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U.S. calls for new nuclear pact with Russia and China

WASH DC The United States on Friday urged three-way talks with Russia and China to set new limits on nuclear weapons, near the last treaty between Washington and Moscow signed in 1987.

AAP under fire in Punjab as leader is shot and killed

CHANDIGARH Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Satinderpal Singh alias Lucky Oberoi was allegedly shot dead by two unidentified associates in Punjab's Jalandhar on Friday, even as the opposition parties took a dig at the AAP government over the poor law and order situation, a friend

Modi succumbed to U.S. pressure, says Congress

NEW DELHI Protesters against the Narendra Modi government for not sharing details of the India-U.S. trade deal, the Congress brought a motion that read "Trap deal" to the Parliament complex on Friday.

Deep technology start-up officially defined by Centre

NEW DELHI The Centre has provided an official definition of what constitutes a "deep tech" start-up in India through a gazette notification by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) on Friday.

Oil imports from Russia hit 38-month low

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India, however, has neither confirmed nor denied this specific assertion. Instead, it has maintained that it is diversifying its energy sources "in keeping with objective market conditions and evolving international dynamics". According to data from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India's Russian oil imports, at \$3.7 billion in December 2025, were 18% lower than the amount imported in December 2024 and 27% lower than the \$1.7 billion worth of imports in November 2025. As a result, Russia's share in India's overall oil imports fell to 24.9% in December 2025, the lowest in three years, in terms of volume, too, India imported



only 5.8 million tonnes of oil from Russia, the lowest since February 2025. India imported \$560.3 million worth of oil from the U.S. in December 2025. While that was 60.8% lower than the amount imported in November 2025, that was because November saw oil imports from the U.S. surging to a seven-month high. Oil imports from the U.S. were nearly 20% higher than in December 2024.

Drastic fall

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Narrow escape



A private steamer bus caught fire following an accident near Heliangmang on the northern fringes of Bengang, late on Thursday night. All passengers and crew are safe. (PTI/Anandaram)

FIR against filmmakers over title of new movie

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI Acting on the directions of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the state Police on Friday lodged a first information report (FIR) against the makers of the upcoming Netflix film *Choshkor* for their title, alleging that the film threatens social harmony and hurts religious and caste sentiments, even as producer-director Neeraj Pandey issued a clarification. The controversy erupted after a poster of the film, starring Manoj Bajpayee as a corrupt police officer, was unveiled earlier this week.

At least 31 killed in suicide blast at Shia mosque in Pakistan

Agence France-Press ISLAMABAD A suicide blast at a Shia mosque in Islamabad killed at least 31 people on Friday, with a police source saying more than 100 were wounded in the deadliest attack in Pakistan's capital since the 2008 Marriott bombing. City officials said at least 31 people died in the blast at the Imam Barghal Quran-e-Karim Kobra mosque in the Tariq area on the city's outskirts. "The attacker was stopped at the gate and decapitated himself," a security source said. A senior police official said the explosion occurred after Friday prayers. The casualty toll was "expected to rise further", he said. Muhammad Kasim, a 52-year-old worshipper, said an "extremely powerful" explosion ripped through the building as prayers were starting. "During the first bow of the ruku prayer, I heard a sound like a heavy gunfire," he said. "And while we were still in the bowing position, an explosion occurred." The group immediately claimed responsibility, while Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said those behind the blast would be found and brought to justice. "The attack was the de-

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Subashini Dhalav NEW DELHI The government on Friday told Parliament that it has completely paid up its commitment of \$120 million for Chabahar port, well before the U.S. sanctions waiver runs out in April 2026. Iran's Ambassador to India, however, said that the government has not even conveyed its plans for the future of the port, even as Opposition MP Manoj Tewari accused the government of acting prematurely to "opt out" of the port deal. The government's statement, that comes days after it ended its annual budget allocation for Chabahar port, in the annual Budget for 2025-27, indicates it will be unable to manage the port unless the U.S. withdraws sanctions. Rather than risk a

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to Afghanistan, to transport humanitarian aid and food supplies. "We have a good relation with India in this regard, and we believe that the Indian government wants to manage this more," Mr. Farhat said at a press conference. "It is not any country that wants to use it, particularly India, to decide its trade with Iran. Since 2019-2020, when Mr. Trump had threatened sanctions, India has also 'served out' all oil imports from Iran, and has not restarted them. Iran awaits move Iran Ambassador to India, Muhammad Farhat, told journalists on Friday that he believes Delhi would like to try and resolve the issue without going to the U.S.-Iran talks that began in Oman on Friday. Chabahar, India has been using the port for access

Attack overshadows

People mourn the death of relatives in the bombing outside a hospital in Islamabad on Friday. At least 31 people were killed in a suicide truck bomb blast that destroyed part of the five-star Marriott hotel. Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar branded the attack "a heinous crime against humanity and a blatant violation of Islamic principles". Defence Minister Khawaja Asif claimed the involvement of India and Afghanistan in the attack, without providing any evidence in support of his claim. In a social media post, he claimed that "it has been proved the terrorist involved in the attack travelled to and from Afghanistan. The collusion between India and Afghanistan is being revealed". "The attacker was stopped at the gate and decapitated himself," a security source said. A senior police official said the explosion occurred after Friday prayers. The casualty toll was "expected to rise further", he said. Muhammad Kasim, a 52-year-old worshipper, said an "extremely powerful" explosion ripped through the building as prayers were starting. "During the first bow of the ruku prayer, I heard a sound like a heavy gunfire," he said. "And while we were still in the bowing position, an explosion occurred." The group immediately claimed responsibility, while Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said those behind the blast would be found and brought to justice. "The attack was the de-

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NEW DELHI

The value of India's crude oil imports from Russia fell to a 38-month low of \$2.7 billion in December 2025, with Russian oil making up less than a quarter of India's imports, down from 34% just a month before, an analysis of the latest official data shows. Oil imports from the U.S., on the other hand, grew nearly 31% over December 2024.

Over the last week, U.S. President Donald Trump and his team have repeatedly claimed that India will stop its purchases of Russian oil in exchange for the U.S. cutting tariffs on Indian imports from 50% to 18%.

India, however, has neither confirmed nor denied this specific assertion. Instead, it has maintained that it is diversifying its energy sources "in keeping with objective market conditions and evolving international dynamics".

According to data from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India's Russian oil imports, at \$2.7 billion in December 2025, were 15% lower than the amount imported in December 2024 and 27.1% lower than the \$3.7 billion worth of imports in November 2025.

As a result, Russia's share in India's overall oil imports fell to 24.9% in December 2025, the lowest in three years. In terms of volume, too, India imported



SOURCE: MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

only 5.8 million tonnes of oil from Russia, the lowest since February 2025.

India imported \$569.3 million worth of oil from the U.S. in December 2025. While this was 60.5% lower than the amount imported

in November 2025, that was because November saw oil imports from the U.S. surging to a seven-month high. Oil imports from the U.S. were nearly 31% higher than in December 2024.

In volume terms, India imported 1.1 million tonnes from the U.S. in December 2025, 58% higher than in December 2024.

Overall, December 2025 saw India diversifying its oil imports in a dynamic manner, sourcing crude oil from 19 countries, up from 16 countries in December 2024. Among these 19 countries, 10 saw their shares in India's crude oil basket increasing, while nine saw their shares falling.

Pricing matters

While Mr. Trump has claimed that India has agreed to stop buying Russian oil and will instead buy more American and Venezuelan oil, officials in the Indian government say

that the economics of this decision does not yet make sense.

"The U.S. will export oil from the Gulf Coast, which is about 4.5 to five times farther via ship than Russia is from India," a senior government official told *The Hindu*.

"The distance from Venezuela is the same. At the moment, India is getting a discount from Russia on the oil it sells. This, plus the lower shipping distance, means it is much cheaper to import from Russia than from the U.S. or Venezuela."






According to some industry estimates, the cost of shipping oil from Venezuela or the U.S. Gulf Coast could be as high as \$4.5 a barrel, compared to a max-

imum of \$1 a barrel from West Asia. Estimating the cost of transporting oil from Russia is difficult as different companies work out separate deals with non-sanctioned entities in Russia.

The data shows that Indian companies paid an average of \$506.7 per tonne for oil from the U.S., while they paid \$469.4 per tonne for oil from Russia in December 2025.

According to a rough analysis by the State Bank of India, if India were to entirely switch away from Russian oil and replace it with oil from Venezuela, this choice would be commercially viable if the Venezuelan crude is bought at a discount of \$10 to \$12 a barrel due to its sourness.

Top 5 Oil-Importing Countries (2019–2023)

Rank	Country	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1	 China	10.0 mb/d	9.6 mb/d	11.0 mb/d	11.7 mb/d	12.0 mb/d
2	 United States	9.1 mb/d	7.8 mb/d	8.5 mb/d	8.8 mb/d	9.0 mb/d
3	 India	5.5 mb/d	5.2 mb/d	5.7 mb/d	6.0 mb/d	6.2 mb/d
4	 South Korea	3.2 mb/d	3.0 mb/d	3.4 mb/d	3.6 mb/d	3.7 mb/d
5	 Japan	4.0 mb/d	3.6 mb/d	3.9 mb/d	4.1 mb/d	3.9 mb/d

mb/d = million barrels per day

Trend

- ◇ **China remains the largest oil importer.**
- ◇ **US import slightly increases post-Covid.**
- ◇ **India's oil imports rising steadily.**
- ◇ **South Korea steady due to refining industry.**
- ◇ **Japan fluctuates with energy policies.**

Explanation

Due to rapid industrialisation and energy demand growth.

Domestic production (shale) reduces net imports but still large.

Growing transport sector & limited domestic production.

Major crude importer and re-exporter (refined products).

Reduced nuclear output increased oil demand in some years.



Country

2019 → 2023 Change (%)

CN China

+20%

US United States

-1%

IN India


+13%

KR South Korea

+16%

JP Japan

-2%



India's Crude Oil Imports (Top Importing Origins)

Annual Imports in Million Tonnes (2019–2023)

Year	Saudi Arabia	Iraq	UAE	Nigeria	Kuwait
2019	23.0	21.5	12.4	11.2	9.8
2020	20.8	20.1	11.5	10.7	8.9
2021	22.5	23.8	12.1	11.0	9.2
2022	24.1	24.9	13.0	11.8	10.5
2023	25.0	25.5	13.7	12.3	11.0

Trend Summary (2019-2023)

Trend Indicator	Observation
 Fastest Growing Source	Iraq – fastest growth in import volumes
 Largest Supplier	Saudi Arabia in total tonnage
 Dip Due to Covid (2020)	Imports declined across all sources
 African Sources Rising	Nigeria imports growing due to price competitiveness

Topic

Explanation (English + शब्द ह्या)

Crude Oil Import Dependence

India imports ~80-85% of its oil requirement कच्चा तेल १ हप्ता लिये ७ अरब डॉलर इतना खर्च करना पड़ता है।

Top 5 Oil Suppliers

Saudi Arabia, Iraq, UAE, Nigeria, Kuwait दुबई, कतार, ईरान, अरब एमिरेट्स, इटली

Strategic Importance

Energy security & current account pressure से निपटारे के लिए

Refinery Sector

India has large refining capacity → requires crude imports खपत में अंतर भराने के लिए

Geopolitical Reliance

Middle East remains dominant source से निपटारे के लिए

Diversification Policy

India seeking imports from the US, Russia & African nations कच्चा तेल १ अरब डॉलर चढ़ाकर २ अरब डॉलर तक बढ़ाने का प्रयास

Supplier

% Change Over 5 Years

Saudi Arabia

+8.7%

Iraq

+18.6%

UAE

+10.5%

Nigeria

+9.8%

Kuwait

+12.2%

1) What happened (core facts)

