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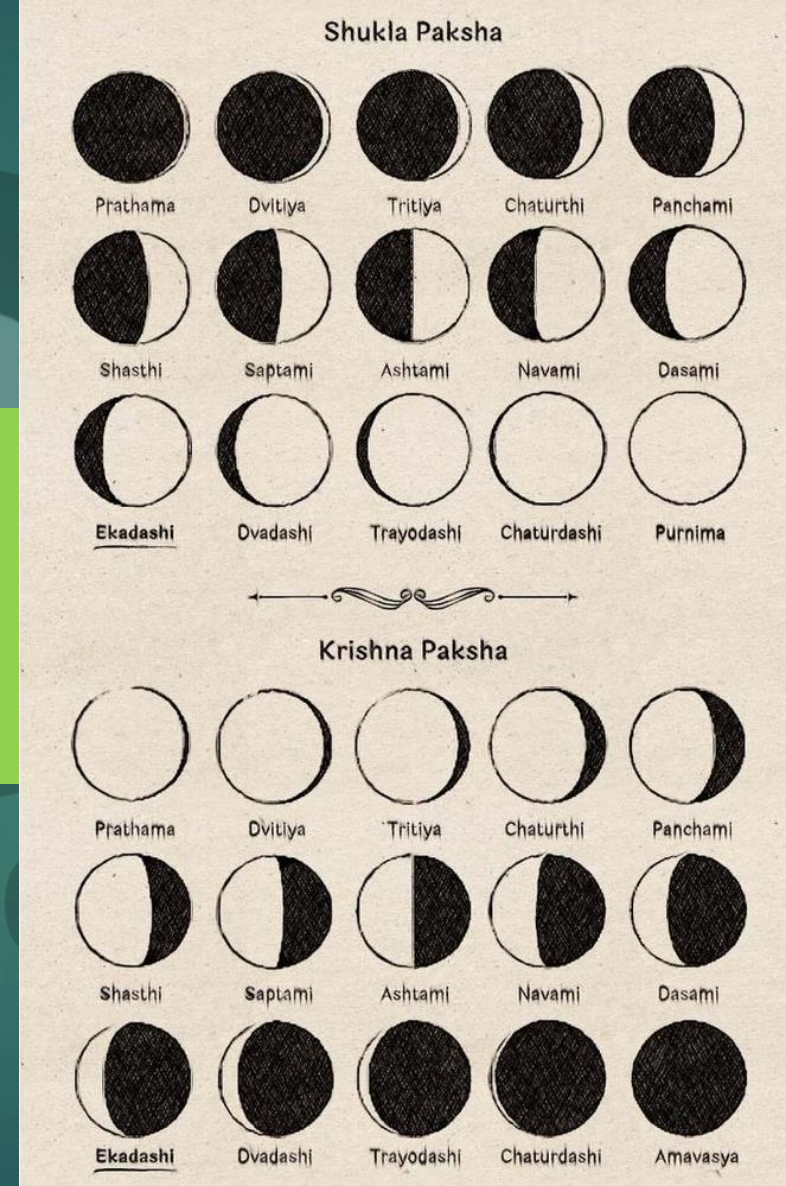
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What was the purpose of the Joint Letter of Intent (JLoI) signed between NITI Aayog and WIPO?

नीति आयोग और डब्ल्यूआईपीओ के बीच हस्ताक्षरित संयुक्त आशय पत्र (एलओआई) का उद्देश्य क्या था?

- A) To collaborate on climate change initiatives
- B) To develop programs for innovation, entrepreneurship, and intellectual property (IP)
- C) To establish a new trade agreement
- D) To create educational scholarships for international students

Answer: B

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📖 Gandhi Mandela Award 2024- Rigoberta Menchu Tum.

📖 Warsaw is Capital of Poland(Country).

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(B)To develop programs for innovation, entrepreneurship and intellectual property(IP) is purpose of Joint letter of intend(JLol).

