphasizes pluralistic heritage and broader representation of all freedom fighters

Торіс	Explanation
Mujibur Rahman's Role	Founding leader of Bangladesh, led the country's liberation movement, assassinated in 1975
Controversy	Title removal seen as political move to dilute Awami League legacy
Opposition's View	Move may polarize Bangladeshi politics ahead of elections
2024 Interim Govt Role	Appointed to oversee polls post-Awami League's term

Area	Relevance
India-Bangladesh Ties	Mujibur was a key ally of India during the 1971 Liberation War
Geopolitics	India's neighborhood-first policy may be affected by rising instability
Cultural Diplomacy	India had awarded Sheikh Mujibur Rahman posthumously with Gandhi Peace Prize
Diaspora Dynamics	Any turmoil in Bangladesh could affect cross-border migration

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- Emphasized secularism, socialism, nationalism, and democracy
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Martyrdom

- & Assassination
- 15 August 1975. Killed along with most of his family in military coup
- Led to political instability and military rule
- National Mourning Day (15 August) commenotes his death
- Icon of anti-colonial struggle and democracy in South Asia
- Strengthened ties with India, Soviet Union

Mujibur

Rahman's

Legacy

International

Impact

 His daughter Shelkh Hasina became Prime Minister, continuing his legacy







Summary

- This year, World Environment Day will be observed on June 5, with a special focus on ending plastic pollution
- Led by UNEP since 1973, it's the world's largest platform for environmental action.
- India backs global efforts via Basel Convention, G20 Osaka Vision and High Ambition Coalition.
- Plastic Waste Rules 2021 ban single-use items and regulate plastic carry bags.
- EPR Portal holds producers accountable; **103 lakh tonnes plastic waste processed till Dec. 2024.**
- India Plastic Challengeand National Expo promote plastic alternatives.
- Plastic Parks and CSIR tech turn waste into fuel and recyclable products.
- Swachh Bharat Mission boosts rural and urban plastic waste management.
- Kamalpur and Trichy show success with compostable bags and cloth bag drives.
- India drives a plastic-free future through policy, innovation and public action.



1. Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (2019): In May 2019, India actively participated in the joint meetings of these three major conventions in Geneva, Switzerland.India actively supports global efforts to regulate hazardous waste and chemical use. It opposed e-waste dumping in developing countries and advocated for stricter global rules. India played a key role in bringing plastic waste under the Basel Convention's Prior Informed Consent (PIC) procedure and backed the phase-out of single-use plastics, promoting global partnerships against illegal plastic dumping.

2. G20 Osaka Blue Ocean Vision (2019): On 2 July 2019, the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and UNEP welcomed the G20 Osaka Blue Ocean Vision. As part of the G20 Leaders' Declaration on 29 June 2019, India and other member countries agreed to take strong action against plastic pollution. They committed to reducing marine plastic litter and microplastics and set a goal to stop adding any new plastic waste to the oceans by 2050.

3. High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People (2021): India joined the High Ambition Coalition (HAC) for Nature and People in January 2021 during the One Planet Summit held in Paris. This global initiative aims to protect at least 30% of the world's land and oceans by 2030. It also focuses on strengthening biodiversity by reducing plastic pollution and keeping ecosystems healthy.

Managing Plastic Responsibly



EPR Portal Achievements



Presently 50,131 of Producers, Importers and Brand Owners have been registered on EPR Portal



Till now, 2840 Plastic Waste Processors registered on EPR Portal



2.32 Million Tons of plastic packaging covered under EPR (2022–23).



103 Lakh Tonnes of plastic waste processed via EPR Portal till Dec 2024.



Discovery of Ancient Astrolabe at Raigad Fort





Recent archaeological excavations at Raigad Fort have revealed an ancient astrolabe, known as 'yantraraj'.



This discovery was made by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in collaboration with the Raigad Development Authority.



The excavations spanned several years and covered multiple sites within the fort, revealing structures dating back to the era of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

• About Raigad Fort

- Situated in North Konkan, Maharashtra, on the Sahyadri hills. It is surrounded by deep valleys on three sides.
- Known for its steep and strategic position only accessible by a steep path in the front.
- Originally built by **Chandraraoji More**, a local feudal lord of Jawali.
- Captured by Shivaji in 1656 CE, renamed from Rairi to Raigad (meaning royal fort).

