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On a remote patch of celestial wilderness near the moon south pole lies the wreck of the Chandrayaan-2 lander, a testament to the soaring ambitions of India lunar programmer and the difficulties of achieving them. Its predecessor, the Chandrayaan-1 orbiter, made history in 2008 by confirming the presence of water ice on the moon. The more audacious Chandrayaan-2 in 2019 was to deploy a lander called Vikram. However, Vikram crash landed in a spray of lunar dust, leaving it, and the small rover inside, inoperable. Tamil Nadu governor RN Ravi is back in the news. On Thursday evening he unilaterally dismissed a minister, V Senthilbalaji, who in judicial custody. Late in the night, he put his decision on hold. By Friday afternoon, the state government announced it would disregard his communication on the dismissal. There no room for doubt as the constitutional position is clear. Ravi was wrong to unilaterally dismiss the minister. The Constitution makes it clear that the governor is to act on the advice of the CM when it comes to the composition of the council of ministers. The period till 1967 was largely uneventful in the history of engagement between governors and states. Subsequently, when the incidence of opposition coming to power in states rose, decisions of governors often led to judicial disputes. Consequently, the apex court has a body of verdicts that gives a clear picture of the limits of a governor power. An important verdict almost 50 years ago Shams her Singh vs. State of Punjab said that the Constitution does not envisage the governor running a parallel administration. The discretionary powers of a governor are limited. Governors sometimes seem to yearn for the British Raj 1935 legislation that gave them discretionary power and even allowed them to chair a meeting of the council of ministers. That era is over. Sitting on bills cleared by the assembly or trying to unilaterally change the council of ministers disrupts a state governance. As most such cases end up as judicial disputes, it further clogs the system. Ravi conduct in this matter and a tendency to sit on bills has left a lot to be desired. It undermines the integrity of the constitutional office that an important link between GOI and states. GOI should talk to him. India has recently joined NASA Artemis Accords for lunar exploration. But what, exactly, are the US government and American billionaires planning to do in outer space? *Astrotopia: The Dangerous Religion of the Corporate Space Race* by Mary-Jane Rubenstein takes apart the mindset that wants to establish outposts on the moon, mine water and metals, and colonise Mars. Rather than curiosity about the mysteries of interstellar blackness and our place in it, this pursuit has been driven by a conquer and extract mentality that had created imperialism and ecological ruin, the book argues. Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos are the biggest billionaire astropreneurs duking it out for space supremacy. Space and Blue Origin have different visions Musk is the hare to,

Bezos tortoise but both promise deliverance and see earth as a ticking time bomb. Musk aims to make humanity into a multiplanetary species and colonise Mars. His plan is to err form the inhospitable planet by warming it up with nukes. He wants a society of homesteaders, starting with a million people by 2050. Bezos, meanwhile, is attached to the earth, but it has finite resources, and infinite growth demands more. He wants to ship out the mines and factories and give earth a break. He envisions bases on the moon with solar panels, water to be split and recombined into rocket fuel and mini missions to mine asteroids for heavy and rare earth metals. While neither of these dizzying plans has made visible progress and the last time someone went to the moon was still half a century ago, these companies send up thousands of satellites, as do others offering low-orbital joyrides. One person paid for his ashes to be blasted into space. Today, earth is ringed by a halo of space trash, with dead satellites, shrapnel, paint chips, tools, the junk of the International Space Station, and so on. We keep producing this litter, travelling at furious speeds. There is no way to clean it yet a harpooning method has been proposed, but it unclear who pays for this cosmic janitorial service, without return on investment. Is anyone in charge? Well, not quite. Space has seen massive deregulation and privatisation, with NASA now relying on private contractors to send up cargo and astronauts. An Obama initiated bipartisan bill in 2015 launched this commercial space age, stating that extraterrestrial minerals belong to the entities that extract it. Companies are going full speed into a gold and platinum rush. The book critiques the assumption of humanity dominion over everything else, and the religious rhetoric that has long provided cover for colonialism and violent extraction. Republicans like Mike Pence invoke American ingenuity and divine sanction for boots on the moon. No wonder these ventures are called missions, says the book. The jockeying for military supremacy during the Cold War was dressed up in language about the final frontier, man ceaseless need to explore, and the conquest of space. Should we study and explore space? Yes, but not if science means heedless exploitation, argues the book. Ethical exploration would avoid damage and violence and prioritise knowledge over profit. It would keep earth own needs first, like using technology to better track weather and disaster, or deploying billionaire surpluses on this planet before remaking others. Otherwise, what we do to the earth, we will do outside earth. In March this year, Delhi environment department informed the assembly that about Rs 6856.91 Cr was spent in the five years between 2017 and 2021 to clean the Delhi stretch of Yamuna. This amount translates into Rs 3.76 cr per day. Contract workers like Sub ash who is 63 years old and Keel who is 49 would be unable to even comprehend the mammoth scale of.

This amount. They are hired for Rs 300 a day and clean the river manually by entering the toxic foam with literally no protection. The sexagenarian who is from Shimla complains of frequent bouts of illness caused by the toxic foam. For Keel who is from Pasha, there are hardly any other employment options. Another pathetic part is dirty and damaged marshal jackets were provided to them. The boy was depressed because he lost his class topper spot. Friends, one must always remember that not all days are the same. No individual can give their best performance 24 x7 x365. Not just in your profession but also in your relationships, there can be low moments. Observe the performance of our sportspersons, and get the secret to success and happiness. Be it Viral Kohli or Saunika Newhall, no one can consistently perform their best. A streak of bad performance must never be a reason for disappointment. Never be sorry if you face a low day. Do not consider occasional non-productiveness as a setback. Rather sit back and introspect. Feeling dejected or not being able to give your best is a part of everyone's routine. Human life is like the ECG report of your heart it goes up and down both simultaneously. One would worry when it does go down because a straight line would mean you are dead!! Hence when you are on your low vibes, you must plan to re-energize yourself. A day full of downward trends must be considered an indication to refuel your mind-body energy. Rest assured, an opportunity to grow further, lies ahead. It is always wise to measure our productivity over a long-term range. This helps us shield ourselves from the frustration arising out of routine failures. Never rate or judge yourself based on your current day performance. We must learn a lesson from the stock market traders. They know perfectly well that not all days could be their best return days. These people are always mentally prepared to accept a loss or a no-return day. They believe in their chances to bounce back and create wonders. Once, I went to a friend, Ladd Pinto. He was an expert in making. Usually, he was a very jolly man. However, that day I could find him to be very serious. I asked him the reason behind this behavior. I checked. Are you sad? He replied, No way, but these are bad days for my profession. I am using this opportunity to draft a new business proposal. You will be happy to know we are inaugurating a new venture soon. This short interaction was highly enlightening for me. A lesson learned: Whatever the result, however high or low might be the fruitfulness of the day, you must keep working with your own pace of enthusiasm. Remember, tomorrow will be a better day. Postscript: The ideas shared in this column are inspired by the wisdom I received from my mentor, an 86 years young Sheri Krishnamachari Varadachari from Bangalore.

With an apology for appropriating the most famous opening lines from a different classic It was the best of times. It was the worst of times. Oh, what a ride it has been. Historically low interest rates globally spurring a flight to equities that previously only preceded recessions. Home bound idle investors binging on stimulus checks, fueling a stampeding bull run with unprecedented retail participation. New instruments that few have been bearish on and fewer still have understood. And as if this were enough, a major conflict in a European nation, supply chain disruptions, energy prices shocks and global uncertainty just as inflation hits record highs, forcing central banks to start raising rates and reining in the free money. The music has stopped. If I told you a decade ago that an image of a Jack Dorsey tweet was converted to a non fungible token, sold for \$2.9mn, auctioned on Open Sea for a reserve price of \$48mn and received a top bid of \$7, you had dismiss this as gibberish and me as drunk, delusional or both. Today, it is an apt summary of the craziness that ensued, and the mayhem that may follow. The bust bugle has sounded before when Softbank faced issues, or later when Covid kicked in, there was a fear of tech valuation corrections. Instead, the realization that the billion souls cooped indoors for extended lockdowns would binge on tech games, e commerce, home delivery, OTT and more led to a spectacular tech rally. Zoom became the darling of the era, for users and investors alike. Crypto popped like no asset has since Tulips in 17th century Amsterdam. And unicorns today are fast becoming as ubiquitous as the cattle on our roads. But unicorn balloons have begun popping, and will continue to pop for a while. Astronomical ratios are coming undone in the light of public market scrutiny, and the contagion is spreading to private markets. Late stage private capital which became the norm around the middle of the last decade with rising Series letter sizes, check sizes and valuations is growing scarce as the Tigers and Softbank of the world re assess their private valuations. The Indian startup ecosystem is bracing itself for a year, at least, of drought in funding with valuations dearer than anyone has seen for nearly a decade. A lot of our VC capital has produced returns that in public markets might have been classified as beta a rising tide lifting all boats. Very few have delivered pure alpha, where portfolio companies massively outperform their peers, and deliver an actual exit that can be returned to LPs, with fewer still generating free cash flows FCF of any note. In an environment where you could make a large return simply through a second Aries sale to Tiger Softbank, that was okay, but as corrections kick in, FCF is back in vogue, particularly as the pandemic fueled tech high wears off. Zoom has lost market cap, while IBM has been steady we.

Will doubtless see more of this on Indian shores as well, where the most touted tech IPOs have taken a battering. This battering has repercussion not just for the companies that got them, but for those who were hoping to list soon. And for their investors, who will experience an even greater pressure to deliver real returns. This pressure could be good it could bring valuations back in check, and it could reorient investee companies to focus on their business model with rigor. It could force investors to look at companies that build deep moats in deep tech that can provide sustained, long term income and returns. Scale matters, but revenue matters more, and if one is optimistic, one could wager the current shock will serve as a major correction towards the latter. But it could also fuel a flight to safety, where VCs double down on more of the same, betting on even more of the kinds of companies umber of x, marketplace of y that we frankly are choking on in India. Every TAM total addressable market analysis that seeks to divvy up the consumer wallet fails to account for every other VC funded juggernaut that is going after that same, limited pie, and that will fail to convert attention to dollar. This is the Gatsby Epoch the gala that enthralled participants and onlookers alike, is running out of bubbly, and it remains to be seen how VCs react. Will they roll up their sleeves, get creative with who they back and what they demand of them, or will they tap another source of easy capital to drum up promises that are always just over the horizon, to create more unicorns that, on closer inspection, turn out to be rainbow colored horned rhinoceroses. I guess we will know in a year or so. The Covid 19 pandemic in India has brought entirety of resources together from various sectors. The medical, financial, and technological infrastructure have contributed together to fight against the spread of coronavirus and assure the treatment of patients at all levels. With all the efforts, India has achieved a phenomenal recovery rate with the successful vaccine drive. According to the recent data shared by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare India, 1,92,97,74,973 vaccine doses have been administered as of 30th May 2022. Simultaneously, the number of survivors has also increased. However, the new concern now has been that long Covid is emerging in the country and worldwide. People may have recovered from the disease but are still experiencing some post Covid syndrome also known as the long Covid condition. Talking about the threat posed by the recent variants, the fast spreading Omicron variant, and its sub variants BA.4 and BA.5 are less dangerous than its predecessor Delta. Several laboratory studies offer a tantalizing explanation for the difference that Omicron does not infect cells deep in the lungs as Delta variant. Hence, it is a sign that the lungs are where the coronavirus delta variant does much.

Of its damage, forcing inflammatory immune response leading to tissue damage and oxygen deprivation that further caused deaths or if not death, then long Covid. The most common symptoms that people have been experiencing are tiredness or fatigue, difficulty in breathing, cough, difficulty in concentrating, headache, anxiety, joint or muscle pain and many more. The reason why Omicron could not do much damage as other variants is because the number of people who have gained immune protection against Covid 19 through vaccination have contributed to the concept of herd immunity. This makes it difficult for Omicron variant to inherently cause severe condition than earlier variants. Currently, in India, we have booster shots for Coaxing, Covishield & Sputnik. The Coaxing booster dose capability to neutralize the coronavirus highly contagious Omicron and Delta variants showed promising results in its booster dose trials with more than 90% of all individuals boosted with Coaxing. For Covishield, positive results were observed from a preliminary analysis of an ongoing safety and immunogenicity trial. It showed that Vaxzevria Covidshield in India, when given as a third dose booster, increased the immune response to Beta, Delta, Alpha and Gamma SARS CoV 2 variants. A separate analysis of samples from the trial showed increased antibody response to the Omicron variant. A unique comparative study conducted at the Italian Spallanzani Institute with Italian Russian team of researchers shows that the Sputnik V coronavirus vaccine demonstrates higher virus neutralizing antibodies to Omicron B.1.1.529 variant than 2 doses of Pfizer vaccine. Sputnik V develops a wider pool of antibodies to different epitopes which utilizes the spike protein in a proline stabilized form directed mainly to the specific epitopes, which were highly affected by the mutations in the Omicron variant. Sputnik V has been authorized in 71 countries with a total population of over 4 billion people. As labs and scientists still conduct tests for mixing and matching over the country, we hope we have enough ways to protect ourselves before a new wave hits. Everyone should always adhere to COVID 19 safety regulations. Promoting vaccination drives within communities will help us create a better herd immunity. While this pandemic looks far from over, we need to make sure that we stay safe and keep others safe as well. Whenever you work on the computer, it is necessary to have your computer with you and after working, you save your file and store it in the hard disk. Now think that you are home and something has to be changed or added to the same file. How will you had it Because if you had not have your computer in which that file is, how will it work There is only one solution, that is cloud computing. Cloud means that all your work can be done on the internet. If you have to edit the document then your document will be on the internet and it can be downloaded from anywhere. You can work only by connecting to the internet. Definition Just.

Like you need to have related software installed in your computer to do any work, software is installed in cloud computing and you can do your work from any web browser. Not only that, in cloud computing you can also work from mobile because it requires only a web browser. As I try to explain by taking an example, you must have an e mail ID, that too is a part of cloud computing because many things are stored on your email like someone sends a photo or sends a file. It remains on email, you just have to open any web browser whether it is computer or mobile and after that you can use it. In the same way, there is web hosting in which if people make their own server and run the website, then it will cost a lot and it will not run properly, but using cloud computing, the website remains operational for 24 hours. Advantages of Cloud Computing The advantage of this is that you can do more work at less cost. Secondly, you get more speed because all these software or files live in the cloud and on a good server, it is fast. The biggest advantage of cloud computing is that you can increase the resources according to your work and use, so that you pay money for only what you use. Cloud computing provides advanced computing resources available on demand, that scale as needed, with regular updates and without the need to buy and maintain an on premise infrastructure. Speculations in stock markets are not new. Many speculate where markets will go in the future and base their investment decisions on it. If you can speculate correctly, options trading can turn out to be quite rewarding. So, what is it and its various aspects Let find out. Understanding Options trading involves options. Options are tradable contracts that allow you to trade in instruments at a pre decided rate in the future. However, it does necessitate you actually to buy the instrument in question. To put it otherwise, in an option, the seller gives you the right to buy or sell an asset at a specific price in the future in lieu of a payment called premium. Key terms related to Options Trading Before going ahead, let us understand a few key terms related to Options Trading. Strike Price Strike price is the predetermined price mentioned in the option contract. It is also known as the exercise price. Expiry Date Expiry date is the date specified in the contract until which it is valid. Call Option Call option gives you the right but not obligation to buy an asset at the strike price. Put Option Put option gives you the right but not obligation to sell an asset at the strike price. Understanding Options Trading with an example Suppose the share of a company is trading at Rest. 600 per share, and you feel that its price will go up in the future.

You can monetize your prediction through options trading. You enter into an options contract with the seller specifying the strike price say Rest. 650, and the expiry date. The options contract gives you the right to buy the stock from the seller anytime at the strike price before the expiry date. Now suppose the price of the stock has gone up to Rest. 750, you can immediately exercise your options contract, buy the share from the seller at Rest. 650 and sell it in the market at Rest. 750. You will make a profit of Rest. 100 per share. However, if the stock price remains constant or falls, your loss will be equal to the upfront premium paid. Thus, with options, your loss has an upper limit which is the premium paid up front. However, your profits have no upper limit. In other words, the potential is unlimited.

Options Trading How to do it Now that you have an idea of options trading, let us understand how you can do it. To involve in it Open a trading account If you hadron have a trading account, open one with a broker. However, if you have an existing equity trading account, you hadron need to open a separate account. To trade in Futures & Options, you might need to submit some additional documents such as income proof, tax returns, etc. You can get information about the additional documents from your broker. Once submitted, the broker will activate the Futures & Options F&O trading facility. Pick Options to buy or sell Once the F&O option is enabled, you need to pick the options to buy or sell. As said, the call option gives you the right to buy a stock at the strike price, while the put option gives you the right to sell stocks. Predict the strike price The next step involves predicting the strike price. For example, if you feel that a company share trading at Rest. 150 will go up to Rest. 200 in the future buy a call option with a strike price of less than Rest. 200. However, if you feel that the price will dip to Rest. 100, buy a put option of the strike price of above Rest. 100. Determine the expiry date Monthly options contract expires on the last Thursday of the month. On the other hand, weekly options contract expires on the last Thursday of the week. If Thursday is a trading holiday, then Wednesday is considered to be the expiry date. A long expiry date gives a stock more time to move up, and hence you must determine the expiry date correctly.

Advantages of Options Trading
No obligation to execute a trade Options trading requires you to set a strike price and an expiry date based on your speculation of where a stock price is heading. You get the desired flexibility to see how things are working during that period and if things don go as you have thought, there is no.

He shared a message with me Your best performance can vary every day, and not all days could be the same for you. Thus, this blog took birth. In the dynamic landscape of modern business, characterised by rapid change and technological advancements, digital transformation has emerged as the key driver for change across industries. As organizations increasingly adopt technology-driven processes and automation, the cultivation of a skilled workforce capable of adapting and thriving in this new environment has become imperative. Within this context, human resource specialists play an indispensable role in the development and implementation of comprehensive training and retraining programs that can ensure the sustained competitiveness of employees. The pursuit of reskilling and up skilling can be implemented in various ways, depending on the organization size and objectives. **Foreseeing Future Skills** To craft a successful development and retraining plan, the initial step entails the identification of crucial skills required in the future. HR professionals must engage in close collaboration with business leaders, subject matter experts, and stakeholders to comprehend the evolving demands of the organization and the broader industry. Such an evaluation should encompass not only technical proficiencies like data analytics, artificial intelligence, and cyber security, but also soft skills such as critical thinking, creativity, and adaptability. **Cultivating a Culture of Continuous Learning** The cultivation of a culture that embraces lifelong learning is paramount to enhancing skills and ensuring the effectiveness of up skilling and reskilling initiatives. HR professionals must actively foster a growth mindset within the workplace, accentuating the intrinsic value of acquiring new skills and knowledge. This can be achieved through various means, such as promoting internal mobility, facilitating employee-led learning endeavors, and fostering a safe environment that encourages learning from failures. Such a culture of learning, when instilled systematically, can bolster employee engagement, retention, and resilience. **Tailored Development Strategies** Personalisation is the key. Each employee possesses a unique skill set, limitations, and professional aspirations. Having a clear understanding of these key areas becomes crucial to tailor productive development strategies. Aligning the strategies with both the organization objectives and the employee career goals will enhance employee engagement and motivation, resulting in more effective outcomes. Regular evaluations and feedback sessions further ensure these strategies remain adaptable for continuous improvement. **Harnessing Technology and Digital Learning Platforms** The digital revolution has bestowed HR professionals with access to a plethora of tools and platforms that support up skilling and retraining. Through mediums like digital learning platforms, online courses, and virtual simulations, customizable and accessible employee training opportunities can be provided. HR professionals should leverage these resources to create interactive learning experiences that cater to diverse learning needs. Additionally, technologies like augmented reality and virtual reality can be harnessed to create immersive learning environments. **Fostering Collaborative Partnerships** Collaborative relationships with external organizations and educational institutions can be highly lucrative. These partnerships can manifest in the form of collaborative projects, internship programs, or guest lectures. By engaging industry experts, HR professionals can stay abreast of the latest trends, ensure the relevance of training.

Program and access specialized resources that may not be available internally. A continuous Evaluation and Adaptation Sustaining skill development initiative necessitates their ongoing implementation, which in turn demands constant evaluation and modification. HR professionals must regularly assess the effectiveness of training initiatives, seek employee feedback, and analyze how newly acquired skills translate into business outcomes. This iterative approach enables organizations to identify areas for improvement, modify training strategies, and align improvement initiatives with emerging market trends. In the digital transformation age, HR professional role remains pivotal to organizational success. By establishing robust training and retraining initiatives, HR departments can empower employees with the necessary skills to navigate the evolving digital landscape. The tactics elucidated above serve to cultivate a culture of learning within organizations, enabling them to harness technology, innovate, and maintain a competitive advantage in the digital age.

Yashoda Mendadkar lives in GP Vashi Haveli of Tala block, and volunteers as a wades Mitra a primary health worker for her village. Yashoda is thrilled to recount how she has had the privilege to ensure three young pregnant women in her village had safe, on-time deliveries in July 2022, right in the middle of the rainy season. She steadily supported the young women from the time of their ANC check-ups, through the 9 months until the delivery. She took the initiative to call 108, for each of them, escorted and stayed with them at the hospital until they safely delivered healthy babies in Mhasla RH. She made arrangements for ambulances for the travel back home for the mothers and the infants post-delivery. One of the new mothers says, We could have been able to arrange all of it so quickly. Thanks to Yashoda-tai, things happened so smoothly. I could have been happier! However, not all women are as fortunate as these 3 young women. Rural India still struggles with health care, especially for women. Multiple factors contribute to the issue low literacy, poverty, poor nutrition, lack of awareness, and limited access to quality healthcare services. Though there has been an improvement in several women health related indicators between National Health Family Survey 4 & 5, including ANC check-up in the first trimester, institutional deliveries etc., some indicators such as use of family planning methods, iron folic acid consumption for expectant mothers, cancer screening etc. continue to be areas of concern. These gaps can broadly be addressed by focusing on Access and Awareness in the following ways.

Last mile delivery The presence of a robust three tier public healthcare infrastructure notwithstanding, the vastness of the Indian rural landscape makes the 30 minutes time to care norm difficult to meet. This is where the NRHM ASHA Programmer Accredited Social Health Activist has been rightly lauded for effectively identifying and training a network of local female frontline workers, whom The World Health Organization has deservedly honoured as Global Health Leaders. However, there are currently 10.4 lakh ASHA workers serving rural India a number grossly disproportionate to the population of our villages the need.

To empower additional local health volunteers to complement the efforts of ASHAs and Anganwadi workers is being recognized as critical. Last Mile Health Uganda, BRAC Bangladesh, Community Health Expansion program Ethiopia, and Angara Foundation India, are fine examples of organizations which are working in this direction. Shades Foundation network of wades Mitra volunteers with primary health care training and equipment for easy healthcare access in rural communities is another such initiative, which has been demonstrating positive results. Telemedicine and Tele-ICU The COVID-19 pandemic served as a prompt for the of use technology for health care. The success of telemedicine facilitated by the E-Sanjeevani app is inspiring. Tele-ICUs are another tech innovation that can support this effort in our country, where most ICU beds are located in tier 1 and 2 cities. Tele-ICUs improve access to emergency and critical care provided in rural semi urban health centres, where a team of non-specialist doctors manage critical patients under the virtual guidance of specialists who are based in metro cities, saving time, money and lives. ECHO Foundation has done interesting work in leveraging technology for cancer care and mental health across the globe, including India. Accessible sanitation & Clean Drinking Water Lack of toilets have major health repercussions. Diarrhea and other water and vector borne diseases thrive in areas without water. This poses a greater health threat for women and girls in rural areas, who are forced to walk long distances to relieve themselves each day. this is often done early in the morning or late at night to avoid passers-by. The infrequency not only causes physical distress, but also makes them prone to urinary tract infections UTI and kidney problems. Access to a clean toilet can prevent these complications to a very large extent. Institutional delivery We have enough evidence to show that delivery at a health facility and access to emergency obstetric care helps bring down maternal mortality. The impact of Government schemes such as Janine Suresh Yolanda, PM Mature Vanda Yolanda etc. is visible in the recent NFHS 5 indicators. The number of institutional births increased from 78.9 percent in 2015-16 to 88.6 per cent in 2019-2021. But to ensure that families leverage this scheme, we need frontline workers to support and track every expectant mother in the village. Investing in better obstetrician care such as maternity waiting homes, situated closer to health facilities, provides pregnant women in inaccessible areas a viable and safe option in preparation for delivery. Nutrition Anaemia continues to be a leading cause of concern among rural Indian women. Unfortunately, in many parts of India, women are the last ones to eat in the house, with very little importance given to their nutrition. Awareness around nutrition and consumption of iron is key to addressing this problem. A multi-sectoral convergence approach with a focus on hygiene, sanitation, clean drinking water, education and increased livelihood incomes can help in improving the nutritional status of women and children. Periodic screening More women in India are being diagnosed with cancer.

Obligation to execute a trade. Higher return potential If chosen at the right strike price, options trading has the potential to offer higher returns. However, for this, you need to speculate correctly and choose the optimum strike price. Acts as a hedging tool Options trading can act as a good hedging tool. If you own a company stocks, by exercising the put option, you can hedge against losses in case the stock price goes tumblers. Easy liquidity Transactions in options trading are swift. Hence, your money is not locked up for a long period of time, unlike trading in shares. At the same time, options allow you to trade in various instruments, including stocks, currencies and index products, thus widening your choice. The Bottom line However, like others, you need to adopt due diligence while doing options trading. Have a clear understanding of the mechanism and analyses your risk appetite before going ahead. Do through research and go ahead only when you have covered all the bases. With consumers having an array of choices in the virtual world, retaining their attention has become critical for companies. Gasification , which has become a buzzword over the last few years, helps keep users engaged, thereby making them spend more time on an app. This is becoming increasingly relevant in e commerce, where the core shopping experience has traditionally been a transactional affair. By integrating game mechanics into the shopping journey, e commerce players can transform this perception to make the experience more fun and engaging. Greater engagement and its benefits Amid consumers shrinking attention spans, gasification has become critical for consumer internet companies. Particularly for e commerce entities, it helps boost user engagement while improving their experience on an app. Linking users goals with the objectives of the business fosters a completely new experience, which is both enjoyable and valuable. For instance, retailers are gasifying portals by incorporating loyalty schemes that come with a points based system, offering bonus membership rewards and discounts. As per Boston Retail Partners, nine out of 10 retailers would gasify their offerings for deeper engagement with customers. Where e commerce is concerned, gasification has become an indispensable tool for fully utilising the screen time of consumers. But if gaming were incorporated into the app, users would actively engage with the portal to procure discounts and later use them during the checkout. Some readers may be wondering how gasification works, especially in e commerce. For this, one needs to understand the importance of human focused designs , which is perfectly described in the Octalysis Framework created by Yu Kai Chou. Human focused designs work on the basic principle that people in a system have reasons or feelings as to why they do or do not want to do certain things, and these designs subsequently optimize for their motivations and engagement. Realising this inherent behavior, e commerce players are deploying the entire spectrum of gasification to drive greater customer retention while building brand identity and loyalty. This is achieved.

Need to secure our food and planet for generations to come! The task of feeding all is indeed daunting. India is also no exception though our farmers have ensured that our granaries are abundant year after year even in extreme circumstances. Much advancement in the public and private sector have also helped our farmers to adopt best and diversified farm practices! However, the quantum and pace of efforts need to be revisited as the challenge of food security has acquired a new dimension in view of Covid 19 pandemic and challenges posed by climate change. The United Nations estimates that the pandemic plunged 77 million more people into extreme poverty last year and many developing countries can recover because of the crippling cost of debt repayments and that was before the added impact of the war in Ukraine. The food security and nutritional status of the most vulnerable population groups is likely to deteriorate further due to the health and socio economic impacts of Covid 19 pandemic, according to the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2021 report. High costs and low affordability also mean billions will not be able to eat healthy or nutritious food. The continuous environmental degradation also does not augur well for the agro food systems, creating a likelihood of severe recurring food crises. The writing on the wall is clear that agro food systems which are environmentally sustainable is the only way out. Learning from past mistakes is definitely important, but it is also equally important to adopt a collaborative approach among stakeholders to reduce uncertainty and allow producers, consumers, traders and processors to make informed decisions, which not only have the least environmental impact but are also remunerative for the multitude of small farmers in the country. No doubt prevention costs less but solidarity is not a charity anymore, rather it is a collective responsibility. An ever growing population estimated at around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050, and 10.9 billion in 2100 will be driven largely by increasing numbers of people surviving to reproductive age, increased fertility rates, urbanization and accelerated migration having far reaching implications for generations to come. One does need a crystal ball to see where we are headed with the pressure on the earth to feed many billion mouths, threats to biodiversity and imminent climate crisis that leaves no scope for any kind of complacency at all. And the most important stakeholder our farmers need to be at the center of all that we do and to encourage them to adopt more sustainable farm practices which start with applying quality seeds, fertilizers, crop protection chemicals at the right time, right dose and the right way. India took the lead towards combating climate woes at the recently held 26th session of the Conference of the Parties COP26 to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change UNFCCC in Glasgow, United Kingdom. India not only articulated and put across the concerns of developing countries but also.

Offered five nectar elements of its climate action. These included reaching 500GW non fossil energy capacity tapping 50 per cent of its energy requirements from renewable energy reduction of total projected carbon emissions by one billion tones from present levels reduction of the carbon intensity of the economy by 45 per cent by 2030, over 2005 levels, and achieving the target of net zero emissions by 2070. Our agriculture is already facing the brunt of climate change, extreme weather patterns, unprecedented flooding, drought and new complex pests and diseases. Innovation, integrity, responsibility and collaboration have been the cornerstone of our multifaceted pursuits. There is an urgent need to adopt sustainable practices. We must provide farmers with modern tools and equip them with know how so that smallholding farmers carry out agro practices responsibly that protects our environment. We must walk the talk about seed treatments, biological products that protect crops from pests without harming the environment, bio stimulants that enhance plant health and digital interventions that ensure that seeds are sown at the right moment and inputs are applied in the minimum necessary quantity. Climate smart practices will help farmers mitigate and adapt to climate change by a growing more from less through input optimization b reducing soil based carbon emissions through conservation agriculture and c building crop resilience through the right technology use. We must continue to make ambitious new global commitments to reduce agriculture carbon footprint and to help farmers deal with the extreme weather patterns caused by climate change. We must work towards creating an enabling environment to help farmers and society sustainably recover from the ongoing effects of the coronavirus pandemic and possible repercussions of climate change, which is affecting agriculture and environment alike. The triumvirate of technology, service and training will go a long way in helping farming become carbon neutral and reducing the climate footprint of our operations in line with the Paris Climate Agreement. More public private partnerships would be key. Many crusaders of capitalism and development have completely ignored and forgotten the concept of sustainable development. Cities such as Mumbai, Pune, Bangalore, and New Delhi, all are growing at a breakneck speed. The greed for benefits from residential and commercial construction in urban, semi urban, and rural areas alike is resulting in the tremendous growth of concrete jungle, contributing to an upsurge in problems such as an increase in temperatures, drastic reduction in recharging the sources of groundwater, encroachment on natural river paths, neglect to ponds and lakes, the alarming increase in the volume of domestic and industrial hazardous waste being generated. Air pollution is probably at its all time high in most metros across India. Trees are merely looked upon by the contractor fraternity, the local bodies, and similar entities as a hurdle in their agenda of business and development. Air Pollution Blaring sounds beyond permissible limits and time are often heard from Bars and Restaurants, located within residential zones across India, disturbing public peace, and the calm of common people,

Leading to the gigantic problem of mental stress. This is a common phenomenon these days. The troubled residents are less aware of the related laws, and their rights and therefore are not able to do much about it except talk to a neighborhood residents association or a social worker, without any results. Most even don't know that sound pollution comes within the definition of air pollution under Indian laws and that there are appropriate provisions in the law to deal with such a problem. Historically it used to be only the loudspeakers at marriage, and religious or political events used to be the main villain. These days even the construction sites on every residential corner are a headache for the entire neighborhood for several years. It is not out of place to state here that the Indian laws, the enforcement agencies, the society at large, the religious communities, the business communities, everything, and everybody have failed to sensibly deal with the simple subject of sound pollution which has attained alarming proportions and dimensions across India. The gross immaturity and lack of sense of social, community and environmental responsibility are starkly evident from the above. Urban green spaces, forests and the climate change It has become evident that it is difficult to awaken humans who appear to be in deep sleep when it comes to the Forests and urban green spaces. Urban green spaces are being destroyed at an alarming rate with brutality. There is a general lack of awareness about the laws protecting the trees in urban spaces and complete insensitivity on behalf of the local bodies at the metro level towards the subject. Green spaces in urban areas are being rampantly snatched away for construction activity. The development plans of municipal corporations and other local bodies are tailor made, the rules twisted to suit the interests of the construction industry. Forest and wildlife are also at receiving end An increase in air pollution and rampant deforestation for commercial purposes has led to tremendous climate change including reduced rainfall which in turn has led to cities like Pune, Indore, Gurugram, Gwalior, Prayagraj etc. witnessing historic high temperatures in 2022. Delhi which had witnessed the highest ever temperature of 46.5 in 1941, witnessed a record high temperature of 49 Degrees in 2022 speaks a lot about the environmental crisis we are witnessing. Hope this rings some alarm bells in the power circles and a new National Green Revolution campaign is launched which is made one of the top 3 national agendas for decades to come. Challenges of implementation Although India has a plethora of laws related to the protection of environmental subjects, these wide numbers of laws have been ineffective in curbing pollution. The gaps, especially in implementation, are existent and visible to the naked eyes. There is a lack of progressiveness from the legislature and existing environmental protection laws are quickly getting outdated with the advent of new and more dangerous acts of humans. Equally pathetic are the efforts to.

Educate the masses about the importance of the environment. We still continue to use plastic and thermocol this speaks a lot about how much we care about our environment. With some glamour and publicity attached to the recycling projects, environment related CSR projects are seen to be doing their bit but still at a very small scale. Effective regulatory institutions, appropriate compliance mechanisms, transparency in formulating laws, and stringent enforcement of such laws are the key needs of the hour. It is a tremendous task, and we don't even know how we are going to achieve it! The past Till now, India has witnessed several landmark cases which laid down great principles for the protection of environmental subjects. In The famous Ganga Water Pollution case, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India stated the importance of certain provisions which protect our environment. Article 48 A also made sure that the State will take the right steps to protect and safeguard the wildlife of the country. The Hon'ble Supreme Court stated the importance of the Water Prevention and Control of Pollution Act, 1974 which helps maintain water quality. In this historic judgment of 1987, the Court said that Just like an industry which cannot pay minimum wages to its workers should not be allowed to exist, an industry which cannot set up a primary treatment plant should not be allowed to continue its existence. The above and several other landmark cases have upheld the principles of Polluter Pays and Absolute liability on the polluters and infringers of environmental laws. The Indian judiciary has till now attached extreme importance to environmental issues which are very heartening. However, there is an urgent need to completely revamp the umbrella law that is the Environment Protection Act and make the enabling and enforcement provisions sharper. In this context in 2014, the Subramanian Committee set up by the Ministry of Environment submitted its report with key recommendations including enacting a completely new umbrella law for the protection of the environment. The then national government rejected the report and recommendations. Some behind the curtains action is currently happening to revamp the laws related to Air, Water and Environment Protection, albeit without much public participation. Fingers crossed! The future and intergenerational responsibility New and unprecedented climate disasters that are unfolding around the world tell us that our existing emergency, disaster, risk and reduction responses are no longer enough to tackle the climate crisis. Throughout 2021-22 alone, India and the world have witnessed calamitous floods, extremely high temperatures, reduction in rainfall and change in climate patterns. Article 21 of the Constitution of India and almost all the nations across the globe recognize the Right to Life as a Guaranteed Fundamental Right which includes the Right to enjoyment of pollution free water, air and living environment, for full enjoyment of life. While the State must act swiftly in its actions, as previously discussed, each of us also must understand and accept that we all shoulder a common intergenerational.

Last week Union home minister Amit Shah said, in these very columns, that for the Modi government national security is not a matter of politics. It is about putting Nation First. Our government cannot compromise with national security and integrity. The Making of New India, May 30, 2022. Yes, national security and integrity cannot be compromised with. Yet the government and BJP do not seem to recognise that religious intolerance and bigotry remain the biggest challenge to India national security and integrity. That it took diplomatic censure from strategically and economically important Gulf countries for BJP to take action against two spokespersons, whose appalling comments on TV and Twitter have been known for days, says everything about how much political discourse has coarsened in this country. That the MEA chose to describe these well known BJP figures as fringe elements adds an element of farce that nonetheless instructive, because it shows the bind Gol finds itself in. You cannot distance yourself from a mess by stretching the truth. And it a mess that did just happen over one fervid news TV debate or one unacceptable tweet. It a mess that been building for some time. Dangerously divisive rhetoric and state police actions and responses that would have been rare even a few years ago have become so frequent as to almost lose their power to shock. Shrill identity politics of all variety is not new in India. What is new is the relentless aggressiveness of the Hindu Right and what has been absent is any critique from central BJP or government leadership, even when some of this aggression turned particularly nasty. That lack of intervention has been the oxygen for right wing rhetorical fire, as well as an implicit green light for various official agencies to lose even the presence of neutrality. Bulldozing houses, slapping sedition charges on history professors and university students, evicting hawkers selling non vegetarian food, creating controversies out of halal meat and names venues, not to mention strange lower court receptions to this mosque is a temple petitions all of these institutional responses have been encouraging signs for TV and Twitter right wing loudmouths. Nippur Sharma and Naveen Jindal comments are products of this ecosystem. Therefore, if BJP and its government are serious about course correcting, just actions against these two won suffice. There will have to be firm signals from the top, and firm and quick actions if those signals are ignored by overzealous leaders and associated figures. Cynics will point out that pushing this particular envelope is a vote winning strategy and, therefore, BJP won seriously push back. There are two counterpoints. First, BJP electoral successes owe at least as much, if not more, to clever caste politics and very left wing welfare politics. Where caste politics does quite work and a rival is good at welfare messaging, BJP has failed Bengal being an example. Second, if BJP wants to be the party of governance, there a limit to how much rabble rousing it.

