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## THE KALA GHODA ARTS FESTIVAL WILL RETURN IN FEBRUARY

The Kala Ghoda Arts Festival, which takes place in February each year and is one of the biggest multicultural festivals in the nation, will be back in 2023 with a bang! Beginning on February 4th, Saturday, it will continue through February 12th, Sunday. The Kala Ghoda Association sponsors the nine-day festival, which is held in South Mumbai's Kala Ghoda neighbourhood. The region is renowned for its historic structures and artistic and cultural establishments, including museums, art galleries, shops, eateries, and educational facilities. "The precinct draws a variety of creative talent, including food connoisseurs, fashion designers, and architecture enthusiasts. According to Kala Ghoda Association, "the constant commotion of heritage enthusiasts is an ode to the rich legacy of the precinct.

The Kala Ghoda Arts Festival was established in 1999 and has since grown to be one of the largest street art festivals in the nation, bringing in a sizable number of visitors from all over the nation and the world, not just from Mumbai. The money raised from the festival is used to support the Association's restoration projects, which aim to promote arts, crafts, and cultural heritage. Children, cinema, dance, food, heritage walks, literature, music, stalls, stand-up comedy, street, theatre, urban design and architecture, visual art, and workshops are among the 14 sections or verticals that make up the highly regarded art festival.

The children's section "encourages kids to forget about the world of homework and walk into the fantastical world of stories, where a child on wheels can be a hero and so can the queen of Kashmir," the associations claim. This section, which

includes everything from compelling documentaries to entertaining Bollywood movies, is sure to captivate moviegoers. It states that the various dance performances are intended to express boundless energy and to create a contagious atmosphere



where people can relax and enjoy all styles of dance.

Aside from weekend food walks, the food section offers a number of master-chef workshops highlighting various cuisines. Historic walks "These walks, and heritage bus tours, are a delight to experience and will help you understand the ethos of this amazing sub-precinct using narratives at different locations along the way. These walks, and heritage bus tours, are curated walks for 9 days, with themes that link the old with the new, bringing the past into stark relief against the future.

The music section examines various musical genres and gives both well-known

musicians and folk musicians—who equally captivate audiences—a platform. The arts of writing, reading, and the creation of ideas through literature will remove the audience from the Arts Festival's frenetic energies. Each year, customers

enthusiastically support the stalls section, which gives lesser-known Indian arts and crafts a chance to shine, transforming Rampart Row into a bustling centre for the festival's nine days.

The best comedians in the city are featured in the stand-up comedy section. It serves as a showcase for a number of lesser-known Indian arts and crafts. The Kala Ghoda Arts Festival's theatre programme has always aimed to present performances from Hindi and local theatre that will both uplift and amuse. The discussion, presentation, and presentation of architecture, design, and cities are the main topics of the section on urban design and architecture. Installations and exhibits of

visual art concentrate on Mumbai and Maharashtrian art and artists. To further the festival's spirit, it brings together dancers, musicians, writers, jewellers, waste upcyclers, painters, and intellectuals.

All of India's art festivals, including the Jaipur Literature Festival, have their roots in Kala Ghoda, which has developed into a popular tourist destination. There is nothing like this, claims the festival's director and well-known artist Brinda Miller. According to Miller, artists and performers from all over India contact the Kala Ghoda Association, a group of artists and art institutions that organises the festival, with questions about it. To give the event a sense of cohesion, she explained, "this is why we have a theme every year. 2016's theme was "Crossing the threshold."

According to Miller, each category has a curator who makes sure that the presenters and artists are consistent with the theme. The fact that the festival's events are all free to attend—despite the fact that each one has a cap on the number of attendees it will accept, which is typically determined by first-come, first-served—is another draw. But in no way should you assume that the festival is only for adults. Miller asserts that one of the richest sections is the one devoted to children's literature. With loads of storytelling sessions, arts, crafts and animation workshops and talks, featuring well-known names such as Anushka Ravishankar, Bittu Sahgal and Sudha Murthy, the kids' lit section of the 2016 edition was unmissable. Remember that there is a completely separate area of the festival just for kids.

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# SALUTING THE PROTECTORS OF INDIA'S MARITIME INTERESTS

*"We do this job because every once in a while someone is out there without hope, desperately praying for their life, and we get to be the answer."*

- Indian Coast Guard

On February 1, 2023, the Indian Coast Guard will mark its 47th Raising Day. The Indian Coast Guard's motto is वयम रक्षामः" (Vayam Rakshamah), which translates from Sanskrit. It is the fourth-largest Coast Guard in the world and was crucial in protecting the Indian coasts and upholding the law in the country's maritime zones. The inventory of the Indian Coast Guard Day currently includes 158 ships and 70 aircraft. ICG had seven surface platforms in 1978. According to the Press Information Bureau, the goal is to have 200 surface platforms and 80 aircraft by 2025. It is an organisation with many missions. It carries out year-round actual maritime operations. It is capable of performing tasks for both surface and aerial operations. Indian Coast Guard's Director-General is in charge of the organisation (DGICG). He oversees all operations and exercises general command and supervision from the Coast Guard Headquarters (CCGHQ) in New Delhi.

The Indian Parliament established the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Day on August 18, 1978. On February 1, 1977, the interim Indian Coast Guard was set up to stop seaborne smuggling of goods that hurt India's domestic economy. More than 10,000 lives have been saved and roughly 14,000 criminals have been captured by the ICG since its inception. The Director-General oversees the Indian Coast Guard

from the organization's headquarters in New Delhi. Virender Singh Pathania serves as the director general at the moment. The Indian Coast Guard works in a variety of fields. This organisation carries out numerous missions. The police, the customs department, and the Indian Navy are

security, marine safety, and coastal security are the goals of the Indian Coast Guard. Additionally, it is responsible for defending India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

In keeping with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of "SAGAR" —

"Sagar Aaraksha-II" onboard Chemical carrier MV X-Press Pearl.

