

WEEKLY C.A. SHORTS

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Tourism will promote global peace and development




- - Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar called for the formation of a task force to enhance India's global tourism status and stressed the need for collective commitment to improve various tourism sectors.
- - He highlighted the significant potential of tourism in driving economic growth and promoting global peace, and pointed to India's growing appeal as a major tourist destination.
- - The Central Government recognized 36 villages for their contribution to tourism and launched a partnership between hospitality groups and central hotel management institutes to further support the development of the sector.



FINLAND TO SET UP NATO BASE LESS THAN 200 KM FROM RUSSIAN BORDER

- - *Finland's Defense Ministry announced the establishment of a key NATO base in Mikkeli, less than 200 km from the Russian border, to "send a message" to Russia.*
- - *The decision follows Finland's membership in NATO last year, ending decades of military non-alignment in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022.*
- - *The new base reflects Finland's commitment to NATO and regional security, addressing concerns over Russian military activities in the region.*

ASIA POWER INDEX

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- • It prepares a list of powerful countries in the Asia Pacific region on an annual basis.
 - • It assesses the status of 27 countries in the Asia Pacific.
 - • For the first time, Southeast Asian Country Timor Leste has been included in this report.
 - • This index evaluates the power of countries on 131 indicators of eight thematic measures: military capacity and defense networks, economic capacity and relationships, diplomatic and cultural influence, Resilience.

LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE



- Males: Increased from 75.8% in 2017-18 to 78.8% in 2023-24
- Female: Increased from 23.3% to 41.7%.
- For Muslim women: Increased from 15% in 2021-22 to 21.4% in 2023-24

WHY ARE LAW STUDENTS PROTESTING IN RGNUL?



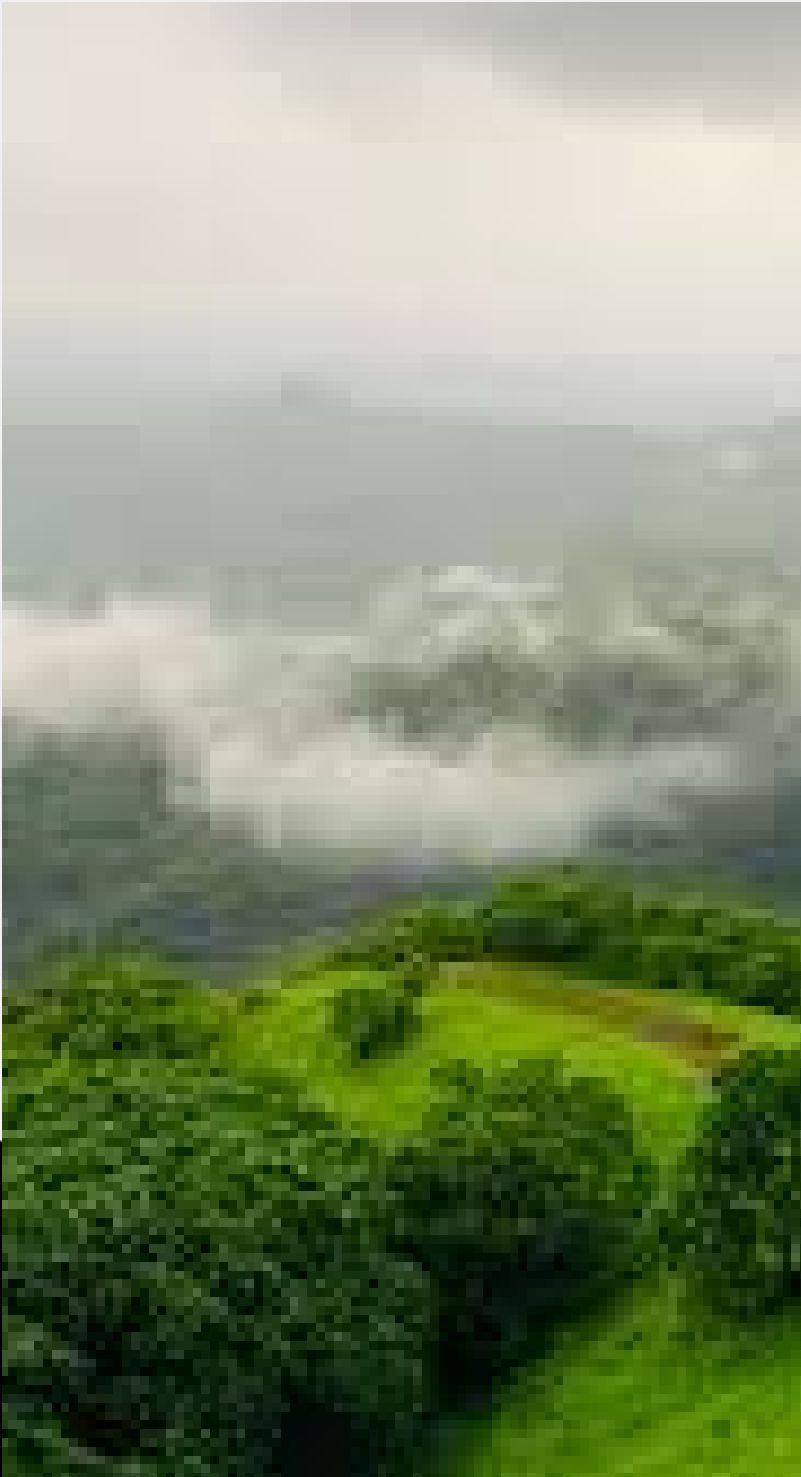
- Student-led protests at Rajiv Gandhi National Law University (RGNUL) have disrupted activities. It is alleged that Vice-Chancellor Professor Jai Shankar Singh entered the girls' hostel without any prior notice and violated their privacy.
- In response to the allegations, Mr. Singh told The Hindu that his visit to the first-year girls' rooms was "on their invitation".
- Punjab State Women's Commission Chairman Raj Lali Gill has written to President Draupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, requesting the "immediate removal" of Mr. Singh to restore a safe and respectful environment in the university campus.