Can engender or wink at. Costs can outweigh benefits both domestically and internationally. Cold calculations, if not good sense, should force a BJP rethink. Recent political developments in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu offer insights on the complexities of coalition politics. In TN, C Ponnaiyan, organisation secretary of AIADMK, said that political ally BJP is trying to grow at the expense of his party. Soon after, leaders in both parties tried to paper over the cracks but the cracks will likely show again. In Karnataka, former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy of JD S claimed that he allowed his 14 month coalition government with Congress to crumble in 2019 on account of the mounting frustration in trying to manage the partnership. Durable political coalitions are infrequent in India. Among types of coalitions, ones between national parties and regional outfits are perhaps the hardest to manage. Take the case of the AIADMK and BJP. There a reasonable degree of congruence on key political issues, but that inevitably leads to at least partial overlap in terms of the social coalition they wish to stitch. An ambitious national party trying to expand its footprint will lead to frayed ties. The acrimonious fallout between BJP and Shiv Sena, long standing allies, was partly caused by clashing ambitions. The seemingly unwieldy coalition governments at the Centre between 1998 and 2014 were perhaps an aberration. Successful coalitions are also about partners reining in ambitions, something the Congress JD S in Karnataka did not do. The experience of political parties in these two states provides a sense of the scale of the challenge opposition parties have in trying to create a common platform to take on BJP in 2024 general election. However, if accommodation is hard to realise, Maharashtra provides an example of another kind of trigger to coalesce. The fear of being overrun by a juggernaut is the glue that binds the constituents of the improbable Maha Vikas Aghadi. The system of providing security to select public figures and VIPs is widely misunderstood and public scrutiny of it has been reignited by the tragic killing of the talented young singer Sidhu Moose Wala. Earlier, the Punjab government had withdrawn the security cover of 424 persons and this decision was hailed by some for putting an end to the VIP culture, while others accused the government of political gimmicks and endangering the lives of public figures. What appalled many onlookers was the leaking of the names of persons whose security was withdrawn to social media, as such decisions are usually kept confidential. How was the system born While the practice of providing a gunman to escort important personalities existed for a long time, specific threats to individuals grew from the multiple forms of ethno nationalist insurgencies, left wing extremism and cross border terrorism, with extensive kidnappings and targeted killings of political leaders, elected representatives, civil servants, police personnel and security forces, apart from non combatant civilians. Thus individual security cover began, in modest scales in the early to 1980.

Roadmap to self realisation is uncomplicated as it lays emphasis on performing one duties with sincerity and honesty while remembering God as the manifestation of the Mahanaam, divine name. There is no need to renounce worldly ties. One is only required to follow the path of moderation neither abstinence nor over indulgence as one anchors one life to God in the form of Mahanaam. It is the crystallisation of truth as it arises from the depth of each individual consciousness and has a pristine quality like sources of holy rivers. As one performs duties in the reverberating aura of the Mahanaam, the ego is swept away by its overpowering force. In such a state of surrender to a Divine drama that is enacted on the stage of human consciousness, desires, disappointments, sadness, attachments and human bondages, that are all subsets of the human ego, are washed away as one experiences the effects of Satchidanand. According to Dadaji, many of the rituals, rites and ceremonies that have become entrenched in life as part of customary religious practices are ostentatious and have nothing to do with human salvation. They propagate a culture that promotes a few and thrives on the weaknesses of many. To Dadaji, human suffering is directly connected with karma, action and prarabd, destiny. Such sufferings cannot be diminished through rituals and one has to go through them with fortitude. However, we can insulate ourselves from the pain and anguish through the overpowering effect of Mahanaam on the aham, ego, which is the root cause of suffering. When you do your deeds in the name of God through the Mahanaam, you are automatically absolving yourself of the consequences of such deeds, according to Dadaji. You are so immersed in the Mahanaam that it, in a sense, anaesthetises the effects of joy, sorrow, pain, agony and ecstasy and attributes of pride, vanity, arrogance, despair and depression that stem from them. In that state, you are in the world and yet out of it as an instrument of Divine will and experience the bliss of surrender and Oneness with God as part of the larger picture. The path advocated by Dadaji then does not pass through restraint, fasting and austerity of body and mind. Nor does it have its milestones in Guruvad and ashrams in line with the logic that no mortal can be another mortal guru. The prescription is to follow your wabhav and be in consonance with your own innate self and let the magic of Mahanaam do the rest. In such a state, Prakriti, synonymous with nature, both of the individual and the universe, is the Maya that is a manifestation of the Divine and we must surrender to its ebb and flow while performing our part in the divine drama with love and attachment to the Mahanaam only. Over the past month the Kashmir Valley has seen a spate of targeted killings of minorities and those seen as government collaborators, the latest victim being a banker from Rajasthan.

Vijay Kumar, murdered in broad daylight by a lone pistol packing gunman. To suggest that this has the Central Government worried and under pressure, and rightly so, would be an understatement, especially as the annual Amarnath Yatra is set to commence at the end of the month after a gap of two years thanks to the pandemic. As per the Union Territory Chief Secretary between 6 8 Lakh yatris are expected to make the pilgrimage this year, double the numbers of 2019. Given the numbers, duration and distances involved, their protection has always been a source of concern, which is likely to be further elevated this year, given the change in tactics adopted by the terrorists. As was to be expected mainstream media has already commenced pointing fingers at Pakistan Inter Services Intelligence and the jihadi groups that it supports and finances, for this uptick in violence, especially the targeting of minorities. That has how the Pakistani state has operated over the past three decades and expecting them to behave any differently may be just wishful thinking. This, despite the fact that the ceasefire on the LOC has been holding out as Pakistan finds itself in very difficult circumstances politically and economically. However, the truth of the matter is that this present situation is something that our security establishment, especially the army, have brought upon themselves. All theoretical teachings on the conduct of counter insurgency emphasise the point that insurgencies, unlike terrorism, are purely political movements. They can only be resolved through political solutions aimed at not just destroying the insurgent narrative, but more importantly, meeting the aspirations of the people. The task of the Security Forces is thus clearly cut out, requiring them to dominate and neutralise insurgent forces so that the violence perpetrated by them is reduced to levels that allow civil administration to carry out their routine functions. The incontrovertible fact is that insurgencies fade when they lose support of the people. Studies of the Jammu & Kashmir insurgency will reveal that despite the Security Forces having, on numerous occasions, effectively reduced violence to manageable levels, the political establishment has invariably failed in taking the requisite initiative needed to resolve the insurgency and bring it to its logical conclusion. The reason for this is not difficult to ascertain, as whenever politicians find themselves in a position of control, they revert to playing their usual games of one upmanship and use further their own private agendas. This invariably adds to rising frustrations among the masses that finds its outlet in another cycle of violence, aided and abetted by Pakistan, that results in loss of lives on all sides. It is therefore ironic that when the Modi dispensation did finally take the political initiative to transform the moribund geo political environment, it was the Security Forces, primarily the Army, that created hurdles, bringing to the fore apprehensions that these measures would result in enhanced levels of violence and put at risk the existing lines of communication necessary for the.

I am rather struck by Qatar demand for an apology from India on what Nupur Sharma said in a debate. Perhaps Qatar does not watch Indian TV debates where two sides can get quite heated when opinions are expressed. Qatar s one English TV channel is pretty one sided no heated debates there. Even though it can be seen in India, I bet it cannot by Chinese in China. This brings me to my point of the stunning hypocrisy of some Arab States. China is countries that not only abuses Muslims but have taken away their right to pray, to honor the Prophet, or even say Names. It is a well known fact that nearly all Muslim states including Pakistan do business with China and happily consume their products. There have been no Twitter storms on putting millions of Muslims in reeducation camps to take the Islamic teachings out of them, or forcing them to eat pork and drink alcohol. It is even recorded that children are taken away from parents to become good communists. In short, China has blasphemed enough for the two plus billion Muslims to get really angry but not a word is said against it. Bilal Bhutto and Imran Khan can attack one Nippur Sharma and radical preachers can say Off with her head but no Muslim world leader I know of has demanded that China must give its Muslim population human rights and the right to follow Islam or they will stop doing business with it. In fact, China brings down mosques by the hundreds and builds malls, toilets and whatever they want on the sites, yet Qatar stays silent, but lectures India, where a Muslim political leader has openly said that if India would just remove its police force for 15 minutes, Muslims would kill thousands of Hindus. Last I heard he was still free to spew his hatred and try and divide Hindus and Muslims. There have been several hurtful and denigrating things said about Hindu Gods and Goddesses in India and abroad but I don t see Hindus reacting in violent ways or anyone having to get Z security because of it. As I write this thousands of people, some who I know off are being protected for life in various countries because of death threats received by radical Islamists, yet I don t see Al Jazeera reporting on it or even giving it much attention apart from a one sided view that only talks about Blasphemy against one religion. Is this fair Should not every human being and their faith be treated equally Should not every nation introspect and can they complain against India, the most diverse democracy, with hundreds of thousands of mosques and over 200 million Muslims, in every walk of life, who are very much a part of the fabric of India. As Arid Mohammed Khan, the governor of Kerala said, it is not important to apologies to Qatar. And added that PM Mode and his team are.

As compared to men women are diagnosed with cervical cancer every year, and 60,078 of them die of this disease in the country, followed by breast cancer Global Burden of Disease Stud. These are worrying numbers more so as these are preventable. Digital technology and AI have the potential to bring a much-needed paradigm shift. Non-invasive screening tools for anemia and cancer can be used at community and primary health center level for mass screening. Mobile medical vans improve access to health care by bringing services to the doorstep. While the pandemic demonstrated the resilience of India public healthcare infrastructure, it highlighted existing gaps. Lessons from the recent past can be effectively leveraged to create a robust system, which can empower the women in our villages to live healthy and fulfilling lives. Indian agriculture stands as a pillar of the nation economy, supporting the livelihoods of millions. Reports suggest that, as of 2023, the sector employs almost 42 percent of people in the country. However, it faces formidable challenges that impede its progress and hinder the farmers prosperity. One of the greatest hurdles lies in the extensive harvest and post-harvest phases of India agricultural landscape. This is largely owing to inadequate access to reliable market information, absence of supply and demand forecasting, fragmented supply chains, scarcity of proper storage facilities, and the overwhelming presence of intermediaries who devour the farmers profits. However, solutions are on the horizon. While the lack of equipment and infrastructure undoubtedly hampers progress, we must not underestimate the critical importance of awareness and capacity-building among smallholder farmers. Empowering them with knowledge and training on post-harvest handling and storage techniques will prove pivotal in curbing food losses. Equipping farmers with skills in precise harvest timing, effective crop drying methods, moisture management, and safe storage practices will arm them with the tools needed to mitigate losses and protect their hard-earned yields. How are agriculture companies helping to make it more organized? Agriculture companies have emerged as champions of change, working tirelessly to reshape the landscape and bring organization and efficiency to farming. Their contributions are nothing short of transformative, touching the lives of countless farmers and propelling the sector toward a brighter future. Encouraging ownership of resources One of the key ways in which agriculture companies are driving positive change is by actively promoting, financing, and supporting producer-owned and controlled organizations. By empowering farmers to take ownership of their enterprises, these companies foster a sense of pride and autonomy among agricultural communities. They provide the necessary resources, guidance, and financial assistance to establish and strengthen these organizations, ensuring that farmers have a collective voice and the power to make informed decisions. This empowerment paves the way for improved bargaining power, fairer prices, and greater control over the entire value chain, resulting in increased farmer profitability. The amalgamation of technology and traditional farming practices Moreover, agriculture companies are at the forefront of a revolutionary shift, guiding the transformation of traditional farming systems into commercial and technology-based sustainable enterprises. Recognizing.

The immense potential for growth and profitability, they facilitate adopting modern practices, cutting-edge technologies, and innovative techniques. By integrating technology into farming practices, farmers can access advanced tools and methodologies that enhance productivity, optimize resource utilization, and reduce environmental impact. This transformation empowers farmers to maximize their farm income, expand their market reach, and secure a sustainable future for future generations. Building infrastructure Agriculture companies understand that farmers require more than just financial assistance they need access to knowledge, technology, credit, inputs, marketing channels, and value-addition opportunities. To address these needs, these companies forge strategic partnerships and business models that prioritize collaboration and mutual growth. Bringing together a network of experts, offers farmers valuable insights, training programs, and access to cutting-edge technologies. They facilitate credit and financial services, ensuring farmers have the necessary capital to invest in their operations. Furthermore, they connect farmers with reliable markets, enabling them to showcase their produce, negotiate fair prices, and engage in value addition activities that enhance the profitability of their products. Additionally these companies provide them scientific storage techniques and facilities which at times become the cornerstone for enhancing farmers credit profile as most of the Banks backed by such Collateral management companies extend healthy liability lines to such produce owners. These holistic services help empower farmers, foster sustainability, and create a thriving ecosystem that benefits all stakeholders. What does the future of agriculture look like? The possibilities are awe-inspiring. Despite its contribution to the gross domestic product GDP diminishing slightly, agriculture and allied sectors continue to exert influence, accounting for 20.2 percent of India gross value added GVA in 2020-21. The industry remains a reliable source of livelihood for a staggering 58 percent of the population directly or indirectly, underscoring its crucial role in driving rural development and social upliftment. As we gaze into the crystal ball, we envision a future where agriculture flourishes, armed with enhanced storage and supply-chain facilities. We will no longer witness the distressing spectacle of 20 percent of our fruits and vegetables succumbing to waste due to the inadequacies of our current systems. Instead, a wave of change will sweep the nation, ushering in transparent and observable supply chains that minimize food losses and optimize resource utilization. Cold storage facilities will multiply, acting as gateways to preserving the freshness and quality of produce. Public-private collaborations will thrive, fostering a seamless connection between government and private warehouses and ensuring the efficient distribution of agricultural output. Through these advancements, the age-old challenge of balancing supply with demand will be met head-on, bringing stability to prices and alleviating the burdens farmers and consumers bear. Bottom-line The future of Indian agriculture is rife with possibilities. It beckons us to forge ahead with determination, embracing innovation, and reimagining possibilities. By collectively addressing the challenges of harvest and post-harvest losses, fostering farmer education and capacity-building, and adopting the transformative power of agriculture companies, we can pave the way for a vibrant future. A future where the bounty of Indian agriculture flourishes, farmers thrive.

And the nation rejoices in the bountiful harvests that sustain its growth and prosperity. For centuries, religion has been an integral part of Indian society, and people have relied on religious institutions and practices to seek solace, guidance, and connect with the divine. However, with the rapid advancement of technology and the increasing penetration of the internet, the religious sector in India too has undergone a significant transformation in recent years. The emergence of faith-tech platforms and digital technologies have revolutionized the way people practice religion, access religious content and connect with their spiritual leaders and communities. The widespread use of smartphones and accessible internet connections have made it easier for devotees of all socioeconomic backgrounds to have a seamless spiritual experience virtually. The integration of faith and technology has not only enabled devotees to access a variety of services such as online astrology consultations, online dirhams, e-pujas, and e-donations to temples but also made worship more accessible to all. Here are some factors that have contributed to the evolution of the religious sector from offline to online in India:

Internet Penetration: Internet penetration in India has increased rapidly in recent years, with over 700 million internet users in the country as of 2020. This has led to a significant increase in the number of people accessing online spiritual content and services. The availability of affordable data plans has further fueled this trend, making it easier for people to access online spiritual platforms even in remote areas and tier 3 & 4 cities

Convenience: Online religious platforms offer the convenience of accessing spiritual content and services from anywhere, anytime, without the need to travel or adhere to specific timings. This is particularly beneficial for those with busy schedules, who live in remote areas or have physical limitations that make it difficult to attend physical religious events and stand in long exhausting queues. Online platforms, such as live streaming services, and faith-tech platforms offer a convenient and flexible way to participate in religious activities on one own schedule

Wider Reach: Online platforms have enabled religious institutions to reach a wider audience beyond their local communities. This includes people who may not have access to physical religious institutions or live in different parts of the world. The diaspora, for example, can now connect with their religious roots and stay connected with their spiritual community in India through online platforms

Technology Advancements: Technology advancements such as faith-tech platforms, live streaming, virtual reality, and augmented reality have made online spiritual experiences more engaging and immersive. Live streaming of religious events allows people to participate in real-time from anywhere around the world without feeling left out. Virtual reality and augmented reality can create an immersive experience that makes people feel like they are physically present at a religious event.

Personalization: Online spiritual platforms offer personalized experiences tailored to individual preferences and interests. For example, some faith-tech platforms offer personalized horoscope readings, personalized puja services, or personalized devotional music playlists. This level of personalization was not.

Working towards an inclusive and prosperous India. Our tradition is not tolerance, but respect and acceptance for all traditions. We respect and we accept all traditions as true. India's culture does not consider anybody as others. Arid Mohammed Khan also said, We should pay more attention to what the Prime Minister is repeatedly saying and what the RSS chief is repeatedly saying that we want our tradition of inclusiveness to be strengthened. Nobody is to be excluded. That is our cultural heritage. We need to strengthen that. Perhaps instead of criticising India, the Gulf Nations should learn from India. As for their hypocritical handling of China, I can only add The World is neither blind or deaf. Their silence on China is deafening, and it is certainly not helping the Uighurs, but then it seems their criticism is only for democracies. Autocratic nations love their mirror image, even when it goes against their faith. Army to sustain itself along the this put the Government in a spot as it was then unable to follow through fully on the steps that it had initiated. Is positive thinking an inherent characteristic of a person or can it be developed in one psyche. The opinions differ in answering this vital question. Some people believe that it can be inherited from parents, and cannot be developed. Others believe that like other qualities it can be developed with proper practice and guidance. Still some others hold the opinion that it is hereditary to some extent but can be acquired to some degree. There is also a section of people, who believe that all depends on circumstances or luck. We need to adopt a scientific approach to find an answer to the above question. No one can get success every time even after making efforts, nor can one fail constantly. Moreover, success has different meaning for different people. For some students, getting 60 per cent marks is success, for others it may not be sufficient. In a competitive examination, success means getting selected, whatever the percentage of marks. As for inheritance theory, since positive attitude is not a physical feature but a mental faculty, it cannot be purely hereditary. It can be developed. Moreover, parents play a major role in developing this quality of a child. A child, who watches his parents working hard, having faith in success through their words, behavior and body language, is likely to develop a similar attitude. The children of short tempered, over cautious and nervous parents may assume similar characteristics when they grow up. Psychologists, therefore, prescribe a code of conduct for parents behavior in front of their children. They must exude confidence, self belief and hope, especially in difficult situation, so that the children emulate these qualities. They must be taught the importance of being positive before, during and after the performance of a task. There is no better education for a child than watching his parents come out of a tough situation by means of earnest.

Such success not only gives more joy but also increases self confidence. At the end of the day democracy can hardly be expected to flourish if the government is fearful of de notifying the territory as a Disturbed Area, which would have led to withdrawal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act, and its natural corollary, the withdrawal of the army from internal security duties. This was an extremely critical step that needed to have been taken as the insurgency had lost support of the masses that had, had enough and were focused on receiving the fruits of development and seeing a drastic improvement in their quality of life. While there was still some truth to the apprehensions expressed by the army, they were certainly not to the extent made out. Stretching s specific tendon or muscle can improve the elasticity of muscles, which in turn helps in achieving a comfortable muscle tone. There are several benefits of regular stretching, and it should be an integral part of every workout program. It not only helps increase your flexibility, which is an important part of fitness, but it can also improve your posture, body aches, reduce stress, and much more. One of the benefits of regular stretching is that it enhances flexibility. Being flexible has its own advantages, as it not only improves your day to day activities, but can also help delay the reduced mobility that comes with aging. Stretching 9on a regular basis can help increase your range of motion. You can either go for static or dynamic stretching as they both are effective when it comes to the increasing range of motion. According to the studies, proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation or PNF type of stretching is more effective for immediate results. Regular stretching can not only help heal an existing back injury but can also prevent future back pain by reducing your risk for muscle strain and strengthening your back muscles. All the people who regularly go to the gym know how helpful stretching can be. Performing dynamic stretches prior to exercise in the gym can help prepare your muscles. Not the only gym, but it can also help you improve your performance in dance or an athletic event. It is only natural that your muscles get tense when you experience physical or emotional stress. This is because the tightening of your muscles is the response of the body towards stress. All you need to do is focus on the areas of your body where you feel the stress, such as your neck, shoulders, etc. and stretch those parts of your body. This is borne out by the fact that the number of active insurgents in Jammu and Kashmir has, as per the security and intelligence establishments themselves, declined by a factor of over 100 from the heydays of the Mid 90, to just about 200 presently. Interestingly, while militant numbers have steadily declined, the Security Forces, especially the Army and its Rashtriya Rifles, have correspondingly increased in numbers.

Interestingly, this phenomenon is not just restricted to Jammu and Kashmir, but just as applicable in the North East. There is no denying the fact that vested interests, within the political bureaucratic security establishment utilise AFSPA to keep the Army in situ, thereby ensuring that the status quo remains, with all the perks and privileges that it provides due to the prevailing lack of accountability. As to whether the military leadership is complicit or has had wool pulled over its eyes, is another matter. Indeed, while the situation has taken a turn for the worse, there is still an opportunity for the Central Government to take corrective measures. For a start it needs to remove AFSPA from the hinterland and keep it only along five odd kilometers of the IB LOC. Leaving aside a few Rashtriya Rifles units for dealing with contingencies that may be beyond the capabilities of the Police and CAPF, remainder Rashtriya Rifles must be rationalised and employed in the Counter Infiltration role along the IB LOC, as was done in Punjab. Iodine fortification is what most countries rely on to encourage adequate dietary intake. In more than seventy countries that iodize salt generally serves as the major source of iodine intake. One fourth of a teaspoon of iodized salts has about hundred micrograms of iodine. Note that the salt used in processed foods, which is the major source of salt for most Americans typically does not contain iodine. If salt used in a processed food contains iodine, it will be listed in the ingredients list of that food. Focus on decreasing the amount of salt consumed from processed foods and get your sodium from iodized salt. Seaweed, saltwater fish and seafood are natural sources of dietary iodine. Dairy products also supply iodine in the diet at varying levels. During lactation, the breast concentrates iodine in milk so breastmilk tends to be a good source of iodine as long as the iodine intake of a mother is adequate. Plants grown in iodine rich soil are also good sources. However, this is not a reliable source of iodine since there is no way of knowing whether produce purchased in grocery stores is grown in iodine rich soil or not. Iodized salt usually adds less than about three hundred micrograms iodine daily to the diet. Most multivitamin mineral supplements contain 150 micrograms of iodine. With the safe upper limit of daily iodine intake for adults set at 1,100 micrograms by the IOM it is unlikely to hit an excess amount when including a multivitamin and including natural sources of dietary iodine. The trend of eating less table salt, dairy and bread has some experts concerned that iodine deficiency could be on the rise again. Eating a healthy, balanced diet that includes iodine rich foods and iodized salt is key to good health. This will have a salutary role on limiting infiltration and leaving the Police free to deal with the prevailing law and order situation. While sledgehammers do have their.

Use it is time for Mr. Mode to consider other avenues as well or all that was gained by his fearless and well thought out action will be lost as the region once again descends into paroxysm of violence. We live in an increasingly dangerous world. Old power structures are waning and new ones emerging. Countries are jockeying for influence. As suggested by the number of foreign dignitaries visiting New Delhi to seek its support, India, with its large population, will inevitably be a player in this new Great Game. In this fraught external environment, national unity is immensely important as outside powers will be looking for internal divisions to exploit. Unfortunately, our ever present divisions based on religion, caste and language are re asserting themselves today. In part, the causes of this divisiveness are economic. When the overall economic pie is not growing fast enough according to JP Morgan, our real GDP is still 6 7 below the pre pandemic path and jobs are scarce, positive sum games that grow the pie turn into zero sum adversarial games where every leader strives for a bigger share of the pie for their community. This can already be seen in the increasing job reservations for locals in various states. And, of course, governing party politicians seek to deflect from their economic underperformance by raising issues of identity that distract people from their lived reality. The biennial 2022 Environmental Performance Index EPI recently released its cross country ranking of 180 countries using 40 performance indicators. India ranks last. However, the report methodology has found complete acceptance in India as it uses data from multiple sources, including government data, but does not generally accept information directly from governments. Notwithstanding the peculiarities associated with the report, it does have useful insights. The most important ones are that the ranking does not accurately reflect India performance, and in indicators such as air quality it a reminder of the need for urgent action. Reports such as EPI need to be seen in the light of two aspects. One, almost one in six humans live in India. Two, India cumulative CO2 emissions till 2019 were a mere 3 as against 47 of the US and EU combined. In other words, the earliest to industrialist have emitted most of the greenhouse gases GHG and some of them also happen to be the best EPI performers. Given this context, India fares quite well in per capita terms. To illustrate, GHG intensity of growth rate is a measure of progress in decoupling emissions from economic growth. India ranks 34, while the US and Germany are at 44 and 48 respectively. Similarly, in terms of per capita GHG emission, India is at 53 and ahead of Norway. EPI data set shows India economic rise has come with a smaller environmental footprint. If this is to continue, access to cutting edge technology is essential. Therefore, it in everyone interest to craft a mechanism to make technology widely accessible. India per capita energy.

Consumption in 2019 for air conditioning was just 25 of the world average of 272 kWh. This gap will narrow with growth and its environmental impact can be disproportionately smaller with the newest technology. EPI also shows that India performance on air quality is abysmal. That why Go promulgated an ordinance in 2020 as it needed immediate attention. Pollution Control Board data shows that poor air quality is mainly on account of post harvest practices in agriculture and natural causes. Their solutions lie within. For instance, not all farmers burn stubble to clear fields. Where stubble has an economic value and hence a market, it is not burnt. Governments can compress coordination timelines to link farmers to a relevant market. Cost effective solutions to reduce the impact of natural causes such as dust need attention right away. Finally, rethinking the role of public transport is indispensable. In another step towards indigenisation of military platforms, the defence ministry has given the initial approval to projects worth Rs 76,390 crore. This includes the construction of eight next generation corvettes for the navy, procurement of wheeled armored fighting vehicles, and the manufacture of Dornier aircraft and Sukhoi 30 MKI aero engines by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. All the proposed capital acquisition will be under the Buy and Make Indian rubric. The thrust on indigenisation was overdue. The war in Ukraine has starkly brought home the reality that India is too dependent on foreign defence imports, particularly from Russia. With at least over 50 of India overall military assets of Russian make, New Delhi has been forced to walk a diplomatic tightrope on the conflict. Plus, the performance of Russian military platforms in the war has been poor, with a large number of armored fighting vehicles breaking down. Thus, India has to get out of this position where its foreign policy is constricted and a large part of its military arsenal may not deliver desired results. That said, indigenisation has to be done smartly. For the proposed construction of the eight indigenous corvettes, an Indian shipyard will be selected through competitive bidding. Unless tightly controlled, the bidding process could throw up controversies that defeat long term objectives. Additionally, while India has achieved 90 indigenisation in the float hull and superstructure component of warship building, the move propulsion and fight weapons components lag behind at 60 and 50 indigenisation respectively. Similarly, we are still far off from developing a fully indigenous aero engine for military aircraft with the old Kaveri project having failed to meet standards. Overall, most of our indigenisation success has been in auxiliary and spares. But to take indigenisation to the next level we need to significantly up our investment in R D and create a cutting edge military industrial ecosystem with universities, private sector and defence PSUs working in tandem. That in turn requires the Indian economy to grow at a high, sustained rate. Now that the first act of the Nupur Sharma Naveen Jindal controversy has played out, interesting political questions.

Emergence both on how the controversy broke and what impact it may have. What does the Nupur Naveen episode tell BJP in Congress, a Mani Shankar Aiyar can make remarks that cost the party? But BJP is not like Congress. It is a highly structured organisation. It brainstorms information and arguments spokespersons should present. So, how did a national spokesperson and the head of the BJP Delhi media cell say what they did? Which came first, the chicken or the egg? Which came first, India as a nation, or India as a Constitution, India as an ageless civilisation or India as a political invention? That was the crux of the debate that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had at a recent event in London with an Indian civil service officer, Siddhartha Verma, who is on a Cambridge scholarship. Taking exception to Rahul's statement that India is not a nation but a Union of States, a political construct, which was formed 75 years ago, Verma retorted that it is not a Constitution which makes a nation, but a nation which frames a Constitution, and cited ancient scriptural texts as evidence that a civilisational India existed much before a political India. The verbal sparring match was another bout in the ongoing contention between a political opposition which espouses a secular, pluralist state as guaranteed by the Constitution, and those who champion the concept of a cultural nationalism, bedrocked on age-old religious precept and practice, which is the shibboleth of right-wing Hindustan. Far from being the last word on the subject, the argument between Rahul and Verma will further fuel the ongoing contestation about India's true identity, whether it is a modern republic founded on a secular Constitution, or a cultural continuum born in the womb of untold millennia. India is often likened to an elephant, large, patiently lumbering, long-lived and unique unto itself. It is also the elephant in the old parable of the blindfolded men who tried to describe the animal through the sense of touch and could come to no agreement, because one of them felt the trunk, another the tail, and another the four legs. India is like that anecdotal elephant, too big, too old and too singular to be encapsulated in any one definition that seeks to contain and circumscribe it. It is the elephant trunk, its tail, its four legs, and it is more than the sum of these individual constituents. Is India a question to which there can be many answers? Or an answer to which there are many questions? The Buddha used to ask his disciples to do a certain meditation: Go to the street and watch everybody passing by, coming and going on the street. See exactly what is happening. Don't listen to their words because they are very cunning, they have become very deceptive. Listen to the meaning. It is hard to believe that these words are as applicable to today's modern, intellectual, word-drunk humanity as they must have been back then.

So the point is, look deeper into things. People may use the same words, but they don't use them with the same meaning. Listen to the meaning rather than only listening to the words. If all you listen to is the words you will never understand people. Our words come from the intellect, from the personality, which has often become so fake that we don't mean what we say. Communication has become a social etiquette; it does not really come from our heart or our being. Scientists tell us that words carry bio electric energy, so the depth of meaning is proportionate to the depth of the speaker. If the speaker is a sincere and heart-oriented person, he will speak few words with profound meaning, and convey everything through his body language, his eyes, his warmth and through facial expressions. You will be naturally drawn to this person. And how that will be helpful in your own inner growth, one may ask. The next step, which makes this meditation complete, is supplied by Oslo; this will be very helpful for your own inner growth and observing your own change of gears. Just watch people. It is easier to watch people than to watch yourself, in the beginning, because people are more objective, and there is a little distance between you and them. And you can be more objective about people because you are not involved in them. Just watch. When somebody is saying something, listen to his face, to his eyes, to his being, to the gestures, and you will be simply surprised how, up to now, you have lived only with words. A person may be saying, I love you and his eyes may be simply denying it. A person may be smiling with his lips and his eyes may be ridiculing you, rejecting you. A person may be saying Hello and holding your hand, and his whole being may be condemning you. This is the language behind the language. Let everybody who comes to you be an experiment in awareness. Then, by and by, you will be able to watch yourself. Direct the entire flood of your own life energy upon yourself and try the same technique when you say to somebody I love you, listen to what you really are saying, not just to these words. Words are almost always fake. Language is very tricky and can clothe things so beautifully that the container becomes very important and you lose sight of the content. People have become very sophisticated as far as their surface is concerned, yet their innermost core remains primitive. Listen to the center of the circumference. If you are silent within, you can go into the words like an X ray, and suddenly you feel a deep wellbeing arising in you, a deep joy for no apparent reason. Abridged from Oslo Times, courtesy Oslo Mumbai recently won two wooden spoons. Cricket as they say is religion in India. There should not be any politics.

In religion though religion plays a great role in Politics. Definitely, there is politics in Cricket as we see politicians managing cricket matters. Cricketers have turned into politicians, and politics is prevalent in cricketing matters. There are politics like camps within cricket. IPL introduced Bollywood influence in Cricket through franchise owners. Cricket is a big business so business houses entered cricket just as Bollywood is big business. Politicians and Businessmen go in cohorts historically. So you end up in Cocktail of Cricket which is a religion, Politics, Business, and Bollywood. And there is eternal underworld nexus to all this cocktail. Mumbai is the capital of everything except Politics. Delhi is the political capital. Ironically, a win by Mumbai Franchise versus Delhi Franchise ousted Delhi from playoffs in the 2022 IPL. Mumbai team won a wooden spoon in IPL 2022. Things went wrong right at the auction. There was no valid strategy to retain the core which had won titles in past. For the most successful franchise, it was a management failure. Even within the retention the huge amounts spent on nonperforming assets like Ishan, Pollard, and to an extent the captain really backfired. Joffra Archer was known to be unavailable for 22 but the plan was for the next seasons. It is still a gamble. Non availability of SKY and Mills were additional disadvantages introduced midway. There was no support for Bumrah in the bowling. They should have retained Boult. There was no dreaded spinner in the lineup. Sums did well towards the end when there was no hope for qualification. They also did not support David after two failed outings. When he was reintroduced in playing eleven it was late. They found some good talent for the future in Tikal Varna, Bevis, Shaken, and Kartikeya. Everything that could have gone wrong went wrong for Mumbai. The past glory and aura took a dent in 2022. It a very steep road ahead for 2023. Hope they do some good trading or talent scouting for uncapped players which rebuild the core for the future. That needs a transition plan for leadership by 2024. Unless that happens, the fear of consecutive wooden spoons looms large. The state of Maharashtra with its capital of Mumbai was known for being a pioneer and leader in commerce, industry, entertainment, cricket, fashion, trading, and exports. Maharashtra is philosophically driven by saints right from Dynaneshwar and Tulare to the Warfare leaders of today. Maharashtra in past had a legacy of political and social leaders right from Chatrapati Shiva Maharaja, Chatrapati Sam haji Maharaja, Beira, and Madhavrao Peshwas, Ahilyabai Honker, Rani Lamiae, Lokmanya Tikal, Veer Savarkar. Maharashtra is driven by thoughts of visionary thought leaders like Dr. B R Ambedkar, Mahatma Phule, Shahu Maharaja, and Agarkar. On the social front, we have a legacy of the likes of Dr. Baba Amte, Dr. Prakash Amte, Dr. Bung, and Sindhutai Sepal. We still have generations growing up on the literary genius of Zachary Tare, Pu La Deshpande, Vinda Karandikar Shirwadkar.

G A Kulkarni, V P Kale, and many more in this list. We had musical geniuses like Putt Bhisani, Late Mangeshkar, and Asha Bhosale just to name a very few. In fact, the entire business, media, films, music, and creativity reside in Mumbai. Marathi theatre had many luminaries and drama has impacted thought propagation and solutions to social issues. We had great journalists and media personalities. Maharashtra cultural movement has bases right from main cities till remotest villages and recently it has spilled over in foreign lands like US, UK, Europe, Australia, Middle East, Southeast, and Far East Asia through well spread NRI population. But these are past glories. The level of the current political slugfest in Maharashtra politics has handed another wooden spoon to the state along with IPL 2022 wooden spoon. The kind of personal vendetta, caste based equations slurs, and polarizations have really damaged the basic culture of the state which at one stage was the most civilized state in India. The language used by party functionaries, the accusations, threats, unconstitutional language used, violence and mobocracy have dented the image of Maharashtra. There is a chronology to the things that went south. First is the betrayal of the electoral mandate. Votes garnered through the pre poll alliance led to comfortable numbers for that alliance. The verdict of people in a democracy is the basic foundation of a party is forming a government. This verdict was violated by politicians to betray the trust of voters. Then we saw the notorious morning swearing in ceremony and proposed an unholy alliance to counter the wrong done in the first place. Then we saw this alliance breaking due to some unknown pressure. The parties which had no common ground concurred only for obvious reasons. There was no apparent thought process. Then there was the notorious chain of events that rocked the state. There was an alleged involvement of corrupt police officers to collect revenues from businesses and hand them over to the politicians. There were scandals involving celebrities, film stars, their kids, and drugs. Many ministers were accused of crimes like corruption, and terror links. The ruling dispensation lacked an agenda. During Covid, Maharashtra registered maximum cases, the highest number of deaths, and the highest number of infections. There were accusations of corruption in the covid relief center funds. The only policy was to blame the center. Opposition in the state was also involved in some strange non issues being highlighted in the narrative. The noises on both sides have added to the cacophony. The media has stooped to new lows. There were cases where people were arrested for their criticism. I think it the time for leaders across the parties to draw some basics and revive the culture and civil behavior across the board. Otherwise, the wooden spoon looms for the next few years. A predictable charade of political parties moving their MLAs to resorts and hotels has begun ahead of hotly contested Raja Sabah elections in Rajasthan, Maharashtra.

Haryana and Karnataka congress has moved its MLAs in Rajasthan to lodgings in Udaipur and its Haryana legislators all the way to Chhattisgarh. In Maharashtra, both Shiv Sean and Maharashtra have done the same. Not to be left behind the factionalism plagued BJP in Rajasthan has also followed suit. Read also Shiv Sean MLAs check into Malady resort ahead of RS elections despite legislative devices like whips and the Raja Sabah vote not held by secret ballot, a party not being able to trust their legislators is evidence of the depths plumbed by Indian politics. Legislators being herded like cattle to prevent them from slipping out does do justice to the exalted position they enjoy in India constitutional scheme. The prevalence of horse trading despite writing the Tenth Schedule into the Constitution began asking a question what purpose has it served. Or does the converse hold true would things have been much worse without it. There also no paucity of nets demanding a scrapping of the anti defection provisions which have reduced MPs and MLAs to figureheads, unable to voice opinions different from the party position. The MLAs may be lodged in luxury resorts but the reality is that their liberties have been restricted. The independence that India judiciary benefits from should be more meaningfully granted to the legislature wing. It will give us better laws and stronger accountability against executive overreach. The pandemic years, 2020 and 2021, accelerated climate action and the world rallied around Net Zero. Corporates and nations competed to announce their Net Zero pledges. This rush of eco consciousness has now left us with over 700 companies, including a fifth of the world largest 2000 public companies, and over 120 nations representing nearly 50 of global GDP with Net Zero pledges ranging in timeline from 2025 to 2070. At COP26, India has announced its commitment to become net zero by 2070. Large Indian companies, nearly 30 of them, were quick to join the net zero movement with varying timelines. So far so good. Now, how are we going to get there we need to understand what net zero means before we look at the ways and means of getting there. Net Zero, as the word implies, means net zero carbon emissions. The accepted norm today is that you reduce or avoid carbon emissions to the atmosphere to the best possible extent you can. That which you cannot avoid must be matched by an equal quantity of carbon removed from the atmosphere. If you did that, then the result, technically, is equivalent to having no carbon emitted at all. Now we can look at pathways to achieve this. At a national level, most of the carbon emissions come from one large category use of fossil fuels. For corporations, carbon emissions come from their activities, and therefore from many sources although the original source of most of it is fossil fuel. For example, use of fuels directly in a fleet of trucks or in a boiler or a.

