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— Buddha

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Glacial collapse unlikely to halt China's mega dam plan

China's Yarlung Zangbo project will comprise five power stations, with an estimated 60 GW capacity

A reservoir and a 40-km tunnel through the Great Bend are expected to divert water to powerhouses

India remains concerned about downstream water flows, storage, and wider ecological impact

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

Fresh concerns triggered by the devastating glacial collapse along the Nepal-China border are unlikely to sway Beijing's plans to go ahead with the construction of a mega dam on the lower reaches of the Yarlung Zangbo, or the Brahmaputra river, in a seismically active region in Tibet near the border with India.

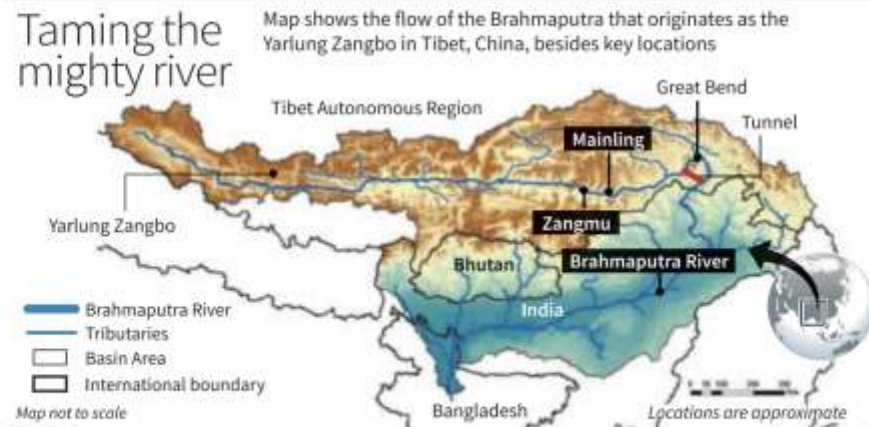
On July 23, a month before the August 26 flash flood and mudslides, China released its 15th Five-Year Plan for renewable energy, which called for advancing the construction of major projects, including the Yarlung Zangbo Lower Reaches Hydropower Project, as the mega dam project is referred to in China.

Underscoring the importance accorded to the

plan, China's Vice Premier Zhang Guoqing visited Nyingchi in Tibet, near the border, in April. "We must shoulder the principal responsibility for project-building and build this landmark mega project of the new era," he was quoted as saying, adding that the government would "put quality first, safety as the foundation, strictly enforce construction standards and ecological-environmental-protection requirements, and keep construction progress subordinate to quality and safety."

At a groundbreaking ceremony in July 2025, China's second-ranked leader and Premier Li Qiang, who travelled to Nyingchi, announced the start of construction of what he called "the project of the century". A total investment of 1.2 trillion Yuan (around ₹14 lakh crore) was announced for the construc-

Taming the mighty river



tion of five power stations.

Since then, there has been little public information about the project, although Mr. Zhang's visit this year shed some light on how the project will go forward, including the setting up of the new State-run China Yajiang Group to run the entire project, which he inspected.

Of concern to India is how much water is likely to

be stored in the reservoir and how the tunnel will affect downstream flows, as well as possible broader ecological impacts. The lack of information has posed an obstacle in assessing the possible impact.

China has already opened one major dam on the middle reaches of the Yarlung Zangbo at Zangmu. A State media report earlier this month lauded

the construction of the dam, saying it had "provided a solution to nearly 26 percent of electricity demand in Southwest China's Xizang [Tibet] Autonomous Region", the report said, detailing an elaborate "fishway" designed to help fish move between upstream and downstream sections. The report quoted design engineer Zhang Lianming as saying the

fishway would likely be used for future projects.

In June, a "final acceptance meeting" of the Zangmu project was held, declaring that the dam, which started construction in 2010, had generated 22.2 billion kilowatt-hours of energy "equivalent to saving approximately 7.4 million tonnes of standard coal and cutting carbon dioxide emissions by around 22.2 million tonnes".

The energy generation of the new project near the India border, where the course of the Yarlung Zangbo stunningly falls over the "great bend" and turns towards India, is expected to easily dwarf Zangmu.

While there have been no official projections, Chinese analysts project 60 GW installed capacity and 300 billion kilowatt-hours of power a year, over three times the Three Gorges.

While the project has

been described as a "run-of-the-river" dam, it will also involve the construction of a reservoir. This is likely to be located in the town of Mainling, upstream of Nyingchi, a prefecture-level city that is also home to a key airport, according to an analysis published on Wednesday by David Fishman, a Shanghai-based analyst writing on energy who looked at reports of relocations to ascertain the likely location. The water will be diverted at the top of the great bend into an approximately 40-km-long tunnel, Mr. Fishman wrote on his Substack, "Crossing the River", as its descending force powers five 12-GW powerhouses before rejoining the river.

India, China meeting

Later this month, India and China will hold a meeting of the Expert-Level Mechanism on Trans-border Rivers. However, the shar-

ing of hydrological data, officials say, has not been regular and has on occasion been suspended during difficult periods in relations.

Asked about the project, China's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun said last year that Beijing "always maintained a highly responsible attitude toward transboundary river development and has rich experience in hydropower project development". He said the "construction of the project is beneficial for disaster prevention and mitigation throughout the entire river basin and will not have adverse effects on downstream areas".

"China has conducted hydrological reporting, flood control, and disaster reduction cooperation with relevant downstream countries and has also engaged in necessary communication regarding the project," he said.

Parameter	Exam-ready fact
Project	Yarlung Zangbo Lower Reaches Hydropower Project
River in Tibet	Yarlung Zangbo / Yarlung Tsangpo
River in India	Siang/Dihang → Brahmaputra
Location	Tibet Autonomous Region, near the Great Bend
Estimated capacity	60 GW
Power stations	5
Estimated investment	1.2 trillion yuan (~₹14 lakh crore, as reported)
Expected generation	Around 300 billion kWh/year
Proposed engineering	Reservoir + approximately 40-km tunnel
Main Indian concern	Downstream flows, storage, ecology & hydrological information
Existing major Chinese dam mentioned	Zangmu Dam

Tibet → Arunachal Pradesh → Assam → Bangladesh

Yarlung Zangbo



Great Bend / Namcha Barwa region



enters India in **Arunachal Pradesh**



Siang/Dihang



meets tributaries including **Dibang + Lohit**



Brahmaputra



Bangladesh, where it is known as **Jamuna**



joins the Ganga system



Bay of Bengal

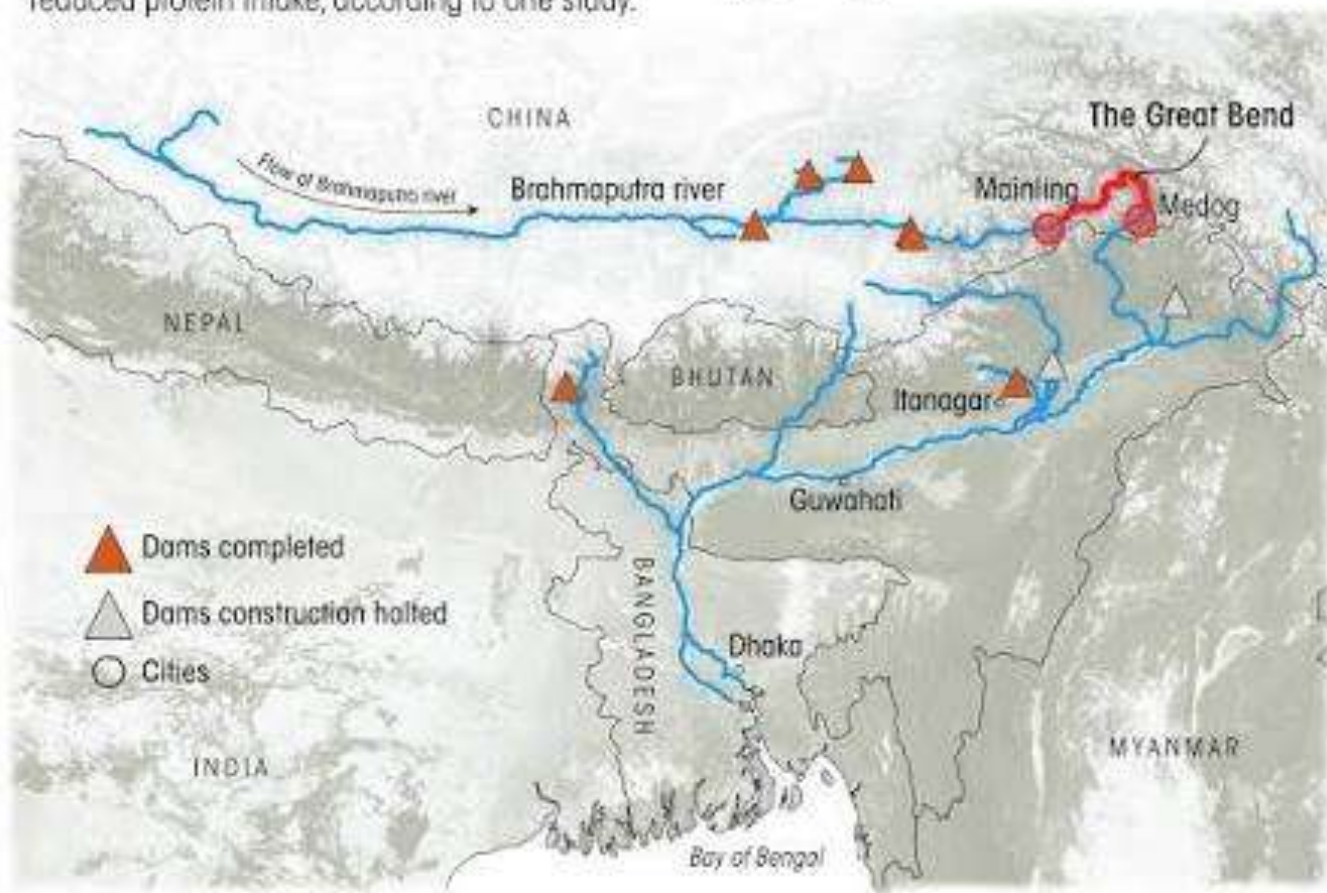


- What is the “Great Bend”?