Became the capital of the Maratha Empire under Shivaji.

Later controlled by:

- Fateh Khan (Ahmadnagar Sultanate) in 1707 CE,
- Marathas again until 1813 CE,
- British took over in 1818 CE after cannon bombardment.
 - Called it the "Gibraltar of the East" for its strength and location.

Description of the Astrolabe The astrolabe is rectangular and made of copper-bronze.

Its upper surface features inscriptions in Sanskrit and Devanagari script. Notably, it bears engravings of two animals resembling a tortoise or snake.

The inscriptions "mukh" and "poonchh" denote the head and tail positions.

This suggests it was used for determining north-south orientations.

Historical Context

The astrolabe dates back to Shaka 1519, equivalent to 1597 in the Gregorian calendar.

It was likely in use during the fort's renovations in 1656 and the coronation of Shivaji Maharaj in 1674.

This instrument was essential for seafarers and astrologers to navigate and make astronomical observations.

Rising Cancer Rates Linked to Air Pollution in India

India faces a growing cancer epidemic, with air pollution emerging as factor. Recent studies show an alarming increase in lung cancer cases, especially among non-smokers.

The Indian Council of Medical Research predicts that cancer cases will rise from 1.46 million in 2022 to 1.57 million in 2025.

This trend raises concerns about the health impacts of air quality in the country.

• Cancer Burden in India

- Cancer is the second leading cause of death from non-communicable diseases in India.
- One in nine Indians is expected to be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.
- Lung cancer ranks among the most prevalent cancers in both men and women. Recent data indicates a shift in demographics, with a growing number of lung cancer patients being non-smokers.



Shift in Lung Cancer Patterns



Traditionally, lung cancer was linked to smoking.



However, doctors report up to 30% of current lung cancer cases in India occur in nonsmokers. Studies from Chennai show that non-smoking cases increased from 40% to over 55% in recent years.



The histological types of lung cancer also differ. Non-smokers often present with adenocarcinoma, while smokers typically have squamous cell carcinoma.

Challenges in Diagnosis and Treatment

Lung cancer diagnosis in India often occurs at advanced stages due to nonspecific symptoms.

Many healthcare professionals initially suspect tuberculosis, delaying cancer identification.

Consequently, most patients present with late-stage disease, severely impacting survival rates.

Although diagnostic facilities have improved, access remains limited, particularly in rural areas.

Top 10 Countries by Total Cancer Cases (2022)

Rank	Country	Estimated New Cases
1	China	4,820,000
2	United States	2,370,000
3	India	1,460,000
4	Japan	1,030,000
5	Russia	630,000
6	Germany	610,000
7	Brazil	590,000
8	France	470,000
9	United Kingdom	460,000
10	Italy	450,000

Solution Top 10 Countries by Total Cancer Deaths (2022)

Rank	Country	Estimated Deaths
1	China	3,210,000
2	India	1,070,000
3	United States	640,000
4	Russia	330,000
5	Indonesia	230,000
6	Brazil	220,000
7	Japan	210,000
8	Pakistan	170,000
9	Germany	160,000
10	Bangladesh	150,000

Top Countries by Age-Standardized Cancer Incidence Rate (per 100,000 people)

Rank	Country	Incidence Rate
1	Australia	468.0
2	New Zealand	438.1
3	Ireland	373.7
4	Hungary	368.1
5	United States	352.2
6	Belgium	345.8
7	France	344.1
8	Denmark	340.4
9	Norway	337.8
10	Netherlands	334.1



Bayraktar Drones

Turkey's Bayraktar TB2 drones have been prominent in global conflicts, showcasing Turkey's military capabilities.