- India's imports of Russian crude fell to a **38-month low in Dec 2025**.
दिसंबर 2025 में रूस से कच्चे तेल का आयात **38 महीनों के न्यूनतम स्तर** पर आ गया।
 - Russia's share in India's crude basket fell from **~34% (Nov 2025)** to **~25% (Dec 2025)**.
भारत के कुल कच्चे तेल आयात में रूस की हिस्सेदारी **~34% (नवंबर 2025)** से घटकर **~25% (दिसंबर 2025)** हुई।
 - Imports from the U.S. rose; India imported **~1.1 million tonnes from the U.S. in Dec 2025**, about **58% higher YoY**.
अमेरिका से आयात बढ़ा; दिसंबर 2025 में **~1.1 मिलियन टन** आयात, **YoY ~58% अधिक**।
 - India diversified sourcing to **19 countries (Dec 2025)** vs **16 (Dec 2024)**.
भारत ने आपूर्ति **19 देशों** से की (दिसंबर 2025), जो दिसंबर 2024 में **16** थे।
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2) Historical dimension (why this matters over time)

- Pre-2022: Russia was not India's top supplier.
2022 से पहले रूस भारत का शीर्ष आपूर्तिकर्ता नहीं था।
- Post-Feb 2022 (Russia-Ukraine war): Russia offered **deep discounts**, becoming a major supplier to India.
फरवरी 2022 के बाद (रूस-यूक्रेन युद्ध) रूस ने **भारी छूट** दी, जिससे वह भारत का प्रमुख आपूर्तिकर्ता बना।
- Dec 2025 fall indicates a **rebalancing** from the earlier "discount-driven" surge.
दिसंबर 2025 की गिरावट पहले की "छूट-आधारित" तेज बढ़त के बाद **री-बैलेंसिंग** दर्शाती है।

3) Geographical / logistics dimension

- Russian crude generally has **shorter/cheaper logistics** to India than U.S. Gulf Coast routes.
रूस से भारत तक लॉजिस्टिक्स दूरी/लागत आमतौर पर अमेरिका (गल्फ कोस्ट) से कम रहती है।
 - U.S. supply involves **longer sea distance**, pushing up freight and time-to-delivery.
अमेरिका से लंबी समुद्री दूरी के कारण भाड़ा और डिलीवरी समय बढ़ते हैं।
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4) Economic dimension (prices, inflation, CAD)

- Russian crude stayed cheaper due to **discount + lower shipping**; U.S. crude cost per tonne was higher.
रूस का तेल छूट + कम परिवहन से सस्ता; अमेरिका का प्रति टन खर्च अधिक।
- If higher-cost imports rise, it can:
यदि महंगे आयात बढ़ें तो:
 - raise the import bill and pressure **Current Account Deficit (CAD)**
आयात बिल बढ़ेगा, चालू खाता घाटे (CAD) पर दबाव
 - increase downstream **fuel inflation** risks
ईंधन-आधारित मुद्रास्फीति का जोखिम
- Diversification may reduce risk of supply shocks but can raise cost depending on freight/pricing.
विविधीकरण से आपूर्ति-झटके का जोखिम घटता है, पर भाड़े/कीमत से लागत बढ़ सकती है।

5) Political & diplomatic dimension

- Claims surfaced that India may reduce Russian imports linked to tariff negotiations; India publicly stresses **market-based diversification**.

टैरिफ वार्ता से जोड़कर रूस से आयात घटाने के दावे आए; भारत का रुख बाजार-आधारित विविधीकरण पर है।

- Core idea: balancing external pressure with **strategic autonomy**.

मूल बात: बाहरी दबाव और रणनीतिक स्वायत्तता के बीच संतुलन।

6) Strategic / energy security dimension

- India is heavily import-dependent (around **~85% crude import dependence**), so **supplier diversification** is a security tool.

भारत की आयात-निर्भरता अधिक (लगभग **~85%**), इसलिए **आपूर्तिकर्ता विविधीकरण** ऊर्जा सुरक्षा का साधन है।

- Reducing over-reliance on one supplier lowers vulnerability to sanctions, payment issues, or disruptions.

किसी एक स्रोत पर निर्भरता घटाने से प्रतिबंध, भुगतान, या सप्लाई-डिसरप्शन का जोखिम कम।

- Full replacement of Russian crude is difficult unless alternatives offer comparable pricing discounts.

रूस का पूर्ण विकल्प कठिन है जब तक विकल्प समान स्तर की छूट/कीमत न दें।

Consider the following statements:

1. In December 2025, Russia's share in India's crude oil imports fell to about one-fourth, the lowest level in nearly three years.
2. India's crude sourcing became more diversified in December 2025 compared to December 2024.
3. The shift towards higher U.S. crude imports necessarily reduces India's overall crude import cost because U.S. shipping routes are shorter than Russia's.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

\$120 million pledged to Chabahar port fully paid: govt.

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

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Rather than risk a

drawn-out process later, the government appears to have disbursed its total standing commitment, made in a 10-year MoU with Iran, signed in May 2024.

'Commitment fulfilled'
"India has fulfilled its commitment of contributing \$120 million for the procurement of port equipment," the Ministry of External Affairs said in its response to a query in the Lok Sabha.

"Pursuant to discussions with the U.S. side, the [U.S.] issued guidance extending the conditional sanctions waiver until 26 April 2026. The Government of India remains engaged with all concerned in order to address the implications of these developments," the MEA said.

The Ministry was replying to specific questions from Congress MP Manish



In limbo: Centre indicates it will be unable to manage the port unless the U.S. withdraws sanctions. GETTY IMAGES

Tewari on whether it had decided to reduce its engagement with the Chabahar project and withdrawn personnel from the port.

Mr. Tewari accused the government of "officially giving up" on plans for the warm-water port on Iran's south-eastern coast, which India began to develop in 2003.

"India may have acted

prematurely by opting out of the Chabahar Port project that would have been an important catalyst even in the re-engagement with the Taliban regime in Afghanistan, in addition to keeping the doors to Central Asia open," Mr. Tewari told *The Hindu*, pointing to U.S.-Iran talks that began in Oman on Friday.

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major strikes on Iran in response to its crackdown on protesters, but United States and Iranian officials met in Oman to try and avoid an escalation in tensions.

Along with sanctions that could be implemented over the Chabahar project, the U.S. has also threatened India with 25% tariffs if it continues to trade with Iran. Since 2019-2020, when Mr. Trump had threatened sanctions, India has also "zeroed out" all oil imports from Iran, and has not restarted them.

Iran awaits move

Iranian Ambassador to India Mohammad Fathali told journalists on Friday that he believes Delhi would like to try and resolve the issue without giving up its interest in Chabahar. India has been using the port for access

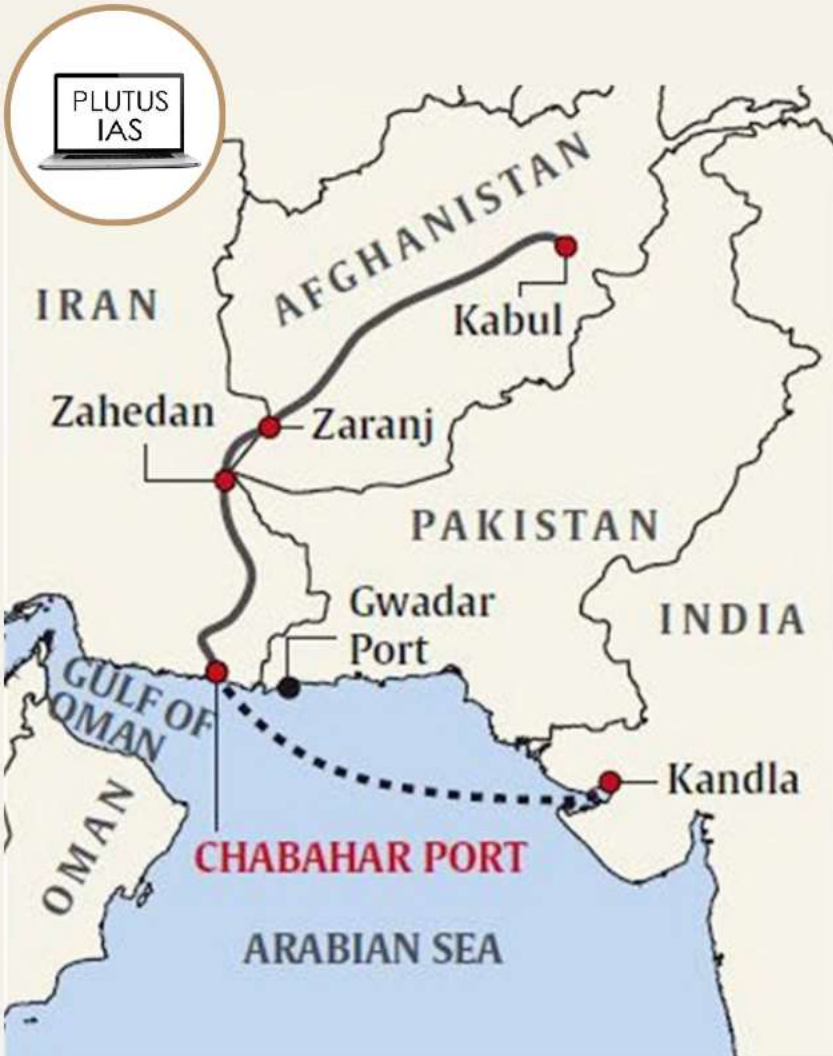
to Afghanistan, to transport humanitarian aid and food supplies.

"We have a good relation with India in this issue, and we believe that the Indian government wants to manage this [port]," Mr. Fathali said at a press conference.

"It is up to any country that wants to use it, particularly India, to decide [its plans]. So this question should be asked to [the Indian government]. Until now, we have no comments from the Indian side [on this issue]," Mr. Fathali said, in response to questions about the government's moves on Chabahar.

He also said that a possible visit by Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, for the BRICS summit in India later this year, would be a "good opportunity for boosting [Iran's] relations with India".





CHABAHAR PORT



LOCATION

- Chabahar Port is located in the Sistan-Balochistan province of Iran, on the southeastern coast of the country, near the border with Pakistan and Afghanistan.