92% OF THE WORKERS CLEANING URBAN SEWERS, SEPTIC TANKS ARE FROM SC, ST, OBC GROUPS.

- - The survey found that 91.9% of the 38,000 sewer and septic tank cleaning workers belong to Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST) or Other Backward Class (OBC) communities.
- - The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is profiling sanitation workers under the Namaste program to mechanize sewer work and improve safety, in which 31,999 workers have been identified so far.
- - Between 2019 and 2023, at least 377 workers have died while doing hazardous cleanup, which emphasizes the need to increase safety measures in this area.



SENSITIVE TO WESTERN GHATS ECOLOGY



- - Karnataka Government has requested withdrawal of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change's sixth draft notification on Eco-Sensitive Areas (ESA) in Western Ghats.
- - The state has formally rejected the report of the Kasturirangan committee during the cabinet meeting on September 26.
- - Elected representatives of 10 districts expressed concern that the implementation of the draft notification would adversely affect the residents of 1,499 villages in 33 taluks.

MANIPUR GOVERNMENT EXTENDED AFSPA FOR 6 MONTHS IN HILLY DISTRICTS



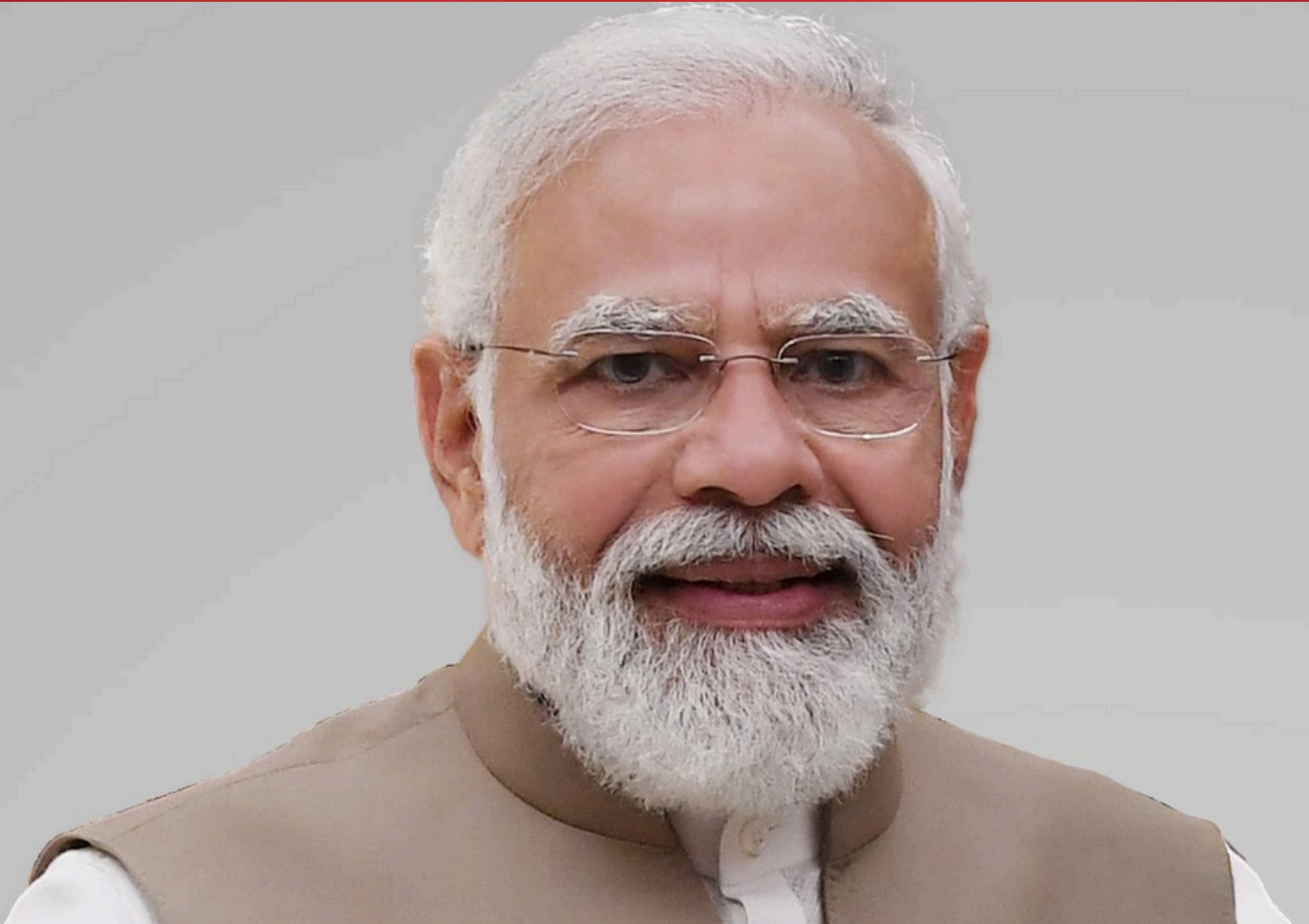
- - The Manipur government has extended the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) in Hill Districts for six months, effective from October 1, and will be applicable across the state except for 19 police stations in seven valley districts. .
- - The Governor of Manipur has cited continued violence by extremist groups to maintain the use of armed forces to assist civil administration.
- - A review of the status of "disturbed areas" is currently not possible, as security agencies are concentrating on maintaining law and order.