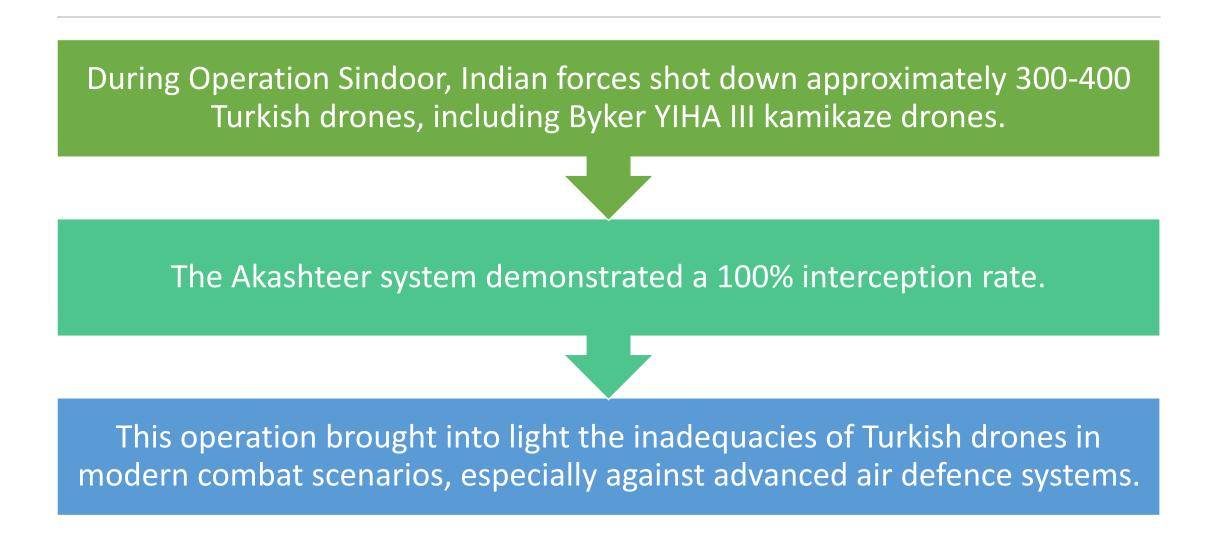
However, recent events in May 2025 during Operation Sindoor have severely undermined their reputation.

Indian forces successfully intercepted every Turkish-origin drone deployed by Pakistan.

This incident raises concerns about the effectiveness of Turkish drones and the future of Turkey's defence exports. The Bayraktar TB2 drones were once celebrated for their performance in conflicts such as those in Ukraine and Libya.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan promoted these drones as symbols of national pride and military prowess.

> However, the recent failure against India's Akashteer air defence systems has cast doubt on their battlefield effectiveness.





India's Akashteer Air Defence System



The Akashteer system, developed by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, played important role in neutralising the Turkish drones.



It integrates with Indian military radars and automates threat detection and response.



Analysts have compared its effectiveness to Israel's Iron Dome, denoting its versatility against various aerial threats.



India's First Indigenous Polar Research Vessel Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE), a Government of India undertaking, has signed an MoU with Norway's Kongsberg firm to develop India's first indigenously built Polar Research Vessel (PRV).

A PRV is a ship that supports research in the polar regions (around the North and South Poles) and ocean areas, tailored to the needs of the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research.

PRV will support India's **polar and ocean research missions**, strengthening its existing three research stations: **Bharati** and **Maitri** in **Antarctica**, and **Himadri** in the **Arctic**.



Miniratna Status to 3 DPSUs



The Ministry of Defence has approved the conferment of **"Miniratna (Category-I)"** status to three key **Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs):** Munitions India Limited (MIL), Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL), and India Optel Limited (IOL).

Transformation of DPSUs: MIL, AVNL, and IOL are three of the seven PSUs carved out of the erstwhile Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) in 2021 as part of the Government of India's defence sector reforms.

- MIL products include ammunition (small to high calibre), mortars, rockets, grenades, and in-house explosives.
- AVNL products include **MBT Arjun, T-90 tanks, BMP-II Sarath** (amphibious Infantry Combat Vehicle), and Defence mobility solutions (Stallion, LPTA etc.)
- IOL specializes in Opto-electronic systems and vision equipment for tanks, artillery and naval weapons.



Miniratna Category-I Status:



The CPSEs which have made profit in the last three years continuously, pre-tax profit is Rs.30 crores or more in at least one of the three years and have a positive net worth are eligible to be considered for grant of Miniratna-I status.

