

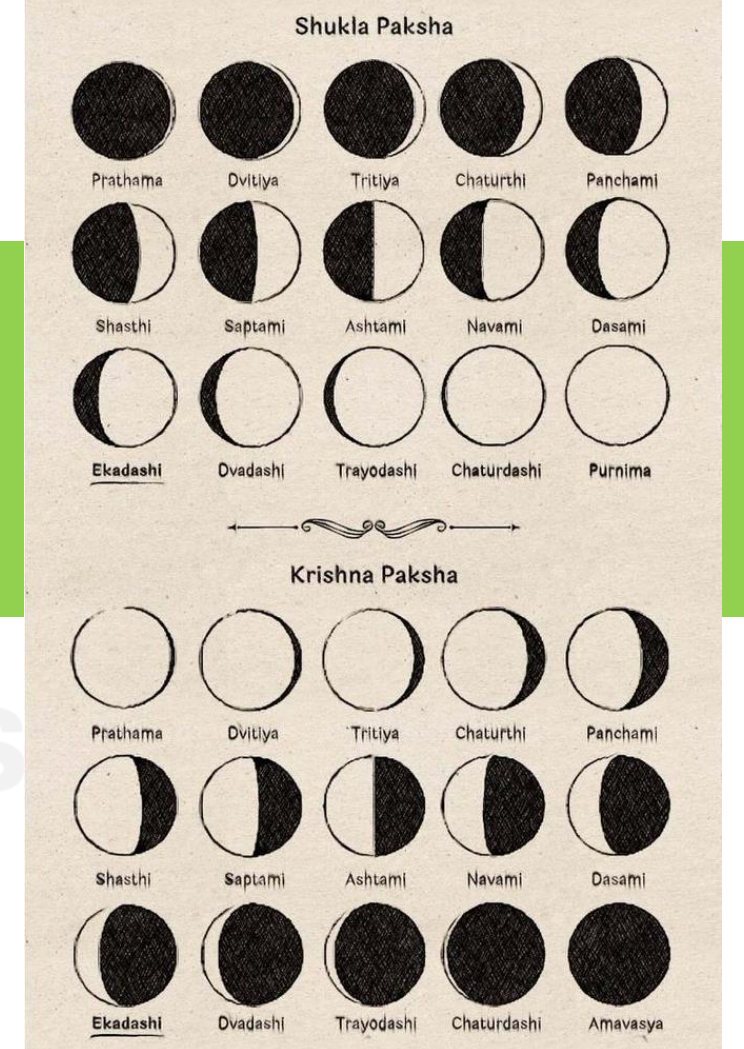
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## QUESTION OF THE DAY

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- a) Mount Everest
- b) Mount Kilimanjaro
- c) Mount Nemrut
- d) Mount Fuji

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Questions asked during the session -

- 1) ITU Head - Doreen Bogdan-Martin ; HQ- Geneva, Switzerland
- 2) Highest mountain peak unshared and undisputed - Nanda Devi(7816m)
- 3) QOTD - c) Mt Nemrut



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# 18 May - International Museum Day

- The day was **established in 1977 by the International Council of Museums (ICOM)** to promote the role of museums in society
- **The theme - “Museums for Education and Research”**
- The objective of International Museum Day (IMD) is to raise awareness about the fact that Museums are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among peoples.

# Senior IIS Officer Maushumi Chakravarty Assumes Charge As Director General Of Akashvani/वरिष्ठ आईआईएस अधिकारी मौसमी चक्रवर्ती ने आकाशवाणी के महानिदेशक के रूप में कार्यभार संभाला

- Senior Indian Information Service officer, Maushumi Chakravarty assumed the charge as Director General of Akashvani.



# Senior IPS Officers A.Y.V. Krishna & N. Venu Gopal Appointed

**As Additional Directors In CBI**/वरिष्ठ आईपीएस अधिकारी ए.वाई.वी. कृष्णा और एन वेणु गोपाल को सीबीआई में अतिरिक्त निदेशक के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया

- **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).**
- Mr. Krishna been **inducted** as the additional director of CBI for a tenure up to **August 6, 2028.**
- **Mr. Venu Gopal** has been **appointed** as additional director, CBI for a tenure up to **May 24, 2027.**



# CBI

- It is India's premier investigative agency, responsible for addressing serious crimes and ensuring national security.
- It operates under Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions. The **CBI was formally established in 1963**
- However, its origins trace back to the **Special Police Establishment (SPE) formed in 1941** to investigate cases of bribery and corruption in transactions with the War & Supply Department of India during World War II.
- **The CBI is not a statutory body but derives its power to investigate from the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946.**
- The establishment of the CBI was **recommended by the Santhanam Committee on Prevention of Corruption (1962–1964).**



# Kapil Sibal elected Supreme Court Bar Association President/कपिल सिब्बल सुप्रीम कोर्ट बार एसोसिएशन के अध्यक्ष चुने गए

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal was elected President of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA). He would be serving the SCBA for the 4<sup>th</sup> time as its President.