Thank you ma'am happy birthday to dilip sir from bottom my heart ❤️ 🎂 🎂 .



PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana



Narendra Modi 
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Let's boost solar power and sustainable progress. I urge all residential consumers, especially youngsters, to strengthen the PM - Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana by applying at- pmsuryaghar.gov.in



All govt buildings to be solarised by 2025 under PM Surya Ghar Yojana



- Tata Power Company's subsidiary Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd (TPREL) and NHPC Renewable Energy Ltd (NHPC-REL) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to install rooftop solar projects across government buildings of Central ministries, states, and Union Territories.
- The initiative, under the PM Surya Ghar Yojna Scheme, aims for complete solarisation of government-owned buildings by December 2025

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PM Surya Ghar Yojana

- The central government will provide **300 units of free electricity per month** to its beneficiaries by investing worth **₹75,000 crores**.
- The free electricity scheme was earlier announced by the Finance Minister in an interim budget speech.
- Target: It aims to light up **1 crore households**.
- Under the scheme Urban Local Bodies and Panchayats shall be incentivized to promote rooftop solar systems in their jurisdictions.

Give your house the gift of
free electricity and solar power
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**PM Surya Ghar
Muft Bijli Yojana**



The scheme will lead to more income,
lesser power bills and employment
generation for people.
- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



₹75000 crore scheme for 1 crore houses

KEY FEATURES OF THE SCHEME

Up to 300 units of
electricity per month

Up to ₹78000
subsidy

Loan at lower
interest rates

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Nationwide Rollout of U-WIN Portal for Tracking Routine Immunizations Expected by the End of August



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Pan India rollout of U-WIN Portal soon



- Government is soon to start the countrywide rollout of U-WIN, an online vaccine management portal for childhood vaccination — similar to CoWIN used during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The platform is already being piloted in several states, and national implementation is imminent.

What is U-WIN? How does it work

- Children, up to the age of six years, and pregnant mothers are registered on U-WIN
- Upon registration, records of all 25 shots given to a child — and the two given to pregnant mothers — can be added.

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- The platform also sends SMS reminders to parents before their children are due for the next dose.
- The digital vaccine certificate — which can be downloaded by parents does away with the need to maintain the physical vaccination booklet, and allows one to get vaccinated anywhere in the country.
- U-WIN itself can be used to locate the nearest vaccination centre, and book an available slot.