Miniratna companies get **more autonomy to invest, raise capital, and make quick decisions.** This boosts efficiency, competitiveness, and global reach.

Classification of CPSEs			
Category	Launch	Criteria	Examples
Maharatna	• Maharatna Scheme was introduced for CPSEs in May, 2010, in order to empower mega CPSEs to expand their operations and emerge as global giants.	 Having Navratna status. Listed on Indian stock exchange with minimum prescribed public shareholding under Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) regulations. An average annual turnover of more than Rs. 25,000 crore during the last 3 years. An average annual net worth of more than Rs. 15,000 crore during the last 3 years. An average annual net profit after tax of more than Rs. 5,000 crore during the last 3 years. Should have significant global presence/international operations. 	 Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Coal India Limited, GAIL (India) Limited, etc.
Navratna	Navratna Scheme was introduced in 1997 in order to identify CPSEs that enjoy comparative advantages in their respective sectors and to support them in their drive to become global players.	 The Miniratna Category – I and Schedule 'A' CPSEs, which have obtained 'excellent' or 'very good' rating under the Memorandum of Understanding system in three of the last five years, and have composite score of 60 or above in the six selected performance parameters, namely, Net profit to net worth. Manpower cost to total cost of production/services. Profit before depreciation, interest and taxes to capital employed. Profit before interest and taxes to turnover. Earning per share. Inter-sectoral performance. 	• Bharat Electronics Limited, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, etc.

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	introduced in 1997 in	profit in the last three years continuously, pre-tax profit	Authority of India,
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	objective to make the	and have a positive net worth are eligible to be considered	Limited, etc.
	public sector more efficient	for grant of Miniratna-I status.	• Category-II: Artificial
	and competitive and to	• Miniratna Category-II: The CPSEs which have made	Limbs Manufacturing
	grant enhanced autonomy	profit for the last three years continuously and have a	Corporation of India,
	and delegation of powers	positive net worth are eligible to be considered for grant	Bharat Pumps &
	to the profit-making public	of Miniratna-II status.	Compressors Limited,
	sector enterprises.	• Miniratna CPSEs should have not defaulted in the	etc.
		repayment of loans/interest payment on any loans due	
		to the Government.	
		• Miniratna CPSEs shall not depend upon budgetary	
		support or Government guarantees.	

G7 Summit 2025

The 51st annual G7 Summit is scheduled from June 15 to 17, 2025, in Kananaskis, Alberta, Canada.

As the event marks the G7's golden jubilee, Canada will lead discussions on pressing issues including climate change, digital innovation, and global security. However, in a diplomatic shift,

- The G7 (Group of Seven) consists of,
- Canada
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Japan
- United Kingdom
- United States

- Core G7 Members and Their Leaders
- Canada (Host): Prime Minister Mark Carney
- France: President Emmanuel Macron
- Germany: Chancellor Friedrich Merz
- Italy: Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni
- Japan: Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba
- United Kingdom: Prime Minister Keir Starmer
- United States: President Donald Trump

• European Union

- Council President António Costa
- Commission President Ursula von der Leyen
- Invited Guest Nations and Leaders
- Australia: PM Anthony Albanese
- Brazil: President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
- Mexico: President Claudia Sheinbaum (attendance unconfirmed)
- South Africa: President Cyril Ramaphosa
- Ukraine: President Volodymyr Zelenskyy
- India: Not invited this year due to strained bilateral relations with Canada. PM Narendra Modi will miss the summit for the first time in six years.

Uttar Pradesh Approves 20% Police Reservation for Ex-Agniveers

The UP Cabinet, chaired by CM Yogi Adityanath, passed the proposal on June 3, 2025. 20% reservation will be given to former Agniveers in police-related recruitments.

> This reservation is horizontal — applied within all existing categories like General, SC, ST, and OBC. Former Agniveers will also get a 3-year age relaxation.

> > The first batch of Agniveers completes service in 2026, aligning with the start of this policy's implementation.

