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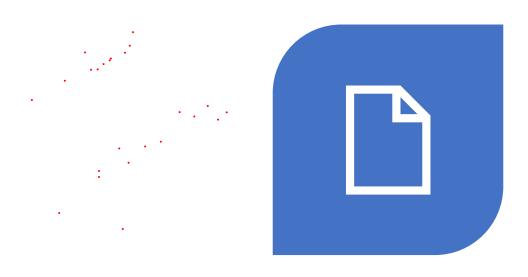








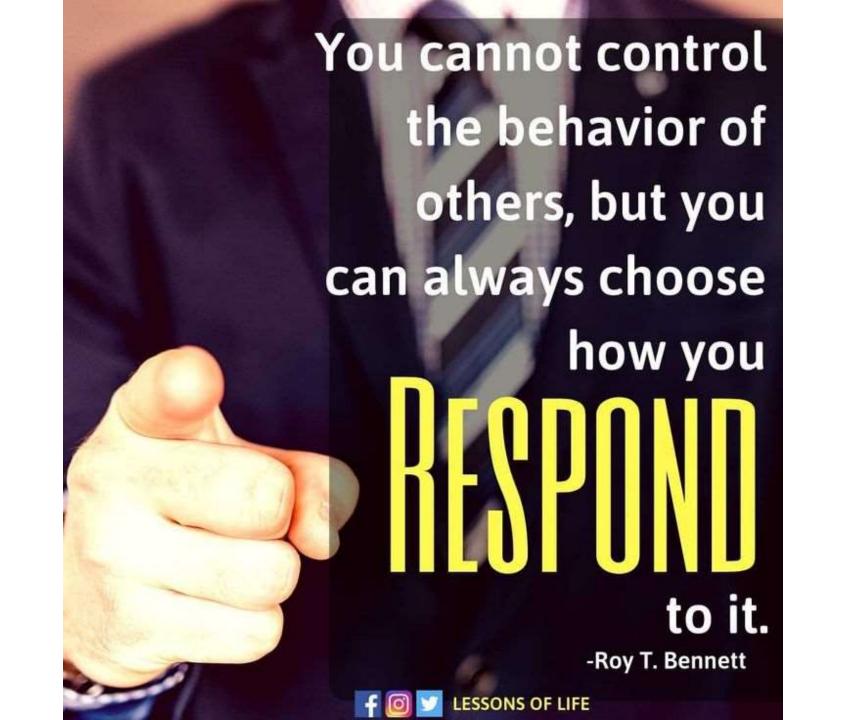
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ontinuing his critical remarks about India, U.S. President Donald Trump on Friday said that the United States has "lost" India to China, in a reference to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's presence at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Tianjin earlier this week.

The Ministry of External Affairs did not offer any official response to Mr. Trump's remarks. However, MEA officials speaking on the condition of anonymity said that India's understanding is that the U.S. tariff attack on India was due to a "miscalculation" of India's traditional position in world affairs.

"Looks like we've lost India and Russia to deepest, darkest, China. May they have a long and prosperous future together," the U.S. President wrote on his social media platform Truth Social.

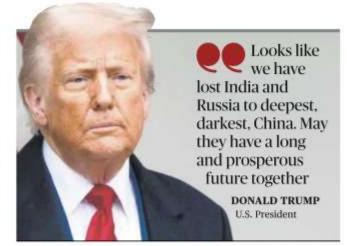
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"They [India] either need to decide which side they want to be on," Mr. Lutnick said.

Asked for a response to Mr. Trump's latest remarks, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said he did not have anything to say on the matter.

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"India is the most populous democracy with one of the largest markets in the world. We are active in multiple global platforms and are partnering the U.S. on many global challenges. Targeting us after nearly 27 years of stable relationship is nothing but a miscalcula-

tion by the Trump Presidency and there is a lot of criticism internally within the U.S. administration that is making it evident," an official source said.

Officials also noted that the photograph used on Mr. Trump's social media post – featuring Mr. Modi with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping – was not taken at the recent SCO summit in Tianjin, but predates the current tensions in India-U.S. relations.

The MEA's official silence is in line with the cautious approach that India has taken with regard to Mr. Trump's verbal volleys, which have intensified since he imposed a punitive 50% tariff on imports from India, citing Indian purchases of Russian crude.