- Near **Namcha Barwa**, the Yarlung Zangbo makes a dramatic turn around the eastern Himalayas before descending toward India.
- The article says the project is expected to exploit this enormous elevation difference: water would be diverted near the top of the Great Bend into an approximately **40-km tunnel**, descend toward **five 12-GW powerhouses**, and then rejoin the river.
- **$5 \times 12 \text{ GW} = 60 \text{ GW}$**

THE GREAT BEND: TRAPPED OR TAPPED

According to media reports, China has sanctioned the biggest hydropower project in the world, in one of the most ecologically sensitive and unstable areas, downstream of Brahmaputra region - The Great Bend. The Great Bend roughly stretches from Mainling to Medog, two counties in Tibet, and has the highest potential for generating hydropower as the river meanders and gushes down from an elevation of 3,000 meters. But what does it mean for more than 75 of 83 million people who reside downstream of the river? A drier and changing ecology, loss of livelihood and even reduced protein intake, according to one study.



Source: Media reports | Natural Earth

Down To Earth

Concern	Why it matters
Water flow	India is downstream
Storage	Reservoir operation could affect timing/quantity of flows
Flood risk	Himalayan region is geologically and climatically fragile
Earthquakes	Tibet–Himalaya belt is seismically active
Glacial hazards	Glacial collapse/GLOF-type events can threaten infrastructure
Sediments	Dams can alter sediment movement downstream
Ecology	Potential effects on aquatic ecosystems and biodiversity
Data sharing	Hydrological information is important for flood forecasting
Strategic issue	Brahmaputra is a major transboundary river

Zangmu

Existing project

Middle reaches of Yarlung Zangbo

Operational project

Smaller scale

Often described as run-of-the-river

New Lower Reaches Project

New mega project

Lower reaches / Great Bend area

Project under development

~60 GW planned

Includes much larger diversion/power infrastructure

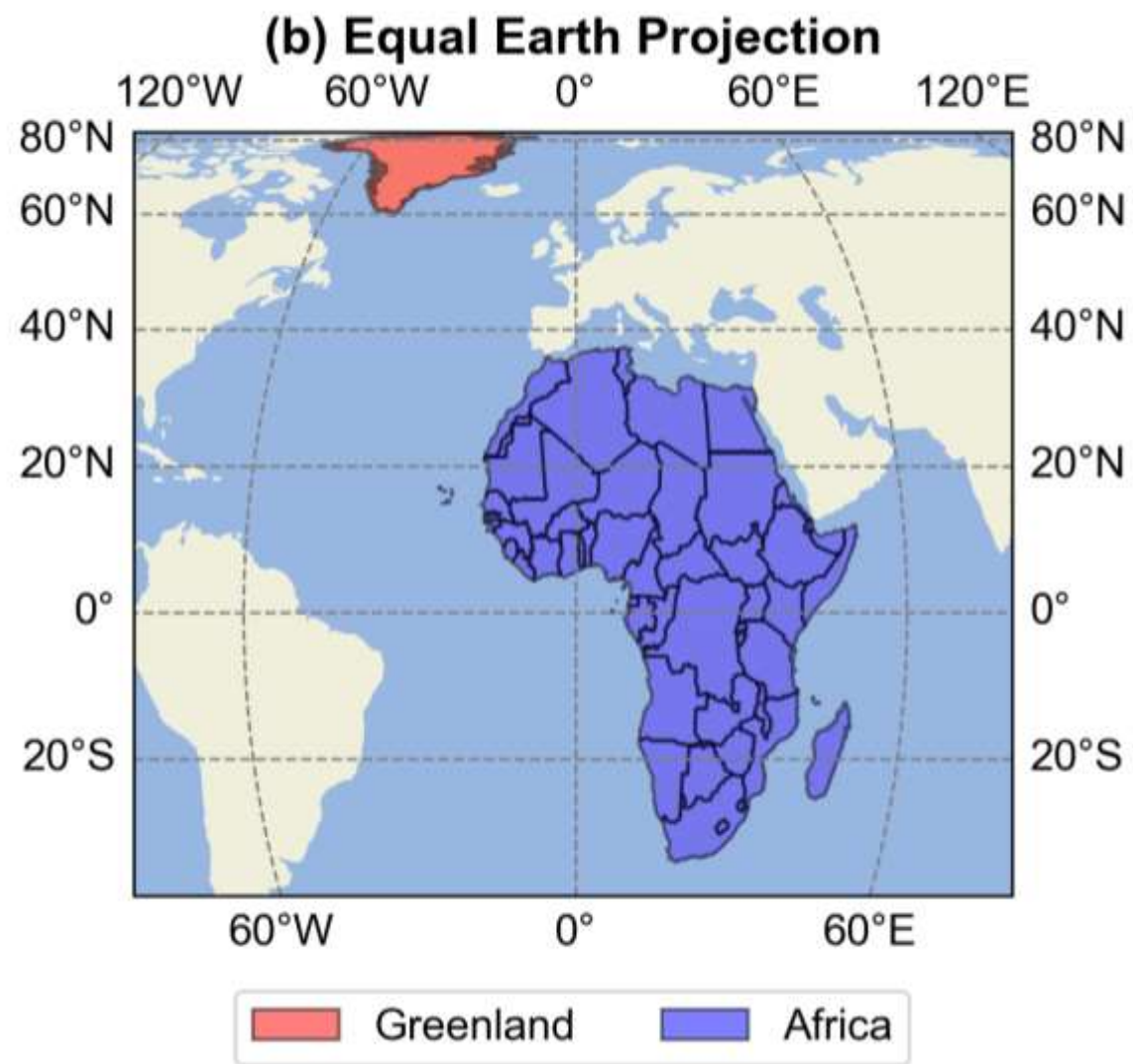
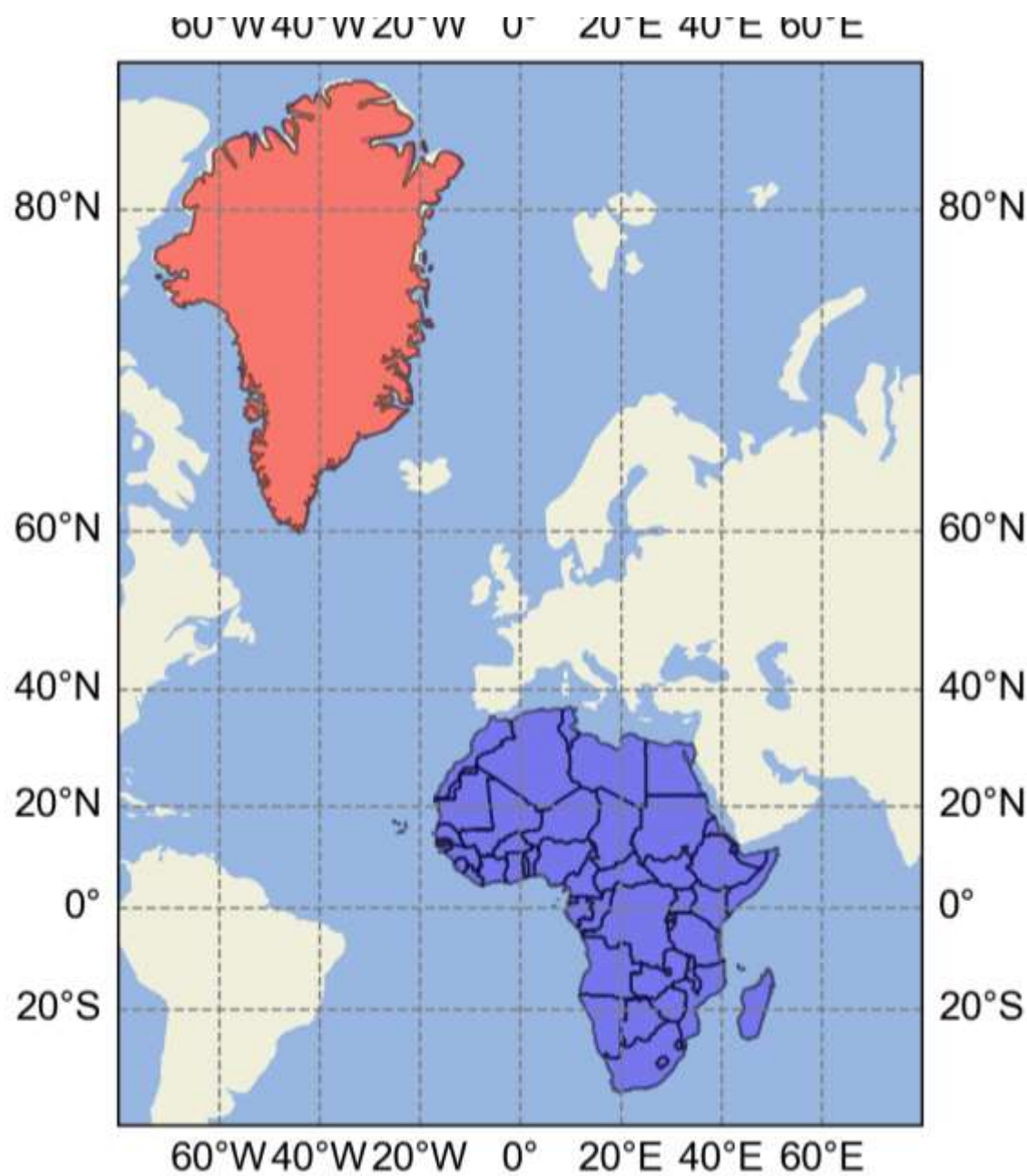
- **Consider the following statements regarding the Yarlung Zangbo:**