In order to harmonise the maritime and civil aviation search and rescue (SAR) mechanisms, the Indian Coast Guard also held a meeting of the National Maritime Search and Rescue Board. Additionally, it is collaborating closely with federal, state, and local agencies to establish a strong coastal security mechanism. The flag-hoisting on 100 inhabited and uninhabited remote islands as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration on August 15, 2021, served to highlight the ICG's reach.

The ICG has been a leader in introducing indigenous assets, allowing it to continue being operationally active and responsive all year long. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, it has upgraded its fleet in the last year, acquiring five new generation ships and eight advanced light helicopters—excellent examples of the Prime Minister's visions for "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" and "Make in India."

The Indian Coast Guard was congratulated for its exemplary service to the country by the President, Vice President, Prime Minister, and Raksha Mantri, who also recognised the service's outstanding contribution to protecting the country's maritime interests.

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## Indian Coast Guard Day

working together on it. The guard is assigned to various areas. The East region is located in Chennai, the North East region is in Kolkata, and the North-West region is in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

The Indian Coast Guard's primary responsibility is to prevent smuggling through maritime routes within its jurisdiction. In the past year, it has seized drugs and illegal goods worth close to Rs 4,000 crore. Additionally, ICG has seized illegal goods and drugs worth roughly Rs 12,000 crore since its inception. Offshore

Security and Growth for All in the Region—and "Neighborhood First," the Indian Coast Guard has fostered relationships with nations in the Indian Ocean Region for Ocean Peacekeeping and built up its network of professional relationships across oceans.

By leading significant fire-fighting and pollution response operations off the coast of Sri Lanka, the ICG has successfully avoided significant ecological disasters and established itself as the "First Responder" in the area. The most recent operation was



# THE BRAVE QUEEN - TARABAI BHOSALE

We have read many brave stories in history, especially from the epics of the Maratha dynasty, among them is the valor saga of Tarabai Bhosale the daughter of the Maratha general Hambirao Mohiter, born in the 17th century. She was married to Rajaram Bhosale (the younger son of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj) when she was just 8 years old. After the death of Shivaji Maharaj in 1680, his arch-enemy Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb hated him deriding him as Pahadi chuha (mountain rat) as he could not forget Shivaji Maharaj's escape from Agra, it did take him time to attack the Maratha empire in 1680, Aurangzeb himself arrived to Deccan to conquer his enemies. However, Shivaji Maharaj's elder son, Shamabji gave stiff resistance to the entire Mughal force for almost 10 years. Eventually when he was captured in 1689 and was mercilessly tortured to death. Marathas after his death crowned Rajaram Bhosale (crowned at Raigad) he continued the war through his Gorilla Tactics, but unfortunately, Rajaram Bhosale died in 1700 due to a chest disease. The Mughals were more than delighted after hearing the news. As there were no legal heirs to the throne, Tarabai Bhosale proclaimed her son Shivaji 2 (age - 4 years) as the legal heir to the throne and successor of Rajaram and declared herself the Queen, and took in her hands the administrative and judiciary, military powers of the empire.

As she has seen the rise and fall of the Marathas from the foundation, she knew the rules well. At the age of 25, Tarabai Bhosale decided to fight against the wrath of Aurangzeb even when he had captured more than half of the Indian sub-continent. She started raiding the Mughal territories beyond the Deccan and was able to establish a secure base for collecting revenue from there she moved from fort to fort to mobilize resources and men for war.

She was a valiant warrior who led the Maratha forces against the Mughal Empire. Khafi Khan (court historian of Aurangzeb) wrote of the continuous raids waged by Tarabai Bhosale "They penetrated deep into the old territories of the imperial throne, plundering and destroying wherever they went."

She (Tarabai) won the hearts of all her officers and all the struggles and schemes and seizures of Aurangzeb up to the end of his reign the power of Maratha increased day by day. Apart from being a genius strategist and diplomat, Maharani Tarabai Bhosale was a skilled horseman and a true warrior, with knowledge of the guerilla tactics, not only did she survive the huge Mughals but with unusual aggression for a woman, carried the battle over into the



Mughal territory, raiding and then creating permanent outposts. Had she not buckled under there may have been no Maratha hegemony in the 18 century, which finally reduced the Mughal sultanate to control over the tiny area as popularly said from Delhi to Palam.

The war between the Marathas and the Mughals continued for 27 years. Later it was known as the Maratha war of Independence, due to continuous attacks of Tarabai

Bhosale, Aurangzeb shifted his full focus on south India and towards the hills of the western ghats. Due to this the area of Gujarat and Malwa became vulnerable. Tarabai took this advantage and invaded the region of Malwa (region of Ujjain, Burhanpur, Munda, Sironji, and Surat) even when the Mughals were able to capture their important forts. Unlike leaders, Tarabai Bhosale, being a skilled warrior and strategist herself accompanied the soldiers on a mission. After the death of Aurangzeb (age 82) in 1707 the war between the Marathas and Mughal ended, after some time to develop a civil war between the Marathas, the Mughal released Sambhaji Maharaj's son Shahaji and he became their leader in 1708 after defeating Tarabai Bhosale and her son Shivji 2, were imprisoned till 1730.

Tarabai also founded the city of Kolhapur in 1699 and laid the foundation for the modern city. She also established the rule of law and justice in the state. She was a great reformer and social worker who worked for the betterment of the people. She abolished the caste system and implemented a system of equal rights for men and women.

Tarabai was a great patriot and she worked hard to protect the Maratha sovereignty. She also supported the cause of the Maratha Confederacy and helped them to defeat the Mughals. She was a great leader who inspired her people to fight for their freedom.

She died at the age of 86, in 1761 after the third battle of Panipat. But even then her importance was remembered and soon her sovereign independence remained a dignified elderly woman that ran numerous affairs and took important decisions for the Maratha kingdom. It is because Tarabai bhosale's courageous efforts saved the Marathas and the Maratha dream of Swaraj survived because of her valor and strong determination spirit, had she not decided to take the Maratha empire they wouldn't have survived to reach the glory it did during that time.

Tarabai will always be remembered as one of the bravest and most powerful Maratha rulers in history pages. She is an inspiration to many women and is seen as a symbol of strength and courage.

