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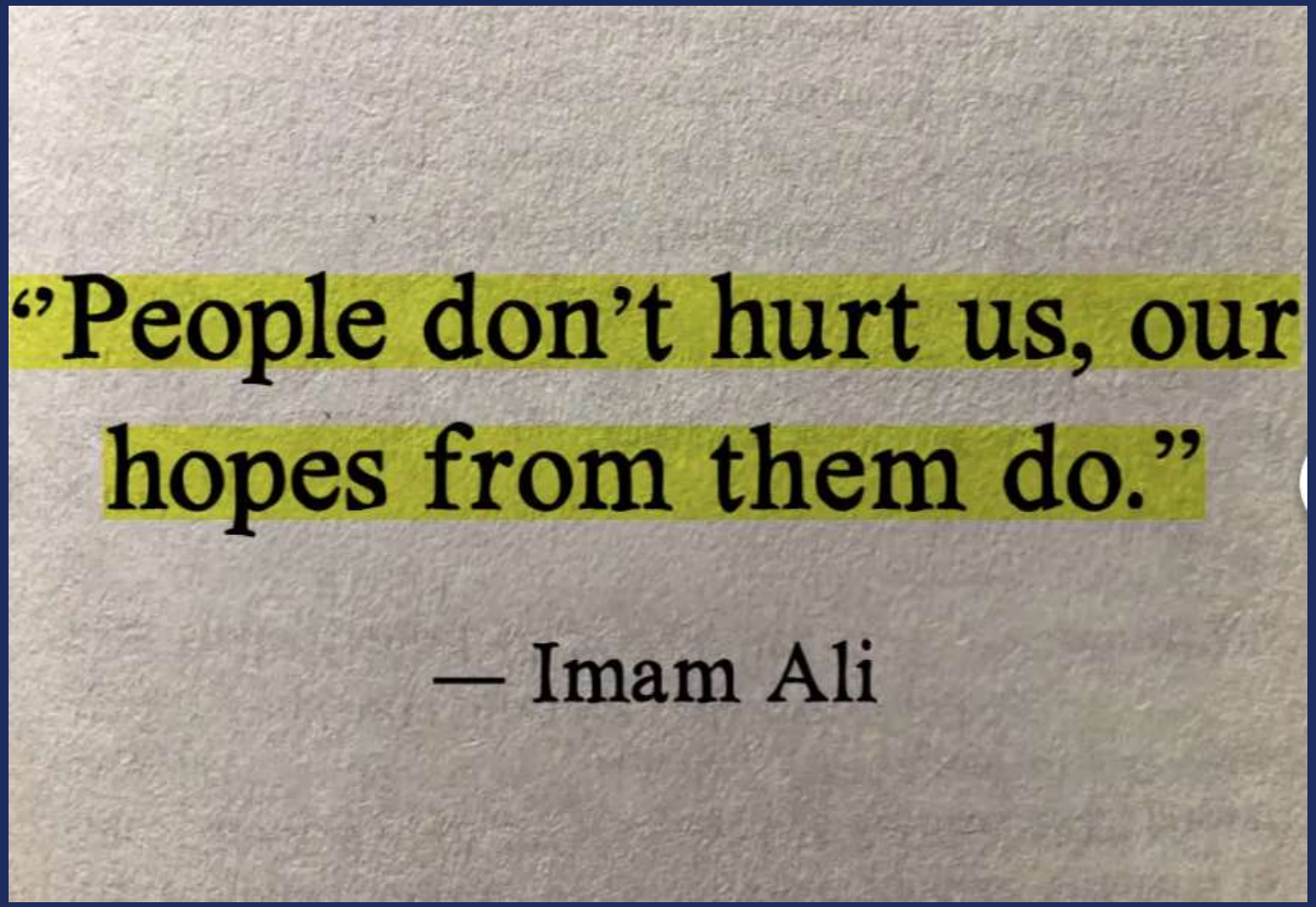
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U.S. unveils 25% tariff on India for 'harmful trade'

China, EU among 14 economies facing new U.S. tariffs; only Vietnam has more tariff than India

The USTR launche… partners, under Se…

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

The U.S. government on Wednesday announced a tariff of 25% on goods imported from India in response to "unreasonable acts, policies, and practices" that "burden or restrict U.S. commerce". This is the second-highest tariff among the 14 economies against which the latest action has been taken, second only to the 35% tariff levied on Vietnam.

However, the order by the office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) also said that, should the U.S. and India reach an Agreement on Reciprocal Trade, the tariff imposed on India could drop to 17%.

The USTR had in March launched two separate investigations into trade partners, including India, under Section 301 of the U.S. Trade Act. The first probe, related to forced labour, resulted in a tariff of 10% levied on India. The new tariffs are a result of the second investigation into structural excess capacity.

The 25% tariffs are higher than those levied on Japan, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, the European Union (15% each), Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand (18% each), Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, and Singapore (up to 20% each).

Trade agreement

Taking note of the USTR action, the Commerce and Industry Ministry said that India engaged constructively throughout the Section 301 investigation, adding that the government remained committed to working closely with the U.S. towards an early conclusion of a bilateral trade agree… the N… in su… ings, … Comm… dia d… ral ex… secto…

Pressure play

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- India faces the **second-highest tariff** levied among the 14 targeted economies
- Order opens the door for a lower 17% tariff if a **trade deal is signed**
- Vietnam faces tariff of 35%, which could drop to 20% if trade deal is signed
- New tariffs are **net of existing ones**, not in addition to them



Trade tussle: T… concluded that … sustain, or contr… excess capacity' … U.S. commerce.

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The investigation concluded that India's policies, … and practices 'create excess structural capacity'

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…ment. "In response to …otice of Initiation and …bsequent proceed… the Department of …erce stated that In… …es not have structu… …cess capacity in any …," the Ministry said in a statement. "India and the United States are engaged in negotiations for a Bilateral Trade Agreement," the Ministry statement added.

"It has been India's position that any trade-related concerns should be addressed within the framework of these negotiations. Government of India remains committed to working closely with the United States towards the early conclusion of the India-U.S. Bilateral Trade Agreement, as announced on 2nd February 2026 and in accordance with the Joint Statement issued on 7th February 2026."

The Ministry added that the USTR notice was "currently under examination".

While the USTR said the 25% tariffs would be net of existing tariffs levied on India, meaning they will not add to the 10% already in effect, the order also noted that it remained for the USTR to decide whether these new tariffs would be adjusted keeping in mind those other tariffs.

In its report on India, the USTR concluded that India's acts, policies, and practices "create, sustain, or contribute to structural excess capacity" that burden or restrict U.S. commerce by harming U.S. producers and exporters through unfair competition and reduced commercial opportunities.

Apart from this, the U.S. also levies a tariff of 50% on imports of aluminium and steel from all countries under Section 232 of its Trade Expansion Act. The new tariffs will not be a… ded to these. Under th… Lindsey O. Graham San… tioning Russia and Iran A… of 2026, the U.S. gover… ment is also empowered … levy a tariff of up to 100… on countries that impo… large quantities of Russia… oil. This tariff has bee… temporarily paused.

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U.S. Unveils 25% Tariff on India for 'Harmful Trade'

Could Fall to 17% With a Trade Deal

अमेरिका ने व्यापार अधिनियम की धारा 301 के तहत 'संरचनात्मक अतिरिक्त क्षमता' जाँच के बाद भारत से आयात पर 25% टैरिफ़ लगाया – 14 अर्थव्यवस्थाओं में वियतनाम (35%) के बाद दूसरा सबसे ऊँचा; पारस्परिक व्यापार समझौता होने पर यह 17% हो सकता है

Section 301
धारा 301

1 The order | आदेश

- **25%** on goods from India
  25% शुल्क
- For "unreasonable acts, policies & practices"
  "अनुचित"
- Issued by **USTR**
  अमेरिकी व्यापार प्रतिनिधि

2 Two Section 301 probes
दो जाँचें

10% Forced-labour probe बलात् श्रम	**25%** Excess-capacity probe अतिरिक्त क्षमता
17% If deal signed समझौते पर	**14** Economies hit अर्थव्यवस्थाएँ

3 India's response
भारत का जवाब

- India has **no structural excess capacity** in any sector
  कोई अतिरिक्त क्षमता नहीं
- Concerns should be settled **inside BTA talks**
  BTA वार्ता
- Notice **"under examination"**
  समीक्षाधीन

U.S. unveils 25% Section 301 tariff on India; 17% if trade deal — in depth (1/2)

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4 Others' rates | अन्य देश

Economy अर्थव्यवस्था	Tariff शुल्क
Vietnam वियतनाम	35%
China, Bangladesh चीन	up to 20%
Indonesia, Thailand इंडोनेशिया	18%
EU, Japan ईयू, जापान	15%

5 India–U.S. BTA द्विपक्षीय व्यापार समझौता

- BTA announced **2 Feb 2026** घोषणा
- **Joint Statement** – 7 Feb 2026 संयुक्त वक्तव्य
- Goal: **early conclusion** शीघ्र निष्कर्ष

6 What "excess capacity" means अर्थ

- Producing **far more** than home demand अधिक उत्पादन
- Surplus **dumped** abroad at low prices सस्ता निर्यात
- Charge usually aimed at **China** (steel, solar) चीन पर आरोप

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7 How Section 301 works | प्रक्रिया

Initiation
आरंभ
USTR notice
नोटिस

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Hearings
सुनवाई
Comments sought
टिप्पणियाँ

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Finding
निष्कर्ष
"Burdens U.S."
बोझ

→

Action
कार्रवाई
Tariffs
शुल्क

8 Silver lining | उम्मीद

- 17% post-deal gives a **competitive edge** over Vietnam, China
  प्रतिस्पर्धी बढ़त
- USTR hints at **relief**
  राहत के संकेत
- Pushes both sides to **close the deal**
  समझौते का दबाव

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U.S. unveils 25% Section 301 tariff on India; 17% if trade deal — background (1/2)

अमेरिका का 25% टैरिफ़ — पृष्ठभूमि (1/2)

9 U.S. trade laws अमेरिकी क़ानून

Law क़ानून	Used for उपयोग
Sec 301, Trade Act 1974 धारा 301	Unfair practices
Sec 232, 1962 Act धारा 232	National security
Sec 201 धारा 201	Import surge (safeguard)

10 WTO basics | WTO

- Set up **1 Jan 1995**; HQ **Geneva**
  1995, जिनेवा
- India a **founding member**
  संस्थापक सदस्य
- Core rule: **MFN** – no discrimination
  सर्वाधिक-अनुकूल राष्ट्र

11 Trade terms | शब्दावली

- **Tariff** – tax on imports
  आयात शुल्क
- **Anti-dumping duty** – vs below-cost sales
  डंपिंग-रोधी
- **Countervailing duty** – vs foreign subsidies
  प्रतिकारी शुल्क

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12 Impact chain | प्रभाव

Higher tariff ऊँचा शुल्क	Costlier goods महँगा सामान	Exports dip निर्यात घटे	Jobs at risk रोज़गार
25% 25%	In U.S. अमेरिका में	Textiles, gems वस्त्र, रत्न	MSMEs लघु उद्योग

13 India's FTAs | भारत के FTA

- **UK CETA** – signed July 2025
  ब्रिटेन
- **EFTA TEPA** – in force Oct 2025
  EFTA
- **UAE CEPA** (2022), **Australia ECTA** (2022)
  UAE, ऑस्ट्रेलिया

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14 Trade bodies व्यापार संस्थाएँ

Body संस्था	HQ मुख्यालय
WTO विश्व व्यापार संगठन	Geneva
UNCTAD अंकटाड	Geneva
DGFT विदेश व्यापार महानिदेशालय	New Delhi

15 GATT to WTO | इतिहास

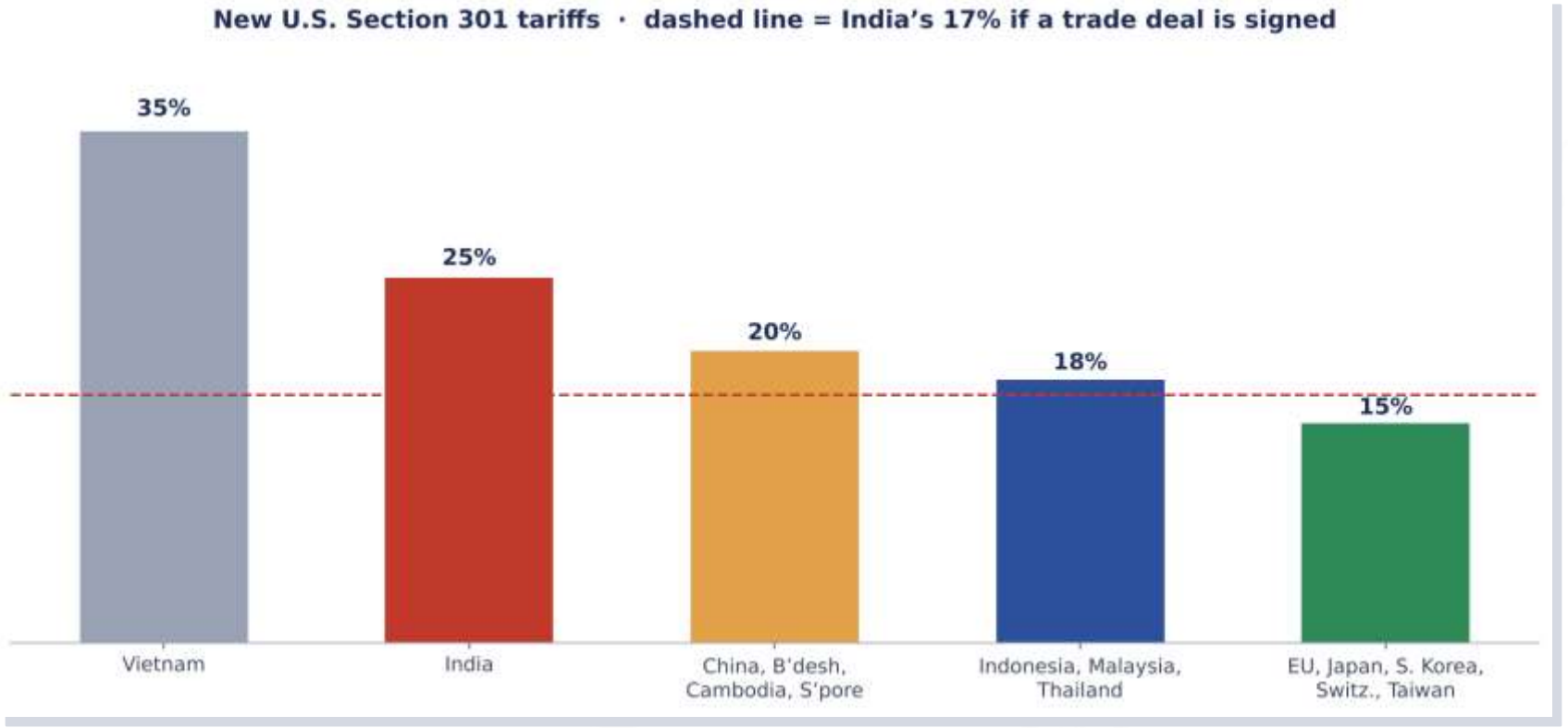
- **GATT** signed 1947
  गैट 1947
- **Uruguay Round** 1986–94
  उरुग्वे दौर
- **Marrakesh Agreement**, 1994 → WTO
  माराकेश

16 India's trade policy नीति

- **Foreign Trade Policy 2023** – no end date
  विदेश व्यापार नीति 2023
- Export target: **$2 trillion by 2030**
  2 ट्रिलियन डॉलर
- **USA** – India's largest export market
  सबसे बड़ा बाज़ार

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Read the visual
चित्र को समझें

- India 2nd-highest of **14** economies
  14 में दूसरा
- Only **Vietnam** (35%) higher
  वियतनाम
- A deal could cut it to **17%**
  17% संभव

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Read the visual
चित्र को समझें

- **USTR** ran the probe
  USTR जाँच
- Probe: **structural excess capacity**
  अतिरिक्त क्षमता
- Earlier probe: **forced labour** → 10%
  बलात् श्रम


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Inequality crisis looms over India, says economist

Cong. to hold rallies across India today on voters' rights

Rectify erroneous entries on SIR rolls: ECI to officials

The directions to States and U.Ts follows complaints of incorrect entries in final published SIR rolls; the changes should be made after verification by officials, not through automated matching, it says

No nod sought for Nov. 26 anti-SIR stir: Delhi Police

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ails Constitution's role in promoting social justice

Free train travel on all trains for Chakra awardees

'Repent standing for *Vande Mataram*', say J&K clerics

SC rejects HC order in assets case against Rahul Gandhi

RPO had advised Saurav Das not to use passport: govt.