- It is associated with the Brahmaputra river system.
- It enters India through Arunachal Pradesh.
- The proposed lower-reaches Chinese hydropower project is associated with the Great Bend region.
- India is an upstream riparian state relative to China on this river.
- Which statements are correct?
 - **A. 1 and 2 only**
 - B. 1, 2 and 3 only**
 - C. 2, 3 and 4 only**
 - D. 1, 2, 3 and 4**

III, had reported suspected counterfeit vials to authorities, following which health warnings were issued in some countries over the possibility that travellers to India could have received counterfeit rabies vaccine.

India votes in favour of UNGA resolution on new world map

India has voted in favour of a UN General Assembly resolution aimed at correcting the world map to promote a “more accurate representation” of continental landmasses. The 193-member UN General Assembly on Friday overwhelmingly adopted the resolution “Correct the map: rebalancing global cartographic representation and promoting equitable representation of the world’s regions, particularly Africa”. The resolution was sponsored by Togo, receiving 164 votes in favour, with abstentions from Estonia, Georgia, Lithuania, Moldova, Serbia and Ukraine, and a lone vote against from the United States. PTI

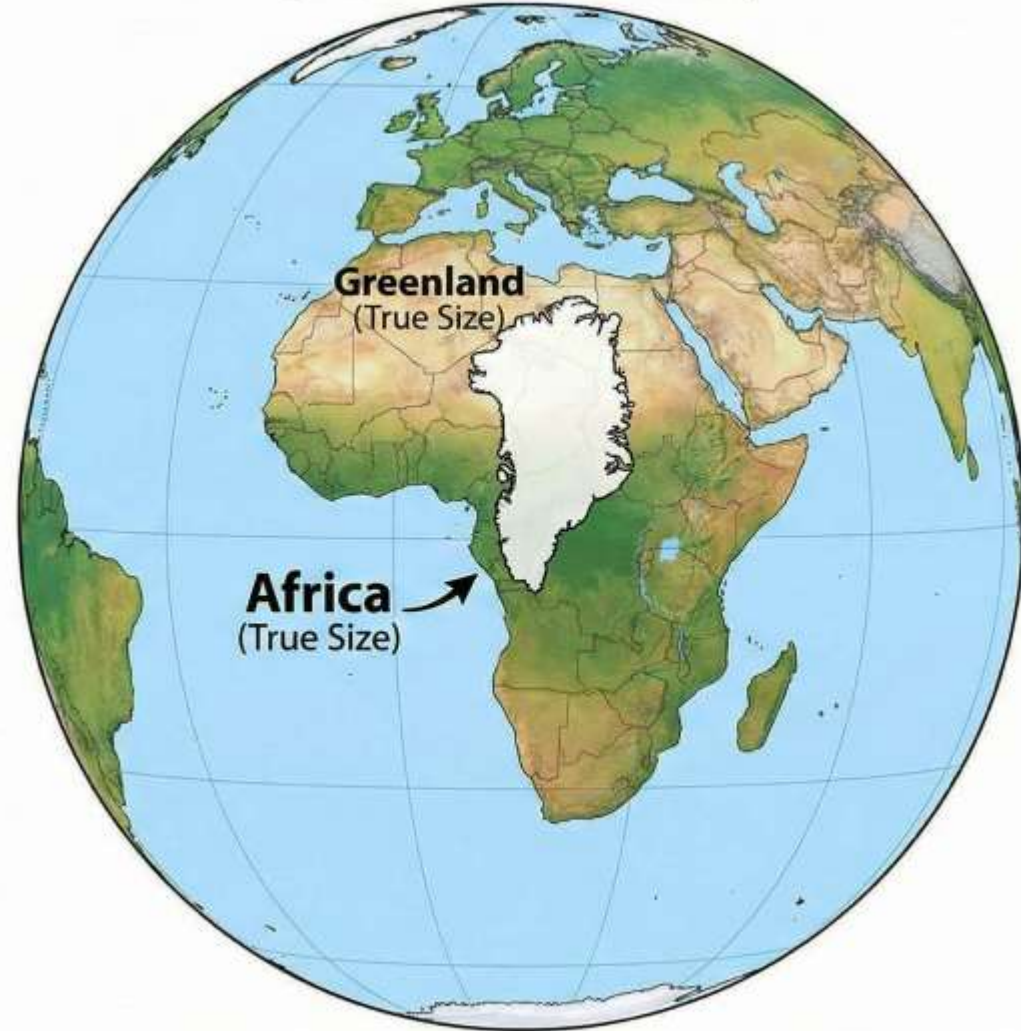


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Resolution: Correct the Map	प्रस्ताव: Correct the Map
Introduced by: Togo on behalf of African States	प्रस्तुतकर्ता: अफ्रीकी देशों की ओर से टोगो
UNGA Document: A/80/L.104	UNGA दस्तावेज: A/80/L.104
Votes in favour: 164	पक्ष में मत: 164
Against: 1 — United States	विरोध में: 1 — अमेरिका
Abstentions: 6	अनुपस्थित/मतदान से विरत: 6
India voted in favour	भारत ने पक्ष में मतदान किया
Focus: wider use of Equal-Area projections	उद्देश्य: Equal-Area projections का व्यापक उपयोग
Resolution is non-binding	प्रस्ताव कानूनी रूप से बाध्यकारी नहीं है

What is actually wrong with the traditional world map?

पारंपरिक विश्व मानचित्र में समस्या क्या है?

The controversy mainly concerns the Mercator Projection, developed by Gerardus Mercator in 1569.

विवाद मुख्यतः Mercator Projection से जुड़ा है, जिसे Gerardus Mercator ने 1569 में विकसित किया था।

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Mercator was designed primarily for navigation because it preserves directions/angles effectively.

Mercator Projection मुख्यतः नौवहन के लिए बनाया गया था क्योंकि यह दिशाओं/कोणों को प्रभावी ढंग से सुरक्षित रखता है।

But it greatly exaggerates the apparent area of regions located farther from the Equator.

लेकिन यह भूमध्य रेखा से दूर स्थित क्षेत्रों के क्षेत्रफल को वास्तविकता से बहुत बड़ा दिखाता है।  The New Indian E...

Best example to remember

Greenland $\approx$ 2.16 million sq km

ग्रीनलैंड $\approx$ 21.6 लाख वर्ग किमी

Africa $\approx$ 30.3 million sq km

अफ्रीका $\approx$ 303 लाख वर्ग किमी

➡ Africa is about 14 times larger than Greenland.

➡ अफ्रीका ग्रीनलैंड से लगभग 14 गुना बड़ा है।

Yet on many Mercator maps, Greenland appears almost as large as Africa.

फिर भी Mercator मानचित्र पर ग्रीनलैंड लगभग अफ्रीका जितना बड़ा दिखाई दे सकता है।  Hindustan Times

Feature	Mercator Projection	Equal Earth Projection
Developed	1569	2018(Bojan Šavrič, Tom Patterson and Bernhard Jenny.)
Main strength	Navigation	Relative area representation
Area	✘ Distorted	☑ Equal-area
Polar regions	Appear enlarged	More proportional
Africa	Appears relatively smaller	More accurate relative area
Navigation	Very useful	Not designed for navigation
UN resolution	Does not ban it	Encourages equal-area maps where relative size matters

Consider the following statements regarding the “Correct the Map” resolution: / “Correct the Map” प्रस्ताव के संबंध में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार कीजिए:

- It was adopted by the UN General Assembly.
इसे संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासभा द्वारा अपनाया गया।
- India voted in favour of the resolution.
भारत ने प्रस्ताव के पक्ष में मतदान किया।
- It legally prohibits the use of Mercator Projection worldwide.
यह विश्वभर में Mercator Projection के प्रयोग को कानूनी रूप से प्रतिबंधित करता है।
- It encourages wider use of equal-area map projections.
यह Equal-Area map projections के व्यापक प्रयोग को प्रोत्साहित करता है।

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U.S. denies Iran's claim of striking vessel in Hormuz

Cairo
Iran said on Sunday it struck a U.S. vessel trying to enter the Strait of Hormuz, a claim the U.S. dismissed as a "total lie". The purported attack came a day after the U.S. said forces struck three Iranian oil tankers in response to Navy warships being targeted with ballistic missiles. **• PAGE 14**

Over 19 lakh people hit by floods in Bihar

PRYNA
Over 19 lakh people across 11 districts of Bihar have been affected by floods, officials said on Sunday. **• PAGE 4**

India, China hold military talks in Arunachal

The meeting comes ahead of the BRICS Summit, which Chinese President Xi is expected to attend | Talks are being held amid alleged incursions by the Chinese and a military build-up at the LAC | Lieutenant-General Kalia, chief of 3 Corps, led 12-member delegation that included the ITBP

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

Amid concerns over conflicting territorial claims and military build-up along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), the Indian and Chinese Armies held their first Corps Commander-level meeting in the Eastern Sector on Sunday, marking a significant expansion of the military dialogue mechanism beyond the Ladakh sector.