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## USHA MEHTA - AN EPITOME OF COURAGE AND PROMINENCE!

It was secret sound on 1942 by Dr. Usha Mehta from somewhere in India by Congress Radio contacting on 42.34 meters. It was the time when Quit India Movement has taken shape in 194. Dr. Usha Mehta was a Gandhian and freedom fighter who was also known for her attempts in arranging Congress Radio, a highly secretive radio station that expanded nationalist sentiment at a time when the nation was waging war the British strongly.

Usha Mehta, an eight-year-old girl from Saras village in Gujarat, entered a street protest of the Independence Campaign in 1928 and yelled, "Simon, Go back".

Usha, eight years old, was a Gandhian at emotional core. During one of the street protests, police officers are said to have charged at the youth, and a girl holding an Indian flag is said to have fallen alongside the flag. When the children informed their elders of the event, the elders boldly reacted by wearing clothes their children in the color schemes of the flag.

Dr. Usha Mehta was born on March 25, 1920, in the town of Saras close to Surat (Gujarat). Her contribution to India's liberation struggle was distinctive. She remembers watching Gandhiji when she was five years old, all through his tour to the Sabarmati Ashram in Ahmedabad. When Gandhiji organized a camp in her village, she eagerly attended discussions and tried her hand at spinning. Gandhiji had such an impact on her that she eventually became one of his adherents.

She became an active contributor in the battle against British rule at an early age. She actively participated in her initial protest against the Simon Commission when she was eight years old, in 1928.

Even during Salt Satyagraha, she recounts bringing saltwater to her home and making salt from it. As a judge under the British Raj, Dr. Usha's father was strongly opposed to her involvement in such activities. Even so, within a week of

his retirement in 1930, she was free to do whatever she wanted.

Dr. Usha's successive relocation to Mumbai allowed her to play an active role in the freedom movement. She used to hold rallies in opposition to restaurants and bars, secretly disperse various newspapers, and be a transmitter for those who had been



held captive. Usha Mehta completed her degree in philosophy from Wilson College, Bombay, and her Doctor of philosophy in the same subject from the University of Mumbai in 1939. However, when the Quit India Movement was announced, she decided to abandon her research and join the liberation struggle. She embraced a Gandhian life of leisure, choosing to wear only Khadi outfits and avoiding all modern conveniences. She used to meet defendants' relatives and convey information from them to those who were imprisoned. Dr. Usha Mehta, also known as Usha ben by her members of the team.

Dr. Usha Mehta was present at an All

India Congress Committee (AICC) meeting in 1942 when Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Maulana Azad, and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel delivered influential public speech. This inspired her to set up a covert radio network to assist deliver the news to the most distant location regions of the world.

She was adamant that the radio could be utilized to successfully support factual information and notify individuals from all over the world about what was going on in her country. This, she reasoned, also would allow us to present our perspective on the situation as opposed to the Britishers. To evade suspicion by officials, the organizers moved the station's destination almost every day. Despite the reality that the subsurface radio station only existed for 3 months.

Dr. Usha and her colleagues made the first "Congress Radio" declaration on August 14, 1942. She would convey the newscast in both English and Hindi on this

episode. They will indeed begin the show with the melody "Hindustan Hamara" and similar this with "Vande Matarm". Amidst the British authorities' stringent vigilance, her channel courageously revealed the atrocities being committed by them.

To continue to stay hidden, they had to shift positions commonly in order to remain anonymised and concealed from British radar. They altered around 7-8 stations during the Quit India Movement. Usha Mehta and her affiliates were detained on November 12, 1942, while they were planning to host a show from Goregaon.

She was attempted for five weeks in a special court and imprisoned to four years in jail. She was the first political activist to be released in Bombay in 1946. Dr. Usha was kept in isolation during her detainment and was intrigued by the government with deals to work abroad in exchange for data about her fellow resistance fighters. She stood firm, however, and refused to reveal any data. She came back from the prison pleased and prideful and had the gratification of carrying Babu's statement, 'Do or Die,' and contributing the modest might to the goal of freedom.

She presumed in standing for herself and her citizens in a peaceful way, as a true supporter of Gandhian philosophy. All through her life, she wore khadi clothes and used the bus as a mode of transportation. After earning a PhD in Gandhian thought from the University of Bombay, she returned to Wilson College to teach political science. The government of India granted her the Padma Vibhushan in 1998. Dr. Usha Mehta died peacefully on August 11, 2000, at the age of 80. Her determination to combat for her nation is truly inspiring.

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## POLICE COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST BENGALURU SCHOOL FOR FLOUTING NORMS BY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



On Wednesday, the Karnataka Department of Public Instruction filed a police report at Bengaluru's Annapurneshwari Nagar police station alleging violations of the Karnataka Education Act at the Orchids, The International School's Nagarbhavi branch. Parents protested to authorities that school administration had falsely stated the school was associated with the CBSE board when it merely had authority to operate the institution in accordance with the state board, leading to the filing of the complaint.

Following a Tuesday protest by numerous parents against the school administration for misleading them, the Block Education Office of Bengaluru South issued a notice to the school asking it to respond to the claims of "instruction based on CBSE board." Parents said that the school administration had previously taught in accordance with the CBSE board, but that after the announcement of the public examinations for classes 5 and 8, the administration had ordered the pupils to study the state board's curriculum. In addition, the parents claimed, the school violated rules by enrolling the pupils and sending them to a different branch in Kengeri even though it was not authorised by records to admit students to classes 9 and 10.

Orchids, The International School, is no stranger to controversy; in fact, it was previously arrested for breaking the law in July 2020. An FIR was filed against the Haralur Road branch for operating by accepting students without first getting the department of education's consent. The school's Magadi Road branch encountered issues the same month after the education administration ordered it to close down for operating the facility without permission.

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## IN AN APPROACH TO RE-IMAGINE EDUCATION, PUNJAB CM LAUNCHES 'SCHOOLS OF EMINENCE' PROJECT

The Schools of Eminence were officially unveiled on Saturday by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, who hailed the initiative as a "revolutionary" step toward ensuring a bright future for kids and elevating the state to the forefront of the educational field.