Barred from flying to U.K., CJP leader moves court

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PM hails Constitution's role in promoting social justice

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday highlighted the Constitution's role in strengthening democracy and promoting social and economic justice, while outlining his government's achievements through welfare schemes and constitutional amendments. He said collective efforts guided by "India First" thinking, duties in action and constitutional values would realise Viksit Bharat by 2047.

In an op-ed article titled "A commitment to strengthen our Constitution", Mr. Modi said his government's endeavour has been to deepen the Constitution's connect with the collective consciousness of people, especially the youth, and strengthen the spirit of unity. "That is why over a decade ago, our government decided to mark November 26 as Constitution Day," he said. He paid tribute to Rajendra Prasad, Babasaheb Ambedkar and all members of the Constituent Assembly, which adopted the Constitution on November 26, 1949.

Reflecting on his humble childhood and struggles, Mr. Modi said: "That a child born into a family of modest means, with no privileges or advantages of birth, could one day be entrusted with the responsibility of serving the world's largest democracy speaks volumes about how extraordinary our Constitution is."

'Debt of gratitude'

He said the government sought to repay the "debt of gratitude" by strengthening the Constitution. Emphasising the Constitution's goals of social and economic justice, he said: "What can be more satisfying than working towards the realisation of this cherished vision of the makers of our Constitution?"



Founding principles: Prime Mir respects to the Constitution. SPE

The Prime Minister cited a recent World Bank report saying that nearly 50 crore Indians had moved out of poverty and listed schemes such as the PM Awas Yojana, Ujjwala Yojana and Ayushman Bharat. MUDRA and PM-SVANidhi provide collateral-free credit to small entrepreneurs and street vendors, extending economic justice.

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ister Narendra Modi pays his
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Digital technology and platforms such as UPI advance inclusivity and open opportunities once available to a privileged few within the reach of every citizen.

He said that, for the first time since 1950, an updated version of the Constitution was now available in all 22 languages of the Eighth Schedule. "With the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, we have sought to bring about a fundamental shift in our criminal justice system," he said. Over the past decade, the government has laid special emphasis on citizens' duties, he said, adding that this was reflected in several mass movements, from Swachh Bharat to water conservation and environmental protection.

1951 amendment

Mr. Modi said those entrusted with upholding the Constitution in the past "chose to weaken it" and had the opportunity to govern India for five decades. He said that through the First Amendment in 1951, "a government that was not popularly elected used its majority in the Provisional Parliament to restrict fundamental freedoms".

"Its timing, barely months before India's first general election, proves that it was intended to influence the electoral process and stifle public opposition. It is also 50 years since the 42nd Amendment at the height of the Emergency. This curtailed judicial review and fundamentally altered the balance of institutional powers," he said, urging youngsters to study the 38th and 39th Amendments to "know what a power-hungry and anti-constitutional leadership can do".

He said a "historical wrong" was corrected in 2019, as Articles 370 and 35A had prevented the full Constitution from being implemented in Jammu and Kashmir for over 70 years.

He underscored the contributions made by women in shaping the Constitution, lamenting that legislation aimed at giving women adequate representation in legislative bodies was blocked by the Opposition.

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On Constitution Day, November 26, a reflection on

Take constitution

Every November 26, on Constitution Day in India, a striking visual emerges on the political landscape. Opposition leaders, civil rights activists, and citizens step into the public space clutching pocket-sized editions of the Constitution of India – often bound in bright red. Waving these slender volumes is a powerful symbolic gesture that signals a collective resolve to defend the Republic against majoritarian consolidation and the erosion of democratic norms.

While the Opposition and civil society have successfully turned the Constitution into a tactical symbol, they have largely failed to conceive, articulate, and propagate the spirit of constitutional patriotism (*Verfassungspatriotismus* in German). In treating the Constitution as a legalistic artifact, critics of the ruling regime have left behind a dangerous ideological vacuum. The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and the broader Hindutva movement have stepped into this space – this is a shift from their historical rejection of the text to a strategic use of constitutional language to advance their ideology.



Faisal C.K.

Deputy Law Secretary to the Government of Keralam and the author of ‘The Supreme Codex: A Citizen’s Anxieties and Aspiration on the Indian Constitution’

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Defining constitutional patriotism

At its core, constitutional patriotism means that a citizen's primary loyalty should be based not on religion, ethnicity, blood ties or shared history, but on the universal principles, democratic procedures, and fundamental human rights enshrined in a constitutional framework.

Though developed as a political theory in late 20th-century Europe, its intellectual roots can be traced to post-war German thinkers such as Karl Jaspers, Dolf Sternberger and Jürgen Habermas. Amid the rubble of the Second World War, German philosopher Karl Jaspers confronted the failure of volks-nationalism.

In The Question of German Guilt (1946), he argued that a nation could no longer rebuild its identity on ethnic purity or national pride. Instead, Germans had to undergo a profound moral awakening, anchoring their political survival in individual conscience, reason, and the rule of law. Political scientist Dolf Sternberger formally coined *Verfassungspatriotismus* to mark the 30th anniversary of West Germany's Basic Law. He sought to rescue the concept of patriotism from fascism, arguing that citizens could – and should – feel a deep, civilised affection for the rules of freedom and democratic institutions rather than an abstract, mystical fatherland.

Philosopher Jürgen Habermas, who systematically expanded Sternberger's idea

Waving pocket editions of the Constitutions is an empty ritual if the Opposition and civil society fail to champion constitutional patriotism

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during the 1980s, argued that in complex, pluralistic modern societies, social integration cannot rely on pre-political cultural homogeneity. Instead, citizens bond through a procedural consensus, committing themselves to the universalistic principles of human rights, popular sovereignty, and the public sphere.

The scale of the challenge in India

To understand why India desperately needs this framework today, one must recognise the scale of the ideological challenge. Architects of Hindutva have been deeply sceptical of a secular, liberal democratic republic. In their view, a secular republic is seen as a western imitation that has suppressed the true civilisational ethos of the Hindu *Rashtra*.

Instead of openly denouncing the Constitution, they have sought to re-read it through a civilisational lens, framing majoritarian cultural dominance as the implicit "will of the people". By weaponising procedural democracy – winning elections through majoritarian mobilisation – they claim a democratic legitimacy; but supersedes the values of the Constitution.

During the Constituent Assembly debates in



inherently reducing minorities to conditional citizens.

Move to the field

A dangerous misconception in discussions about constitutional patriotism is the assumption that it is a cold, overly academic, or "professorial" idea meant only for European philosophers, constitutional courts, and high-altitude seminars. Critics argue that laws and procedures cannot match the strong emotional appeal of nationalism based on religion, ethnicity or ancestry.

This critique misses the entire point. Constitutional patriotism is only "professorial" if we allow it to remain trapped in elite legal jargon. In reality, if constitutional patriotism is to defeat ethno-religious majoritarianism, it must be translated into a passionate, mass-mobilising grassroots culture. While the RSS and the Sangh Parivar have spent decades building deep, ideological infrastructure at the *shakha* and village levels – inculcating a sense of belonging through community service, cultural indoctrination, and everyday socialisation – secular and democratic forces have largely restricted their constitutional defence to upper-middle-class litigation.

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During the Constituent Assembly debates in the late 1940s, the framers of India's Constitution referred to the experience of the Weimar Republic, particularly while discussing the safeguards needed to protect democracy. The structural tragedy of the Weimar Republic was that its defenders believed that laws alone could protect a republic devoid of a republican citizenry. Weimar's elites remained legally neutral, allowing groups that wanted to tear down the Constitution to operate freely.

In India today, the current majoritarian project engages in autocratic legalism, utilising parliamentary majorities, legal amendments, and administrative coercion to transform a secular, pluralistic republic into a de facto ethnic democracy from within. When the Opposition responds with mere procedural complaints or token court petitions, they are playing a Weimar-style game of rules against an opponent rewriting the rulebook. The Hindutva juggernaut is ethno-nationalism attempting to hollow out a universalist, rights-based legal order from within.

Where constitutional patriotism demands that a citizen's primary loyalty is to the universal protections of the law, Hindutva asserts that the true core of belonging is cultural-religious assimilation. It defines the nation through blood, sacred geography, and a civilisational heritage, defence to upper-middle-class litigation, parliamentary speeches, and episodic protests.

Constitutional patriotism must be brought out of the courtroom and into the fields, factories, and neighbourhood assemblies. It must be taught not as a dry set of articles, but as a lived daily struggle for dignity, workers' rights, gender equality, and social justice. When a Dalit family is protected from caste violence, or when a worker claims dignity against exploitation under the law, they are experiencing constitutional patriotism in its most authentic form.

As political theorist Jan-Werner Müller notes in *Constitutional Patriotism* (2007), anchoring this ethos in the public square is essential.

As the pocket Constitutions disappear into pockets and handbags after November 26, the real work remains undone. If the defenders of India's republic wish to halt the march of ethno-religious nationalism and prevent a Weimar-style implosion, they must take constitutional values beyond academic discussions and bring them to ordinary people. They must articulate and promote a passionate, inclusive, and socially radical constitutionalism, which convinces every citizen that their dignity, freedom and future depend not on the whims of the majority, but on the unyielding, shared promise of the Republic's supreme law.

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PM Hails Constitution's Role in Promoting Social Justice

77 Years of the Constitution

Samvidhan Divas
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संविधान दिवस (26 नवंबर) पर प्रधानमंत्री मोदी ने अपने लेख "A commitment to strengthen our Constitution" में सामाजिक व आर्थिक न्याय में संविधान की भूमिका पर ज़ोर दिया; 'इंडिया फ़र्स्ट' सोच, कर्तव्य और संवैधानिक मूल्यों से 2047 तक विकसित भारत का लक्ष्य बताया

1 PM's key points
मुख्य बातें

- "**India First**" thinking + duties → **Viksit Bharat 2047**
  विकसित भारत
- Constitution now in all **22** Eighth Schedule languages
  22 भाषाएँ
- Welfare: PMAY, Ujjwala, Ayushman, **MUDRA, PM-SVANidhi**
  कल्याण योजनाएँ

2 Amendments he cited
संशोधनों का ज़िक्र

Amendment संशोधन	Year वर्ष
1st – curbs on freedoms **प्रथम**	1951
38th & 39th **38वाँ, 39वाँ**	1975
42nd – "mini-Constitution" **42वाँ**	1976
Art 370/35A ended **अनु. 370**	2019

3 Tributes | श्रद्धांजलि

- **Rajendra Prasad**, **B.R. Ambedkar** & all Assembly members
  निर्माता
- Women's role in **shaping** the Constitution
  महिलाओं का योगदान
- Citizens' **duties** – Swachh Bharat, water conservation
  नागरिक कर्तव्य

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संविधान दिवस — विस्तार से (1/2)

4 Editorial: the idea संपादकीय विचार

- **Constitutional patriotism** – loyalty to the Constitution's values, not to ethnicity or religion
  संवैधानिक देशभक्ति
- German: ***Verfassungspatriotismus***
  जर्मन शब्द
- Author: **Faisal C.K.** (The Hindu, p8)
  लेखक

5 Thinkers behind it विचारक

Thinker विचारक	Contribution योगदान
Karl Jaspers जैस्पर्स	The Question of German Guilt (1946)
Dolf Sternberger स्टर्नबर्गर	Coined the term
Jürgen Habermas हैबरमास	Expanded it, 1980s
Jan-Werner Müller मुलर	Book, 2007

6 Editorial's argument तर्क

- Waving pocket Constitutions is a **ritual** unless values reach people
  केवल प्रतीक नहीं
- Recalls **Weimar Republic** – laws alone can't protect democracy
  वाइमर गणराज्य
- Take it to **fields, factories, neighbourhoods**
  जन-जन तक

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7 Ambedkar's Nov 1949 warnings | अंबेडकर की चेतावनियाँ

Bad hands
ग़लत हाथ

Good Constitution can turn bad
बुरे हाथों में

Hero-worship
व्यक्ति-पूजा

Road to dictatorship
तानाशाही

Contradictions
विरोधाभास

Political vs social equality
असमानता

8 Two views on the day
दो दृष्टिकोण

- Govt: Constitution **strengthened**, duties stressed
  सरकार
- Opposition/critics: worry over **voting rights & SIR**
  विपक्ष
- Common ground: **Constitution is supreme**
  संविधान सर्वोच्च

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संविधान दिवस — पृष्ठभूमि (1/2)

9 Constituent Assembly संविधान सभा

Fact तथ्य	Detail विवरण
First meeting पहली बैठक	9 Dec 1946
Temporary chair अस्थायी अध्यक्ष	Sachchidanand a Sinha
President अध्यक्ष	Rajendra Prasad
Advisor सलाहकार	B.N. Rau

10 Objectives Resolution उद्देश्य प्रस्ताव

- Moved by **Nehru** – 13 Dec 1946
  नेहरू
- Adopted **22 Jan 1947**
  स्वीकृत
- Became the basis of the **Preamble**
  प्रस्तावना का आधार

11 The original copy मूल प्रति

- Handwritten by **Prem Behari Narain Raizada**
  सुलेखक
- Art work by **Nandalal Bose** & team
  नंदलाल बोस
- Hindi version calligraphy: **Vasant Krishan Vaidya**
  हिंदी प्रति

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संविधान दिवस — पृष्ठभूमि (2/2)

12 42nd Amendment, 1976 | 42वाँ संशोधन

Preamble प्रस्तावना	Art 51A अनु. 51A	Judicial review न्यायिक समीक्षा	44th Amdt 44वाँ
Socialist, Secular, Integrity नए शब्द	Fundamental Duties मौलिक कर्तव्य	Curtailed सीमित	1978 – partly undone आंशिक बहाली

13 Constitution Day
संविधान दिवस

- Declared in **2015** – Ambedkar's **125th** birth year
  2015
- Earlier marked as **National Law Day**
  राष्ट्रीय विधि दिवस
- **26 Jan** chosen to honour **Purna Swaraj** (1930)
  पूर्ण स्वराज

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संविधान दिवस — स्थैतिक सामान्य ज्ञान

14 Assembly numbers सभा के आँकड़े

Item मद	Number संख्या
Original members मूल सदस्य	389
After Partition विभाजन के बाद	299
Sessions सत्र	11
Drafting Committee प्रारूप समिति	7 members