The meeting was held at the Vacha Damul Border Personnel Meeting Point in Arunachal Pradesh, amid reports of tension in the Taktang area of Upper Subansiri district. According to Defence Ministry sources, Lieutenant-General Chirag Kalia, Commander of the 3 Corps (Sagar Corps), led a 12-member delegation that included an Inspector General of the Indo-Tibetan



Dialogue route: The meeting was held at the Vacha Damul Border Personnel Meeting Point in Arunachal Pradesh. **• P. 11**

Border Police. The 3 Corps, headquartered at Rangapahar in Nagaland, is responsible for operational areas along the LAC in Arunachal Pradesh. The Indian Army has two high-level formations responsible for the frontier in the Sagar Corps, the Corps Commander-level unit has been formed from September 1 to 15, which, Chinese President

Xi Jinping is expected to attend. The latest meeting comes amid reports of continued Chinese activity and alleged incursions in the Taktang area, despite two high-level engagements since July. Under the new, India and China have continued to use military and diplomatic channels to manage differences and maintain stability along the LAC.

'UN map' must reflect Indian position: govt.

NEW DELHI
India on Sunday said a United Nations map that depicted the border between India and China was "misleading" and "unacceptable".

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Indian two additional border Personnel Meeting Points and new helipads to strengthen communication and confidence-building mechanisms along the frontier.

According to sources, one of the newly proposed meeting points will be in the Eastern Sector under the operational responsibility of the 3 Corps, while another will be in the Central Sector.

The sources clarified that India's move is not among the newly identified meeting points. Meanwhile, the Indian Army has been closely reviewing its operational preparedness along the frontier. Recently, Army Chief General Dhaq Singh visited the headquarters of the 3 Corps, where formation commanders briefed him about operational readiness and measures being undertaken to strengthen combat capabilities.

The two sides signed an eight-point outcome document following the 58-level meeting. The agreement included a decision to sta-

Unfair to blame me for Rahman's visit being put off, says Hasina

Suhazini Haidar
NEW DELHI

After a controversy over her August 5 press conference where Bangladesh's former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina defended her right to hold media conferences and meet Awami League party colleagues.

"How can a press conference damage India-Bangladesh relations? I did not know that I was so powerful," Ms. Hasina said speaking to *The Hindu* over the telephone from an undisclosed location. "My intention was never to damage anything," she said, in an extensive interview that included written responses and an audio conversation.

Ms. Hasina told *The Hindu* that she was not in Bangladesh in 2024. She said it was unfair of the Bangladesh government to suggest that her public incursions were the reason for a planned visit by Prime Minister Tarique Rahman to Delhi to be put off.

Ms. Hasina, who faces a death sentence for ordering a police crackdown on student protesters in 2024 in which hundreds were killed, refused to apologise for the killing or the death of policemen and other party members during that time. She called on the international community to press for a revocation of the ban on the Awami League.

Spurious liquor kills 11 in M.P.; CM orders probe

Michael Madhavi
BHOJPA

At least 11 people died after consuming spurious liquor in Sagar district of Madhya Pradesh on Sunday. Narendra Solanki, Additional Superintendent of Police of Sagar, told *The Hindu* that those who fell ill were hospitalized. "But all are out of danger now," he said.

Officials said that early on Sunday, people fell ill in four villages: Nagari, Gogra Khurd, Bamra, and Purni. Sagar Collector Pratiksha Pal said the post-mortem examinations were still under way and the administration was on the lookout for people who had fallen ill. Ms. Pal said a few post-mortem examinations indicated that consumption of methyl alcohol may have caused the deaths.

"Interactions with local people indicated that the deaths occurred after they (victims) consumed illegal, spurious liquor," she said. Following directions from Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, the State government launched a police investigation to identify three excise officials and two police officers, and removed one excise official from duty and transferred her.

Speaking in New Delhi, Mr. Yadav termed the deaths "extremely distressing and unfortunate" and said "no guilty party will be spared". Deepak Saxena, the State Excise Commissioner, said the State Excise Commission was trying to establish a link through a systematic investigation, he said. Mr. Saxena suggested that the BIP government was not involved in the first incident. "It was for the third warning note that action was severe that no more news of deaths emerged from any village in Sagar."

U.P. trial
A "doctors' team is screening for such people, and officials like the SDM are on the spot. We are trying to identify anyone with such symptoms and send them to the Bundelkhand Medical College for observation," the Collector added. She said the initial investigation pointed to the involvement of a gang from Uttar Pradesh.

Mr. Saxena, too, said the liquor could have come from Lalpur in U.P. "Such a case has been reported there even in the past. So, we are working in the same direction and will reach its main source soon. We have not heard from the police and are trying to establish a link through a systematic investigation," he said. Mr. Saxena suggested that the BIP government was not involved in the first incident. "It was for the third warning note that action was severe that no more news of deaths emerged from any village in Sagar."



Rescue operations underway after a building collapsed near Safa Nigrah in New Delhi on Sunday. **• ANI/PTI**

5 people killed as building housing college students collapses in Delhi

Shrimanti Kaushik
NEW DELHI

Five persons were killed and six were injured when a five-storey building housing college students collapsed on Sunday in Safa Nigrah, a dense hub for paying guest (PG) accommodation near Delhi University's South Campus.

Of the 11 people pulled out of the debris, four were declared brought dead as the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. One was in critical condition and died later.

A first information report under sections 105, 250 and 125 (a) of the IPC has been filed against the building owner, Hari Ram Bansal, and others.

80-year-old building
The building housing the PG accommodation, named Hostel Dase, Local Post, collapsed the building, which comprises a base-

ment plus five more floors, at least 50 years old. At least 30 students were staying in the building, they said.

Rescue work was underway in the basement when the incident occurred, the police said.

The South Campus police station received a control room call at 1.34 p.m., reporting a building collapse at Safa Nigrah Market. The area was cordoned off within an hour and student volunteers helped to clear out the area to facilitate the entry of emergency.

Teams from Delhi Fire Services, Delhi Police, the National Disaster Response Force, and the District Fire and Emergency Services immediately reached the spot with 10 fire tenders and ambulances.

Of the remaining six injured, three were admitted to AIIMS. One of them underwent limb surgery.

An FIR has been filed against building owner, Hari Ram Bansal and others

Another person who sustained minor injuries was discharged. A 19-year-old man was taken to Safdarjung hospital and is stable.

Repairs in basement
Dilip Singh, a local resident helping with the rescue, said the building was old, well-built and had been weakened by the repair work. "The foundation of the building is not strong. It is an old building, which had water entering the basement, which was leaking from the adjacent building has also been affected with the impact," he said. "In my 48 years, I have seen the building adding floors slowly," he added.

"The building was with-

out any support with no pillars and thin walls. The five-storey building first collapsed under its weight and then fell forward onto the road. We rushed to the spot as soon as we heard a loud sound and people started screaming," said Rakesh Kumar, another local resident. He said that the ground floor also had a general store, while there were labourers working on the basement.

"Most of the PGs have at least ten students on each floor," said Abhishek Mishra, a Delhi University law student. "The area is heavily populated by PGs which do not follow safety norms. Most of the students are from other States. Despite Excise Commission's monthly rent of ₹1,00,000, the PG managers do not treat student safety."

Mr. Mishra added.

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ISRO's role is by no means diminishing: space officials

Agency will remain the bedrock of the Indian space sector, says IN-SPACe chief Pawan Goenka amid concerns raised by ISRO staff associations over 'privatisation'; agency calls concerns 'baseless'

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The top brass of India's space establishment refuted suggestions that privatisation in the space sector threatened the workforce of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

The role of the ISRO was "by no means diminishing", said IN-SPACe chairman Pawan Kumar Goenka on Sunday, responding to a joint letter from nine ISRO employee associations seeking written clarification on whether the government intends to transfer the agency's launch-vehicle and satellite manufacturing to private firms. "There has been some misleading narrative in the media around the future role of ISRO. Let me say it unequivocally: ISRO's role is by no means diminishing. It will remain the bedrock of Indian space sector," Dr. Goenka said in a post on X.

The reforms that began in 2020, he said, were aimed at expanding India's overall space ecosystem,



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PAWAN KUMAR GOENKA
IN-SPACe chairman

with IN-SPACe authorising non-government participation and NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) commercialising mature capabilities.