SIGNIFICANCE

- Alternate route to Afghanistan and Central Asia
- Access to the Arabian Sea
- Key component of India's connectivity plans in the region
- Leverage point for India to compete with China



CHALLENGES

- Iran and US tussle
- Delays in the completion of the projects
- Lack of proper road and rail connectivity
- Competition with other ports in the proximity
- Security concerns

BRIDGING THE GAP

Indian presence in Chabahar is expected to offset Chinese presence in Pakistani port of Gwadar

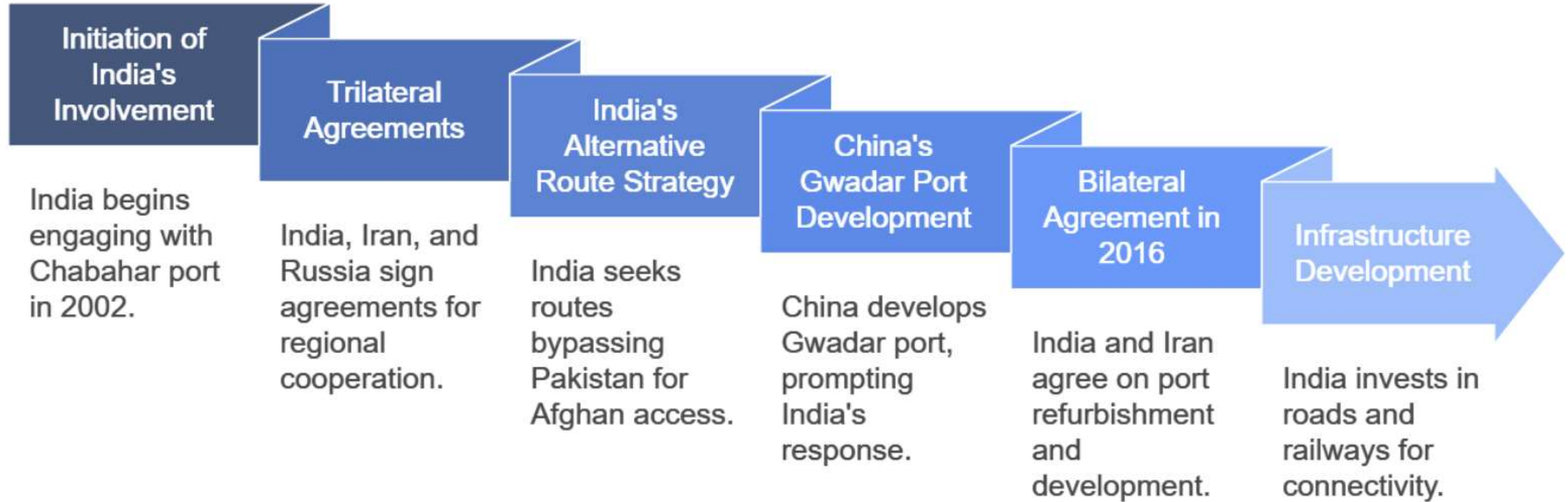
⦿ COST CUTTER The port will be used to ship crude oil and urea, greatly reducing India's transportation costs

⦿ AFGHAN CONNECT A railway line, to be built by Ircon International, will connect Chabahar port to Zahedan on Afghan border

⦿ BIGGER LINK The port will link to International North-South Transport Corridor that will connect India with Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan and other Central Asian trading partners



Course of India's Engagement with Chabahar Port



RUN-UP TO THE DEAL

In 2009, India built a **218 km long** (@\$100m) link road from **Delaram** in western Afghanistan to **Zaranj** on the Iran-Afghan border to **link up with Chabahar port**

Zaranj-Delaram highway connects with the 2,200 km two-lane metalled road network, known as the **Garland Road** that connects major cities in the country

WHY CHABAHR IS CRUCIAL

- Sits at mouth of Strait of Hormuz area
- Connects three regions: Central Asia, South Asia and West Asia
- Junction of shipping, oil trade routes
- About 100,000 ships sail by yearly
- Region holds two-thirds world oil reserves; estimated 17 billion barrels of crude oil passes this way daily



WHAT DEALS MEAN FOR AFGHANISTAN

- Unhindered access to the Indian Ocean
- India-built highway will link country to Chabahar port, further trade
- Afghanistan hopes to exploit \$1trillion of untapped mineral wealth to earn revenue

Connectivity Corridors

Corridor	Role of Chabahar
INSTC (International North–South Transport Corridor)	Links India → Iran → Russia → Europe
India–Afghanistan Trade Route	Mumbai → Chabahar → Zaranj → Delaram
Central Asia Corridor	India → Iran → Turkmenistan → Uzbekistan

Economic Significance

Aspect	Details
Trade Cost Reduction	Cuts cost & time vs Suez route
Indian Exports	Wheat, medicines, machinery
Iran Economy	Boosts underdeveloped Sistan-Baluchestan
Regional Trade Hub	Alternative to Pakistan-centric routes

2) Background / historical dimension (why Chabahar matters historically)

- India's engagement with Chabahar is not new; India began pursuing development of this warm-water port since the early 2000s (long-running connectivity plan).

चाबहार में भारत की रुचि नई नहीं; 2000 के दशक से यह लंबी अवधि की कनेक्टिविटी रणनीति का हिस्सा रहा है।

- Since **2019–20**, due to U.S. pressure, India **"zeroed out" oil imports from Iran** and has not restarted them—showing sanctions impact on India–Iran economic ties.

2019–20 से U.S. दबाव के कारण भारत ने ईरान से तेल आयात **शून्य** कर दिया और अब तक पुनः शुरू नहीं किया—यह प्रतिबंधों का स्पष्ट प्रभाव है।

3) Geographical dimension (location advantage)

- Chabahar is in **south-eastern Iran** on/near the **Gulf of Oman**, giving India sea access that **bypasses Pakistan** for reaching Afghanistan/Central Asia.

चाबहार दक्षिण-पूर्वी ईरान में गल्फ ऑफ ओमान क्षेत्र में है; यह भारत को अफ़ग़ानिस्तान/मध्य एशिया तक पाकिस्तान को बायपास करके समुद्री पहुँच देता है।

- It provides an alternative to routes dominated by rival infrastructure in the region and supports India's westward connectivity.

यह क्षेत्रीय प्रतिस्पर्धी इन्फ़्रास्ट्रक्चर-आधारित मार्गों का विकल्प देकर भारत की पश्चिम दिशा कनेक्टिविटी मजबूत करता है।

6) Economic dimension (trade logic, costs, risks)

- Paying \$120 million strengthens India's claim of fulfilling commitments, supporting credibility for future operational/business arrangements.
\$120 मिलियन भुगतान से भारत की प्रतिबद्धता-विश्वसनीयता बढ़ती है, आगे के ऑपरेशनल/व्यावसायिक ढांचे में मदद मिलती है।
- However, sanctions risk can deter insurers, shippers, banks and private logistics—raising transaction costs and uncertainty for trade via Chabahar.
लेकिन प्रतिबंध-जोखिम से बीमा, शिपिंग, बैंकिंग व निजी लॉजिस्टिक्स प्रभावित हो सकते हैं—जिससे लागत व अनिश्चितता बढ़ती है।
- If port management becomes difficult without sanctions relief, India's westward trade connectivity could face delays, forcing reliance on longer/costlier alternatives.
यदि प्रतिबंधों में राहत बिना पोर्ट प्रबंधन मुश्किल हुआ, तो पश्चिमी व्यापार-कनेक्टिविटी में देरी होगी और महंगे/लंबे विकल्पों पर निर्भरता बढ़ सकती है।

7) Exam-ready takeaways (high-yield lines)


- "\$120 million fully paid" + "10-year MoU (May 2024)" = core factual anchor.
"\$120 मिलियन पूरा भुगतान" + "10-वर्षीय MoU (मई 2024)" = मुख्य फैक्ट।
- "Conditional U.S. waiver till 26 April 2026" = sanctions timeline anchor.
"26 अप्रैल 2026 तक शर्तों वाला U.S. वेवर" = टाइमलाइन फैक्ट।
- Chabahar = Afghanistan access + Central Asia gateway + bypass Pakistan + humanitarian route.
चाबहार = अफ़ग़ानिस्तान पहुँच + मध्य एशिया गेटवे + पाकिस्तान बायपास + मानवीय आपूर्ति मार्ग।
- Sanctions = banking/shipping constraints + policy uncertainty; may shape India's operational ability.
प्रतिबंध = बैंकिंग/शिपिंग बाधाएँ + नीति अनिश्चितता; संचालन क्षमता प्रभावित हो सकती है।



Consider the following statements:

1. India has fully disbursed \$120 million committed for procurement of equipment for Chabahar Port under a long-term understanding with Iran.
2. The U.S. sanctions waiver related to Chabahar is unconditional and extends permanently beyond 2026.
3. Chabahar has been used as a route for access to Afghanistan including transport of humanitarian aid and food supplies.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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IN BRIEF



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Education and skills are twins and inseparable: PM

Maintaining balance between the two is essential, Modi tells students during Pariksha pe Charcha; he says students must choose study patterns according to their needs but must be open to changes

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

Education and skills are inseparable, like twins, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told expelled-around students during a Pariksha pe Charcha session in New Delhi on Friday.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with students during the 9th edition of Pariksha pe Charcha, in New Delhi on Friday, in his release

Mr. Modi spoke with students from across the country at his residence during the ninth edition of the event, taking questions about challenges in balancing study patterns, preparations for board exams and competitive exams among others.

In his first episode, he spoke with students from cities such as Dehradun, Coimbatore, Rajpur, and Gandhinagar. Responding to a question from a student on technology and education, Mr. Modi said education and skilling were the "twins, inseparable". He said maintaining a balance between the two was as essential as a balance between eating and sleeping. Mr. Modi said students were life skills such as discipline, confidence, and entrepreneurship.

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Another student told Mr. Modi about his interest in gaming despite opposition from family members. The Prime Minister said parents might avoid children while talking about these sectors, but if students pursue their interests and succeed, parents would be proud. "This will lead them to give you ideas and interact with your interest when you are choosing from among study patterns, he said the barrage of shifting opinions and suggestions would never end, even after becoming a Prime Minister". He said students must choose methods that suit them but remain open to suggestions and adapt. He spoke about time management and asking teachers not to rush through the syllabus. Responding to questions from a student about how to persevere with studies when the home environment was not conducive, Mr. Modi said, "Compassion is not essential for success." He cited examples of students from different backgrounds doing well.

Advisories issued as avian flu infection detected in crow samples from Chennai

The Hindu Bureau CHENNAI

Following the detection of H5N1 avian influenza (bird flu) virus in samples collected from a dead crow in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, the Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has issued an advisory for the public.

"Avian influenza rarely spreads to humans," Director of Public Health A. Somanmohan said. The advisory reiterates that avian influenza is a viral disease that spreads from an infected bird to other birds, and transmission to humans is rare. However, it notes that those who handle birds, especially sick and dead birds, should wear masks in slaughterhouses must exercise caution. Those with flu-like symptoms such as cough, cold, fever, and

Centre lays down eligibility criteria for 'deep tech' start-ups in country

Jacob Koshy NEW DELHI

The Centre has provided an official definition of what constitutes a "deep tech" start-up in India. A buzzword until now, the "deep-tech" start-up, according to a gazette notification by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) made public on Thursday, is one that is primarily concerned with producing a solution based on new knowledge/advancements in a scientific or engineering discipline.

What should it do? It must spend most of its money on research and development (R&D) activities, own or is in the process of creating significant intellectual property and level to commercialise the same, faces extended development timelines, long gestation periods, high capital requirements, and carries high technical or scientific uncertainty. A start-up - the DPIIT says - is a company that is less than 10 years old or has a turnover less than ₹200 crore. According to the gazette notification, a deep tech start-up is a company that is self-started or has been started up to as long as 20 years and has a turnover of up to ₹200 crore - indicating the longer runway

such companies have and the time it takes to come to fruition.

To be counted as a deep tech start-up, companies must apply to the DPIIT for a certificate. The DPIIT is the final authority that determines whether a company qualifies as a start-up or a deep tech start-up. It will decide this based on "guidance" from an Inter-Ministerial Board of Certification, which includes a Joint Secretary, DPIIT (Convener); a representative from the Department of Science and Technology (DST); a representative from the Department of Biotechnology, according to the notification. The notification also prohibits a defined start-up from investing in activities that are not directly or indirectly related to its core mandate - for instance, preparing a new knowledge - for instance, investing in real estate or "speculative assets", or shares, and securities - unless they are core to the company's knowledge production.