15 Original Constitution मूल संविधान

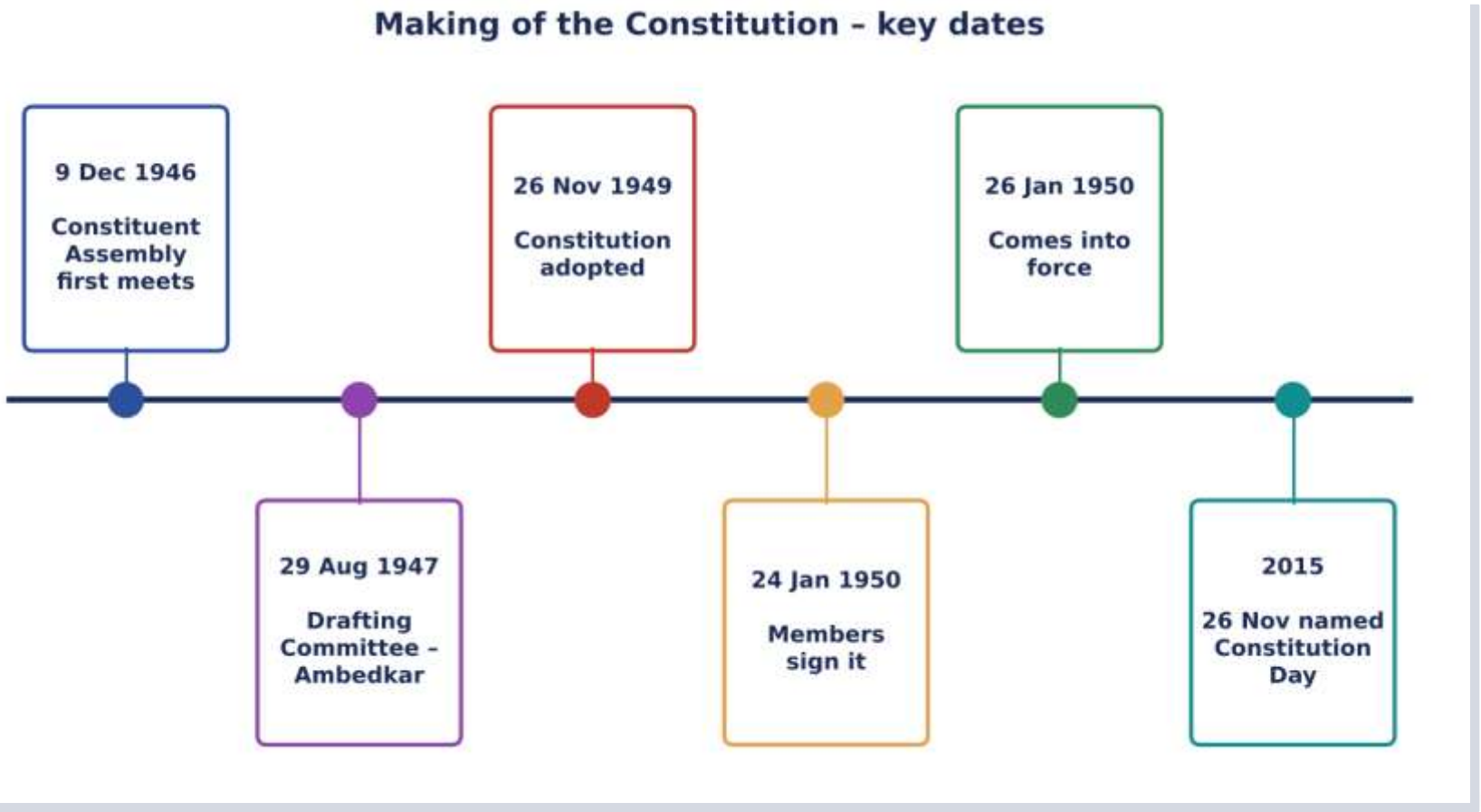
- **395** Articles, **22** Parts, **8** Schedules
  395 अनुच्छेद
- Now **12** Schedules
  12 अनुसूचियाँ
- 11th duty added by **86th Amdt, 2002**
  86वाँ संशोधन

16 Borrowed features उधार ली गई विशेषताएँ

Source स्रोत	Feature विशेषता
UK ब्रिटेन	Parliamentary system
USA अमेरिका	Fundamental Rights
Ireland आयरलैंड	DPSP
USSR सोवियत संघ	Fundamental Duties

Constitution Day: PM's op-ed + editorial on constitutional patriotism — Map & Diagram

संविधान दिवस — मानचित्र व आरेख



Read the visual
चित्र को समझें

- Drafting took **2 yrs 11 months 18 days**
  लगभग 3 वर्ष
- Adopted **26 Nov 1949**, in force **26 Jan 1950**
  अंगीकरण व प्रवर्तन
- 26 Nov marked as Constitution Day since **2015**
  2015 से

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संविधान दिवस — मानचित्र व आरेख



Read the visual
चित्र को समझें

- **Mhow** – now Dr Ambedkar Nagar
  महू
- Assembly met in today’s **Samvidhan Sadan**
  संविधान सदन
- **Rajendra Prasad** – later 1st President
  राजेंद्र प्रसाद



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1 **Rajbanshi | राजबंशी**

Rajbanshi set to be included in the Eighth Schedule

राजबंशी आठवीं अनुसूची में



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Rajbanshi set to be included in Eighth Schedule: Bengal CM

Shrabana Chatterjee
KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari on Wednesday said that the Rajbanshi language will be included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, a promise that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) had made during their Assembly election campaign.

During the inauguration of a festival in Cooch Behar district, Mr. Adhikari said the government is taking complete care of the Rajbanshi community, including their language, culture, political aspirations, and financial security.

He added that as promised in the BJP's poll manifesto and reiterated by several top party leaders during the build-up to the election, Rajbanshi language is set to be part of the Eighth Schedule.

"We raised the issue during a meeting with the Union Home Minister Amit Shah and the Home Secretary on November 19 that was attended by me and the State's Chief Secretary," Mr. Adhikari told reporters before the inauguration of *Ras Utsav* (annual celebration of Radha-Krishna) festivities in Cooch Behar.

Rajbanshi Set to be Included in Eighth Schedule

Bengal CM Suvendu Adhikari

पश्चिम बंगाल के मुख्यमंत्री सुवेंदु अधिकारी ने कूचबिहार में रास उत्सव के उद्घाटन पर कहा कि राजबंशी भाषा को संविधान की आठवीं अनुसूची में शामिल किया जाएगा – यह भाजपा के चुनावी घोषणापत्र का वादा था; 19 नवंबर को केंद्रीय गृह मंत्री अमित शाह के साथ बैठक में मुद्दा उठाया गया

Eighth Schedule
आठवीं अनुसूची

1 What was said | क्या कहा गया

- Rajbanshi **will be included** in the Eighth Schedule
  शामिल होगी
- A **BJP manifesto** promise
  चुनावी वादा
- Govt caring for community's **language, culture, finances**
  समुदाय का ध्यान

2 Where & when | कहाँ व कब

- **Cooch Behar** – at **Ras Utsav** (Radha-Krishna festival)
  रास उत्सव
- Raised with **Amit Shah** & Home Secretary on **19 Nov**
  19 नवंबर
- State **Chief Secretary** also present
  मुख्य सचिव

3 Why it matters | महत्व

- Recognition = **identity & pride**
  पहचान
- Eligible for **UPSC exam** language papers
  UPSC प्रश्नपत्र
- Funds for **literature & teaching**
  साहित्य व शिक्षण

Rajbanshi set to be included in the Eighth Schedule — in depth (1/2)

राजबंशी आठवीं अनुसूची में — विस्तार से (1/2)

4 Who are the Rajbanshis राजबंशी कौन

- Large community of **North Bengal** & western Assam
  उत्तर बंगाल
- Also called **Koch-Rajbongshi**
  कोच-राजबोंगशी
- Language also known as **Kamtapuri**
  कामतापुरी

5 How a language is added प्रक्रिया

- Only by a **constitutional amendment**
  संविधान संशोधन
- Under **Art 368** – special majority of Parliament
  अनु. 368
- **No fixed criteria** yet in law
  कोई तय मानदंड नहीं

6 Panels on criteria समितियाँ

- **Pahwa Committee** – 1996
  पाहवा समिति
- **Sitakant Mohapatra** Committee – 2003-04
  महापात्र समिति
- ~**38** languages still seeking a place
  38 माँगें

Rajbanshi set to be included in the Eighth Schedule — in depth (2/2)

राजबंशी आठवीं अनुसूची में — विस्तार से (2/2)

7 Additions so far | अब तक जोड़ी गईं

1950 1950	21st Amdt 21वाँ	71st Amdt 71वाँ	92nd Amdt 92वाँ
14 languages 14 भाषाएँ	Sindhi (1967) सिंधी	Konkani, Manipuri, Nepali 1992	Bodo, Dogri, Maithili, Santhali 2003

8 Other pending demands अन्य माँगें

- **Bhojpuri**, **Rajasthani**
  भोजपुरी, राजस्थानी
- **Tulu**, **Bhoti**, **Garhwali**
  तुलु, भोटी
- **Kumaoni**, **Ho**, **Mundari**
  कुमाऊँनी, हो

Rajbanshi set to be included in the Eighth Schedule — background (1/2)

राजबंशी आठवीं अनुसूची में — पृष्ठभूमि (1/2)

9 Language articles भाषा अनुच्छेद

Article अनुच्छेद	Subject विषय
343 **343**	Hindi in Devanagari – official
344(1) **344**	Official Language Commission
350A **350A**	Mother tongue at primary level
351 **351**	Development of Hindi

10 Linguistic minorities भाषाई अल्पसंख्यक

- **Art 29** – right to conserve language & culture
  अनु. 29
- **Art 350B** – Special Officer (7th Amdt, **1956**)
  अनु. 350B
- **Art 30** – minorities can run institutions
  अनु. 30

11 Classical languages शास्त्रीय भाषाएँ

- Now **11** classical languages
  11 भाषाएँ
- First: **Tamil** – 2004
  तमिल पहली
- 2024 added: **Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, Bengali**
  2024 में 5

Rajbanshi set to be included in the Eighth Schedule — background (2/2)

राजबंशी आठवीं अनुसूची में — पृष्ठभूमि (2/2)

12 Cooch Behar story | कूचबिहार इतिहास

Koch dynasty
कोच वंश

Princely State
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1949
1949

Merged with India
विलय

1950
1950

District of W. Bengal
ज़िला

13 Community icon समाज सुधारक

- **Thakur Panchanan Barma** – Rajbanshi social reformer
  पंचानन बर्मा
- Led the **Kshatriya movement** for dignity
  क्षत्रिय आंदोलन
- A university in Cooch Behar bears his name
  विश्वविद्यालय

Rajbanshi set to be included in the Eighth Schedule — Static GK

राजबंशी आठवीं अनुसूची में — स्थैतिक सामान्य ज्ञान

14 Largest Schedule languages बड़ी भाषाएँ

Rank क्रम	Language (Census 2011) भाषा
1	Hindi हिंदी
2	Bengali बांग्ला
3	Marathi मराठी
4	Telugu तेलुगु

15 Did you know? क्या आप जानते हैं?

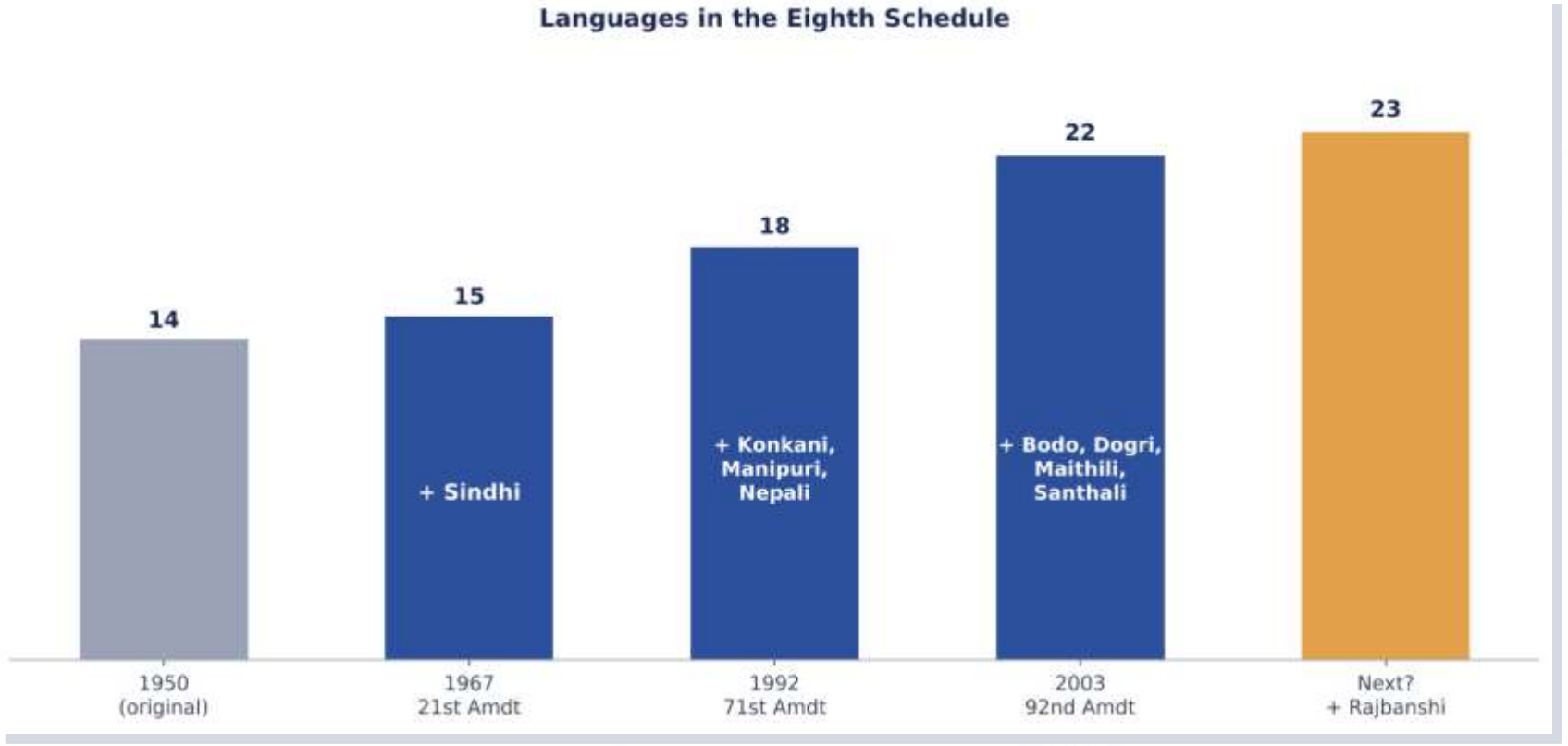
- **96th Amdt (2011)**: "Oriya" renamed **"Odia"**
  ओड़िया
- **English** is NOT in the Eighth Schedule
  अंग्रेज़ी नहीं
- **Sanskrit** – official 2nd language of Uttarakhand & HP
  संस्कृत

16 Language days | भाषा दिवस

- **21 Feb** – International Mother Language Day
  मातृभाषा दिवस
- **14 Sept** – Hindi Diwas
  हिंदी दिवस
- **10 Jan** – World Hindi Day
  विश्व हिंदी दिवस