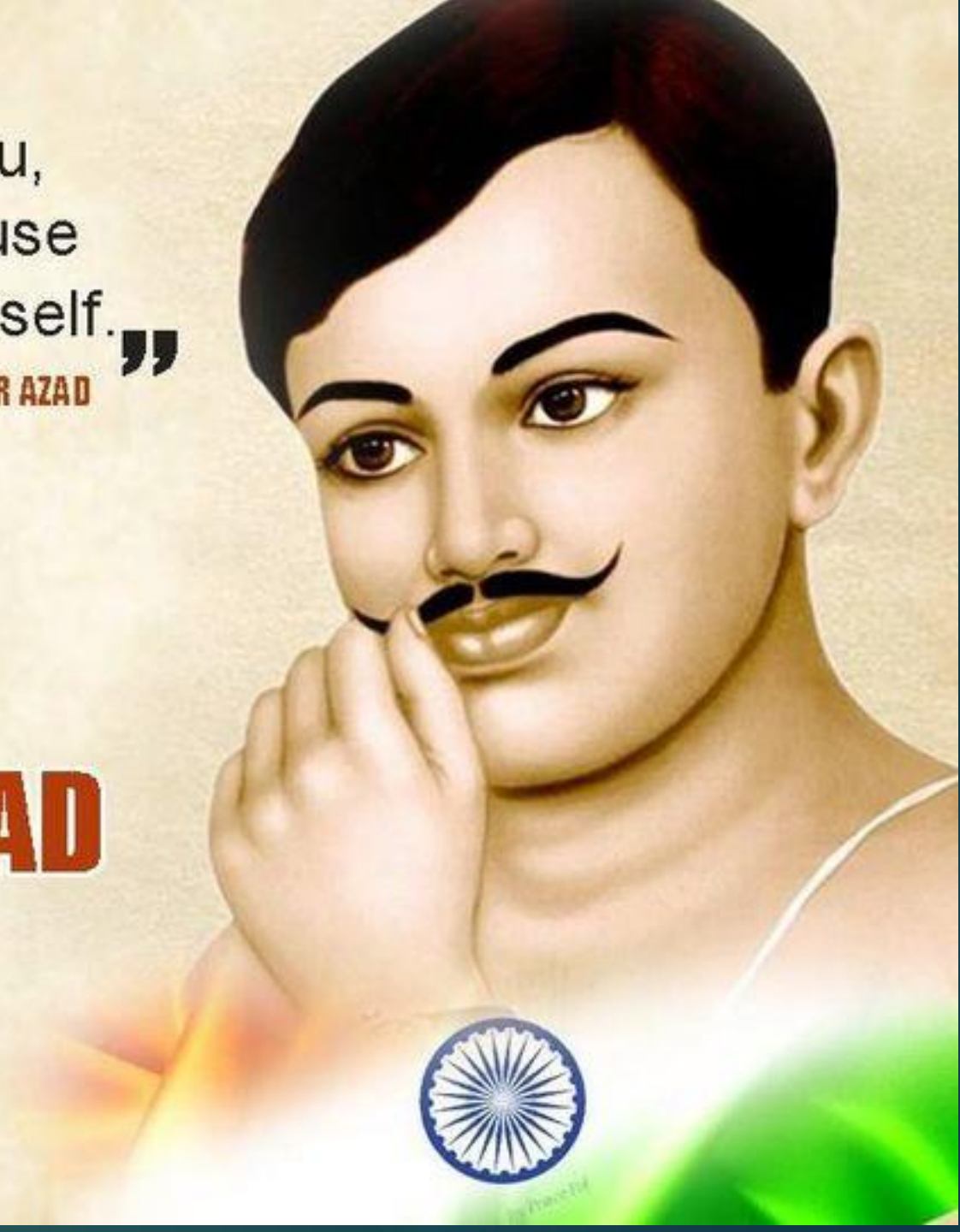
“
Don't see others doing better than you,
beat your own records everyday, because
success is a fight between you and yourself.”
—CHANDRA SHEKHAR AZAD

Humble tributes to revolutionary
freedom fighter

CHANDRA SHEKHAR AZAD

on his Birth Anniversary

23 July 1906 - 27 February 1931



PM Modi Pays Tribute To Chandra Shekhar Azad On His Birth Anniversary



- Chandra Shekhar Tiwari was born on July 23, 1906, in the small city of Bhavra in Madhya Pradesh.
- Deeply moved by the Jallianwala Bagh incident on April 13, 1919, Chandrashekar soon became a part of the Non-Cooperation Movement led by Mahatma Gandhi in 1920 and even got arrested at the young age of 15 for being a part of the movement.

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- He was instrumental in reorganising the Hindustan Republican Association (HRA) into the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA) after the deaths and arrests of several key leaders, including Ram Prasad Bismil.
- He was involved in significant revolutionary activities, including the Kakori Train Robbery in 1925, which aimed to fund the HSRA's operations
- His commitment to the armed struggle was further demonstrated through his involvement in the assassination of British police officer John Saunders in 1928, an act of vengeance for the death of Lala Lajpat Rai.
- On February 27, 1931, Azad met his end in a fierce gunfight with the police at Alfred Park in Allahabad

Centre denies special category status to Bihar



Centre Denies Special Category Status To Bihar



- The Centre said that special status to any state is given on certain parameters and the request of Bihar for Special Category Status was denied in 2012.

What is Special Category Status (SCS)?