World Milk Day 2025:

- World Milk Day highlights milk's diverse contributions to:
- Nutrition and Health: A rich source of calcium, vitamin D, B12, and protein
- Rural Economy: A primary source of income for millions of farmers
- Sustainability: Promoting responsible dairy farming practices
- Women Empowerment: Significant female participation in dairy cooperatives
- Theme for 2025: "Let's Celebrate the Power of Dairy"

• The White Revolution

- At Independence, India faced severe milk shortages. By 1950–51, milk availability stood at just 124 grams per capita daily. This began to change with the launch of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) in 1965, and the leadership of Dr. Verghese Kurien, Father of the White Revolution.
- Through Operation Flood (1970–1996):
- Over **73,000 dairy cooperatives** were formed
- Milk was supplied daily to 700+ towns
- India achieved self-sufficiency and became an exporter

India's Current Milk Milestones

Global Leader in Milk Production

India is the **world's largest milk producer** since **1998**

Contributes **25%** to global milk production

Per capita availability in India: 471 grams/day (2023–24) vs. world average of 322 grams



• Production Growth

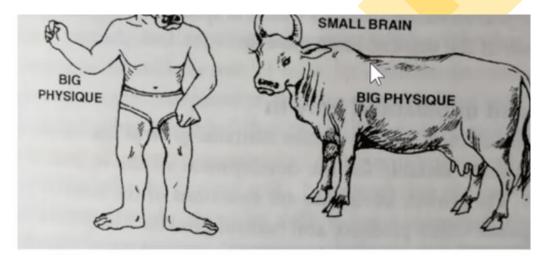
- Milk production rose by 63.56% from 146.3 million tonnes (2014– 15) to 239.2 million tonnes (2023–24)
- Annual Growth Rate: Impressive 5.7%
- Top States
- **Uttar Pradesh**: Highest milk producer (**16.21%** of national output)
- West Bengal: Fastest-growing, with 9.76% annual growth

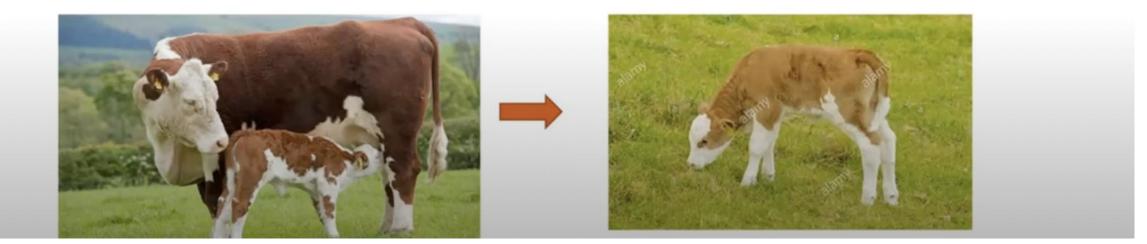
Nutrient	Buffalo Milk	Cow Milk
Color	White	Slightly yellowish
Taste	Creamy, thick	Light, mildly sweet
Fat	6.5–8% (higher)	3.5–4% (lower)
Protein	4.0–4.5% (higher)	3.0-3.5%
Calories	~100 kcal	~65–70 kcal
Cholesterol	Lower	Higher
Calcium	Higher	Slightly lower
Water Content	Lower (~82%)	Higher (~87–88%)
Carbohydrates (Lactose)	Slightly less (~4.5%)	Slightly more (~4.8%)
Vitamin A	Lower (less carotene)	Higher (more carotene – yellow tint)
Shelf Life (raw)	Longer (due to high fat)	Shorter
Digestibility	Harder to digest (high fat/protein)	Easier to digest

GOT DUS? Milk does. What's in a glass of milk?

- 135 million Pus Cells
- Bovine Growth Hormones
- Antibiotics
- Feces
- 51 milligrams of Cholesterol
- 300 Calories
- 16 grams of Fat
- Acidic Protein which leeches
- Calcium from Bones

- Very high proteins
- High calcium
- Hormones







WHERE DO YOU GET YOU CALCIUM?

- Where did we get our calcium before dairy came a
- How much do we really need?
- Is milk a good source of calcium?