The government has allocated Rs 200 crore for the initiative, which would improve 117 state-run schools in 23 districts with a focus on classes 9 to 12. An official stated that the project intends to reimagine education in state-run institutions, envisioning kids' holistic development and educating them to be responsible citizens. Along with professional guidance, creative teaching methods

The official stated that the initiative is built on five pillars: cutting-edge infrastructure, academics, human resource management, sports and

extracurricular activities, and community participation.

The Schools of Eminence are being established to cherish the ambitions of the independence warriors and will prepare students for future demands while assisting Punjab in becoming a role model in the education sector, according to Mann, who spoke to the crowd after the project's opening in Mohali.

Teachers must play a crucial part in bringing about qualitative change in the education sector, according to Mann, who described them as nation builders. Regarding his government's decision to send 36 teachers to Singapore for training, he claimed that it will assist them in learning the cutting-edge techniques used all over the world.

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## UGC REQUESTS THAT UNIVERSITIES EMBRACE TOURISM HOTSPOTS AND HOST STUDENT VISITS

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has invited colleges and universities to adopt a popular tourist spot in their area and organise events there, including student visits.

The committee states that the students might also be encouraged to share their real-world experiences on social media. The UGC Activity Monitoring Port is another place where the universities' activity can be posted (UAMP).

According to UGC, PM Modi recommended that universities choose a tourist site, encourage students to learn about it, and arrange visits as part of yearly study tours during a review



The committee added that young children should be encouraged to travel to India's tourism locations so they can learn about the country's rich history, culture, architecture, and wildlife, among other things. The Ministry of Tourism has created a concept note for the adoption of tourist locations by colleges in order to accomplish this goal.

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## IN TWO MONTHS, IIT DELHI WILL OFFER ROBOTICS TRAINING TO CHILDREN FROM MORE THAN 100 SCHOOLS



Within the next two months, children from more than 100 Delhi-area schools will receive robotics training from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi. IHFC (I-Hub Foundation for Cobotics), the IIT Delhi technology innovation hub, has accepted this task. Recently, the hub established the Delhi Robotics League (DRL).

All Delhi Schools are welcome to compete in the DRL 2023, and schools from all boards (ICSE, CBSE, etc.) in Delhi are qualified to do so. This league's free registration has already attracted 100 schools. The application cutoff date is January 26, 2023.

IHFC will host a number of bootcamps, and its incubated businesses Rancho Labs and The Innovation Story will provide support. The institute claims that thus far, 26 of these bootcamps held over the past few weeks have helped over 800 students.

These bootcamps want to inspire young people to put their abilities to use and work in teams to create robots. Experts will instruct the students in these bootcamps on not just the fundamentals of robotics but also practical applications of robotics. Additionally, it would allow the children to take part in "Robo-Kancha," which is a game being held as part of DRL 2023, a project the Delhi government created in collaboration with IHFC.

In the first week of July, the DRL finals will be its conclusion. The winners will get monetary awards, mentoring from IHFC-IIT Delhi, and a Pre-SEED grant for student-owned enterprises as incentives

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## EXPECTATIONS FROM BUDGET 2023-24



On 1st February, 2023, the Finance Minister of India Nirmala Sitharaman will be announcing the budget for the financial year 2023-24. A Budget is an estimate of income and expenditure for a set period of time, while discussing the budget the performance of the previous budget will also be highlighted. As of now there are certain expectations from the government in their upcoming budget. The last time the income tax exemption limit was modified was in 2014 since then the limit is 2.5 lakh. In the 2023 budget it is expected to raise the exemption limit to 5 lakh, which means people earning upto 5 lakh have nil tax to be paid and this change will benefit the middle class group and support consumption led growth. The investment limit which was 1.5 lakh in section 80C of Chapter 6A of the income tax act which was last modified in 2014 is expected to increase to 2-5 lakhs, this will boost the capital markets as savings will move from individuals to Equity linked saving scheme and mutual funds or similar infrastructure development funds. The expenditure on education is expected to increase from the current 3.1% of the GDP to a level close to 6% of GDP.

tech sector online education is going to boost and certain tax incentives will be provided. The contribution of the Manufacturing sector in terms of GVA has been reduced over year, it was 17.4% in 2012 and had come down to 14% in 2021 wherein the Make in India campaign is being promoted on a large scale and there are more than 83000 startups in India despite the growth in inflation and marketing there's no growth in manufacturing sector which is of great concern, thus efforts are taken for upskilling and training of the employee is expected. Extension of specs scheme by 5 years is ending this year and increase in outlay from 3000 crore to 10000 crore is expected. A PLI scheme for semiconductor chips from 76000 crore is expected. Disinvestment of IDBI Bank is expected as the government has set a moderate disinvestment target. Currently the Government spends 1/8th of the budget on food and fertilizers which is 4.7 lakh crore is expected to reduce to 2.3 -1.4 lakh crore. Apart from these there are many surprises to be seen in the upcoming budget.

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In collaboration with the ED

## JOSHIMATH - THE SINKING CITY OF INDIA

Joshimath is a town situated at a height of 1800 meters in the Chamboli district of Uttarakhand. This place also serves as the winter residence of lord Badrinath as the temple is just 43 kilometers away from this city. The total population of this city is approximately 20,000-23,000. Apart from holding religious and tourist importance Joshimath also holds major military importance as the Indo-Chinese dispute (LAC) is at the border of Joshimath. On 2nd January a resident of Joshimath witnessed few cracks in his house and had to immediately evacuate 9 out of 11 rooms of his house and this was not the first time that people of Joshimath have seen such disaster, after the 2021 Joshimath disaster many people have complained about having cracks in their houses and in 2022 Ravigram ward also complained about having cracks in their walls. In September 2022, the Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority (USDMA) published a report which mainly blamed ill-planned construction in the town as the main reason behind the sinking of the land. More than 17000 thousand people have already been evacuated as the entire city is sinking in just three months the city has sunk more than 5.4 cm which grabbed the government attention and the personnel of the National Disaster Response Force and State Disaster Response Force have been deployed for the relief and rescue efforts.



infinite disaster in this area. As per the reports given by this committee Joshimath is situated on an old landslide zone and unchecked rampant development is dangerous. The year 2021 had witnessed in total 23 disasters which killed 300 people and around 70 people were missing. The disaster damaged 18.5 hectares of agricultural land and 5000 houses and the reason behind this was the meteorological regime changes, unusual rainfall pattern and indiscriminate human action in high risk areas.