FAITH

The tree of dharma

The Mahabharata has 18 parvas. The Kurukshetra war took place for 18 days and the Bhagavad Gita has 18 chapters, pointed out. The Mahabharata Aranyakabharata is a Bhasya. The Mahabharata epic itself may be seen as a tree. It is an dharma motif took the form of a tree. The seed of this tree is the Anukramanika parva. The roots of this tree are the Parthiva parva and the Ashvika parva. The trunk of the tree is the Sambhava parva. The Sabhu parva is symbolic of the birds that nest in a tree. The Bhishma parva and the Varu parva are the branches of this tree. The Drona parva represents the leaves and the Karna parva represents the flowers. The Virata parva and the Udyoga parva are the sap of the tree. The Shalya parva is the fragrance of the flowers that blossom on this tree. The Shikha parva is the tip of the branches. The Shanti parva is equivalent to the fruits of this tree of dharma, because the purpose of studying the Mahabharata is to attain Jnani (gnance of mind). The Anushasana parva is representative of the juice of the fruits. The Ashvamedha parva is the root of the tree. The Matsya parva is the animal made by the birds in the tree. Those who explain the meaning of the Mahabharata, those who listen to such explanations, and those who adhere to dharma - these people are the protectors of this tree. The 18 parvas of the Mahabharata track the entire story of the Pandavas and their heirs, the Kauravas, from the early years, the treachery of Duryodhana, the exile of the Pandavas, the Kurukshetra war, Lord Krishna's advice to Arjuna through the Gita and Bhishma's teachings through the Vishva sa

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and solutions. Clues include: 1. Battered officer said to be welcomed state far on the trip (8), 2. Women's trophy losing base - broken by 20 in Finland (9), 3. Source's struggle to recover one lakh crore (4), 4. Stretch out after cycling, play to get star (8), 5. Doctor brings useless chemical filters near the health (7, 6), 6. Cover over panel (4), 7. Yankee firm covered by famous Confederate soldier (9), 8. Heartless thought detached sense (8), 9. Enamoured compositions of musical form in empty theatre (13), 10. Abound in Channel Islands that is hot (8), 11. Solicit a report about holding of a musical (8), 12. In a way, I was tense, breaking HR (2, 4), 13. Judge standing motion in water body outside St Salvador starting to swim (8), 14. Hero in message as demolition's left for Astor (4), 15. Antiseptic Church in Doha debut with top from Oxford's leading designer (14), 16. Hitlocks in golf hole complex lacking traces of grass in front (8), 17. Operating out of the flat of her mum (7, 4), 18. Vehicle carrying content with crown of gold conveyed secretly (10), 19. Remit 2 rupees covering base fee (5), 20. Beaten girl regularly taken with a nail having hole inside (8, 11), 21. Couple of robots starting to sing outside Grand Hotel give memorable moments (10), 22. US lady in retreat entering food vehicle in front for taste (8), 23. Fabled guards put meals with holes near entrance to hunting valleys, say (8), 24. Judge standing with latest action, means (8), 25. Spring yarn about absorbing bunch of clothes (8), 26. Well known singer in lounge behind out number (8).

Sudoku puzzle grid with clues and solutions. Clues include: 1. Addition to previous puzzle, 2. Solution to yesterday's Sudoku.

RBI plans ₹25,000 compensation for cyberfraud victims

Lalatendu Mishra

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed to introduce a framework to compensate victims of online frauds up to ₹25,000 for losses incurred in small-value fraudulent transactions. The draft guidelines will be issued soon.

Both the victim and the bank will have skin in the game and both will bear 15% of the transaction value. The RBI will pay the remaining from its Depositor Education and Awareness Fund, which amounts to nearly ₹85,000 crore.

For example, if someone has lost ₹50,000 in a fraudulent transaction, 85% of that amount (₹42,500) or ₹25,000, whichever is less, will be paid by the RBI. In case if someone lost ₹20,000, 85% of that amount (₹17,000) or ₹25,000, whichever is less, will be paid. In this case, the victim gets ₹17,000.

For such small-value fraudulent transactions, which constitute 65% of online frauds, no questions will be asked to the victim if she or he has even given an OTP.

RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra said, "We will



Sanjay Malhotra

have a framework for compensation for small frauds. We have observed that while in value, they constitute a small proportion, in terms of numbers, 65% of them have less than ₹50,000 in terms of amount [lost in fraudulent transactions]."

"So as long as they are defrauded, whether on their own accord or anyone's accord, no questions will be asked. An amount of ₹25,000 or 85% of the amount. You will have the details very shortly. We will compensate them as long as it is unintended and that they have lost," the Governor said.

"If he loses the money, no questions asked. We will make checks so it is not kind of mala fide. That is why we have kept the amount very small," Mr. Malhotra added.

1) What happened (core announcement)

- RBI has proposed a framework to compensate victims of online/cyber frauds up to **₹25,000** for losses in **small-value fraudulent transactions**; draft guidelines will be issued soon.

RBI ने ऑनलाइन/साइबर धोखाधड़ी के पीड़ितों को छोटे मूल्य के फ्रॉड लेन-देन में हुए नुकसान पर ₹25,000 तक मुआवज़ा देने का ढांचा प्रस्तावित किया है; ड्राफ्ट गाइडलाइंस जल्द आएंगी।

2) Who pays and from where (funding + “skin in the game”)

- RBI plans to fund payouts from the **Depositor Education and Awareness Fund (DEAF)**, which is around **₹85,000 crore** (as mentioned in the report).

भुगतान का स्रोत RBI का **Depositor Education and Awareness Fund (DEAF)** होगा, जो रिपोर्ट के अनुसार लगभग **₹85,000 करोड़** है।

- The framework says both the **bank and the customer/victim will have “skin in the game”** (a cost-sharing idea), while RBI covers the remaining part (final split expected in detailed guidelines).

ढांचे में बैंक और ग्राहक/पीड़ित दोनों की “skin in the game” (कुछ लागत साझा) की बात है; शेष हिस्सा RBI देगा (अंतिम विवरण ड्राफ्ट गाइडलाइंस में स्पष्ट होगा)।

3) Proposed compensation rule (as illustrated)

- RBI payout is illustrated as **up to 85% of the loss, capped at ₹25,000** (whichever is lower).

मुआवज़े का नियम उदाहरणों से: नुकसान का 85% तक, अधिकतम ₹25,000 (जो कम हो)।

- Example 1: Loss ₹50,000 → 85% = ₹42,500, but cap applies → payout ₹25,000.

उदाहरण 1: ₹50,000 नुकसान → 85% = ₹42,500, पर कैप लगेगा → ₹25,000 भुगतान।

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उदाहरण 2: ₹20,000 नुकसान → 85% = ₹17,000 (कैप के भीतर) → ₹17,000 भुगतान।

4) Coverage logic (why “small-value” focus)

- RBI noted that small-value frauds form a large share by **number of cases**; about **65%** of such frauds involve loss **below ₹50,000** (as stated).

RBI के अनुसार संख्या के हिसाब से छोटे फ्रॉड अधिक हैं; ऐसे लगभग 65% मामलों में नुकसान ₹50,000 से कम होता है।

5) “No questions asked” angle (and the caution)

- The proposal suggests **no questions asked** for these small-value frauds—even if the victim shared OTP—so long as the loss was **unintended** and genuinely fraudulent (as per the statement).

प्रस्ताव के अनुसार छोटे फ्रॉड में “no questions asked”—OTP साझा हुआ हो तब भी—यदि नुकसान अनजाने में हुआ और वास्तविक फ्रॉड है।

- RBI also indicated it will keep the compensation amount relatively small and do checks to reduce **mala fide/abuse risk**.

साथ ही, दुरुपयोग/मालाफाईड रोकने हेतु राशि को सीमित रखने और कुछ जाँच की बात कही गई।


<u>United Kingdom</u>	Contingent Reimbursement Model (CRM Code)	Banks	No fixed cap	Victim not grossly negligent	Global benchmark for bank liability
<u>United States</u>	Regulation E (Electronic Fund Transfer Act)	Banks	Usually full refund	Prompt reporting required	Strong consumer protection
<u>Australia</u>	ePayments Code	Banks	Full or partial	Depends on customer negligence	Similar to UK model
<u>Singapore</u>	Shared liability framework (2024)	Banks + Telcos	Case-based	Failure of safeguards	Tech-enabled liability sharing
<u>Canada</u>	Bank reimbursement policies	Banks	Varies	Unauthorized transaction	Bank-led protection
<u>Germany</u>	EU Payment Services Directive (PSD2)	Banks	Full refund	Unless gross negligence	EU-wide legal backing
<u>France</u>	Consumer banking law	Banks	Full refund	Fraud proven	Civil law protection
<u>Japan</u>	Banking Act + voluntary schemes	Banks	Partial / full	Prompt reporting	High digital discipline
<u>South Korea</u>	Financial Consumer Protection Act	Banks	Partial / full	Based on fault	Advanced fintech regulation



Consider the following statements:

1. RBI has proposed compensating victims of small-value online frauds, with a maximum payout of ₹25,000.
2. The proposed payout (as illustrated) is up to 85% of the loss amount, subject to a ₹25,000 cap.
3. The proposal states that such frauds are rare in number and therefore RBI has avoided creating any compensation framework.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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BHOJAL

A 14-year-old girl who was returning from school was allegedly abducted and raped by four men in the Mangay district of Madhya Pradesh, the police said on Friday. All the four accused have been arrested. According to the police, the incident occurred on Thursday afternoon when the girl, a resident of village near Mangay city and a Class 8 student, was returning with her friend. The 24-year-old prime accused, who was the girl's former senior and known to her, offered them a ride. Mangay Superintendent of Police Dilip Sont said, "He dropped the friend midway and took the girl to a nearby area and raped her in front of her friend," he said. The men raped her and abandoned her there, the police said.

Education and skills are twins and inseparable: PM

Maintaining balance between the two is essential, Modi tells students during Pariksha pe Charcha; he says students must choose study patterns according to their needs but must be open to changes

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Education and skills are inseparable, like twins, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told students during a Pariksha pe Charcha interaction in New Delhi on Friday.

Mr. Modi spoke with students from across the country at his residence during the ninth edition of the event, taking questions about challenges in balancing study patterns, preparations for board exams and competitive exams among others.

In its first episode, he spoke with students from various cities such as Dehradun, Guwahati, Raipur, and Guwahati.

Responding to a question from a student about technology and robotics, Mr. Modi said education and skilling were like "twins, inseparable". He said maintaining a balance between the two was as essential as a balance between cutting and growing.

Mr. Modi said there were life skills such as discipline, confidence, and



Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with students during the 9th edition of Pariksha pe Charcha, in New Delhi on Friday. (AP Wirephoto)

adaptability that must be fully achieved, but professional skills have no such limits. "Professional skills require continuous learning and adaptation to new technologies even at age 40, as advancements in medicine and other fields demand constant updating," he said.

The interaction followed the government's renewed push to synergise education, skilling, and employment, with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announcing a committee on education, employment and entrepreneurship.

ponding to questions from a student about how to persevere with studies when the home environment was not conducive, Mr. Modi said, "Comfort is not essential for success." He cited examples of students from difficult backgrounds who had succeeded.

Another student told Mr. Modi about his interest in gaming despite opposition from family members. The Prime Minister said parents might avoid children while talking about these sectors, but if students pursue their interests and succeed, parents would be proud.

This will lead them to give you ideas and interest with your interest areas," he said, adding that students interested in gaming can build games, set up social media accounts, and YouTube channels. He cautioned them against the perils of betting games, noting that the government had banned these.

The Prime Minister took questions from students interested in artificial intelligence, suggesting that such students must be open to supplement strengths.

He spoke about time management and asked teachers, not let such through the syllabus. Res-

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A start-up is a company that is less than 10 years old or has a turnover less than ₹200 crore. According to the notification, a deep tech company can consider it as a deep tech company if it has a turnover of up to ₹200 crore - indicating the longer runway

RBI plans ₹25,00,000 compensation for cyberfraud victims

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed to introduce a framework to compensate victims of online frauds up to ₹25,00,000 for losses incurred in small-value fraudulent transactions.

Both the victim and the bank will have a share in the amount of the transaction value. The RBI will pay the remaining from its Deposit Education and Awareness Fund, which amounts to nearly ₹85,000 crore.