Industry would increasingly manufacture and scale mature launch vehicles and satellites, he added, while ISRO would concentrate on advanced R&D, scientific and strategic missions, and infrastructure too complex for private developers – including the Bharatiya Antariksh Station by 2035 and an Indian crewed lunar mission by 2040. "The direction is not a smaller ISRO," he wrote.

Longer clarification

His post was followed by a longer clarification from ISRO, calling suggestions of

privatisation "completely baseless and incorrect" and stating that the agency would neither be privatised nor have its importance reduced. Transferring a mature technology, it said, did not amount to withdrawal from that domain; the shift was towards an "ISRO-led national space ecosystem", institutionalised through the Indian Space Policy 2023.

The agency said India now has over 450 space start-ups against a handful in 2020, and aims to grow its roughly \$8.4-billion space economy to \$44 billion by 2033. Ownership of critical national space infrastructure, it said, would remain with the government. The letter that prompted the responses

was dated September 4 and addressed to Dr. V. Narayanan, Secretary, Department of Space and Chairman, ISRO. Its signatories cited Dr. Goenka's public remarks on August 21 that ISRO would eventually not make or manufacture any launch vehicles.

Questions raised

They asked whether that position represented an approved Space Commission decision. They further asked what would happen to sanctioned strength and recruitment over the next five to 10 years, and whether the associations would be consulted before irreversible decisions.

Employees of the Department of Space are exempted from the statutory definition of "industry" and cannot form trade unions. They instead organise as service associations recognised under the Central Civil Services (Recognition of Service Associations) Rules, 1993. The letter was copied to the Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers.

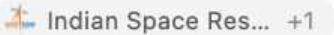


★ 1. What Exactly is Changing? | वास्तव में क्या बदल रहा है?

Routine and mature space technologies can increasingly be manufactured and commercialised by industry.

नियमित और परिपक्व अंतरिक्ष तकनीकों का निर्माण और व्यावसायीकरण अब अधिक मात्रा में उद्योग द्वारा किया जा सकेगा।

ISRO will increasingly concentrate its scientific manpower on advanced R&D, new technologies, strategic missions, human spaceflight and deep-space exploration.

ISRO अपने वैज्ञानिक संसाधनों को Advanced R&D, नई तकनीकों, रणनीतिक मिशनों, मानव अंतरिक्ष उड़ान और Deep-Space Exploration पर अधिक केंद्रित करेगा। 

Remember this formula ★★ ★

Industry → Scale mature technology / परिपक्व तकनीक का बड़े स्तर पर उत्पादन

ISRO → Develop the next technology / अगली पीढ़ी की तकनीक विकसित करना

4. What is IN-SPACE? ★★☆☆

IN-SPACE क्या है?

Full Form: Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre.

पूरा नाम: Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre.

It is a single-window, independent nodal agency functioning as an autonomous agency under the Department of Space.

यह Department of Space के अंतर्गत कार्य करने वाली Single-Window, Independent Nodal और Autonomous Agency है।

It facilitates and authorises participation of Non-Government Entities in India's space sector.

यह भारत के अंतरिक्ष क्षेत्र में Non-Government Entities की भागीदारी को सुविधाजनक बनाता और अधिकृत करता है।

Headquarters → Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

मुख्यालय → अहमदाबाद, गुजरात।

Chairman → Dr. Pawan Kumar Goenka.

अध्यक्ष → डॉ. पवन कुमार गोयनका। 

Four keywords

Promote → Enable → Authorise → Supervise

प्रोत्साहित → सक्षम → अधिकृत → पर्यवेक्षण

5. What is NSIL? | NSIL क्या है?

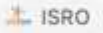
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It is a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Department of Space.

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Its major role is commercialisation of technologies and platforms created through public investment in India's space programme.

इसकी प्रमुख भूमिका भारत के अंतरिक्ष कार्यक्रम में सार्वजनिक निवेश से विकसित तकनीकों और प्लेटफॉर्म का व्यावसायीकरण करना है। 

Exam Trap

IN-SPACe ≠ Commercial arm

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NSIL → Commercialisation

NSIL → व्यावसायीकरण

IN-SPACe → Promotion + Authorisation of NGEs

IN-SPACe → NGEs को प्रोत्साहन + अनुमति

6. What Will Private Industry Do?

निजी उद्योग क्या करेगा?

Industry will increasingly scale and manufacture mature launch vehicles, routine satellites and established space systems.

उद्योग परिपक्व Launch Vehicles, नियमित Satellites तथा स्थापित Space Systems का बड़े स्तर पर निर्माण कर सकेगा।

Private companies can also develop their own technologies, launch satellites and commercialise space services.

निजी कंपनियाँ अपनी तकनीक विकसित करने, उपग्रह प्रक्षेपित करने और Space Services का व्यावसायीकरण करने में अधिक भूमिका निभा सकती हैं। 

7. What Will ISRO Focus On?

ISRO अब किन क्षेत्रों पर अधिक ध्यान देगा?

Frontier R&D / अत्याधुनिक अनुसंधान

Next-generation launch systems / अगली पीढ़ी के प्रक्षेपण यान

Human spaceflight / मानव अंतरिक्ष उड़ान

Deep-space missions / गहरे अंतरिक्ष मिशन

Planetary exploration / ग्रहों का अन्वेषण

Strategic national capabilities / रणनीतिक राष्ट्रीय क्षमताएँ

Advanced propulsion, sensors & payloads / उन्नत प्रणोदन, सेंसर एवं पेलोड 

Consider the following statements regarding India's space-sector institutional architecture:

भारत के अंतरिक्ष क्षेत्र की संस्थागत संरचना के संबंध में निम्न कथनों पर विचार कीजिए:

1. IN-SPACe facilitates and authorises space activities of Non-Government Entities.

1. IN-SPACe गैर-सरकारी संस्थाओं की अंतरिक्ष गतिविधियों को सुविधा एवं अनुमति प्रदान करता है।

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2. NSIL परिपक्व अंतरिक्ष तकनीकों एवं क्षमताओं के व्यावसायीकरण से जुड़ा है।

3. Indian Space Policy 2023 envisages ISRO concentrating increasingly on advanced R&D and national priorities.

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4. IN-SPACe and ISRO perform exactly the same institutional functions.

4. IN-SPACe और ISRO बिल्कुल समान संस्थागत कार्य करते हैं।

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These lovers worldwide are missing signs of AI traces in both online and offline spaces, even as they call for greater transparency. © IT ILLUSTRATIONS

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KNOW YOUR ENGLISH

Getting him to open up is like pulling teeth

Students urged to think rather than parrot textbook answers

S. Venkatar

"It was good to see your mother after nearly three years. Will she be here for some time?"

"Maybe for another two weeks. She said that you'd put on weight."

"She told me the same thing. I've been trying to lose weight for the past six months, but it's like pulling teeth."

"Pulling teeth? Getting one's tooth pulled is not an enjoyable experience. You mean saying you're going to have a problem losing weight?"

"The expression 'pulling teeth' has several different meanings — all of them negative. When you say that completing a task was like pulling teeth, it means it was a slow and painful process."

"There were times when you just wanted to throw your hands into the air, and walk away?"

"That's right! Trying to have a conversation with Rem was like pulling teeth."

"How about this example? For many people, getting up early in the morning is like pulling teeth."

"That's a good example. My parents had a tough time waking me up when I was in school."

"Talking about school. Unlike most people I know, you never talk about your school days. Getting information from you about your school days is like pulling teeth."

"You'll find that pulling teeth is a lot easier than getting me to talk about my school days."

"In that case, I will stop asking questions related to that phase of your life."

"Thank you. So, what's been..."

"Tell me, what's the difference between 'aging someone' and 'parrotting someone'?"

"Tell me, what does a parrot do?"

"It flies around and..."

"That's not what I mean. When you talk to your pet parrot which has been with you for a while, what does it do?"

"When I say something, it sometimes repeats what I said."

"Exactly! It repeats what you've said. Doesn't really say anything new, does it?"

"It's not capable of saying anything new."

"Which is why the expression 'to parrot someone' carries with it the sense that it is mindless repetition..."

"In other words, when you parrot someone, you are saying things without really understanding what you're saying."

"Exactly! The Vice Principal parroted whatever the principal says."

"My boss hates that. He doesn't want anyone to merely parrot what he says."

"Such people are difficult to find. Unlike his sister, Rem is not very bright. He merely parrots everything she says."

"So, now tell me, what does 'ape someone' mean?"

"When you ape someone, you imitate someone. In this case, what you do is to copy his mannerisms, style, the way of walking, talking, etc. And you do a very bad job of it."

"We tried to ape our favourite rock band."

"That sounds good. Children frequently ape their parents."

"We all do that when we are very young."

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Word of the day

Shibboleth:

A favourite saying of a group, organisation, or individual.

Synonyms: slogan, motto, slogan, tagline

Usage: The phrase *Shibboleth* is a shibboleth among university students.

Pronunciation: /ˌnəʊθ ˈdʒiːbələʊθ/

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Identify these personalities from their Wikipedia page subheadings

Mohammed Dilhat

QUESTION 1

Childhood - Public speaker - Pune Ashram - Arrival in the United States - 1986 terrorist attack.

QUESTION 2

Early life - Mathematics career - Life in Montana - Mail bombings - Manifesto.

QUESTION 3

Early life - Founding a blood-testing startup - Self-made female billionaire - (Invested) - Fraud charges.