- SCS is a classification given by the Centre to assist development of states that face geographical and socio-economic disadvantages.
- This classification was done on the recommendations of the Fifth Finance Commission in 1969.
- Status was first accorded to Jammu and Kashmir, Assam and Nagaland in 1969
- Constitution does not make a provision for SCS.

The Gadgil formula



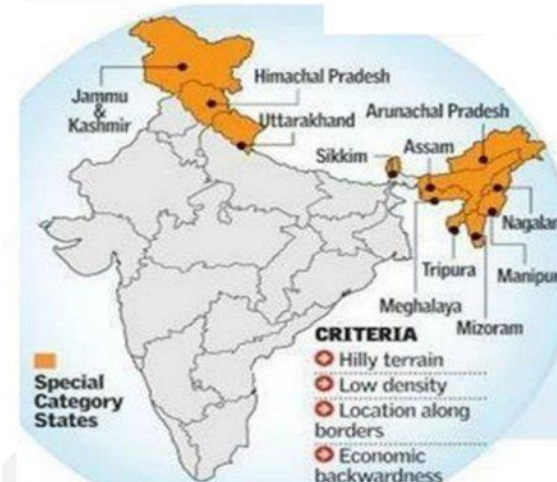
- The issue of special category status was **initially discussed in** a National Development Council (NDC) meeting held in 1969.
- During this session, the **DR Gadgil Committee proposed a formula** for **distributing central assistance to state** plans in India.
- Before this, there was no dedicated formula for fund allocation, and grants were allocated based on individual schemes.

Special Category States:

- It is based on CADGIL formula. It is based on the parameters like Hilly terrain.
- Low population density and/or sizeable share of tribal areas.
- Economic and infrastructure backwardness.
- Strategic location along borders with neighbouring countries.
- Nonviable nature of state finances.
- The classification was based on the 5th finance commission recommendations.
- It will be grant by central government.



About:



- **Benefits to Special Category States:**
 - Significant concessions are provided to these states in excise and custom duties, income tax, corporate tax.
 - Centre pays 90% of the funds required in centrally sponsored scheme.

- The **National Development Council** provided plan assistance to states by **using the Gadgil formula** — higher weightage to population and economic deprivation — after **reserving 30 per cent of funds for the special category states (SCS)** - ensuring that their requirements were prioritised in the allocation of Central assistance.

Parameters (Based on Gadgil Formula):

- Hilly Terrain;
- Low Population Density and/or Sizeable Share of Tribal Population;
- Strategic Location along Borders with Neighbouring Countries;
- Economic and Infrastructure Backwardness; and
- Nonviable Nature of State finances.



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- However, with the **dissolution of the Planning Commission** and the establishment of the **NITI Aayog in 2014**, the **14th Finance Commission** has done away with the 'special category status' for states, **except for the Northeastern and three hill states**.
- **SCS is different from Special status** which imparts enhanced legislative and political rights, while SCS deals with only economic and financial aspects.
- For instance, J&K used to have Special status before Article 370 was repealed.

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► Benefits of Special Category Status:

- The Centre pays 90% of the funds required in a centrally-sponsored scheme to special category status states as against 60% or 75% in case of other states, while the remaining funds are provided by the state governments.
- Unspent money in a financial year does not lapse and is carried forward.
- Significant concessions are provided to these states in excise and customs duties, income tax and corporate tax.
- 30% of the Centre's Gross Budget goes to Special Category states.

► Concerns regarding Special Category Status:

- It causes Increased burden on Central Finances.
- Leads to demands from other states too. Example - demands from Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Bihar.