Jaishankar to join BRICS summit on U.S. tariffs: MEA

NEW DELHI

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Jaishankar will represent India at a virtual summit of BRICS nations convened by Brazil to discuss U.S. tariffs on Monday, the Ministry of External Affairs said here on Friday.» PAGE 3

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While maintaining a studied silence on the U.S. President's remarks, India has been working on the dialogue front for a ceasefire in the Russia-Ukraine conflict. The latest round of talks took place on Thursday, when External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar spoke with his Ukrainian counterpart Andrii Sybiha, saying that India seeks the "establishment"

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Another opportunity for high-level engagement between India and the U.S. may emerge during the upcoming UN General Assembly session in New York later this month.

Trump's Remarks

- U.S. President Donald Trump said the U.S. has "lost" India to China, citing PM Modi's presence at the SCO summit in Tianjin.
- He posted on Truth Social that "Looks like we've lost India and Russia to deepest, darkest China."
- U.S. Commerce Secretary's Statement
- Howard Lutnick asked India to stop being part of BRICS and to "choose a side" between U.S. and China-Russia.

• India's Official Response

- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) did not give an official statement but termed U.S. tariffs on India a "miscalculation."
- India maintained that it remains committed to balancing global platforms (BRICS, SCO, Quad, UN).

Context – U.S.-India Tensions

- Recent U.S. tariffs on Indian imports, including a 50% tariff on vehicles, increased strain.
- Trump's earlier negative remarks about "India profiteering from Russia oil trade" drew sharp rejection from India.

Geopolitical Backdrop

- India's participation in SCO and BRICS is seen by Washington as a tilt toward Eurasian powers (Russia, China).
- The remarks coincide with tensions over India's oil imports from Russia during the Ukraine war.

• India's Non-Alignment Legacy: Since the Cold War, India has avoided alignment with military blocs, instead promoting "strategic autonomy."

SCO & BRICS Membership:

- *SCO*: India joined in 2017; includes China, Russia, Central Asia, Pakistan, Iran. Seen as "anti-West."
- BRICS: Emerging economies (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa). India views it as balancing G7 dominance.

U.S.-India Relations:

- Strengthened under *Quad* (India, U.S., Japan, Australia) to counter China in Indo-Pacific.
- Yet, differences over trade tariffs, visas, and India's Russia ties persist.

Tariffs & Trade: U.S. has imposed punitive tariffs on Indian exports. India retaliated on U.S. products.

Energy Security: India's continued imports of discounted Russian oil (post-Ukraine war) frustrates the U.S., but is vital for India's economy.

Investment Impact: Trump's remarks may affect foreign investor confidence in India amid *Make in India* push.

The issue reflects **India's balancing act**:

- Engaging with U.S. for technology, defense, and Indo-Pacific strategy.
- Simultaneously engaging with SCO/BRICS for energy, connectivity, and multipolarity.

This also highlights the **shift in global power equations** with U.S.-China rivalry intensifying.

• Consider the following statements regarding India's foreign policy stance in global forums:

- India is a founding member of both SCO and BRICS.
- India joined the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation in 2017.
- India is a member of BRICS, but not of G7.
- Which of the statements is/are correct?
- A) 1 and 2 only
- B) 2 and 3 only
- C) 1 and 3 only
- D) 1, 2, and 3

MGNREGS is staring at a very 'uncertain future, says Congress

The Hindu Bureau

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He said that payments to workers wore multicely idelyed very geat his said-out compensation, 20-30% of MGNRISGS's budget ev-ery year went to clearing the previous year's along raised in the past I years; raised in the past II years; and the recent technologi-cal intervention to make the programme more tran-sparent had been exclu-sionary Estimates suggest, he said, that this has prevented over two crore workers from securing their legal right to work

Will ensure GST benefit reaches consumers: govt.

Commerce Minister says the new structure will lower prices, boost demand, and facilitate ease of doing business, revamp a result of long consultations and has nothing to do with U.S. tariff, he says

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auranee...," Mr. Grayat said during a press conference at the filturative jamate Par-ty (1997) headquarters here. Thanking Pfune Minis-ter Naroundra Modi for bringing "a historic and comprehensive relient that will transform the highter," Mr. Grayat said it was the first time since in-



dependence that such a major change had been made in the tax structure, and a big relief on given to the consumers. farmers, and industries. The simple heation would facilitate ease of doing business, he said.