Possible in traditional settings and can therefore enhance the overall religious experience for individuals across age-groups and segments Over the past few years, there has been a significant evolution in the way religion is practiced in India, with a growing number of people turning to online platforms to connect with their faith. This shift has been driven by a number of factors, including technological advancements, changing societal attitudes, and the sheer convenience of online platforms. The growing acceptance and adoption of faith-tech platforms for religious practices have transformed the way people perceive and engage with religion in India, thereby creating new avenues for spiritual exploration and growth. In recent years, the concept of green and sustainable living has gained significant attention worldwide, and India is no exception. As one of the fastest-growing economies and the most populous country in the world, India faces unique challenges in terms of environmental sustainability. Rapid urbanization, increasing energy demands, and the need for affordable housing have led to a re-evaluation of traditional real estate practices. Consequently, the real estate industry in India is witnessing a paradigm shift towards green and sustainable homes, making them the future of real estate in the country. Green buildings may save up to 30% of energy and 50% of water, according to studies. With a focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving energy efficiency, and adopting renewable energy sources, the country is actively working towards a greener and more sustainable future. In line with this vision, the real estate sector has embraced the concept of green homes as a key driver of change. Green and sustainable homes in India go beyond mere energy efficiency. They incorporate innovative design elements, sustainable materials, and advanced technologies to reduce environmental impact and enhance the quality of life for residents. These homes prioritize the use of renewable energy sources such as solar power and wind energy, reducing dependence on fossil fuels and lowering carbon emissions. Let us explore how the real estate industry in India is witnessing a paradigm shift towards green and sustainable homes, making them the future of real estate in the country:

- 1 Reducing Carbon Footprint** One of the primary goals of green and sustainable homes is to reduce the carbon footprint. Such homes incorporate innovative design elements and utilize renewable energy sources like solar power and wind energy. They also focus on energy-efficient appliances and lighting systems, which significantly reduce the consumption of electricity and minimize greenhouse gas emissions. By promoting a low-carbon lifestyle, these homes actively contribute to mitigating climate change.
- 2 Energy Efficiency and Cost Savings** Green homes in India emphasize energy efficiency through the integration of advanced technologies. Features such as smart thermostats, energy-efficient appliances, and proper insulation reduce energy consumption and utility bills. Homeowners can experience significant cost savings in the long run, as the operational costs of these houses are considerably lower compared to traditional homes. The incorporation of rainwater harvesting systems and wastewater treatment plants further leads to water conservation and reduced water.

Bills healthy Living Spaces Green homes prioritize the health and well-being of residents. They use non-toxic, eco-friendly building materials that minimize indoor air pollution and enhance indoor air quality. Proper ventilation systems and natural lighting ensure a comfortable living environment while reducing the need for artificial lighting and air conditioning. Additionally, green homes often incorporate green spaces, such as rooftop gardens and vertical gardens, which improve air quality and provide a tranquil and rejuvenating atmosphere. Promoting Sustainable Communities The impact of green and sustainable homes extends beyond individual dwellings. They foster the development of sustainable communities and neighborhoods. Developers are increasingly focusing on integrating sustainable infrastructure and amenities, such as electric vehicle charging stations, bicycle lanes, and community gardens. These initiatives encourage residents to adopt eco-friendly practices, promote community engagement, and create a sense of shared responsibility towards the environment. Government Initiatives and Incentives The Indian government recognizes the importance of green and sustainable housing and has introduced several initiatives to encourage its development. The Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certifications has been adopted to evaluate the sustainability of buildings. Additionally, financial incentives and tax benefits are offered to homebuyers and developers who opt for green and sustainable practices. These government initiatives have played a vital role in driving the growth of green real estate in India. Green and sustainable homes are rapidly emerging as the future of real estate in India. They combine environmental consciousness, energy efficiency, and cost savings with a focus on healthy living and sustainable communities. With the increasing demand for eco-friendly living spaces and the government support through policies and incentives, the green real estate sector is poised for significant growth in the country. As more homebuyers recognize the long-term benefits of green homes, we can expect a positive impact on the environment, the economy, and the overall well-being of communities across India. India and Central Asian countries have a long history and cultural ties. Though India has maintained links with Central Asian countries, they have remained inadequate. India primary motivation for joining the SCO was to revive contacts with Eurasian countries through this multi-alignment regional organisation. Another major component of India SCO strategy is cooperation in Afghanistan. The region has faced many issues because of Afghanistan unforeseeable circumstances, including terrorism, extremism, drug trafficking, and transnational crime. SCO provides an opportunity for collectively addressing these difficulties and presenting a few solutions. Since becoming a permanent member of the SCO in 2017, India has proposed multiple substantial ideas at SCO Summits. One of the executed proposals was India offer to create an SCO Startup Forum. The First SCO Startup Forum had one plenary session and six concurrent activity zones, with 11 separate events taking place in three languages: English, Mandarin, and Russian. Over 2,600 observers from 60 countries and six continents registered for the SCO Startup Forum, indicating worldwide interest. The Government of India Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, in partnership with the SCO Secretariat.

Conducted the Second Startup Forum via videoconference on October 27-28, 2021. India is presiding over the for. This is an important opportunity for New Delhi to achieve its primary objectives of joining the SCO and giving its membership a fresh perspective. The acronym which stands for citizen security, economic growth, regional connection, unity, respect for sovereignty and integrity, and environmental preservation, was introduced by Prime Minister Modi in his speech during the 21st SCO Summit. Initiatives recommended by PM Modi have evolved into central pillars of New Delhi SCO chairmanship. Under its chairmanship, New Delhi has organised hundreds of events. India has established new pillars of cooperation in traditional medicine, startups, and innovation, digital inclusion, youth empowerment, and shared Buddhist heritage. Uzbekistan is the largest Central Asian country in terms of population and the second-largest economy in the region and has been playing an active role in and other regional and international organizations. The last Summit took place in Samarkand under the chairmanship of Uzbekistan. During Uzbekistan chairmanship, the main emphasis was strengthening economic and trade ties, promoting industrial cooperation, expanding transport and communication interconnectedness, digital transformation, and the green economy. India and Uzbekistan have maintained a bilateral relationship predating their SCO membership. However, within the SCO framework, the two countries have found avenues to enhance their cooperation in trade, investment, defense, and cultural exchanges. Regular high-level meetings and interactions have facilitated dialogue and collaboration between the two nations. For India and Uzbekistan, the SCO provides a crucial forum for advancing their bilateral relations, regional stability, and economic cooperation. During Uzbekistan SCO chairmanship, special attention was paid to initiatives such as the interconnectedness and the creation of efficient transport corridors of the SCO countries infrastructure development programmer and the establishment of the SCO Goodwill Ambassador Institute. During Uzbekistan leadership, more than 80 important international events in all sectors of cooperation were staged, and a record number of 44 papers were adopted at the SCO summit. An unprecedented expansion in the SCO partner countries was achieved during the Samarkand Summit. As a result, Egypt and Qatar have been given the status of dialogue partners, while Iran has joined the SCO as a full member. Additionally, decisions were reached to begin the process of Bahrain, the State of Kuwait, the Maldives, the United Arab Emirates, and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar becoming dialogue partners and Belarus becoming a full member of the SCO. The President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev is right that historically Samarkand has been a melting pot of ideas and knowledge, that was cooking a common goal of living better, being more successful and becoming happier. And everybody has known that the friendly neighbors are half of your wealth, you yourself are a blessing for them, because you know that cooperation, trade, oeuvre, science, art and the best ideas do good, enrich and bring nations together. As he claims, historically, the world looked upon from Samarkand has been seen as single and indivisible, rather than fragmented. This is.

Electricity, use of cement and steel and other raw materials which in turn consumes fuel and electricity for their production, use of transportation and many others. These activities or sources can be grouped into electricity, mobility, industrial use of fuels, and aviation shipping for potential carbonization options such as renewable energy for electricity, EVs for mobility, green hydrogen for industrial use and, potentially, for shipping and aviation. Companies that have taken the net zero pledge are leveraging established low carbon technologies such as renewable energy and electric mobility to cut their emissions. However, we know that no company can cut 100 percent of its emissions in the foreseeable future. They must resort to carbon removal to achieve net zero. Carbon removal is a key mechanism meant to fill the last mile gap in emission reduction. If net zero is to become a reality, then carbon removal at scale must be achieved. This is an area where corporates must not only lead, but also break barriers. There are, technically, two ways to remove carbon from the through natural processes and technology based. Nature based removal relies on natural ecosystems such as forests, oceans, and soil to remove carbon. Massive quantities of carbon can be absorbed and sequestered through afforestation or forest regeneration and sustainable farming and soil management practices. However, nature based removal faces challenges in terms of estimating the actual carbon sequestration and achieving permanence of such sequestration or claimed removal. Under technology based removal, there is Direct Air Capture DAC and Carbon Capture, Use, and is pinning its hope on breakthroughs in removal technologies. There is significant work already executed in this space from R D to pilots to commercial scale plants. However, the scales are still in single digit millions of tons, while the need is in billions of tons. The world is on a wave of digital transformation, and MSMEs need to adapt to this advancement in the field of technology and embark on their digital journey as it is said correctly that nothing is more expensive than a lost opportunity. MSMEs have been a part of the economy according to their set ways of functioning for a long time now. However, with the development of the digital, major players in the industry who were already in sync or even remotely in sync with their digital needs accelerated their process of digitization. It is here that micro, small and medium enterprise lagged a bit in the race as small business culture differs regionally. Therefore, it has become all the more important on their special and unique digital needs and adapt to the digital changes in the industry. The accelerated two take digital transformation has widened the digital divide, between those who were able to muster resources to pivot their businesses and those that did not during the pandemic. That being said, MSMEs form a significant part of the industry, and with dedicated and well thought out moves for digital transformation, MSMEs can win the race. When it.

Comes to the digital transformation of MSMEs, it has different needs than that of other large enterprises. Digital skills and financial support through enhanced partnerships take center stage in the digital transformation of MSMEs. There is a need for custom made programs for the digitalization of MSMEs, enhancing digital resilience and competitiveness, digital up skilling, and training. Going forward MSMEs need to focus internally and start with small changes in their workforce by introducing new technologies which can be small but are unique to the said business. Frequent seminars on the usage of new technologies and training sessions on how to use these technologies, will elevate the work quality and make the integration of new technologies effortless. The transformation need not be done in a grand way by digitizing everything at once. The road that leads to digital transformation is reached by smaller lanes. Digital transformation is not an easy route to take, and with its often low rate of success, it becomes a greater challenge for MSMEs. While focusing on digitalizing their internal processes, MSMEs also need to keep a strategic measure to ensure that their end customers are only positively affected by this and find ways to undergo digitalization that would yield this outcome. Adoption of technologies is a key aspect of digital transformation. The needs, strengths, weaknesses, and goals of all MSMEs are different, and their decision in adopting technologies for digitalization should reflect so. The best available technology might not always be the best choice for a particular enterprise. A digital transformation is incomplete without technology supported changes. Thus, MSMEs need to focus on actualizing technology supported changes which are unique to their purposes. The benefits of digital transformation are far beyond the needs of it and that makes it all the more exciting. With the reliability that these new age technologies bring in, they hold the capability of increasing business productivity exponentially. Generally, MSMEs are present in the service or retail sector and with the advanced technologies and their fast processing features, MSMEs can grow and increase their revenue. Digital technologies offer cost effective means for inbuilt relationships and business growth. Digitalization is not an overnight process and needs the expertise to provide its full benefits to any enterprise. MSMEs need their leadership to be competent with the digital ways of the enterprise and ensure that the digital transformation empowers the workforce and satisfies the clients and customers needs. The digitalization process cannot be successful if the people of the organization do not feel comfortable working in new ways, and it will leave room for inefficiency or slowdown in processes and outcomes. MSMEs need to find the unique challenges for their businesses, and with the help of new age digital tools try to terminate the challenges that are slowing them down in the race of digital transformation. As for inheritance theory, since positive attitude is not a physical feature but a mental faculty, it cannot be purely hereditary. It can be developed. Moreover, parents play.

A major role in developing this quality of a child. A child, who watches his parents working hard, having faith in success through their words, behaviour and body language, is likely to develop a similar attitude. The children of short-tempered, over-cautious and nervous parents may assume similar characteristics when they grow up. Psychologists, therefore, prescribe a code of conduct for parents behaviour in front of their children. They must exude confidence, self-belief and hope, especially in difficult situation, so that the children emulate these qualities. They must be taught the importance of being positive before, during and after the performance of a task. There is no better education for a child than watching his parents come out of a tough situation by means of earnest endeavours. Such success not only gives more joy but also increases stretching on a regular basis can help increase your range of motion. You can either go for static or dynamic stretching as they both are effective when it comes to the increasing range of motion. According to the studies, proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation or PNF type of stretching is more effective for immediate results. Regular stretching can not only help heal an existing back injury but can also prevent future back pain by reducing your risk for muscle strain and strengthening your back muscles. All the people who regularly go to the gym know how helpful stretching can be. Performing dynamic stretches prior to exercise in the gym can help prepare your muscles. Not the only gym, but it can also help you improve your performance in dance or an athletic event. It is only natural that your muscles get tense when you experience physical or emotional stress. This is because the tightening of your muscles is the response of the body towards stress. All you need to do is focus on the areas of your body where you feel the stress, such as your neck, shoulders, etc. and stretch those parts of your body. During lactation, the breast concentrates iodine in milk so breastmilk tends to be a good source of iodine as long as the iodine intake of a mother is adequate. Plants grown in iodine rich soil are also good sources. However, this is not a reliable source of iodine since there is no way of knowing whether produce purchased in grocery stores is grown in iodine rich soil or not. Iodized salt usually adds less than about three hundred micrograms iodine daily to the diet. Most multivitamin mineral supplements contain 150 micrograms of iodine. With the safe upper limit of daily iodine intake for adults set at 1,100 micrograms by the IOM it is unlikely to hit an excess amount when including a multivitamin and including natural sources of dietary iodine. The trend of eating less table salt, dairy and bread has some experts concerned that iodine deficiency could be on the rise again. Eating a healthy, balanced diet that includes iodine rich foods and iodized salt is key to good health.

RBI increased the policy repo rate by 50 basis points yesterday. This is a right step. But it raises deeper questions about inflation control in India. This is the second time in the last 15 years that, faced with inflation crisis, RBI was caught napping. The first time was right after the 2008 Global Financial Crisis. One big difference between these two episodes is that RBI is now an inflation targeting (IT) central bank. IT was implemented precisely to help avoid a situation of high and volatile inflation. So, what went wrong, and what lessons can be learnt from the current crisis

The Election Commission move to conduct a pilot project to explore the possibility of remote voting for migrant workers is a big plus for electoral democracy. Democracy becomes meaningful and equitable when every citizen has a fair chance to cast a vote. Not everyone can take a train or flight back home to vote. Nearly 300 million citizens out of a total of 910 million electors did cast their votes in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. Leaving aside those averse to voting, there is a good possibility that many were present at constituencies where they are registered to vote the absence dictated by livelihood compulsions. Ways to enfranchise them must be found. From the 2011 Census that counted 450 million internal migrants, the number is estimated to be 600 million now. Short term migrants who spend some months of the year in cities far away from their villages rarely acquire a vote in their place of work. This category will benefit from EC move. For instance, Gurgaon assembly segment has just 3.6 lakh voters though the city population is far higher. True, logistics will be complicated. Migrants will have to be mapped and then enrolled for remote voting. Designated polling centers must be set up across India. There will be election day tech challenges verifying voter identities and ensuring the vote cast on the EVM is channeled to the correct booth and constituency. Also, those listed for remote voting but turning up physically at domicile polling booths due to personal or other emergencies recall the lockdown must be accommodated. But none of these is a deal breaker. From shuttling security forces and polling officers across polling phases, sanitizing electoral rolls, enrolling first time voters to getting the women vote out, EC is a past master at resolving logistical tangles. With institutional and political will, difficulties can be overcome. The previous Lok Sabha had passed a bill to extend proxy voting facility to NRIs, but the bill lapsed. Such reforms should get cross party backing. As EC starts the migrant voting pilot project, it should also start the process of identifying migrant voter clusters. Gujarat is a migrant worker hub. Let the pilot happen there and EC should aim for a 2024 full rollout. RBI monetary policy committee (MPC) yesterday increased its key policy interest rate, repo, by 0.5 percentage points to 4.9%. It is the second increase in about five.

Weeks, taking the cumulative rise in the repo to 0.9 percentage points in the current cycle of monetary tightening. Other highlights were a clear signal that tightening will continue longer and a sharp upward revision in the projected retail inflation in 2022 23 to 6.7%. It means RBI will fail to meet its statutory obligation to keep inflation below the upper threshold of 6% for three consecutive quarters. MPC statement and the unanimity among its members on both the repo increase and communication mean that the central bank will henceforth prioritise inflation. A projection of 6.7% for the current year signals that there will be more rate increase in the future to rein in the second round effects of inflation. Certainly, the movement of yields on government securities indicates that the financial market expects more rate hikes. Where does that leave economic growth RBI believes that there will be no impact on GDP as it has chosen to keep its forecast of 7.2% for 2022 23 unchanged. That unconvincing. The outlook for economic growth has worsened mainly on two counts. First, the global situation is deteriorating. For instance, the World Bank this week pared its 2022 global growth forecast made in January by 1.2 percentage points to 2.9%. Moreover, it warned of the rising risk of stagflation. Second, the domestic context has changed in an important way. To speed up the process of monetary transmission, RBI mandated the introduction of external benchmarks in pricing loans in 2019. Today, about 40% of outstanding credit, particularly to retail and MSMEs, is linked to external indicators. Therefore, monetary tightening will ripple out faster and act as a drag on private consumption. Going forward, fiscal policy will have to be the main support for economic growth as RBI sole focus will be on controlling inflation. It calls for realigning spending to crowd in private investment through infrastructure projects and hold up consumption through other fiscal measures such as subsidies and tax changes. Everyone is, not surprisingly, excited about the astonishing results of a small clinical trial in which all signs of colorectal cancer vanished from the participants. Dry Kumar Prabhash, head of medical oncology at Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, who perhaps has the widest experience in India of using the class of drugs used in the above trial, sounds a note of caution, asking for the striking results to be replicated and long term results analysed before we celebrate. A sure shot cure for cancer has yet been found, he tells Malatya Ayer: Tell us about Dostarlimab, which is being hailed as the promising breakthrough for the treatment of colorectal cancer. Dostarlimab is a class of drugs called checkpoint inhibitors used to provide immunotherapy to cancer patients. These drugs don't kill cancer directly, they have the capacity to remove the camouflage and unmask cancer cells so that the body immune system can destroy them. The trial results are striking as every patient involved in this trial showed complete remission. World Environment Day unleashed a.

Tsunami of promise how many trees went into the reams reporting the platitudes of politicians And, surely, their verbal hot air worsened global warming So not wanting to add my noise to that of the politicians, I m going to take a leaf out of the tree of Buddha T. He is a Thacker ray of sobriety compared to the current bombast or that of his own party past. Thackeray 0.2 known for his wildlife photography rather than shooting his mouth off did need tutoring from Thackeray 0.3, the state environment minister who is turning out to be as active as he is articulate. Last Sunday, our Mahan CM pointed out that the urban jungle also needs protection. Mumbai has been on the Red Book ever since the builder politician nexus replaced the underworld in calling the shots. That said, it has always been the hospitable habitat of black bucks; land sharks gamble on its scenic waterfronts. The junglefication of Mumbai is all around me. Every other morning, my view is hijacked by a new concrete beanstalk that seems to have grown overnight and raring to scrape the sky. Builders abhor a vacuum even more than Nature. The 24 bird call is honking, telling me that our goose may already be cooked. The roar of traffic warns of lions asserting their suzerainty in Jaguars. Actually, the bigger road hogs are SUVs, like elephants in mast must have right of way, and as thick skinned as the rhinoceros, one horned. For sundry scams, the lords of the jungle are the cheetahs. Their politician cop accomplices are leopards; they never change their spots. Since our alleged Mythic river is actually a sewer, the wearers of Crocs and Alligator tees bask instead on our sunny beaches. Social butterflies flit in perfumed groves; queen bees sting. And you will always see the mating dance of a china Mayor as he cajoles MS Mayor in dusk deepened gardens or hula hula in Mumbai, arm, broad minded daylight. Does my urban jungle make you green A young Gujarati woman has created a storm in a cyberspace teacup thanks to the wedding she plans for herself, which is singular, in more ways than one, in that she is marrying herself. Self marriage or solo gamy, or autogamy, as it is called is new to India, but it reportedly has a growing following in western society. While the bride cum groom parents have raised no objections to their daughter unusual matrimonial plans, the social media chattered has waxed vocal on the issue, both for and against. A BJP leader has said that she should not be allowed to perform her nuptials in a temple as such marriages are against Hinduism and, if permitted, would reduce the population of Hindus. On the other side of the political spectrum, a Congress stalwart has also expressed disapproval of such examples of wonkiness game changing social attitudes as insanity which the country must guard itself against. While a number of denizens have.

Supported the young woman mono marriage, which others have decried as a no marriage, she has blithely gone ahead with her wedding plans, also booking a honeymoon for herself in Goa. Disclaiming criticism that she is merely being a sensationalist to attract media attention, the woman has said that she is seeking fulfillment of herself as an individual without reference to any external relationship. Some might dismiss such views as being the height of egotism, or even solipsism, the belief that only one own self is real and all else is illusion. However, the bride to be could find endorsement of her motivation in the writings of the American development psychologist Abraham Maslow who, in a path breaking academic paper in 1943, outlined five stages of an individual mental and spiritual evolution, with each stage having to be successfully accomplished before graduating to the next. The first of the five stages is ensuring one survival through the provision of physical necessities like food, shelter, and security. The next stage involves the satisfaction of emotional needs through forming bonds of affection and kinship with family and friends. The following step is the attaining of self esteem, by winning the respect of others through one professional achievements and social standing. The fourth stage is the exploration of the realms of the mind through philosophical questioning and debate. At the acme, the final stage of Maslowian pyramid, is what he called elf actualisation, which is not narcissistic adulation of oneself but a transcendence of all want and desire, a completion of one journey to oneself, the arrival at the destination of life travel. In a way, Maslow stages of ascent are not very different from the four Ashramas of Hinduism: that of the Brahmacharya, or student; the Grihastha, or householder; the Vanaprastha, or hermit; and the final Sanyasa, or ascetic with no earthly attachments. In that it is a communion with oneself, a comm union, a turning inwards of the consciousness to marry itself, the act of meditation can also be a form of autogamy, a spiritual discipline widely practised by people who subscribe to all faiths, and by people who subscribe to none. So even as there are those who would censure marrying oneself for being unholy practice, others might describe it as wholly matrimony. Is positive thinking to this vital question. Some people from parents, and cannot be developed. Others believe that like other qualities it can be developed with proper practice and guidance. Still some others hold the opinion that it is hereditary to some extent but can be acquired to some degree. There is also a section of people Stretching s specific tendon or muscle can improve the elasticity of muscles, which in turn helps in achieving a comfortable muscle tone. There are several benefits of regular stretching, and it should be an integral part of every workout program. It not only helps increase your flexibility, which is an important part of fitness, but it can also improve your.

Mumbai recently won two wooden spoons. Cricket as they say is religion in India. There should not be any politics in religion though religion plays a great role in Politics. Definitely, there is politics in Cricket as we see politicians managing cricket matters. Cricketers have turned into politicians, and politics is prevalent in cricketing matters. There are politics like camps within cricket. IPL introduced Bollywood influence in Cricket through franchise owners. Cricket is a big business so business houses entered cricket just as Bollywood is big business. Politicians and Businessmen go in cohorts historically. So you end up in Cocktail of Cricket which is a religion, Politics, Business, and Bollywood. And there is eternal underworld nexus to all this cocktail. Mumbai is the capital of everything except Politics. Delhi is the political capital. Ironically, a win by Mumbai Franchise versus Delhi Franchise ousted Delhi from playoffs in the 2022 IPL. Mumbai team won a wooden spoon in IPL 2022. Things went wrong right at the auction. There was no valid strategy to retain the core which had won titles in past. For the most successful franchise, it was a management failure. Even within the retention the huge amounts spent on nonperforming assets like Ishim, Pollard, and to an extent the captain really backfired. Joffre Archer was known to be unavailable for 22 but the plan was for the next seasons. It is still a gamble. Non availability of SKY and Mills were additional disadvantages introduced midway. There was no support for Bum rap in the bowling. They should have retained Bolt. There was no dreaded spinner in the lineup. Sims did well towards the end when there was no hope for qualification. They also did not support David after two failed outings. When he was reintroduced in playing eleven it was late. They found some good talent for the future in Tikal Varna, Bevis, Shaken, and Kartikeya. Everything that could have gone wrong went wrong for Mumbai. The past glory and aura took a dent in 2022. It a very steep road ahead for 2023. Hope they do some good trading or talent scouting for uncapped players which rebuild the core for the future. That needs a transition plan for leadership by 2024. Unless that happens, the fear of consecutive wooden spoons looms large. The state of Maharashtra with its capital of Mumbai was known for being a pioneer and leader in commerce, industry, entertainment, cricket, fashion, trading, and exports. Maharashtra is philosophically driven by saints right from Dynaneshwar, and Tulare to the Warfare leaders of today. Maharashtra in past had a legacy of political and social leaders right from Chatrapati Shiva Maharaja, Chatrapati Sam haji Maharaja, Beira, and Madhavrao Pesewas, Ahilyabai Honker, Rani Lamiae, Lokmanya Tikal, Veer Savarkar. Maharashtra is driven by thoughts of visionary thought leaders like Dr. B R Ambedkar, Mahatma Phule, Shahu Maharaja, and Agarkar. On the social front, we have a legacy of the likes of Dr. Baba Amte, Dr. Prakash Amte, Dr. Bung, and.

Sindhutai Sapkal. We still have generations growing up on the literary genius of Acharya Atre, Pu La Deshpande, Vinda Karandikar, V Shirwadkar, G A Kulkarni, V P Kale, and many more in this list. We had musical geniuses like Pt Bhimsen Joshi, Lata Mangeshkar, and Asha Bhosale just to name a very few. In fact, the entire business, media, films, music, and creativity reside in Mumbai. Marathi theatre had many luminaries and drama has impacted thought propagation and solutions to social issues. We had great journalists and media personalities. Maharashtra cultural movement has bases right from main cities till remotest villages and recently it has spilled over in foreign lands like US, UK, Europe, Australia, Middle East, Southeast, and Far East Asia through well spread NRI population. But these are past glories. The level of the current political slugfest in Maharashtra politics has handed another wooden spoon to the state along with IPL 2022 wooden spoon. The kind of personal vendetta, caste based equations/slurs, and polarizations have really damaged the basic culture of the state which at one stage was the most civilized state in India. The language used by party functionaries, the accusations, threats, unconstitutional language used, violence and mobocracy have dented the image of Maharashtra. There is a chronology to the things that went south. First is the betrayal of the electoral mandate. Votes garnered through the pre poll alliance led to comfortable numbers for that alliance. The verdict of people in a democracy is the basic foundation of a party/ies forming a government. This verdict was violated by politicians to betray the trust of voters. Then we saw the notorious morning swearing in ceremony and proposed an unholy alliance to counter the wrong done in the first place. Then we saw this alliance breaking due to some unknown pressure. The parties which had no common ground concurred only for obvious reasons. There was no apparent thought process. Then there was the notorious chain of events that rocked the state. There was an alleged involvement of corrupt police officers to collect revenues from businesses and hand them over to the politicians. There were scandals involving celebrities, film stars, their kids, and drugs. Many ministers were accused of crimes like corruption, and terror links. The ruling dispensation lacked an agenda. During Covid, Maharashtra registered maximum cases, the highest number of deaths, and the highest number of infections. There were accusations of corruption in the covid relief center funds. The only policy was to blame the center. Opposition in the state was also involved in some strange non issues being highlighted in the narrative. The noises on both sides have added to the cacophony. The media has stooped to new lows. There were cases where people were arrested for their criticism. I think it the time for leaders across the parties to draw some basics and revive the culture and civil behavior across the board. Otherwise, the wooden spoon looms for the next few years. A predictable charade of political.

Parties moving their MLAs to resorts and hotels have begun ahead of hotly contested Raja Sabah elections in Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Haryana and Karnataka. Congress has moved its MLAs in Rajasthan to lodgings in Udaipur and its Haryana legislators all the way to Chhattisgarh. In Maharashtra, both Shiv Sena and Maharashtra have done the same. Not to be left behind the factionalism plagued BJP in Rajasthan has also followed suit. Despite legislative devices like whips and the Raja Sabah vote not held by secret ballot, parties not being able to trust their legislators are evidence of the depths plumbed by Indian politics. Legislators being herded like cattle to prevent them from slipping out does do justice to the exalted position they enjoy in India constitutional scheme. The prevalence of horse trading despite writing the Tenth Schedule into the Constitution began asking a question: what purpose has it served. Or does the converse hold true Would things have been much worse without it. There also no paucity of nets demanding a scrapping of the anti defection provisions which have reduced MPs and MLAs to figureheads, unable to voice opinions different from the party position. The MLAs may be lodged in luxury resorts but the reality is that their liberties have been restricted. The independence that India judiciary benefits from should be more meaningfully granted to the legislature wing. It will give us better laws and stronger accountability against executive overreach. Inflation has made a comeback between the highs and lows of the pandemic and the ongoing war. Over the past two months, the country has witnessed a jump of seven per cent in inflation. Given the growing cost of living, where people carefully evaluate returns on investments, the real estate industry faces a critical question What does this mean for investment in real estate The most appropriate answer to this question is that even with a spike in inflation, it is easy to state that the overall rise in the value of your property will outperform your expectations. Inflation is a part of a modern market economy, and intelligent investors hedge their bets on exceeding assets, irrespective of inflationary pressure. According to a report published by IMARC Group, titled India Real Estate Market: Industry Trends, Share, Size, Growth, Opportunity and Forecast 2022 2027, the Indian real estate market is expected to rise at a CAGR of 9.60 per cent between 2022 2027. There is a latent demand for affordable housing in India, which would primarily escalate the request. In addition, we are witnessing a massive investment by the government in building roads, rail and air, which will catalyze the overall Indian real estate market. Real estate has always been considered a safe investment in India, and no amount of uncertainty due to inflation can even remotely put pressure on its value. Therefore, it is still considered the most feasible option compared to other investment options. Moreover, unlike other investment options, the owner can shape the return of their investment rather than a.

Indeed the essence of the unique phenomenon of the which Uzbekistan proposed to serve as the basis for a fundamentally new format of international interaction, including within the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. One of the key objectives of the SCO is to combat terrorism and extremism. At the 21th SCO meeting in 2021, Prime Minister Modi stated that extremism is the primary cause contributing to regional challenges. He asserted that progressive philosophy has its origins in the Central Asian region. For instance, Sufism has thrived here for centuries and has spread throughout the area and the globe. Therefore, based on Central Asia historical legacy, the SCO should create a shared strategy to combat radicalization and extremism. To effectively combat radicalization, Prime Minister Modi further recommended that the SCO seek assistance from the moderate, tolerant, and inclusive Islamic institutions and traditions that already exist in India and almost every one of the SCO member states. Within the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure, RATS of the SCO, India, and Uzbekistan have worked together to handle shared security issues, share intelligence, and hold joint exercises. Both nations have worked to improve partnerships in this area since they have shared concerns about terrorism and extremism. With initiatives like the International North-South Transport Corridor INSTC and the SCO-Afghanistan Contact Group, the SCO may also be essential in developing regional connectivity. India and Uzbekistan have actively participated in these initiatives to improve trade and connectivity among SCO member countries and beyond. Uzbekistan unique location as a Central Asian transit hub makes it an important partner for India in realising the aim of greater regional connectivity. Promoting INSTC and Chabahar is necessary to boost trade with the region. In this context, a few concerns must be resolved immediately, such as Indian banks reluctance to operate in Chabahar port. The SCO has been growing ever since Pakistan and India became members. Iran has become a full member of the SCO, which will greatly influence this organisation. Iran importance as a conduit between India and Central Asia cannot be overlooked. As a result, an essential part of India Central Asian policy should be strengthening diverse partnerships between India, Iran, and Uzbekistan. The enlarged SCO has greater visibility and potential for political and economic growth. As a result of this expansion, cultural trends will be revitalised. Because Central Asia is a landlocked region, the SCO entry of countries such as India and Iran has not only increased the connection between South, Central, and West Asia. Nonetheless, it will improve Central Asia strategic autonomy. The SCO growth may offer Central Asian countries with a possible balancing agent to dominating powers such as Russia and China. There is a lot of potential for the Indian presidency of the SCO. Since it is a civilizational state with strong linkages to member countries, New Delhi must underline a common cultural legacy as a bridging element. Second, it important to take the issues of connectivity and trade development seriously. The Indian presidency has a challenging agenda to manage.

While delivering results. Relationships between India and Uzbekistan under the SCO framework have a lot of potential to grow in terms of factors like economic cooperation, connectivity throughout the region, security cooperation, and cultural exchanges. Both countries appreciate the SCO usefulness as a platform for cooperation and actively support its objectives of promoting regional peace, stability, and development. How many students drop out of their dream schools or colleges due to financial constraints? The answer is one too many Indian parents understand the importance of education and its ability to transform their children lives. They have high aspirations for their children careers and see education as a way to break free from socioeconomic constraints. But navigating the education journey can feel like running the Amazing Race Parents must stop at multiple checkpoints along the way, with the ultimate goal of getting their child to the finish line. Here some food for thought if your child wishes to pursue a degree from a prestigious university that costs INR 1 cr today, it will likely soar by a significant percentage in the next 15 years. According to reports, the education inflation rate in India was 3.34 percent in September 2021. However, it increased to 5.68 percent in the corresponding month of 2022. This rising cost of education is a growing concern for parents across India. It not only affects the quality of education that their children receive but also puts a significant financial burden on parents. So how can parents ensure that their child gains admission to their dream college, despite economic challenges? Early Planning and Smart Borrowing Right from primary school to post-graduate degrees, parents need to plan their child education journey well in advance to fulfill their long-term goals and minimize the financial strain. According to the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2020-21 report, the average annual fee for a full-time undergraduate course in India has increased by 5.3% in the last year. It can be overwhelming for both parents and students to research scholarship options for various levels of education. This includes assessing government bodies, private organizations, and educational institutions for eligibility criteria and keeping track of deadlines. By saving for educational expenses from an early stage, parents can accumulate funds over time and reduce the need for excessive borrowing. Smart financial management and exploring education loans with favorable terms and conditions can further ease the burden. By borrowing funds judiciously and exploring available resources, parents can ensure that their child education remains within reach. Informed Counseling and Sound Financial Advice Oftentimes, families spend exorbitant amounts for their children future with uncertain returns on their investment. With inflation rates resulting in soaring tuition fees and various hidden charges associated with education, many students are dropping out mid-course. The cost of living, including accommodation, transportation, food, and healthcare, can be substantial for Indian students, especially for those studying abroad. Prices vary depending on the destination country and city, and students must consider these expenses when budgeting for their.

Fluctuations in currency exchange rates can also affect the cost of education for Indian students studying internationally. Parents need access to informed counselling services that provide comprehensive information on scholarships, grants, and other financial aids available to students. Sound financial advice can assist parents in making informed decisions, enabling them to optimize their savings, investments, and loan options effectively. This guidance empowers parents to navigate the intricate landscape of education finance with confidence and ease. Systematic Approach to Saving One of the biggest challenges that parents face is budgeting for their children education. Many parents are unsure about how much they need to save and how often they should invest. Traditional saving methods like fixed deposits and savings accounts may not keep up with the rising cost of education. Therefore, investing in instruments that can sustain inflation, such as equity mutual funds and SIPs, can help parents earn better returns. Monthly investment is another way in which parents can accumulate a significant amount of money over time, which can be used to pay for their child education. The evolution of fintech has transformed various sectors, and education planning is no exception. Today there are technology-enabled tools dedicated to education planning that serve as a game-changer for parents. They offer holistic financial planning through a range of tools and services, including counselling, education scholarship, and loans. This helps parents create a budget for their children education based on their income and expenses. Regular monitoring of investments, tracking of expenses, and personalized counseling can empower parents to make the right financial decisions for their children education. With the rapid advancement of digital tools and platforms, technology has revolutionized the way educational institutions, students, and parents approach planning for educational journeys. Today while penning down this heartfelt letter, I can help but feel how we should celebrate and care for our fathers, our role models, on an everyday basis and not just on special occasions like today. I want us to honour and appreciate our fathers every day, prioritising their health and well-being in the best possible manner, just as they took exceptional care of our needs and desires. As I stroll down the memory lanes of my childhood, I can help but feel the warm embrace of my beloved father, always by my side. He is my hero, my friend, and my strength. He has always placed our family happiness above everything else, from buying me a cricket kit to buying me ice cream in summer. He would turn even the smallest moments into memorable ones. I realise that it was just my own father but rather how our fathers struggle to prioritise their health and well-being, from regularly monitoring their blood sugar levels to resisting the temptations of late-night cravings, and yet always maintaining a calm and brave demeanour in front of us. They never let us know, always prioritising the family and their responsibilities. Diabetes is one of the biggest and fastest growing lifestyle diseases in India. Every one out.