### Natural Disaster or Ignorance:

Numerous hydroelectric projects have been constructed at Joshimath and nearby areas inclusive of the Vishnugad Hydel project which is been constructed on extreme sensitive and vulnerable areas, since 2004 the residents and activists of Joshimath and Himalayan region are questioning this project and the researchers had also highlighted in their journals that these projects of the government are overburdening the fragile ecosystem of this city, the tunnel is said to be punching the water bearing strata which will result in flooding of the region at any point of time. But is the authority alone responsible, we have studied in our primary school that Himalayas are the youngest mountain which makes it seismically active, unstable and fragile and earthquake prone. As per the reports issued by IPCC (Intergovernmental panel on climate change) due to global warming Himalayan region is experiencing extreme weather events. As per the research carried by MC Mishra Joshimath was expected to sink in coming 100 year but at that time his committee was criticized, but his words are now turning into reality and Joshimath is on the verge of being next Atlantis if the human intervention is not stopped and the construction is not reduced. What will happen to Joshimath will be known in coming time as of now the affected families are provided with assistance of 4000 rupees from the CM relief fund.

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### Reason for the Land Subsidence:

Joshimath has a vast history related to disaster in February 2021 due to glacier avalanche flash flood occurred in two tributaries of Ganga, Rishi Ganga and DhauliGanga and killed more than 200 people in this mishap, it also trapped many workers working at the tunnel of DhauliGanga river bank (Tapovan Vishnugad Hydro Power Plant). In 1976, the government of India had constituted a committee under the chairmanship of MC Mishra, this committee also included people from Indian Army, ITBP, BRO, Shri Badrinath-Kedarnath temple committee and local administration to research on the reason for

## MARINE LOGISTICS PORTAL OPENED BY SHIPPING MINISTRY TO SMOOTH SEA TRADE

The national logistics portal-marine (NLP-M), a single-window platform designed to bring all trade stakeholders together and lower the cost of logistics through real-time mapping and provisioning, was launched by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways on Friday. According to the ministry, "NLP will be a single window for all trade processes of the logistics sector spread throughout the country covering all modes of transportation in the waterways, roadways, and airways along with an E-marketplace to provide a seamless end-to-end logistic service coverage." By centralising all required paperwork, compliance certifications, and formal processes for the EXIM trade, the platform seeks to reduce regulatory complexities. In 2021, the commerce ministry also introduced a single-window portal for starting businesses. Carrier, cargo, banking and finance, regulatory organisations, and participating government agencies make up the NLP-four M's main tenets (PGAs). Digitalization in trade, according to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), can help remove many logistical challenges. The port community system (PCS), which was previously used by ports for logistics mapping, will now be replaced by the portal. Portall Infosystems created NLP-M, and Ernst & Young served as the project management consulting firm. The platform, according to Union Minister for Ports, Shipping, and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal, is a step toward achieving the objectives outlined in the PM Gati-Shakti National Master Plan, which aims to streamline logistics and do away with duplication of effort.



## SOUTH AFRICA TO SEND DOZENS OF CHEETAHS TO INDIA UNDER NEW DEAL

After eight of the big cats were sent from the neighbouring country of Namibia in 2022, South Africa and India have signed a deal to send dozens of cheetahs back to the South Asian nation. According to a statement released on Thursday by South Africa's environmental department, the first group of 12 cheetahs will be flown over in February. The department also stated that "another 12 will be relocated annually for the next eight to 10 years." The only large carnivore to have perished in India is the cheetah, which was officially declared extinct in the country in 1952. The overhunting and habitat loss, according to a statement from India's environment ministry, caused this. Bhupender Yadav, the environment minister for India, stated in a statement from last year that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was "keen on the protection and conservation of seven major big cats, including cheetah." "Project Cheetah seeks to reintroduce the cheetah, the only extinct large mammal in independent India. 50 cheetahs will be introduced as part of the project over the course of five years in various National Parks, according to Yadav, who was quoted in the statement. According to the World Wildlife Fund, cheetahs can now be found in southern and eastern Africa, particularly in Namibia, Botswana, Kenya, and Tanzania (WWF). However, the range of spotted cats used to be much wider. Cheetahs once roamed the majority of sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East, and central India. Population declines caused by habitat loss, poaching, and conflicts with people are significant. According to the WWF, there are currently fewer than 7,000 cheetahs left in the wild.



## 10000 WOMEN WILL BE TEACHED BY OPPO INDIA AND COMMON SERVICES CENTERS TO BE "CYBER SANGINIS"

10,000 women will be trained in cybersecurity and cyber wellness in India, according to a joint announcement by Oppo India and the Common Service Centre (CSC) Academy of the government. With the help of the Ministry of Electronics and IT, the partnership between Oppo India and CSC aims to empower rural and semi-urban women through the "Cyber Sangini" Program. It aims to give the women the abilities and information required to become officially recognised as "Cyber Sanginis." Through their collaboration, Oppo India and CSC will enable people to become continuously supported and trained Cyber Security Ambassadors. Participants will receive a certificate from the National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology after completing the 45-day course (NIELIT). The certificate will assist them in finding employment and other sources of income in their community. The "Cyber Sanginis" will receive instruction on the legal framework already in place that every citizen can use to protect themselves from such cyber incidents. According to Vivek Vasistha, vice president of public affairs at Oppo India, India aims to develop a trillion-dollar digital economy. By enhancing citizen cyber security and enabling public participation in the digital economy, this partnership is an essential first step. For their assistance in addressing cybersecurity wellness issues and assisting the citizens in becoming self-sufficient, the skilled women will be permitted to charge a small fee from the public.