Mizoram's Aizawl to Become the Fourth Capital in Northeast India to gain Railway Connectivity

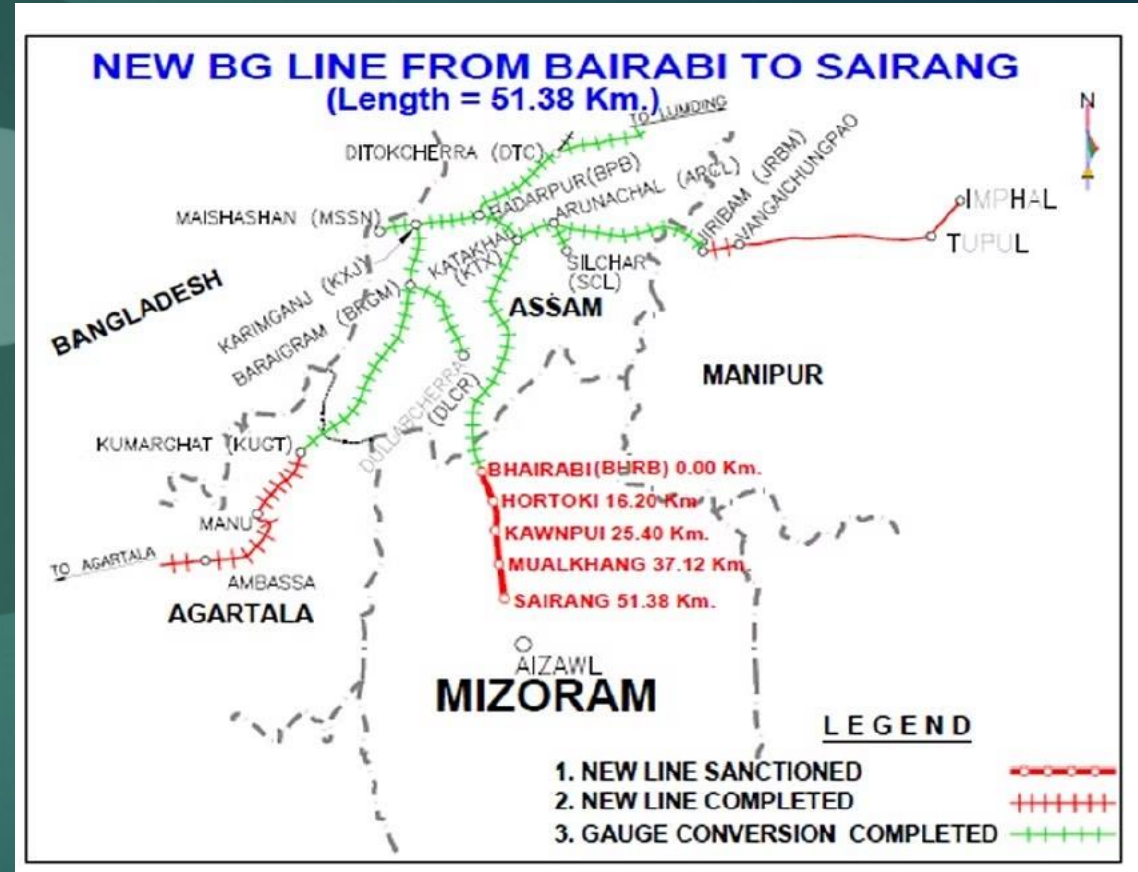


- The city of Aizawl in Mizoram will be the fourth capital in Northeast India to have train service **by July 2025**.
- **Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) is laying the new Broad Gauge (BG) track up to Sairang, near Aizawl**
- Assam's main city of Guwahati (adjoining capital Dispur), Tripura capital Agartala, and Arunachal Pradesh's Naharlagun (adjacent to capital city Itanagar) are already connected with the railway network.



Project Overview

- **Bairabi-Sairang railway project** goes from Bairabi to Sairang in Mizoram's Aizawl District and is **52 km long**.
- This project, which **started in 2008-2009** and cost about Rs 8,213.72 crore, is meant to improve transportation in the area.