In the coming days, the

new GST etructure would lead to an increase in demand, and the prices of a wide range of communi-goods would go down after September 22, be said.

The GET rationalisat was an outcome of about a year-long consultations among the stakeholders and had nothing to do with the U.S/s decision to im-pose 80% sariff on Indian goods, Mr. Goyal said. In reply to a question, he said the Union government's decisions were not guided by any election.

"During the 10 years of Congress rule, there was corruption, and no effec-

mational reforms were un-durtaken. Atalji (the late Atal Bihari Vajpayee) had imagined a single tax. All 30-38 different types of tax-es, duties, and levies should be combined to form a single tax. Ataly did not get elected in 2004. Then, the UPA (United Proressive Alliance) govern-ment just kept making pro-mises...," Mr. Goyal said, responding to claims by the Congress and its silies on "delayed"

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Clip of Ajit Pawar 'rebuking' an IPS officer draws criticism

Vinava Deshpande Pandit

A video clip in which Mal-arashtra Deputy Chief Mi-nister and Nationalist Congress Party leader Ajit Pawar is allegedly heard rebuking a young woman IPS officer, over an issue of ille gal sand mining, has gone

NCP leader says be only wanted to keep situation calm, Oppn. condemns 'political

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New technology, innovation conclave to 'replace' Science Congress to be held in Nov.

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Since 2018, this government has nurtured the India International Science Possival (DIV) that is organized by the actence-related departments. It has among its organizers Vijiana ibharti – a science popularisation outrit affiliated with



The IRF is meant to popularite scious among students and young people.

science, technology and im-novation," said the official. This year, the HSF is ex-pected to be held at the Panjab University, Chandi-garb. The HSF does not usual-

The IISF does not usually see participation by in-ternational Nobel Lau-reates, nor does Prime Minister Narendra Modi visit it in person. However, he has made virtual appearances or sent video mes-sages for the USF.

The EETIC website says that Mr. Modi is expected

to be present at its inaugu-ral session.
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In 2024 and this year, the Science Congress was not held the to a spat between the DST and the ISCA's ex-scutive body over the or-

would no longer fund the BGA.

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Bihar CM lays foundation of 17 schemes worth ₹1,160 cr.

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Mumbai Police register FIR after hoax terror threat

A message received on the helpline number of the Mumbal Traffic Police on Thursday, threatening to blow up Mumbal, was a hous message as per preliminary investigation, a Mumbal police official told The Hindu on Friday. "We are taking all the precuntions, he said, adding that the police were still investigating the acting that the processors con investigantly the matter. "Meanages were received on Thursday at 2 p.m. claining that Mumbai will be blown up. The meanages had also used foul language against the Manuhai police," an officer sold. "As soon as we proceed the measages, we passed them on to the Crime Branch and to the local police station," an official of the Mumbai Police Traffic department said. The Worlt police have deployed three teams to probe the matter, "We have registered an PIR under Sections 35(2) and 35(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita," a police officer

Post on GST backfires for Congress Kerala Unit

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Engineer Rashid's party says he escaped attack in Tihar jail

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Congress seeks law for quota in private colleges

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New technology, innovation conclave to 'replace' Science Congress to be held in Nov.

Jacob Koshy NEW DELHI

Signalling a break from the past, the Department of Science and Technology (DST) is set to organise the first-ever Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) in November.

The ESTIC may 'replace' the Indian Science Congress, the oldest congregation of scientists in India, with a rich history predating Independence. Over the years, it has gone into oblivion, with the last being held in 2023.

"You could see it as a replacement of the Indian Science Congress," a senior official told *The Hindu*.

Abhay Karandikar, Secretary, DST, did not respond to a request for clarification on whether the ESTIC will indeed replace the Science Congress.

Since 2015, the government has nurtured the India International Science Festival (IISF) that is organised by the science-related departments. It has among its organisers Vijnana Bharti – a science popularisation outfit affiliated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.

"The IISF is more of a festival, a 'mela' (fair), and meant to popularise science among students and young people. It is not a forum where scientists and technologists can discuss bigger themes of



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science, technology and innovation," said the official.

This year, the IISF is expected to be held at the Panjab University, Chandigarh.

The IISF does not usually see participation by international Nobel Laureates, nor does Prime Minister Narendra Modi visit it in person. However, he has made virtual appearances or sent video messages for the IISF.