## MOU IS SIGNED BY THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH AND ITDC TO PROMOTE MEDICAL VALUE TRAVEL IN INDIA



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Ayush and the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC), Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, outlines how the parties will cooperate to promote medical value travel in Ayurveda and other conventional medical systems. In the presence of Pramod Kumar Pathak, Special Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, and other senior Ministry of Ayush and ITDC officials, Dr. Shashi Ranjan Vidyarthi, Director, and Piyush Tiwari, Director (Commercial and Marketing), signed the Memorandum of Understanding. According to the MoU, the Ministry of Ayush will train the ITDC officials to make them aware of the medical benefits of travel in Ayurveda and other conventional medical systems. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Ayush and the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC), Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, outlines how the parties will cooperate to promote medical value travel in Ayurveda and other conventional medical systems. In the presence of Pramod Kumar Pathak, Special Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, and other senior Ministry of Ayush and ITDC officials, Dr. Shashi Ranjan Vidyarthi, Director, and Piyush Tiwari, Director (Commercial and Marketing), signed the Memorandum of Understanding. According to the MoU, the Ministry of Ayush will train the ITDC officials to make them aware of the medical benefits of travel in Ayurveda and other conventional medical systems.

## HOCKEY WORLD CUP: INDIA HUMILIATES JAPAN 8-0 TO ESCAPE FURTHER HUMILIATION

**G**raham Reid led his team into the dugout after more than 72 hours had gone, yet he still had a reflective look on his face. Moments before pushback, the India coach spoke twice in ten seconds about how difficult the previous several days had been for him and the team. Even though India just managed to defeat Japan as a consolation, the impacts of the shocking loss to New Zealand were still evident. India, which was sent to Rourkela after losing the playoff to advance to the quarterfinals, started its quest to be the best among the rest with an impressive 8-0 victory over their opponents as the world's top teams compete in the premier matches of the World Cup in Bhubaneswar. India's final World Cup game will now be against South Africa on Saturday. India had some time to get over their setback, but once they did, they appeared unstoppable beginning with the third quarter. It was almost as if they were taking out all of their pent-up resentment from the previous three days on the helpless Japanese team. The forwards appeared more skilled than at any other World Cup. The drag-flickers displayed the nuance and originality that had previously evaded them. Furthermore, the midfield played with such dominance that Japan hardly made it past their half. Even Harmanpreet Singh, who had six attempts at drag-flicks, was able to overcome the goalkeeper and score a brace that showed why he was hailed as the team's go-to goal scorer. One questioned what had become of the Indian team at this time. Perhaps, though, their ability to play so freely was due to their realisation at halftime that they had nothing to lose. Perhaps it was a desperate attempt to avoid more humiliation. Whatever the reason, it was a team that finally looked the part and won an Olympic medal. Not a group of pretenders who were eliminated early from a World Cup in their own country after faltering at the first knockout round hurdle.

## IN A TOUGH BATTLE, GUKESH DEFEATS PRAGG IN TATA STEEL CHESS ROUND 10



**I**t is never a good idea to exclude him from competition. Magnus Carlsen has won three of his past four games to move up to shared third place in the Tata Steel Masters rankings after losing two straight games the previous week. With three rounds remaining in the 14-player tournament, the world champion is currently one point behind the tournament's lone leader, Nodirbek Abdusattorov. In the tenth round on Wednesday, playing black, Carlsen defeated Parham Maghsoodloo in a kingless situation

with minor pieces and rooks still on the board. The Norwegian will compete against So, Arjun Erigaisi, and Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu in that order during the last three rounds of the competition, which are slated to take place between Friday and Sunday (following the third rest day of the competition). In the following two rounds, Carlsen will be given the white pieces. Dommaraju Gukesh defeated his colleague Praggnanandhaa in the final decisive game of the round after a tense battle that lasted 40 moves. The Indian prodigies launched their attack right away, as Gukesh chose a strategy that included an early Rg1/g2-g4 out of a symmetrical English. Gukesh has won two games in a row; two rounds ago, the 16-year-old overcame Maghsoodloo using white. As soon as Gukesh moved his pawn to square g4 on move 11, the audience was guaranteed a fierce confrontation between the two teenage competitors. While both teams committed mistakes, we were able to watch a human, captivating conflict between two incredibly gifted, unyielding talents.

## INDIA COMPLETES A 3-0 SWEEP OF NEW ZEALAND

**I**ndia beat New Zealand by 90 runs on Tuesday to win the third one-day international and sweep the series, led by centuries from openers Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill. The Black Caps were defeated 3-0 in the three-match series. India won the first ODI by 16 runs in Hyderabad and the second ODI by eight wickets in Raipur. When put in to bat, the Indian openers put on an impressive 212-run stand in 26.1 overs. It was the highest first-wicket partnership in one-day internationals against New Zealand, surpassing the 201 runs scored by Virender Sehwag and Gautam Gambhir for India in 2009. Sharma scored his second-fastest ODI century in 83 balls. India's captain scored his 30th ODI century with nine fours and six sixes. Gill, on the other hand, scored his third ODI century in four innings. He hit 13 fours and five sixes in 72 balls to reach the milestone. Gill totaled 360 runs in three innings against New Zealand. It was the joint-highest for any batsman in a three-match ODI series between Pakistan and the West Indies in 2016. India then lost both openers in 12 deliveries, and wickets continued to fall at regular intervals. It went from 230-2 in 28 overs to 155-2 in 22 overs with its last seven wickets. Conway held his end of the bargain to help New Zealand's innings. He hit 50 off 41 balls before accelerating to 100 off 71 balls, including seven fours and seven sixes. Conway's 138 was the third-highest ODI score for New Zealand against India. He finished with 12 fours and eight sixes. Henry Nicholls scored 42 runs off 40 balls to help his team score 106 runs for the second wicket. Thakur delivered a double blow in the 26th over, dismissing Daryl Mitchell (24) and Tom Latham (0) off consecutive deliveries. To break New Zealand's resolve, he also dismissed Glenn Phillips for 5. Mitchell Santner (34) and Michael Bracewell (26) did not contribute enough to trouble India's score.