Hemant Soren government to launch financial assistance scheme for women



- Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren said the government would soon organise village-level camps to enrol women in the financial assistance scheme under which ₹1,000 would be given every month.
- The government has named it Mukhyamantri Behan-Beti Swavalamban Protsahan Yojana, for which the State government has to bear an extra expenditure of roughly ₹400 crore per month

Gujrat State Govt Launches Shramik Basera Scheme For Labourers



- CM Bhupendra Patel launched the 'Shramik Basera' scheme to offer temporary housing to 15,000 construction workers at a cost of ₹5 per day.
- The initiative includes the construction of 17 new dwelling structures in major cities like Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Vadodara, and Rajkot.
- A plan to build additional facilities for 300,000 workers over the next 3 years, at a projected cost of ₹1,500 crore.



Shramik Basera Scheme 2024

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Abhinav Bindra has become the first Indian to receive the **Olympic Order**, the **highest accolade bestowed** by the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)**.



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Abhinav Bindra Awarded Prestigious Olympic Order By IOC; Becomes First Indian To Receive Award



- India's **legendary shooter** Abhinav Bindra is set to be awarded the Olympic Order for outstanding contributions to the Olympic movement.
- Bindra, who clinched **India's first individual Olympic gold medal in 2008** during the **Beijing Summer Games** will receive the honour on **August 10** during International Olympic Committee's (IOC) **142nd session**.



What is the Olympic Order Award?

- The Olympic Order was founded in 1975.
- It is the highest award of the Olympic Movement.
- It is specifically awarded for distinguished contributions to the Olympic Movement.



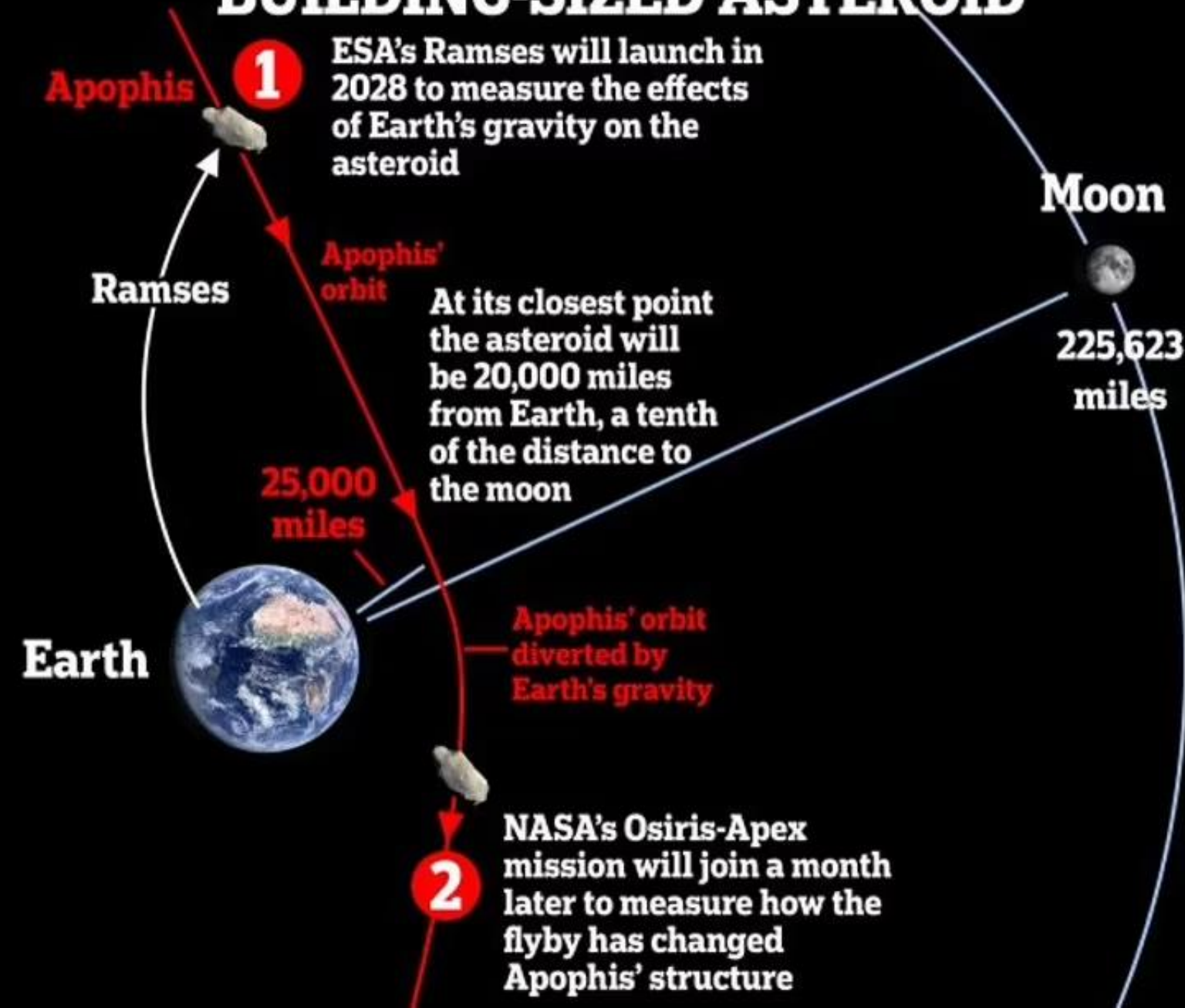
ESA Prepares RAMSES Mission to Study Asteroid Apophis