Bank deciding for you. Not to forget the tax benefits a person can receive through real estate ownership. Historically speaking, real estate returns have outperformed the returns received from other asset classes. Inflationary periods usually correspond with higher mortgage rates, increased cost of materials and the rising cost of borrowing. These can temporarily slow down the growth but cannot stop it. The Indian market still has the potential to bet all the odds and take advantage of its undervaluation so far. Hence, the V shaped recovery predicted at the beginning of 2022 will undoubtedly be achieved. This confidence in growth comes from the fact that Indian real estate is becoming technologically advanced at every step, which would bring down the operational cost. Willful integration of machine learning, data and artificial intelligence are solving problems before they can arrive. The Indian real estate market is also being seen in great regard by foreign investors, and with government initiatives, this investment will also only increase. Compared to potential, inflation is losing this race by a long shot. Rather than if or should, the question should be when. When should I invest in real estate The answer to that question is always right now. The appreciation of your commercial property rates will offset the effects of inflation for you. While it might seem so in your day to day routine, many years of holding and maintaining that asset would only give you benefits in the future. Historically Real estate is usually seen as an inflation hedge. As the purchasing power of money comes down, real estate protects investors against that. While economists debate whether the efforts of this spike in inflation are permanent or temporary, commercial property developers can be confident that their assets provide them with the necessary protection. There have been multiple studies done over the last few decades showing that private real estate returns hold steady during inflationary periods. The only risk of inflation is the actual rent; property owners will increase the rent to handle growing inflation or take a loss. As inflation results in higher interest rates which results in higher cost of borrowing and higher operating expenditures, sometimes it may take more time to increase rent than pass over the higher costs down to the tenant. Investors should consider investing in properties with good cash flow rather than lazy equity. The benefits of investing in real estate right now outweigh the drawbacks. Also during times of high inflation, property owners managers will incorporate rent increases into their lease documentation, something called escalation clauses. The clauses are either directly linked to inflation or have a number higher than normal escalation clauses in a normal environment. In summary, real estate provides an excellent hedge against inflation and generally most investors will agree that real estate as an asset class is immune to the harmful effect of inflation. If you speak to the older generation of Arabs in the Middle East, some of them will recount the events of 31st.

October 1984. As the news of Indira Gandhi assassination trickled in, it sent shock waves across the Arab world. In an unprecedented gesture of respect to the departed leader, markets across the Middle East began to shut down. This was not under government orders, but was a spontaneous gesture of the Arab people. They felt the loss of one of the tallest world leaders who they considered to be their friend. That is the deep relationship which India has nurtured with the Islamic Arab world over several decades. The recent turn of events be it the turning away of a hijab clad woman from the Lanterns restaurant in Bahrain, the Malayalam man in Qatar calling Muslim women nurses ex slave, or the current Nippur Sharma controversy is the calamitous trajectory of a narrative which was allowed to pervade and go on a rampage by non state actors. The unchecked rampant dissemination of Islamophobic within India by our media at some point had to spill over to have international ramifications. Those individuals and organizations indulging in this relentless narrative of divisive vituperation have no knowledge of our historical and geographical ties with the Middle East, or for that matter, our deep and pervasive economic relations. Our historical ties with the Arab world Little do they know that as early as 3000 BC, there were networks of bustling maritime trade between Arabs and the Indus Valley Civilization. Dolman, located in present day Bahrain, acquired a monopoly in 2000 BC on trade between India and the civilizations of Mesopotamia. The legendary port of Mushers 300 BC 1300 AD enabled Arab traders to be the link between Europe and India. Contrary to popular perception, Islam initially made its entry into India through the trade route in the 7th Century in South India. The standing edifice of this is the beautiful Ceriman Mosque in Kodungallur, Kerala built in 629 AD at a time when Prophet Mohammed 579 632 AD was living. So intertwined were our fates that for a substantial period of time in history, the gulf states used the Indian rupee as their currency. Post independence, our relations strengthened with the Non aligned movement appealing to the Arab leadership, especially the likes of Abdul Nasser. Each of our Prime Ministers have over the years nurtured our longstanding historical ties with the Arab Muslim world. This was fortified by high profile visits of Jawaharlal Nehru to Saudi Arabia in 1955, Indira Gandhi in 1982 and Manmohan Singh in 2010. Modi and the middle east Our Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been a regular visitor of the Gulf states and has been instrumental in enhancing our economic ties. Modi in February 2018 travelled to Ramallah and met with President Mahmoud Abbas. He pledged US \$41 million in aid for health and education. Modi has been conferred the highest civilian honours by the heads of state of the Muslim Arab world. This is the outcome of the continuation of the long chain of historical, cultural, religious and.

Economic ties Our deep economic ties The rank and file of the ruling regime and the many sectarian organizations at work orchestrating communal disharmony are oblivious of the strong economics at the heart of India Arab policy. The fringe, or whatever they are called, fail to understand that there are 7 million Indians the largest Indian diaspora living, working, freely praying and professing their faith in the gulf states. They have generation of symbiotic and fraternal relationship with the Arabs in the Middle East. They remit an astounding US \$30 to 40 billion each year back to their families in India. India trade with Israel stands at US \$5 billion. In stark contrast to this, trade with the Arab countries accounts for US \$140 billion, which is 25 percent of our total world trade. It is from the Middle East that India imports most of its oil and gas. India imports 80 of its oil from the gulf region and 62 of its gas from Qatar alone. The growth in trade with the United Arab Emirates is a significant indicator. The trade with UAE in 2014 stood at US \$60 billion, and today it stands at US \$65 billion, making the UAE India most important trading partner. Thanks to our sensitive foreign policy and the excellent relations which our Indian business communities there have with the host countries, UAE has investments totaling to US \$8 billion 2016 in India. The three countries UAE, Saudi Arabia and Qatar alone account for US \$100 billion in trade with India. The party apparatchiks, the media hounds and sundry cultural warriors are blissfully unaware that GCC countries are prime markets for India products. Our industry thrives on the market penetration into the Arab world. Unfortunately, these incidents of Islamophobic with alarming regularity are causing immense damage to our relations with the Islamic world, which has serious consequences for the Indian economy. This relentless assault on Muslims, their identity and their religion comes at a critical juncture for our economy, which is struggling desperately post demonetization and post pandemic to reach the levels of the golden years of 2004 2014, which were characterized by unbridled economic growth. The Lanterns episode in Bahrain and the name calling of Muslim women shows Islamophobic can buy a lunch. The current Nippur Sharma episode shows that it can buy us our economic recovery either. The time has come for the Indian state to stop this mayhem before it wrecks our industry and our economy. After Jharkhand chief minister Hemant Soren, it is Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan turn to face abuse of office allegations. The CPM government in Kerala has entered a testing phase with the prime accused in the gold smuggling scandal Swapna Suresh attempting to link chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan and those close to him with the racket. Only two weeks ago the government was sitting pretty after celebrating the first anniversary of its second term in office. Interestingly, Vijayan predecessor Oommen Chandy was in a similar situation.

Nearly a decade ago Chandy had faced allegations of close ties with a fly by night solar panel firm that had cheated several people. The fallout from that scandal had severely undermined Congress in Kerala. It remains to be seen how CPM will weather this latest storm. The gold smuggling case which was uncovered in 2020 had no impact on CPM electoral performance in the 2021 assembly elections. But the popularity that Vijayan enjoyed last year, which led to the unprecedented second successive term, has eroded quite a bit over the last year. A poorly conceived big ticket project to link Kerala from north to south by a separate high speed rail corridor has run into stiff opposition with a sizeable section questioning its utility. The publicity campaign over Kerala managing Covid better than other states has fallen flat. The state economy is also down in the dumps. Also read: Swapna Suresh revelations against Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan in smuggling case stir up political storm Congress, wrecked by last year defeat, has a new leadership and is showing signs of a revival. This was evident in the magnitude of the defeat CPM sustained in a by poll last week that the ruling party had unnecessarily turned into a referendum on its own performance. Reports suggesting that central agencies will renew their attention on the gold smuggling case will pose fresh trouble for Vijayan, especially if he is summoned for questioning. Has the brief lull in Kerala politics ended, where opposition parties fumbled to counter the personality cult built around Pinarayi Vijayan

Soon after assuming office in May 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had vowed to reduce by 10 per cent India dependence on imported crude by the year 2022. That was more than eight years ago. We are now nearly half way in the target year 2022. The question now is: how much of that promised 10 per cent reduction in the import of crude oil has since been achieved in the preceding eight years The answer is a BIG ZERO. There are two conditions precedent to any reduction in the quantum of imported crude i there is a corresponding increase in its domestic production or and ii there is a substantial fall in its consumption in the country. Unfortunately, neither has happened. On the contrary, the domestic production of crude has considerably declined, and its consumption in the country substantially increased. As per the data released by the Petroleum Planning Analysis Cell of the ministry of Petroleum, the domestic crude oil production that was 35.90 MMT in 2014 15 fell to 35.50 MMT in 2015 16. Thereafter, the production continued to fall with each passing year. In the preceding financial year, i.e 2021 22, the domestic crude production was 28.40 MMT the lowest since 2014 15 the beginning of the Modi era. Government still optimistic Yet, despite the continuously declining domestic production of crude and its increasing consumption, the government still remains optimistic about its avowed goal of.

Cutting down on import of crude. Modi, as recently as February 2020, had reiterated that the government had taken some decisive steps towards reducing its import by 10 per cent. The then petroleum minister Dharmendra Pradhan too had also repeated ad nauseam that the government was developing a new strategy and initiatives to achieve the target of reducing dependence by 10 per cent on the imported crude. New Strategy and Initiatives What were then the new strategy and initiatives taken by the ministry of petroleum in order to achieve the desired objective One, a new Hydrocarbon Exploration Licencing Policy was introduced. Two, Discovered Small Fields were given on contract with a view to monetising their reserves. And three, a National Data Repository was set up by Directorate General of Hydrocarbons on 28 June 2017. There were some other initiatives like conducting 2D seismic survey of the hitherto unappraised areas. Since the taste of a pudding lies in its eating, it needs to be ascertained how far all these initiatives have helped in the main task of reducing import of crude by 10 per cent by the year 2022. Zilch is the answer. The two conditions precedent as aforesaid did not happen. On the contrary, India crude oil production had further declined by 7.5 MMT, roughly 21 per cent in the preceding eight years. And its consumption rose from 165.5 MMT in 2014 15 to 202.70 MMT in financial year 2021 22 and increase of 37.2 MMT or 18 per cent. Need for expanding production In addition to some private and joint venture entities, there are two major government owned E P companies, viz Oil Natural Gas Corporation Ltd ONGC and Oil India Ltd OIL currently operating in the country. Of the total production of 28.40 MMT in the year 2021 22, ONGC share alone stood at 18.50 MMT, Oil India contributed 3.00 MMT and the remaining 7.00 MMT came from the kitty of private and joint venture entities. Thus there is an imperative need for substantially enhancing production both from ONGC offshore and onshore fields. But unfortunately and conversely, its cumulative production that was 20.8 MMT in 2014 15 has sharply declined to 18.50 MMT in 2021 22 nearly by 7.17 per cent. The reason is obvious. Most of the onshore fields of ONGC are more than 50 years old with declining yields. Thus, to bring about even any incremental increase in the production of these ageing fields is like flogging a dead horse. Nonetheless, it goes to ONGC credit that it has managed not only to maintain the existing level of production but has also brought about an incremental increase in their output thanks to the deployment of some latest IOR and EOR techniques. India always a net importer of crude However, it needs to be pointed out that India has always been a net importer of crude. In 1947, the domestic demand for petroleum products was just about 2.2 million metric tons MMT while the production was barely.

The domestic production of crude oil in 1960 61 was only 0.45 MMT, and it had risen to 10.51 MMT by 1980 81. Forty two years down the line in 2021 22, India domestic production is barely 28.40 MMT domestic production while imports are to the tune of 212 MMT a deficit of 183.6 MMT. In plain terms, the domestic crude production is merely 13 per cent of India total consumption. Is per cent reduction in import feasible Will the laudable object of reducing even by 10 per domestic production cent the import of crude become a reality or will it just remain a pipe dream Let us not live in a fool paradise and delude ourselves. India does have either a magic wand or rich oil reservoirs, leave alone elephantine fields. Our yearly consumption too will continue to domestic production increase irrespective of whatever measures we might adopt. The bitter truth is that our domestic production dependence on imported crude will increase year by year. Most of the countries, barring a few, import crude in order to meet their increasing needs. India is thus in the august company domestic production of major oil importers such as the USA, China, Germany, Japan, Italy, the United domestic production Kingdom, South Korea, Brazil, Indonesia, Malaysia, Israel et al. There is thus no reason whatsoever to feel ashamed about it. The domestic production of crude oil in cent of India total consumption. Is 10 per cent reduction in import feasible domestic production Will the laudable object of reducing even by 10 per cent the import of crude become a reality or will it just remain a pipe dream Let us not live in a fool paradise and delude domestic production ourselves. India does have either a magic wand or rich oil reservoirs, leave alone elephantine fields. Our yearly consumption too will continue to increase irrespective of whatever measures we might adopt. The bitter truth is that our dependence on imported crude will increase year by year. Most of the countries, barring a few, import crude in order to meet their increasing needs. India is thus in the domestic production august company of major oil importers such as the USA, China, Germany, Japan, Italy, the United Kingdom, South Korea, Brazil, Indonesia, Malaysia, Israel et al. There is thus no domestic production reason whatsoever to feel ashamed about it. Calls for a Hindu nation, campaigns against halal, objections to hijab, demand for a population control law, support for Romeo squad, questioning of the army After, slapping an elderly man on a suspicion of being Muslim... There is a common thread underlying all of these the apprehension or fear that Muslims will overrun India. Numerically or culturally or both. The mathematical impossibility of Muslim population ever exceeding the Hindu population is evident from all the numbers available from government sources see charts. Yet the fear keeps getting expressed and amplified with unflinching frequency, creating a siege mentality among a section of Hindus and alienation among Muslims.

Of all modern inventions, electricity is perhaps the most wonderful. To those who experienced its magic for the first time, it must have felt like being transported to a fairy land. Today, we take it so much for granted that we notice its existence only when there is a power-cut and life comes to a standstill. Can you think of all the things you could not have done without electricity? Imagine, you could not have watched television or even seen a film in a cinema hall. You would have had to study by candle light with no fans or air conditioner. Ice creams, soft drinks and cold water would have been unheard of. Your kitchen too would have been very different from what you see now. There would have been no toaster, blender, electric oven, induction cooker or electric chimney. Electricity has truly revolutionized life in the twentieth century. The field of medicine has specially benefited from it. You will realize this if you ever happen to sit on a dentist chair, enter the operation theatre or visit the Xray department in a hospital. Electricity has also brought the world to our doorstep in more ways than one. Today we can see a live telecast of events taking place thousands of miles away where it is not always feasible for us to be present. Through the computer and other more sophisticated audio-systems, we are exposed to the world best literature and music. Unfortunately, in India not all of us can avail of the facilities provided by electricity. There are still far too many people who live below the poverty line, and even though electricity has reached the remotest village, everyone cannot benefit from it. It should be our endeavour to bring light into the lives of all our countrymen and to ensure that an electric bulb glows in every home, indeed electricity is one of the most important blessings that science has given to mankind. Of all modern inventions, electricity is perhaps the most wonderful. To those who experienced its magic for the first time, it must have felt like being transported to a fairy land. Today, we take it so much for granted that we notice its existence only when there is a power-cut and life comes to a standstill. Can you think of all the things you could not have done without electricity? Imagine, you could not have watched television or even seen a film in a cinema hall. You would have had to study by candle light with no fans or air conditioner. Ice creams, soft drinks and cold water would have been unheard of. Your kitchen too would have been very different from what you see now. There would have been no toaster, blender, electric oven, induction cooker or electric chimney. Electricity has truly revolutionized life in the twentieth century. The field of medicine has specially benefited from it. You will realize this if you ever happen to sit on a dentist chair, enter the operation.

The simmering tension blows up in our face as social unrest or geopolitical embarrassment every now and then the latest being the intense and unprecedented blowback from many Muslim countries against hate speech on television. Raja Sabah polls and results are today. But yesterday, with EC announcing the schedule for electing the republic next president, the stage is set for interesting politics. BJP led NDA is just short of the 50 threshold in the electoral college all MLAs, MPs vote, and each vote has a value, with bigger states votes being more valuable, all MPs votes have equal value. This time, of course, J&K, which has no assembly as of now, won't have MLA votes, and the electoral college will be marginally smaller. If parties like BJD and YSR Congress vote with NDA, it odds on that the governing party at the Centre should be able to get its nominee elected. But that does make the July 18 contest insipid. Who BJP leadership picks as its nominee will be a study in the party political strategy. Picking Ram Nath Kovind in 2017 was a Dalit outreach. There are social groups and regions that need BJP attention. They will be possible factors in the decision. Also, interesting is whether NDA allies, JD U and AIADMK, will need cossetting, and whether YSR Congress and BJD will become targets of Opposition wooing. Perhaps, the Opposition game will be even more interesting. A weakened Congress word may not be the most important one in picking a combined Opposition candidate a reality Nehru Gandhi may have to accept. KCR has been leading Opposition efforts on this so far. But there Mamata, Pawar, Stalin and Kejriwal. This may turn out to be a dress rehearsal for 2024 Opposition efforts. Kovind will demit office after an uneventful tenure, unsurprising since he was the nominee of a party whose hold at the Centre is unchallenged. Presidencies usually become potentially interesting when the Rashtrapati comes from a political stable different from that of the governing party or combine. That why KR Narayanan term, when it coincided with part of Vajpayee PMship, had its moments, as did Pranab Mukherjee during part of Modi first stint as PM. Pratibha Patil term during Congress led UPA was as smooth as Kovind. The two exceptions are Abdul Kalam, who managed to turn a staid office to a popular one by dint of his charisma and energy, and Zail Singh, who, despite being a Congressman while in politics, created anxious moments for Rajiv Gandhi. But even when quiet, the President office remains important, because it potentially is an institution of appeal in a hotly contested federal system. The incoming president will be in office when 2024 polls happen and depending on how those results pan out, the republic first office may become interesting. Ahead of the second anniversary of the Galwan clashes between Indian and Chinese troops in eastern Ladakh, visiting US Army Pacific Commanding General Charles A Flynn has once again drawn attention.

To China rapid buildup of military infrastructure along the LAC. There no denying that China is rapidly building dual use border infrastructure. From troop shelters, gun positions, helipads and jetties in disputed areas in eastern Ladakh to border villages along Arunachal Pradesh, China has been solidifying its position all across the 3,488 km LAC. Add to this, two new Chinese bridges across the Pangong Tso. Clearly, China is in no mood to disengage from its border standoff with India. And with Chinese President Xi Jinping looking to secure an unconventional third term at the helm of the Chinese party state at the 20th Chinese Communist Party Congress later this year, he is unlikely to compromise on his aggressive foreign policy posture. The only way India can counter this is by ramping up its own border infrastructure development. In the last Union Budget, Go increased the capital outlay for the Border Roads Organization BRO by 40, which included a six fold hike in allocation for Arunachal Pradesh Border Area Development Programmed. In fact, India has quickened the pace of its border infrastructure development since the Galwan clashes, inaugurating multiple bridges and border roads along the LAC. It is also planning to enhance rail connectivity in the Northeast and in May 2020 increased the BRO procurement powers from Rest 7.5 core to Rest 100 core, allowing it to acquire critical equipment for speedier laying of border roads and other construction. But given that Beijing still outguns us in terms of resources, New Delhi needs to simultaneously engage in tactical collaboration with the US and other countries concerned about Chinese belligerence. The upcoming Oudh Abyss joint exercise with Americans in the Himalayas and the finalizing of a logistics support pact with Vietnam are steps in the right direction. Satellite pictures the past fortnight have shown a heavy duty bridge being built by the Chinese on Pangong Tso, the lake where the 2020 faceoff between the People Liberation Army PLA and Indian Army took place. The bridge construction made a splash in the media. Slowly, this event of major implications has receded from the public eye just as those bloody events of 2020 have become distant memory. Though the eyeball to eyeball deployment that resulted then has been watered down, the fact remains that subsequent political events and activities of PLA and PLA Air Force PLAAF have been anything but benign. The new bridge portends events that may turn grim in the coming year the fact that it can support crossings of tanks and armored vehicles, though important, is just one cog in the larger picture that seems to be playing out. This scenario has been described as alarming by General Charles Flynn of the US army. Folklore has it that the Biblical Garden of Eden flowered in the tropical island now called Sri Lanka. And, indeed, when Bunny and I first visited it in 1984, we did feel we had chanced upon an enchanted paradise. The green filigree of palm trees and the.

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Of eleven adults has uncontrolled blood sugar levels. Statistics reveal a bitter truth men in India have a higher prevalence of diabetes. According to recent studies, approximately 9.1% of adult men in India are affected by this condition. This is a striking number compared to women, who stand at 8.3%. Though a daunting number, this disparity is not merely a statistic but rather a reminder to take action and prioritise the well-being of our superheroes, our fathers. Today, having grown up to be responsible and compassionate individuals following your footsteps, we want to extend the same love and compassion to our fathers. We should be their strength, support and companion. Let pledge to stand by our fathers, help them strike a balance between indulgence and mindful eating, and ensure their happiness and well-being. It is important for us to support and guide them to embrace technology for monitoring and tracking their daily vitals and get regular guidance from doctors and health experts through innovative initiatives like virtual OPDs. Dad, seeing you go through the ups and downs of managing your blood sugar has been heartbreaking but also inspiring As the curtains rise on this special day, we hope you remember that your well-being matters. As we raise a toast to fathers, let us heed the words of Hippocrates Everything in excess is opposed to nature and embrace moderation to safeguard against the taxing impact of diabetes. Together, let us rewrite the script of your health, ensuring that it remains a sweet symphony for years to come. India ranks among the top five economies in the world and is the fastest growing. With the rapidly progressive economic status, the corporate universe of the country needs to embed itself into the larger scheme of things with an equal pace. One crucial concern that needs urgent deliberation is gender diversity. While businesses are becoming increasingly aware of the importance of having a diverse and inclusive workplace, the bar is much higher to achieve. Our country prides in a very rich cultural heritage and is among the most respected nations globally. While we laud our legacy, the deeply ingrained biasness for women has been looming since ages, which has found its way into the corporate landscape as well. Recent studies by some reputed consultancies show that a very small percentage of women hold board seats in Indian companies. Another one states that workforces which have a more diverse environment are more innovative and respond better to the needs of its stakeholders. Despite the benefits, the prejudices for a particular gender need to be addressed with a compassionate hand as the current state is leaving out a multi-potential population from being employed or be at par as their counterparts. According to OECD, women spend two to ten times more time on unpaid care work than men around the world. Beyond these pre-conceived notions, which become limitations in the longer run, women are striving hard to achieve greater heights in their professional journeys and as an employer it is our responsibility to create a more equal and equitable world. Why and how your business should address diversity and inclusion Along with social and ethical benefits, promoting diversity and inclusion at work provides other advantages. There are innumerable advantages, including enhanced reputation, increased customer and employees reach, greater revenue, increased efficiency, and improved hiring and retention. Let explore the challenges and mitigation measures to make the work environment more inclusive: India growing digital ecosystem has been accompanied by increased technology integration across industries. One of the key.

An industry to benefit from this revolution was fintech. Organizations sought to digitize operations to enhance the ease and efficiency of providing services to their consumers. The technological advancement eventually paved the way for digital lending, becoming common among people looking to take loans. It enabled lending that was fast and convenient for both consumers as well as lenders. At present, digital lending is one of the fastest-growing segments of the fintech industry in India. Digital lending has enabled companies in India to witness a growth of CARG of almost 40% in the past decade. By 2023 the market is expected to reach a value of over 350 billion dollars. An increasing population of digital natives in the country allows fintech companies to absorb them into their consumer base. Their adeptness for technology and need for easy-to-understand and quick-to-process services make digital lending the best option for them. The adoption of digital financial services is further enhanced by a supportive regulatory environment which has policies & procedures that are favorable for digital lending. As digital lending continues to grow, fintech companies would do well to adopt this technology to continue the industry upward trajectory. The booming growth in digital lending comes with its challenges. One of the most prominent is protecting customer data from hacking, breaches, and frauds that can occur digitally. To solve this, the regulated entities must provide increased oversight over the information exchange between both parties. There are many emerging opportunities for digital lending, especially in India as a collective market. The first concerns rural lending. A large part of the rural population continues to be underserved. The next challenge is issuing the CBDC mode of payment, which is set to revolutionize lending. Another challenge comes via end-to-end digital journeys. Here, secured loans will become possible as asset records get digitized over time. Today, digital lenders continue to adopt newer technological tools to improve their business operations and customer experiences. With this growth comes new opportunities to enhance processes at every stage, which can be addressed by finding better ways to use current technology and researching more recent technologies that can be incorporated. Around the world, women have proved themselves to be catalytic change-makers, particularly in developing countries and marginalised rural communities where women rights are often hindered. But when it comes to issues revolving around land, where women are often denied rights of ownership and therefore powers of decision making, women are by and large kept to the fringes. With current rates of land degradation undermining the well-being of at least 3.2 billion people around the world, and exacerbating other crises like water, biodiversity loss and climate change, there is an urgent need to bring women to the fore, and put them front and center in India push to restore its land and create drought and climate change resilient communities. Land Degradation in India Whilst hot crises like India lack of water, and the worsening impacts of climate change, continue to grab the headlines, the crucial issue of India degrading land, that underpins these, desperately needs mainstreaming. Threatening not only the productivity of land for agricultural livelihoods, which so many depend upon; both water quantity and quality; and the health of our ecosystems which all life depends upon, land degradation requires our urgent attention. Currently, 97.85 million hectares moa of land an area 2.5 times the size of Rajasthan has already been degraded. Of this,

Mamas been added in the 15 years between 2003-05 and 2018-19. There is a sliver of hope in this grim outlook. Rajasthan, by and large the most degraded state has seen a reduction in their degraded land in the last 15 years. Accounting for almost 22 per cent of the degraded land in the country, Rajasthan reclaimed almost 388,000 ha, an area roughly 2.6 times the size of Delhi. So what can we learn from the desert state and how are women leading the charge? Lessons from Alwar and Marwar Mundwa Rajasthan Nowhere is land degradation quite so stark, than in harsh environments like Rajasthan. With as much as 66% of Rajasthan land area is undergoing desertification the gradual dying off of land as a result of severe land degradation with once fertile agricultural land, forcing families to migrate and turn their back on century old farms. The stark realities of desertification leave nothing in its wake, with many communities grappling to survive. However, clinging on to, and fighting to retain their way of life, women are proving an unstoppable force in turning things around. In the cotton growing region of, Rajasthan, 3000 women are at the forefront of turning the situation around. Having been mobilised into 102 women farmer learner groups by an NGO, these women all cotton farmers are driving forward strategies to restore the land and replenish water sources in the area. Fostering biodiversity by plant native species and border crops; ensuring crop rotation; renewing soil health with vermicomposting and bio pesticides and the widespread adoption of micro-irrigation systems. These women have become stewards of the land, and have even gone one step further, becoming water community volunteers who are solving the water crisis in their communities. This small band of women are in charge of collectivizing women into a group to collectively address water issues to create greater awareness on the efficient harvesting use of rainwater; promote the installation of Rooftop Rainwater Harvesting Systems; measure and track drinking water levels; monitor the quality of water to ensure safe drinking water access; and promote female hygiene management. This initiative operates on the core belief that a women-centric, bottom-up approach is the most effective way for grassroots-level change. Putting women at the center, and in the spotlight, automatically transfers the power to them. Why Women? When land becomes degraded and water is scarce, women are often the most affected. Women in many developing countries are the main users and managers of land, as farmers with the primary responsibility for producing food for household consumption. Having then drive sustainable land management in agriculture presents an opportunity to curb land degradation from unsustainable agricultural practices, like the blatant application of synthetic chemical fertilizers and pesticides which is a key driver in soil degradation particularly in agricultural areas like Alwar and Marwar Mundwa- If only they are given the opportunity to. Additionally, women role in ensuring water and fuel for the home, makes them more sensitive to issues like deforestation, land degradation and desertification. Environmental degradation can either spoil or reduce the prevalence of clean water and ecosystem services, forcing women to travel farther afield to collect them. And of course all this simply exacerbates poverty and hunger. A reduction in agricultural revenue heightens financial insecurity, worsening the plight of women and children who are often the most vulnerable. With so much to lose, women have so much to gain by becoming powerful agents of change leading biodiversity protection, conservation and sustainable.

Is positive thinking an inherent characteristic of a person or can it be developed in one's psyche. The opinions differ in answering this vital question. Some people believe that it can be inherited from parents, and cannot be developed. Others believe that like other qualities it can be developed with proper practice and guidance. Still some others hold the opinion that it is hereditary to some extent but can be acquired to some degree. There is also a section of people, who believe that all depends on circumstances or luck. We need to adopt a scientific approach to find an answer to the above question. No one can get success every time even after making efforts, nor can one fail constantly. Moreover, success has different meaning for different people. For some students, getting 60 per cent marks is success, for others it may not be sufficient. In a competitive examination, success means getting selected, whatever the percentage of marks. As for inheritance theory, since positive attitude is not a physical feature but a mental faculty, it cannot be purely hereditary. It can be developed. Moreover, parents play a major role in developing this quality of a child. A child, who watches his parents working hard, having faith in success through their words, behaviour and body language, is likely to develop a similar attitude. The children of short tempered, over cautious and nervous parents may assume similar characteristics when they grow up. Psychologists, therefore, prescribe a code of conduct for parents behaviour in front of their children. They must exude confidence, self belief and hope, especially in difficult situation, so that the children emulate these qualities. They must be taught the importance of being positive before, during and after the performance of a task. There is no better education for a child than watching his parents come out of a tough situation by means of earnest endeavours. Such success not only gives more joy but also increases self confidence. Stretching a specific tendon or muscle can improve the elasticity of muscles, which in turn helps in achieving a comfortable muscle tone. There are several benefits of regular stretching, and it should be an integral part of every workout program. It not only helps increase your flexibility, which is an important part of fitness, but it can also improve your posture, body aches, reduce stress, and much more. One of the benefits of regular stretching is that it enhances flexibility. Being flexible has its own advantages, as it not only improves your day to day activities, but can also help delay the reduced mobility that comes with aging. Stretching on a regular basis can help increase your range of motion. You can either go for static or dynamic stretching as they both are effective when it comes to the increasing range of motion. According to the studies, proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation or PNF type of stretching is more effective for immediate results. Regular stretching can not only help heal an existing.

Back injury but can also prevent future back pain by reducing your risk for muscle strain and strengthening your back muscles. All the people who regularly go to the gym know how helpful stretching can be. Performing dynamic stretches prior to exercise in the gym can help prepare your muscles. Not the only gym, but it can also help you improve your performance in dance or an athletic event. It is only natural that your muscles get tense when you experience physical or emotional stress. This is because the tightening of your muscles is the response of the body towards stress. All you need to do is focus a competitive examination, success means getting selected, whatever the percentage of marks. As for inheritance theory, since positive attitude is not a physical feature but a mental faculty, it cannot be purely hereditary. It can be developed. Moreover, parents play a major role in developing this quality of a child. A child, who watches his parents working hard, having faith in success through their words, behaviour and body language, is likely to develop a similar attitude. The children of short tempered, over cautious and nervous parents may assume similar characteristics on the areas of your body where you feel the stress, such as your neck, shoulders, etc. and stretch those parts of your body. Iodine fortification is what most countries rely on to encourage adequate dietary intake. In more than seventy countries that iodize salt generally serves as the major source of iodine intake. One fourth of a teaspoon of iodized salts has about hundred micrograms of iodine. Note that the salt used in processed foods, which is the major source of salt for most Americans typically does not contain iodine. If salt used in a processed food contains iodine, it will be listed in the ingredients list of that food. Focus on decreasing the amount of salt consumed from processed foods and get your sodium from iodized salt. Seaweed, saltwater fish and seafood are natural sources of dietary iodine. Dairy products also supply iodine in the diet at varying levels. During lactation, the breast concentrates iodine in milk so breast milk tends to be a good source of iodine as long as the iodine intake of a mother is adequate. Plants grown in iodine rich soil are also good sources. However, this is not a reliable source of iodine since there is no way of knowing whether produce purchased in grocery stores is grown in iodine rich soil or not. Iodized salt usually adds less than about three hundred micrograms iodine daily to the diet. Most multivitamin mineral supplements contain 150 micrograms of iodine. With the safe upper limit of daily iodine intake for adults set at 1,100 micrograms by the IOM it is unlikely to hit an excess amount when including a multivitamin and of iodized salts has about hundred micrograms of iodine. Note that the salt used in processed foods, which is the major source of salt for most Americans.

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Verses in the Quran which show that we have to abstain from negative reactions until the last moment in such situations. Incidents that are termed today as abusing the Prophet were prevalent during the life of the Prophet. When the Prophet presented his message before the Arabs, they misbehaved with him. Here are some of the epithets given to prophets as mentioned in the Quran: a liar 40:24, possessed 15:6, a fabricator 16:101, and a foolish man 7:66. However, nowhere does the Quran prescribe any physical punishment for these offences. It clearly shows that abuse of the Prophet is not a subject of condemnation or seeking punishment; rather, it is a subject of removing their misunderstanding through sound arguments in order to address their mind. In other words, peaceful persuasion should be used to help the person understand the truth of the matter rather than trying to punish him. There is ample evidence that tells us what to do in such cases. For example, once, when the Prophet was in Mecca, a person came to him and told him face to face, Muzammaman abayna, O Muhammad, you are a condemned person. The Prophet smiled. This smile was a moral response and was bound to hit his conscience. So, he fell into introspection and took no time in accepting him as a Prophet and became one of his followers. It is interesting to note the response of the Prophet and his companions on such occasions. They never indulged in aggressive activities against non Muslims. Instead, they prayed for them and tried to remove their misconceptions by engaging in discussion with them, adopting a peaceful method. In ancient times, people generally gave expression to their thoughts in poetry. The opponents of the Prophet used to recite abusive couplets directed against him. In order to counter such couplets or poems, the Prophet would ask one Hassan ibn Thabit, whom Encyclopaedia Britannica calls poetic defender, to counter literary attacks on him in the form of couplets. Hassan was Islam first religious poet. We find many such incidents in the life of the Prophet. The Prophet peacefully countered their arguments with arguments. He attempted to satisfy the other party at an intellectual level. With these examples of the Prophet and his companions, can resorting to violence be justified Muslims, therefore, must deal with such cases by reasoned arguments rather than seek to mete out punishment. All Islamic teachings are based on reason and argument. As per this Islamic injunction, if a person commits blasphemy, the responsibility of Muslims is to meet the concerned person and try to remove his misunderstanding by peaceful means. If they fail to understand, then according to the teachings of the Prophet, Muslims are left only with The sense of cohesion was deceptive. The murderous conflict would shortly break out again, involve India in an ill fated intervention, and come to a blood soaked end more than a decade to one option, that is, to pray for them in all sincerity.

Seeing Tom Cruise cranking on the gas and weaving amongst trainees of the US Navy Top Gun school can make you wonder how IAF trains its Top Guns. The history of air combat is as old as aircraft themselves. In 1940 50s IAF looked to the Royal Air Force for air combat tactics and training, but limited budgets and opportunities meant only a handful of pilots could be trained, with no continuity and transfer of knowledge. The four hotly contested seats among the 16 Rajya Sabha spots up for grabs saw Congress in Rajasthan, Haryana and Karnataka and Shiv Sena in Maharashtra put up a determined fight against BJP. The en masse rejection of Congress Haryana legislators votes in the Rajya Sabha RS contest between media baron Subhash Chandra and lawyer RK Anand in 2016 and Ahmed Patel agonising struggle in 2017, when Gujarat Congress MLAs were lodged in a Karnataka resort, was a wake up call for GOP. It realised to much dismay that stakes could suddenly become high even in otherwise placid RS polls. BJP approach hasn changed. Since 2014, it has never rested on its comfortable numbers and keeps its rank and file in constant battle readiness by fighting every election from panchayats to Parliament with utmost zeal. Except for TMC in Bengal, no opposition party matched up. Congress, SP and RJD learned this the hard way. But huffing and puffing to victory in RS is also a warning of the intensity and resourcefulness needed against BJP in larger elections. After all, RS electors are a small community of MLAs who can be clumsily shielded from poaching efforts by cutting off their communication modes. This is at best a vindication of political troubleshooting skills, not winnability quotient. BJP has excelled in key departments like disseminating narratives, mobilising cadre and wooing voters. Winning direct elections to assemblies and Lok Sabha involving lakhs and crores of voters is the big ask. When RS polls dust settles down, recent debacles in UP, Uttarakhand, Manipur and Goa and the disarray in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh should give the opposition much fodder for thought. There , perhaps, a lesson for BJP too: bearing down too hard on rivals can scale up the index of opposition unity, as in Maharashtra, and end up hurting it Thailand, often referred to as the land of smiles, gave some of its citizens another reason to be happy by being the first Asian nation to decriminalise marijuana for medical and industrial use. Although it is stopping short of examples set by Canada and Uruguay, which have decriminalised recreational marijuana as well. What Thailand move means is that farmers will be able to grow the plant while entrepreneurs can sell cannabis infused food, drinks and cosmetics. There are two caveats smoking pot in public will still be outlawed while possession and sale of cannabis extracts containing more than 0.2% of its psychoactive ingredient, tetrahydrocannabinol THC , will not be allowed. Still, Thailand part decriminalisation of marijuana is expected.

To fetch the industry as much as 435 million by 2026. That an economic high amid the Covid induced downturn. India continues to stick to a grey area where only certain parts of the plant bhang leaves and certain uses medical and scientific are allowed. This system came about because India had given in to American pressure in the 1980s and banned all narcotic substances. But since then the US has reversed course and today 19 American states allow recreational marijuana. Therefore, it makes little sense to keep marijuana in the proscribed list, clog up courts by prosecuting low quantities of possession, drive the trade underground and eschew legitimate revenue. Before the ban, India had a centuries old tradition of marijuana use as part of its culture. Decriminalising marijuana fully makes legal sense, as well as an economic one. There is no better education for a child than watching his parents come out of a tough situation by means of earnest endeavors. Such success not only gives more joy but also increases self confidence. A greater clarity is evident in India foreign policy thinking since 2014. A generous and non reciprocal engagement underpins a Neighbourhood First approach. On the ground, it is realised through road, rail, power and energy projects, broader contacts and as a first responder during distress. That project delivery has vastly improved on PM Modi watch is key. The extended neighbourhood has seen an Act East policy, a SAGAR doctrine, a Gulf engagement and a Central Asia initiative. Stronger commitment to Africa and the Global South is similarly visible in health, education, digital and green growth. The murder of singer and Punjab Congress politician Sidhu Moose Wala a day after the state AAP government reduced his security cover raises several questions about VIP protection in this country. That Moose Wala security cover was scaled down may have been a police decision that followed AAP stated goal of rationalising VIP security. What was strange was AAP Twitter handle identifying Moose Wala as one of those with scaled down protection. This needs to be investigated because it possibly made the singer politician vulnerable. Whether the Punjab government judicial commission will get to the truth is a good question. Even more important questions, which need to be asked despite all the media frenzy over Moose wala death, are about the system that decides who gets what level of security and what strain this puts on policing, which suffers from personnel inadequacy to begin with. Especially at state levels, security covers are often political favors bestowed on those in or close to power gun toting cops are another status symbol in our hierarchy obsessed politics. And just as real assessment of threat is not done while granting a security cover, often it is done while reducing or withdrawing the cover. Politics influences both decisions. The result is a VIP security culture that perhaps has no parallel in any other democracy. As per data from the Bureau of Police Research and Development.