Osteoporosis



Countries with the highest consumption of <u>milk</u>:

United States

England

Sweden

Finland

Countries with the highest <u>rate of</u> <u>osteoporosis</u>:

United States England Sweden Fra Finland ²⁵⁰

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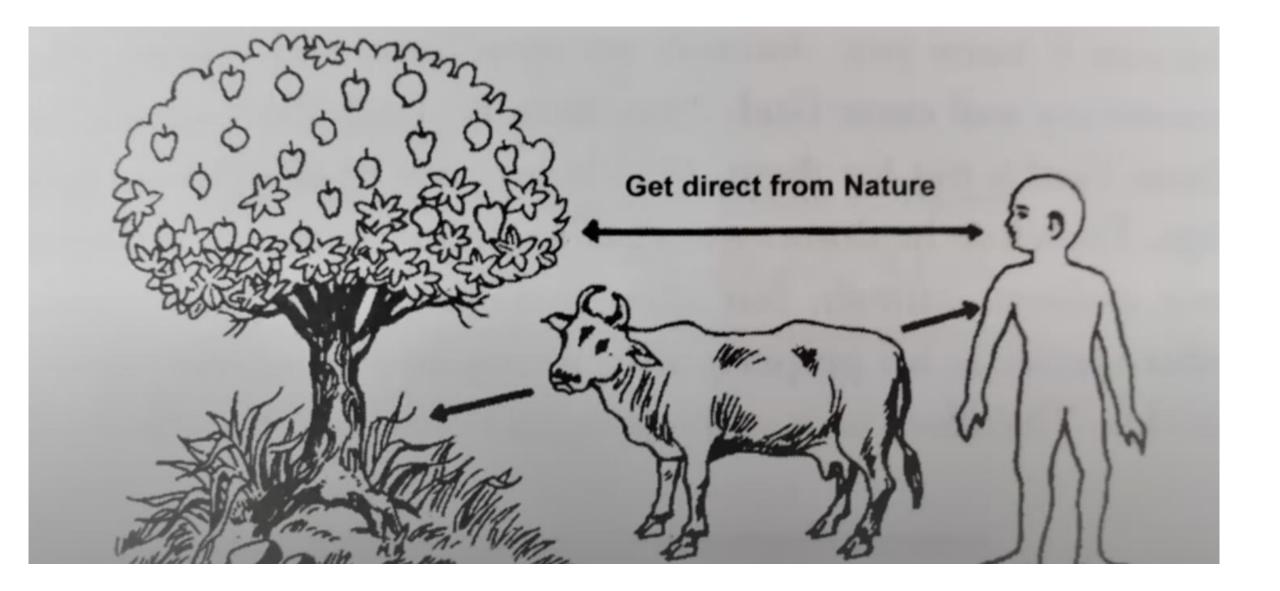


Milk ~ Bad to the Bone!

Cow's milk is being singled out as the biggest dietary cause of osteoporosis because, more than any other food, it depletes the finite reserve of bone-making cells in the body. Additionally, 27 studies show no relationship between dairy and enhanced bone health.

HOW MUCH CALCIUM?

- Human milk calcium levels are much lower. Cow's milk contains 431% of the calcium than human milk.
- BMJ, 2001 paper excess calcium is associated with an increase in incidence of hip fracture.
- International rates of hip fractures are high where milk and calcium consumption is high.
- Neither milk nor high calcium diet reduces risk of hip fracture and that adequate vitamin D is associated with a lower risk of hip fracture.



MILK CONSUMPTION BEEN LINKED TO:

- Ovarian cancer
- Prostate cancer
- Diabetes
- Lymphoma
- Osteoporosis
- Acne
- Crohn's disease
- Leukemia
- Lung cancer

Lavender Festival 2025



The 3rd Lavender Festival concluded on June 2, 2025, in Bhaderwah, Jammu and Kashmir, celebrating the region's growing role in India's Purple Revolution.



Organized by CSIR-IIIM under the Aroma Mission, the two-day event highlighted the economic and social transformation lavender cultivation is bringing to remote Himalayan communities, drawing participation from over 1,200 stakeholders including farmers, scientists, investors, and policymakers.

Word of the day **Proscribe:**

command against

Synonyms: disallow, forbid, interdict, nix, prohibit, veto

Usage: Such bullets are proscribed in most military camps.

Pronunciation: newsth.live/proscribepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈpɹəʊˌskɹaɪb/



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