The ESTIC website says that Mr. Modi is expected to be present at its inaugural session.

Traditionally, the Indian Science Congress, organised by the Indian Science Congress Association, Kolkata, and funded by the DST and held in the first week of January, has always had the Prime Minister at the inaugural. However, the last time Prime Minister Modi appeared in person was at the 107th Science Congress at Lovely Professional University, Ludhiana, in 2020. The fol-

lowing two years, the event was not held, citing the pandemic.

In 2023, Mr. Modi made an appearance, but only online, at the 108th edition. In 2024 and this year, the Science Congress was not held due to a spat between the DST and the ISCA's executive body over the organisation of the event. The DST has said that it would no longer fund the ISCA.

The inaugural ESTIC will be held at the Bharat Mandapam here from November 3-4. All the science-related Ministries, ranging from atomic energy to space and information technology, will be involved in it. According to the ESTIC website, there will be 11 thematic technical sessions and 75 exhibition stalls by 'deep tech' start-ups at the event. Nobel Laureate Andre Geim (2010, Physics) is expected to make an appearance. Jean-Yves Le Gall, former president of the French Space Agency, and Professor Masaru Tomita, Keio University, Japan, are among the foreign dignitaries expected.

In a meeting earlier, Science Minister Jitendra Singh said the ESTIC would "showcase cutting-edge research, deep-tech breakthroughs, and thoughtprovoking discussions, igniting a new era of scientific leadership towards Viksit Bharat 2047".

New Initiative

Department of Science and Technology (DST) will organise the first-ever Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) in November 2024.

ESTIC may effectively **replace the Indian Science Congress (ISC)**, which was last held in 2023.

Background

The **Indian Science Congress**:

- Oldest congregation of scientists in India, with history pre-dating Independence.
- Traditionally held in the first week of January.
- Always inaugurated by the Prime Minister.
- Last physical appearance by PM Modi was at the 107th ISC in Ludhiana, 2020.
- Subsequent years saw cancellations due to **pandemic (2021–22)** and disputes between **DST & ISCA** (2023–24).

• Indian International Science Festival (IISF):

- Organised since **2015** by Vijnana Bharti and science-related ministries.
- More like a "science mela" to popularise science among students/youth.
- Lacks high-level scientific deliberation compared to ISC.

About ESTIC

Scheduled for November 3–4, 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

Features:

- 11 thematic technical sessions.
- 75 **exhibition stalls** by deep-tech start-ups.
- Participation of **science ministries** (atomic energy, space, IT, etc.).
- Nobel Laureate Andre Geim (Physics, 2010) and other international dignitaries expected.

Vision:

- Showcase cutting-edge research.
- Deep-tech breakthroughs.
- Create a new era of **scientific leadership** toward *Viksit Bharat 2047*.

Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA): established in 1914, inspired by the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

ISC once played a major role in **popularising science post-Independence**, with leaders like **Jawaharlal Nehru** emphasising "scientific temper".

In recent years, ISC was criticised for **pseudoscientific claims** (e.g., mythological references).

Politically, the move to ESTIC aligns with "Make in India + Startup India" initiatives and the goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

- Consider the following statements regarding the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC):
- ESTIC is being organised for the first time in 2024 by the Department of Science and Technology.
- It is meant to permanently replace the Indian International Science Festival (IISF).
- Nobel Laureates and foreign dignitaries are expected to participate in ESTIC.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- **A.** 1 and 3 only
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WASHINGTON

Trump rebrands Department of Defence as 'Department of War'



U.S. President Donald Trump is changing the name of the Repartment of Defence to the Depart ent of War, the White House said, insisting the retrand will project a more powerful image. While the official name is set in law, Trump in an executive order is

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Finland to sign a deal on two-state solution for Israel, Palestinians



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Pakistan says 'we decide who stays', following UN plea over Afghans



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Starmer shakes up top team after deputy Rayner resigns

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Nobel laureates, Fields medallists call for an end to hostilities in Gaza Strip

The Hindu Bureau

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U.S. arrests 475 in raid on Hyundai-LG battery plant

Assence France Presse.

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Foreign troops in Ukraine would be legitimate targets, says Putin

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Conservative Thailand tycoon wins parliament vote to become PM, ousting Shinawatras

Agence France Presse.