## PRIYANSHU RAJAWAT ADVANCES TO THE MAIN DRAW, WHILE PRANEETH'S STRUGGLE CONTINUES

**P**riyanshu Rajawat advanced to the main draw with two impressive victories, but the rest of the Indians, including B Sai Praneeth, faltered in the qualifying round of the Indonesia Masters Super 500 tournament on Tuesday. The 20-year-old, who reached the Odisha Open Super 100 tournament finals in 2022, defeated Denmark's Victor Svendsen 21-10 13-21 21-13 after defeating France's Christo Popov 21-17 21-19 in the first match. Priyanshu, who helped India win the Thomas Cup, will face Indonesia's Chico Aura Dwi Wardoyo in the first round of the main draw. The remaining singles players were unable to string two wins together and thus did not advance to the main draw. Cheam from Malaysia Praneeth was defeated by June Wei 21-18 21-19. In the first match, the former Singapore Open champion defeated Indonesia's Ikhsan Leonardo Imanuel Rumbay 21-18 9-21 21-15. Kiran George and Mithun Manjunath also failed to advance after losing in the first round of the qualifiers to Mark Caljouw of the Netherlands and Christian Adinata of Indonesia. Kartikey Gulshan Kumar won 21-8 21-14 against Malaysia's Yeoh Seng Zoe, but then lost 16-21 17-21 to Lin Chun-Yi to miss out on the tournament. In the mixed doubles, Rohan Kapoor and N Sikki Reddy advanced to the main draw by defeating Chinese Taipei's Po Li-Wei and Chang Ching Hui 21-15 21-18. B Sumeeth Reddy and Ashwini Ponnappa, who had competed together at the Commonwealth Games, were defeated by Indonesia's Jafar Hidayatullah and Aisyah Salsabila Putri Pranata 20-22 17-21. In the main draw, Sikki and Rohan will face Jafar and Aisyah. Meanwhile, Aakarshi Kashyap was promoted to the main draw, while world No. 1 Akane Yamaguchi withdrew after reaching the finals of the previous two events in Malaysia and India. In the first round of the main draw, India's Krishna Prasad and Vishnuvardhan Gou Panjala were defeated by Malaysia's Tan Kian Meng and Tan Wee Kiong 17-21 9-21.



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### FAQs ON

### Learning and Development through Ancient Indian Wisdom

#### Q1. Amidst negativity how can I feed my soul?

**Ans.** All of us are really trying hard to retain peace and survive with grace amidst the negativity. Our ancestors practiced and enjoyed the bliss of peace because of the power of their soul. With the help of ancient Indian knowledge system let me try to put some light on your question:

**1. Learn to stick to virtue and never deteriorate self for the sake of others.** As per the Subhashitha mentioned here, if not in proper place the Teeth, hair, nails, and men do not gleam. You know well the status of these once it is separated from our body! Learning from this Subhashitha the wise should not leave their place or should retain their stand and stick to righteousness to shine. Hence, we need to focus on our virtues and retain our 'Atma-samman' to empower our soul.

स्थानभ्रष्टाः न शोभते दन्ताः केशा नखा नराः ।  
अिति विज्ञाय मतिमान् स्वस्थानं न परित्यजेत् ॥

**2. Retain clarity in thoughts to identify the right and inappropriate.** Both swan and crane is white. But there is a major difference between these two. It is held that the swan is talented to separate milk to drink and let go water from the diluted milk placed before it.. This Subhashitha teaches that it is the inner qualities that make an object not its outer appearance. The wise exactly know what is useful and what is not.

हंसः श्वेतो वक्रः श्वेतो को भेदो वक्रहंसयोः ।  
नोरक्षीरविवेके तु हंसः हंसो वक्रो वक्रः ॥

**3. Practice flexibility and be ready to accept the truth as and when it is known.** It is not easy to identify the crow and cuckoo bird from the look. It becomes evident with the advent of the spring when the cuckoo bird starts singing in sweet voice, which the crow cannot. The grace in the voice of cuckoo bird is not there in its actions. The cuckoo bird is notorious to lay its eggs in the nest of other birds, usually crows as the cuckoo bird does not make its own nest. The Mother crow cannot identify the egg and takes care of the egg as well as cuckoo child also with her children. But the cuckoo bird fly away from the nest when it grows big. Even though the cuckoo is having the sweetest voice, its laziness to make nest leads it to fool the crow. Wise need to learn lesson from this that you cannot expect grace from all.

काकः कृष्णो पिकः कृष्णो को भेदो काकपिकयोः ।  
वसंतसमये प्राप्ते काकः काकः पिकः पिकः ॥

**4. Learn to select right choice and enjoy the bliss of fruitful decision making.** Not initiating a project which is not in one's capacity is the first sign of wisdom (buddhi). Leading a project that is already underway to its successful conclusion to its logical conclusion is the second sign of wisdom.

अनारम्भो हि कार्याणां प्रथमं बुद्धीलक्षणम् ।  
प्रारब्धस्य अन्तगमनं द्वितीयं बुद्धीलक्षणम् ॥

**5. Learn to stick to right decisions and right actions.** The perception of a person with powerful soul is exceptional. In the same situation unlike others a wise can decide rightly and perform. As per learnings from the Bhojaprabhandh, the fear of becoming poor in future prevents a fool from giving away wealth in charity, haunted by the same fear the wise donates generously now.

मूर्खो न हि ददाति अर्थं नरो दारिद्र्यशङ्कया । प्राज्ञः तु वितरति अर्थं नरो दारिद्र्यशङ्कया ॥

**6. Absorbing goodness and discarding unnecessary matters makes our soul more powerful.** An intelligent person, eager for knowledge and wisdom, studies relevant books and discards what is unimportant grasping the essence only, just as a farmer reject retains grains only and rejects husks.

ग्रन्थानभ्यस्य मेधावी ज्ञान विज्ञानतत्परः ।  
पलालमिव धान्यार्थी त्यजेत् सर्वमशेषतः ॥

**7. Sticking to goodness unconditionally makes our soul powerful.** According to a verse in Kathopanishad (1.2. 2) from between shreyas (that which is good for the Atman) and preyas (that which is pleasing to the senses) the wise one always chooses the shreyas. The good (shreyas) and the pleasant (preyas) together comes in our life. After analysing them, the wise makes the choice opting for the good in preference to the pleasant. The fool, in contrast, opts for the pleasant.