For example, if someone has lost ₹50,000 in a fraudulent transaction, 65% of that amount (₹32,500) or ₹25,000, whichever is less, will be paid by the RBI. In case if someone lost ₹20,000, 85% of that amount (₹17,000) or ₹25,000, whichever is less, will be paid in this case.

For such small-value fraudulent transactions, which constitute most of online frauds, no questions will be asked to the victim or anyone's account, no questions will be asked, very shortly. We will compensate them as long as it is unintended and that they have lost," the Governor said.

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Sanjay Malhotra

have a framework for compensation for small frauds. We have observed that while in value, they constitute a small proportion, in terms of numbers, 85% of them have less than ₹50,000 in terms of amount lost in fraudulent transactions."

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Advisories issued as avian flu infection detected in crow samples from Chennai

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Following the detection of H5N1 avian influenza (bird flu) virus in samples collected from a dead crow in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, the

Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has issued an advisory for the public. "Avian influenza rarely spreads to humans," Director of Public Health A. Somanandaram said.

The advisory reiterates that avian influenza is a viral disease that spreads from an infected bird to other birds, and transmission to humans is rare. However, it notes that those who handle birds, especially sick and dead birds, and those who work in slaughterhouses must exercise caution. Those with flu-like symptoms - such as cough, cold, fever, and



The advisory states that people who handle sick and dead birds must exercise caution.

difficulty in breathing - must seek medical assistance at the nearest government health facility.

Residents have been urged to inform the Animal Husbandry Department of their locality and maintain personal hygiene measures like handwashing and also ensure that the environment around them is clean. In terms of food,

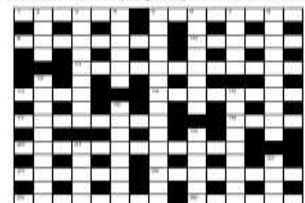
improperly cooked eggs or meat should be avoided. Residents must also avoid travelling to areas where an outbreak has been reported. The advisory also cautions residents against believing in rumours.

For more information, people can dial 104.

'Start-up efforts' A communication from the Animal Husbandry Department said the Greater Chennai Corporation and municipalities have been asked to enhance biosecurity and carry out thorough disinfection in areas where crow mortality has been reported.

Instructions have been issued to officials not to conduct necropsies at the field level to prevent the spread of infection. The Forest Department has been asked to intensify surveillance in fringe areas.

CROSSWORD 14711



- 1. National officer about to be welcomed into bar on the hour (8)
- 2. Women's trophy being borne - broken by bid in Romania (6)
- 3. Bearer's struggle to restrain one's best strength (4)
- 4. Bearer's sin after paying, duty to get there (6)
- 5. Doctor brings swollen forehead near the beach (7,5)
- 6. Cover tears up after getting duty to get there (6)
- 7. Walker from covered by famous Confederate soldier (4)

Write this puzzle's letter and across word puzzles at <https://thehindu.com/crossword>

- 87. Maharashtra city's drive to settle completely here once (8)
- 88. Fearless discipline demonstrated senior (10)
- 89. Concerning composition of material, function is empty. (12)
- 90. Record in a channel islands that is not (8)
- 91. Subia's report about holding of a musical (8)
- 92. In a way, I was tense, breaking (11,2,4)
- 93. Rising and sinking mullin in water body outside St Salvador starting to serve (6)
- Down
- 1. Name in message academician's left for Ashar (4)
- 2. Antique church in Oslo rebuilt with tips from Orlando's leading designer (9,6)
- 3. Historic in golf links, complex lacking traces of glass in front (8)
- 4. Operating out of the flat of last month (7,4)
- 5. Vehicle carrying container with crown of gold covered secretly (6)
- 6. Nest of 3 ripples covering base (5)
- 7. Sweet goal regularly taken with a roll having hole made (3,5)
- 8. Couple of drinks marked by ring outside brand hotel giving memorable moments (10)
- 9. I'm fully in return entering front vehicle in front for rescue (8)
- 10. Found guards not much with holes near entrance to burning volcano, see (8)
- 11. Judge standing with latest section, remains (8)
- 12. Spinning pair about absorbing launch of status show (5)
- 13. Walker from covered by famous Confederate soldier (4)

SUDOKU



FAITH

The tree of dharma

The Mahabharata has 18 parvas. The Kurukshetra war took place for 18 days and the Bhagavad Gita has 18 chapters, pointed out Theosophical Advaitacharya in a discourse. The Mahabharata epic itself may be seen as a tree. It is as if dharma itself took the form of a tree. The root of this tree is the Arundhanika parva. The roots of this tree are the Patanala parva and the Atthika parva. The trunk of the tree is the Sambhava parva. The Sabha parva is symbolic of the birds that nest in a tree. The Bhisma parva and the Vana parva are the branches of this tree. The Drona parva represents the leaves and the Karava parva represents the flowers. The Virata parva and the Udyoga parva are the sap of the tree. The Shanti parva is the fragrance of the flowers that blossom on this tree. The Sri parva is the tip of the branch. The Shanti parva is equivalent to the fruits of this tree of dharma, because the purpose of studying the Mahabharata is to obtain shanti (peace of mind). The Aśvattha parva is representative of the juice of the fruits. The Ashvamedha parva is the food of the birds. The Matsya parva is the sound made by the birds in the tree. Those who complain the crowing of the Mahabharata, those who listen to each explanation, and those who adhere to dharma - these people are the protectors of this tree. The 18 parvas of the Mahabharata track the entire story of the Pandavas and their rival, the Kauravas, from the early years, the treasury of Duryodhana, the exile of the Pandavas, the Kurukshetra war, Lord Krishna's advice to Arjuna through the Gita and Bhishma's teachings through the Vidura Sahasana.

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According to the gazette notification, a deep tech company can consider itself a start-up for as long as 20 years and has a turnover of up to ₹300 crore – indicating the longer runway

such companies have and the time it takes to come to fruition.

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The DPIIT is the final authority that determines whether a company qualifies as a startup or a deep tech startup. It will decide this based on “guidance” from an Inter-Ministerial Board of Certification, which includes a Joint Secretary, DPIIT (Convener); a representative from the Department of Science and Technology (DST); a representative from the Department of Biotechnology, according to the notification.

The notification also prohibits a defined start-up from investing in activities that are not directly connected to its core mandate of working and creating new knowledge – for instance investing in real estate or “speculative assets”, or shares, and

securities – unless they are core to the company’s knowledge production.

These definitions are important given the Centre’s thrust on technology-driven start-ups. The Anusandhan National Research Foundation is the custodian of the ₹1 lakh crore Research and Development Innovation (RDI) Fund that is expected to invest in emerging technology and fund research over seven years. A part of these investments will go to deep tech start-ups.

Earlier this week, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh said companies with RDI funds could get financing at concessional rates of around 2%-4% with tenures up to 15 years.

The Principal Scientific Adviser’s office prepared a deep tech policy in July 2023, though this has yet to be approved by the Union Cabinet.

1) What happened (core news)

- The Centre (through DPIIT gazette notification) has issued an official definition and eligibility framework for what counts as a “deep-tech” start-up in India.
केंद्र सरकार ने DPIIT की गजट अधिसूचना के जरिए भारत में “डीप-टेक” स्टार्टअप की आधिकारिक परिभाषा और पात्रता ढांचा तय किया है।
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2) Eligibility/definition: “What should it do?” (high-yield criteria)

- Must spend most of its money on R&D activities.
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महत्वपूर्ण नवीन बौद्धिक संपदा (IP) का स्वामित्व/निर्माण प्रक्रिया और उसका व्यावसायीकरण करने की दिशा में कदम आवश्यक हैं।
- Deep-tech firms typically face long development timelines/gestation periods, high capital and infrastructure needs, and large technical/scientific uncertainty (hence special runway).
डीप-टेक में विकास अवधि लंबी, पूंजी/इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर जरूरत अधिक और तकनीकी/वैज्ञानिक अनिश्चितता अधिक होती है (इसलिए विशेष “रनवे” का तर्क बनता है)।

3) Certification & governance mechanism (who decides, how)

- Certification will be guided by an Inter-Ministerial Board of Certification, including: Joint Secretary, DPIIT (convener), representatives from DST and Department of Biotechnology.

प्रमाणन हेतु अंतर-मंत्रालयी बोर्ड का मार्गदर्शन होगा, जिसमें Joint Secretary DPIIT (कन्वीनर), DST और जैव-प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग के प्रतिनिधि शामिल हैं।

- DPIIT is the final authority to determine whether a company qualifies as a start-up or a deep-tech start-up (based on guidance).

DPIIT मार्गदर्शन के आधार पर तय करेगा कि कोई कंपनी स्टार्टअप/डीप-टेक स्टार्टअप के रूप में योग्य है या नहीं।

4) "Start-up" vs "Deep-tech start-up" runway (why this is important)

- The notification distinguishes deep-tech needs: compared to normal start-ups, deep-tech may get a longer runway (because innovation cycles are longer).

अधिसूचना का संदेश: सामान्य स्टार्टअप की तुलना में डीप-टेक को लंबा रनवे चाहिए क्योंकि इनोवेशन साइकिल लंबा होता है।

- The report indicates deep-tech firms may be treated as start-ups for a longer period and at a higher turnover threshold (reflecting longer gestation).

रिपोर्ट के अनुसार डीप-टेक के लिए "स्टार्टअप" की अवधि और टर्नओवर सीमा अधिक/लंबी हो सकती है (लंबी ग्रोथ/ट्रायल अवधि के कारण)।

CLEAR THOUGHT

Avoiding outside noise the best way, says Pakistan skipper Agha



Pakistan captain Babar Agha said the team will try to shut out the off-field noise surrounding its planned boycott of the India match and instead focus on winning the remaining group games to qualify for the T20 World Cup Super Eight. "I don't think that's the best we can do. We can avoid all this and just focus on our game," he said.

IN FOCUS

Late-entrant Scotland out to make a mark against the West Indies



West Indies will be keen to begin its T20 World Cup campaign with a win against late-entrant Scotland in a Group C match in Hobart on Saturday. Scotland, having won its solitary World Cup match against West Indies in 2022, would love to maintain its upper hand despite the odds.

UNPREDICTABLE

Fortune could outweigh familiarity in a format like T20: Netravalkar



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CRUISING

Hazlewood ruled out; Madushan replaces Malinga in Lanka squad



In a major setback to an already depleted Australia, its premier pacer Josh Hazlewood was, on Friday, ruled out of the T20 World Cup after "running out of time" to recover from a hamstring injury. Madushan, but bowler Prasad Madushan has replaced injured pacer Ishan Malinga in the Sri Lanka squad.

The time has come for cricket's rapid-fire round

The backdrop of the 10th edition of the tournament has been soured with the removal of Bangladesh and Pakistan's decision to boycott the contest against India in Colombo

T20 WORLD CUP
K.C. Vijaya Kumar
MUMBAI

Under the skies over Colombo, Kolkata and Mumbai, a championship will step into its 10th edition on Saturday. The ICC Twenty20 World Cup's latest chapter will find its opening pages through three continents being staged at far-flung cities.

Pakistan will take on Netherlands at Colombo, West Indies will lock horns with Scotland at Kolkata, and from 7 p.m., India will face off against the United States of America at Mumbai. Over a month, 20 teams will cross-cross India and to some extent Sri Lanka, as 55 games will be held, including the final on March 9.

Robust fixture
A tournament that had its tentative maiden foray in 2007, one that M.S. Dhoni's men proved to enjoy, is now a robust fixture in the ICC calendar. Defending champion India obviously has an edge but playing at home does not easily promise the cup as Rohit Sharma's men learnt the hard way during the 2012 T20 World Cup final at Ahmedabad. It is a thin line that splits hope and heartbreak.