Rajbanshi set to be included in the Eighth Schedule — Map & Diagram

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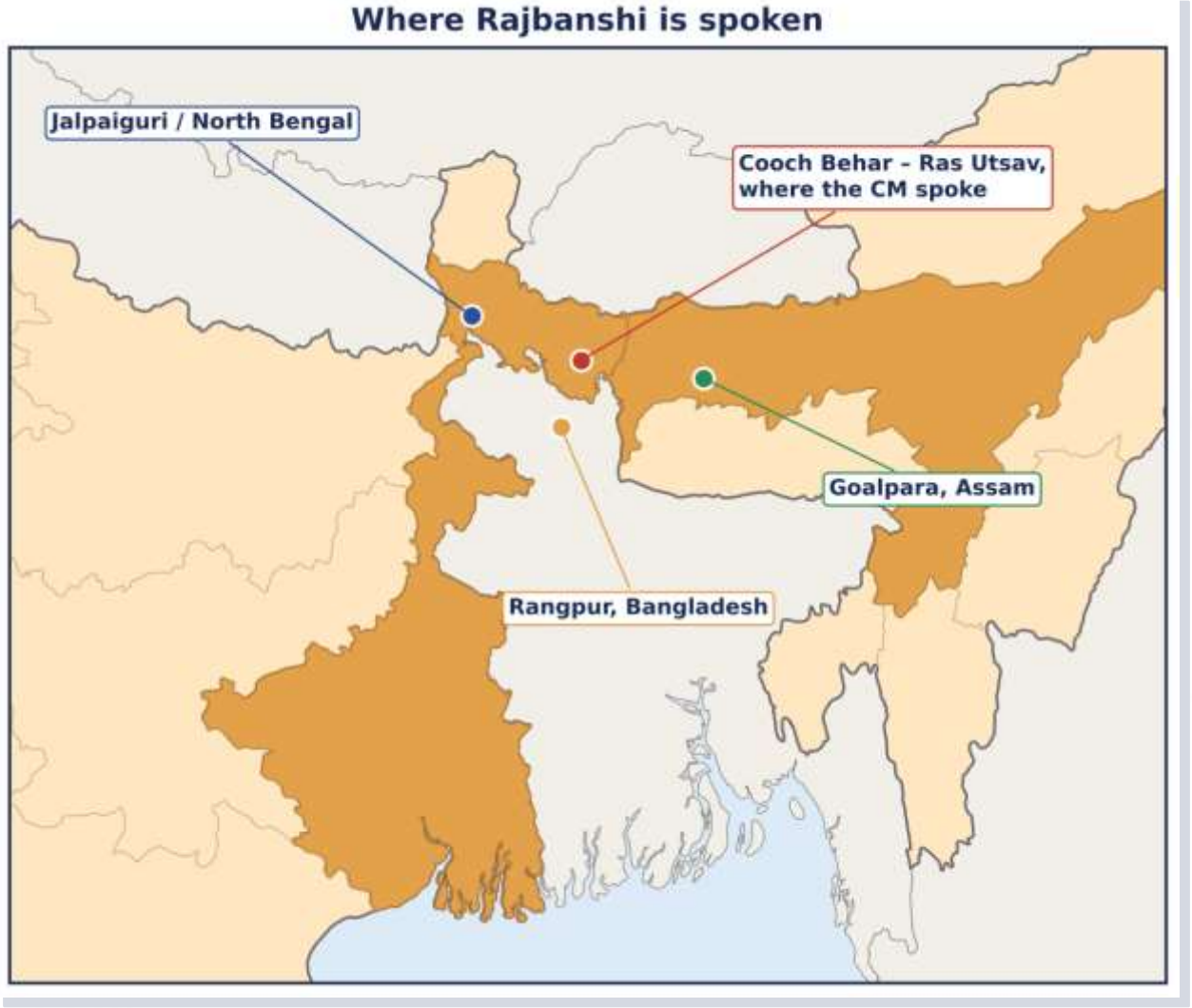


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चित्र को समझें

- Only **8** languages added since 1950
  केवल 8 जोड़ी गईं
- Last addition: **2003** (92nd Amdt)
  अंतिम 2003
- Rajbanshi would make it **23**
  23वीं भाषा

Rajbanshi set to be included in the Eighth Schedule — Map & Diagram

राजबंशी आठवीं अनुसूची में — मानचित्र व आरेख



Read the visual
चित्र को समझें

- Heartland: **North Bengal** & lower Assam
  उत्तर बंगाल
- Also spoken in **Bangladesh & Nepal**
  बांग्लादेश, नेपाल
- **Cooch Behar** – former princely State
  कूचबिहार


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TVS DISPUTE ESCALATES

Lakshmi Venu moves HC for family asset partition

Food price pressures persist in Nov: RBI

Meta's India content blocks surge 13,000% as govt takedown orders rise

Flipkart Chief Executive Officer to step down

Noel Tata seeks priority for requests in fresh letter

Govt okay with Sarvam's Chinese AI model offerings

Rs 11,000-cr scheme to build critical machines gets Cabinet approval

Toyota prices Hycross flex-fuel hybrid at Rs 19.99 L; boosts localisation with made-in-India engine

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1 **Rupee turnaround | रुपया**

From worst to best: rupee at 8-month high on RBI steps & FPI inflows

रुपये की वापसी

RUPEE HAS RISEN ALMOST 3% IN NOVEMBER ON RBI's MEASURES, RECORD FPI INFLOWS IN STOC

From worst to best currency: Rupee closes in on 91 to dollar

Siddharth Upasani
New Delhi, November 25

THE RUPEE has staged a remarkable turnaround in the last six weeks, touching an eight-month high of 92.18-per-dollar intraday on Wednesday, on the back of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) clampdown on bets against the rupee and the return of foreign investors to the domestic stock market in huge numbers.

The Indian currency closed at 92.24-per-dollar Wednesday, rising by 0.6%. But the extent of rupee's reversal of fortunes has been far more spectacular, transforming it from Asia's worst-performing currency to the best. After nearly touching 97 in May, the rupee has strengthened ever since the RBI announced a raft of extraordinary measures on October 10. It has risen 1.1% in October and almost 3% so far in November, with foreign investors buying $15 billion of do-

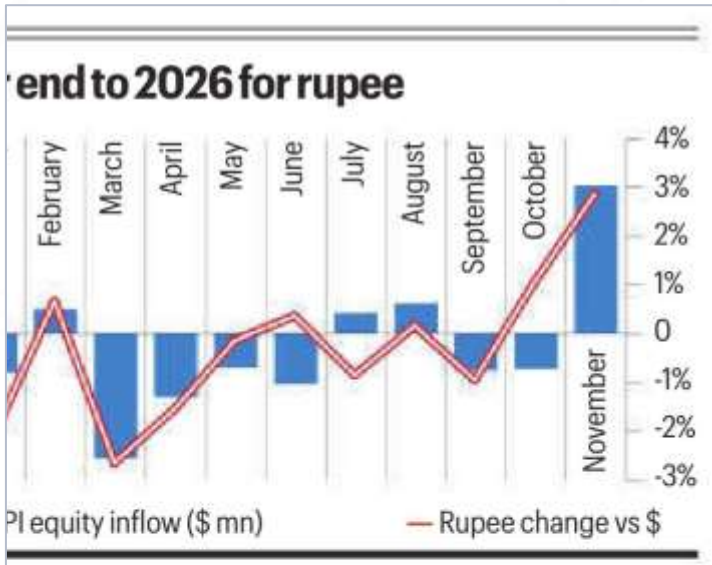
mestic equities — a record for a month — amid flailing global investor interest in AI.

Sharp turnaround

Such has been the turnaround that the rupee is now down only 2.6% in 2026. It was down over 7% as recently as October 9. To be sure, the exchange rate at present "may not reflect the INR's true value", said Dhiraj Nim, Senior Economist at ANZ, noting that it is "heavily under policy influence", including the RBI directly supplying dollars to oil marketing companies — and thus removing their demand from the open market — to the tune of $500 million a day.

According to Nim, the RBI's immediate priorities "may require further INR appreciation" and he sees strong near-term support for the USD/INR currency pair at 90.0-91.0.

"If the worry was speculative pressures were driving rupee weakness and that currency was



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market, a key component of the RBI's October 10 emergency measures was the introduction of a 20% Foreign Exchange Risk Reserve (FERR) for rupee contracts of over $2 million.

While this may seem counterintuitive — those at risk from a falling rupee, such as importers, should be able to protect themselves by 'hedging' their foreign currency exposure, the

Net FDI in Sept $4.9 bn, lowes in over 15 year

New Delhi: India saw ne outflows of $4.9 billion in tember, the worst showi record as per RBI data g back till March 2011.

This was due to gros flows slumping to $5.9 bi while repatriations and F Indian companies surge combined $10.9 billion second-highest ever. ENS

RBI's actions were to disco speculators. And the FERR be here to stay for a while SEC PD thinks "it will be t for rupee fundamentals t prove significantly" before of the October 10 measur reversed. FULL REPO

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From Worst to Best Currency

Rupee Closes in on 91 to Dollar

RBI के 10 अक्टूबर के असाधारण उपायों और रिकॉर्ड विदेशी निवेश (नवंबर में $15 अरब) से रुपया एशिया की सबसे कमज़ोर मुद्रा से सबसे मज़बूत बन गया; 25 नवंबर को 92.18 का आठ-माह का उच्च स्तर छूकर 92.24 पर बंद हुआ

₹ *RBI measures*
RBI उपाय

1 The numbers | आँकड़े

₹92.18
8-month intraday high
उच्च स्तर

₹92.24
Close, 25 Nov (+0.6%)
बंद भाव

~₹97
Low in May
मई का निचला स्तर

$15 bn
FPI equity buying, Nov
FPI निवेश

2 RBI's 10 Oct steps
RBI के उपाय

- Dollars to **oil marketing companies** – ~$500 mn/day
  OMC को डॉलर
- **20% FERR** on rupee contracts above $2 mn
  20% FERR
- Aim: curb **speculative bets**
  सट्टा रोकना

3 Why FPIs returned
FPI क्यों लौटे

- Global investors **cooling on AI** stocks
  AI से मोहभंग
- India seen as a **diversifier**
  विविधीकरण
- **Record** monthly equity inflow
  रिकॉर्ड

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From worst to best: rupee at 8-month high on RBI steps & FPI inflows — in depth (1/2)

रुपये की वापसी — विस्तार से (1/2)

4 What is FERR? FERR क्या?

- **Foreign Exchange Risk Reserve**
  विदेशी मुद्रा जोखिम आरक्षित
- Banks keep **20%** aside on big rupee contracts
  20%
- Makes betting against rupee **costly**
  महँगा सट्टा

5 Caution | सावधानी

- Rate "may not reflect **true value**" – ANZ
  वास्तविक मूल्य?
- Hedging by **importers** gets harder
  आयातक
- FERR may **stay** for a while – I-SEC PD
  लंबे समय तक

6 FDI worry | FDI चिंता

–$4.9 bn
Net FDI, Sept
शुद्ध FDI

$5.9 bn
Gross inflows
सकल प्रवाह

From worst to best: rupee at 8-month high on RBI steps & FPI inflows — in depth (2/2)

रुपये की वापसी — विस्तार से (2/2)

7 Strong rupee: effects | मज़बूत रुपये का असर

Imports आयात	Inflation महँगाई	Exports निर्यात	Travel यात्रा
Cheaper oil सस्ता तेल	Eases कम	Less competitive कम प्रतिस्पर्धी	Cheaper abroad सस्ती

8 Virtuous cycle? सकारात्मक चक्र

- If rupee was **undervalued**, let gains run – I-SEC PD
  अवमूल्यित
- Stable rupee attracts **more FPIs**
  अधिक निवेश
- RBI may want **further appreciation** – ANZ
  और मज़बूती

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रुपये की वापसी — पृष्ठभूमि (1/2)

9 Key terms | शब्दावली

Term शब्द	Meaning अर्थ
Depreciation मूल्यह्रास	Market-driven fall
Devaluation अवमूल्यन	Official cut (fixed rate)
NEER नीर	Value vs basket
REER रीर	NEER adjusted for inflation

10 Rupee milestones | इतिहास

- **1966 & 1991** – devaluations
  अवमूल्यन
- **1993** – market-based exchange rate (LERMS 1992 first)
  बाज़ार दर
- **1994** – current account convertibility
  चालू खाता परिवर्तनीयता

11 RBI's tools | RBI के साधन

- Selling/buying dollars – **spot & forward**
  हाजिर व वायदा
- **Forex reserves** as buffer
  विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार
- Rules on **NDF** & speculative positions
  NDF नियम

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12 FPI vs FDI | अंतर

FPI एफ़पीआई	Hot money अस्थिर	FDI एफ़डीआई	Long-term दीर्घकालिक
Below 10% stake 10% से कम	Leaves fast जल्दी निकलता	10%+ stake 10% या अधिक	Stable स्थिर

13 Law & bodies
क़ानून व संस्थाएँ

- **FEMA, 1999** replaced FERA (1973)
  फेमा
- **FEDAI** sets forex market conventions
  फ़ेडाई
- **CCIL** settles forex trades
  सीसीआईएल

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रुपये की वापसी — स्थैतिक सामान्य ज्ञान

14 Currencies | मुद्राएँ

Country देश	Currency मुद्रा
Japan जापान	Yen
China चीन	Renminbi (Yuan)
Bangladesh बांग्लादेश	Taka
Vietnam वियतनाम	Dong

15 The ₹ symbol | ₹ चिह्न

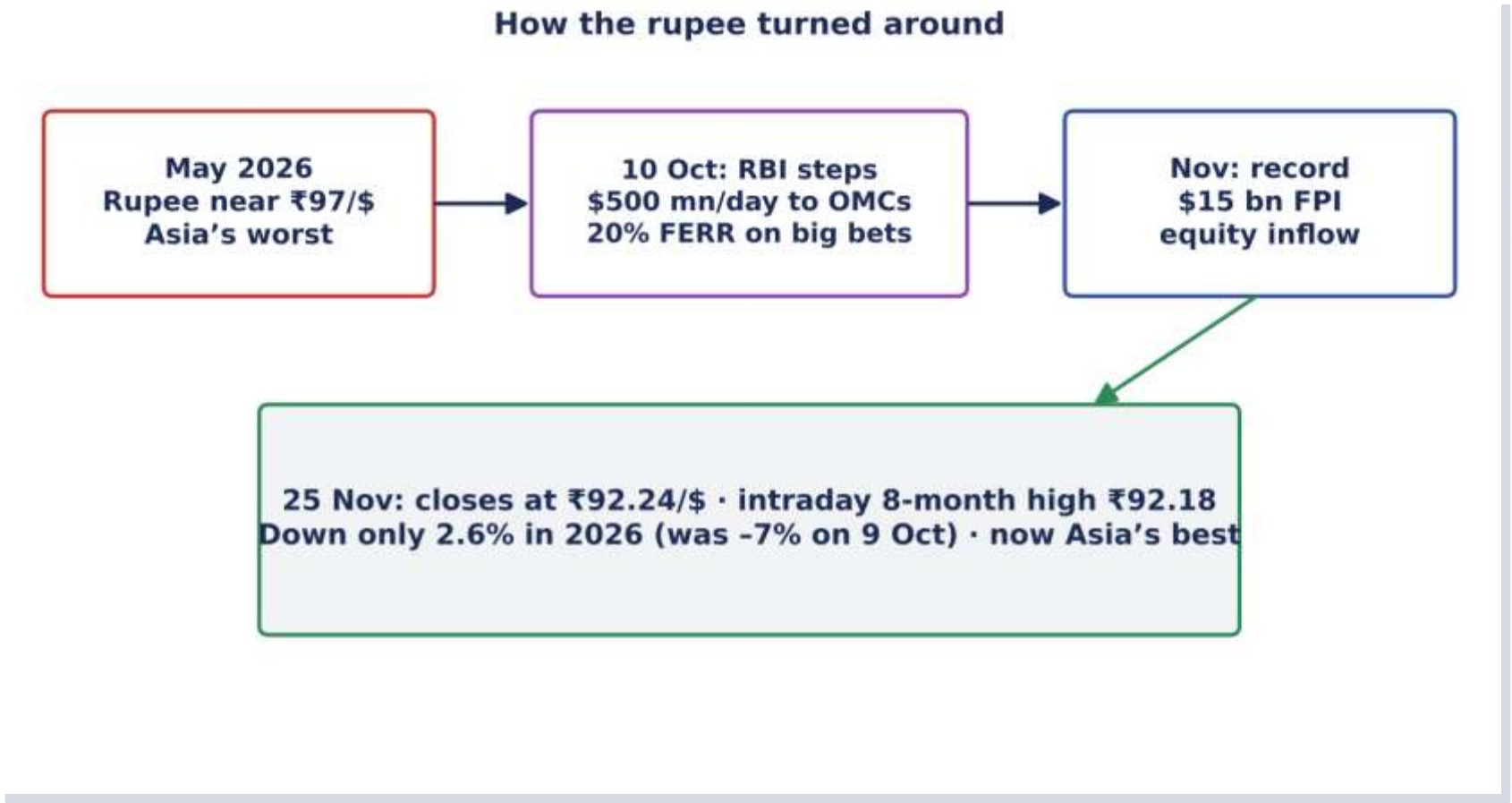
- Adopted **15 July 2010**
  2010
- Designed by **D. Udaya Kumar**
  डी. उदय कुमार
- Blends Devanagari **"र"** and Roman **"R"**
  र + R