Who will be BJP and Opposition presidential candidates There are many theories and names. Let note one fact, though: All of our Presidents other than President APJ Abdul Kalam have been political personalities. There are some commonalities between their political careers before they became President. For example, Zakir Hussain, VV Giri, Shankar Dayal Sharma, Pratibha Patil and current President Ram Nath Kovind had previously been Governors. Kovind, Patil, Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, Zail Singh, Pranab Mukherjee all started their legislative careers in Rajya Sabha. And two of our Presidents, R Venkatraman and Mukherjee have been finance ministers. In our quest for peace and happiness, we often meet obstacles. Some of the challenges that prevent us from leading a life of tranquillity relate to our physical body. Undergoing pain and discomfort in our body makes it difficult to feel peaceful. These drive us to seek solutions to restore our bodily health. Among the many causes of our pain are toxins. And one means of being proactive to restore our physical health is detoxing our body. It is important to realise that some of the toxins that impact our body actually come from the mind. These toxins of the mind arise from various spheres of life, such as our work, relationships, and neighbourhoods. Yet they are not limited to our physical interactions. Throughout the day, we are bombarded with thoughts that affect us mentally and emotionally. While we may have succeeded in detoxing our body, we may still feel agitated and under stress in our mind. Toxins can also come from the world at large. Happenings worldwide can cause fear, stress, and anxiety within us that can affect our body. Toxins of the mind distract us and keep us from our primary goal of finding our way back to God. To resolve this problem, we need to get to the origin of toxins, and this is where meditation comes in. Picture the tranquillity of a crystal clear lake reflecting breath taking scenery. Immersing into its still waters, calmness washes over us. Stress melts, replaced with profound wellbeing. Love and joy bubble within. All our problems fade away as we float into the sea of love, happiness and bliss. There is a tranquil lake of profound relaxation within us. Unfortunately, many cannot experience it, as it is covered with toxins and pollution, making it inaccessible. Meditation helps us defocus from the distractions that cause these toxins by focusing our attention on the treasures of tranquillity, joy, and bliss within ourselves. Meditation helps us home into God love. As we experience this divine love, we are strengthened and can better handle the turmoil of the outer world. The journey begins with removing obstacles to finding our inner spa. Those who want to improve their physical health and wellbeing go through a process called detoxification, or ridding themselves of impurities. Yet, even after a physical detoxification, we may still suffer from mental stress, anxiety, fear, depression, hopelessness and unhappiness. There is no need to turn to.

Drugs and alcohol and suffer their adverse side effects to be happy. We can rid ourselves of the mental blockages that keep us from experiencing peace and happiness. By meditating, we can dive into an inner sea of relaxation anytime we want and lead a joyous and peaceful life. People worldwide are turning to meditation as a way to detox the mind and to achieve peace and happiness. A toxic mind blocks our connection with the wellspring of unconditional love, ecstasy and peace. Detoxing our mind through meditation opens us to even greater reward. It clears our mind to experience the spiritual treasures of our soul. We cannot really predict what form the next global health emergency will take. The world is watching the spread of monkey pox, a hitherto unheard of infection, which is now travelling into the developed economies. It may be a self limiting infection, or it might spread globally, disrupting countless lives. Past experience shows that when there is a sound primary health system, societies are able to deal with the emergency much better. The need to invest and consolidate this rung of healthcare in India is very important. An early detection of disease at the primary facility reduces not just morbidity and mortality, but also brings down the cost of treatment substantially. It is rather unfortunate that a country with some of the finest state of the art systems in tertiary medicine still has a patchy primary healthcare system. The great shortage of medical and healthcare professionals is one of the biggest drawbacks, especially in the public sector. Another is the high cost of medical treatment, which deters many from making the visit to the doctor till the malaise worsens. Insuring the future The government has made a concerted effort in bringing about universal health insurance for Indians. However, it is important to ensure that medical insurance also covers outpatient department OPD consultations and the respective medicines and diagnostics, given that almost 70% of the total healthcare delivery in the country comes from primary healthcare. Traditionally, most private medical insurance claims could only be redeemed after showing hospitalisation, and so people often avoided visiting doctors if they felt that the issue was minor. In several cases, such delay in seeking medical care has turned to be costly in many ways. Where medication would have sorted the problem at an early stage, a late detection might require surgical intervention, for instance. A 2021 report of NITI Aayog, titled Health Insurance for India Missing Middle, notes that pre payment through health insurance emerges as an important tool for risk pooling and safeguarding against catastrophic and impoverishing expenditure from health shocks. The report notes that only around three per cent of patients who use OPD facilities actually get admitted. So, an insurance package that covers both in, and out patients, can actually provide better health outcomes. This is particularly true at the primary healthcare level to screen and manage chronic illnesses. Digital solutions The first lockdown was a.

Learning experience in how quickly, even those who had been averse to anything digital, converted to virtual realities. People learnt the many advantages of mobile phones, and systems of outreach evolved to reach out to even those who do not have smartphones. Given new realities and the availability of technology, tele medicine was utilised effectively as the first point of contact with a medical professional. The long waiting period at OPDs was reduced; patients were more forthcoming to discuss minor symptoms, which are often ignored till the matter becomes too serious. While patients adapted to the new normal swiftly, the supply side had huge gaps. There were more patients than providers in the online space. Currently, the need is for more providers clinics, pharmacies, diagnostic centers in the digital space. We need to evolve universal mechanisms of digitising diagnostics and home delivery of medication. These systems exist, but are limited to only metro cities at the moment. It is equally important for a country like India, which has a vast population spread across social and geographical swathes, to develop and maintain a robust tele medicine system, and not just bring it out of cold storage during emergencies. A regularly utilised tele medicine system will itself eliminate the numerous glitches and evolve into a key healthcare delivery mechanism. Going forward For Covid 19, India was able to provide vaccinations to almost everyone at a phenomenal speed. Our healthcare sector has the wherewithal to rise to an emergency. However, we need to further strengthen the foundation as that is the most critical part for any big structure. No country can be immune to the next health emergency. India can, nevertheless, develop a sound public health foundation to deal with it effectively. We need to invest in building a robust integrated primary healthcare network that connects service providers like doctors, pharmacies and diagnostic centers to payers like insurers. We also need to actively enable insurance payments in real time and facilitate a cashless claims process for the insured. As we all know, health emergencies can crop up in the most unexpected ways and expose the many vulnerabilities we have as humans. While it good to hope for the best, it prudent to be prepared for the worst. In India, summer is an inescapable season. Whether you spend your time eating mangoes and ice cream or taking the yearly trip to your hometown, summer is deeply connected with childhood memories and nostalgia for many people. Parents with young children summer often head back to their ancestral villages to relive their own childhood years. For the children, visiting the family home is a favourite experience as they get to indulge in the pampering and attention of the grandparents and enjoy a change of scenery. This is why children tend to become super excited as they have new surroundings and areas to explore and unravel. However, as parents, it is essential to keep an eye on children activities. While climbing trees or riding bikes in unfamiliar.

Terrain, kids can sustain a fall and injure themselves. In such a scenario, it is vital that if a child scrapes or gets hurt, parents must be vigilant and seek prompt treatment. They must never neglect these injuries assuming it will go away on its own. Some of the injuries may be cracks or hairline fractures and other serious injuries like ligament or tendon tear. Unless evaluated by an orthopedic surgeon, a minor hairline crack can sometimes worsen into a significant displaced fracture and deformity, especially if left untreated. So, if a child has fallen and injured themselves, parents must never ignore the injury. Before consulting a doctor, they must Never Massage the damage or apply balms, Lap or ointments on the same. Another important cause of concern is when children venture outside to play as long hours in the sun. As summers in our country tend to be very hot, rising temperatures can result in the loss of fluids and electrolytes, especially if the children have been outside for prolonged hours without drinking sufficient water. As a result, dehydration or heatstroke may occur. This is why the child must always remain well hydrated, drinking lots of water and having fruits for snacks instead of nachos and chips that are empty calories and basically junk. It is also vital that children do not consume a lot of soft drinks and sodas as this can dehydrate their bodies faster. Ahead are a few more tips that parents can keep in mind so that the child summer season does not result in any injury or health concern: Make sure you apply sunscreen on your child before they go out. UV rays of the sun, especially in the peak hours 11am 4pm, are very harmful and can affect your child skin, so use sunscreen liberally when stepping out. Children should wear light colored cotton clothes so that they do not feel extra hot or uncomfortable. They should also wear a hat to protect their head from the scorching sun. Plan indoor activities when it is sweltering outside so that the children stay happily engaged without stepping out in the sun. Always carry water bottle to the playground. Ignoring thirst and subsequent crankiness from dehydration is a habit pattern that best stopped at inception. The two main crises faced by the world today are those of climate change and the energy crisis. While the climate crisis is causing frequent global disasters, floods, and weather events, and threatens economies, lives, livelihoods, food and water security; the shortage of energy impacts daily life, hitting manufacturing and factory work hard. Interestingly, both are interlinked as human activity of any kind needs energy. If the energy we use generates greenhouse gases, it warms the planet. This cycle needs to be broken. The UN apex climate science body, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change IPCC, in its latest report has warned that in order to keep global heating to below 1.5 above the baseline levels of 1850, fresh global.

Farming efforts. Women can contribute to the management of common land such as forests, mountain resources, and rivers, but they are all too often excluded from the decision making process. There is a positive and transformative role that women can play, if only we set aside patriarchal norms so prevalent in the country, and give them a chance. Conclusion There is an urgent need to stop and reverse the process of land degradation. The sustainable management of soil, water and biodiversity are required to stop land degradation in its tracks. Mobilizing rural women on this crucial issue can be the tipping point, so needed, to turn things around in villages across India. Despite the challenges faced by the global fintech industry, India seems to be on a trajectory towards bolstering its position in this domain. The country has achieved several path breaking advancements, such as the introduction of the Unified Payment Interface UPI and the e Rupee which are expected to enable the Indian fintech market to grow at an impressive CAGR of 31% and potentially reach \$1.3 trillion by 2025. This growth is projected to be widespread, encompassing digital payments, digital lending, insure tech, retail investing, neo banking, and embedded finance. Thus, there are several reasons to be optimistic about India economic prospects, even as geo political uncertainties continue unabated. With the country continuing to present massive potential and opportunities as well as healthy domestic demand, it rapidly emerging as one of the favorite investment destinations with continuously burgeoning FDI inflows. India start up ecosystem is experiencing a significant surge in growth. The sector innovation and creativity have inspired increased investment and support from the government, investors, customers, and employees. As a result, there is a growing sense of confidence in startups and their potential to drive economic growth and create new opportunities. The recent Union Budget presented by the esteemed Finance Minister of India has delineated a compelling roadmap towards a financial ecosystem that is driven by technology, knowledge, and digitalization. This year budget blueprint is a clear testament to the government vision for building a prosperous and digitally powered fintech economy. As declared in the budget, starting from April 1, 2023, the new income tax regime will become the default tax regime, although taxpayers can still choose to opt for the previous regime. For salaried individuals and pensioners, the new regime provides a standard deduction of 52,500 for taxable income exceeding 15.5 lakhs as well as a tax exemption for total income up to 2.5 lakhs. The deductions in personal taxation have a positive impact on India financial sector by providing citizens with more disposable income, which they can potentially invest or save. The increase in disposable income may lead to higher consumer spending, which could, in turn, stimulate economic growth, particularly in industries such as retail, automobiles, and real estate. Additionally, these tax slashes can encourage people to invest in tax saving financial instruments, such as fixed deposits, mutual funds, or insurance products. Such investments provide a source of funding for the financial sector and can help drive up the demand for financial products and services. Moreover, such deductions can further help in improving the financial literacy of both individuals and businesses, leading to more informed financial decision making and higher participation in financial markets. Daglocked, a digital platform created under the Digital India initiative in 2015, has accomplished a noteworthy achievement by.

Surpassing 150 million users. This impressive milestone is a testament to India unwavering dedication to adopting technological advancements. Daglocked enables citizens to effortlessly access digital documents and take charge of their data, thereby promoting digital empowerment. Its journey so far, including its partnerships, usage statistics, and current applications, is worth exploring. The platform utility spans across a range of sectors, including education, transport, and health, offering a secure repository for academic records, driving licenses, vehicle registration certificates, and health related documents. The Daglocked has played a crucial role in the digitalization of various government services and has established partnerships with numerous industries, significantly simplifying the process of accessing and sharing documents for citizens. Currently, a sizable number of financial companies comprising banks, NBFCs, insurance providers, e commerce platforms, digital lenders, payment companies, and fitness have initiated the process of integrating with Daglocked. It has emerged as a transformative force in the country journey towards digitalization, empowering citizens with greater control over their data and offering a secure and user friendly platform for storing and sharing their digital documents. With more than 150 million registered users and 60 million monthly active engagements, Daglocked has revolutionized the way citizens access and share documents, while improving the efficiency and transparency of government services. As project Daglocked forges ahead on its journey, it is poised to play a critical role in India evolution into a digitally empowered society and a knowledge economy. Conclusion India has a distinct opportunity to enhance its stature as a global fintech leader. The reasons behind such optimism are manifold. The country is rife with entrepreneurial spirit, driving innovation and progress. Secondly, India continues to serve as a wellspring of unresolved challenges concerning payments, credit, and insurance, especially for the financially underserved segments, including small and medium sized enterprises SMEs and consumers. The 2023 Union Budget has truly paved the way for India fintech sector to assert itself as a global powerhouse that can match pace with the rest of the world. The proposals announced by the government budget in improving Dig locker capabilities, reducing personal taxation and offering a vast spectrum of financial products and solutions are proving instrumental in strengthening the country financial ecosystem. On a visit to the border village of Tutu Latah in 2005, the then seventy year old Dalai Lama accepted the gift of a walking cane as the harbinger, not of ageing, but of a long life. The villagers whose people were a composite of tribes from Iran, Tibet, Dared, and Mongolia held the Dalai Lama in deep affection and regard, and spoke of him as a regnum leader or guide. As he turns 88 today July 6, it is time to reflect on the many gifts his six decade long presence in India has brought to our land and our people. The Tibetan community that followed him into exile after March 1959 has helped breathe fresh life into lay and monastic institutions of Buddhist learning around India, served local communities, and championed India across the world. Tibetans in exile have worked tirelessly for host societies around their settlements as a sign of gratitude towards India for granting refuge. This has ranged from creating employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for locals and bolstering tourism to, more recently, strengthening the Indian response to the Covid 19 pandemic by organizing relief drives and.

Encouraging trained Tibetan healthcare professionals to volunteer in nearby Indian hospitals. Serving an interconnected Himalayan world As documented in Gluck Pal sang film Prayers Answered 2009, following the Dalai Lama visit to Tutu and with his personal encouragement, a group of village students were enrolled in the neighboring Tibetan Children Village school. The children are culturally Tibetan and Muslim, and the school provides resources for both those parts of their identity to flourish. The TCV formerly, the Nursery for Tibetan Refugee Children was founded in 1960 to care for orphaned Tibetan children and those who had been separated from their families. It now comprises a network of eight residential schools and four day schools across India, as well as youth hostels, colleges, and vocational centers. It serves 16,726 children, a large number among who come from the Himalayan states in India and neighboring countries. Many like historian Side Wahid have lauded the success of the TCV model of schooling, and advocated it for the wider Himalaya. The Tibetan community in exile has also helped preserve Buddhist heritage, inter faith harmony, and wisdom traditions across the Himalaya. The Dalai Lama personal presence, his philosophy of secular ethics, and his patronage and encouragement of organizations on the ground have enhanced the material wellbeing, self-esteem, and cultural pride of Himalayan peoples be they Buddhist, Hindu, or Muslim. In these parts of the country, gratitude and reverence for the Dalai Lama have flown organically and reciprocally for centuries before the rupture caused by his exile. In the six decades since, his unifying role among Himalayan Buddhist communities is widely recognised India first deputy prime minister Sardar Vallabhai Patel had written to Prime Minister Nehru of India responsibility towards the Tibetan people in 1950: The tragedy of it is that the Tibetans put faith in us; they chose to be guided by us; and we have been unable to get them out of the meshes of Chinese diplomacy or Chinese malevolence. From the 1950s onwards, Tibetan supporters in India have employed evidence of Tibet cultural, linguistic, and religious borrowing from India to exhort the government towards supporting the Tibetan cause. Among these supporters was N.K. Rustomji, who had served as Government of India advisor to Bhutan and Sikkim. In 1965, barely three years after the Sino Indian War, and six years after the Dalai Lama had escaped into India, he made an impassioned case for India support for the exiled leader. Rustomji pointed out that while Tibet owed a debt of gratitude to India for the teachings of past masters, in the present, it was India that was indebted to Tibetans in exile. Santarakshita eighth century Padmasambhava or Guru Rinpoche eighth century Marpa eleventh century and Atisha eleventh century CE had expounded Buddhist teachings and assisted in translating the Buddhist canon into Tibetan. In his broadcast to All India Radio in September 1965, Rustomji pointed out that Tibetan refugees who followed the Dalai Lama were keeping alive precious manuscripts and sustaining monastic traditions that had long disappeared in India, often at great peril to themselves leaving behind their personal possessions, [they] have remembered, in the fullness of their faith, to bring with them the precious Tibetan translations of ancient Indian texts on early Buddhism that had long ago disappeared from their homeland In the late 1960s through the 1980s, Gene Smith, at the Library of Congress Field Office in Delhi, oversaw the reprinting of many of these texts brought by Tibetan exiles, and by Tibetan speaking communities in the.

Emissions have to start declining by 2025, reduce to half by 2030 and get close to zero by 2050. According to the Energy Information Administration EIA, there is going to be nearly 50% increase in global energy use by 2050. We need to drive huge leaps in clean energy innovation to respond to climate change. To reach net zero emissions by 2050, annual clean energy investment worldwide will need to more than triple by 2030 to around \$4 trillion, as per the IEA. The ripple effect of the transition will bolster economic development and create new jobs. This is where India renewable energy sector has the potential. We can employ around one million people by 2030 whereby most of the new jobs are likely to be generated by small scale renewable energy projects, according to a study by Council on Energy, Environment and Water CEEW, Natural Resources Defense Council NRDC and Skill Council for Green Jobs SCGJ. Solutions to tackle the crisis Clean energy, green mobility, ecofriendly construction, climate responsive urban design, afforestation, circular economy, repair of electronics, low power electronics design, switch to digital, climate laws, carbon capture & utilisation are the manifold ways being explored to enhance energy security, and to keep the planet from getting warmer. Researchers at the University of East Anglia, Stanford University and the Global Carbon Project have found in a study published in Nature Climate Change that 64 countries managed to cut their greenhouse gases emissions during 2016 2019; however, the rate of reduction needs to increase tenfold to meet the Paris Agreement targets. Decisive action has been taken in India too. The government set up the Ministry of Non conventional Energy Sources in 1992 and renamed it the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy MNRE in 2006, laying the foundation for renewable energy growth. Prime Minister Narendra Modi resolves to see India emerge as a leader in the renewable energy space. He has set an ambitious target of achieving 450GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030. A 2021 report by the International Renewable Energy Agency IRENA shows that costs for renewable technologies have been falling year on year Concentrating solar power CSP fell by 16%, onshore wind by 13%, and solar PV by 7%. With lower costs, it will be easier to create sustainable pathways. As per recent estimates, India has over 1050 GW of renewable potential in wind and solar power energy. Even during the pandemic, our installed capacity of renewable energy crossed the 100GW target. Sustainable design. The zero emission trajectory must involve the digital sector, our partner of choice. The pandemic triggered a massive global digital switch, which was important for continuity in contactless times. According to a consulting company, the IT industry that was growing at around 5% prior to Covid 19 is now growing at 8 9%, due to acceleration in digital services. Digital technologies are being used to optimize resources, track climate change progress, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, opening the route to green production lines with.

Depletes vast energy resources, the digital world must devise ways for low power design, along with increasing the use of renewable sources of power, like solar, wind, tidal, and making them cheaper. Situational intelligence like automatic turning to low power when not needed may be employed by the digital sector with even greater frequency. As per a report by 451 Research a part of S&P Global Market Intelligence, moving applications to the cloud could compress the energy footprint of a workload to one fifth of that of running the same workload in on premises data centers. Similarly, Artificial Intelligence can forecast demand and grid optimization. Block chain tracks and reports on the carbon footprint of the choices we make, across the entire value chain. Geographic Information System GIS or location intelligence is helping in giving accurate analysis of resource base. Huge opportunity exists in the digital sector, in reimagining new pathways for sustainable growth. Problem of e waste. The increased switch to digital and electronics is leading to the problem of e waste. A record of 53.6 million metric tons Mt of electronic waste was generated worldwide in 2019, up 21% in just five years, according to the UN global e waste Monitor 2020. Such e waste comprises hazardous substances such as lead and mercury and also valuable substances such as iron, steel, copper, and aluminum. While the good must be recycled, dangerous chemicals in our landfills will impact both land and aquatic life. A circular economy that focuses on repair and sustainability will help to retain the value of products for the longest time, and ensure greater resource security. Unless sustainability is deeply embedded in our mindset, in our work culture, at the micro level planning, right from the design stage of products, reflected in each person behavior, the kind of revolutionary change needed will not happen. Science fiction writer Arthur C Clarke had said the future is not to be forecast, but created. Our sustainability roadmap is a vision to create the future we want. The Rajya Sabha elections in four states have led to massive contestation. This is unfortunate. At the time of publication, only results for Rajasthan have come out. The counting was slated to begin at 5 pm and should have been over quickly. Instead, political parties are mobbing returning officers with pleas to disqualify votes of rival MLAs and then heading to the Election Commission with their appeals. With years of parliamentary experience behind them, political parties should be conducting themselves better. Making puerile reasons for junking votes ends up vitiating the process. Now the elections have been clouded in uncertainty and doubt. Extreme political polarisation is the culprit. The spirit of bipartisanship has receded. This is why even EVMs are now called into question. You could be done with the pandemic, but does that wishful thinking mean it is over Like everyone around us, health officials and facilitators wish the global pandemic would end. The answer to Covid 19 fatigue truly lies in.

Additive manufacturing and digital twins. Though every search, click or streamed video creativity, not surrender physicians and epidemiologists focusing on large scale responses to infectious diseases continue to advocate the need to prevent and manage Covid 19 while the world is trying to move on with its lives. I for one, happen to be among the few who continue to emphasize changing this very mindset. People with power, privilege, resources, and wealth no longer view themselves at risk and consider it a problem primarily for vulnerable communities. The Indian SARS Cov 2 Genomics Consortium INSACOG confirmation of the presence of Omicron sub variant BA.4 and BA.5 in the subcontinent is a clear indication that the battle is still not over. It is true that India has managed to achieve an incredible milestone through the rapid administration of vaccines against Covid19 in Phase I 18 years and above and Phase II 15 18 years. However, the widening gap between the 1st and the 2nd dose and now the booster dose is a sure indication that a section of the population is still hesitant about the Covid19 vaccine. The union government earlier this year, decided to expand Covid 19 vaccination programs for 12 14 year age groups in Phase III and also opened up booster doses. Much like the previous phases, the success of the program is largely dependent on the ability of governments to communicate the benefits of vaccination and to deliver vaccines effectively. In addition to leveraging the administrative capability, there are multiple ways the government can leverage the Election Commission machinery to promote confidence in the effectiveness and safety of the vaccines. You can also draw various parallels here between the efficiency and speed with which the government reached the one core population with vaccines and the way the EC reaches out to over 900 million electorates. From regional stations & updating of electoral lists to the operation & awareness campaign, the election machinery is more than just a means to collect & count votes. It is a program that ensures the widest & most profound reach possible in a short duration of time; All necessary characteristics for a comprehensive vaccination drive. Throughout our operations, at the Covid Action Collab, along with the help of our partners like BCG, Sattva, Act Grants, Reliance Foundation, Vihar, and Labournet, one common challenge was the hesitancy in vaccination due to the many unknown factors about the efficacy and side effects. The CAC learning was that we need the government, civil society, private sector, and media to work together to get to the most vulnerable; as shown by CAC, which delivered 10 million vaccine shots to the most vulnerable. If we deepen the reach, power, and capability of the election machinery we can do this systematically and in my view cost effectively too. Of course, it comes with costs and other implications for the country and local governments. Should we have done this in the first place when we started vaccinations a missed.

India has long been reputed for its entrepreneurial spirit. The country has forged 100 unicorns; beyond those, over 63 million micro, small and medium enterprises provide employment to hundreds of millions of workers across sectors. And, in the past few years, the country has witnessed the emergence of a new type of micro entrepreneur: the content creator. Think travel bloggers, comedians, foodies and even Virat Kohli, minus the cricket bat. These digital age, creatively oriented entrepreneurs known as creators are participating in the passion economy, through which they can share their skills and personality as monetizable brands. Creators reach their audience through a platform, like YouTube or Integral, while often but not always marketing themselves on social media channels. In the last ten years, the passion economy has swelled to over \$100 billion globally, creating significant value for creators, platforms and other players. In India, content consumption on passion economy platforms within one year of the pandemic, as lockdowns pushed users online and compelled many workers to find new sources of income. In a world that increasingly relies on social media, every online interaction presents an opportunity for companies and advertisers, who now see social commerce as a key part of their marketing strategy. They are tapping into the power of consumers finding ideas, products and entertainment through people they know or admire. Meanwhile, those who create content relish the flexibility not available in traditional corporate jobs. Above all, it has become sustainable with comprehensive benefits and lucrative pay, in some cases to convert a passion into profit. Indian users crave content In India, a confluence of factors have created a massive and growing audience that constitutes a huge demand for content. Network coverage has improved and gotten cheaper starting at less than \$2 per month thanks to deep telecom penetration and substantial industry changes. The rapid adoption of online connectivity among India 1.2 billion phone subscribers occurred alongside the omnipresence of cheap, 4G smartphones. The ease and normalization of new fintech platforms and UPI India inter bank payment system have established high trust in digital payments among the general public, including the 190 million Indians who now transact online. This environment has created an insatiable demand for content. Indian users already spend more time online over 5 hours a day for smartphone users than those in other countries, including China. The trends are equally impressive when looking more closely at specific forms of content. Bain Company reports that the Indian short form video SFV market has grown dramatically in the past two years, with its user base tripling and total time spent consuming SFVs increasing 12 fold. There are presently over 200 million Indians watching SFVs, and that figure could rise to 650 million by 2025, according to the consulting firm. And while Indian audiences are mesmerized by celebrity star power, 70 of the current user base hails from Tier II and III cities and small towns, which provides an opportunity for creators to find a niche outside of.

Big cities a vibrant array of creators India user base is expected to grow considerably given the vibrancy of its creator landscape, with an estimated 100 million creators spread across categories, languages and regions. Big ticket celebrities and, more recently, micro influencers and regional creators are profoundly shaping India digital culture. Creators from Tier II and III cities add diverse content in regional languages that are relatable to their fan bases. Beyond content categories that appeal to mass audiences think: food, travel, and tech, regional creators have found unique niches in exotic parrots, Punjabi songs, and the famous sounds of Chennai. These regional niches sometimes spread beyond a creator immediate vicinity and catch on among fans across India and beyond. Over 3,000 Indian creators have already amassed at least one million subscribers or followers across platforms. The bigger the audience, the more routes to monetization. These options range from subscription content to product recommendations, ticketed experiences and exclusive paid communities. Creators who are able to find a niche and hook their audience can and have earned handsomely. India highest paid You Tuber, 22 year old Carry Minati, reportedly earned \$4 million from his gaming and comedy videos. But such instances remain uncommon. The role and opportunity for digital platforms Digital platforms, given their creator dependence, have an incentive to lure and support promising creators that have a big reach. In a competitive market like India, where over half a dozen start ups are vying to become the default replacement for Ticktack, the quality of content can be a key differentiator. India most celebrated founders and top creators have invested in creator empowerment platforms to nurture and scale the passion economy ecosystem. Several existing platforms are also helping creators pave their growth stories. The varied offerings have included YouTube crash courses and Facebook music distribution capabilities for independent artists. In India, even after collecting a base of followers, it has proved difficult for creators to monetize. Opportunity lies within India passion economy for a standout platform that democratizes monetization, given that only a small percentage of creators are primed to produce the high quality content that generates substantial compensation. While models like live streaming and social commerce have emerged as meaningful revenue streams, other creators rely on promoting a plethora of consumer goods, CPG and direct selling brands. Left behind are the long tail and niche creators, demonstrating a huge need gap for platforms that can democratize monetization. In the U.S. and elsewhere, platforms like Patron and Sub stack fill this gap by creating opportunities for fans to become patrons. India awaits a platform to win over this role, which would provide monetization routes for a greater number of creators and reduce their dependence on brands. The success of passion economy platforms in India will be self-determined. Available data suggest that the supply of creators and demand for content will remain robust. Thus, enough space exists for global players and homegrown competitors to take advantage of India untapped market to opportunity.

Monday record rally in should be seen as one that was driven primarily by investor sentiments rather 99828 than by market fundamentals. As with any purely sentiment driven rally, things can take a turn for the worse if subsequent events fail sentiment driver to meet the market expectations. There is very little in the form of market fundamentals to warrant the kind of exuberance shown by investors on Monday. Corporate earnings data released as of now for the January March quarter suggest that earnings might actually witness a significant fall from what they were a year ago. Growth has also been slowing down in core sectors as consumer demand has failed to pick up and liquidity remains a concern across the economy. Demand has hailed still; investors may be hoping 55481 that things could get better in the coming years as a stable government at the Centre will be able to undertake economic reforms. While the fact remains that no big bang reforms that could give economic reforms a strong boost to economic growth have been implemented in the last five years, investors may still view the NDA government as less populist as any other realistic alternative. Trade tension NDA government between the U.S. and China is another immediate risk that will determine the direction of equity markets, including India as China tries 28181 to find new markets for products that it can sell to Americans. Given these various uncertainties, it would be prudent not to over read the message in the stock market fluctuations. It is worth noting that the over foreign investors were net sellers of fluctuations. It stocks in the earlier trading sessions, causing 816481 the indices to fall significantly from their previous high that was reached in April. Mount Everest, the world highest peak at 8,848 metres, draws adventurers from all over. But the mountain on the Nepal China border is fast becoming a dangerous place to visit even for the hardened mountaineer. The inherent risks were this month , a Gorkha ex soldier. The image, which went viral and altered the manner in which people worldwide imagine what it is to scale Mt. Everest, showed a long queue awaiting a final tilt at the summit, with all the dangers such a wait holds. This season, at least 10 climbers have died or gone missing. Experts have been calling for Nepal to restrict the number of permits. It awarded a record 381 for this spring, each fetching \$11,000 (climbing from the Tibet side is more expensive). On Wednesday, 200 climbers ascended the summit, a new record for a single day. Last year, 807 managed to reach the summit. In 2012, the United Nations estimated that there were more than 26,000 visitors to the Everest region, and this figure has grown manifold since then. Nepal officials argue that permits are not issued recklessly, and that jams such as this year near the summit are on account of spells of bad weather, which result in mountaineers being compelled.

To summit within a narrow time frame. Waiting in sub zero temperatures at the rarefied altitude can be fatal this season deaths were mostly due to frostbite, exhaustion, dehydration and lack of oxygen. This year drama has caught the public imagination, as happened in 1996 when eight persons died in a single day amid an unexpected storm events of and around that day were the subject of Jon Krakauer bestselling book, Into Thin Air. The adventure industry that is built around the human desire to scale the peak has meant many amateurs take up the challenge. In a competitive examination, success means getting selected, whatever the percentage of marks. As for inheritance theory, since positive attitude is not a physical feature but a mental faculty, it cannot be purely hereditary. It can be developed. Moreover, parents play a major role in developing this quality of a child. A child, who watches his parents working hard, having faith in success through their words, behaviour and body language, is likely to develop a similar attitude. The children of short over and nervous parents may assume similar characteristics when they grow up. Psychologists, therefore, prescribe a code of conduct for parents behaviour in front of their children. They must exude confidence, self belief and hope, especially in difficult situation, which is an important part of fitness, but it can also improve your posture, body aches, reduce stress, and much more. One of the benefits of regular stretching is that it enhances flexibility. Being flexible has its own advantages, as it not only improves your day to day activities, but can also help delay the reduced mobility that comes with aging. Stretching 9on a regular basis can help increase your range of motion. You can either go for static or dynamic stretching as they both are effective when it comes to the increasing range of motion. According to the studies, proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation or PNF type of stretching is more effective for immediate results. Regular stretching can not only help heal an existing back injury but can also prevent future back pain by reducing your risk for muscle strain and strengthening your back muscles During lactation, the breast concentrates iodine in milk so breastmilk tends be a good source of iodine as long as the iodine intake of a mother is adequate. Plants grown in iodine rich soil are also good sources. However, this is not a reliable source of iodine since there is no way of knowing whether produce purchased in grocery stores is grown in iodine rich soil or not. Iodized salt usually adds less than about three hundred micrograms iodine daily to the diet. Most multivitamin mineral supplements contain 150 micrograms of iodine. With the safe upper limit of daily iodine intake for adults set at 1,100 micrograms by the IOM it is unlikely to hit an excess amount when including a multivitamin and including natural sources of dietary iodine. The trend of eating less table salt, dairy and bread has.

Flood and famine, said the National Planning Committee on India independence, are two aspects of one problem, development of water resources of the country. In the 75 years that passed since then, India made a remarkable breakthrough. Floods and droughts still happened because the tropical monsoon climate made them inevitable but deaths and diseases from these disasters, which took a huge toll in the 19th century, were greatly reduced. However, the tools used in that struggle, like big dams and drilling underground, have had adverse effects. The future of water security depends on how these effects are managed. Financial services has always been the backbone of every economy globally, comprising nearly one third of any country GDP. Financial services also acquire nearly 13rd of the weight in every stock exchange globally. That the significance of financial services as a sector. This sector is increasingly being challenged and shared by Fintech companies and founders. While the Fintech innovation in the US took two decades launch of Paypal in 2001 to reach 9 of the market cap of all financial services companies listed, the Indian Fintech story achieved that feat in 6 years starting in 2016, having grown at an exponential rate of nearly 80 YOY. The Fintech adoption & acceleration journey started in India in 2016 with the launch of UPI Payments infrastructure, JIO and Demonetization. Also, thanks to the path breaking work done by government and regulators in building and promoting underlying public infrastructure rails such as the India Stack and Adhere, the pace of digitization in financial services in India has been phenomenal. Over the last few years, we have seen a paradigm shift in the behavior of the consumer & the businesses in the way they access financial services. The adoption of tech by consumers and businesses in almost all walks of our life became gradually prevalent since 2016. From payments to insurance to lending, wealth, credit cards, active bank accounts, ecommerce shopping, online bookings, e grocery, e pharmacy, food delivery, capital market participations, mutual fund investments all grew exponentially. Today, the Indian Fitch market currently stands as the third largest Fitch ecosystem in the world after USA and China with more than 3,000 companies operating in the space. Fintech has become one of the largest sectors within the Tech space in India having received more than 10 Ban in funding and accumulating approximately 100 Billion in market cap, in just 6 years. The rise in the number of finch unicorns is a testament to this fast paced growth and potential. A whopping 34 out of 100 unicorns are from the Fintech sector in India. Moreover, 3 out of the 34 have shown complete liquidity events to investors with the Pat and Policy bazaar IPOs & Bill Desk being acquired by Pay. Furthermore, nearly 3 Ban of smaller acquisitions have happened in India in the Fintech space. Fintech is consuming an increasingly larger slice of the software pie. We are in finch 3.0 right now in India, with.

Lending and payments companies having received the first wave of capital. Now the capital is moving across segments. Seasoned professionals & high quality founders are moving out from larger firms to target newer categories to solve the long tail financial services demand in India. COVID has been inflection 2.0 for Fintech sector catapulting the world largest democracy to move from cash transactions to a completely digital medium. Only four months into 2022 and India has already seen 14 new unicorns, 4 out of which are Fintech Unicorns. Both the volume and value of UPI transactions have also doubled in a year time. However, the penetration of financial services continues to remain below 10 in India. Access to formal credit, bank accounts, credit cards, insurance penetration etc. are much lower compared to the global averages. Traditional banks continue to lag behind nimble fitness due to their inability to move away from legacy infrastructure, product silos, and conservative management. The opportunity to disrupt and improve sectors such as payments, lending, insurance, wealth tech etc. is enormous. These opportunities along with a favorable demographic and large supply of incredible tech talent is creating a large growth potential for Fintech startups in India. I believe this is just the beginning of the India story, and we will continue to see many new and innovative businesses emerge in the coming decade and many more startup unicorns will emerge from the Fintech sector. Considering the pace at which the Fintech startup ecosystem is growing, there is no doubt that India will soon be spearheading the Fintech space globally. Indian defence minister Rajah Singh visit to Vietnam from 8th June to 10th June came soon after the Visit of the Speaker of Look Sabah Sri Om Birla along with a large delegation from April 19 21 at the invitation of National Assembly Chairman Dugong Dinah Hue. Prior to Sri Birla visit PM Mode had had spoken to the General Secretary of the Vietnamese Communist Party Mr. Nguyen Phi Throng. In December 2021, Jaishankar Minister for External Affairs visited Vietnam on the occasion of 5th anniversary of India Vietnam Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. This year India and Vietnam are celebrating 50 years of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. In the last 50 years, India and Vietnam have significantly moved closer. The relationship was elevated to the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2016. In the same year, the framework of the Cooperation Agreement was signed between the National Assembly of Vietnam and the Indian Look Sabah. Since then, our relations are getting stronger and stronger. The most important aspect is that not only the relations are irritant free but on most regional and international issues there is a common viewpoint. Both cooperated last year in the UNSC as non Permanent members on several issues when the world was dealing with the Covid related issues. Sri Birla visit was the first high level interaction to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations. During the.