Men like Travis Head and Abhishek Sharma can script a fresh legacy. Australia under Mitchell Marsh, may look a touch undercooked and yet there is no discounting a side that has the pedigree of rising to every challenge thrown at it. Allan Border's Assistant that presided in the 1987 50-over World Cup held in India and Pakistan. The seeds of a dominant Australia, cutting across formats, were sown then, and the conveyor belt continues to chug. England, Sri Lanka and the West Indies, all former champions, are seeking a fresh start. A format that can at times seem like a lottery riding on pulsating runs and fast dismissals, always lends hope. Miracles are just around the corner and history repeats that. "Chris Strachan, remember the name," ex-champion Ian Bishop, as his West Indian junior hammered four aces to win the cup for the area from the Caribbean at Eden Gardens in 2016.

Never been a monopoly
The championship that has never been a monopoly of any team, however, has remained elusive for South Africa and New Zealand. Skippers Aiden Markram and Mitchell Santner have a trophy-gap to plug. Markram came agonisingly close before India pulled ahead in the 2024 final at Bridgetown.

Interestingly both South Africa and New Zealand, results that should bolster confidence even if T20s and Tests are diverse formats.

Franchise edition
The latest edition also marks the change of a new generation as stars like Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, Steve Smith and Kane Williamson are missing through a combination of retirements and omissions. Men like Travis Head and Abhishek Sharma can script a fresh legacy. Australia under Mitchell Marsh, may look a touch undercooked and yet there is no discounting a side

Shortest format's biggest showpiece
As 20 teams from across the globe take centre stage at the ICC T20 World Cup, a look at some significant numbers and records from the nine editions

ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP INDIA & SRI LANKA 2026



THE HIGHS, THE TOPPERS, T20 WORLD CUPS AT A GLANCE. Includes statistics for most runs, wickets, catches, and other records across nine editions.

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Press Trust of India
HARARE

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Teen stars: The Class of 2026 brought home India's sixth under-19 title. GETTY IMAGES

Siraj replaces injured Harshit

Sports Bureau

India pacer Harshit Rana was on Friday ruled out of the T20 World Cup owing to a knee injury, with Mohammed Siraj, being named as his replacement. Harshit had sustained a knee injury during the warm-up match against South Africa. Following consultations with a specialist and subsequent scans, the BCCI medical team deemed him unfit to participate in the tournament.

Sunil Gavaskar

Sports Bureau

Another ICC World Cup fixture, and this time in the ultra-short format of the game, the T20. There has to be some off-field issues that dominate the headlines and this time it is no different. As usual, there will be some from the old powers who believe in the old format and not their cricketers' representatives, who also would have been part of any decision taken. Once the cricket starts, all this will be put aside as teams will focus on doing their very best to get ahead in the tournament.

India's top-order is explosive



First Class cricket in India and then migrated to the USA. Some of them have played abroad. India players and know them quite well. That said, there won't be any let-up on the field from either side. The PowerPlay generally gives an indication of which way the innings is going, though there are plenty of times when teams have recovered after a horrible start. India's opening duo Abhishek Sharma and Ishan Kishan has been getting the team off to a flying start. With skipper Suryavanshi's Yashasvi Jaiswal to his innovative and Tink Varma recently. They begin their campaign against the USA. The America's team has a fair share of players who played a good amount of

the semi-final has been in rediffing form, consistent, you



Singh. Both know the Warwickshire pitch quite well and would be aware that there is little margin for error. Their batmen will be up against Jasprit Bumrah, currently the best bowler in all formats of the game. In the just-concluded series against New Zealand, he was used as a first-change bowler in the fifth over. But like any batting order has to be flexible, there shouldn't be rigidity about the batting order. The T20 format allows even unfancied teams to change the tempo of the game in the blink of an eye. The USA will be hoping they can do it and start the tournament with a bang. (Professional Management Group)

THE HIGHS

MOST TITLES WON
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MOST APPEARANCES IN A FINAL
India, Pakistan, England and Sri Lanka (3 each)

HIGHEST TOTAL
260/6 (Sri Lanka vs. Kenya, Johannesburg, 2007)

BIGGEST VICTORY MARGIN BY RUNS
172 (Sri Lanka vs. Kenya, Johannesburg, 2007)

THE TOPPERS



MOST RUNS
Kohli (India, 1292 in 33 innings)



MOST WICKETS
Shakib (Bangladesh, 50 wickets in 41 innings)



MOST DISMISSALS (WICKETKEEPER)
Dhoni (India, 32 in 32 innings - 21 catches, 11 stumpings)



MOST CATCHES (FIELDER)
Warner (Australia, 25 in 41 innings)

MOST RUNS IN AN EDITION	Kohli (319, 2014)
MOST WICKETS IN AN EDITION	Arshdeep (India, 2024) and Farooqi (Afghanistan, 2024) - 17
HIGHEST SCORE	Brendon McCullum (123 off 58b, NZ vs. Ban, Pallekele, 2012)
BEST BOWLING	Ajantha Mendis (4-2-8-6, SL vs. Zim, Hambantota, 2012)
MOST CENTURIES	Gayle (2 - one each in 2007 and 2016)
MOST 50-PLUS SCORES	Kohli (15)
FASTEST CENTURY	Gayle (47b, WI vs. England, Mumbai, 2016)
FASTEST HALF-CENTURY	Yuvraj (12b, India vs. England, Durban, 2007)
MOST FOUR-FORS	Nortje (SA), Rashid (Afg), Ajmal (Pak) and Shakib (Ban) - three each
MOST ECONOMICAL SPELL	Ferguson (4-4-0-3, NZ vs. Papua New Guinea, Tarouba, 2024)

Source: ESPNCRICINFO & ICC

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T20 WORLD CUPS AT A GLANCE

0 No team has ever won the title at home

0 No team has successfully defended its crown in the tournament

1 The India-Pakistan group-stage clash in Durban in 2007 witnessed the only Bowl Out in the history of the competition. India went on to win 3-0

1 Zimbabwe's Brendan Taylor, 40, is the only player who featured in the inaugural event to be picked for this edition

1 Italy, ranked 27 in the world, is the lone debutant in this edition

2 Rohit (Ind) and Shakib (Ban) were the only players to figure in all nine editions

2 Oman has the tournament's oldest players in its squad — Aamir Kaleem (44) and Mohammad Nadeem (43)

3 Group D will have three top-10 ranked teams — New Zealand (4), South Africa (5) and Afghanistan (10) - unlike any other pool

5 Scotland will make its fifth successive appearance in the marquee event after having initially missed the cut

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The triumph adds to India's previous titles in 2000, 2008, 2012, 2018 and 2022.

The 14-year-old Suryavanshi recorded the fastest 150 in under-19 cricket history, reaching the milestone in 71 deliveries, as India piled up a daunting 411 for nine after electing to bat. In response, England kept the required run-rate within sight for large parts of the chase but lost wickets at regular intervals, which derailed its pursuit. England was eventually bowled out for 311 with Caleb Falconer scoring a 66-ball 115 (9x4, 7x6).



Teen stars: The Class of 2026 brought home India's sixth under-19 title. GETTY IMAGES

Suryavanshi registered the highest individual score by any batter in an ICC tournament final. He put on 142 runs in just 19

overs with his skipper Ayush Mhatre, who departed following a 51-ball 53 (7x4, 2x6) after bringing up his half-century.

Suryavanshi was named Player-of-the-Tournament for scoring 439 runs with three half-centuries and a ton.



ICC U19 MEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP

Administrator	International Cricket Council
Format	Limited-overs (50 overs)
First edition	1988 Australia
Latest edition	2026 Zimbabwe , Namibia
Tournament format	Round-robin Knock-out
Number of teams	16
Current champion	 India (6th title)
Most successful	 India (6 titles)
Most runs	 Eoin Morgan (606)
Most wickets	 Wesley Madhevere (28)  Kwena Maphaka (28)

Aspect

Event / तृषु

Title Count / सुतु लुतु दुतुतु

Final Match / तुतुतु तु तुतुतु तुतु

Final Venue / तुतु तु (Geography)

Date / तुतु

Winning Margin / तुतु तु तुतुतु

Significance / तुतुतु

Details (English + तुतुतु)

India won ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup 2026 तुतुतु तुतु ICC तुतुतुतुतु तुतु तुतु तुतु तुतु तुतु तुतुतु तुतुतु

6th U19 World Cup title (Record) तुतु तुतु U19 तुतु तुतु तुतु तुतु तुतुतु

India vs England तुतुतु तुतु तुतुतु

Harare, Zimbabwe तुतुतु तुतुतुतु

February 2026 तुतुतु 2026

100 runs 100 तुतु

Largest run-margin victory in a U19 World Cup final U19 तुतु तुतु तुतुतु तुतुतु तुतु तुतु तुतु तुतु तुतु तुतु

Category

India's Score / क्रमघल इव वइघ

Highest Individual Score

Age Highlight

Captain / इँ क

Captain's Contribution

England Score / स्ररर इव वइघ

Top Bowler (India)

Other Bowlers

Details (English + श्ररररर)

411/9 (50 overs) 50 इ अघ ररुठइइरथ

Vaibhav Suryavanshi – 175 (80 balls) अररर
दररररर – इणइ घर जतज फरर

Vaibhav Suryavanshi – 14 years old prodigy
अररर दररररर – इठ अइरग श्रररर

Ayush Mhatre ष अरर इव

53 runs off 51 balls 51 फरररर 53 घर

311 all out (40.2 overs) 40.2 इ अघ ररुठइइर घर
हरर छ च ष कइ

R.S. Ambrish – 3 wickets ष घ. इइ. शररर – 3 श्रररर

Deepesh Devendran – 2 wickets Kanishk

Chauhan – 2 wickets वररर वररर अ इशरर दररर –
2-2 श्रररर

Record Type

Most U19 World Cup Titles

Highest Team Score in Final

Largest Margin (Runs)

Talent Pipeline

Details (English + हिंदी)

India – 6 titles
भारत – 6 खिताब

India – 411 runs
भारत – 411 रन

100-run victory
100-रन की जीत

U19 World Cup as feeder for senior national team
U19 विश्व कप सेनियर राष्ट्रीय टीम के लिए फीडर

Topic

Facts (English + श्रमण्डल)

Harare Location

Capital city of Zimbabwe श्रमण्डल
घर श्रमण्डल

Continent

Africa १ श्रमण्डल

River Near Harare

Manyame River basin श्रमण्डल
श्रमण्डल

Sports Importance

Zimbabwe hosts ICC events to promote cricket in Africa १ श्रमण्डल श्रमण्डल
श्रमण्डल श्रमण्डल प्रमण्डल श्रमण्डल। CC ७ श्रमण्डल

Nuclear-capable Agni-3 missile successfully test-fired

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
Balasore, February 6

INDIA ON FRIDAY successfully test-fired nuclear weapons-capable Agni-3 ballistic missile from the Chandipur off Odisha coast, which has a strike range of more than 3,000 kilometres, officials said.

The surface-to-surface

missile was launched by the personnel of Strategic Forces Command (SFC) from a mobile launcher as part of a regular training exercise for the user.

The missile was picked up randomly from the production lot and test fired, they said adding that the SFC is tasked with handling strategic weapons systems. The

launch validated all operational and technical parameters, officials said.

After the command for auto-launch was given, the two-stage solid-propelled missile took off on a designated flight path and homed onto the pre-designated target area in the Bay of Bengal with accuracy.

The Defence Research and

Development Organisation (DRDO) sources said that it met all the mission objectives.