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SENIOR ADVOCATE  
**KAPIL SIBAL**  
ELECTED AS **PRESIDENT**  
OF SUPREME COURT  
BAR ASSOCIATION



## **Print media veteran Naresh Mohan dies at 82**/प्रिंट मीडिया के दिग्गज नरेश मोहन का 82 साल की उम्र में निधन

- Distinguished media veteran and **former President of Indian Newspaper Society (INS)** Naresh Mohan passed away.
- He also served as **Executive President at Hindustan Times**, chairman at **United News of India** and as member of the **Press Council of India**.
- **Founded in 1939**, INS acts as the central organisation for newspapers in India



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# Next Generation Of Squash Players Inducted In TOPS

## With Eye On LA 2028 Olympic Games

LA 2028 ओलंपिक खेलों पर नजर रखते हुए स्कवैश खिलाड़ियों की अगली पीढ़ी को TOPS में शामिल किया गया



- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports' **Mission Olympics Cell (MOC)** has inducted **next generation squash players Anahat Singh, Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar** into the Development Group of the **Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)**.
- The squash players have been inducted **into TOPS with a focus on 2028 Los Angeles Olympics** as the sport is set to debut in that edition.
- For years, **Saurav Ghosal, Dipika Pallikal and Joshna Chinappa** have kept the flame burning in India and are now passing the baton to the next generation of players.

# TOPS SCHEME

- In order to improve **India's performance at Olympics and Paralympics**, the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS)** started the **Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)** in **September 2014**. This was revamped in **April 2018** to establish a **technical support team** for managing the TOPS athletes and providing holistic support.
- The Scheme looks to add a premium to the preparations of these athletes so that they can win medals in the Olympics.
- This includes foreign training, international competition, equipment and coaching camp besides **monthly stipend of Rs. 50,000/- for each athlete**.



# SC: **NO MINING** WITHIN 1 KM RADIUS OF SARISKA



**NDTV**

# No mining within 1-km radius around tiger

**habitats: SC to Rajasthan**/बाघों के आवास के आसपास 1 किमी के दायरे में कोई खनन नहीं: राजस्थान से सुप्रीम कोर्ट

- The Supreme Court told authorities in Rajasthan that there cannot be any mining activity **within 1-km radius of critical tiger habitats**.
- On April 26, 2023, the court, in a judgment, had said that **mining within 1-km from the boundary of a national park or a wildlife sanctuary shall not be permissible**. It added, “as such the prohibition... will be **automatically applicable even to the critical tiger reserves**”.
- According to the court, **Section 38XA of Wildlife Protection Act 1972** shows that tiger reserves stand on a higher pedestal than wildlife sanctuaries and national parks.

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- **The Sariska Tiger Reserve is located in the Alwar district of Rajasthan.**
- It is well nestled in the Aravali Hills, covering an area of 800 sq km.
- Sariska was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1955 and was declared the tiger reserve later in 1978, making it a part of India's Project Tiger.
- **It is the first reserve in the world to successfully relocate tigers.**



# India Proposes Digital Competition Bill, 2024/भारत ने डिजिटल प्रतिस्पर्धा विधेयक, 2024 का प्रस्ताव रखा



- Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has proposed a **new digital competition law that could stop tech giants like Google, Facebook, and Amazon from self-preferencing their own services**, or using data gathered from one company to benefit another group company.
- The **draft** law is called the **Digital Competition Bill, 2024**.
- It has provisions to **set presumptive norms to curb anti-competitive practices before they actually take place**, and promises to impose heavy penalties — which could amount to billions of dollars — for violations.