- The European Space Agency (ESA) has announced a **Rapid Apophis Mission for Space Safety (RAMSES)** mission to study the **Apophis asteroid** when it **passes by Earth** at a very close distance **in 2029**.
- **ESA is the second major space agency** to commit a space mission for Apophis, **after NASA announced OSIRIS-APEX mission** to study the physical changes to asteroid Apophis that will result from its rare close encounter with Earth in April 2029.
- Apophis will come within 32,000 km of the Earth in 2029
- A few days ago **ISRO expressed its intention of sending a mission** to Apophis

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THE MISSION TO MEET AN EMPIRE STATE BUILDING-SIZED ASTEROID



INDIA AMONG TOP 10 COUNTRIES GAINING FOREST AREA IN THE WORLD



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations



China, Australia and India made the most gains in forest area: FAO report



- India gained 2,66,000 hectares of forest area annually from 2010 to 2020, securing the third spot among the top 10 countries with the most significant forest area gains during this period, according to a new report by the Food and Agriculture Organisation.
- China led the world with the maximum forest area gain of 19,37,000 hectares, followed by Australia with 4,46,000 hectares, and India.
- Other countries in the top 10 include Chile, Vietnam, Turkey, the United States, France, Italy and Romania.

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- The report highlighted a significant reduction in deforestation in some countries.
- The FAO report also said the **rate of gross global mangrove loss decreased by 23%** during the periods — 2000 to 2010 and 2010 to 2020.
- However, the FAO stressed that **climate change** is **increasing** the vulnerability of forests to various stressors, including **wildfires and pests**.

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- In 2023, **wildfires emitted more than double the carbon dioxide emissions** from the European Union due to fossil fuel burning that year



UNRWA SLAMS

ISRAEL'S PARLIAMMENTARY BILL



Israeli parliament approves bill to label U.N. relief agency UNRWA as a terror organisation



- The Israeli parliament gave preliminary approval to a bill that declares the main United Nations relief organisation for Palestinians a terrorist organisation and proposes to sever relations with the body.
- The vote against the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA) is the latest step in a Israeli push against the agency, which Israeli leaders have accused of collaborating with the Islamist movement Hamas in Gaza.



- UNRWA provides education, health and aid to millions of Palestinians in Gaza, the West Bank, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.
- It has long had tense relations with Israel but relations have deteriorated sharply since the start of the war in Gaza

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Federal Bank Ltd. has announced the appointment of Krishnan Venkat Subramanian as its new Managing Director & CEO.



Founded: 23 April 1931

Headquarters: Aluva, Kochi, Kerala,



Sanya Malhotra becomes HMD Global's brand ambassador ahead of its first-ever smartphone launch in India



- The Finnish company is going to launch its first smartphone series on July 25 in India.