16 Did you know? क्या आप जानते हैं?

- **Tarapore Committee** – capital account convertibility (1997, 2006)
  तारापोर
- Rupee notes issued under **RBI Act, 1934**
  RBI अधिनियम
- ₹1 note & coins issued by **Government**
  सरकार

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रुपये की वापसी — मानचित्र व आरेख

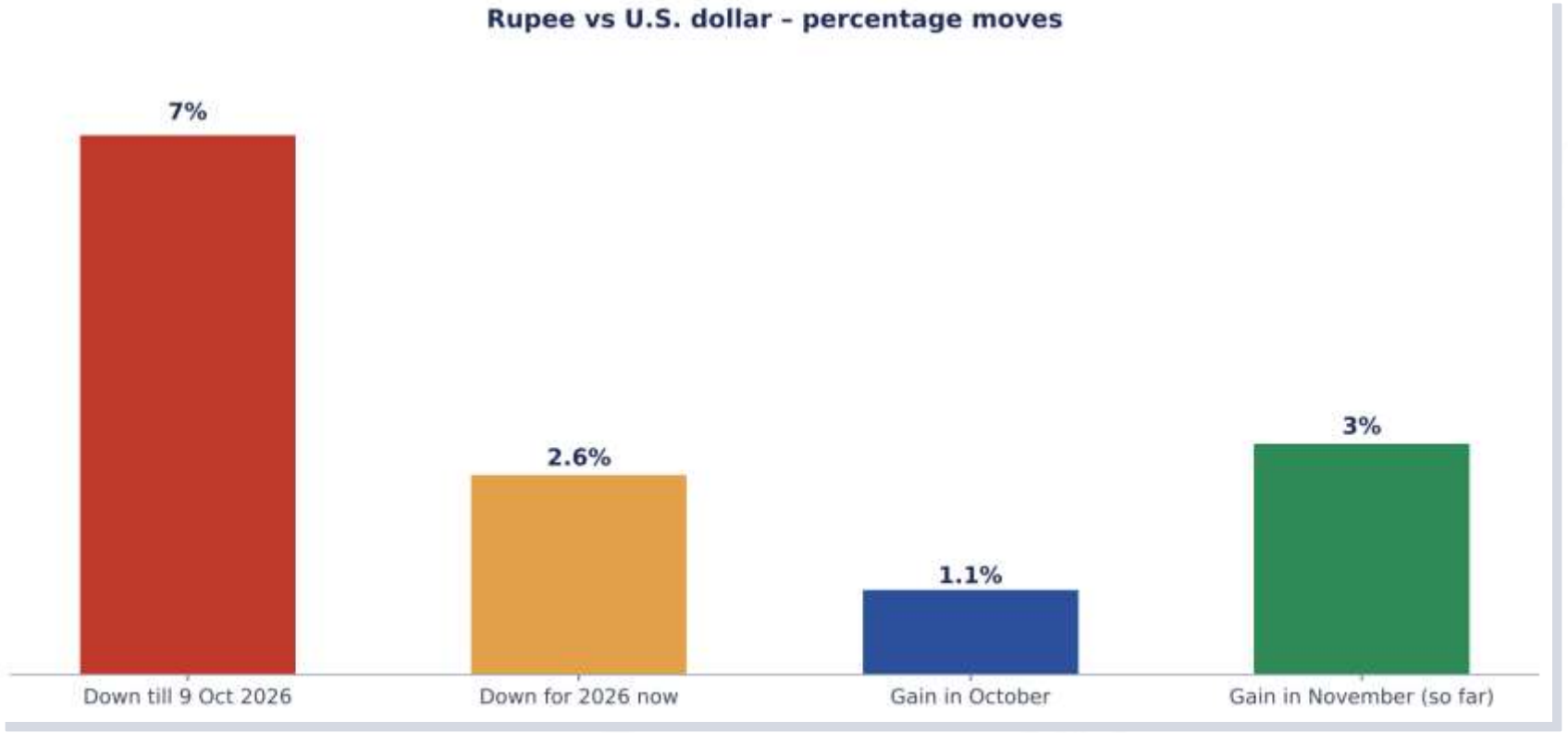


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चित्र को समझें

- **RBI action + foreign money** turned the tide
  RBI + विदेशी निवेश
- RBI supplies dollars **directly to OMCs**
  तेल कंपनियों को डॉलर
- Rate "**heavily under policy influence**" – ANZ
  नीति प्रभाव

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चित्र को समझें

- Loss for 2026 cut from **7% to 2.6%**
  घाटा घटा
- Nearly **3%** gain in November
  नवंबर में 3%
- ANZ sees support at **₹90–91/$**
  90–91



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IN-SPACe report: India's satellite supply chain highly import-dependent

उपग्रह आपूर्ति श्रृंखला

'India's satellite supply chain highly dependent on imports'

Nearly 60% of satellite costs stem from components and materials, most of which are imported, IN-SPACe report says; limited certification, supply-chain gaps are holding back private space sector

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

India's satellite supply chain is "highly dependent" on imports for critical components and the private sector's contribution is limited to "structural assemblies" and "propulsion components" largely supplied by established public sector firms and vintage private firms, said a report by IN-SPACe, India's regulatory-cum-promotional body for the private space sector.

Science Minister Jitendra Singh earlier this week said that India's space economy is currently valued at nearly $9 billion and is set to increase to $40-45 billion in less than a decade, with the private sector set to grow from a a few start-ups "to nearly 400-500 companies in just a few years".

The Supply Chain Landscape of Satellite Manufacturing in India report, which was made public on Wednesday, says that nearly 60% of satellite costs were attributed to electronic, electrical and electromechanical components, and specialised materials, many of which are imported.



Indian space sector faces skill shortages, limited private R&D and weak technology transfer, the report says. FILE PHOTO

India also has limited testing and certification facilities, which weakened prospects for acceptance in global markets. Many companies largely operated on a "project-based manufacturing model", which disincentivised long-term investment in automation and production capacity, the report noted.

Critical components often took a long time to procure - frequently 12-16 months - which led to project delays and hobbled responsiveness to market opportunities.

There was also a shortage of trained and skilled personnel in satellite systems engineering, quality assurance, testing and qualification, besides limited private-sector research and development, and technology transfer.

Growth roadmap

The report was prepared by Brijesh Kumar Sol and Yudhishthir J. of IN-SPACe and "approved" by Pawan Goenka, IN-SPACe chairman. The report isn't a statistical survey, but paints a descriptive map of India's satellite manufacturing supply chain.

It lists 53 Indian suppliers and 162 foreign suppliers, with the latter including companies from the United States, Germany, Japan, France, and the Netherlands.

"India's private sector has the potential to transition from being primarily a satellite assembler to a leading exporter of satellite systems and subsystems with the rapidly growing global demand for low-cost small satellites, advanced communication payloads, and high-resolution imaging systems," the report concludes.

"If the identified gaps are addressed through policy interventions, strategic investments and international collaborations, India can within the next decade establish itself as a trusted global supplier of space-grade components, satellite platforms, and turnkey solutions," it said.

At the 5th India International Space Conclave organised by the Indian Space Association (ISpA), which concluded earlier this week, Mr. Goenka had said: "The first phase of India's space reforms opened the sector and created an institutional framework for private participation. Now India has to work on generating heavy demand."

India’s Satellite Supply Chain Highly Dependent on Imports

IN-SPACe Report

IN-SPACe की रिपोर्ट “Supply Chain Landscape of Satellite Manufacturing in India” के अनुसार उपग्रह लागत का लगभग 60% इलेक्ट्रॉनिक, विद्युत व विद्युत-यांत्रिक पुर्ज़ों और विशेष सामग्रियों से आता है, जिनमें अधिकांश आयातित हैं; सीमित परीक्षण-प्रमाणन और कौशल की कमी निजी क्षेत्र को रोक रही है

IN-SPACe
इन-स्पेस

1 Key findings
मुख्य निष्कर्ष

~60%
Cost from (imported) parts
लागत

12–16 mo
Wait for critical parts
प्रतीक्षा

53
Indian suppliers
भारतीय

162
Foreign suppliers
विदेशी

2 Private sector role
निजी क्षेत्र

- Limited to **structural assemblies** & **propulsion parts**
  सीमित भूमिका
- Mostly **PSUs** & old private firms
  पुराने खिलाड़ी
- **Project-based** model – little long-term investment
  परियोजना-आधारित

3 Bottlenecks | बाधाएँ

- Few **testing & certification** facilities
  परीक्षण सुविधा कम
- Skill gaps in **systems engineering, QA**
  कौशल की कमी
- Weak **R&D** & technology transfer
  कमज़ोर अनुसंधान

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4 Growth outlook विकास अनुमान

~$9 bn
Space economy now
वर्तमान

$40–45 bn
In under a decade
एक दशक में

400–500
Private firms expected
निजी कंपनियाँ

5th
India Intl Space Conclave (ISpA)
सम्मेलन

5 The roadmap | आगे की राह

- From **assembler** to **exporter** of subsystems
  निर्यातक बनना
- Target: **small sats, comms payloads, imaging**
  छोटे उपग्रह
- Via **policy, investment, global tie-ups**
  नीति व निवेश

6 Who said what किसने क्या कहा

- Report by **Brijesh Kumar Sol & Yudhishthir J.**
  लेखक
- Approved by chairman **Pawan Goenka**
  पवन गोयनका
- "Now India has to generate **heavy demand**"
  माँग बढ़ाना

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7 Satellite value chain | मूल्य श्रृंखला

Components
पुर्ज़े
Mostly imported
आयातित

→

Subsystems
उप-प्रणालियाँ
Power, comms
ऊर्जा, संचार

→

Testing
परीक्षण
Few labs
कम प्रयोगशालाएँ

→

Satellite
उपग्रह
Assembly
संयोजन

8 Why it matters | महत्व

- **Strategic autonomy** – no supply shocks
  रणनीतिक स्वायत्तता
- Faster **launch schedules**
  तेज़ प्रक्षेपण
- **Atmanirbhar Bharat** in space
  आत्मनिर्भर भारत

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9 Space bodies अंतरिक्ष संस्थाएँ

Body संस्था	Year / HQ वर्ष / मुख्यालय
ISRO इसरो	1969, Bengaluru
IN-SPACe इन-स्पेस	2020, Ahmedabad
NSIL एनएसआईएल	2019, Bengaluru
ISpA इस्पा	2021, industry body

10 Space FDI (2024) अंतरिक्ष FDI

- Satellite making & operation: **74%** automatic
  74%
- Launch vehicles: **49%** automatic
  49%
- Components & systems: **100%** automatic
  100%

11 Indian Space Policy 2023 नीति

- ISRO to focus on **R&D**, new tech
  अनुसंधान
- **IN-SPACe** – authorise & promote private players
  अनुमति
- **NSIL** – commercial arm
  वाणिज्यिक शाखा

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12 Reform journey | सुधार यात्रा

2020
2020
Sector opened
क्षेत्र खुला

→

2023
2023
Space Policy
नीति

→

2024
2024
FDI eased
FDI

→

Next
आगे
Supply chain
आपूर्ति

13 Private milestones निजी उपलब्धियाँ

- **Skyroot – Vikram-S** (2022): first private rocket
  विक्रम-एस
- **Agnikul – Agnibaan SOrTeD** (2024): 3D-printed engine
  अग्निबाण
- **Pixxel** – hyperspectral imaging satellites
  पिक्सेल

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उपग्रह आपूर्ति श्रृंखला — स्थैतिक सामान्य ज्ञान

14 Satellite orbits कक्षाएँ

Orbit कक्षा	Height ऊँचाई
LEO निम्न	160–2,000 km
MEO मध्यम	2,000–35,786 km
GEO भूस्थिर	35,786 km

15 Firsts | प्रथम

- **Aryabhata** – India's first satellite, 1975
  आर्यभट
- **SLV-3** – first Indian launcher success, 1980
  SLV-3
- Space centre: **Sriharikota** (SDSC SHAR)
  श्रीहरिकोटा

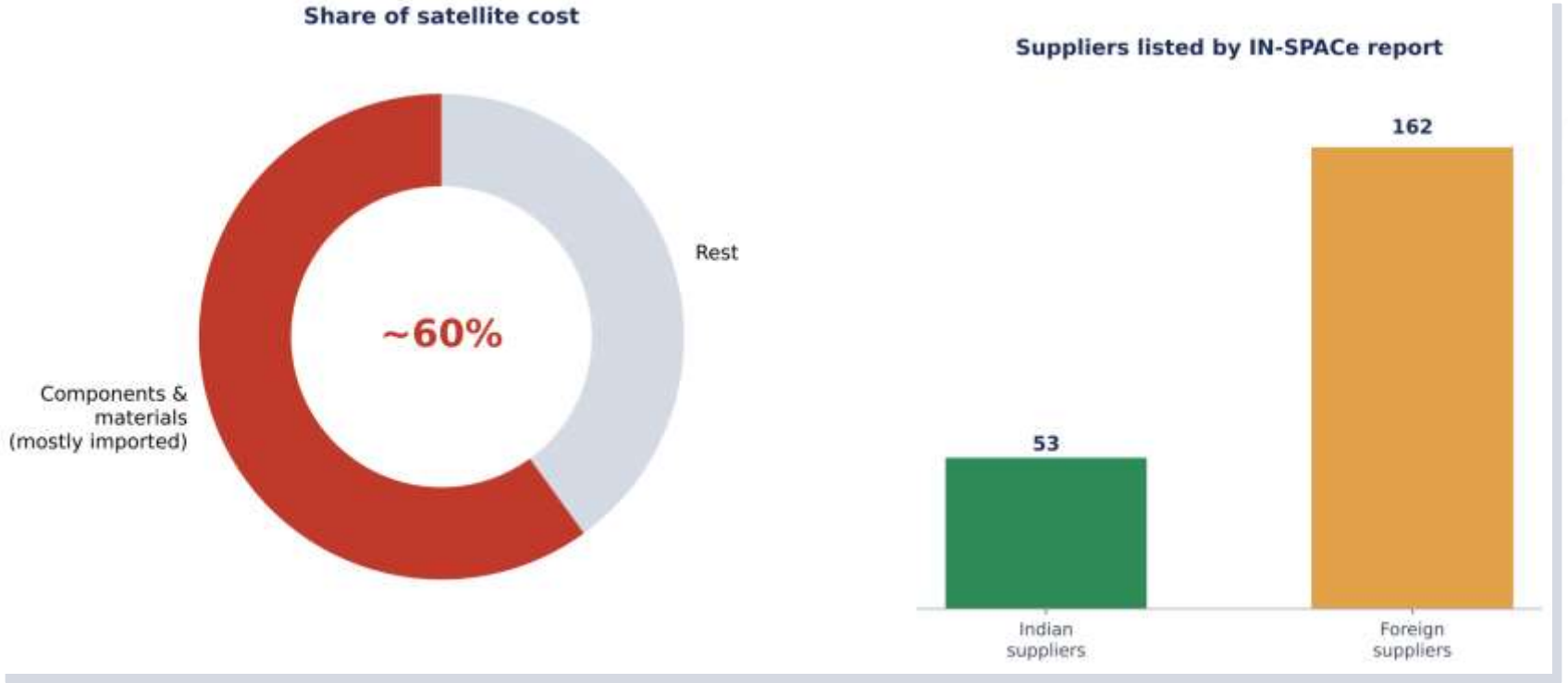
16 Days to remember | दिवस

- **23 Aug** – National Space Day (Chandrayaan-3)
  राष्ट्रीय अंतरिक्ष दिवस
- **4–10 Oct** – World Space Week
  विश्व अंतरिक्ष सप्ताह
- **12 Apr** – Intl Day of Human Space Flight
  मानव अंतरिक्ष उड़ान दिवस

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Read the visual
चित्र को समझें

- Electronic & electromechanical parts dominate cost
  इलेक्ट्रॉनिक पुर्ज़े
- Foreign suppliers outnumber Indian **3 to 1**
  3:1
- Report: a **descriptive map**, not a survey
  वर्णनात्मक

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Read the visual
चित्र को समझें

- Key sources: **U.S., Germany, Japan, France, Netherlands**
  प्रमुख स्रोत
- Long lead times: **12–16 months**
  लंबी प्रतीक्षा
- Aim: India as **exporter** of space-grade parts
  निर्यातक



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NSA Doval at Colombo Security Conclave, Malé: “we promise all help”

कोलंबो सुरक्षा सम्मेलन

Serious security challenges, we promise all help: NSA to Indian Ocean nations



NSA Ajit Doval arrives for the Colombo Security Conclave in Male, Maldives, Wednesday. ANI

Shubhajit Roy
New Delhi, November 25

FACED WITH “serious security challenges” in the Indian Ocean region, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval said Wednesday that India is “committed” to continue working closely with the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) member countries to “enhance our collective capacities” and will try to give “all necessary help and assistance”.