श्रेयश्च प्रेयश्च मनुष्यमेतः तौ सम्परीत्य विविनक्ति धीरः । श्रेयो हि धीरोभिप्रेयसो वृणीते प्रेयो मन्दो पोगक्षेमाद् वृणीते ॥

**8. Practicing graceful living empowers our soul.** Learn to accept the fact that you cannot expect grace from each and everyone around you. Identifying and connecting with good personalities around helps us to retain purity of our soul. You need not expose your good qualities to a wise person who will know them or will find on its own. Do not disclose your good qualities to an idiot either because he/she will not be able to appreciate them. Amidst negativity, stick to your grace and keep moving irrespective of the opinion of others.

बुधाग्रे न गुणान् व्रयात् साधु वेत्ति यतः स्वयम् ।  
मूर्खाग्रेपि च न व्रयाद्बुधप्रोक्तं न वेत्ति सः ॥

**9. Acceptance of difficulties with grace retains the power of our soul.** Graceful living is accepting the situation and dealing with it with peaceful mind. If a situation arises with its complexities where there is possibility to lose everything, a wise person gracefully let's go a part of it. So it is better to analyze the situation and learn to let go things which is beyond your control. Losing a part is better than losing everything which would become unbearable. It is ok to lose partially than to lose everything for balancing the life. A person with powerful soul can handle the difficulties in life with equanimity of mind and move ahead.

सर्वनाशे समुत्पन्ने ह्यर्थं त्यजति पण्डितः ।  
अर्थेन कुरुते कार्यं सर्वनाशो हि दुःसहः ॥

**10. Retaining an adaptable attitude to bring up-to-date makes our soul more powerful.** A wise person should gather only the core from all major or minor shastras because they are so many and it is unfeasible to absorb everything in deepness. Just as the honey bee gathers only honey from all kinds of flowers, we need to update ourself with the essential aspects and leave the rest.

अणुभ्यश्च महद्भ्यश्च शास्त्रेभ्यः कुशलो नरः ।  
सर्वतः सारमादद्यात् पुष्पेभ्य इव पटपदः ॥

**11. Sticking to good associates empowers our soul.** Identifying the same is well explained by our ancestors. Viduraniti tells don't entertain those who deviate from dharmic path. Never get associated to ten types persons who do not know or don't care what Dharma are viz., the intoxicated, the inattentive, the mad, the fatigued, the angry, the starving, the hasty, the greedy, the frightened and the lustful. Therefore, a wise person should always avoid close emotional bonding with these.

दश धर्म न जानन्ति धृतराष्ट्र निबोध तान् ।  
मत्तः प्रमत्त उन्मत्तः श्रान्तः क्रुद्धो बुभुक्षितः ॥ ८२ ॥  
त्वरमाणश्च भीरुश्च लुब्धः कामी च ते दश ।  
तस्मादेतेषु भावेषु न प्रसज्जेत पण्डितः ॥ ८३ ॥

**12. Practice accepting the situation and persons as it helps to retain the power of our soul.** According to Isa Upanishad the wise individual beholds all beings in the Self and the Self in all beings; for that cause he does not hate anybody.

यस्तु सर्वाणि भूतान्यात्मन्येवानुपश्यति ।  
सर्वभूतेषु चात्मानं ततो न विजुगुप्सते ॥ ६ ॥

The theme of almost all the Upanishads is the Self which is Brahman itself. So we need to live with grace and not to permit other persons comment or treatment affects your peace. When we accept that the person who is before you is also having the Chaitanya you are having, there is no room for hatred. Everyone behaves differently in a situation according to their samskara and karma. Be yourself and forget about impressing others. No matter what you do, some people will like you and some won't. Why not just be yourself so that those who do like you, like you, for who you really are. Really, being you is impressive enough. You should stick to your good judgement to live gracefully.

# QUIZ TIME

1. To improve security, whose armed force initiated the "Ops Alert" exercise?
2. Which nation's Chris Hipkins has taken the oath of office as prime minister?
3. What is the name of the native mobile operating system that IIT Madras developed?
4. What does the "India International Science Festival" have as its theme?
5. What is the name of the latest stealth Scorpene class submarine to be commissioned into the Indian Navy?
6. Which nation has received praise from the World Bank for going from being the poorest to having one of the fastest growing economies?
7. Which state stated that it would have strict regulations that would put men who marry young girls in jail?
8. In which state was the Narayanpur left bank canal's modern irrigation system opened?
9. In which state/UT is the "Centre for Maritime Economy and Connectivity" to be established?
10. Which honorees will Prime Minister Modi honour by renaming the 21 Andaman & Nicobar islands?

## DID YOU KNOW?

### TIBET'S CLIMATE CAN BE IMPACTED BY THE AMAZON RAINFOREST!



Scientists have now learned that changes in the South American ecosystem can cause changes near the Himalayas, despite the fact that the Tibetan Plateau and the Amazon rainforest are located on opposite sides of the planet. The Amazon region is obviously an

important element of the Earth system by itself, but it's also a burning question if and how changes in that region could affect other parts of the world, according to Jingfang Fan from Beijing Normal University in China and the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) in Germany. "Logging, road construction, and warming are already today stressing the Amazon rainforest, and will likely do so even more in the future," she says. Jingfang continued, "We can now accurately identify and quantify these so-called teleconnections for the first time. Our research demonstrates that the Amazon is a prime example of how this might occur and that the Earth system's tipping points are in fact connected, even over great distances." Using data from the previous 40 years, the researchers examined changes in near-surface air temperature in a grid of more than 65,000 subregions. They could then observe how modifications at one node affected those at another. They were able to identify a clear propagation pathway that stretched over 20,000 kilometres, from South America to the Tibetan Plateau.

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3. BharOS
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6. Bangladesh
7. Assam
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