Various parameters and trajectory of the 17-meter long missile were tracked and monitored in real time by radars along the east coast, as well as by the telemetry and electro-optical systems.

Two down-range ships

near the impact point recorded the terminal event, they said.

Agni-3 is one of the sophisticated and accurate missiles of its class and has already been inducted into the armed forces.

It is capable of carrying a payload weighing 1.5 tons to a distance of more than 3,000 kilometres.

- India successfully test-fired the **Agni-3** ballistic missile on **February 6** from **Chandipur (Odisha coast)**; the strike range is **more than 3,000 km**.

भारत ने 6 फरवरी को चांदीपुर (ओडिशा तट) से अग्नि-3 बैलिस्टिक मिसाइल का सफल परीक्षण किया; इसकी मारक क्षमता 3,000 किमी से अधिक है।

- The launch was carried out by **Strategic Forces Command (SFC)** from a **mobile launcher** as part of a **regular training exercise**.

प्रक्षेपण **Strategic Forces Command (SFC)** द्वारा मोबाइल लॉन्चर से नियमित प्रशिक्षण अभ्यास के तहत किया गया।

- The missile was **randomly picked from the production lot**, indicating validation of production-quality systems (not a special prototype).

मिसाइल को उत्पादन-लॉट से रैंडम चुना गया—इससे उत्पादन-स्तर की गुणवत्ता/विश्वसनीयता का सत्यापन होता है।

- It is a **two-stage, solid-propelled** surface-to-surface ballistic missile; the test validated operational and technical parameters.

यह दो-चरणीय, ठोस ईंधन वाली सतह-से-सतह बैलिस्टिक मिसाइल है; परीक्षण में ऑपरेशनल/तकनीकी पैरामीटर सत्यापित हुए।

- Tracking was done in real-time by **radars along the east coast, telemetry and electro-optical systems**, and **down-range ships** near the impact point; target area was in the **Bay of Bengal**.

ट्रैकिंग पूर्वी तट के रडार, टेलीमेट्री, इलेक्ट्रो-ऑप्टिकल सिस्टम और डाउन-रेंज जहाजों से रियल-टाइम में हुई; लक्ष्य क्षेत्र बंगाल की खाड़ी में था।

- Agni-3 is described as accurate and already **inducted into the armed forces**; capable of carrying about **1.5-ton payload** to **>3,000 km**.

अग्नि-3 को सटीक व उन्नत बताया गया है और यह सेवा में शामिल है; लगभग 1.5 टन पेलोड को 3,000+ किमी तक ले जाने में सक्षम है।

Variant	Type / Stage	Approx Range (km)	Key use / notes
Agni-I	Ballistic, single-stage (solid)	~700–900	Mainly for short-range strategic deterrence; faster reaction, simpler logistics
Agni-II	Ballistic, two-stage (solid)	~2,000–3,000	Medium-range; deeper regional reach; widely cited in exams
Agni-III	Ballistic, two-stage (solid)	>3,000	Intermediate-range; heavier payload (~1.5 ton reported in your article); inducted
Agni-IV	Ballistic, two-stage (solid)	~3,500–4,000	Improved accuracy, better avionics; often called Agni-II Prime lineage in evolution discussions
Agni-V	Ballistic, three-stage (solid)	~5,000+	Near-ICBM class; canisterised versions tested; enhances extended deterrence
Agni-VI*	(Reported/expected) advanced IRBM/ICBM-class	~6,000–10,000*	Not officially confirmed in many public domains; treat as "reported/under development" in exam answers

Country	Comparable strategic missile (example)	Type / Basing	Approx range (km)	Key notes (quick)
India	Agni-V	Land-based ballistic missile (road/rail-mobile TEL; canisterised versions tested)	>5,000 (official); ~7,000–8,000 reported	3-stage solid; Strategic Forces Command user. (Press Information Bureau)
United States	Minuteman III (LGM-30G)	ICBM (silo-based)	13,000	3-stage solid; land-based leg of US triad. (Missile Threat)
Russia	Topol-M (SS-27 Mod 1)	ICBM (silo + road-mobile)	11,000	Solid-fueled ICBM; strategic deterrent role. (Missile Threat)
China	DF-41 (CSS-X-20)	ICBM (road/rail-mobile + silo)	Up to 15,000	Longest-range Chinese ICBM; MIRV-capable (reported). (Missile Threat)
France	M51	SLBM (submarine-launched)	8,000	3-stage solid; MIRV-capable; core of France's sea-based deterrent. (Missile Threat)
United Kingdom	Trident II D5	SLBM (submarine-launched; used by US & UK)	12,000	3-stage solid; payload up to 2,800 kg; deployed on SSBNs. (Missile Threat)


Consider the following statements:

1. Agni-3 is a two-stage, solid-propelled, surface-to-surface ballistic missile with a strike range of more than 3,000 km.
2. The reported test launch was conducted by the Strategic Forces Command from a mobile launcher as part of a regular training exercise, and the missile was randomly picked from the production lot.
3. During the test, tracking and monitoring were done only through satellite imagery, without the use of radars, telemetry, electro-optical systems, or down-range ships.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3



 RCB
Clinches
Second WPL
Title 2026 –



Aspect	Details (English + Hindi)
Event / तद्वृत्त	Royal Challengers Bengaluru clinched second Women's Premier League (WPL) title, 2026 घुआच दूधकू दू लू लू चूहू डू लू घन रकषणघन बूधरकषण घन (WPL)सू लू 2026 सू लू लू
Tournament / लूकषण	Women's Premier League (WPL) – India's flagship domestic women's T20 league रकषणघन बूधरकषण घन – कूकषण इह बूधकू तूधकषणघन T20 घन
Final Match / कूकषण च रकषण घन	RCB vs Delhi Capitals डू घनूहूहू डू कूकषण रूहूडूकषण डू
Venue (Geography) / कूकषण जकषणघन	Vadodara, Gujarat अकषणघन कूकषणघन
Geographical Importance / कूकषणघन रूकषणघन	Vadodara is located on the banks of the Vishwamitri River अकषणघन कूकषणघन डू लू डू कू कूकषणघन कू
Final Year / अकषण	2026
Batting First / कूकषण कू कूकषणघन	Delhi Capitals Women कूकषणघन कूकषणघन
DC Final Score / कूकषण डू कूकषणघन	203/4 in 20 overs – Highest first-innings total in WPL final history 20 डू अघ रूकू 203/4 – WPL कूकषणघन डू कूकषणघन कूकषणघन कूकषणघन
Captain DC / डू कूकषण जDC)	Jemimah Rodrigues
Top DC Performers / DC डू कूकषणघन सू कूकषणघन	Jemimah Rodrigues – 57 Laura Wolvaardt – 44 Chinelle Henry – 35
IPL + WPL Milestone	First franchise to hold IPL & WPL titles simultaneously IPL डू घ WPL लूकषणघन लू डू डू कूकषणघन डू अकषणघन कूकषणघन कूकषणघन
Delhi Capitals Record	Fourth consecutive WPL final defeat कूकषणघन डूकषणघन WPL कूकषणघन कूकषणघन

RCB Target / चर

204 runs

RCB Chase / घटह इर हहधर

Achieved with **2 balls remaining** 2 फू टूइ घणइचर पणू च

Historic Record / अणरभ इ प्रघडुमर

Highest successful run chase in a WPL final WPL ँरसुच इर दू दूदू च घर दू

RCB Captain / इरु जRCB)

Smriti Mandhana

Mandhana's Knock / रररर इर हवघ

87 runs off 41 balls 41 फूहघ 87 घर

Partnership Highlight / दूरडूरघ

Mandhana & Georgia Voll – **165 runs partnership** रररर र घ नूअररररर – 165 घर इर दूरडूरघ

Georgia Voll Performance

79 runs off 54 balls 54 फूहघ 79 घर

Finishing Touch / नहल इर रररघ

Radha Yadav hit the title-winning boundaries घरर गररर इररररर दूइडू चणरडू

WPL Titles by RCB / WPLसू लर

Second WPL title लरघर WPLसू लर

Theme

History – WPL / स्मरणार्थ

Economic Angle / विश्लेषण दृष्टिकोण

Political / Institutional Aspect

Gender Equality Dimension

Geography – Gujarat

Sports Governance

Exam-Relevant Facts (English + Hindi)

WPL was launched in **2023** by BCCI WPL इन्हें देखिए ल
BCCI ने 2023 में शुरू किया है

WPL strengthened women's sports economy through franchise valuation, sponsorship & media rights WPL ने
महिलाओं की खेल आर्थिक व्यवस्था को मजबूत करने में मदद की है। यह स्ponsorship और media rights के माध्यम से।
इसके अलावा, यह खेल आर्थिक व्यवस्था को मजबूत करने में मदद की है।

BCCI governs WPL under ICC regulations WPL इन्हें
देखिए BCCI ने ICC के नियमों के तहत WPL को चलाया है।

WPL promotes women empowerment and sports participation WPL स्त्रियों की शक्ति और खेल भागीदारी को बढ़ावा देता है।
इसके अलावा, यह स्त्रियों की शक्ति और खेल भागीदारी को बढ़ावा देता है।

Gujarat has emerged as a major host state for national sporting events गुजरात राष्ट्रीय स्तर के खेल कार्यक्रमों का एक प्रमुख मेजबान राज्य बन गया है।
इसके अलावा, यह राष्ट्रीय स्तर के खेल कार्यक्रमों का एक प्रमुख मेजबान राज्य बन गया है।

Franchise-based league model similar to IPL IPL इन्हें देखिए
महिलाओं की खेल आर्थिक व्यवस्था को मजबूत करने में मदद की है।



Lowering Age of Consent Will Undermine Child Safety: Government

Aspect

Details (English + **अनुवाद**)

Issue / **समस्या**

Government rejected proposal to lower age of consent
सर्वकार ने संमति की उम्र को कम करने का प्रस्ताव खारिज कर दिया

Current Age of Consent / **संमति की वर्तमान उम्र**

18 years 18 वर्ष

Government Stand / **सर्वकार की स्थिति**

Any dilution will **undermine child safety** and increase
exploitation **किसी भी ढीलेपन से बच्चे की सुरक्षा को खतरा**
होगा और **शोषण** में वृद्धि आएगी

Context / **प्रसंग**

Debate triggered by judicial observations & Lok Sabha
questions **न्यायाधीशों की टिप्पणियों और लोकसभा**
प्रश्नों के कारण **विवाद** शुरू हुआ

Statement Given In / **कहाँ कहा**

Written reply in **Lok Sabha** **लोकसभा** में लिखित उत्तर

Concerned Ministry / **संबंधित विभाग**

Ministry of Women and Child Development **महिला और बाल विकास**
विभाग **संबंधित विभाग**

Minister / **मन्त्री**

Annapurna Devi

Law / Article

POCSO Act, 2012

Juvenile Justice Act, 2015

Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006

Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023

Constitutional Basis

Key Provision (English + **शुद्ध**)

Criminalises **all sexual activity below 18 years**, irrespective of consent 18 **अज्ञात** इव च **गर्भ** रक्त शुद्ध ब्रह्म गच्छ शुद्ध गच्छ इव १ हृद्य रक्त लवण

Defines child as person below 18 years 18 **अज्ञात** इव **सुद्ध** = **वृद्ध**

Minimum marriage age aligned at 18 years (female) **अज्ञात** इव **सुद्ध** च **गर्भ** 18 **अज्ञात**

Retains age of majority at 18 years 18 **अज्ञात** अग्र **सुद्ध** इव च **गर्भ** रक्त लवण

Article 15(3), Article 39(e)(f) – Child protection १ **अज्ञात** 15(3) 39(e)(f)

Aspect

Details (English + **शुद्ध**)

