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LGBTQIA+

COUPLES CAN OPEN JOINT **BANK ACCOUNTS**

The central government has confirmed that LGBTQIA+ individuals can open joint bank accounts and name each other as beneficiaries, following a Supreme Court directive.

The Reserve Bank of India has issued clarifications to banks in line with this new guideline.

Axis Bank, which has been accommodating LGBTQIA+ couples since September 2021, has welcomed the advice as it is in line with its inclusive policies.

GERMANY DEPORTS AFGHANS FOR FIRST TIME SINCE **TALIBAN REGIME TOOK CONTROL**

Germany deported 28 Afghan criminals to Afghanistan for the first time since the Taliban took power in 2021.

The deported individuals were convicted of serious crimes and had no legal right to stay in Germany.

The action reflects Berlin's response to growing pressure to adopt stricter migration policies.

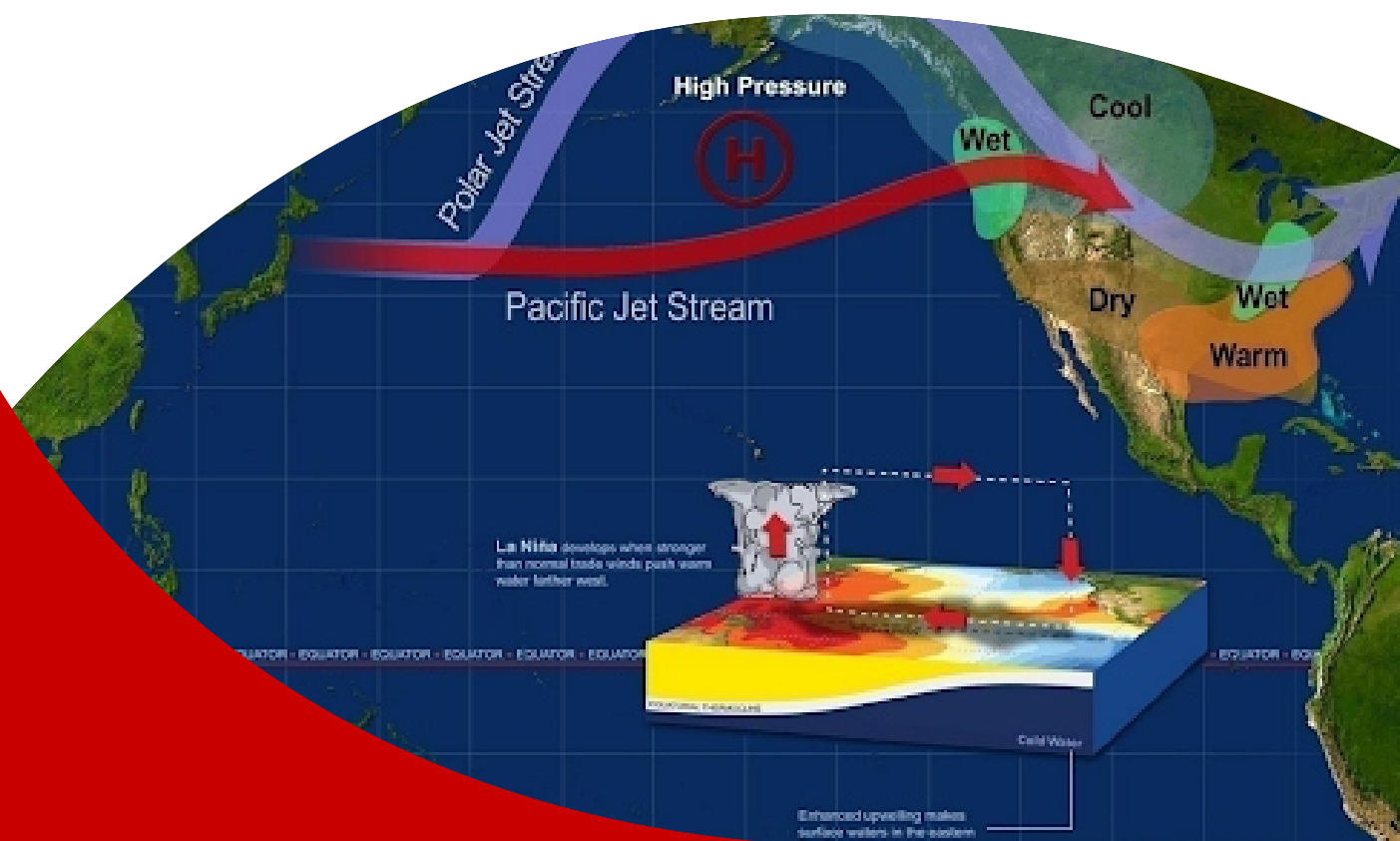


LA NINA AND WEATHER PATTERNS IN INDIA

- La Nina is expected to take root in September, leading to increased cyclonic activity in the Bay of Bengal and heavy rainfall in North India.
- September is forecasted to have higher than normal rainfall, particularly in Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, and Delhi, with weather models predicting several cyclonic precursors.
- The monsoon withdrawal, usually beginning mid-September, might be delayed due to the expected heavy rainfall.

ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL RESOURCE CENTRES FOR CLINICAL GUIDELINES

- The Union Health Ministry, in collaboration with ICMR, is setting up Technical Resource Centres (TRCs) to develop evidence-based clinical guidelines using the GRADE methodology.
- TRCs will receive financial support and will be responsible for systematic research, evidence synthesis, and dissemination of best practices in healthcare.
- The initiative includes regular monitoring, training programs, and a review process to ensure rigorous guideline development and application





ENSURE RATION CARDS FOR **LGBTQIA+** COUPLES, CENTRE SAYS

- LGBTQIA+ couples will now be considered part of the same household for ration card purposes, with states directed to prevent discrimination.
- The health ministry is implementing guidelines for medical and mental healthcare for LGBTQIA+ individuals and intersex children and allowing partners to claim each other's bodies in the absence of relatives.
- Recent measures include clarification that LGBTQIA+ couples can open joint bank accounts and a call for public suggestions on further actions to support the community.
- **NET GST RECEIPTS GROWTH RATE DROPS TO 6.5% IN AUGUST**
- GST collections grew by 10% in August, slightly lower than July's 10.3%, and gross revenues stood at around 1.75 lakh crore.
- Net receipts growth fell to 6.5%, and after refunds, net revenue declined by 9.2% to 1,50,501 crore.
- Tax refunds saw a 50.2% increase in August, and revenue growth varied significantly across states, with some states seeing a decline and others such as Manipur seeing substantial growth.

UP CM STRESSES

ON STEPS TO PREVENT
HUMAN-WILDLIFE CONFLICT



- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath chaired a meeting to address the rise in human-wildlife conflicts, especially wolf attacks, which resulted in six deaths.
- He has stressed the need for decisive measures to prevent and monitor these incidents.
- Adityanath has directed officials to implement public awareness campaigns to educate residents about safety precautions.
- **Eligibility criteria of 'Subhadra Yojana' changed, controversy in Odisha**
- The promise of giving Rs 50,000 to one crore women in 5 years under the 'Subhadra Yojana' was changed, as a result, most women were out of the eligibility criteria.
- According to the revised eligibility criteria, the age limit of the beneficiaries has been fixed between 21 to 60 years and the period has increased from 2 years to 5 years.
- Elected members of the Assembly or local bodies, those receiving financial assistance of Rs 1,500 per month or more than Rs 18,000 under any government scheme, owners of more than 5 acres of irrigated land, income tax filers and owners of four-wheelers except tractors and other small light goods vehicles are excluded from the Subhadra scheme.

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LOWER CORPORATE TAXES LEAD TO INCREASED WAGES?

- President Donald Trump signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act into law on December 22, 2017, and it became operative on January 1, 2018. The top corporate income tax rate was lowered from 35% to 21%, which was one of the biggest changes.
- In September 2019, India lowered its corporation tax rates. For companies that were already in operation, the rate went from 30% to 22%, while for newly established businesses, it went from 25% to 15%. In 2020–21, this led to a loss of almost 1 lakh crore in tax revenue.
- In addition, tax cuts have caused corporations to bear less of the burden of collecting taxes than individuals.

COULD THE PRESENCE OF GOLD NUGGETS IN QUARTZ VEINS BE EXPLAINED BY EARTHQUAKES?

- As a piezoelectric crystal, quartz produces a voltage when it is compressed or undergoes any mechanical alterations to its shape.
- The electrical characteristics of quartz are distorted by an electric field, which results in the movement of electrons from the crystal's surface into an aqueous solution or the other way around.
- Gold is deposited on the crystals as a result of piezo catalytic reactions caused by a seismic wave and gold-bearing fluids. Large gold nuggets are produced by this procedure, which is repeated hundreds of times.

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WHAT IS ANIIDCO KNOWN TO US?



- The 72,000 crore big infrastructure project on Great Nicobar, the southernmost island in the Andaman and Nicobar archipelago, is being promoted by ANIIDCO, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation.
- Its website lists its primary business operations as the selling of petroleum products, the management of tourism destinations, the construction of infrastructure for tourism and fishing, and the manufacturing of foreign liquor and milk by Indians.
- In July 2020, the Andaman and Nicobar administration designated ANIIDCO as the project proponent; however, at that time, the organization lacked an environment cell and policy. It lacked the manpower simply to supervise, much less carry out and keep an eye on the job it was given.

WHY DID HP RAISE THE AGE AT WHICH WOMEN CAN GET MARRIED?

- The Himachal Pradesh Assembly passed a bill on August 27 that raises the legal age of marriage for women from 18 to 21.
- A "child" is defined as "who, if male, has not completed twenty-one years of age, and if female, has not completed eighteen years of age" in Section 2(a) of the 2006 Act. This distinction is eliminated by the Bill, which redefines a "child" as "a male or female who has not attained the age of twenty-one."
- The Hindu earlier quoted author and activist Madhu Mera as saying that bringing up the legal age of marriage for women to 21 might ruin young people's life by entangle them in a web of criminal charges.

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DEALING WITH NEW-AGE **CRIMES REQUIRES** CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN AGENCIES AT **THE GLOBAL LEVEL**

- Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan stressed the importance of international police cooperation at the 10th Interpol Liaison Officer Conference and described modern crimes like cyber fraud and transnational organized crime as borderless issues.
- The conference organized by the CBI highlighted the need for real-time global coordination to tackle multiple threats including terrorism, drug trafficking, and cyber crimes.
- Recent initiatives include a new working arrangement between the CBI and Europol, membership of the CBI Academy in the Interpol Global Academy Network, and the establishment of the CBI's Global Operations Center in 2022.

Africa can make India's 'Important Minerals Mission' a success

- The Critical Minerals Mission announced in the Union Budget 2024-25 aims to expand domestic mineral production, focus on recycling, and promote international asset acquisitions, including changes to allow private sector exploration of certain minerals in India. are
- Kanij Bidesh India Limited (KABIL) signed a major agreement for lithium mining in Argentina in January 2024, and India is increasing trade and investment ties with Africa, which holds 30% of global reserves of the critical mineral.
- India faces competition from China's dominance in the critical minerals sector and aims to build strategic partnerships and advance responsible mining infrastructure in Africa.