PRADHANMANTRI JANJATIYA GRAM ABHIYAN

- The scheme aims to ameliorate the socio- profitable condition of ethnical- dominated townlets and pushing sections of the country.
- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed the scheme in the Union Budget 2024- 25.
- Budget- Rs 79,156 crore(Central share Rs 56,333 crore and State partake Rs 22,823 crore)
- It'll cover 63,000 townlets in 549 ethnical- dominated sections and 2,740 blocks of 30 countries/ Union homes

PM- JANMAN



- In 1975, the Indian government initiated the identification of the most vulnerable ethnical groups, designating them as PVTGs, with an initial declaration of 52 similar groups.
- A fresh 23 groups were included in this order in 1993.
- In 2006, this order was renamed Particularly Vulnerable ethnic Groups (PVTGs).

PM LAUNCHES SPECIAL WELFARE PACKAGE FOR TRIBAL VILLAGES



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Dharti Aaba Janjati Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan in Hazaribagh, Jharkhand, aimed at implementing basic schemes in 550 tribal-dominated villages across districts.
- The initiative, earlier known as PM Janjati Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PM-JUGA), aims to support 63,000 scheduled tribe-dominated villages with 25 planned interventions.
- The total budget of the programme is ₹79,156 crore over five years, including ₹56,333 crore from the central government and ₹22,823 crore from state governments.

ADDITIONAL RAINS WILL HELP REDUCE FOOD INFLATION AND BOOST DEMAND

- Kharif crop sowing has increased by 1.5% over last year, supported by a strong southwest monsoon that has improved reservoir levels and rabi crop prospects.
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- As of September 30, the monsoon recorded 8% more rainfall than the long-term average, with reservoir capacity reaching 87%, although northern regions saw lower levels at 68%.
- Analysts at Motilal Oswal Financial Services noted that favorable conditions have led to increased crop sowing and diversification, which is expected to boost agricultural gross value addition and moderate food inflation.



GOVT OPENS PORTAL FOR INTERNSHIPS TO BRIDGE SKILL GAP

- The central government has launched a portal for India's top 500 companies to participate in a one-year internship programme aimed at bridging the skill gap for unemployed youth, with 100,000 participants expected by December 2.
- Within hours of the portal's launch, 111 companies signed up, offering 1,077 internships, part of a Rs 800-crore pilot project overseen by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs that aims to train one crore youths over five years.
- The application portal will open on October 12 for candidates in the age group of 21-24 years, with eligibility restrictions excluding postgraduates and individuals from families with an income of Rs 8 lakh or more in 2023-24.





JAISHANKAR TO MEET DISSANAYAKE TODAY

- Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar will visit Colombo on Friday and meet newly elected President Anura Kumara Dissanayake and other Sri Lankan leaders. During this, he will highlight India's commitment to strengthen bilateral relations.
- The main discussions during the visit will focus on Indian projects such as Trincomalee infrastructure and Adani Group's wind energy initiative, as well as the new government's position on devolution and Tamil rights.
- Jaishankar aims to ensure Dissanayake's commitment to visit India after Sri Lanka's parliamentary elections on November 14, while Indian High Commissioner Santosh Jha has recently encouraged Tamil leaders to unite for better representation.