SC Observation

Suggested examining a “Romeo-Juliet clause” “**घटप्रवृत्त आग्रह प्रह**” हघ **श्रद्ध** इ वरु **अक्र**

Meaning

Close-in-age exemption for consensual adolescent relationships **द्वरक** **उ** **गक्ष्णण** इदं **द** **अज्ञातक्षेत्र**

Government Response

Rejected — would dilute child protection **१** **सह** **क** — **क** **द** **अ** इ **रक** **अणु**

Government's Rationale (Why Age = 18)

Reason	Explanation (English + हिंदी)
Psychological Capacity	Minors lack ability for informed consent नाबालिगों में सूचित सहमति की क्षमता नहीं
Uniformity in Law	Same age across all child-related laws सभी बाल कानूनों में समान आयु
Prevent Exploitation	Prevent coercion, grooming & manipulation शोषण, ग्रूमिंग व दबाव से सुरक्षा
Gender Protection	Special protection for adolescent girls किशोरियों के लिए विशेष सुरक्षा

International Comparison (Extra Facts)

Country	Age of Consent
United Kingdom	16 years
United States	16–18 years (state-wise)
Germany	14 years
France	15 years
India	18 years (strictest child protection)



Goa
Becomes Second
State to Publish
Bird Atlas



Aspect

Explanation (English + Hindi)

Definition

Scientific mapping of bird species distribution using grid-based surveys
शुद्ध ष श्रवण द् अग्रोवघटह ल्ह ष न्प्रभुगुना
इत्र अग्रिड रव्रअद्द्र

Data Type

Spatial & temporal distribution
क्रिड अ इवअघड अलघर्

Methodology

Citizen science + expert validation
एवणघड अग्रि +
अट्टडि ह् इवह

Use

Habitat protection, policy planning, climate impact assessment
अवद् द्घर् एव अरवर् न चअवर्कवत्र
शेग

<p>Topic</p>	<p>Details (English + श्राव्हळ)</p>
<p>Festival Location</p>	<p>Valpoi, Goa अक्रहळ, एड्वाव</p>
<p>River Basin Highlighted</p>	<p>Mhadei (Mahadayi) River Basin सणकड्डु षटह षड्डु ष</p>
<p>Ecological Importance</p>	<p>Part of Western Ghats biodiversity hotspot हश्रासह तःक न अघसशस लव णकड्डु</p>
<p>Habitat Types in Goa</p>	<p>Forests, wetlands, estuaries, coastal ecosystems अष ष न्मनसव रषणवड्डु लहग हकणवड्डु</p>
<p>Bird Migration Zone</p>	<p>Important stopover for migratory birds सअवड्डु हश्रासह तःक सणकड्डु हनवड्डु</p>

Fact

India's first state with Bird Atlas

India's second state with Bird Atlas

River highlighted

Festival location

Biodiversity hotspot

Answer

Kerala

Goa

Mhadei (Mahadayi)

Valpoi, Goa

Western Ghats

State of Goa



A beach in South Goa



Dudhsagar Falls



Mangueshi Temple



Gallery de Fontainhas



Shanta Durga Temple



Basilica of Bom Jesus

Previously was	Goa, Daman and Diu
Admission to union	19 December 1961
Formation (by bifurcation)	30 May 1987
Capital	Panaji
Largest city	Vasco da Gama, Goa
Districts	3
Government	
• Body	Government of Goa
• Governor	Ashok Gajapathi Raju
• Chief Minister	Pramod Sawant (BJP)
State Legislature	Unicameral
• Assembly	Goa Legislative Assembly (40 seats)
National Parliament	Parliament of India
• Rajya Sabha	1 seat
• Lok Sabha	2 seats
High Court	Bombay High Court
Area ^[1]	
• Total	3,702 km ² (1,429 sq mi)
• Rank	28th
Highest elevation (Sonsogor)	1,026 m (3,366 ft)
Lowest elevation (Arabian Sea)	0 m (0 ft)
Population (2025) ^[2]	
• Total	▲ 1,591,000
• Rank	28th
• Density	380/km ² (980/sq mi)
• Urban	77.89%
• Rural	22.11%
Demonym(s)	<i>Goenkar, Goan</i>

Language	
• Official	Konkani ^[3]
• Additional official	Marathi ^[4] and English ^[5]
• Official script	Devanagari script
GDP ^[7]	
• Total (2025–2026)	▲ \$15.85 billion (nominal) ▲ \$68.89 billion (PPP) ^[6]
• Rank	23rd
• Per capita	▲ : ₹873,000 (US\$10,000) (nominal) ▲ \$47,713 (PPP) (2nd)
Time zone	UTC+05:30 (IST)
ISO 3166 code	IN-GA
Vehicle registration	GA
HDI (2023)	▲ 0.801 Very High ^[8] (1st)
Literacy (2025)	99.7% ^[9] (2nd)
Sex ratio (2025)	986 ♀/1000 ♂ (5th)
Website	goa.gov.in ↗

Symbols of Goa



Emblem of Goa

Foundation day	Goa Day
Bird	Flame-throated bulbul
Flower	Jasmine
Fruit	Cashew
Mammal	Gaur
Tree	Matti Terminalia crenulata



Iran's First Female Member Elected to IOC

Formation	23 June 1894; 131 years ago
Founders	Pierre de Coubertin Demetrios Vikelas
Type	Sports federation (association organised under the laws of the Swiss Confederation)
Headquarters	Olympic House, Lausanne , Switzerland
Membership	110 active members, 39 honorary members, 206 individual National Olympic Committees
Official language	French (reference language), English , and the host country's language when necessary
Honorary President	Thomas Bach
President	Kirsty Coventry ^[1]
Vice Presidents	Juan Antonio Samaranch Nawal El Moutawakel Gerardo Werthein Pierre-Olivier Beckers-Vieujant ^[1]
Director General	Christophe De Kepper

Aspect

Event / तृतीय

Name / पुरस्कार

Country / देश

Date of Election / निर्वाचन

Position / पद

Historic First / ऐतिहासिक पहला / पहली

Age Highlight / उम्र का उल्लेख

Term Duration / अवधि

Details (English + Persian)

Iran's first female elected to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) पहली महिला इन्हें हंगरी रखा गया है।
इन्हें चयनित किया गया है (IOC) रखा गया है।

Soraya Aghaei

Iran (हंगरी)

4 February 2026 4 फरवरी 2026

Member, **International Olympic Committee**

First Iranian woman IOC member IOC इन्हें हंगरी रखा गया है।
रखा गया है।

Youngest current IOC member सबसे कम उम्र का IOC
द्वारा

8 years 8 वर्ष

Election & Institutional Details

Aspect	Details (English + हिंदी)
Membership Number	107th IOC Member 107वीं IOC सदस्य
Voting Result	Elected by 95–2 vote 95–2 मतों से निर्वाचित
Iran at IOC	Third-ever Iranian IOC member IOC में ईरान की तीसरी प्रतिनिधि
Previous Gap	First Iranian member since 2004 2004 के बाद पहली बार

Profile of Soraya Aghaei (Sports Angle)

Aspect	Details (English + हिंदी)
Sport / खेल	Badminton बैडमिंटन
Olympic Participation	Competed in Tokyo Summer Olympics टोक्यो ओलंपिक में भाग लिया
Committee Role	Member, Iranian Olympic Committee Athletes' Commission ईरानी ओलंपिक समिति – एथलीट आयोग
Expertise	Athlete welfare & governance reforms खिलाड़ी कल्याण व शासन सुधार



IOC Governance & Global Context

Aspect	Details (English + हिंदी)
IOC President	<u>Kirsty Coventry</u> IOC के 132 वर्षों के इतिहास की पहली महिला अध्यक्ष
Women Representation	Women form ~45% of IOC membership IOC में लगभग 45% महिलाएँ
Inclusivity Trend	Focus on gender balance & youth leadership लैंगिक संतुलन व युवा नेतृत्व पर ज़ोर
Re-election Context	Afghanistan's <u>Samira Asghari</u> re-elected for second term अफगानिस्तान की समीरा अशगरी पुनर्निर्वाचित

Geography & International Relations Angle

Aspect	Details (English + हिंदी)
Region	West Asia (Middle East) पश्चिम एशिया
Significance for Iran	Enhances Iran's soft power in global sports governance वैश्विक खेल शासन में ईरान की सॉफ्ट पावर बढ़ी
Gender Diplomacy	Symbol of women's representation from conservative regions रूढ़िवादी क्षेत्रों से महिला प्रतिनिधित्व का प्रतीक

Powers & Role of IOC Members (Exam Favourite)

Function	Explanation (English + हिंदी)
Host City Selection	Vote to select host cities (e.g., 2036 Summer Olympics) ओलंपिक मेज़बान शहर का चयन
Policy Making	Olympic Charter amendments ओलंपिक चार्टर संशोधन
Athlete Welfare	Safeguarding, ethics & fairness खिलाड़ी सुरक्षा व नैतिकता
Global Sports Governance	Oversight of Olympic movement ओलंपिक आंदोलन का वैश्विक संचालन

Static Facts for Exams

Topic	Fact
IOC Founded	1894
IOC Headquarters	Lausanne, Switzerland
IOC Term Length	8 years (renewable)
IOC Members Role	Individuals, not country representatives



Bhutan Queen Mother Receives
Upendra Nath Brahma Award



Aspect

Details (English + Assamese)

Award / বঁটা

Upendra Nath Brahma 'Soldier of Humanity' Award
(22nd edition) & বঁটা 'স্বৰ্গীয় ব্ৰহ্মা
উপেন্দ্ৰ নাথ ব্ৰহ্মা' বঁটা

Year / বছৰ

2025

Recipient / বঁটা লাভ কৰা

Gyalum Ashi Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck

Title / বঁটা

Queen Mother of Bhutan ব্ৰহ্মাৰ মাতৃ

Venue / ঠাই (Geography)

Bodoland University, Kokrajhar, Assam
ব্ৰহ্মাৰ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, কোক্ৰাজাৰ, অসম

Awarding Body / বঁটা দিয়া

Upendra Nath Brahma Trust & ব্ৰহ্মাৰ
ব্ৰহ্মা

Chief Guest / অতিথি

Lakshman Prasad Acharya & ব্ৰহ্মাৰ
ব্ৰহ্মা

Aspect

Explanation (English + ལྷན་སྐྱེས་ལྷན་སྐྱེས་)

Purpose of Award

Recognition of humanitarian service & social justice ལྷན་སྐྱེས་ལྷན་སྐྱེས་
ལྷན་སྐྱེས་ལྷན་སྐྱེས་ ལྷན་སྐྱེས་ ལྷན་སྐྱེས་

Why Awarded

Lifelong commitment to inclusive development & community welfare ལྷན་སྐྱེས་ལྷན་སྐྱེས་
ལྷན་སྐྱེས་ལྷན་སྐྱེས་ ལྷན་སྐྱེས་ ལྷན་སྐྱེས་

Cross-Border Importance

Strengthens people-to-people ties between India & Bhutan ལྷན་སྐྱེས་ལྷན་སྐྱེས་
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Aspect

Details (English + श्रमणा)

Foundation

Tarayana Foundation

Role of Queen Mother

Founder-President द्रवडु -शेले

Focus Areas

Rural development, women empowerment,
healthcare, education इरवु श्रडुवु ररररर
दुसुडुघरु सुगुशु लु

Development Model

Community-centric & sustainable दुरररग-कुलु अ
दुलु श्रडुवु

Cultural Aspect

Preservation of indigenous traditions सुदुह दधुघरु
इवु दुधु

Topic

Upendra Nath Brahma

Cultural Legacy

Award Symbolism

Artefacts Presented

Facts (English + Assamese)

Known as **Bodofa** – guardian of Bodo community
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