In Male to attend the Colombo Security Conclave which comprises India, Maldives, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Seychelles, Doval said, “For India, the Colombo Security Conclave represents the intersection of our Neighbourhood First outlook and the Mahasagar vision, which stands for mutual and holistic advancement in security and growth areas. We are committed to continue working closely with the CSC countries to enhance our collective capacities in dealing with the evolving serious security challenges.”

China’s assertive behaviour in the Indo-Pacific and the Indian Ocean region has been a

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the common objectives of the conclave.

“I assure all of you here that India, as one of the partner countries here, as one of the countries that initiated the idea of the Colombo Security Conclave, will give its best and will try to give all necessary help and assistance, and we assure you of our fullest commitment to achieve our common objectives,” he said.

Doval’s comments assume significance as India will host the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) 25th Council of Ministers Meeting Thursday. A two-day meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials began in New Delhi Wednesday.

According to the Ministry of External Affairs, the theme for India’s IORA chairship 2025-2027 is “Innovation, Openness, Resilience and Adaptability in the Indian Ocean Region”. This high-level gathering of Ministers and Senior Officials from across the 23 Member States, including Sri Lanka, Maldives and other countries, and 12 Dialogue Partners comes at a critical juncture for the Indo-Pacific region.

“The IORA Meetings are slated to deliberate on future policy direction for IORA with an emphasis on reviewing regional cooperation frameworks

Serious Security Challenges, We Promise All Help

NSA Doval to Indian Ocean Nations

मालदीव की राजधानी माले में कोलंबो सुरक्षा सम्मेलन (CSC) में राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा सलाहकार अजीत डोभाल ने कहा कि हिंद महासागर क्षेत्र "गंभीर सुरक्षा चुनौतियों" का सामना कर रहा है और भारत CSC सदस्यों की सामूहिक क्षमता बढ़ाने के लिए हर संभव सहायता देगा; CSC 'पड़ोसी प्रथम' और 'महासागर' दृष्टि का संगम है

CSC · Malé
कोलंबो सुरक्षा सम्मेलन

1 Doval's message | डोभाल का संदेश

- India will give "**all necessary help and assistance**"
  हर संभव मदद
- To build **collective capacities**
  सामूहिक क्षमता
- India is one of the countries that **initiated** CSC
  पहलकर्ता

2 Members | सदस्य

Country देश	Capital राजधानी
Sri Lanka श्रीलंका	Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
Maldives मालदीव	Malé
Mauritius मॉरीशस	Port Louis
Bangladesh बांग्लादेश	Dhaka
Seychelles सेशेल्स	Victoria

3 Two visions meet | दो दृष्टियाँ

- **Neighbourhood First** policy
  पड़ोसी प्रथम
- **MAHASAGAR** – security & growth for all
  महासागर
- Context: **China's assertive** behaviour
  चीन की आक्रामकता

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4 MAHASAGAR | महासागर

- **M**utual **A**nd **H**olistic **A**dvancement for **S**ecurity **A**nd **G**rowth **A**cross **R**egions
  पूरा नाम
- Announced in **Mauritius**, March 2025
  मॉरीशस 2025
- Builds on **SAGAR** (2015)
  सागर 2015

5 IORA meet in Delhi
IORA बैठक

- **25th Council of Ministers** – New Delhi
  25वीं बैठक
- India chairs IORA **2025–27**
  अध्यक्षता
- Theme: **Innovation, Openness, Resilience & Adaptability**
  थीम

6 Doval's sea metaphor
समुद्र का संदेश

- "The **seas connected us**"
  समुद्र ने जोड़ा
- Leave a heritage that **binds, not divides**
  जोड़ें, न बाँटें
- Littoral States share **civilisational heritage**
  साझी सभ्यता

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7 CSC journey | CSC की यात्रा

2011
2011
India–SL–Maldives trilateral
त्रिपक्षीय

2020
2020
Renamed CSC
नया नाम

2022
2022
Mauritius joins
मॉरीशस

2024
2024
Bangladesh joins
बांग्लादेश

8 Shared threats
साझा ख़तरे

- **Piracy**, drug & human **trafficking**
  समुद्री डकैती
- **Terrorism** & radicalisation
  आतंकवाद
- **Cyber** attacks, **disasters**
  साइबर, आपदा

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कोलंबो सुरक्षा सम्मेलन — पृष्ठभूमि (1/2)

9 Indian Ocean groupings समूह

Group समूह	Fact तथ्य
IORA आईओआरए	1997; 23 members; Mauritius
IONS आयन्स	2008; navies; India began
CSC सीएससी	NSA-level; Colombo
BIMSTEC बिम्सटेक	1997; Dhaka

10 India as first responder प्रथम प्रत्युत्तरदाता

- **Op Neer** – water to Malé (2014)
  ऑपरेशन नीर
- **Op Sagar Bandhu** – Sri Lanka cyclone aid
  सागर बंधु
- **IFC-IOR**, Gurugram – maritime info hub
  सूचना केंद्र

11 Strategic chokepoints अवरोध बिंदु

- **Strait of Malacca**
  मलक्का
- **Bab-el-Mandeb**
  बाब-अल-मंदेब
- **Strait of Hormuz**
  होर्मुज़

NSA Doval at Colombo Security Conclave, Malé: “we promise all help” — background (2/2)

कोलंबो सुरक्षा सम्मेलन — पृष्ठभूमि (2/2)

12 India’s IOR toolkit | भारत के साधन

Navy नौसेना	Coastal radars रडार	Credit lines ऋण	Training प्रशिक्षण
Mission deployments तैनाती	Island nations द्वीप देश	Development विकास	Coast guards तटरक्षक

13 Who is the NSA | NSA कौन

- **Ajit Doval** – India’s 5th NSA (since 2014)
  पाँचवें NSA
- Heads the **National Security Council** secretariat
  NSC
- First NSA: **Brajesh Mishra** (1998)
  ब्रजेश मिश्र

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NSA Doval at Colombo Security Conclave, Malé: "we promise all help" — Static GK

कोलंबो सुरक्षा सम्मेलन — स्थैतिक सामान्य ज्ञान

14 Island nations द्वीपीय देश

Country देश	Currency मुद्रा
Maldives मालदीव	Rufiyaa
Sri Lanka श्रीलंका	Rupee
Mauritius मॉरीशस	Rupee
Seychelles सेशेल्स	Rupee

15 Indian Ocean facts हिंद महासागर

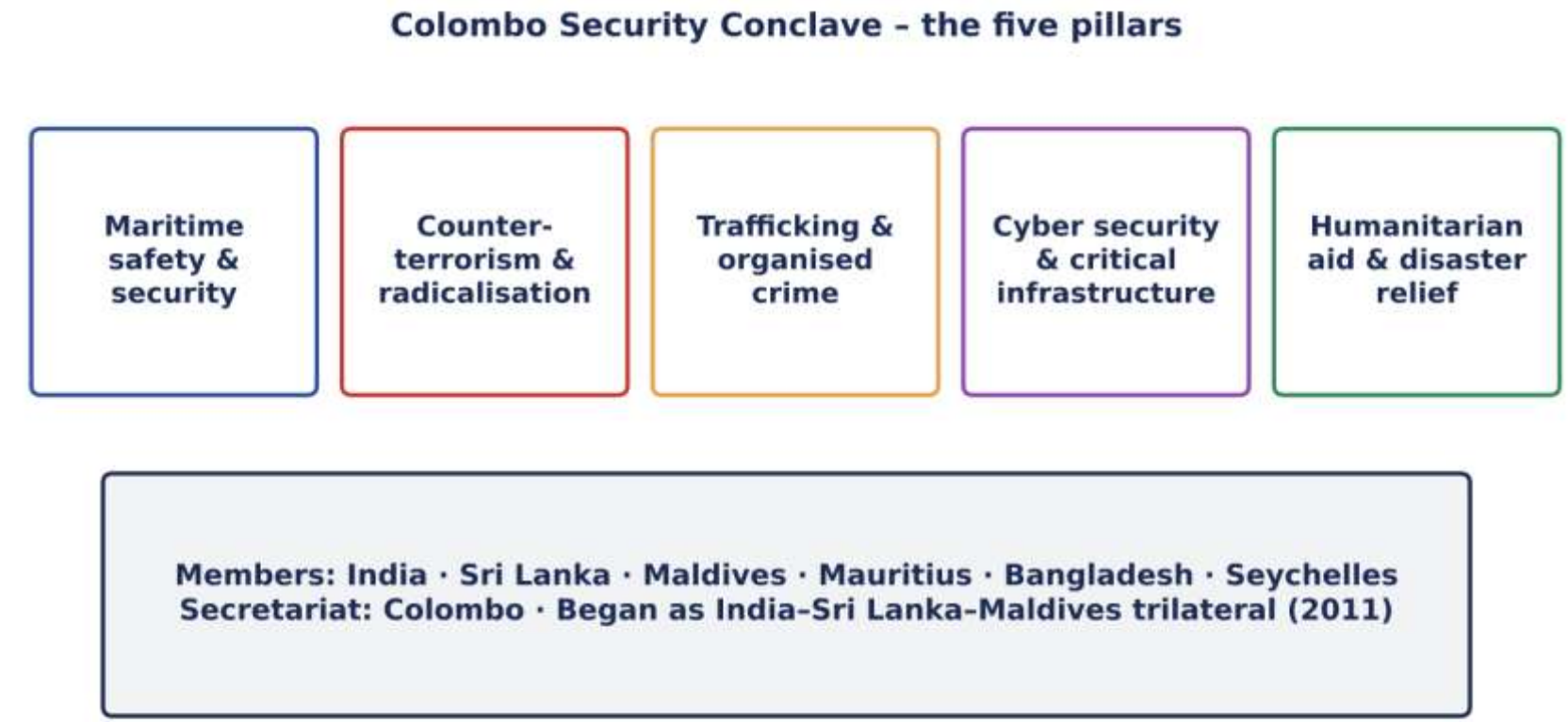
- **3rd-largest** ocean
  तीसरा सबसे बड़ा
- Only ocean **named after a country**
  देश के नाम पर
- Deepest: **Java (Sunda) Trench**
  जावा खाई

16 Maldives facts | मालदीव

- **~1,190** coral islands, 26 atolls
  प्रवाल द्वीप
- **Lowest-lying** country on Earth
  सबसे निचला देश
- Separated from India by the **Eight Degree Channel** (Minicoy)
  8° चैनल

NSA Doval at Colombo Security Conclave, Malé: “we promise all help” — Map & Diagram

कोलंबो सुरक्षा सम्मेलन — मानचित्र व आरेख

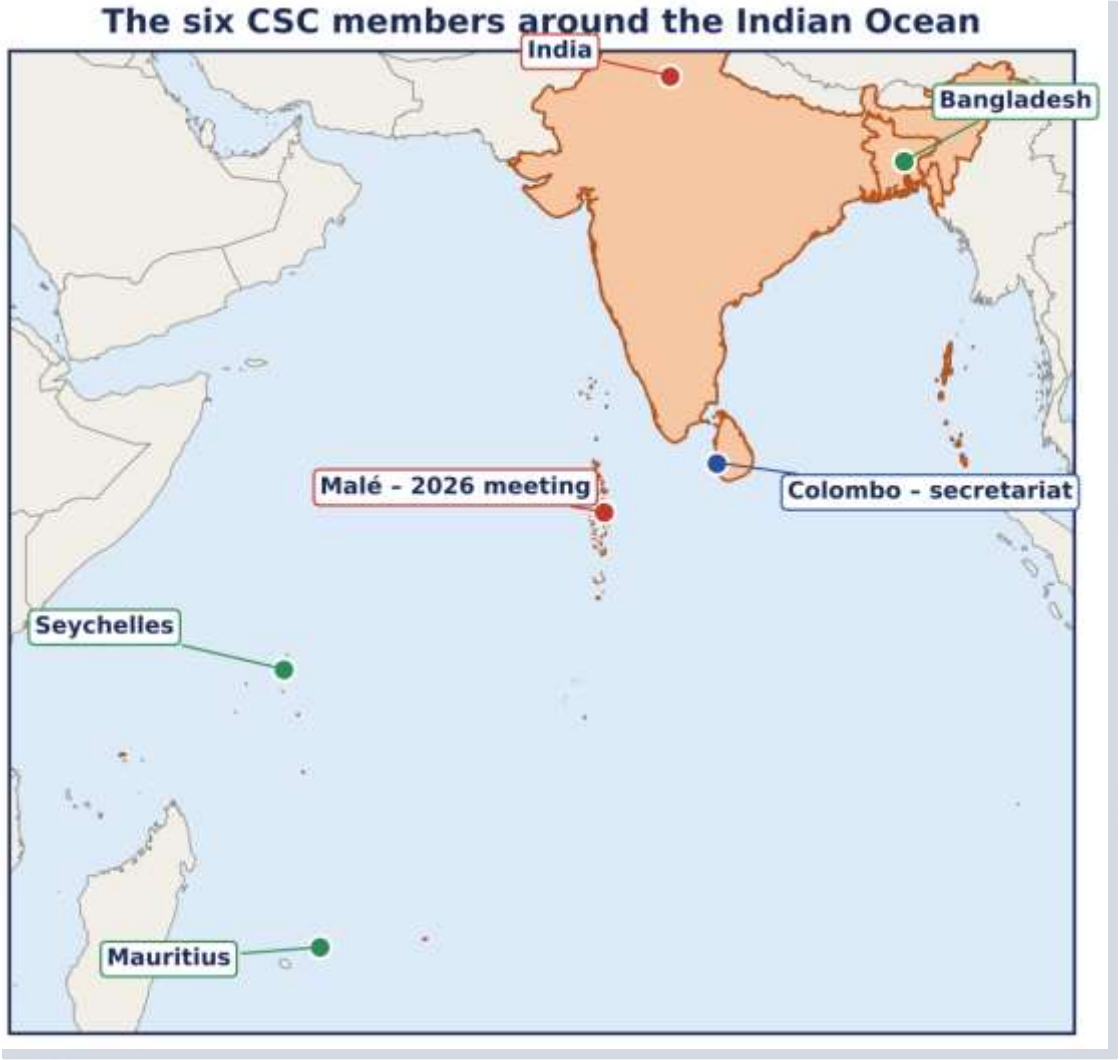


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चित्र को समझें

- CSC works on **five pillars**
  पाँच स्तंभ
- **NSA-level** grouping
  राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा सलाहकार स्तर
- India is a **founding** member
  संस्थापक

NSA Doval at Colombo Security Conclave, Malé: “we promise all help” — Map & Diagram

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चित्र को समझें

- All members are **Indian Ocean littoral/island** States
  तटीय व द्वीपीय
- Meeting this time in **Malé, Maldives**
  माले
- Secretariat in **Colombo**
  कोलंबो



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1 **World Building of the Year | इंदौर**

Indore varsity building wins ‘World Building of the Year’

इंदौर का विश्व पुरस्कार



Indore's Prestige University building is inspired by stepwells and is flexible both in function and form. EXPRESS

Mumbai architect's Indore varsity project wins 'World Building of the Year' award

Shiny Varghese
New Delhi, November 25

MUMBAI-BASED firm Sanjay Puri Architects has won the 'World Building of the Year' award at the World Architecture Festival 2026 for its Prestige University project in Indore. The festival was held in Florida last week.