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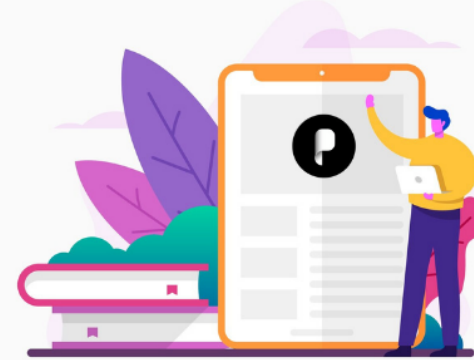
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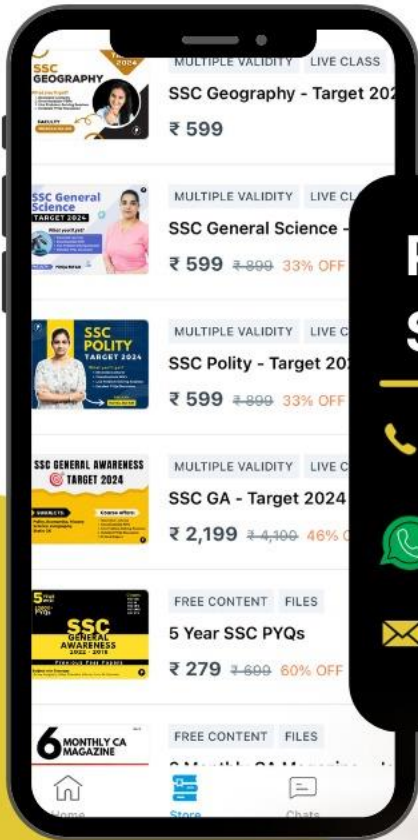
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What is the primary objective of the European Space Agency's RAMSES mission?

यूरोपीय अंतरिक्ष एजेंसी के RAMSES मिशन का प्राथमिक उद्देश्य क्या है?

- A. To study the surface of Mars
- B. To explore the moons of Jupiter
- C. To study the Apophis asteroid during its close approach to Earth
- D. To launch a satellite into orbit around the Sun

Answer: C

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Who became the first Indian to receive the prestigious Olympic Order?

प्रतिष्ठित ओलंपिक ऑर्डर प्राप्त करने वाले पहले भारतीय कौन बने?

- A) Abhinav Bindra
- B) Milkha Singh
- C) P. T. Usha
- D) Saina Nehwal

Answer: A

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According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) report, what is India's rank among the top 10 countries with the most significant forest area gains from 2010 to 2020?

खाद्य एवं कृषि संगठन (एफएओ) की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, 2010 से 2020 तक सर्वाधिक वन क्षेत्र वृद्धि वाले शीर्ष 10 देशों में भारत का स्थान क्या है?

- A) First
- B) Second
- C) Third
- D) Fourth

Answer: C

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Which committee proposed the formula for distributing central assistance to state plans in India during the 1969 National Development Council (NDC) meeting?

1969 की राष्ट्रीय विकास परिषद (एनडीसी) की बैठक के दौरान किस समिति ने भारत में राज्य योजनाओं के लिए केंद्रीय सहायता वितरित करने का सूत्र प्रस्तावित किया था?

- A) Sarkaria Committee
- B) Rajamannar Committee
- C) V. K. R. V. Rao Committee
- D) DR Gadgil Committee

Answer: D

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QUESTION OF THE DAY



Under the Mukhyamantri Behan-Beti Swavalamban Protsahan Yojana, how much financial assistance will be given to women every month?

मुख्यमंत्री बहन-बेटी स्वावलंबन प्रोत्साहन योजना के तहत महिलाओं को हर महीने कितनी वित्तीय सहायता दी जाएगी?

- A) ₹500
- B) ₹750
- C) ₹1,000
- D) ₹1,500

Answer: C

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