- The proposal is **similar to the European Union's Digital Markets Act (DMA)**, which went into complete effect earlier this year.
- **Currently, India** follows an *ex post antitrust framework* under the **Competition Act, 2002**. Regulating **after the incidence** of market **abuse involves delays**—by the time the offending company has been penalised, market dynamics change to rule out smaller competitors.
- The **proposed framework** is a forward-looking, preventive, and presumptive law (*an ex ante framework*)

## Criticism of the draft

- For **big tech companies**, an ex ante framework with its strict prescriptive norms could lead to **significant compliance burden**, and shift focus from innovation and research to ensuring that companies do not presumptively engage in an anti-competitive practice.

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**World University  
Rankings 2024**  
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# Times Higher Education Young University Rankings

**2024**/टाइम्स हायर एजुकेशन यंग यूनिवर्सिटी रैंकिंग 2024

- The rankings list the world's best universities **that are 50 years old or younger.**
- This year the **ranking included over 670 universities** from across the globe.
- The **2 Indian universities** have ranked in **the top 100 list.**
- **Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala - 81st**
- **Anna University, Chennai - 96th**
- Nanyang Technological University, Singapore **tops the league table for the 2nd year in a row.**



# Venezuela loses its last glacier as it shrinks down to an ice field

**Scientists reclassify Humboldt glacier, also known as La Corona, after it melted faster than expected**



📷 The Humboldt glacier in Venezuela in 2019. The country is thought to be the first to lose all its glaciers. Photograph: Jose Manuel Romero/AP



# Venezuela Becomes First Country To Lose All Glaciers

वेनेज़ुएला सभी ग्लेशियर खोने वाला पहला देश बन गया

- Venezuela's (South American nation) only remaining glacier — **the Humboldt, or La Corona, in the Andes** — had become "too small to be classed as a glacier".
- There **were six glaciers in this Latin American country.**
- However, by **2011, five of them had already disappeared** forever.
- The disappearance of the last glacier in Venezuela, caused by **temperature fluctuations beyond the norm for tropical latitudes**, may become one of the critical points for the Earth's cryosphere



- While there is **no global standard for the minimum size** a body of ice must be **to qualify as a glacier**, the US Geological Survey says a **commonly accepted guideline** is around **10 hectares (0.1 sq km)**.
- A **glacier is a large, persistent mass of ice** that forms **on land** and **moves under its own weight**, typically flowing outward from its place of accumulation. Glaciers form in areas where the **accumulation of snow exceeds its ablation** (melting and sublimation) **over many years, often centuries**.
- The **compacted snow gradually transforms into ice**, which can flow like a very slow river due to gravitational forces and the pressure from the weight of the ice above.

# Scientists Discover 1.5 Billion-Year-Old “Giant” Viruses In Yellowstone

वैज्ञानिकों ने येलोस्टोन में 1.5 अरब साल पुराने "विशालकाय" वायरस की खोज की

- Giant viruses dating back 1.5 billion years were found in Yellowstone's geothermal springs, which scientists claim could reveal the conditions under which life formed on Earth.
- The viruses are labeled as 'giant' because they have extremely large genomes compared to regular viruses and pose no risk to humans

# Yellowstone National Park

- Yellowstone National Park, located **in the western United States**
- World's First National Park: **On March 1872, Yellowstone became the first national park in the world.**
- UNESCO World Heritage Site: Yellowstone's significance extends beyond national borders—it **was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978.**





# Ancient Branch of Nile River Uncovered Near Egyptian Pyramids

/मिस्र के पिरामिडों के पास खुली नील नदी की प्राचीन शाखा

- For many years, archaeologists have thought that ancient Egyptians must have used a **nearby waterway to transport materials such as the stone blocks needed to build the pyramids on the river.**
- A research team from the University of North Carolina Wilmington has discovered that **the pyramids are likely to have been built along a long-lost, ancient branch of the River Nile** - which is **now hidden under desert** and farmland.
- The river branch - **named the Ahramat branch**, with "ahramat" meaning **pyramids in Arabic** - was roughly **64km (39 miles) long** and between **200-700m (656-2,296 ft) wide**.





- The **Ahramat branch flowed near a staggering 31 pyramids**, including the iconic Giza pyramid complex. This close proximity indicates that the river served as a vital transportation route.
- The **River Nile** was the lifeline of Ancient Egypt - and remains so to this day.
- The **longest river in the world** and is called the father of African rivers.