The five-storey building, which is inspired by stepwells, is designed to be flexible both in function and form, allowing for interactive spaces and ample ventilation and natural light. With multiple courtyards

Sanjay Puri

water to percolate through.

The building stores water in a way that provides for the needs of the building through the year and collects 50% more so the groundwater stays recharged

that puncture the 2,215 square metre site, one doesn't see the building when you actually walk into the 32-acre campus.

Off the Ujjain-Indore road, the idea was to make it a non-building until one actually enters the complex. "The idea was that the building should not be the first thing you see. We wanted to create a space where the building is there but not really there, which meant it had to have a kind of a garden. So we decided to set the building towards the rear of the site and allowed the courtyards and steps to be within line of vision," says Puri.

A winner of numerous international architecture awards, Puri has been designing educational, housing, and real estate projects for over three decades.

In most of them, he has kept them climate-proof, like in this one. The roof terraces that interject the building at various levels also have pathways for students and faculty to walk around, even as they become active water catchment zones for rain-

"The solar reflective index of the building is twice that of a normal building, which means there is no direct sunlight coming into the building, reducing energy costs. None of the windows need curtains or blinds, and the cafeteria needs no air conditioning even in the peak of summer," says Puri.

Anyone who has seen the firm's buildings knows there are seldom straight lines in Puri's projects. It comes from an intense site analysis and sun study that happens much before the project is planned or shaped. "In this project too, we didn't want to do something that has been done in the past in multiple ways. But we wanted to imbibe the principle of the courtyard, which is a centuries-old idea. If we were to punctuate the building with one large courtyard, it would be 20% shade and 80% unusable given Indore's weather. That's why we made several intimate courtyards, some 4x4 m, some 8x8m..., unlike the 40x30m courtyard that nobody can use," says Puri.

Mumbai Architect's Indore Varsity Project Wins 'World Building of the Year'

Inspired by Stepwells

मुंबई की संजय पुरी आर्किटेक्ट्स को इंदौर के प्रेस्टीज विश्वविद्यालय भवन के लिए वर्ल्ड आर्किटेक्चर फ़ेस्टिवल 2026 में 'वर्ल्ड बिल्डिंग ऑफ़ द ईयर' पुरस्कार मिला; पाँच मंज़िला यह भवन बावड़ियों से प्रेरित है और कई आँगनों, वर्षा-जल संचयन व प्राकृतिक रोशनी से जलवायु-अनुकूल है

WAF 2026
विश्व स्थापत्य महोत्सव

1 The award | पुरस्कार

- **World Building of the Year** – top WAF honour
  सर्वोच्च सम्मान
- **Sanjay Puri Architects**, Mumbai
  संजय पुरी
- Festival held in **Florida** last week
  फ़्लोरिडा

2 The building | भवन

5 Storeys मंज़िलें	**2,215 m²** Site area क्षेत्र
32 acres Campus परिसर	**2×** Solar reflective index सौर परावर्तन

3 A "non-building" अदृश्य भवन

- Set at the **rear** of the site
  पीछे स्थित
- Courtyards & steps in the **line of vision**
  दृश्य में आँगन
- "Building is there but **not really there**" – Puri
  पुरी

Indore varsity building wins 'World Building of the Year' — in depth (1/2)

इंदौर का विश्व पुरस्कार — विस्तार से (1/2)

4 Water wisdom | जल संरक्षण

- **Roof terraces** = rain catchment zones
  छत पर संचयन
- Stores water for the **whole year**
  साल भर पानी
- Collects **50% more** → recharges groundwater
  भूजल पुनर्भरण

5 Courtyard logic
आँगन का तर्क

- One big courtyard = **20% shade, 80% unusable**
  बड़ा आँगन बेकार
- So many small ones: **4×4 m, 8×8 m**
  छोटे आँगन
- Not a **40×30 m** court no one uses
  40×30 नहीं

6 Energy savings
ऊर्जा बचत

- **No direct sunlight** inside
  सीधी धूप नहीं
- No **curtains or blinds** needed
  पर्दे नहीं
- Cafeteria needs **no AC** even in peak summer
  AC नहीं

Indore varsity building wins ‘World Building of the Year’ — in depth (2/2)

इंदौर का विश्व पुरस्कार — विस्तार से (2/2)

7 Design method | डिज़ाइन पद्धति

Site analysis
स्थल विश्लेषण
First
पहले

→

Sun study
सूर्य अध्ययन
Light & heat
प्रकाश

→

Form
आकार
No straight lines
वक्र रेखाएँ

→

Climate-proof
जलवायु
Low energy
कम ऊर्जा

8 Lessons for India | सीख

- Revive **traditional water wisdom**
  पारंपरिक ज्ञान
- Design for **heat** – a growing threat
  गर्मी से बचाव
- Flexible spaces for **learning**
  लचीले स्थान

Indore varsity building wins 'World Building of the Year' — background (1/2)

इंदौर का विश्व पुरस्कार — पृष्ठभूमि (1/2)

9 Famous stepwells प्रसिद्ध बावड़ियाँ

Stepwell बावड़ी	Place स्थान
Rani ki Vav रानी की वाव	Patan, Gujarat
Chand Baori चाँद बावड़ी	Abhaneri, Rajasthan
Adalaj Vav अडालज	Gandhinagar
Agrasen ki Baoli अग्रसेन	Delhi

10 Rani ki Vav | रानी की वाव

- Built by Queen **Udayamati**, 11th c. (**Chaulukya/Solanki**)
  उदयमती
- UNESCO World Heritage – **2014**
  2014
- Shown on the **₹100 note** (2018 series)
  ₹100 नोट

11 Stepwell science बावड़ी विज्ञान

- Reach **groundwater** in dry regions
  भूजल तक पहुँच
- Lower levels stay **cool** – resting place
  ठंडक
- Also **social & religious** spaces
  सामाजिक स्थल

Indore varsity building wins 'World Building of the Year' — background (2/2)

इंदौर का विश्व पुरस्कार — पृष्ठभूमि (2/2)

12 Courtyard traditions | आँगन परंपरा

Haveli हवेली	Nalukettu नालुकेट्टु	Wada वाड़ा	Pol house पोल
Rajasthan राजस्थान	Kerala केरल	Maharashtra महाराष्ट्र	Ahmedabad अहमदाबाद

13 Rajon ki Baoli
राजों की बावली

- **Lodi-era** stepwell in **Mehrauli**, Delhi
  लोदी काल
- Conserved by **ASI + World Monuments Fund India**
  संरक्षण
- Asked in **BPSC 2025**
  BPSC प्रश्न

Indore varsity building wins ‘World Building of the Year’ — Static GK

इंदौर का विश्व पुरस्कार — स्थैतिक सामान्य ज्ञान

14 Architecture prizes स्थापत्य पुरस्कार

Prize पुरस्कार	Note विवरण
Pritzker प्रित्ज़कर	“Nobel of architecture”
B.V. Doshi बी.वी. दोशी	1st Indian Pritzker, 2018
WAF डब्ल्यूएएफ़	Started 2008

15 Indore facts | इंदौर

- India’s **cleanest city** many years running (Swachh Survekshan)
  सबसे स्वच्छ
- Linked to Queen **Ahilyabai Holkar**
  अहिल्याबाई
- On the **Malwa plateau**
  मालवा पठार

16 Indian architects भारतीय वास्तुकार

- **Charles Correa** – Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya
  चार्ल्स कोरिया
- **Laurie Baker** – low-cost brick, Kerala
  लॉरी बेकर
- **Le Corbusier** planned **Chandigarh**
  चंडीगढ़

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इंदौर का विश्व पुरस्कार — मानचित्र व आरेख

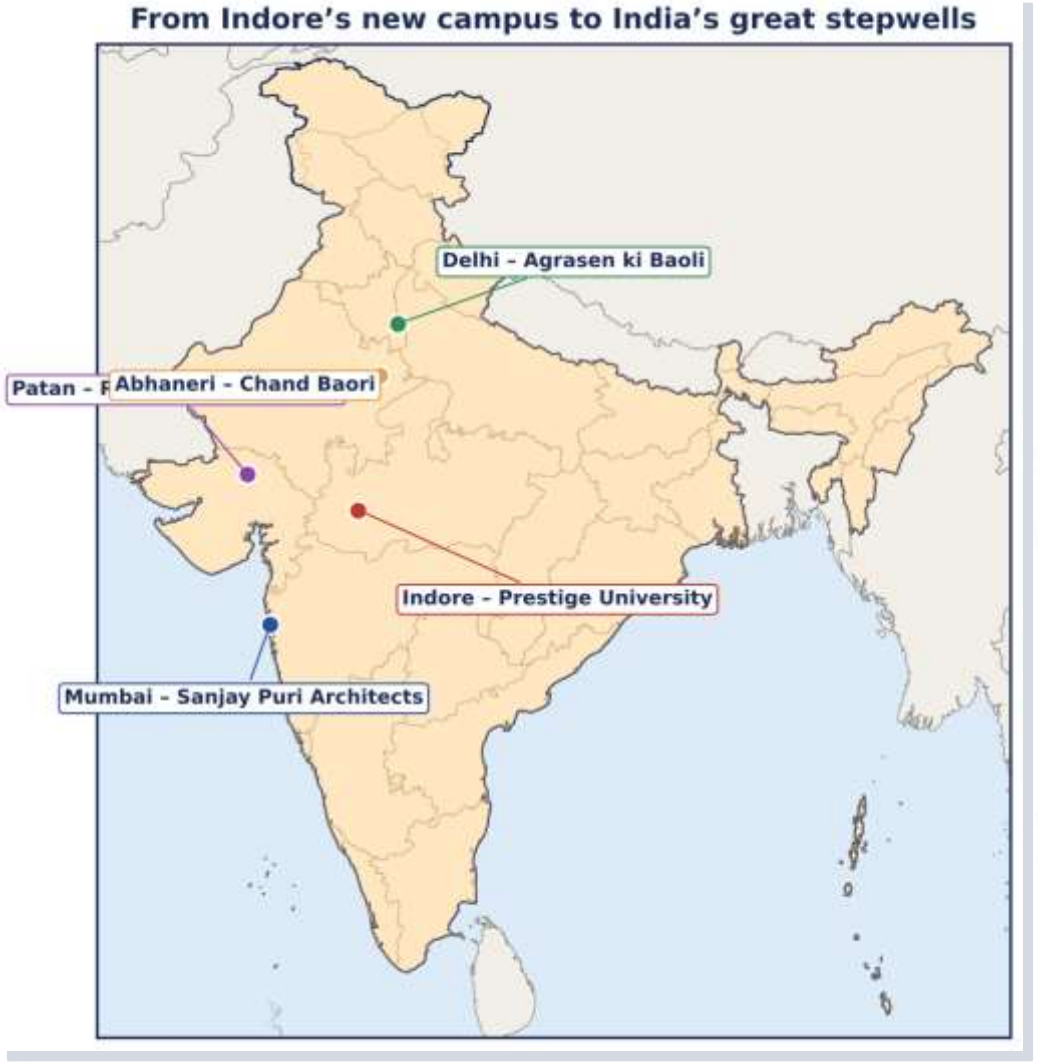


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चित्र को समझें

- Old **stepwell & courtyard** ideas, new use
  पुराने विचार
- Climate-proof: **no AC** in cafeteria
  बिना AC
- Water-positive design
  जल-सकारात्मक

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इंदौर का विश्व पुरस्कार — मानचित्र व आरेख



Read the visual
चित्र को समझें

- Campus off the **Ujjain–Indore road**
  उज्जैन–इंदौर मार्ग
- **Rani ki Vav** – UNESCO site, 2014
  रानी की वाव
- **Chand Baori** – ~3,500 steps
  चाँद बावड़ी


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The World

Houthis claim attack on Saudi's largest oil refinery

Bangladesh tightens border security, deploys more forces

Salvadoran man mistakenly deported by US, arrives in Spain

Prepared to withstand US blockade: Iran

Govt hikes wages of garment workers

N Korea expels Swiss diplomat, orders closure of new office

Libya vows retaliation after 2 die in Ukrainian drone attack

8 dead, 18 trapped after flooding at unauthorised gold mine in Indonesia

Jennifer Barreto becomes 1st mother, married woman to win Miss Universe

Royal break-in: 2 charged with stealing cufflinks and a clock

US Army detonates explosives stockpile in Iowa

Nearly 2,000 migrants arrive in Canary Islands

30 people held hostage by armed men rescued

In therapy every day for 90 mins, says Huang as he apologises for violating company code

US finds no proof China directed Alice to spy on Jensen Huang: WSJ

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1 **Miss Universe 2026 | मिस यूनिवर्स**

Jennifer Barreto: first mother & married woman to win Miss Universe

मिस यूनिवर्स 2026



Jennifer Barreto at 75th Miss Universe pageant in Puerto Rico. NYT

PUERTO RICO

Jennifer Barreto becomes 1st mother, married woman to win Miss Universe

JENNIFER BARRETO of Puerto Rico won the Miss Universe crown on home turf on Tuesday in a glittering finale marking the 75th anniversary of one of the world's most prestigious beauty pageants. She accepted the 2026 crown to raucous applause at an arena in San Juan. Melissa Núñez of the Dominican Republic finished second, followed by Venezuela's Clara Vegas. Barreto, 27, is the first mother and the first married woman to win the contest, the organizers said in a statement. Mothers and married women have only been allowed to compete since 2023, after the pageant broadened its eligibility criteria. The elaborate costumes and sparkling gowns at the event partially obscured a bitter dispute raging inside the Miss Universe organization. The organization has effectively been split in two after its two owners vanished from public view. That dispute was evident when organizers said during the finale on Tuesday that Costa Rica would host the pageant next year, contradicting a rival camp's announcement last month that Miss Universe 2027 would be held in Vietnam. NYT

Jennifer Barreto: 1st Mother to Win Miss Universe

Also First Married Woman Winner

प्यूर्टो रिको की 27 वर्षीय जेनिफ़र बैरेटो ने सैन हुआन में 75वीं मिस यूनिवर्स प्रतियोगिता जीती – वह यह ख़िताब जीतने वाली पहली माँ और पहली विवाहित महिला हैं; 2023 से ही माताओं और विवाहित महिलाओं को भाग लेने की अनुमति मिली है

Miss Universe 2026
मिस यूनिवर्स

1 The result | परिणाम

Place स्थान	Contestant प्रतिभागी
Winner विजेता	Jennifer Barreto (Puerto Rico)
2nd दूसरा	Melissa Núñez (Dominican Rep.)
3rd तीसरा	Clara Vegas (Venezuela)

2 Why historic
ऐतिहासिक क्यों

- **First mother** to win
  पहली माँ
- **First married woman** to win
  पहली विवाहित महिला
- Age **27**; crowned in **San Juan**
  27 वर्ष

3 Rule change
नियम में बदलाव

- Mothers & married women allowed from **2023**
  2023
- Upper **age limit removed** in 2024
  आयु सीमा हटी
- Pageant's push for **inclusivity**
  समावेशिता

Jennifer Barreto: first mother & married woman to win Miss Universe — in depth (1/2)

मिस यूनिवर्स 2026 — विस्तार से (1/2)

4 Trouble behind the stage विवाद

- Organisation **split in two**
  दो खेमे
- Its two owners **vanished from public view**
  मालिक ग़ायब
- Bitter **internal dispute**
  आंतरिक विवाद

5 Who hosts 2027? 2027 मेज़बान

- Organisers at finale: **Costa Rica**
  कोस्टा रिका
- Rival camp last month: **Vietnam**
  वियतनाम
- Shows the **split** in the organisation
  विभाजन

6 Puerto Rico & the crown प्यूर्टो रिको

- Now **6** Miss Universe titles
  6 ख़िताब
- First: **Marisol Malaret, 1970**
  1970
- **Venezuela** has the most – **7**
  वेनेज़ुएला 7

Jennifer Barreto: first mother & married woman to win Miss Universe — in depth (2/2)

मिस यूनिवर्स 2026 — विस्तार से (2/2)