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Conservative Thailand tycoon wins parliament vote to become PM, ousting Shinawatras

Agence France-Presse BANGKOK

Right-wing Thai tycoon Anutin Charnvirakul was confirmed on Friday by parliament as the nation's next Prime Minister, ousting the dominant populist Shinawatra dynasty.

The Shinawatras have been a mainstay of Thai politics for the past two decades, sparring with the pro-monarchy, pro-military establishment that views them as a threat to traditional social order.

Their Pheu Thai party has monopolised the top office since 2023 elections, but they have been bedevilled by a series of setbacks and a court ruling that resulted in dynasty heiress Paetongtam Shinawatra's sacking as prime minister last week.

Construction magnate Anutin Charnvirakul rushed into the power vacuum, forming a coalition of opposition blocs to shut out Pheu Thai.

Thaksin Shinawatra, the dynasty patriarch, flew out of the kingdom in the hours ahead of Friday's vote and was bound for Dubai, where he said he would visit friends and seek medical treatment.

Vote split-up

Mr. Anutin won 311 votes, securing a comfortable majority of the 492 MPs in the National Assembly's lower house, official final results showed – comfortably outstripping Pheu Thai's candidate.

"Parliament approves Anutin Charnvirakul to become prime minister," Deputy House Speaker Chalad Khamchuang said.

Mr. Anutin's elevation still needs to be endorsed by Thailand's king to become official.

Cannabis champion

Mr. Anutin leads the Bhumjaithai Party and previously served as deputy prime minister, interior minister and health minister – but is perhaps most famous for delivering on a promise to legalise cannabis in 2022.

Also charged with the tourism-dependent king-dom's COVID-19 response, the 58-year-old accused Westerners of spreading the virus and was swiftly forced to apologise after a backlash.

He won crucial backing in Friday's vote from the



Glory moment: Anutin Charnvirakul after he was elected Thailand's new Prime Minister, in Bangkok. REUTERS

largest parliamentary bloc, the 143-seat People's Party.

However, their support was given only on the condition that parliament is dissolved within four months in order to hold fresh polls.

"Governments change

so often without real justification, it hardly shocked me anymore," 34-year-old Apiwat Moolnangdeaw said in Bangkok.

However, he embraced the prospect of fresh polls soon to "set everything back to zero". "Let citizens express their will," he said.

While Mr. Anutin's tenure may be short, Titipol Phakdeewanich, a political scientist from Ubon Ratchathani University, predicted his tenure would result in a "more conservative Thailand".

"The pro-democracy youth movement could face significant risks," he said, referring to an activist grouping that has called for reform of the monarchy and the constitution but has already been largely shut down.

Dynasty in flight

Pheu Thai put forward its own candidate in the vote for Prime Minister – Chaikasem Nitisiri, who served as Justice Minister under a previous Shinawatra Prime Minister. He secured only 152 votes.

Verdict awaited

The Supreme Court is due to rule on Tuesday in a case over Mr. Thaksin's hospital stay following his return from exile in August 2023, a decision that could affect the validity of his early release from prison last year.

While his guilt is not the subject of the case, some analysts say the verdict could see him jailed.

Mr. Thaksin said on social media he will return from Dubai to attend the court date "in person".

Mr. Anutin once backed the Shinawatras' Pheu Thai coalition but abandoned it this summer in apparent outrage over Ms. Paetongtarn's conduct during a border row with neighbouring Cambodia.

Thailand's Constitutional Court found on August 29 that Paetongtarn had breached ministerial ethics and fired her after only a year in power.

Acting government

Pheu Thai is still governing in a caretaker capacity until the king endorses Mr. Anutin and the party made a last-ditch effort to forestall Friday's vote by requesting the palace dissolve parliament.

However, royal officials rejected the bid, according to Acting Prime Minister Phumtham Wechayachai, citing "disputed legal issues" around Pheu Thai's ability to make such a move as an interim administration.

- Political Change in Thailand
- Anutin Charnvirakul, a right-wing construction tycoon and leader of the Bhumjaithai Party, confirmed as Thailand's new Prime Minister.
- He replaces the Shinawatra family's dominance, which lasted over two decades.
- 2. Shinawatra Dynasty's Decline
- **Pheu Thai Party** (Shinawatra-led) dominated politics since 2023 elections but was weakened due to:
 - Court rulings against PM Paetongtarn Shinawatra (sacked for breaching ethics).
 - Internal and external political opposition.
- Thaksin Shinawatra (dynasty patriarch) flew to Dubai before the vote, citing medical treatment.