**UAE** Announces New  
10-year **Blue Residency Visa**

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# UAE Launches 10-Year Blue Residency Visa for Environmentalists

यूएई ने पर्यावरणविदों के लिए 10-वर्षीय ब्लू रेजिडेंसी वीज़ा लॉन्च किया

- The UAE Cabinet has announced a new 10-year Blue Residency visa **for individuals who have made exceptional contributions to protecting the environment.**
- This includes **members of international organisations, international companies, associations, non-governmental organisations, and global award winners.**
- The visa has been introduced in alignment with the **national directives declared by UAE, to designate 2024 as the year of sustainability.**

# PhonePe UPI now accepted in Sri Lanka



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# PhonePe launches UPI in Sri Lanka for Indian Tourists/PhonePe ने

भारतीय पर्यटकों के लिए श्रीलंका में UPI लॉन्च किया

- **PhonePe** announced that it has **enabled UPI payment** acceptance in **collaboration with LankaPay**, Sri Lanka's national payment network.
- Indians travelling to Sri Lanka **can now make payments using the Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** by scanning the **LankaQR code**.
- Their account will **be debited in INR**, showing the **currency exchange rate**.
- This alliance for **PhonePe** is **facilitated through LankaPay's partnership with NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)**.



# World's highest competitive swimming pool opens in Bhutan/दुनिया का सबसे ऊंचा प्रतिस्पर्धी स्विमिंग पूल भूटान में खुला



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- **World Aquatics inaugurated** the highest competitive swimming pool **at 8200 ft (2,400 meters) in Bhutan**, under the 'Pools for All program' to promote aquatic sports.
- The Global body of **Swimming launched a program in 2019** that aims to ensure accessible aquatic facilities for more countries and regions.
- **Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck** is the Druk Gyalpo, the monarch of the Kingdom of Bhutan.
- World Aquatics President- **Hussein Al-Musallam.**

# Anmol Rai, a transwoman crowned as Miss Pink

**Nepal 2024 in, Kathmandu**/अनमोल राय, एक ट्रांसवुमन को काठमांडू में मिस पिंक नेपाल 2024 का ताज पहनाया गया



- Now, Rai will represent **Nepal in the Miss International Queen 2024** competition, to be held in Thailand this year.
- Miss Pink trans beauty pageant is a traditional pageant for the **Nepali transgender community** held in Nepal
- Nepal has become **the first country in South Asia to allow same-sex marriage**, a step towards implementing gender equality and preventing discrimination towards LGBTQ people.





# Sultana's Dream

begum rokheya sakhawat hossain



## UNESCO Recognizes Feminist Utopian Novel Sultana's Dream as part of "Memory of the World" / यूनेस्को ने नारीवादी यूटोपियन उपन्यास सुल्तानाज़ ड्रीम को "मेमोरी ऑफ द वर्ल्ड" के हिस्से के रूप में मान्यता दी

- **Sultana's Dream**, the utopian novel of a world without men written by **Bengali author Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain** in 1905 British India (no Bangladesh), has been recognised by UNESCO as part of its **Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Committee (MOWCAP)**
- The Memory of the World Programme of the UNESCO **aims to facilitate preservation of the world's documentary heritage**, particularly in areas affected by conflict and/or natural disaster.



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# Summit on Clean Cooking in Africa

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# Inaugural Africa Clean Cooking Summit Held in Paris/अफ्रीका स्वच्छ

पाक कला शिखर सम्मेलन का उद्घाटन पेरिस में हुआ

- To provide clean cooking options for the **more than 1 billion people in Africa** who currently rely on fuels such as charcoal and wood
- The Summit drew more than 1,000 delegates from nearly 60 countries to address the health and climate impacts of cooking using open fires and basic stoves.
- It has **raised \$2.2 billion in pledges** from governments and the private sector.
- Using fuels such as **agricultural waste and animal dung in this way is the second-biggest cause of premature death in Africa, mostly of sub-Saharan women and children**

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**Cricket Scotland unveiled its jersey for the ICC  
Men's T20 World Cup 2024 with Karnataka Milk  
Federation's Nandini as its official sponsor**

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# **Scotland cricket team unveils T20 World Cup jersey with Nandini dairy brand logo/**स्कॉटलैंड क्रिकेट टीम ने नंदिनी डेयरी ब्रांड लोगो के साथ टी20 विश्व कप जर्सी का अनावरण किया

- The Scotland cricket team unveiled its new **ICC T20 World Cup jersey with Karnataka Milk Federation's (KMF) Nandini** logo.
- The Nandini brand, **which is a household name in Karnataka, is sponsoring Scotland and Ireland teams in the forthcoming T20 World Cup.**
- The tournament is set to begin from June 2 in the West Indies and the USA.