QUESTION 4

Early life - Career - Photography hobby - Later years - Death - Discovery and recognition - Legacy.

QUESTION 5

Early religion and political influences - Founding a new religious organisation - Relocation to a South American country - Mass murder-suicide.

QUESTION 6

Early life - Led own gang - Massacre - Surrender - Political career - Assassination.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz:

1. What was the name of the terrorist magazine she co-founded in 1973 which survives till today? **Ans: Ms. magazine**

2. Senam said since that she had never wanted children because she already had one. Who was she referring to? **Ans: Her mother**

3. Senam was part of the second wave of feminism. Name the book credited with launching this wave, written by Betty Friedan. **Ans: The Feminine Mystique**

4. In 2005, Senam, Robin Morgan, and co-founded an organisation that works to make women visible and

powerful in the media? **Ans: K, an actor who starred in *White and Coming Home*.**

5. In a controversial sex ad, Senam once depicted a U.S. President, citing his behaviour with women may have been reckless, but did not meet the legal definition of sexual harassment as sexual

Which President was she talking about? **Ans: Bill Clinton**

Visual Question: Identify the African leader and fill in the blank.

Early life - Rise in Army - Seizure of power - Expulsion of... War with Tanzania - Exile - Death - Erratic behaviour, self-bestowed titles and media portrayal.

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- However, ARIA has NOT imposed a complete ban on using AI in music; substantially human-made music can still use AI assistance.
लेकिन ARIA ने संगीत में AI के इस्तेमाल पर पूर्ण प्रतिबंध नहीं लगाया है; मुख्य रूप से मानव द्वारा बनाए गए संगीत में AI की सहायता ली जा सकती है।

- ★ Exam Trap: "Australia banned AI music" = WRONG.

- ★ Exam Trap: "ऑस्ट्रेलिया ने AI Music पर प्रतिबंध लगा दिया" = गलत।

English	हिन्दी
ARIA = Australian Recording Industry Association	ARIA = Australian Recording Industry Association
It represents Australia's recorded-music industry.	यह ऑस्ट्रेलिया की Recorded-Music Industry का प्रतिनिधित्व करती है।
It publishes Australia's official music charts.	यह ऑस्ट्रेलिया के आधिकारिक Music Charts प्रकाशित करती है।
The new AI-related chart rule was announced on August 25, 2026, according to the article.	समाचार के अनुसार नया AI संबंधी Chart Rule 25 अगस्त 2026 को घोषित किया गया।

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पूरी तरह AI द्वारा बनाए गए गाने ARIA Charts में सूचीबद्ध होने के योग्य नहीं होंगे।
- Songs created substantially by humans with AI assistance can remain eligible.
मुख्य रूप से मनुष्यों द्वारा बनाए गए लेकिन AI सहायता लेने वाले गाने अभी भी योग्य हो सकते हैं।
- ARIA therefore does not follow a “zero tolerance” policy toward AI.
इसलिए ARIA की नीति AI के प्रति “Zero Tolerance” वाली नहीं है।
- 🧠 Remember
- AI as Assistant → Allowed ☒
- AI as Creator → Chart ineligible ✗
- AI सहायक के रूप में → स्वीकार्य ☒
- AI मुख्य रचनाकार के रूप में → Chart के लिए अयोग्य ✗

- What Does “Substantially Human-Made” Mean?

- ARIA says a recording developed with generative AI assistance can qualify when it is “substantially human made”.

ARIA के अनुसार Generative AI की सहायता से बनाया गया Recording तब योग्य हो सकता है जब वह “मुख्य रूप से मानव निर्मित” हो।

- It should also not raise concerns regarding streaming manipulation or chart manipulation. साथ ही उसमें Streaming या Chart Manipulation से जुड़ी चिंताएँ नहीं होनी चाहिए।

- This leaves room for artists to use AI as a **creative tool**, rather than allowing charts to be dominated by automatically generated output.

इससे कलाकार AI को **Creative Tool** की तरह इस्तेमाल कर सकते हैं, लेकिन Charts को Automatically Generated Content से भरने से रोका जा सकता है।

🎵 4. What Triggered the Debate? | विवाद कैसे शुरू हुआ?

According to the article, an AI remix of Madonna's 1989 song "Like a Prayer" became viral in Australia. समाचार के अनुसार Madonna के 1989 के गाने "Like a Prayer" के AI Remix के वायरल होने के बाद विवाद तेज हुआ।

The AI track was made by Australian producer/DJ Josh Favez and reportedly spent multiple weeks in Australia's Top 20.

Australian Producer/DJ Josh Favez द्वारा बनाया गया AI Track कई सप्ताह तक Australia Top 20 में रहा।

The article reports that it reached No. 2 on ARIA's Top 20 Australian Singles Chart and received more than 23 million YouTube views.

समाचार के अनुसार यह ARIA Top 20 Australian Singles Chart में No. 2 तक पहुँचा और YouTube पर 23 million से अधिक views प्राप्त किए।

Core controversy

Its use of AI in composing the track was initially not clearly disclosed.

Track बनाने में AI के इस्तेमाल का प्रारंभ में स्पष्ट खुलासा नहीं किया गया था।

This triggered demands for transparent labelling of synthetic/AI-generated music.

इसके बाद AI-Generated/Synthetic Music की स्पष्ट Labelling की मांग बढ़ी।

Issue	English	हिन्दी
Copyright	AI may be trained on copyrighted songs	AI को Copyrighted Songs पर प्रशिक्षित किया जा सकता है
Consent	Artists' works/styles may be used without permission	कलाकारों के कार्य/शैली का बिना अनुमति उपयोग हो सकता है
Attribution	Who should receive credit?	श्रेय किसे मिलना चाहिए?
Royalty	Who receives payment?	Royalty किसे मिलेगी?
Transparency	Listeners may not know music is AI-generated	श्रोताओं को पता नहीं चलता कि संगीत AI से बना है
Chart fairness	AI can potentially generate huge volumes of music	AI बहुत बड़ी मात्रा में संगीत बना सकता है
Voice cloning	Artist-like voices can potentially be synthetically reproduced	कलाकार जैसी आवाज कृत्रिम रूप से बनाई जा सकती है
Human creativity	Concern about displacement/devaluation of creators	मानव रचनात्मकता के विस्थापन/अवमूल्यन की चिंता

Consider the following statements regarding Generative AI and the recent ARIA decision:

Generative AI और ARIA के हालिया निर्णय के संबंध में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार कीजिए:

1. ARIA has made wholly AI-generated songs ineligible for its charts.
1. ARIA ने पूर्णतः AI-Generated Songs को अपने Charts के लिए अयोग्य बनाया है।
2. The rules completely prohibit musicians from using AI tools.
2. नियम संगीतकारों को AI Tools इस्तेमाल करने से पूरी तरह प्रतिबंधित करते हैं।
3. Generative AI can generate audio as well as text and images.
3. Generative AI Text और Images के साथ Audio भी उत्पन्न कर सकता है।
4. AI-generated music raises issues concerning copyright, attribution and transparency.
4. AI-Generated Music Copyright, Attribution और Transparency से संबंधित प्रश्न उठाता है।

LEBANON

Lebanon President calls for U.S. help after 4 killed in Israeli strikes



Lebanese President Joseph Aoun urged Washington and the international community to help against Israeli strikes on Sunday killed at least four people despite a truce and an Israeli-Lebanon deal, Israel said. It targeted Hezbollah operatives and sites in response to a drone attack a day earlier. **AP**

REYADI

'Plans by Israeli Ministers for Gaza expulsions threaten Trump peace'



Eight Israeli and Arab countries — Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Pakistan, Indonesia and Turkey — on Sunday condemned plans voiced by Israeli government ministers for the removal of Palestinians from the Gaza Strip, saying the designs jeopardize a U.S.-backed peace in the territory. **AP**

YAZ

More than 140 killed in latest Yemen clashes; military sources



Fighting between Yemen government forces and Iran has led to double deaths in southern Yemen killed more than 140 combatants between midday Saturday and early Sunday morning, military sources said. Those killed include 84 Saudi-backed Yemen government troops and 57 Shiite fighters, sources added. **AP**

MOSCOW

Russia dismisses drone accusations, says Germany 'wants war again'



Germany 'wants war again', Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said in an interview on Sunday, dismissing Berlin's accusation that Russia was to blame for a drone attack on Leipzig airport. The German government blamed Moscow for the incident, saying Russia sent 'two level agents' for an attempted 'hybrid attack'. **AP**

Iran says it struck a U.S. vessel in Hormuz; Washington denies claim

Teheran says it struck the unmanned U.S. vessel attempting to enter the strait, while U.S. military rejects this as a 'total lie'. Iran's Speaker Ghalibaf warns that any further U.S. aggression would face 'faster, more intense and more painful' responses

Associated Press

CAIRO

Iran said on Sunday it struck an unmanned U.S. vessel trying to enter the Strait of Hormuz, a claim that the U.S. military dismissed as a "total lie". The purported attack came a day after the U.S. military said forces struck three Iranian oil tankers in response to Navy warships being targeted with ballistic missiles. Experts called it a dangerous escalation after Iran's previous attacks at sea targeted commercial shipping.