3. Vote Outcome

- Anutin secured **311 votes** in the lower house (492 MPs).
- Needs endorsement by Thailand's King to become official PM.
- His victory backed by **People's Party** (largest bloc with 143 MPs) on condition of **early elections within 4 months**.
- 4. Background of Anutin
- Served earlier as Deputy PM, Interior Minister, and Health Minister.
- Known as "Cannabis champion" for pushing legalisation in 2022.
- Faced criticism for blaming foreigners for spreading COVID-19, later apologised.

• . Conservative Shift

- Analysts expect his tenure to mark a "more conservative Thailand."
- Likely risks to **pro-democracy youth movements** calling for monarchy and constitution reform.
- 6. Judiciary's Role
- Thailand's Constitutional Court ruled on **Aug 29** that Paetongtarn Shinawatra breached ethics → dismissed as PM after one year.
- Supreme Court to decide on **Sept 3** about Thaksin's early release validity.

- Consider the following statements regarding recent political developments in Thailand:
- Anutin Charnvirakul, recently elected as Prime Minister, is known for championing cannabis legalisation in the country.
- The Shinawatra dynasty's influence declined after Paetongtarn Shinawatra was removed by Thailand's Constitutional Court for breaching ministerial ethics.
- Thailand is a parliamentary republic where the King has no role in endorsing the Prime Minister.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- A. 1 and 2 only
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- D. 1, 2, and 3

Tesla ready to fork out a trillion dollars for Musk

Targets Include Company Hitting A Market Capitalisation Of \$8.6 Trillion In 10 Years

Austin, Texas: Tesla Inc. proposed a new compensation agreement for chief ex-



ecutive Elon Musk potentially worth around \$1 trillion, a massive, unprecedented package in cor-

porate America.

The long-awaited proposal, designed to incentivise Musk to lead Tesla for years to come, sets a series of ambitious benchmarks he must meet to earn the full payout, including expanding Tesla's nascent robotaxi business and growing the company's market value to at least \$8.5 trillion from about \$1.1 trillion today. The plan spans a period of 10 years.

The additional shares Musk could receive would push his stake in the electric-vehicle maker to at least 25%, according to the terms detailed in Tesla's proxy filing Friday. Musk has publicly stated he wants a stake of that size.

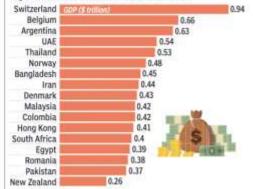
The plan dangles a financial windfall and expanded control of the company to Musk, already the world's richest person, after his 2018 package valued in excess of \$50 billion was struck down by a Delaware court. While Tesla appeals that decision, the board is seeking other ways to compensate its CEO, including with an interim stock award in early Aug valued at about \$30 billion.

The incentives in the new plan aim to keep Musk's focus on Tesla while it pursues growth in newer markets including robotics and artificial intelligence. Friday's filing also included a non-binding shareholder proposal for Tesla to take a stake in Musk's

Over 91% Nations Have Less Than \$1Tn GDP

Of the 214 countries/territories for which the World Bank has compiled GDP data for 2024, 195, or over 91% have a GDP of less than a trillion dollars. Only 19 countries have economies valued at over a trillion dollars.





xAI startup, an idea Musk has previously discussed. The proposals, including the compensation agreement, will be voted on by investors at the annual meeting set for Nov 6. The new package underscores Musk's iron grip on the automaker, despite the myriad demands on his time. Musk, who has served as Tesla's top executive since 2008, oversees four other companies: SpaceX, xAI, Neuralink and the Boring Co. He is committed to still being at the helm of Tesla in five years, he told Bloomberg in an intervi-

Tesla shares rose 3.2% in early trade. Despite the stock having fallen 16% this year through Thursday, Tesla's multiple of projected 2025 earnings recently cracked 200 times for the first time.