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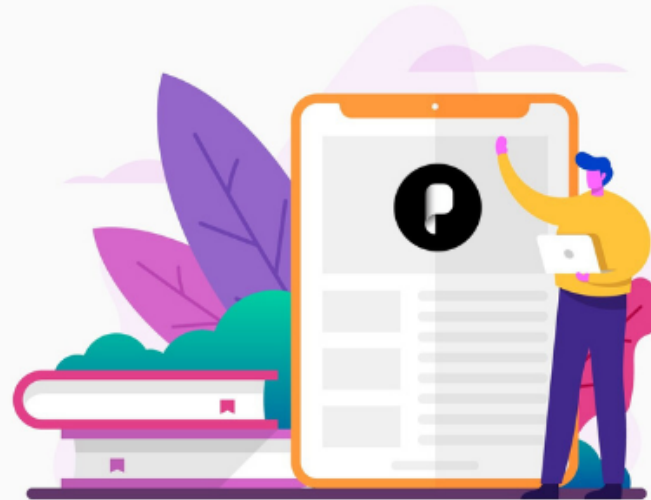


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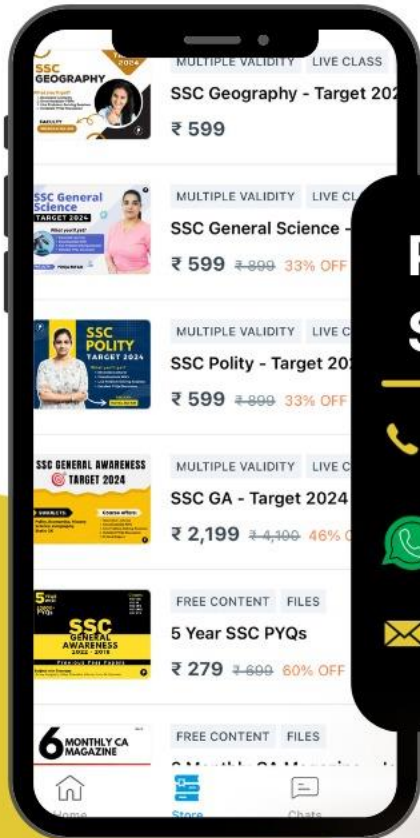
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# REVISION QUESTIONS

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Who is the author of the utopian novel "Sultana's Dream"?

यूटोपियन उपन्यास "सुल्तानाज़ ड्रीम" के लेखक कौन हैं?

A) Rabindranath Tagore

B) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay

C) Sarojini Naidu

D) Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain

Ans: d

Consider the following statements regarding Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2024.

1. The 2 Indian universities Mahatma Gandhi University and Anna University have ranked in the top 100 list.
2. Nanyang Technological University, Singapore secured first position .

Which of the above given statement/s is/are correct?

- a. Only 1
- b. Only 2
- c. Both 1 and 2
- d. Neither 1 nor 2

- Ans: c

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Who is elected as the president of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA)?

सुप्रीम कोर्ट बार एसोसिएशन (एससीबीए) का अध्यक्ष किसे चुना गया?

A) Harish Salve

B) Fali Nariman

C) Kapil Simbal

D) Ram Jethmalani

Ans: c

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What is the name of Venezuela's only remaining glacier that has become too small to be classed as a glacier?

वेनेजुएला के एकमात्र शेष ग्लेशियर का क्या नाम है जो ग्लेशियर की श्रेणी में आने के लिए बहुत छोटा हो गया है?

- A) Humboldt
- B) Chimborazo
- C) Aconcagua
- D) Cotopaxi

Ans: a

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY

Which country announced a new 10-year Blue Residency visa for individuals who have made exceptional contributions to protecting the environment?

किस देश ने पर्यावरण की रक्षा में असाधारण योगदान देने वाले व्यक्तियों के लिए नए 10-वर्षीय ब्लू रेजिडेंसी वीज़ा की घोषणा की?

- A) United States
- B) United Kingdom
- C) United Arab Emirates
- D) Australia

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**Faith and fear  
both demand  
you believe in  
something you  
cannot see.**

**You choose.**

- Bob Proctor



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