The war began with U.S. and Israeli attacks on Iran on February 26, but since a fragile ceasefire agreement



Dangerous western vessels transit the Hormuz Strait off the coast of the port city of Bandar Abbas in southern Iran on Saturday. **AP**

Iran announced in June, on-and-off fighting has persisted, with both sides trying to inflict military and economic pain as negotiations have collapsed.

The United States and

killed earlier in the week during a U.S. bombardment that returned attention to the area where a schooner was hit in the war's opening strikes.

Iran's top negotiator Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf threatened a more forceful response to any further U.S. attacks.

The Americans must have understood that the era of proportionate responses has come to an end," said Iran's Parliament speaker, who has acted as chief negotiator in talks to end the war.

Any aggression against Iran's interests and security will receive a faster, more intense and more painful response," he ad-

ded, in a speech carried by state media.

Mr. Ghalibaf added that alongside the military action, Iran's main battle was now over production and people's livelihoods.

Iran's Economy Minister Ali Mahdizadeh said that Teheran planned to respond to U.S. economic pressure with reforms and rejected the notion that sanctions would cause it to change course, according to state media.

"They think that by pressuring the economy of a country they can change the decisions of its people," Mr. Mahdizadeh said.

With inputs from AFP, Reuters

China teams scour ruins at flood-hit border crossing

Reuters

QINGHAI

Chinese officials said on Sunday that workers had recovered 12 more bodies as the search continued for hundreds still missing after a massive landslide destroyed China's main border crossing with Nepal.

China on Sunday, for the first time, opened up its devastated Geyuan County in Tibet — the site of the destroyed border immigration post — to select media to show the scale of destruction caused by the flash floods. Not only did the immigration post disappear without a trace, recent rescue officials struggled to point out the exact location where the landslide once stood.

The landslide has killed more than 1,000 people on both sides of the border.



Rescue workers conduct relief operations at the Geyuan Port area in Bhigatse, Tibet Autonomous Region, China on Sunday. **Reuters**

with more than 5,000 missing. On the Chinese side, 43 were confirmed dead and 519 remained missing as of Saturday.

Officials said that recovery teams were taking fingerprints and recording identifying features such as tattoos as bodies were recovered. They had also collected 593 personal items from the site.

Families and diplomats representing countries with missing nationals have privately expressed growing frustration over what they see as limited information sharing by China. Beijing's Foreign Ministry has said its release of information about the floods was "transparent and timely". (With PTI inputs)

'Israeli PM orders evacuation of some West Bank outposts'

Agence France Press

JERUSALEM

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has ordered the evacuation of some settlements in the occupied West Bank deemed illegal under Israeli law, Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich said Sunday.

"To my knowledge, Netanyahu has given the instruction to evacuate" certain settlements, Mr. Smotrich said, adding that he did not approve of the measure.

While all Israeli settlements in the West Bank are considered illegal under international law, some established without government approval — often consisting of just a few prefabricated homes — are also considered illegal by Israel.

Several Israeli media outlets also reported on



Bezalel Smotrich

Sunday that Mr. Netanyahu had issued the order, with Israel's largest news site first saying it was the result of U.S. pressure.

At the end of August, Mr. Netanyahu had promised to continue establishing settlements in the West Bank despite growing international backlash.

The construction and expansion of Israeli settlements in the West Bank territory has increased significantly under his government.

According to Mr. Smotrich, the evacuation concerned outposts built in areas under the control of the Palestinian Authority and without official authorization.

The leader of a far-right party that advocates the annexation of the entire West Bank, Mr. Smotrich boasted on Sunday that he had led "a revolution" by building and legitimizing "villages, farms, roads and thousands of homes" in the territory, which has been occupied by Israel since 1967.

The West Bank has seen a surge in violence since the outbreak of war in the Gaza Strip following Hamas's attack on Israel on October 7, 2023.

More than 800,000 Israeli live in settlements in the Palestinian territory, among some three million Palestinians.

State in mourning



Residents and relatives of the victims killed in a bus crash gathered during their funeral at a church in the town of São Lourenço, on the island of Fogo, on Sunday. At least 25 people, many of them schoolchildren and teenagers, were killed when a bus plunged into a ravine. **AP**

U.S. envoys make Kyiv visit amid push for peace in Ukraine war

Reuters

KIV

U.S. peace envoys Jared Kushner and Steve Witkoff met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv on Sunday as the Trump administration renewed its push to end Russia's four-and-a-half-year war in Ukraine.

Mr. Kushner and Mr. Witkoff travelled from Moscow, where they held three hours of talks with President Vladimir Putin on Saturday but did not ap-

pear to secure a breakthrough in the conflict. Kremlin aide Yuri Ushakov described Saturday's meeting as "highly useful" and after the first round of talks between Ukrainian and U.S. negotiators that lasted about three hours, the U.S. envoys said that they were looking forward to making more progress.

Substantive, important, and we are very encouraged," Mr. Witkoff told reporters after the talks, which also included a working lunch.

Bhutan leads Southeast Asia region in eliminating rabies

Namya Kamran

CHENNAI

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large problem with local bodies failing at animal birth control and vaccination programmes.

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In a message shared on the WHO website, its Director General, Tedros Adhanom, celebrated Bhutan — which is another step towards eradicating rabies from dog-transmitted rabies — as a country that has eliminated dog-transmitted human rabies, and consequently the absence of human deaths from the disease for at least two years, while demonstrating the capacity to prevent trans-

mission from re-emerging. Rabies deaths are preventable. A two-pronged strategy is advocated globally — vaccinating dogs to curb the disease at source, and using post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) after a bite. PEP consists of thoroughly washing the bite area with soap and water, administering a full course of human rabies vaccine, and whenever necessary, rabies immunoglobulins.

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Target for 2030

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He further noted the interventions that made the

success possible: "Bhutan's success shows that the health of humans, animals and the environment we share is inextricably linked. By uniting health workers, veterinarians, and communities, Bhutan has shown that the fight against rabies is won not in silos, but through solidarity across all sectors."

Two-pronged strategy

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RABIES

Zero deaths by 2030

99%

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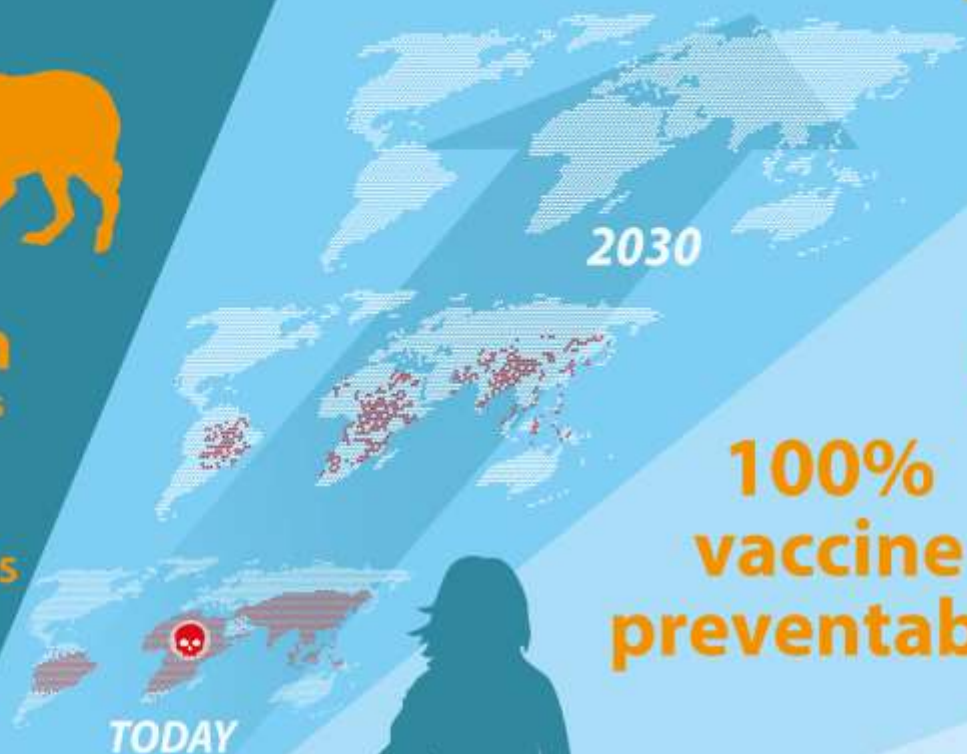


One death



every 9 minutes
worldwide

4 out of 10 deaths
are in children



2030

TODAY

**100%
vaccine
preventable**

**no bite
no rabies**



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RABIES: THE FACTS



VIRUS TRANSMISSION



Saliva of infected animals



99% of human cases are caused by **dog bites**

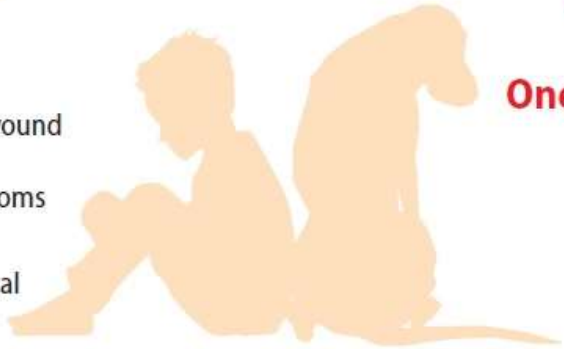
The virus attacks the brain
Rabies is **fatal** once symptoms appear



TREATMENT



Thorough washing of the wound with soap, and, vaccine injections can avoid symptoms and **save lives**.
Seek immediate medical care if bitten.