Visit, his Vietnamese counterpart Mr. Hue spelled out an action plan for further cooperation between the citizen representatives of the two countries. His action plan comprised three dimensions. First, he desired deepening of relationship between the two law making bodies keeping in view the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. Second was the need for two sides to better understand about policies on socio economic development and foreign affairs of each country. Third, to have a system of comparing their notes on international and global issues of common concern and to seek solutions to global challenges for contributing to peace, security, stability and development in the region and the world. The Indian defence minister Rajah Singh visit was of great significance in the developing relations of the two countries. Three important decisions were taken. First, India and Vietnam signed a Joint Vision Statement on India Vietnam Defence Partnership towards 2030, which will significantly enhance the scope and scale of existing defence cooperation. Second, the Indian and Vietnam Defence Ministers also agreed on the early finalisation of the 500 million Defence Line of Credit extended to Vietnam and the implementation of the projects shall add substantially to Vietnam Defence capabilities and will also push the government vision of make in India, make for the world. Third, India and Vietnam also inked a Memorandum of Understanding MoU on Mutual Logistics Support. The Ministry statement said: In these times of increasing cooperative engagements between the defence forces of the two countries, this is a major step towards simplifying procedures for mutually beneficial logistic support and is the first such major agreement which Vietnam has signed with any country. Singh also announced that India would gift two simulators and a monetary grant towards setting up of Language and IT Lab at the Air Force Officers Training School for capacity building of the Vietnamese Armed Forces. India has been making special efforts to build the defence capabilities of Vietnam. Singh also visited Vietnam military training facilities and handed over twelve high speed patrol boats to the ASEAN nation naval fleet that was built with a 100 million line of credit and technical assistance from India, and is expected to be soon deployed along the South China Sea coast. Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh praised the cooperation between the defence ministries and armies of Vietnam and India while receiving visiting Indian Defence Minister. He stated that both sides have made unremitting efforts to strengthen bilateral cooperation on the basis of trust, sincerity and responsibility and in a practical, effective and appropriate manner in contribution to building the nations strong armies and protecting their sovereignty and territorial integrity. He also appreciated India role at international and regional forums, as well as the strong coordination and support shared between the two countries, especially at the United Nations and the Non Aligned Movement. He also hoped that India, as a major power in the region, will take practical initiatives and actions to promote the solidarity and centrality of ASEAN in the.

Himalaya the texts laid the foundation for the Buddhist Digital Resource Center, formerly the Tibetan Buddhist Resource Center. To be sure, Tibetans who followed the Dalai Lama into exile were not the first or the only ones who brought Buddhist manuscripts to India. Decades earlier, Indian scholars such as Sara Chandra Das as well as imperial spies disguised as Buddhist lamas, had travelled to Tibet and brought back Buddhist texts, paintings, and artifacts; Sankrityayan extensive collection is housed at the Patna Museum. Institution Building On 28 January 2021, as Indian and Chinese troops faced off in Latah in the western Himalaya, this paper reported about the Indian Army proposal for its officers to study Tibetology. The planned course of study included Tibetan history, culture, and language on both sides of the Line of Actual Control and the International Boundary. It aimed to counter the propaganda and spread of influence by China by equipping officers with better knowledge about Tibet. The move was a welcome step forward, since Sino Indian relations cannot be approached through a strictly bilateral prism that left Tibet and the Himalaya out. The Indian Army Training Command identified seven institutes in India at the time where officers could enroll for training in Tibetology. Two of these the School of Buddhist Philosophy in Lehn, Latah now known as the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies and the Central Institute for Higher Tibetan Studies CIHTS in Senath were established in the early institution building years after Independence, and focused on the study of Buddhism. Prime Minister Nehru had suggested to Foreign Secretary Sabinal Dust 1955 61 that CIHTS at Senath be run almost entirely by the Tibetan monks who had followed the Fourteenth Dalai Lama into exile after 1959. The Tibetan exile community has since shepherded this institution. A third, the Nagoya Institute of Tibetology in Sikkim, was inaugurated by India first Prime Minister in 1958; the Fourteenth Dalai Lama had laid its foundation the previous year on his way back from India for the 2500th Buddha Ajanta celebrations. Also on the list was the Dalai Lama Institute for Higher Education in Bengaluru, which was established for Tibetans in exile as part of the Tibetan Children Village under the exile administration. We need to foreground the institution building roles and daily acts of service by the Dalai Lama himself and by the thriving Tibetan exile community spread across India. Tibetans have never been amiss in expressing their gratitude to India for refuge and freedom, and it is time we gave our thanks too. Happy birthday and a happy long life, Your Holiness. In December 2022, a petitioner sought a permanent injunction against the release of Adipurush in a Delhi civil court alleging that in the trailer, the defendants the filmmaker had depicted Lord Rama and Hanuman in a way that offended him and other Hindus. He apprehended that such misrepresentation would cause law and order issues. The defendants maintained that the Censor Board for Film Certificate CBFC had issued the film a certificate after reviewing its content. Thus, the creators can display the film with artistic freedom guaranteed under Article 19 1 a of the Indian Constitution. The State would take care of his law and order worries. Thus, the suit failed. However, the petitioner proved to be a clairvoyant months later! The developers of Adipurush used huge promotional and marketing strategies to appeal to the audience, especially the Hindus. Many BJP-ruled states tax-freed the film. However, the movie disastrously failed in plot, VFX, character portrayal, and language. So much so that Hindus, including.

Political and religious leaders want the movie banned. The producers changed controversial dialogues after widespread criticism. The All India Cine Workers Association appealed to the Home Minister, Amit Shah, asking for an FIR to be registered against the film producers, including director Om Raut and co-writer Manoj Muntashir, for offending religious sentiments. A writ petition has been filed before the Allahabad High Court seeking to ban the film for offending Hindu sentiment. The High Court chastised the Censor Board for committing a blunder by certifying the film. Censor Board member Vivek Agnihotri responded bizarrely that they don't see films for certification! Commoners watch. He was unaware of Adipurush as he was busy shooting for the Vaccine War !! Then, what does the Censor Board do? Let's understand India film certification law. The Cinematograph Act, 1952 was enacted to certify films and regulate their exhibition. Under the law, the Central Government is empowered to constitute a Censor Board of 12-25 members to approve films for public screening. The restrictions imposed for public exhibition are in consonance with reasonable restrictions under Article 19(2) of the Constitution as per the guidelines provided by the Central Government. The Government may appoint Advisory Panels from varied backgrounds to help the Censor Board perform its duties. Before deciding on censorship, the Board allows the party concerned to represent his views. An appeal from the Board decision lies before an independent Film Certification Appellate Tribunal (FCAT). FCAT is comprised of a chairman and a maximum number of four members. The Chairman is a former or qualified to become a High Court judge. Finally, one may always approach the constitutional courts for ultimate remedy. The Supreme Court and the High Courts have upheld filmmakers' free expression in numerous censorship cases. However, the 1981 amendment significantly reduced FCAT authority. The Central Government now has revisional powers under Section 6(1), even of its own motion, to call for the record of any proceeding before the Board or FCAT in relation to any film at any stage, except a matter of appeal pending before the FCAT, to give necessary order and the Board must dispose of it in accordance with such order. The Government may even withhold any information it considered harmful to the public. The Central Government informed the Allahabad High Court that CBFC would not review the picture, citing its revisional powers under Section 6. This does not appear to be the appropriate legal position. In *Union of India v. KM Shankarappa* (2000), the Supreme Court ruled that the Government cannot retain powers by enacting Section 6 and review or revise Board or Tribunal decisions. Meanwhile, the Tribunals Reforms Act, 2021 has abolished the FCAT and transferred the appellate jurisdiction to the High Courts. In such a case, the Government may apply to the Board for a review or approach the court. A Secretary and/or Minister shouldn't evaluate or revise. Otherwise, the rationale of setting up an independent expert mechanism for certifying films becomes meaningless. Presently, the Censor Board, chaired by noted lyricist and screenwriter, Praseen Joshi, has 10 members instead of the required 12. Film personalities like Vidya Balan and Vivek Agnihotri, theatre personality and present director of National School of Drama, Waman Kendre, are amongst the members. How did Adipurush fail despite such great names? The Allahabad High Court has every reason to call out Board members for their irresponsibility. Vivek Agnihotri's remark encapsulates the Board's indifference. The role and position of the Board is.

Slang but muffled it in this film! The Censor Board is envisioned as a large expert body constituted to serve diverse social groups. The film certification process is quite elaborate. Nevertheless, Adipurush fiasco is promising. If the public finds major discrepancies in films following the Censor Board certification, we should disband such an ineffective agency funded by taxpayers. The Censor Board sincerity would have prevented utter chaos post Adipurush release. Was there any political pressure to clear the Ramayana-based film? If so, it not an independent expert body. Curiously, if an ordinary individual could detect anomalies and predict troubles after viewing a teaser, could a large expert body understand the ramifications after watching the full film If the Central Government or at times, the State Government, has the final words with regard to the screening of films, then the very existence of the Board becomes truly contentious. Alit Paxar called Shared Paxar too elderly for politics. But in modern governance, it not years but mental acuity & messaging that matter. Modi appealed to young voters & Shared may have one more fight left In Shared Paxar launched a devastating coup against the then Maharashtra CM Vasantdada Patel. Combining his breakaway Congress faction with the opposition Jannat Party which included Jan Singh, Paxar, then 38, became the youngest CM of Maharashtra. Thus began the decades-long dominance of Shared Paxar on the politics of Maharashtra. The charge of backstabber, leveled by the felled Maratha strongman Patel, hardly affected his rise. Paxar, after all, led a youthful batch of Congressmen, groomed under mentor Yashwantrao Chauvin, impatient for substantive power. The irony of history, then, seems to have caught up with the now elderly Paxar. You are 82-83 there is some point where you need to stop, charged Alit Paxar, as he charted out the rationale behind his own recent coup targeted at his uncle. You are our deity, said junior Paxar, but not before reminding senior Paxar that IAS officers retire at 60 even BJP leaders retire at 75. The speech reminded of Mark Antony celebrated broadside against a more formidable Roman rival But Brutus is an honorable man only delivered not in Shakespearean English but in Alit dada blunt Marathi. Opinions come cheap, and everyone is entitled to an opinion. George Soros has been openly critical of democracy in India and its imminent decline, and former US president Barack Obama added his weight to the opinion by stating that if you do not protect the rights of ethnic minorities in India, then there is a strong possibility that India at some point starts pulling apart. That Obama said this when the floodlights were on Modi, and before his speech to a joint session of the US Congress, well, that added fuel to the Soros fire. Way back in the 1960s, Selig Harrison India The Most Dangerous Decades warned that unless a new democratic leader arose post-Nehru, India will face Balkanisation or authoritarian control based on army force. Obama comment is a more judicious rephrasing of Harrison forecast some 60 years ago. Slang but muffled it in this film! The Censor Board is envisioned as a large expert body constituted to serve diverse social groups. The film certification process is quite elaborate. Nevertheless, Adipurush fiasco is promising. If the public finds major discrepancies in films following the Censor Board certification, we should disband such an ineffective agency funded by taxpayers. The Censor Board sincerity would have prevented utter chaos post Adipurush release. Was there any political pressure to clear the Ramayana-based film? If so, independent expert body taken.

Those they in the hot pursuit of pleasing their bosses become extra vociferous and aggressive. At times they have to defend the indefensible. And the casualty is a poor helpless viewer. The parties before appointing spokespersons ought to take into account the political education and length of their political life. In case one does not have adequate political experience his educational qualification and public exposure may be taken into account. There have been instances where a person who is a spokesperson of a party say leaves that party and becomes a spokesperson of another party which he joins the next day no matter that the ideologies of two parties are diametrically opposite. Independent political analysts: a new breed in the town Of late there is new breed in the town called Independent political analysts. It is a moot question whether they are truly independent. As a matter of fact most of the time it is a pseudonym used by a representative of a political party. Their political leaning becomes obvious and easily discernible. Some of these experts masquerade as experts on everything under the sun and channels also invite them without an iota of due diligence. Role of anchor Anchor should continually remind himself that he is a supervisor and a moderator and not a participant. This is not to say that all mangoes in the basket are rotten. There indeed are few respectable anchors and panelists who are exceptions. Exception proves the rule and the other naughty boys play the play the spoilsport. Media trial and interference in the administration of Justice The Supreme Court has observed that debates or discussions on TV Channels touching upon matters which are in the domain of Criminal Courts would amount to direct interference in administration of Criminal Justice. All matters relating to the crime and whether a particular thing happened or not has to be dealt with by the court on the conclusive evidence, if any, available. The public platform is not a place for such debate. Channels show what audience wants to see There are some proponents in the industry who say that TV audience loves to watch high decibel boxing matches on prime time. This proposition has however has not been proven. Even assuming that it is proved, a responsible media house should set an example by conducting due diligence and antecedent check before selecting the topic and the panelists. It is sad but true that TV debates instead of offering any practical solutions to the socio political problems around and enlightening the audience have become noisy affairs. The norms of a decent debate are given a go by and what we get is histrionics, virulence and one upmanship. Dear John and Marcy McCall MacBain, Thanks to the release of 2022 Environmental Performance Index EPI with the help fo the great Columbia and Yale universities, as both these universities have a connection with us. The great Columbia university was founded by none other than our benevolent King George II whose.

Europe about to colonize a green planet plagued by the pagans till the point the EPI was introduced. As far as I can see, you both are children of the age of reason and hence it is a bit unlikely that you imagine the world to have come about a few thousand years back instantaneously and hence it is not too absurd to ask you to consider the need of retrospective study as we may end up finding out the root cause of why we have leaders and laggards today if we collect the right kind of data. As you know that data is the new tool that is helping us understand complex systems like environment, I doubt if I need to stress my point here. I propose that we call it Environmental retrospective Responsibility Index E r RI, as based on the data, we should be able identify who is responsible for the current mess and I am sure that you will absolutely agree that these bloody sinners must not be spared and made to pay to solve the problem at any cost. It is your planet we are talking about, so we can take this lightly. Kindly consider my humble request and fund this endeavor of data collection and analysis at the earliest, because if I quote from the 2022 EPI only if policymakers embrace fact based analysis and act on the insights that emerge from the data, we will be able to save our species from extinction. Or, if you want a lateral solution for the problem for which you had funded Columbia and Yale, you can let us Indians red and brown, Chinese and Africans know how Europeans made such an astounding amount of money from thin air without polluting it, I presume, that will solve the problem instantly. Once we get as rich as you, I assure you that our place in EPI will be right next to you. Clearly a slow and lazy citizen of a nation that took so long to understand the game Lisa Curtis is a Senior Fellow and Director working at the center for new American Security called CNAS and viewed by many including this author as a friend of India. Her views should be weighed in as an input for future policy formulation for Indian and US policymakers. Having worked for NSC, CIA, State Department, Indo Pacific, and South Asia, she brings considerable experience to bear into her deliberations and thoughts as to what is important to American and Indian interests and future policy formulation towards South Asia. She has a particular focus on US India Strategic Relations, Quad, and counter terrorism. She does provide a fresh and long term view that state department mandarins often miss. She has a good understanding of China impulses and ambitions. She wrote in a recent article that was featured in the Foreign Affairs publication India Last best chance. She wrote: India neutrality over the war in Ukraine has exposed its vulnerability new.

Delhi depends on Russia for military supplies, and so, even though Russia is blatantly violating Ukraine territorial sovereignty in an attempt to re create its erstwhile empire, India has opted to stay silent. It has done so even though India, as a former colony, knows all too well what it like to be the victim of imperialism. It has done so even though its territorial integrity is threatened by another authoritarian power namely, China. India, it seems, feels caught in a vise grip by Moscow. Just over a month ago, Wendy Sherman, assistant secretary of State after India visit testified in U.S. Congress that we got to help India to wean away from her dependencies on soviet military hardware. In her coordinating effort, the USA encouraged all EU diplomats to pay proper attention to India concerns and needs and several of them came to Delhi to meet Prime Minister Mode. Ms. Curtis added To some extent, New Delhi concerns are understandable. Russian President Vladimir Putin has not been shy about cutting trade with states that condemn his invasion. But viewed more broadly, New Delhi approach is shortsighted and risky. It ignores the dangerous precedent that Russia reckless behavior is set in other parts of the world. It provides diplomatic cover to China Moscow most conspicuous international backer to also ignore Russia bad behavior. India views on the democracies and shared values are identical to the USA as both share a multiethnic, multilanguage society bound by the same values of freedom of Press, free speech, and fundamental human rights to name just a few. Both countries believe that the democracies around the world should be promoted. There are many areas where both countries have a shared vision such as terrorism, public health safety, bioweapons, and nuclear weapons. Then why do both countries have differing perceptions of the Ukrainian conflict One obvious answer is India geographical location. India does not have a choice to pick her neighbors, but they are given to her. Other Part of the answer lies in the fact that Ukraine which was once part of the Soviet Union has a complicated history between herself and Russia. Sharing a border with a powerful neighbor is a challenge that India also experiences. What led Russia to take such a step that is regarded as abnormal in the post cold war era What happened between Xi and Putin at the Olympic meeting These questions still need answers and remain unanalyzed among policy analysts Did Putin count on Xi to follow suit by launching a similar move against Taiwan The big power anxieties arising out of Geopolitical competition are also an element adding to this complexity. Since India is facing dual military challenges at both borders, that is Pakistan and China, will require a cautious and measured response to the Ukrainian crisis that occurred suddenly without warning during the raging Pandemic. At the very least, India fears that the complete isolation of either Ukraine or Russia will produce unintended consequences such as.

A stronger alliance with China as Russian Ambassador put it There is no upper limit with Russia China alliance. India cannot afford to ignore this aspect. Even this angle cannot be ignored by NATO and USA. In the past, when Russia claimed and annexed Crimea, the world remained silent and assumed that Crimea was historically part of Czarists Russia as claimed by Russia. However, Ukrainians remained concerned, despite Ukrainian Born Nikita Khrushchev and his predecessors reorganized the Soviet union provinces by gifting Crimea back to Ukraine. Further demand by Russia to implement the Minsk agreement regarding the two eastern provinces of Ukraine was kept in abeyance. 2014 Maidan uprising that resulted in the overthrow of the legally elected government of Ukraine may have made the situation more complicated and raised security concern of Russians that was previously absent during preceding years when Ukraine was an independent democratic neutral country. These events including a recent clarion call to unite the world democracies against Russia met rising skeptics within the USA and Europe. These contradictions undoubtedly weigh on many countries minds. No country wants to see the emergence or enlargement of worldwide conflict and escalation that can plunge the world economy into an economic meltdown leading to a humanitarian disaster. The timing for the conflict during the ravaging Pandemic is most unfortunate. India has unequivocally condemned the use of force as a method to change the geographical boundaries of the post cold war or World War 2. This was the sole motivating factor to join the American led Indo Pacific Quad as India recognized that the emerging Power like the Republic of China is circumventing the international rule based order. China was unintentionally empowered and enabled during the cold war era to douse the fire created by Vietnam War. Same China is now positioned to threaten the rules based world order, peace, and security in the Indo pacific region that India is now focused on. Being a small power, India has no ability or influence to project power beyond the Indian ocean. This is the reality that Indian policymakers have to contend with and cannot afford any retaliatory measures employed by anyone either USA or Russia due to her neutrality in a remote conflict. India did abstain and adopted neutrality due to its dependence on the large inventory of foreign imported arms that includes arms from Russia as well as the west as pointed out by Ms. Curtis. Due to difficulty in securing spares from Russia on a timely basis, India is diversifying her sources that include various east European countries such as Ukraine, Poland, France, Italy, United States, United Kingdom, Sweden, and domestic sources. The mix of arms imports has changed significantly and India is far away from the dedicated single source as it was in the 1970s. Still, the modernization of arms requires huge investment and resources and India lacks the speed and financial resources to complete this task in a short duration without additional help. It took China 40.

Years to advance herself to emerge as a leading technological and military powerhouse, while India had to focus on food independence, infrastructure, health sectors, and containing terrorism coming from across the border in a noisy democratic setup. The potential adverse fallout due to the Ukraine war is the order placed with Ukraine worth approximately one billion dollars for the upgrading of the turbine engines for the Indian air force Twin engine AN 32. The 60 IAF twin engine An 32s are needed to ferry material, cargo, and personnel to Ladakh where Indian armed forces are standing eyeball to eyeball with China armed forces. It appears that as of this date, this vital center of the aerospace complex is spared but the longer this war goes on, this creates additional risk as Russia itself will be busy replacing her lost arms. The need of the hour is to bring both sides to negotiating table. Perhaps, behind the scene effort by India may have spared this facility from Russian missiles but we don't have any precise information that why this facility was spared but not the facility like the Azov steel plant. However, the Indian Air force ability will be hampered if India did not find alternate sources because without workers the Ukrainian plants cannot manufacture upgraded spares. What India is conveying to the world is that if the Ukrainian economy hurts then everyone is the loser. The thoughts must have run through Indian policy makers minds that what actions India should take based on current reality and not the past relationship that will bring a cessation of hostility and direct negotiation between two parties. India concluded that she has no influence either with Russia or Ukraine to cease hostilities at this time in the current environment. Other countries also tried but the outcome was the same. The huge differences that exist between the two sides cannot be bridged yet. Does the total isolation of Russia will either benefit the west or India in the Indo Pacific theater The answer is less clear. This may bring China and Russia closer adding a new security dimension averse to the interest of the west and India. Henry Kissinger recently weighed in and ask western policymakers not to inflame the fire. It appears that Indian policymakers had the same line of thinking. Henry Kissinger warned that the isolation of Russia will create more instability in Europe and that is not a desirable outcome. Therefore, a way should be found to defuse the crisis. This describes the perceptions difference among statesmen, columnists, and policymakers. In addition to this war, the world longest and most difficult pandemic that started at Wuhan lab has not been brought under control, and supply chain disruptions are everywhere with the shortage of food, commodities, Baby diapers, and soaring inflation. These factors have affected the entire world and recession risk is rising. Jamie Demon of J. P. Morgan says brace yourself for an economic hurricane caused by the Fed and Ukraine war.

The major portion of Hydrocarbon fuel in India is allocated for cooking food to reduce pollution and the next consumption sector is transportation for India developing economy. India when compared to Europe only buys 1 to 2 percent of her fuel requirement from Russia. India has complied with Iran sanctions at the risk of angering traditional supplier Iran who is India friendly neighbor. India needs time and foreign domestic investment equal to half the size of the Ukraine Package to develop domestic capabilities and innovations similar to the investment made in the state of Israel that will firm up our alliance of the democracies. This way India with its increased military capabilities can handle various regional challenges of instabilities and threats posed by China and spare the west the time, cost, and lives of their soldiers. India can do that herself. In recognizing that our long range values reside with the democracies of the world, India canceled plans to upgrade Su 30 MKI fighter aircraft due to the Ukraine war and India also shelved plans to acquire 10 Ki 31 airborne early warning helicopters, assuming that Russia will be too busy in meeting her requirement for lost arms. France is an ally of the United States that disagreed with the United States on the Iraq War. To say to India that either you are with us or against us when we have different perceptions in a remote theater but identical views on the Indo pacific realm, we are dealing with misplaced understanding. India cannot get involved in complicated issues between Ukraine and Russia due to India 50 years of close history with Russia and Ukraine, who were part of the Soviet Union sharing common nationality but are now at odds. Similarly, India has no business in getting involved in BREXIT disputes involving UK and EU. Ukraine is not and should not be the test case for defining the Indo US relationship that was developed over a decade with hard work on both sides. Consistency in foreign policy is an important cornerstone of the United States foreign policies and its relations with the rest of the world. United states foreign policy on Ukraine has either changed or evolved abruptly in a short duration between Trump and Biden administrations. Former President Trump echoed that sentiment. Among friends and allies, the security perception differs from time to time. India stood fast and invested heavily in Afghanistan to help defeat the terrorism responsible for 9 11 and Indian airline hijacking, however, India security concerns were not accommodated during the final phase of the Afghanistan withdrawal and India felt that the withdrawal vacuum was allowed to be filled up by other regional powers that are adverse to the interest of democratic World. Such hasty changes and the lack of consistency creates confusion among allies. A country that is known to the world as the epicenter of terrorism for the last two decades and had tried to destabilize the neighboring states should be sanctioned and not.

Accommodated similarly, the rising power of Asia which openly breaches the signed agreement that demarcated the Line of Actual Control with India needs an equal or more robust response from members of Indo Pacific security members and the world at large. The inclusion of India as a permanent member of the security council and other multilateral bodies like the G7 and Nuclear Supply Group will enhance the mutual understanding and give India a voice and incentives to participate in a broader world stage of nations. In that respect Ms. Curtis articulation of the two countries bypassing some regional differences is well articulated: All western democracies should signal to India that She is welcome as a partner to the West. if the United States wants to move New Delhi further into its camp and away from Moscow, it should take additional measures. Washington could give New Delhi even more access to sensitive U.S. technologies that would enhance Indian defense capabilities. It could also provide incentives to U.S. private companies to co develop and co produce additional high tech military equipment in India. It might make its military gear more affordable for India. Recent media reports indicate Washington may be getting ready to take a step in this direction by providing a 500 million Foreign Military Financing package to incentivize India to purchase U.S. weapons. Given India robust defense requirements, however, this is still a small amount. What Washington should not do is pressure India to criticize Russia. New Delhi strongly values having an independent foreign policy, and so it would bristle at being told how to act. But U.S. officials can be clear that they will offer India more help, more quickly, if the country reduces its reliance on Russian military systems. This is welcome advice from Ms. Curtis who understands India Geographic compulsions and security challenges. She suggests that the expenditures involving a large Military aid such as that provided to Ukraine can be avoided by building a stronger alliance but that also means empowering rising power like India with more help that is needed to develop internal capabilities. If this approach is proven successful with an oversight, you have created a strong champion of democracy in Asia that ultimately will save lives and treasure and keep Asia free. India has demonstrated that she can stand up to China. Therefore, it is wrong to equate the relationship as first or last chance because there has been a vacuum for some time in the formation of bipartisan foreign policy in Washington. The United States is always guided by its national interest like any other country regardless of the method of governance of a foreign country. The erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir consisted of three main regions viz Gilgit agency, Kashmir Province and the Jammu province. The latter also included the jagirs of Poonch and Chaneni, and Ladakh. However, the partition of India in 1947 adversely affected the state territorial integrity. Through its naked aggression, Pakistan occupied a large area of.

The state J&K seems clouded by exhaustion and squeezed by Pakistan drone like publicity of falsehoods. For the past seventy five years, various biased narratives have been construed by Pakistan. This was done out of blends, allusions, distortions, and deliberate falsifications over the J&K accession to India on 26 Oct 1947. The ideas of a referendum, democracy, human rights etc., have coloured the people perceptions about the problem of J&K with different shades. The lies are so prevalent that many do not care to appreciate that India offer of plebiscite in J & K was rendered unimplementable and subsequently impossible by Pakistan refusal to vacate the illegally occupied areas of the state. The distortions of historical facts have, in turn, played a stereotypical role in shaping the minds of the people of J&K and world opinion. The most blatant lie spread by Pakistan is the idea that Pakistan was created mainly due to a fundamental conflict between Hindus and Muslims. This idea is based on the notion of a civilisational divide between monolithic Hindu and Muslim identities, which never existed. The emphasis on religion by Pakistan overlooked various other factors that could cut across both identities. Unfortunately, Maharaja Hari Singh could not make up his mind to join India or Pakistan before 14 15 Aug 1947. It was unrealistic enough to believe that J&K could retain an independent stance. This credence could have motivated him to postpone his decision. He was faced with many problems. Pakistan thinks that J&K was illegitimately ceded to India by a ruler who did not represent the people. Furthermore, Pakistan argued that most Muslim states went to Pakistan, and J&K belonged to them. Pakistan had planned to invade J&K soon after gaining independence. On 20 Aug 1947, a secret letter was received by Maj Onkar Singh Kalkat from Gen Sir Frank Messervy GHQ, Rawalpindi, that Pakistan would launch an invasion to capture J&K on 20 Oct 1947 under the code name Operation Gulmarg. Kashmir Untold Story Classified by Iqbal Chand Malhotra & Maroof Raza, p.63, BLOOMSBURY INDIA, New Delhi, 2019 In a bid to force J&K to accede to Pakistan, blocked the state borders and denied essential supplies to the state people. All along the borders, Pakistan harassed people by carrying out hit and run raids, looting, plundering, and murdering the residents. Arms, ammunition and warlike stores were issued to the Muslims staying near the border to raise the revolt against the state officials. The raiders displayed tactics that suggested they were adequately trained in organised warfare, led mainly by Pakistan army officers and ex servicemen. However, the impressive success of the airlift of the Indian Army to Srinagar airfield on 27 Oct 1947 frustrated Pakistan plan to annex J&K by force. Pakistan launched a skillfully crafted campaign claiming that J&K was a disputed territory, and both Pakistan and India were litigants. Pakistan denied its role in the tribals invasion of J&K. But Pakistan lies were exposed by the UN commission that visited Karachi in.

The BRICS alliance with Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa is planning to float a new currency to settle international trade payments to challenge the global reserve status of the US dollar. The bloc of the five nations is likely to jointly decide on floating a new BRICS currency during its next summit in August, 2023 to be held at Johannesburg in South Africa. Although all other countries constituting BRICS, including Brazil, Russia, China, and South Africa seem to be on the side of issuance of a common BRICS currency, India seems to be the only country that has not shown interest in the plans to launch a new currency. India Stand India External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar in a press conference held on Monday, 3rd July, 2023 said that India has no plans for a BRICS currency. He declared a month before the summit that India might back out from creating the new currency. Instead, India is focused on strengthening its national currency, the Rupee, and making Rupee stronger will be the top priority of the Indian government, Jaishankar had stated. Justification for this stand India is the only country in the bloc that is doing well in terms of GDP on its merit. As such, the country needs no support from BRICS and can survive without the new BRICS currency, it is claimed. India also has good relations with the U.S. and Europe with trade and military deals worth billions of dollars. Country does not want to risk its trade with Western powers, believing in the yet to be released BRICS currency. Efforts to expand the bloc The bloc which earlier included Brazil, Russia, India, and China has not expanded since the inclusion of South Africa in it in 2010. The increasing relevance of the global south has become an important development during the current year as the BRICS has embarked on expanding the bloc. Reportedly a host of Middle Eastern and African nations have expressed interest in joining the bloc. It is obvious, with the vast national resources held by China and Russia, nations who want to join, see the benefit of joining the BRICS Alliance, which ultimately aims to challenge the US dominance. India, however, is likely to press for deciding well defined criteria for the proposed addition of new members to the BRICS grouping of emerging nations, instead of extending membership solely on the basis of recommendations by present members. If BRICS nations decide on taking in new members, India therefore would want formulation of well-established criteria for qualification. Changing Scenario since BRICS appeared on the International Stage The US which enjoyed the global superpower status post World War II is today being challenged by BRICS. Efforts in this direction seem to be afoot as the BRICS embarks on expanding the bloc with a goal to dominate world trade by 2050. The bloc took a massive step with the establishment of the New Development Bank in 2014, set up with \$50 billion in seed money. The New Development Bank floated assumes significance as it provides competition to the International Monetary Fund IMF, an organization known for conducting operations based on political interest of the developed west. However, over the years BRICS is developing into much more than an economic bloc & trying to establish itself as representing a voice of the global south. Reportedly, China remains the main force driving the BRICS expansion process with the intention of dethroning the U.S. dollar. The Chinese government is pushing nations around the world to join the bloc and accept the soon to be released currency with the intention of dethroning the U.S. dollar from its global reserve status. Russia and China are also said to be fast tracking.

A payment technology that could make trading with the yet to be released BRICS currency easier. Suspected Agenda of China Reports suggest that China is using BRICS as a weapon in its quest to dethrone the U.S. dollar as the global reserve currency. The Chinese government is said to be eyeing for the U.S. dollar collapse with BRICS is believed to be the stepping stone to turn the idea into a reality. However, the other three countries India, Brazil, and South Africa seem to be skeptical about the prospects of China dominating the world. They fear that Xi Jinping could impose his vision of the global order, when the new currency appears on the international stage. Recent reports indicate that India gross domestic product GDP touched US \$ 3.75 trillion by FY23 and is well poised to reach the US \$ 5 trillion mark by March 2026 if it sustains a growth rate of 6.5 7 percent in coming years. Its GDP was US \$ 2.2 trillion in March 2015 and it then embarked on its growth despite the massive pandemic crisis. In August 2013, Morgan Stanley classified Turkey, Brazil, India, South Africa, and Indonesia as Fragile five countries struggling to grow. But India not only emerged out of the fragile group of economies but has now become the 5th largest economy in the world. It was the 10th largest economy in 2014 15. Now India surpassed France, Brazil, Italy, Russia and the UK to elevate to 5th rank. Indian economy now is on a firm footing, well poised to be the 3rd largest economy soon, latest by 2030. India growth reflects its resilience and potentiality when many economies in the world are struggling to fight the slowdown triggered by the pandemic and geopolitical risks. It will be interesting to look at some of its growth drivers in recent years that propelled GDP to the current levels. Though it is difficult to collate all policy interventions and reforms initiated in the last decade, some strategic differentiators could be brought together to look at how India could grow when many are trailing. Structural reforms: The Make in India initiative was launched in September 2014 as part of a wider set of nation building activities to transform India into a manufacturing hub. The share of manufacturing GDP is to increase from 15 percent to 25 percent. Digital India, a flagship program with a vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy was launched in July 2015. Skill India was launched in July 2015 and it was intended to develop skills and entrepreneurship. Making the youth industry ready is a mission launched for employment generation. In order to keep effective control of the cost of living, flexible inflation targeting FIT framework was adopted in February 2015. FIT mandated RBI to monitor and contain CPI inflation within a band of 4 percent + 2 percent. Effectively RBI has to maintain CPI inflation between 2 to 6 percent. In case the central bank fails to maintain inflation within the target for three consecutive quarters, it is required under section 45ZN of the RBI Act 1934 to submit a report to the government explaining the reasons and spelling out the remedial measures it would take to check the price rise. The inflation sporadically oscillated between 8 12 percent with double digit inflation in 2009 10 and again during 2012 13. Due to the implementation of FIT, RBI, and the government were inflation centric to keep it within the band. Inflation during the post pandemic regime shot up to 7.79 percent in April 2022 which returned to 4.25 percent in May 2023. WPI too came down from 15.08 percent to minus 3.48 percent during the same period. In order to curb black money and check spurious currency in circulation.

High value old currency notes of Rest. Were demonetized in November 2016. New currency notes were brought under circulation. Now even the Rest. 2000 new currency notes introduced from circulation. Roll out of central bank digital currency on and share of physical currency is also set to improve currency management. The Real Estate Regulatory and the home buying process more transparent. Out of 28 states and 8 Union Territories, all except Nagaland notified the rules in the parliament on came into force on with improved economic activity. Increased compliance and anti evasion measures taken by the government, such as e invoicing, e way bills, data analytics, and audits. The annual GST collections shot up from Bank reforms Strengthening the banking sector is vital to support a growing economy. Gina Sang am I January 2015 led to the introduction of a 7 pronged reform package in public sector banks PSBs. Looking at the inconsistency in the reporting of data on asset quality by some banks, RBI had to withdraw forbearance in the restructuring of loans and conducted an asset quality review that led to a spurt in bad load ratio in banks to. It needed a massive infusion of capital in to ensure that they remain Basel III compliant. Hence, another set of bank reforms was launched in 2018 in PSBs in collaboration with Boston Consulting. The edition of reforms kept on improving from time to time and is in use now. This set of bank reforms enabled PSBs to become competitive with private peers. As part of bank reforms, large scale mergers in PSBs reduced their number from by April 2020 making them agile and smart. Due to the pandemic driven banking challenges, bad bank National Asset Reconstruction Ltd NARCL has been established. In order to step up financing to infrastructure projects the national bank for financing infrastructure and Development Nab a development lending institution is established. Exploring digital power: Led by the digital banking transformation, financial inclusion FI has been pursued to take its annual index to 56.4 in March 2022, up from 43.4 in 2017 on a scale of 1 to 100 assessed on usage, access, and quality. RBI also introduced a FI dashboard Antardrishti to keep continuous track of banking outreach. Nearly 500 million people benefited from the FI initiatives. Close to 850 million smartphone and internet users are connected with over a billion digital biometric identities Adhaar enables the use of real time payments exploring the well-built digital public infrastructure. Besides a wide network of bank branches, non-banks, finch, and peer to peer lenders, alternate delivery platforms ATMs, self-service digital kiosks, POS terminals, digital wallets, and business correspondents formed a strong bonding with grass root level customer community. Nearly four hundred thousand miles of optical fiber cables, and cheap data have ushered in a revolution of opportunities in accelerating digital transformation even in the hinterland. Direct benefit transfers DBT enable 850 million beneficiaries to receive government subsidies directly into their bank accounts saving transaction costs and preventing leakages. Popularly developed Anshan, Adhaar, and Mobile JAM trinity is empowering entrepreneurs to route business and electronic payments while protecting the rights, dignity, and privacy of people. Even street vendors use digital payment modes for even low value transactions. In order to make India a manufacturing hub, productivity linked incentive PLI 1.0 was launched in June 2021 to focus on bulk drugs. The scheme was further widened to cover IT hardware when PLI 2.0 was launched in 2023. Exports get a renewed boost by moving from an incentive.