A market capitalisation

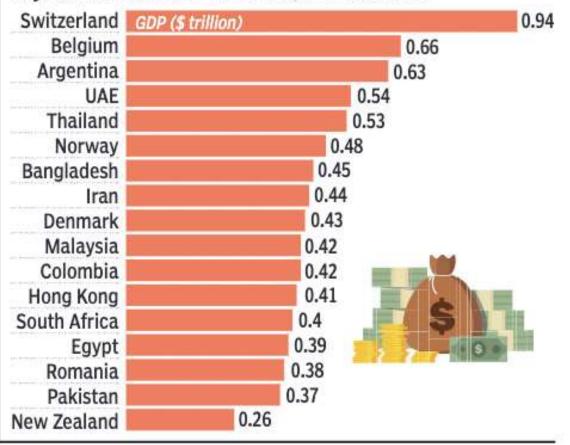
of \$8.5 trillion, expected by Tesla over the next 10 years, would be more than double that of Nvidia Corp., currently the world's most valuable company. Tesla's value peaked in late 2024 at about \$1.5 trillion. The value of the latest CEO award, at \$87.8 billion in the filing, would swell to about \$1 trillion if Musk hits all the performance targets and gets to collect all the restricted shares. The massive package suggests Musk could be afforded more opportunities to borrow against the value of his shares, which he has done before.

The proxy also outlines that Musk must participate in the board's development of a framework for long-term CEO succession in order to earn either of the last two tranches of the performance award. scombba

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Key countries with GDP less than \$1 trillion in 2024



- Tesla Inc. has proposed a massive new compensation plan for CEO Elon Musk.
- Potentially worth around \$1 trillion, making it unprecedented in corporate America.
- 2. Key Features of the Plan
- **Duration**: 10 years.
- Performance Benchmarks:
 - Expand Tesla's robotaxi business.
 - Grow Tesla's market capitalization to \$8.5 trillion from ~\$1.1 trillion today.
- Musk's Stake:
 - Could rise to 25% ownership in Tesla.
 - Musk has openly stated he wants at least this much stake.

- Financial & Governance Aspects
- The plan includes:
 - Financial windfall and control expansion for Musk.
 - A framework for **long-term CEO succession** (Musk must help design it to get last two payouts).
- Shareholder vote scheduled for November 6, 2025.
- 4. Tesla's Market Position
- Current valuation: ~\$1.5 trillion (late 2024).
- Projected valuation (2025 earnings): ~200x price-to-earnings.
- If targets are achieved: \$8.6 trillion in 10 years.
 - More than double Nvidia Corp. (world's most valuable company now).

- Global Economic Comparison
- Of **214 countries/territories** (World Bank GDP 2024 data):
 - 195 (91%) have GDP < \$1 trillion.
 - Only 19 countries > \$1 trillion GDP.
- Tesla's proposed value (\$8.6T) would exceed GDP of most countries.
- Examples (GDP < \$1T): Switzerland (0.94T), Belgium (0.66T), Thailand (0.53T), Bangladesh (0.45T), South Africa (0.40T), Pakistan (0.37T), New Zealand (0.26T).

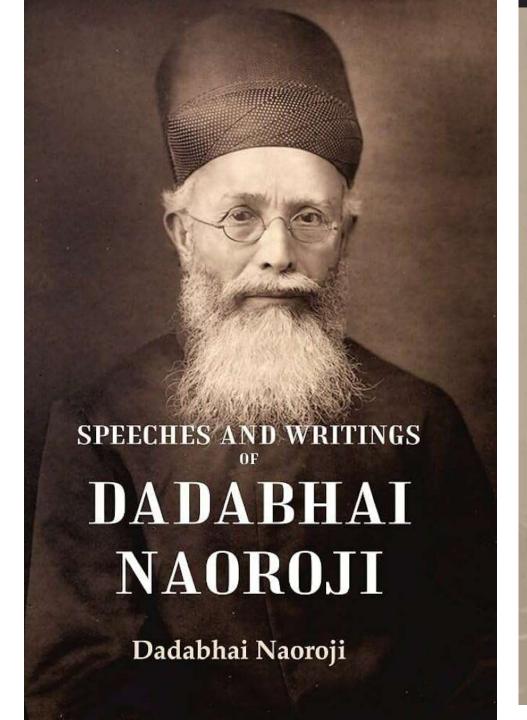
- Tesla was founded in **2003**, Musk joined in **2004** as investor & later CEO.
- Earlier **2018 compensation plan** valued at **\$50B** was struck down by Delaware court in 2024.
- Geographical
- Tesla's operations span USA, China, Germany, India (in talks for EV plant).
- Robotaxi service aimed to rival Uber/Lyft in multiple global markets.
- Economic
- Tesla's valuation strategy shows the power of EV + AI integration in markets.
- Comparison with **national GDPs** highlights growing influence of corporations vis-à-vis states.
- Raises debate on income inequality and CEO pay in global economy.