FATALITIES

Rabies affects **poor rural communities** mostly in Asia and Africa



About **One death** every



40% of the victims are children younger than 15

HOW TO PREVENT RABIES TRANSMISSION FROM DOGS?



Raise public **awareness**

Learn **dog body language**



NO DOG BITE = NO RABIES

VACCINATING DOGS SAVES HUMAN LIVES

Rabies is 100% preventable



Vaccinating **70%** of dogs **breaks rabies transmission cycle** in an area at risk

Every dog owner is concerned



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Rabies ends here

Be a responsible dog owner and community guardian



Regularly vaccinate your dog!

Keep it confined and supervised

Provide shelter as well as food



Ensure waste is inaccessible to dogs



Keep your dog healthy

Understand dogs to prevent bites



Avoid situations likely to upset dogs

If you feel threatened...



Avoid eye contact and speak softly
Walk slowly backwards – don't run

If the dog growls...



Stand still like a tree

If the dog attacks...



Curl up and stay still as a rock

Take care of scratches and bites



Wash wounds immediately for 15 minutes

With copious amounts of water and soap/detergent



Seek medical attention



Receive rabies vaccination, if needed



Never apply substances like chili, salt, lemon, herbs, etc.

Rabies is **100% preventable**.

Global target: **Zero rabies deaths by 2030.**



English

Country → **Bhutan**

Disease → **Rabies**

Achievement → Elimination of **dog-transmitted human rabies as a public-health problem**

Validated by → **WHO**

Regional achievement → **First in WHO South-East Asia Region**

Last dog-mediated human rabies death → **June 2023**

Major approach → **One Health**

Global target → **Zero human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030**

हिन्दी

देश → **भूटान**

बीमारी → **रेबीज**

उपलब्धि → **कुत्तों से मनुष्यों में फैलने वाले रेबीज को Public Health Problem के रूप में समाप्त करना**

मान्यता → **WHO**

क्षेत्रीय उपलब्धि → **WHO दक्षिण-पूर्व एशिया क्षेत्र में पहला**

अंतिम Dog-mediated Human Rabies मृत्यु → **जून 2023**

प्रमुख दृष्टिकोण → **One Health**

वैश्विक लक्ष्य → **2030 तक Dog-mediated Rabies से मानव मृत्यु शून्य**

- Dogs are responsible for up to 99% of human rabies transmissions globally.
विश्व स्तर पर मानव रेबीज संक्रमण के लगभग 99% मामलों के लिए कुत्ते जिम्मेदार हैं।
- WHO estimates rabies causes around 59,000 human deaths annually worldwide.
WHO के अनुसार विश्व में रेबीज से प्रतिवर्ष लगभग 59,000 मानव मौतें होती हैं।
- Around 95% of estimated human rabies cases occur in Africa and Asia.
अनुमानित मानव रेबीज मामलों में लगभग 95% अफ्रीका और एशिया में होते हैं।
- 💧 Numbers to Remember
- 99% → Dogs / कुत्ते
- 59,000 → Global annual deaths / वैश्विक वार्षिक मौतें
- 95% → Africa + Asia / अफ्रीका + एशिया

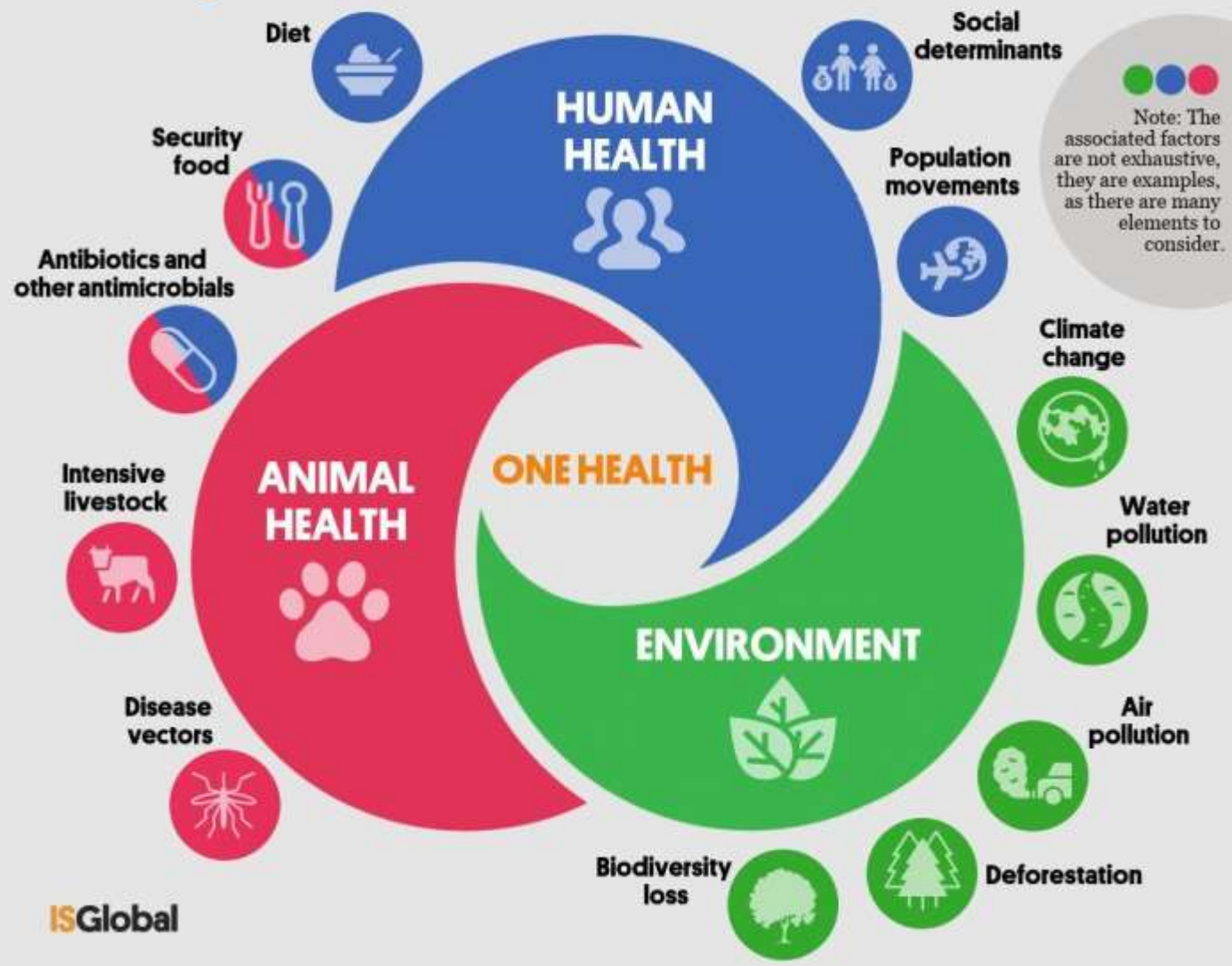
- WHO recommends immediate and thorough washing of the wound with soap and water. WHO काटे गए घाव को तुरंत और अच्छी तरह साबुन और पानी से धोने की सलाह देता है।
- The exposed person should receive appropriate Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP). संक्रमण की आशंका वाले व्यक्ति को उचित Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) दिया जाना चाहिए।
- PEP includes wound care, a course of rabies vaccine and, when indicated, Rabies Immunoglobulin (RIG). PEP में Wound Care, Rabies Vaccine का Course और आवश्यकता होने पर Rabies Immunoglobulin (RIG) शामिल होता है।
- Remember
- Bite → Wash → Vaccine → RIG when indicated काटना → घाव धोना → Vaccine → आवश्यकता पर RIG





ONE HEALTH

Human health and animal health are interdependent.
At the same time, both depend on the environment.



Elimination	Eradication
Disease/transmission reduced to defined target in a geographical area	Worldwide permanent reduction to zero
Continued measures usually required	Routine control interventions generally no longer required once globally eradicated
Geographic/regional concept	Global concept
Bhutan rabies achievement → Elimination as a public-health problem	Smallpox → classic eradication example

Consider the following statements about Rabies: / रेबीज के संबंध में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार कीजिए:

1. It is a zoonotic viral disease.

1. यह एक Zoonotic Viral Disease है।

2. Once clinical symptoms appear, it is virtually 100% fatal.

2. Clinical Symptoms आने के बाद यह लगभग 100% घातक है।

3. Bhutan is the first country in WHO's South-East Asia Region validated for eliminating dog-transmitted human rabies as a public-health problem.

3. भूटान WHO के South-East Asia Region में Dog-Transmitted Human Rabies को Public Health Problem के रूप में समाप्त करने वाला पहला मान्यता प्राप्त देश है।

4. Post-Exposure Prophylaxis is ineffective after an animal bite.

4. Animal Bite के बाद Post-Exposure Prophylaxis प्रभावी नहीं होता।

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Word of the day

Shibboleth:

a favourite saying of a group, organisation, or individual

Synonyms: slogan, motto, idiom, tagline

Usage: *The phrase became a shibboleth among university students.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/shibboleth

International Phonetic

Alphabet: /ʃɪbəlɛθ/



Thank you ☺