July 1948. These raiders were led by Maj Gen Akbar Khan, Maj Gen Sher Khan, and many junior officials. Pakistan moved its 7th Infantry Division to POJK. Sardar Ibrahim announced the provisional government of Azad Kashmir at the behest of Pakistan. Midnight telephone calls were received from Rawalpindi Commissioner Khwaja Rahim and Begum Nasim, the then wife of Col. Akbar Khan. The episode reveals that it was a command from Pakistan, not the people wishes, as claimed by Pakistan. The UN did not recognise the so called Azad Kashmir government. Even Pakistan did not recognise its creation, as Pakistan Foreign Minister Sir Zafarullah Khan told the UN Commission for India and Pakistan UNCIP. This may sound ridiculous, but Pakistan did not want to give Azad Kashmir an independent status in the eyes of international law. Azadi was merely a slogan to annex J&K, and even today, Pakistan is selling this idea to the people of J&K. Pakistan grabbed the Northern Areas Gilgit Baltistan, a strategic area in the north and has been controlling it since 1947. Maharaja leased this area to British India in 1935 for sixty years. Major Brown, who headed Gilgit Scouts, and led the revolt in Nov 1947 against Maharaja administration, was a serving British officer. Major Brown, in his memoirs, has described his actions as a coup d etat. He hoisted the Pakistan flag on 04 Nov 1947. POJK High Court judgment of 1993 brought to light that Pakistan had separated Northern Areas from POK through the Karachi Agreement of 1949 and its veracity is doubtful. The agreement was kept secret since it changed the territorial status quo without the referendum. The High Court, in its judgment, described Pakistan actions as a violation of the UN Security Council resolutions on J&K. Also, by thrusting a war on India in 1965, Pakistan negated the reason for referring to the UNSC in 1948. Various arrangements agreed upon with Pakistan through the mediation of the United Nations Security Council UNSC were based on the integrity and inviolability of the cease fire line established after the 1947 48 skirmishes. By invading J&K in 1965, Pakistan reduced the resolutions of 1948 and 1949 dead. Following the Soviet Union withdrawal from Afghanistan, Pakistan decided to use the Mujahideen to foment trouble in Jammu and Kashmir in the late 80s. In the Kargil incursion, Pakistan also pretended that only the mujahideen were fighting the Indian forces when there is sufficient documentary evidence from Pakistani sources, including obituary notices, to indicate that Pakistan Army carried out the operation. Pakistan has also denied that no terrorist groups operate from its soil against India in J&K, but enough proof is available in the public domain to blunt these lies of Pakistan. Conclusion: There is a new reality in the making in Jammu and Kashmir. It is driven by economic development, social progress and gender justice. Its future is based on freedom from intimidation and fear of terrorists. The lies Pakistan created against India are finally getting.

Pakistan caught in this golden web. Pakistan has already launched a proxy war against India in Kashmir, which is being carried out on the shoulders of youths from J&K. This war is being fought on our soil, with our money and against our people. Pakistan has not staked anything, but we have staked everything. Therefore, we should not hesitate to counter this proxy war. There is a need for replying to Pakistan in the language it understands because the question does not relate to Kashmir and Kashmiri Hindus but to the integrity and sovereignty of the entire nation. The government decision to accord infrastructure status to the logistics sector has led to the sector transformative growth. The warehousing segment that has been risk averse during the 1st wave of the pandemic, is expected to witness transactions for additional warehousing space to grow at a CAGR of 20 from 31.7 mn sq ft in FY 2021 to 45.9 mn sq ft in FY 2023. Adoption of technology and disruptive innovations are rapidly changing the landscape of many industries and their business models. Because of increasingly digitalized processes and an exponential growth of sensible data, organizational management requires expertise to analyse, manage and simplify the data for them to take strategic business decisions. As new innovations and challenges arise, supply chain managers need accurate real time insights to make informed decisions. Components of the supply chain working in silos is anti to this. A connected supply chain can adjust and accommodate when new information is presented. This is expected to lead to the emergence and rise of the 4PL segment in India beyond 2022 as the increasing trend of faster goods distribution penetration increases nationwide. A 4pl service provider is a supply chain integrator. The 4PL assembles and manages all resources, capabilities, and technology of an organization Supply Chain and its array of providers. It offers a higher level of effective supply chain management to customers, which allows manufacturers to completely outsource their logistics process to external professionals for better management. Shipping, distribution, warehousing, physical sites, and information flow are all managed by the provider. Typically, the 4PL does not own transportation or warehouse assets. Instead, it coordinates those aspects of the supply chain with vendors. Moreover, 4PL can coordinate activities of other 3PLs that handle various aspects of the supply chain. The 4PL functions at the integration and optimization level, while a 3PL may be more focused on day to day operations. Even before the pandemic swept across the planet, larger companies were increasingly using 4PL providers to act as their logistics department, handling activities such as order management, legal compliance, warehousing & distribution, and supplier management. However, the pandemic, which is leading to quick adoption of Industry 4.0* revolution, has reinforced the importance of 4PL services across most of the markets. Countries such as the US, EU are the major markets to adopt the fourth party logistics services. The top trend that we believe will further augment the growth of.

As most of us are landlubbers, the innocuous piece of Indian fishermen protesting at Geneva is surely not as attractive as devastating real reason for Angelina Jolie divorce with Brad Pitt, but if you are an Indian, it needs your attention, as we are now reentering an era where our white masters see the need to reclaim us, especially because we have strayed recently during Russia Ukraine war. Our fishermen have gone to protested against the World Trade Organization WTO proposal to curb fishery subsidies. If you don't know what WTO is, it is one of the many colonial masters choke leashes that we still wear. White, sorry World Trade Organization decides how we can participate in open world market, and when we get a bit too smart, it raps on our knuckles. WTO has just decided that developing nations like India should taper out the subsidies given to fishermen in five years because it is NOW worried that the seas are getting depleted of the fish due to over fishing. I learnt about high seas fishing from a Gujarati fishing entrepreneur in early nineties who explained to me how international fishing boats were raiding the high seas off the coast of Gujarat with impunity. As I found it a bit strange that we were allowing theft of natural resources, I spoke to the coastguards only to realize that these expensive vessels were far too fast and technologically advanced for our coastguard boats to catch. As I dived deeper into high seas water ecology and economics, I realized that China, Taiwan and Japan had over fished their own regions to a level that it was no longer viable to fish there. So, the absurd appearing long journey all the way to Gujarat was lucrative for these boats to come and steal from the Arabian sea. Even though it was a blatant crime that India should be fighting against, as it was the time when open market had arrived in India, I asked my fishing entrepreneur friend about using it as an opportunity. In simple terms, If Chinese Japanese could afford to come all the way and fish and go back to sell that fish in their market, why can we do it from India. The answer was simple and of the same theme repeated a million times in the economic space that India is trying to occupy. Most of the developed nations have a strategic upper hand in such matter because they had an early bird advantage is stealing from the world and building large companies. With deeper pockets, cheaper debt rates and access to economy of scale that they have, nations like India that are just trying to enter the open market have as much a chance to compete as a snow flake in hell. The job that a real World Trade Organization should have done once we became aware of common and global problems like climate change and pollution is to make it an even playing field through.

Trade agreements, but the WTO that we have had till now has worked mainly on the agenda of retaining economic advantage for the developed world even when the crisis of climate change is knocking the door. In last few years, WTO has suddenly decided to be the proverbial cat wanting to do Haj after killing not a hundred but billions of rats that are the third world poor. Now the WTO wants to save the planet. Now it is worried that power production pollutes the environment. Now it is scared that loss of rain forests will change the climate. Now it is concerned about the fishes in the sea and birds in the sky. Looking at the trend of thinking on display by WTO, the day is not far, when it will get the CO2 emission by the poor of the third world scientifically studied by Yale and Columbia and will add a suitable clause in the section 1, sub section 14, Para 3 for us to control it or face economic sanctions. Let me admit that I personally completely agree with the WTO agenda of saving the planet, as it is now an existential need for the entire humanity, but I disagree with WTO method of achieving this goal. If we take the case of fishing subsidies, it is mostly availed by poor fishermen of India with not much access to bulk fishing that the high tech fishing boats of the developed world have done for almost a hundred years. If WTO feels that it is One World that we all are responsible to save at any cost in case of many poor fishermen from the third world, the cost can be staying hungry for many days through the year we first need to work out the cost, not from today but from the day seas have been exploited by developed nations. What India should demand is not permission to give subsidy, but a share in the past loot that the developed world has been engaged in since a hundred years. What Yale and Columbia should be helping the world with is computation and quantification of the natural resources stolen from the planet by developed world and what the great legal minds from Ivy leagues should be working on is a model of equitable redistribution of this loot. Veteran community is worried and venting angst on proposed major changes under the Tour of Duty Todd scheme, packaged as Agni path and Agni veer. They are also peeved at a modified pension disbursal say stem, with another catchy name of parish. In keeping with the American proverb, if it aim broke, don fix it, reforms should be system driven and based on felt need. Feedback based initiatives, unlike parachuted ones, endure and set abillise. They require long gestation, especially in the cadre management domain. This bears flagging, as the Army has created a plethora of suboptimal, induction schemes with multiple variants, of these, in its wake, has left unresolved festering.

Problems current freeze on recruitment will unleash another cadre tsunami. Todd is a double whammy of sorts as it includes the introduction of All India All Class AIAC recruitment model. It has the potential of altering the very nourished by Quail regiments, leveraging Noam, Nampak and Nissan 3N ethos. It is appropriate to debunk the most bandied myth. Army is lampooned for status quo mindset and resisting all changes. The reality is, given clear direction and reposed with trust, it has devised its own response strategies, like globally acclaimed iron fist in velvet glove, to counter insurgency. Even in conflicts, examples of tanks across Zola in Gnats with Sabers and Centurions with Pattons, in 1965 and bouncing Meghna, in 1971, are enviable case studies of daring and improvisation famed Jugaad. Our short memories conveniently ignore the path breaking contribution of veterans in setting up Administrative Staff College and civilian training academies and even institutions like Damodar Valley Corporation and many more. The current welcome push for Atma Nirbhar in defence has significant input from the serving and veteran community. An objective reality check reveals that with a new breed of compliant bureaucrats, veteran s are out of favour, for adhering to policy and norms, which is mistaken for rigidity. The key defining paradigms of Forces include, firstly, the fact that except for 1962 reverse, services have acquitted themselves most creditably. The debacle in the Sino Indian war was primarily due to external factors political muddling and neglecting capability building. It was conclusively confirmed in later conflicts and most conclusively in 1967, during Nathu La action. Secondly, in most conflicts, Forces have overcome asymmetry, treachery and environmental challenges with human capital, catalysed by Quami paltans and 3N model. Kargil, Siachen, Galwan and Kailash bear testimony to this. Army units have perfected clan kinship models, along with celebratory and inclusive secularism. It is a harsh reality that soldiers fight for paltan ki i zzat and rest all, often touted in films media, is an avoidable garnish. Thirdly, cadre management is a complex issue and requires long term analysis, simulation and peer review. Officer cadres in the Army in 90s had severe shortages at one stage, amounting to more than 28. In 1997, the Janata Party government under I K Gujral asked for out of box solutions. Army proposed induction of all Central Armed Police Forces officers through Army, after common training of 18 months. It was to be followed by three years deployment with units in the field, followed by short re orientation for respective. To assuage turf aspirations, Army suo motto proposed Union Public Service Commission, as the controller for allocation of cadres. The presentation was commended. The Prime Minister wanted it to be extended to the police. It would have meant saving on training costs and building up common Army ethos for border guarding and counter insurgency operations. These have been repeatedly recommended by Parliamentary standing committees. Attachment system is in vogue in the Army with officers from the logistics.

One of the benefits of regular stretching is that it enhances flexibility. Being flexible has its own advantages, as it not only improves your day to day activities, but can also help delay the reduced mobility that comes with aging. Stretching on a regular basis can help increase your range of motion. You can either go for static or dynamic stretching as they both are effective when it comes to the increasing range of motion. According to the studies, proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation or PNF type of stretching is more effective for immediate results. Regular stretching can not only help heal an existing back injury but can also prevent future back pain by reducing your risk for muscle strain and strengthening your back muscles. All the people who regularly go to the gym know how helpful stretching can be. Stretching specific tendon or muscle can improve the elasticity of muscles, which in turn helps in achieving a comfortable muscle tone. There are several benefits of regular stretching, and it should be an integral part of every workout program. It not only helps increase your flexibility, which is an important part of fitness, but it can also improve your posture, body aches, reduce stress, and much more. Performing dynamic stretches prior to exercise in the gym can help prepare your muscles. Not the only gym, but it can also help you improve your performance in dance or an athletic event. It is only natural that your muscles get tense when you experience physical or emotional stress. This is because the tightening of your muscles is the response of the body towards stress. All you need to do is focus on the areas of your body where you feel the stress, such as your neck, shoulders, etc. and stretch those parts of your body. Is positive thinking an inherent characteristic of a person or can it be developed in one. The opinions differ in answering this vital question. Some people believe that it can be inherited from parents, and cannot be developed. Others believe that like other qualities it can be developed with proper practice and guidance. Still some others hold the opinion that it is hereditary to some extent but can be acquired to some degree. There is also a section of people, who believe that all depends on circumstances or luck. We need to adopt a scientific approach to find an answer to the above question. No one can get success every time even after making efforts, nor can one fail constantly. Moreover, success has different meaning for different people. For some students, getting 60 per cent marks is success, for others it may not be sufficient. In a competitive examination, success means getting selected, whatever the percentage of marks. As for inheritance theory, since positive attitude is not a physical feature but a mental faculty, it cannot be purely hereditary. It can be developed. Moreover, parents play a major role in developing this quality of a child. A child who.

Watches his parents working hard, having faith in success through their words, behavior and body language, is likely to develop a similar attitude. The children of short over and nervous parents may assume similar characteristics when they grow up. Psychologists, therefore, prescribe a code of conduct for parent behavior in front of their children. They must exude confidence, self and hope, especially in difficult situation, so that the children emulate these qualities. They must be taught the importance of being positive before, during and after the performance of a task. There is no better education for a child than watching his parents come out of a tough situation by means of earnest endeavors. Such success not only gives more joy but also increases self. Stream doing challenging tenures with Infantry. Brave heart like Man Naveen, Capt. Kengruese, Capt. Vijyant Thapar and others have proved this concept. Certainly, officers are no less patriotic. Unfortunately, despite political concurrence, the proposal was buried between North and South blocks. It is time to institute organic cadre for the lines of Coast Guard. To foster a whole of nation approach, modified Todd scheme should be piloted by common induction through Army, both at officers and jawan ranks. Initially, the proposal can be applied to border guarding like Borders security Force BSF, IndoTibetan Border Police and Armed Reserve. Later, it can be extended to others. The assurance and hype of Corporates waiting to lap up, Todd released lot, needs to be proved by them, by absorbing reskilled soldier s of vocational institutions like Army ITI Tambala, Pathankot and others. At one stage, corporates were given offers for customising training programmers, linked with assured placement obligation. Unfortunately, response to all such initiatives has been lukewarm. One is reminded of tenure in Nagaland, where disappointed aspirants for government jobs, joined self styled Nag a armies. The major beneficiary of this scheme would be private security age cites, as they will get a younger and better trained workforce. Highly successful Quail platen model is the fallout Varna concept, modified by the British, as martial races theory. Prima facie seems a contemporary idea but it requires to be tested in a controlled environment. General Assar Karma, former Afghan chief had boasted that Afghan National Army will be modeled on mixed representation, discarding tribal model. With the advent of the Taliban, experiment lies in tatters. This combined with poor performance of Russian conscripts, in Ukraine calls for caution and reconsideration. In sum, there is a need for peer review and dialogue with Veterans with domain competence, as they have legitimate concerns. Most importantly, security is an essential prerequisite for progress. Hence, investment in Army human capital, including pensions and its disbursal cannot be constrained, especially when others remain out of ambit of such right sizing exercise. After an election campaign marked by bitter exchanges between leaders of the DMK and the chief minister Stalin promised to turn over a new leaf in political decency when he kept a respectful place for.

Opposition leader Edappadi K Palaniswami at government functions. Edappadi reciprocated it with dignified debates in the assembly and outside. In fact, the two leaders have been setting an example since 2018 when Edappadi, then chief minister, welcomed to his chambers opposition leader Stalin who wanted to present a report on possible reforms in the transport department. At times of personal tragedies, leaders of the two parties called on each other to convey their sympathies and support. All these were welcome changes to people who have been witness to a bitter even personal rivalry between M Karunanidhi and J Jayalalithaa for more than three decades. It looks like Stalin comrades are losing that rediscovered civility rediscovered since things were better before the Karunanidhi Jayalalithaa era, when Rajaji and Periyar could see eye to eye and Anna shared a warm relationship with Kamaraj. Addressing a public meeting to mark Karunanidhi 99th birth anniversary on June 3, small industries minister T M Anbarasan bared his fangs at BJP state president K Annamalai. You will wind up and run if we put you in jail for a week, he said in the speech marked by crassness. We will cut your tail The Modi government has arrived at a critical point in its political life. While the party continues to grow and may yet gain new territories, the gulf between what the PM stands for and what the party grassroots may be aspiring for may be widening. Nothing exemplifies this more than the Nupur Sharma affair, where the party spokesperson, possibly provoked by comments about the hivling, made remarks that angered many Muslims, and Muslim nations. Bulldozers are posing a challenge to constitutional rights. But our higher courts are not responding. It as if they are in a daze. Or, perhaps we should say, in a bull daze a state of systemic passivity when confronted with governments unconstitutional use of force. With more house demolitions, in UP and MP, and Gujarat, Assam, Tripura and Delhi civic authorities already in the bulldozer club, violations of basic rights are widespread. But the wheels of justice are moving far slower than the tracks of bulldozers. MP high court issued notices in April following demolitions after Khargone riots so far, nothing has happened. The Supreme Court next hearing after staying the April 20 demolitions in Delhi Jahangirpuri is listed for August. Courts must show much more urgency. HCs and SC can even take suo motu notice because courts core duty of determining guilt and punishment, premised on due process, is at stake. A chance to correct this comes via the petition filed in Allahabad HC on Monday against the Prayagraj house demolition. The petition noted that the house was owned by the wife of the person accused of organising violent demonstrations. This brings into stark focus one of the worst aspects of bulldozer action. Not only is guilt being determined outside courts, punishment is being meted out to the family of the accused. The concept of collective punishment was.

Popular in Middle Ages, and even codified in law. To state the obvious, it has no place in constitutional democracies. Yet, over the last couple of years, and particularly over the last few weeks, bulldozers ordered by state officials are posing a dangerous question to the rule of law. It falls to higher courts to create a judicial barrier to bulldozer justice. It is unlikely that any CM or municipal authority would defy judges. When courts make strong interventions, even recalcitrant systems correct themselves. A fine recent example is SC directions on the Lakhimpur Kheri probe. The justice system, for all its limitations, still works as a protector of citizens rights. It cannot remain bull dazed. June marks an inflection point in the current trajectory of Covid infections. Daily new infections began to trend upwards and recorded 8,084 on Sunday. A month ago it was about 25 of this number. The upward trajectory in infection needs to be put in perspective. When adjusted by population level, India situation is relatively better. Current confirmed cases are about 5 per million people. In contrast, it is around 1,031 and 532 per million in Australia and Germany, respectively. However, there are other reasons why it is important for India to be on its guard. About 65% of India population has finished double dose vaccination. Australia and Germany, among others, have a higher vaccination coverage ratio. While vaccination limits the severity of disease, it does not prevent infection. Therefore, it is important for Govt and state governments to double down on public messaging about Covid protocols. Concurrently, there is a need for a renewed push on vaccination. The booster rollout is just 39 million doses, far lower than what could have been achieved. States appear to have relegated vaccination in their list of priorities. Around 138 million vaccines with states are lying unutilised. The challenge now is not supply but a general slackening. It is unwise because India has used a rapid rollout of vaccination as an effective strategy to normalise, as compared to China's self-defeating zero Covid approach. We are at a critical economic juncture. The next step is to ensure there is no Covid related disruption again. Trials overseas and a study by CMC, Vellore, have shown that using a different vaccine for the booster, a heterologous dose, results in enhanced protection. Corbevax, a protein subunit vaccine, is halfway through the regulatory process of getting used as a booster. There should be no bureaucratic delay here. Covid may appear to have receded to an endemic stage but there is no case to ease up. We need another national sero survey to gauge the situation and also provide data for public health responses. Also, keep in mind that long Covid can be debilitating. Keep the guard up. Niti Aayog has recently released the draft battery swapping policy. This follows on the FY23 Budget speech highlighting the challenges of scaling up battery charging infrastructure in urban areas and flagging the urgent imperative to define battery swapping and interoperability standards to.

Improve the efficiency of India EV ecosystem. Have clean mobility solutions reached centre stage now open for public comments, the policy could not have come at a more opportune moment. First, because major auto manufacturers now converge on the view that electric vehicles shall be the mainstay of future mobility in India. A report by the India Energy Storage Alliance projects that the Indian EV and EV battery markets shall grow at a CAGR of 36 and 30, respectively, in the next four years. Niti Aayog pegs EV sales penetration in India at 80 for two wheelers 2W and three wheelers 3W, 70 for commercial cars, 40 for buses, and 30 for private cars, by 2030. One of the wonders of an 80s child was the NRI relative. Like the exotic migratory birds that alighted at Alipore Zoo, they flew in from lands of milk and honey and carried with them warm dollars, memorable tales of the great phoren, and wondrous appendages like a camcorder, a DSLR camera, and other things we did not know that the human mind had invented. Even though we hardly ever met these relatives or talked to them, we knew no one loved us in the way they did, and that love was manifested when they opened their Samsonite suitcases and brought out the gifts like a magician reaches into the inner recesses of his hat. Chocolates always labeled as Swiss, cheese and sausage, electronic things, adult beverages and make up kits and perfumes, things to light up every face of every age group and gender, the value of each gift proportional to the relatives distance from you in the family tree, and their equation with your immediate family. The visit of the NRI relative was a whiff of a distant capitalist paradise that permeated our ambitions; cricket on TV and Physics problems to solve, and you knew you had to do the latter so that one day you too could become an NRI relative, come to India, and check into a five star hotel. Not anymore. Nowadays, NRI relatives are the ones embarrassed of themselves when they go to India. No more passing off dollar store trinkets as electronics, now thanks to the internet and the effects of Dry Singh liberalisation everyone knows the price of everything, and everything is available in India. Forget shock and awe, now NRI relatives have to have their tales of fortune and opulence be called into doubt by what they wear, what they carry and what they bring as gifts. Fish out your mobile phone, and the Indian nephews are two models ahead. Talk about brand names, and by virtue of those stores being there in the neighbourhood mall, the Indian relative will point out that you are pronouncing the brand name wrong. Bring out the foreign chocolate, only to hear but uncle we already have our fridge overflowing with them. This is why I never liked Adam Smith. The free movement of goods and information that globalisation.

Base to a remission base with the launch of foreign trade policy ftp 2023 that too without a sunset clause. The governance was improved to focus on gender diversity, sustainability, environmental protection, biodiversity, afforestation, faster move towards net zero targets, and adopting a lifestyle for the environment life is pursued to bring about change in individual and community behavior to protect the environment. Making changes in the way of life with climate consciousness can be the solution to fight elevated climate risks. With the kind of structural reforms and front loaded growth oriented policies pursued in recent years in collaboration with the state governments, and local self-governments collectively working their way, India is not only growing big but also faster. It should thus be able to get into the orbit of developed economies by 2047 by the time the centenary celebrations of independence begin. The backroom boys of the eve ecosystem are all set to play a defining role in the development and growth of this new emerging system of mobility that will define the future of a sustainable earth. The met averse has become a bustling and growing virtual world in recent years. A met averse is a collective virtual shared space that is created by the convergence of physical and virtual reality and often accessed by users through the internet. It offers users a virtual world with endless possibilities. You can travel to different places in the met averse universe, interact with other players, and even make purchases. In India, the met averse has become increasingly popular, with users enjoying various activities within the virtual world. One of the most interesting developments is the ability to purchase furniture for virtual homes using block chain technology. Block chain, the technology behind crypto currencies like bit coin, is used to secure and decentralize transactions in the met averse. As the met averse gains popularity, many users have begun to create virtual worlds that replicate their real-world environment. This includes virtual homes, which can be customized with virtual furniture. They can bring these digital homes to life with everything from virtual couches and virtual beds to virtual tables and virtual lamps. Traditionally, these furniture purchases in the met averse have been made using fiat currencies like the Indian rupee, making the transactions subject to traditional payment gateway fees and other banking regulations. However, block chain technology now enables secure, decentralized transactions that bypass these banking limitations. Block chain technology allows for peer-to-peer transactions without the need for a centralized authority. This means that transactions occur directly between the buyer and seller, with no middleman involved. This process keeps fees low and ensures that transactions are secure and transparent. One of the main advantages of block chain technology is its ability to create smart contracts. Smart contracts are self-executing contracts that are written in code on the block chain. They are efficient and automated, ensuring that both parties are held accountable for their end of the transaction. Smart contracts can be used to create a virtual agreement in the met averse that ensures that both parties receive the good or service they are paying for. This eliminates the need for trust between buyers and sellers and creates a more secure transaction process. Block chain technology is also transparent, enabling all parties involved in a transaction to see its progress. This is particularly important in the met averse, where virtual items can be quickly duplicated without the use of block.

Chain technology, creating a risk of fraud or theft. One of the most significant advantages of using block chain technology for furniture purchases in the metaverse is its ability to create verifiable ownership. Block chain technology creates a permanent record of the transaction and ownership, ensuring that all parties involved can access this information whenever they wish. This creates a secure and decentralized way of managing virtual assets. It prevents the possibility of virtual assets being stolen, duplicated, or lost, and enables users to trade and sell virtual assets with the same security that is available to those trading real-world assets. In conclusion, block chain technology is transforming the way furniture purchases are made in the metaverse, creating a more secure, decentralized, and transparent way to transact. It offers users a range of advantages, including lower fees, secure transactions, and verifiable ownership. With the growing popularity of the metaverse, we can expect to see more users using block chain technology to purchase virtual goods, including furniture for virtual homes. As the world becomes increasingly digitized, it can be difficult for older adults to keep up with modern technology expectations. However, the benefits of staying current with technology are numerous, especially for older adults. It can help them live more independently, stay connected with loved ones, and even improve their cognitive health. It is important to acknowledge that adapting to modern technology can be daunting for anyone, regardless of their age. However, it is important to remember that there are resources available to help older adults learn and practice new technology skills. New age companies dedicated to the older adults as their audience, offer a variety of classes taught by knowledgeable peer instructors who can help older adults learn the ins and outs of modern technology. Additionally, many companies, organizations, and community centers offer courses and workshops to help older adults adapt to modern technology. Why do it now? One of the most important reasons for older adults to stay current with technology is the potential to live more independently. With the rise of telemedicine, for example, older adults can now receive medical care from the comfort of their own homes. This is particularly important for older adults who may have mobility issues or who live in rural areas without easy access to medical facilities. Additionally, many smart home devices, such as voice assistants and smart thermostats, can make daily tasks easier and more accessible for older adults. Another important benefit of staying current with technology is the ability to stay connected with loved ones. Social media platforms like Facebook and WhatsApp make it easy for older adults to stay in touch with family members and friends, regardless of distance. Video conferencing tools like Zoom and Skype also make it easy for older adults to meet with loved ones face-to-face, even if they can be in the same room. This is becoming increasingly important in India as people have children who move away and often times grand parenting is being done at a distance via technological devices. According to a report by the Pew Research Center, India population is aging rapidly, with the number of people aged 65 and older expected to triple by 2050. Additionally, India has one of the highest rates of diabetes in the world, with more than 77 million adults living with the disease. Modern technology can play a crucial role in helping older adults manage chronic conditions like diabetes, as well as helping them access medical care from remote areas. So, what are.

Some specific tools and resources that older adults in India can use to adapt to modern technology? Tools and resources to adapt to modern technology and benefit one aging process smartphones are becoming increasingly common in India, and they can be a powerful tool for older adults. With a smartphone, older adults can access a wide range of apps and services, from social media and messaging platforms to telemedicine and online shopping. Additionally, many smartphones now come with built-in accessibility features, such as larger text and voice control, that can make them easier for older adults to use. They also often come with emergency calling options or so features for if the owner falls or needs assistance. Plus if tracking features are activated by loved ones these can be great ways to keep track of an older loved one who may have cognitive issues and occasionally need assistance. Voice assistants like Amazon Alexa and Google Assistant can be a game-changer for older adults with mobility issues or vision impairments. With a voice assistant, older adults can control their smart home devices, access information, and even make phone calls without having to physically interact with a device. They can use these devices as speakers to play their favorite music or ask them questions about the weather or other facts. Plus, they can be used as alarms that remind people of appointments, to take medication, or remember other important information. Telemedicine has become increasingly popular in India, with many healthcare providers offering remote consultations and appointments. This can be particularly beneficial for older adults with chronic conditions who may have difficulty traveling to a doctor office. It is also helping to expand the reach and post-operative recovery services to people who live in more rural areas. Access to these services and optimizations is completely dependent on older adults being able to keep up with modern technology. Smart watches smart watches can be an excellent tool for older adults in India, as they offer a variety of features combined in one tool that can help them stay connected and live more independently. First and foremost, they offer health-tracking features, such as heart rate monitoring, sleep tracking, and activity tracking. These features can be particularly beneficial for older adults who want to monitor their health and fitness levels. For example, older adults with chronic conditions like diabetes or heart disease can use a smart watch to track their blood sugar levels or heart rate throughout the day, helping them manage their condition more effectively. Smart watches can also be used to set medication reminders, which can be particularly helpful for older adults who may have difficulty remembering to take their medications on time. Many smart watches also come with emergency alert features that can be used to quickly call for help in case of an emergency. For example, some smart watches allow users to call for help by holding down a button or tapping the screen multiple times. This can be particularly beneficial for older adults who live alone or who may be at a higher risk for falls or other accidents. Some smart watches can also be used for communication purposes, such as making and receiving phone calls and text messages. Many also offer navigation features, such as GPS tracking and turn-by-turn directions. This can be particularly helpful for older adults who may have difficulty navigating unfamiliar areas or who may be at a higher risk of getting lost. Online learning platforms there are a variety of online learning platforms available that can help older adults learn.

Has brought about has knocked the halo from the heads of NRI relatives and made it difficult, much more difficult, to hook yourself into the memories of those you rarely meet. Many commentaries have been written on the two wisdom works, one by Sage Vasishth containing the essence of his interaction with Prince Ram, and the other, by Sage Ashtavakra, answering questions posed to him by King Janak, the father of Sita. Both works are to be found in the Ramayan, and these contain valuable nuggets of deep insights that help one to come to grips with what is real and what is unreal. Since much is lost in translation, there are those authors who try to re-create verse, in effect, taking a bit of poetic license to interpret and present what the verse or text is trying to convey. And the newest among such contemporary attempts to time travel into the depths of mind is that by Shubhrangshu Roy, in his *Shadows of the Fragmented Moon* where he presents thoughts found in *Yog Vasishth* and *Ashtavakra Gita* in 108 poems. You enter a dream for the heck of it And know not the way to exit route From the world you brought alive In sleep, awake to desires manifest In the raging flame that consumes Your being stranded amidst embers Aglow, each spark ignites your mind Where the forest green will grow anew Once upon a time in the future past Luring the hunter once more In pursuit of the game you love. Titled *the Dreamer*, this is one among the many lyrical presentations that takes one down the transcendental path, throwing open the way to realms beyond, offering tantalising glimpses of treasures yet to be discovered. The *Yog Vasishth*, many feel, is quite dark in the opening chapters as it elaborates on the depressed state of mind experienced by the young Prince Ram who is uncertain of his present and of his future as king. Sage Vasishth, in an attempt to gently lead the way out of the gloom felt by the prince, successfully engages him in a series of questions and answers that serve to lighten the king's burden, somewhat, and show him the light. In the process, we, too, get glimpses of wonderfully expressed elaborations on subjects we dread most, like death. Writes Roy, In hopelessness is hidden The hope of life in death Of the wandering mind Running amok here to there. A common thread running through the works of both Vasishth and Ashtavakra is that of the need to maintain loving detachment. This is well articulated by Janak when he says, Infinite is, indeed, my wealth of which nothing is mine. If Mithila is burnt, nothing that is mine is burnt. That is to say, the true Self is infinite, boundless, all pervasive, formless, subtle and free. According to Ashtavakra, whether you are a king or a beggar, you shine only when you are unattached. A king, an administrator, a head of.

State, is expected to carry out his duties while remaining unattached, free of greed, free of roundedness. This is what makes a true leader. Service to all is another given, which is why MK Gandhi would often remark, President means chief servant. This not only means selfless service, it also means equanimity and humility that give no space for the ego. Young people in India are part of an education system that values academic achievement the most. Here are some evidence based interventions that can offer them a holistic learning experience. In India, several young people do not stay in school beyond the primary level. Those who leave the school system typically remain unemployed, whereas those who stay in the system display relatively poor learning outcomes. Although providing young people with a good education is an important goal for all countries, India is finding it particularly difficult to achieve this goal. Some of the barriers to its realisation arise from the fact that insufficient resources have been allocated to educational systems by the nation central and state governments. In addition, the resources being expended by government, parents, and students themselves are not being utilised effectively to obtain the best possible outcomes. Developing a good educational system that delivers on higher order goals, such as the encouragement of good attitudes and a sense of morality, justice, and optimism, is a challenging endeavor. In fact, it is entirely possible that traditional schooling systems take students away from such goals, even if they manage to successfully deliver reading, writing, and arithmetic skills. Additionally, non cognitive skills, which significantly complement and enhance the contribution of the more traditional cognitive skills, are often neglected. The most prominent non cognitive skills include openness to experience, conscientiousness, extraversion, agreeableness, and neuroticism. These skills have a strong ability to predict longer term outcomes in life and can be shaped through various tools and interventions. Educational interventions have primarily focused on the improvement of schools, whose success is measured by the scores obtained by their students in examinations. This narrow view assumes that achievement test scores are reflective of life skills, and fails to adequately consider the importance of non cognitive skills and how they can be developed over time. Addressing this urgent challenge on an Indian scale, which involves more than 500 million children and youth, requires a number of interventions both at the systemic level and at the level of children who are presently in school. Although systemic changes can only occur gradually, there are certain evidence based interventions that can be implemented today to improve the cognitive, non cognitive, and job readiness skills of young people. Policymakers and change agents will need to carefully continue exploring longer term solutions with the cognizance that the following interventions cannot be a substitute for structural reforms. Psychosocial stimulation in early childhood The provision of psychosocial stimulation physical, sensory, and or emotional input to young children can have a substantial impact later in their lives, especially when their parents are.

Mohammed Shami a good length in today cricket is a thing of uncertainty. Not to batsmen as it used to be, but to the bowlers. It can turn a bowler into a menace or a novice because batsmen practicing range-hitting find it easy to line-up length balls. There are few as good at it as those from the Caribbean. But, with a little bit of nip or some extra bounce from the surface, this batsmen-bowler dynamic can revert to the traditional. All it requires is a little patch of grass in the right position, or sometimes even a foot-mark or a crack. Little else about fast bowling is as intricately dependent on the nature of the pitch as a ball on a good length. Not the Yorker obviously, and not even the bouncer which requires more from the body than the turf. This zone was best exploited by the likes of Glenn McGrath, Vernon Philander, and Ryan Harris in the past. You can add Mohammed Shami to that list from those going around today. On Thursday, both Jason Holder and Kemar Roach showed early that there was something on this Old Trafford pitch in that area. Particularly running in from the Brian Statham end. Four of the five wickets the duo picked came from this end. Jasprit Bumrah would later pick up his first wicket (Braithwaite nicking behind), after changing over to the Statham end, and then one more next ball (Fabian Allen LBW by one nipping in). It was from this end that Shami launched India s attack and he did it take long to find his spot. It was in the quintessential Shami zone, where his real threat comes through. His upright seam is most useful when there is help off that length, breaking the ball in or out. The skids pace gets exaggerated with the batsman unsure how to line the ball up. The line when just outside off threatens edges, stumps, pads and more. In his first over, Shami had Gayle edging one inside and then beat him on the outside. Then, he had go on to have Sunil Ambries playing off the inside half of his bat, hit him on the thigh and generally make him look all at sea. It was also from this end that Shia Hope creamed a boundary off that Shami length. Typically such a shot would have received a bouncer riposte. The bowler can then claim to have the morale upper ground. But at Old Trafford, Shami could afford to go one better. He proceeded to bowl fuller than the 6-8m lengths that he was targeting. It resulted too in what could be arguably (Holder did something similar with KL Rahul) the ball of the day the seam upright, the ball pitching and breaking in sharply to go between bat and pad and onto the top of the stumps. Shami as other wicket in his first spell of 05-00-15-02 had come with him shifting the length other way the around.

Plan to Gayle, he revealed, was simple. The one thing that I thought was that if I don't allow him to open his arms, then it will be good because at some stage, he will go for it. Job done this was not a hat-trick that would make the headlines, but it had given India exactly what they want from Shami, to strike in the power play, and allow the spinners some breathing space before they come into the game. That magic he produces from the length to get the ball to move off the seam, does not come easy, even for Shami. It is a long procedure, a lot of hard work is required and then the results will come, said Shami after the game. I always concentrate on keeping the seam upright, so that off the pitch it can cut. And you could see that today. I always prefer to use the new ball in the nets also. I keep practicing and try to notice if the ball is going in or out. You saw since the morning, the ball was seaming and cutting and there was not proper bounce. One thing was to keep focusing on your line and length. Also trained to offer such stimulation to them. For instance, a study conducted in Cuttack, Orissa, analyses the impact of 18 months of weekly hour long home visits with slum dwelling children and their primary caregivers usually the mother. These visits sought to increase and enhance interactions between the children and their mothers, and the mother ability to promote her children development through play. The intervention was found to improve the development of these young children in urban slums. However, the effective scaling of such programmes requires further consideration, as changes made to the intervention model in order to scale it may impact its effectiveness. Behavior self-regulation in early childhood If young children, ideally in school settings at the first grade level, are explicitly taught how to regulate their own and their classmates behavior through simple, structured team games, it can have a significant impact on a number of their behaviors well into adulthood. The PAX Good Behavior Game is an example of one such exercise that teaches children to self regulate when excited. Over the long term, the self-regulatory ability fostered through such exercises impacts behaviors such as drug and alcohol abuse, smoking, antisocial personality disorder, and suicidal ideation and suicide attempts. Training teachers to address adverse childhood experiences Teachers need to be trained to be aware that a difficult child may actually be a victim of one or more adverse childhood experiences. They also need training in addressing such behaviors. First, they must recognise if a child is going into survival mode, and respond in a kind, compassionate way. Asking What happening here rather than What wrong with this child can trigger a mental switch that will help identify when a student is displaying a fear response, which can take many forms. Second it.