7 India's Miss Universes | भारत की विजेता

Sushmita Sen
सुष्मिता सेन

1994 – Manila
मनीला

→

Lara Dutta
लारा दत्ता

2000 – Nicosia
निकोसिया

→

Harnaaz Sandhu
हरनाज़ संधू

2021 – Eilat, Israel
इलात

8 Changing pageants
बदलती प्रतियोगिताएँ

- From "beauty" to **voice & purpose**
  उद्देश्य
- Wider **age, marital, body** criteria
  व्यापक मानदंड
- Debate on **commercialisation** continues
  बहस जारी

Jennifer Barreto: first mother & married woman to win Miss Universe — background (1/2)

मिस यूनिवर्स 2026 — पृष्ठभूमि (1/2)

9 Big Four pageants चार बड़ी प्रतियोगिताएँ

Pageant प्रतियोगिता	Since आरंभ
Miss World मिस वर्ल्ड	1951, UK
Miss Universe मिस यूनिवर्स	1952, U.S.
Miss International इंटरनेशनल	1960 (now Japan-based)
Miss Earth मिस अर्थ	2001, Philippines

10 India at Miss World मिस वर्ल्ड

- **Reita Faria** – first Indian, **1966**
  रीता फ़ारिया
- India has **6** Miss World titles (joint most)
  6 ख़िताब
- Latest: **Manushi Chhillar, 2017**
  मानुषी छिल्लर

11 Puerto Rico facts प्यूर्टो रिको

- **U.S. territory** – ceded by Spain in **1898**
  अमेरिकी क्षेत्र
- People are **U.S. citizens** since **1917**
  अमेरिकी नागरिक
- Capital **San Juan**; language Spanish & English
  सैन हुआन

Jennifer Barreto: first mother & married woman to win Miss Universe — background (2/2)

मिस यूनिवर्स 2026 — पृष्ठभूमि (2/2)

12 The 1898 link | 1898 संबंध

Spanish–American War
युद्ध

1898
1898

→

Treaty of Paris
पेरिस संधि

Dec 1898
1898

→

To U.S.
अमेरिका को

P. Rico, Guam, Philippines
क्षेत्र

13 Women breaking barriers बाधाएँ तोड़ती महिलाएँ

- Olympics allowed women in **1900** (Paris)
  1900 ओलंपिक
- **Mary Kom** – 6-time world boxing champion
  मैरी कॉम
- Mothers winning big: **Kim Clijsters** (2009 US Open)
  क्लाइस्टर्स

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मिस यूनिवर्स 2026 — स्थैतिक सामान्य ज्ञान

14 Caribbean capitals कैरिबियाई राजधानियाँ

Country देश	Capital राजधानी
Dominican Rep. डोमिनिकन	Santo Domingo
Venezuela वेनेज़ुएला	Caracas
Costa Rica कोस्टा रिका	San José
Cuba क्यूबा	Havana

15 Costa Rica facts कोस्टा रिका

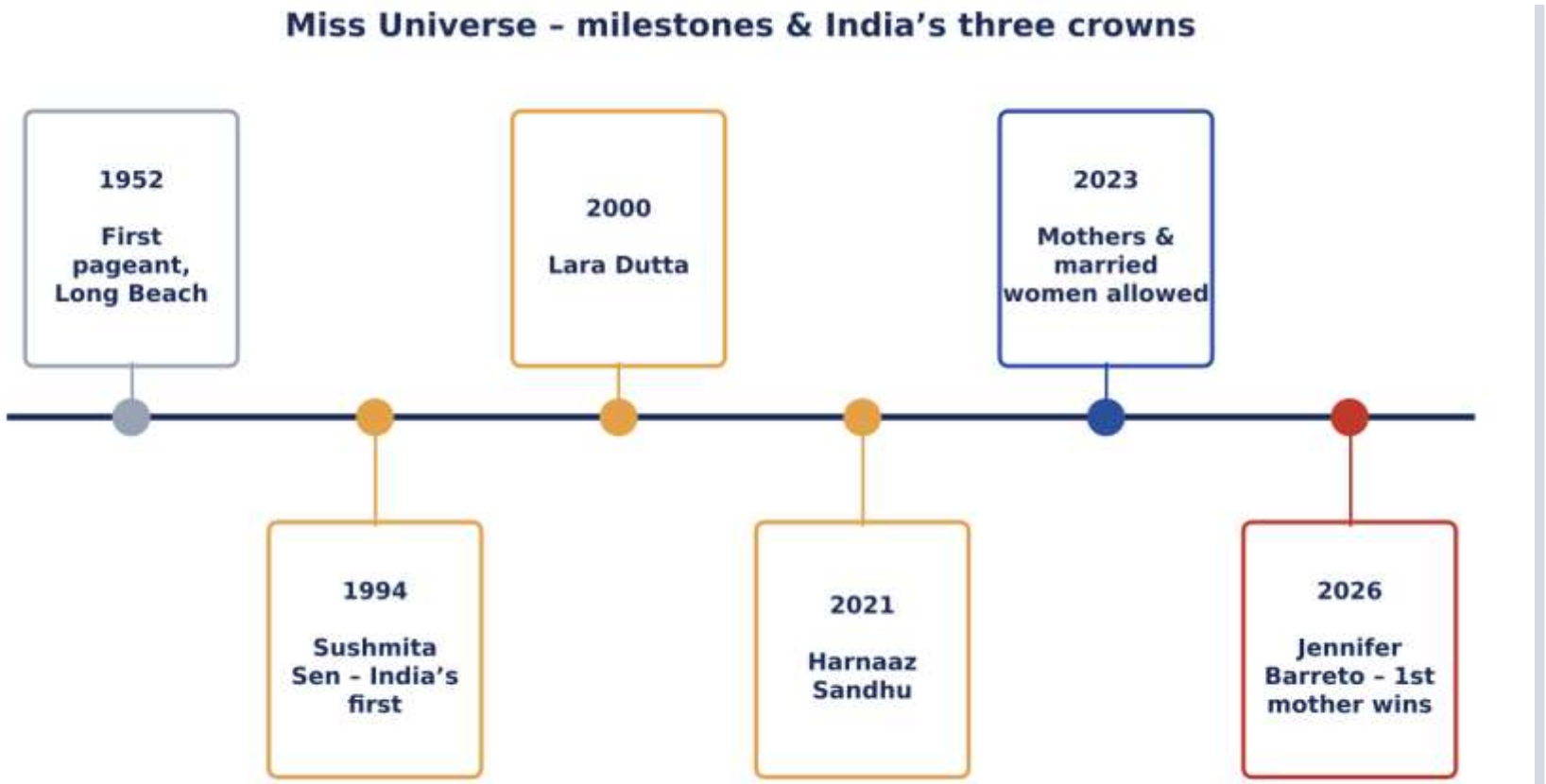
- **Abolished its army** in **1948**
  सेना नहीं
- Nearly all power from **renewables**
  नवीकरणीय
- Motto: "**Pura Vida**"
  पुरा वीडा

16 Did you know? क्या आप जानते हैं?

- **Sushmita Sen** – first Indian Miss Universe, 1994
  1994
- Same year **Aishwarya Rai** won Miss World
  ऐश्वर्या राय
- **Harnaaz Sandhu** – from Chandigarh
  चंडीगढ़

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- **75th** edition of the pageant
  75वाँ संस्करण
- Eligibility widened only in **2023**
  2023 से अनुमति
- India has **3** Miss Universe titles
  भारत के 3 ख़िताब

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- Crown won on **home turf** – San Juan
  घरेलू मैदान
- Top 3 all from **Latin America**
  लैटिन अमेरिका
- 2027 host disputed: **Costa Rica vs Vietnam**
  मेज़बानी विवाद

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Answer: (d) — 42nd Amendment (1976) added Socialist, Secular, Integrity.
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Answer: (c) — Nepali – 71st Amdt; Dogri, Bodo – 92nd Amdt; Bhojpuri not included.
केवल 4।

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विकल्प A।

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तीनों।

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Answer: (b) — Lodi-era stepwell, Mehrauli, Delhi.
राजों की बावली।

Test Yourself — Q1–4 | स्वयं को परखें

Q1 Constitution Day has been observed on 26 November since:
संविधान दिवस कब से मनाया जाता है?

(a) 2010
(b) 2015
(c) 2019
(d) 2020

Q2 Who coined the term “constitutional patriotism”?
“संवैधानिक देशभक्ति” शब्द किसने गढ़ा?

(a) Jürgen Habermas
(b) Karl Jaspers
(c) Dolf Sternberger
(d) Jan-Werner Müller

Q3 Rajbanshi is mainly spoken in:
राजबंशी मुख्यतः कहाँ बोली जाती है?

(a) Odisha
(b) North Bengal & lower Assam
(c) Jharkhand
(d) Tripura

Q4 Which amendment added Bodo, Dogri, Maithili and Santhali?
बोडो, डोगरी, मैथिली, संथाली किस संशोधन से जुड़ीं?

(a) 71st
(b) 86th
(c) 92nd
(d) 96th

Test Yourself — Q5–8 | स्वयं को परखें

Q5 The new U.S. tariff on India was imposed under:
भारत पर नया अमेरिकी टैरिफ़ किसके तहत?

(a) Section 232
(b) Section 301
(c) Section 201
(d) Section 122

Q6 FERR, introduced by RBI to curb speculation on the rupee, stands for:
FERR का पूरा नाम:

(a) Foreign Exchange Risk Reserve
(b) Forex Emergency Rate Regime
(c) Foreign Equity Return Ratio
(d) Fixed Exchange Rate Reserve

Q7 IN-SPACe is headquartered at:
IN-SPACe का मुख्यालय:

(a) Bengaluru
(b) Ahmedabad
(c) Hyderabad
(d) Thiruvananthapuram

Q8 The Colombo Security Conclave secretariat is located in:
CSC सचिवालय कहाँ?

(a) Malé
(b) Colombo
(c) New Delhi
(d) Port Louis

Test Yourself — Q9–10 | स्वयं को परखें

Q9 **Who became the first mother to win Miss Universe (2026)?**
मिस यूनिवर्स जीतने वाली पहली माँ:

(a) Melissa Núñez
(b) Clara Vegas
(c) Jennifer Barreto
(d) Harnaaz Sandhu

Q10 **Rani ki Vav, a UNESCO site, is in:**
रानी की वाव कहाँ है?

(a) Abhaneri
(b) Patan
(c) Bundi
(d) Adalaj

Answer Key — Q1–5 | उत्तर व व्याख्या

1-b **2015** — Ambedkar’s 125th birth year.
2015।

2-c **Dolf Sternberger** — Expanded later by Habermas.
स्टर्नबर्गर।

3-b **North Bengal & lower Assam** — Cooch Behar, Jalpaiguri.
उत्तर बंगाल।

4-c **92nd** — 2003.
92वाँ।

5-b **Section 301** — Trade Act of 1974.
धारा 301।

Answer Key — Q6–10 | उत्तर व व्याख्या

6-a **Foreign Exchange Risk Reserve** — 20% on contracts above $2 mn.
विदेशी मुद्रा जोखिम आरक्षित।

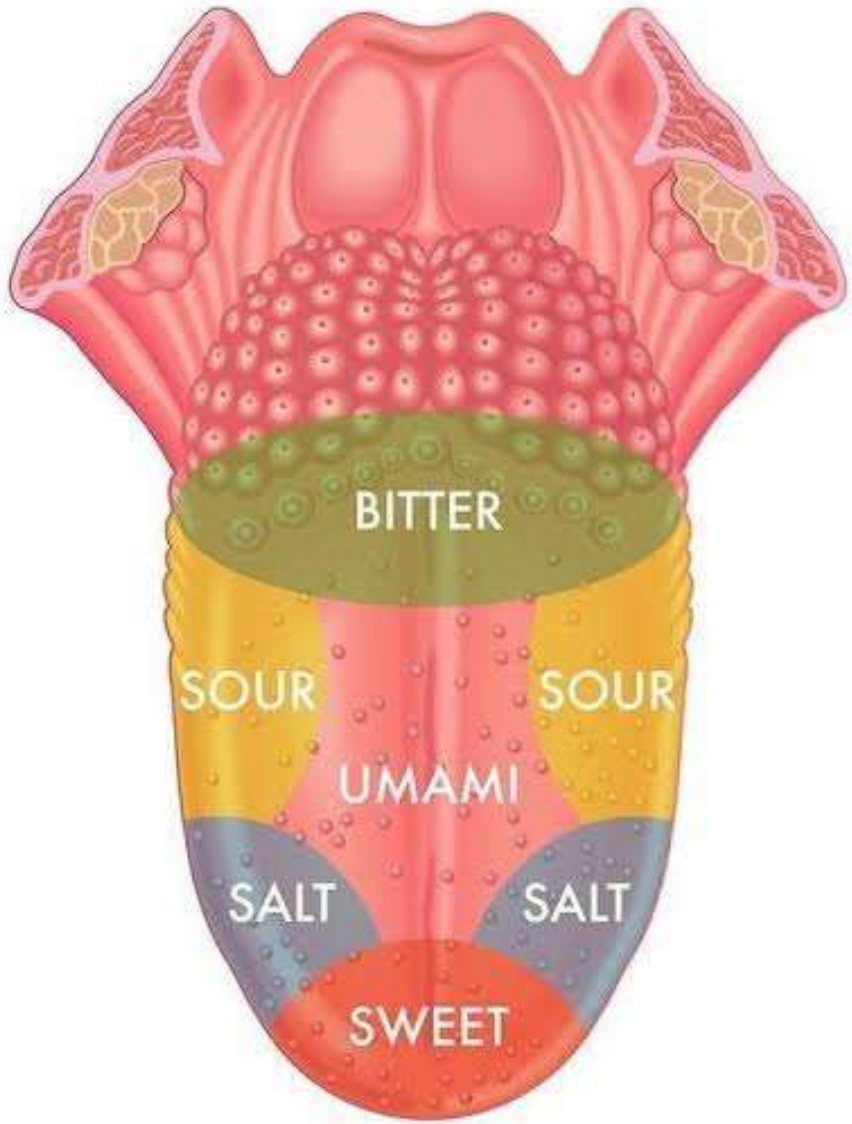
7-b **Ahmedabad** — Set up in 2020.
अहमदाबाद।

8-b **Colombo** — Sri Lanka.
कोलंबो।

9-c **Jennifer Barreto** — Puerto Rico, 75th edition.
जेनिफ़र बैरेटो।

10-b **Patan** — Gujarat; on ₹100 note.
पाटन।

Tongue Taste



Myth Buster 1/3 — Biology | आज का भ्रम-भंजन

MYTH | भ्रम

"Different parts of the tongue taste different flavours."

जीभ के अलग-अलग हिस्से अलग स्वाद पहचानते हैं।

FACT | तथ्य

The famous "tongue map" – sweet at the tip, bitter at the back – is a mistake! It came from a 1901 German study that found only tiny differences in sensitivity, which was later misread in a 1942 textbook. In reality, taste buds all over the tongue can sense all five basic tastes: sweet, sour, salty, bitter and umami (savoury). You can test it yourself – put a little sugar at the back of your tongue and you will still taste sweet!

प्रसिद्ध "जीभ का नक्शा" – आगे मीठा, पीछे कड़वा – एक ग़लती है! यह 1901 के एक जर्मन अध्ययन से आया जिसमें संवेदनशीलता में मामूली अंतर मिला था, और 1942 की एक पाठ्यपुस्तक ने इसे ग़लत समझ लिया। वास्तव में जीभ पर हर जगह के स्वाद-कलिकाएँ पाँचों मूल स्वाद पहचान सकती हैं: मीठा, खट्टा, नमकीन, कड़वा और उमामी (नमकीन-मांसल स्वाद)। ख़ुद आज़माइए – जीभ के पीछे थोड़ी चीनी रखिए, मीठा ही लगेगा!

💡 **One bad diagram can fool the world for a century! | एक ग़लत चित्र सदी भर धोखा दे सकता है!**

Thank you ?