- Consider the following statements regarding Tesla's proposed \$1 trillion compensation plan for Elon Musk (2025):
- The plan requires Tesla's market capitalization to grow to at least \$8.5 trillion in the next 10 years.
- If successful, Elon Musk's stake in Tesla could rise to 25%.
- The proposal, if approved, would make Tesla more valuable than the GDP of over 90% of world economies.
- Which of the above statements are correct?
- a) 1 and 2 only
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UPI limits hiked to ₹5L for major categories

Mumbai: NPCI has raised transaction ceilings on the UPI for use in capital market and other merchant categories, widening the platform's usage from small-value transfers to higher-value commerce. Peer-to-peer transfers remain capped at Rs 1 lakh, but payments to merchants now carry far higher limits. For capital markets, insurers, government e-marketplace deposits, travel, credit-card bills and collections, the ceiling has risen five-fold to Rs 5 lakh per payment. TNN

200th Birth Anniversary of Dadabhai Naoroji



GEMS ©F INDIA —GRAND OLD MAN OF INDIA— DADABHAI NAOROJI

Co-founder of Indian National Congress

4 September 1825, Bombay

30 June 1917, Mumbai

He was the first Asian to be a member of British parliament.

Naoroji was a prominent figure and played a significant role in Indian national movement.

As he was not a Christian, Naoroji refused to take the oath of office on the Bible, but was allowed to take the oath in the name of God on his copy of the Khordeh Avesta (the Zoroastrian religious text).

He presented, Drain of wealth theory, which refers to unilateral transfer of wealth from India to Britain resulting in widespread poverty and severe famines.

"Whether I am a Híndu, a Muhammadan, a Parsí, a Christian, or of any other creed, I am above all an Indian. Our country is India, our nationality is Indian."

- The 200th birth anniversary of Dadabhai Naoroji known as 'The Grand Old Man of India 'was recently observed .
- Dadabhai Naoroji (1825–1917)
- Dadabhai Naoroji was born in Bombay on 4 September 1825 in a priestly Parsi family.
- He was a pioneering figure in India's freedom struggle.
- He was the first Indian to be elected to the House of Commons (1892)

- He formulated the **famous drain-of-wealth theory**, which became India's cornerstone argument against British rule. He argued that British rule impoverished India by transferring wealth to Britain.
 - He used statistics on wages, prices, trade, and taxation to argue that **British policies** increased poverty in India—culminating in his seminal work Poverty and Un-British Rule in India (1901).

- He was the first to give expression to the demand for Swaraj from the platform of Indian National Congress (1906).
- He was an active member of the Bombay Association (1852), the first association in the western India to consider political issues
- In **1851**, he founded Rast Goftar (Truth Teller), a Gujarati fortnightly with a Persian name.
 - It was a progressive journal educating readers on duties of citizenship.
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 - It was the first political organization with members from different provinces of India.
 - Two young law students viz. W.C. Bonnerji (1844-1906) and Pherozeshah M. Mehta (1845-1915) became his disciples
- Dadabhai Naoroji was appointed as Justice of the Peace in 1883, started a newspaper called 'Voice of India'.
- He twice served as the President of Indian National Congress (1886 and 1893) besides representing India at the International Congress of Social Democrats at Amsterdam in 1905.

Death and Legacy

- He permanently returned to India from Britain in 1908 at the ripe age of 83.
- He passed away in Bombay on June 30, 1917 leaving a weighty bequest of experience and achievements behind.
- Dadabhai Naoroji's legacy lies in combining intellectual rigor with political activism, laying the foundation for India's nationalist movement.

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India will work with HealthAI, alongside members such as the UK and Singapore, to share safety protocols and monitor AI performance in clinical settings.

The move supports making India a **global hub of skilled AI workforce**, while using AI in public services, startups, and job creation.

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- HealthAI is a **Geneva-based, independent nonprofit organization** that promotes equitable access to AI-powered health innovations.
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