Is important to create calm, predictable transitions in the classroom for all children. Building a routine around transitions can help the children understand what the transition is going to look like, what they are supposed to be doing, and what next. Third, praising all children publicly and criticising them privately ensures sensitivity towards those who have experienced complex trauma. Lastly, using mindfulness practice in the class for all children can be beneficial, as it helps to counteract the impact of trauma. Training teachers to offer personal safety education PSE to children Child sexual abuse is a critical issue, and a broader systemic response to it requires going beyond the school, involving parents more closely in its prevention, and engaging with broader societal issues. However, offering PSE to children has been shown to reduce the likelihood of them becoming victims of sexual abuse. Arpan, a Mumbai based nonprofit, offers and provides training on PSE programmers, having already developed such programmers for schools and parents. Additionally, Arpan has created a detailed set of guidelines on the steps to be taken during individual interactions between children and PSE facilitators and recommendations on how to address the issue of child sexual abuse disclosure at the level of school policy. Teaching children at the right level Grouping school age children, even for short periods, by learning levels rather than by age or school grade and providing them with short bursts of focused exposure in areas where they need remediation can have a significant impact on their learning levels. Substantial formal evidence for this approach can be found in the joint work conducted by Parham and the Poverty Action Lab at MIT. A version of this approach was implemented in Uttar Pradesh and administered by Parham volunteers and staff during school hours. It involved grouping children from grades 3 5 according to their ability and teaching them Hindi and mathematics. Before the intervention commenced, 39 percent of the children could not recognise letters and only 15 percent of them could read a paragraph or story. After the provision of the intervention, only 8 percent could not recognise letters and 49 percent could read a paragraph or story. The curriculum development for such a programmer can potentially be taken up by specialised groups such as Eklavya for mathematics and science and Parham for specially designed mathematical games. Teaching through questions An adaptive question and answer based method is generally understood to be an effective way for students to learn. This especially works in the presence of good teachers and small class sizes, where the teacher is able to work with each student at their own learning level in each subject. However, in India, it is not feasible to offer every student in a traditional classroom setting the same degree of individual attention. Therefore, a computer assisted learning approach, which utilises artificial intelligence to offer highly personalised after school instruction to children, could be an alternative worth exploring. This approach was found to improve the Hindi and mathematics.

Test scores of middle school students who were provided access to it, and its effects did not vary by the students baseline test scores, gender, or household socio economic status. Addressing opportunity youth India has approximately 225 million individuals between the ages of 16 and 24, of whom approximately 187.5 million are not in any educational institution. Approximately 42 million of such youth are not employed either and can be categorised as opportunity youth. Existing evidence suggests that the most promising path is to provide such groups with programmes that offer mentoring, guidance, and information. These programmes should be workplace based, enabling the acquisition of work relevant skills and providing disadvantaged youth with the guidance and discipline that may often be missing in their homes or schools. In the Indian context, a programme that offered additional on the job soft skills training to female garment workers in Bangalore found that it increased their extraversion and communication and facilitated the improvement of their technical skills. Additionally, the apprenticeship programme provided by the Team Lease Skills University in partnership with the Confederation of Indian Industry and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship provides work relevant skills in an actual workplace, thereby developing non cognitive skills as well. Each of the above interventions has various local examples of models that have been implemented at scale and rigorously evaluated. Indian policymakers and policy entrepreneurs can learn from these in order to tackle the challenge of providing holistic learning to the nation youth. The pandemic revealed the magnitude of rural to urban migration in India and the plight of migrant workers. Here how nonprofits can ensure their safety and inclusion. The onset of the Covid 19 pandemic and the subsequent national lockdown in March 2020 illuminated the immensity of rural to urban migration in India and the true plight of migrant workers and their families. Migration for work has been a major coping strategy for the socially and economically disadvantaged communities from rural India. What we have seen through our work with migrants is that development as a result of migration can impact the social and economic landscape of the region. Remittances contribute significantly to the resilience of rural India, benefitting not only the households that receive them, but also the entire village economy. The quality of life improves, private investments in human development through better education and healthcare multiply, productive resources find better use and increased yields, and so on. Moreover, such growth has the potential to be sustainable. However, it is necessary to distinguish between distress migration and opportunistic migration. What differentiates the two is the level of control that the migrant has over the decision to migrate. A study on migration in climate sensitive areas also differentiated between migration for coping and migration for adaptation in other words, migration out of distress and migration for growth. Since 2019, the Centre for Migration and Inclusive Development CMID and Gram Visas have been working together to facilitate safe and dignified migration from the.

State of Odessa as part of this work, between 2019 and 2021, we conducted four independent empirical studies to estimate the monthly remittances received by households in select districts in Odessa prior to the national lockdown. These monthly remittances were sizeable, estimated to be INR 124 crore in Ganjam, INR 37 crore in Kalahandi, INR 15 crore in Gajapati, and INR 16 crore in Kandhamal. In the Thuamul Rampur block of Kalahandi district, the migrant remittances of INR 30 crore per year are equal to what the government spends under various rural development programmers. The studies also revealed that most workers would prefer not to migrate if they could receive a regular monthly income of INR 10,000 12,000 from work at their native places. However, given the low levels of economic activity, this does not appear to be feasible in most parts of rural India in the immediate future. Moreover, emerging challenges such as climate change are likely to push more people to seek livelihoods elsewhere. Although migrants form the backbone of India bustling metropolitans and migration enables workers from rural regions to tide over their immediate crises, it comes at a cost to migrants and their households. While government policies provide an enabling environment, most of them have not made a substantial difference in the lived experience of migrants. For example, the Interstate Migrant Workmen Regulation Act 1979 mandates licences for contractors and registration for establishments for engaging workers outside their native states and offers several welfare measures for workers; these measures include a displacement allowance, journey allowance, wages equivalent to that of native workers, and wages without gender differentials. However, it has been of little use to migrant workers. Factors such as limited human resources within the department of labour at the receiving regions, poor enforcement of regulations, corruption, limited interventions by CSOs and trade unions, a lack of awareness, and the inability of migrant workers to negotiate for their rights are responsible for the same. Engaged as informal employees, these workers do not benefit from the employees state insurance or provident fund facilities either. Although the One Nation One Ration Card ONORC scheme offers portability ability to access rations in any state in the country, it has not yet substantially helped migrant workers obtain rations in their work locations. Just as with most schemes, there has not been a substantial demand creation initiative, resulting in poor awareness among the potential beneficiaries. In most Indian states, the ration cards are not for individuals, but for households, which complicates matters. Even though the ration can be split between source and destination under ONORC, such sensitisation has not happened on a large scale. Given that migration is likely to increase and that there are still many gaps when it comes to policy implementation, there is a clear role for nonprofit organisations to play in ensuring that the migration experience of families is safe, dignified, and inclusive. Based on our experiences of working on these issues through the pandemic we have.

Delineated a few key steps that nonprofits can take when working with migrants. Interventions along the source destination corridor The corridor approach is cognisant of the entire process and experience of migration from the source to the destination, which helps identify the opportunities and challenges faced by the migrating worker, their family, and the larger community in both contexts. Interventions that cover both source and destination regions have a larger impact compared to interventions that cover only one of them. The corridor approach helps facilitate interstate coordination and seamless access to services for the workers and their family members. This works well when an organisation has a presence at both the source and destination regions or through collaborations between organisations at the source and destination areas. For example, Aajeevika Bureau a nonprofit that works in Rajasthan, Surat, Ahmedabad, and Mumbai is able to cater to workers who move from rural Rajasthan to destinations such as Udaipur, Ahmedabad, or Mumbai. Gram Visas and CMID have been working together on a source destination safe migration programmer. When workers from Odessa Kalahandi district were unable to return to Kerala for work, Gram Visas was able to bring migrants from different villages together and obtain travel insurances for them. On being informed about the migrants needs by Gram Visas, CMID identified potential formal employment opportunities for the workers who were arriving. It also provided a vehicle for their travel from Odessa to Kerala, and the workers were tested for COVID 19 on arrival. Additionally, the workers were provided the requisite support to open bank accounts. If there was ever a grievance, it was addressed through synergistic efforts. Build the programmer on evidence Evidence informed interventions can substantially improve the programmer response by ensuring better target efficiency and impact. In source areas, understanding the level of migration, differential migration rates by ethnicity, and the expectations of the workers can facilitate the construction of interventions. For example, research by Gram Visas and CMID revealed that most workers from Kalahandi and Kandhamal move to Kerala, whereas workers from Ganjam primarily move to Surat. Such information can help organisations in source areas to explore collaborations at the respective destinations for the welfare of the workers who move from these areas. At the destinations, being informed about the profile of the migrant workers can help in designing effective strategies to reach out to them. For example, information, education, and communication materials in print media will not benefit workers who are illiterate. However, voice messages in their mother tongue can reach such target groups. In Kerala Ernakulum district, workers from West Bengal constitute 40 percent of all migrant workers, those from Assam and Tamil Nadu constitute 20 percent each, and 12 percent of them are from Odessa. This information is pivotal for recruiting outreach workers and selecting an appropriate language to ensure effective communication with these populations. Build cross cutting partnerships Public private partnerships have a crucial role in ensuring the welfare of migrant workers. The benefits of such partnerships.

Is positive thinking an inherent characteristic of a person or can it be developed in one psyche?. The opinions differ in answering this vital question. Some people believe that it can be inherited from parents, and cannot be developed. Others believe that like other qualities it can be developed with proper practice and guidance. Still some others hold the opinion that it is hereditary to some extent but can be acquired to some degree. There is also a section of people, who believe that all depends on circumstances or luck. We need to adopt a scientific approach to find an answer to the above question. No one can get success every time even after making efforts, nor can one fail constantly. Moreover, success has different meaning for different people. For some students, getting 60 per cent marks is success, for others it may not be sufficient. In a competitive examination, success means getting selected, whatever the percentage of marks. As for inheritance theory, since positive attitude is not a physical feature but a mental faculty, it cannot be purely hereditary. It can be developed. Moreover, parents play a major role in developing this quality of a child. A child, who watches his parents working hard, having faith in success through their words, behaviour and body language, is likely to develop a similar attitude. The children of short tempered, over cautious and nervous parents may assume similar characteristics when they grow up. Psychologists, therefore, prescribe a code of conduct for parent behaviour in front of their children. They must exude confidence, self belief and hope, especially in difficult situation, so that the children emulate these qualities. They must be taught the importance of being positive before, during and after the performance of a task. There is no better education for a child than watching his parents come out of a tough situation by means of earnest endeavours. Such success not only gives more joy but also increases self confidence. Are especially evident when looking at healthcare for migrant workers in destination locations. The outpatient services at public health centers generally function during the migrants working hours, which makes it difficult for them to obtain free healthcare without losing the day wages. This forces them to obtain medicines over the counter from pharmacies after work hours. Often, these pharmacies provide medicine to such migrants without a diagnosis. Thus, a worker with tuberculosis may receive a cough syrup instead of referral for a sputum test that would lead to a TB diagnosis and appropriate treatment. While CMID had the expertise in public health and the flexibility to work at a time convenient to migrant workers, it did not have the financial resources to operate a mobile clinic. Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited MRPL a public sector enterprise offered CMID the funds to buy and customise a vehicle to be operated as a mobile clinic. Wipro Limited supported the operational expenditure for the mobile clinic under its CSR initiative; the expenditure included cost of.

Human resources, medicines and consumables, and fuel for the vehicle. The National Health Mission NHM oversaw the technical aspects of the programmer implementation, in addition to providing any available medicines and consumables. The NHM also facilitated linkages with public health institutions across Ernakulum to manage cases that required referral services follow ups. This enabled CMID to operate the Bandhu Clinic a mobile clinic that provided free primary healthcare to workers post their working hours. The clinic catered to more than 40,000 migrant workers across several brick kilns, fishing harbors, plywood factories, fish processing units, industrial clusters, residential areas of footloose labour, and marketplaces in Ernakulum. The mobile clinics also helped the administration provide more than 70,000 migrant workers with access to COVID 19 vaccines. Build customised facilitation mechanisms Resource centers are of immense utility at the source as well as destination areas. In source areas, these centers can help potential migrants in the migration decision making process and enable access to decent jobs by providing information about job opportunities and requirements. They can help workers plan their travel, book tickets, and obtain necessary documents such as COVID 19 vaccination certificates. They can also help with opening bank accounts and coordinate with local administrations to enable migrant workers to avail social security measures. Gram Visas operates a resource centre called Shramik Bandhu Seva Kendra near the Berhampur Railway Station in Ganjam district. A significant number of workers travel to various destinations within and beyond India from this station. The centre provides transit facilities to workers as they go to their workplaces or return home. In the Thuamul Rampur block of Kalahandi district and the Daringbadi block of Kandhamal district, a network of such centers provides access to information and documentation services to workers from remote villages. These centers have helped family members trace missing workers, secured release of workers who were forcefully detained by employers at the destination, and facilitated the return of the bodies of migrant workers who died away from home. Destination level resource centers help workers enroll in various social welfare schemes, document and file grievances with government departments, and follow up to ensure such grievances are resolved. Opening bank accounts, facilitating the admission of children in Anganwadi and schools, enrolling workers for vaccinations, and helping workers find a job or access legal aid are among the other services migrants can avail from resource centers at their destinations. It is important to recognise that the migrant worker is not the only stakeholder in the migration process; the kin who stay behind are equally important. Their needs and challenges are always multidimensional, and so should be the resources that are built to support them. This requires working across multiple thematic areas and bringing together a diverse group of agencies. Panchayati Raj institutions, government departments, and services providers such as financial institutions, travel facilitators, skilling institutions, recruitment agencies, and resource centers for migrants are critical players at the source level. At the destination level, employers, industry associations, trade unions media.

New technology skills; the burden to teach these skills do not have to fall on children or grandchildren. Instead, older adults can be empowered to learn with their peers. In addition to these specific tools and resources, it important for older adults to prioritize staying current with technology. This may mean setting aside time each day to practice using a new app or device or attending a workshop or course to learn new skills. By making a conscious effort to adapt to modern technology, older adults can reap the many benefits that come with staying connected and independent. As India population continues to age, it more important than ever for older adults to embrace the potential of modern technology. The niche players in India electric vehicle eve charging infrastructure space can contribute immensely to the future expansion of the nationwide after-sales and spare parts network. An evolving eve ecosystem requires a steady growth of original equipment maker poems for manufacturing eves in India and developing charging infrastructure. Notably, policymakers at the center and state governments have encouraged such firms in manufacturing and research and development red. Such support catalyzes poems to expand eve charging infrastructure and gives customers the confidence to switch from hybrid to eves. By 2030, the country is forecasted to be home to 102 million eves, with 2.9 million public charging stations needed to accommodate the growing eve adoption, reports pig. Making this happen will not be easy, especially when there is an apparent demand for certain type of vehicles that seems to attract more customers than others in the eve category. India charging infrastructure demands are unique, considering that the vehicle mix is dominated by 2ws and 3ws, as opposed to 4ws across the rest of the world. Further, many eve users have limited access to private charging, and a robust public charging infrastructure would be critical to enable widespread eve adoption across India, states the pig report. Nitti analog and many private reports have pointed this out. Nitti analog report states that 79% of the eve addition is from the three-wheeler segment, followed by two-wheelers 17% ; the four-wheeler segment contributes only 3% towards the overall eves on the road. According to the report released by Bain & company, the 4w electric passenger vehicles pave segment, which includes passenger cars, utility vehicles, and multipurpose vans, is expected to fall behind the adoption curve. This segment is still expected to account for 15-20 percent of total 4w pave sales by the end of this decade. The value chain understanding the value chain network that provides a multispectral and multistakeholder perspective is key to achieving the objective of more eves on Indian roads. Many firms are committed to working directly with the suppliers supporting this complex value chain. This includes systems integrators and module manufacturers and extends to integrated device manufacturers, cable and connector companies, and display manufacturers. The total cost of ownership taco is likely to reduce if the value chain can deliver, assuring that growing demand will not be constrained by the supply of equipment, spare parts, red investments and availability of adequate human resources. Various reports on this sector suggest; currently, there are only 1,742 charging stations in the country. It will likely increase to 100,000 units by 2027. It has to be if the estimated 1.4 million eves will be on the roads by then. Research by the world economic forum to study India eve value chain framework divided it into three categories: electric vehicles, eve charging, and the.

Surrounding network. It highlights the areas of improvement in the value chain, and one of them is the significant role that poems have played till now in many geographies, including India and how better they can be molded to help hasten eve adoption. Firms that continue to work to find solutions to lower systems costs and improve range, charging time, and battery life via electronic modules and semiconductor technologies can certainly help bring down the taco. The red and human resource a technology platform for electric mobility them set up by the Indian ministry of science and technology is working towards creating centers of excellence and testing facilities. It will be formed as an industry technology consortia to be led by automotive and component companies. Such initiatives are the cornerstone of any progressive nation and encourage innovation programs to support scientific research by academia and laboratories and support new product development by private entities. A firm that understands the electric vehicle infrastructure and can work seamlessly with charge point operators cops and electric vehicle supply equipment eves manufacturers and suppliers at the component, module and system level is a critical player. According to a report by the center for energy finance chef, India has a us\$2.9-billion opportunity for the deployment of charging infrastructure, us\$12.3 billion in battery manufacturing and us\$206 billion revenue opportunity from end-consumer. Such an opportunity is bound to have a multiplier effect on organized and unorganised employment that the eve sector can offer. The government thrust on new technologies at the university-level curriculum, especially electric-based motors, is promising. Early July last year, several Indian institutes of technology its, Indian institute of science disc, Bengaluru, launched new courses on eves and renewable energy, design for the internet of things iota, business and sustainable development through the national programmer on technology enhanced learning note, a joint initiative of its and disc. In 2019, iit-delhi set up a center for automotive research and tribology cart to promote interdisciplinary research in eves, energy storage and other relevant areas. Such a large pool of skilled human resources is an asset for players with plans and investments in the eve charging infrastructure. It is encouraging for the poems, with more than a dozen states in India spelling out their policies, incentives and support. Surrounding network. It highlights the areas of improvement in the value chain, and one of them is the significant role that poems have played till now in many geographies, including India and how better they can be molded to help hasten eve adoption. Firms that continue to work to find solutions to lower systems costs and improve range, charging time, and battery life via electronic modules and semiconductor technologies can certainly help bring down the taco. The red and human resource a technology platform for electric mobility them set up by the Indian ministry of science and technology is working towards creating centers of excellence and testing facilities. It will be formed as an industry technology consortia to be led by automotive and component companies. Such initiatives are the cornerstone of any progressive nation and encourage innovation programs to support scientific research by academia and laboratories and support new product development by private entities. A firm that understands the electric vehicle infrastructure and can work seamlessly with charge point operators cops and electric vehicle supply equipment eves manufacturers and suppliers at the component.

The weekend brought disturbing images of incessant rain in north Indian states, floods and landslides leaving behind a mud and sludge trail of destruction and debris. Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Delhi are seeing devastation caused by sudden and huge downpours, turning scenic landscapes into battered battlefields, inhabitants attempting to be resilient. The continuous downpours have shattered the relative peace and quiet of Himachal valleys. Rivers rage unrestrained engulfing communities and roadways. Communities that inhabit these areas, battered yet unbroken, face this treacherous situation with unshakable strength and compassion. The breadbasket of India, Punjab, is now a picture of soggy fields and crushed hopes. Farmers are in despair. Flooded housing societies in Chandigarh and Panchkula are yet another reminder something has gone terribly wrong somewhere. In Delhi transformation of streets into canals has disrupted the city everyday rhythm. Renowned for its adaptability, it tries to rise to the occasion, residents offering a helping hand and refuge to those forced out by their localities and houses getting flooded. Climate Change unleashes torrential fury the extreme weather is a sobering reminder of the need to address climate change and its wide-ranging effects. Heavy downpour events have become more frequent and intense over the past several years. There will be more severe downpours and longer showers because the atmosphere will store more moisture due to the rise in Earth temperature caused by greenhouse gas emissions reports have made it amply clear, showing evidence of a warmer climate leading to these extreme weather events. These extreme precipitation events impact communities, particularly those that are marginalised in our society, and they often are at the receiving ends of devastating floods, landslides, and other forms of destruction caused by a rapidly changing climate. It is a stark warning that urgent action is necessary to stop the causes of climate change, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and prepare for the new normal of more regular and severe downpours. The direct cause of the severe rainfall event that hit the states of northern India may have been a tangle of meteorological factors and large-scale weather patterns. One crucial factor is that a low-pressure system is present over the region. These systems operate as catalysts for forming large rain clouds, which can lead to extended periods of very heavy rain. Another important factor is monsoon humidity due to a warmer climate and its interaction with weather systems such as cyclones, fronts, and atmospheric turbulence. The interaction of these systems with the moist winds of the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal creates ideal conditions for heavy rainfall. North Indian states are particularly susceptible to monsoons due to their geography and location. The Himalayas force the moist air to rise and condense as a barrier, resulting in more precipitation. Additionally, river systems and tributaries in the region can exacerbate flooding problems during heavy rains. Mitigating rainfall risks: Strengthening resilience The following steps can be taken to mitigate and minimise the effects of extreme rainfall in north Indian states: First, early warning systems must be strengthened by expanding communication channels and weather forecasts to share information with residents and authorities as quickly as possible. Community-based early warning systems must be developed to ensure effective information flow and preparedness. Second, we must invest in reliable infrastructure that includes measures to minimise flooding, such as creating and maintaining proper drainage.

And even the receiving society have a part to play. A Patna high court judge has been giving government officials a dressing down for appearing before him in workaday casual attire he believes does not conform to the court dress code. Going by the video clips circulating online, the officials are dressed in a regular shirt and slacks; the judge would have them in formal jacket with closed collar. On the matter of formal informal attire in India, there are two schools of thought one that believes, formal official occasions demand formal dressing, which is often heavy and over the top. The other line of thinking, to which I subscribe, is that we need to dump these foreign driven, colonial hangover dress codes, which are not consonant both with our weather and our culture and heritage. I've essayed my 0.02 or char Anna on this before. It is summer in India, and lashing out at officials for wearing light clothes, which are not in any way disrespectful, seems over the top. Would the judge have had a meltdown if the officials had appeared in a cool white dhoti and karat. It would seem so judging by his fury. For that matter, the dress code in our courts itself black robes black jackets for one needs to be trashed. Some years ago, I made the following observation when Nawaz Sharif, at that time Pakistan prime minister, landed in 40 degrees C 100 degrees F New Delhi heat wearing a heavy suit and a necktie. I think the bands can really learn from the Asian bays in dressing down a bit; at least dressing a little lightly. At one of the Asian gigs, they had everyone wearing the Javanese Kat shirts yes, even MMS. Our weather at this time of the year demands a cool white dhoti with full air conditioning and a cool white karat. I hope PM Modi takes the sartorial lead here. My recollection is Sri Lankan leaders dress way cooler. I remember meeting J R Jayewardene wearing a cool white dhoti. Another time, I appreciated Prime Minister Modi wearing a dhoti for a meeting with President Xi Japing in Tamil Nadu. As I noted several years ago in this post, formal does not have to be heavy. Expecting officials to wear jacket tie etc. when temperatures across North India are 40 degrees plus defies common sense. From the archives Choke the necktie; untied we should stand Now that the convocation gown has been stripped of its hallowed status by one of our most prominent public figures, perhaps it time to examine our mindless adoption of another relic of western dress code. It the necktie, that suffocating hangover from our colonial past. At least one has to suffer or enjoy, as some do academic regalia only once or twice in life, typically on graduation day. And there a certain joy in throwing the mortarboard which is what the square academic cap is called in the air, symbolizing freedom.

From the rigors of academia. But whoever swore allegiance to the necktie in a country where average summer temperatures are 38 degrees plus deserves to choke. Of course, necktie aficionados, who are a legion judging from reports that India is now the world second largest manufacturer of the accessory, will essay a strangled cry. The tie, they will protest, is as much part of western attire as pants and shirts, and has the latter been absorbed into the Indian wardrobe Neckties, one industry flack recently argued, echoing fans such as Oscar Wilde and A E Housman, is a sophisticated means of self expression and because it serves no practical purpose, it reflects the personality of the wearer. But this can apply to pretty much any accessory like headgear, for instance with the added advantage of serving a practical purpose. In fact, in a country where the sun beats down on us for much of the year, headgear makes more sense than neckties, which is why we have a rich, indigenous legacy of the most colorful and elaborates purees, topes, turbans and caps anywhere in the world. The story goes that the necktie, which is a descendant of the cravat, came from the Croats hence cravat, although there are claims of Turkish, Hungarian and even Chinese origin. But Indian it is not. It has been handed down to us by foreign hands. That it is an imported accessory is evident from the fact that we had to invent a term to describe it Kant langot, a robe for the neck. Kid you not. While one can understand an occasional shot at the tie full disclosure I last bought a commemorative tie in the Parliament House gift shop in New Delhi for use on special occasions in the US, where neckwear can be helpful in winter, what explains our devotion to this item all year long You see television anchors, even newscasters in regional languages, sporting it all the time; and no self respecting corporate honcho will be tie less not even in the most humid, stifling weather our metropolises are famous for. Mercifully, our political class has long forsaken it, although baking in a band gala in peak summer can be much pleasure. Does formal have to be heavy In fact, while sartorial masochists are suffocating themselves with a slavish fetish for the necktie, many countries are starting to get rid of this largely decorative item. The Japanese government some years back launched a no jacket, no tie campaign to cut down on air conditioning. The Iranians dumped it a long time back as a decadent symbol of western oppression; their friends the Israelis have also rejected it as impractical and unnecessary. Even in the US, neckties are in terminal decline. What was once a 1 billion industry in the mid 90s is down to only around 400 million? On the west coast, tech companies such as Microsoft, Google, Apple and Amazon encourage casual dressing. It helps, they have warmer weather.

Stretching specific tendon or muscle can improve the elasticity of muscles, which in turn helps in achieving a comfortable muscle tone. There are several benefits of regular stretching, and it should be an integral part of every workout program. It not only helps increase your flexibility, which is an important part of fitness, but it can also improve your posture, body aches, reduce stress, and much more. One of the benefits of regular stretching is that it enhances flexibility. Being flexible has its own advantages, as it not only improves your day to day activities, but can also help delay the reduced mobility that comes with aging. Stretching on a regular basis can help increase your range of motion. You can either go for static or dynamic stretching as they both are effective when it comes to the increasing range of motion. According to the studies, proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation or PNF type of stretching is more effective for immediate results. Regular stretching can not only help heal an existing back injury but can also prevent future back pain by reducing your risk for muscle strain and strengthening your back muscles. All the people who regularly go to the gym know how helpful stretching can be. Performing dynamic stretches prior to exercise in the gym can help prepare your muscles. Not the only gym, but it can also help you improve your performance in dance or an athletic event. It is only natural that your muscles get tense when you experience physical or emotional stress. This is because the tightening of your muscles is the response of the body towards stress. All you need to do is focus on the areas of your body where you feel the stress, such as your neck, shoulders, etc. and stretch those parts of your body. But even on the east coast, casual Fridays are now the norm, trending towards only formal Mondays. A 2007 report showed that 67 percent of men in the US don't wear ties to work. Just how steep is the fall The Men Dress Furnishings Association, which represented American tie makers for more than 60 years, shut down its office couple of years ago. And more recently, a tie fan who cranked up a website neckofstate.com to monitor Obama neckwear he counted 24 different ties in the President first hundred days has had an update since September 2009, as Obama himself has increasingly taken to tie less appearances on many occasions. It all over for the tie, folks; just let it die. Iodine fortification is what most countries rely on to encourage adequate dietary intake. In more than seventy countries that iodize salt generally serves as the major source of iodine intake. One fourth of a teaspoon of iodized salts has about hundred micrograms of iodine. Note that the salt used in processed foods, which is the major source of salt for most Americans typically does not contain iodine. If salt used in a processed food contains iodine it will.

Be listed in the ingredients list of that food. Focus on decreasing the amount of salt consumed from processed food and get your sodium from iodized salt. Seaweed, saltwater fish and seafood are natural sources of dietary iodine. Dairy products also supply iodine in the diet at varying levels. During lactation, the breast concentrates iodine in milk so breast milk tends to be a good source of iodine as long as the iodine intake of a mother is adequate. Plants grown in iodine rich soil are also good sources. However, this is not a reliable source of iodine since there is no way of knowing whether produce purchased in grocery stores is grown in iodine rich soil or not. Iodized salt usually adds less than about three hundred micrograms iodine daily to the diet. Most multivitamin mineral supplements contain 150 micrograms of iodine. With the safe upper limit of daily iodine intake for adults set at 1100 micrograms by the IOM it is unlikely to hit an excess amount when including a multivitamin and including natural sources of dietary iodine. The trend of eating less table salt, dairy and bread has some experts concerned that iodine deficiency could be on the rise again. Eating a healthy, balanced diet that includes iodine rich foods and iodized salt is key to good health. The should aim to set out a coherent approach to India space security interests and outlines measures to make the country more resilient to the risk of disruption to space services and capabilities, enhance our national security interests through space, promote a safe and more secure space environment and enable industry, academia and defense to exploit science and grasp commercial opportunities as well as obtain defense spin offs with a larger view of balancing the asymmetry with potential adversaries. Israel has virtually all existing satellite based multinational disaster management initiatives such as the International Charter, Space and Major Disasters depending upon the ability of the signatories to engage in the rapid tasking of their respective surveillance satellites. In other words, quickly altering the flight patterns of the surveillance satellites in question so they zoom right over a disaster zone is essential to the success of the mission at hand. This could be seen by some as a sensitive undertaking with obvious dual use possibilities. And that ISRO and Japanese Space Agency to have been given the green light to develop in this instance implies that the Indian Army should chip in and increase inter actions with the SDF and build a mutually satisfying defense architecture for joint projects in this nascent field. This can then pave the way for building an Asian military surveillance and space response system, which can also include countries like Japan, Israel already discussed, South Korea, Vietnam and other countries etc. The basic theme has to ensure securing a peaceful Asia and advantage India. This will allow fructification of the Regional Information Grid concept like the US GIG concept. This necessitates study of threats in space.

New national security space functional relationships this new organizational structure for national space system development makes it potentially more responsive to the needs of all the services. Key to the new organization is the designation of a new joint architect of space assets model Assam profiles for various contingencies. The army space board should become the steering force and that the existing army space cell is upgraded to army space management agency same co located with the mob directorate. The works jointly with the integrated space agency upgraded from disc at the ids. There is a requirement of an army space joint organization which works under the special space joint procurement organization, who in turn works in coordination with the national space acquisition organization nasal, which should lead the overall national space budgeting resulting in dual use applications and cost effectiveness. A key to the new channels and organization is that all space requirements will go through a joint process at the services and the national level. This new organization affords the potential to eliminate the duplication and conflicts resulting from two separate organizations responsible for complementary but not independent space systems. It should also aid in the transition of emphasis of national assets from strategic support of the top leadership of the government to tactical support of the army. Inter services rivalry need for a unified space command at the heart of this discord lays the fact that today Indian space capabilities within the armed forces remain outside the Indian air force if sense of identity. Historically, even the us military had undergone and experienced turf war amongst services for unilateral control of space assets by the us air force. However, this proved futile and counterproductive. The raising of us unified space command in 1985 was vindication of jointers philosophy. The American experience of the futile inter services rivalry and parochial vision on matters of effectively harnessing and exploiting space capabilities for national security need not be repeated by the Indian armed forces. There should be a top down legislative executive order to enable jointers. More often than not, we have a few nagging doubts about the efficacy of the new system especially at inception or formative stage. The vital reasons for having joint capabilities in matters of space in the Indian context are discussed in succeeding paragraphs. More land centric conflict. In India case the area of conflict is more land centric and not Trans ocean or intercontinental like that in the case of the use. This analogy therefore makes it mandatory that space power projection in India case should also have a direct effect on land operations, islands and sea lanes. This necessitates joint air land sea operations dictating the requirement of Indian unified space command dusk and joint space management center jam wearing a joint operational picture, whenever it is raised. Cost effective approach. The us experience needs to be minutely examined for a rational and cost effective approach which is joint in nature. For instance.

A transponder or a satellite dedicated to a specific service only is a waste of effort, as there is enough capacity for utilization by the other services too. As single window interface with sir dos. The way ahead in our case is to synchronize the requirements of the services at the ids so as to economize the scarce resources in space and avoid duplication. Thus, there is a necessity of having a single window system with sir for planning our space based capabilities. It is with this spirit, that the integrated space cell disc at the ids was formed in 2005 under the guidance of the author to give a joint vision policy and plans to enable a cohesive and coherent growth of our space capabilities. D disc today needs to be upgraded to the proposed joint space management center jam with enlarged scope, infrastructure, and charter of duties. E Indian unified space command dusk see proposed organizational tree as given at the bottom. The dusk should be raised at least by 2025 2027 the air force claim of an aerospace command under the air force is unjustified and will only further disjoin the three services. The dusk when raised should be the apex operational component of military space assets under the strategic forces command sec, only for operational functions. However, for training and development, it should function the multibillion investment being made in commercial space systems world over can be a windfall to financially strapped military users. The tailoring of these commercial systems to military use and the selection of the best of breed represent a significant challenge, which needs to be exploited in mil space applications to the nasal. Multiple spectra of approaches need to be evaluated, ranging from straight leasing to designing architecture for defense needs. Army thus should earmark some officers for space application type courses as available in the country and if possible, even in the world. The army can draw alliances with friendly countries, for instance Israel. With Israel the cooperation could be in a variety of areas with India, especially the sharing of launch capability and launch sites to overcome geographical constraints along with providing mutual backup of assets and a combined asset base among allies as well as the sharing of space situational awareness. This is possible because all space assets in the polar orbit actually operate globally and have access to the entire surface of the earth. Thus India Israel cooperation in the mil space arena can touch new heights, where India can achieve near real time combat situational awareness net case of less than an hour, as envisioned by Israel in their ongoing effort. The data can be passed in a secured way to an losco for further dissemination to the concerned service user. Similarly, India use partnership in space is expanding very fast and also the India France mission to Venus has lot of significance. The following issues need reconsideration. To enable obtaining near real time imageries, a specially.

Trained imagery analysis team from the army may be deployed. The data can be passed on line to the imagery processes sing center, recently inaugurated at Bangalore and then relayed to the depict losco whenever raised. This capability of scanning such a vast area can help Indian defense planners in monitoring Chinese activities and perform various military missions during a conflict in the large geographic area of the north east. After signing of the India use foundational agreements on information, India has to ensure that it obtains real time 12 figure grid references of targets on the china border for real time precession engagements of Chinese military assets. The sips should clearly spell out the need for joint Indian unified space command dusk rather than an air force specific command. The command should be placed under the ids cod with linkage to the services and the sec to create the optimum pace power matrix. See diagram below dismissing reports claiming that the finance ministry and the reserve bank of India were planning to introduce the faces of renowned Indian personalities, such as Rabindranath Tagore and apt Abdul Kalama on banknotes of various denominations, rib recently released a statement claiming there is no proposal to replace the face of the mahatma with anyone else on currency notes. Recently, rib had to issue a clarification when reports in a section of media suggested that the finance ministry and rib were mulling the use watermark figures of gourde Rabindranath Tagore and apt Abdul Kalama on a series of banknotes. The reports also added that the samples were sent to kit Delhi emeritus professor deli the shamanic, which was told to choose from the two sets and present them for final consideration by the government. If there is any truth in the veracity of the claim, India will be following the footsteps of the us where portraits of founding fathers such as George Washington, Benjamin franklin, Thomas Jefferson, as well as president Abraham Lincoln appear in different dollar denominations, depicting famous people and personalities on currencies is not only considered to be a mark of respect to them, it also makes us aware of the significant role they have played in shaping our country. Today, adding the watermark of a personality to a currency note has its pitfalls. To begin, there will be a spat on who deserves to be on the banknote, say experts. However, with what is the mahatma monopoly, the scales have always tilted in his favor. Perhaps this is also one of the biggest reasons why many streets, universities, colleges, schools, buildings and parks are named after Mahatma Gandhi they have not faced the winds of change of political fisticuffs, and even managed to hold ground till date. In fact, Mahatma Gandhi road or mg road in short, is one of the most used road names in India be it across towns and metropolitan cities. So, it is with the Gandhi statue. Every state across the length and breadth of.

India has a Badu statue. So, the debate on the watermark already seems to have a foregone conclusion. Celebrated as the father of the nation since the freedom movement of India, Gandhi will continue to be revered as the most uncontroversial figure head of the country across generations, cutting debate across party lines for generations to come. The ruling party bop, which in conclusion the past has been accused of siding with the assassinator of Mahatma Gandhi has understood it, and has used his clout for political gains, since coming to power. From swatch conclusion brat mission to atmanirbhar brat, the mode government has used the mahatma strategically and has projected him as a personality, who is above any political party, in the process, giving the grand old party run for its money, which till date had considered debate the mahatma as its sole fiefdom. But interestingly, the incumbent government has also liberated the Nehru and the Gandhi from namesake and rewritten history by bringing leaders of caliber like Vardar Patel, entail squash Bose, etc., to the forefront. It has also attempted to celebrate the unsung heroes of the country. Therefore, it came as a surprise when the conclusion move to include the likes of Tagore and other personalities on debate currency notes was put to the backburner. Going by the past record of India, and specifically the recent language war, regional divide, etc., the decision of the central bank looks logical and rational; but it time the country showed its true pluralistic culture and move beyond the mahatma. Introducing faces of eminent personalities would have been a first step and a conclusion landmark decision towards paying glowing tributes to the legends of India. Such a move would have required the mahatma to be replaced by debate others rather they could have been accommodated along with him in various denominations of paper note as well as conclusion coins. Mind you, the new denominations also depict various heritage sites and have been a subject of controversy till date, despite India having thousands of heritage sites. So, going by the skeptics that it would create uproar and encourage regionalism is unfounded. Similarly, new faces could have adorned paper notes in phased manner, for a fixed time frame. It would have served dual purposes eminent personalities from various walks of life would have made onto the list and adequate numbers could have been covered as well. More important, India pluralistic culture would have been represented at the global platform. The rib should rise above ideological differences and rethink its decision. Two years ago, the Galan valley clash came amid a period of intense conclusion Chinese people liberation army activity across different theatres. In March 2020, as who declared covid a global pandemic, Chinese jets intensified drills along the Taiwan conclusion strait. The Liaoning carrier conducted takeoff and landing exercises in the Bahia strait and would later sail past Taiwan. The plan daily hailed the drills, boasting about conclusion war preparedness amid the pandemic.

Viswanathan Amanda Vishy or the new prodigy Rameshbabu Praggananandhaa Pragg would have played against the SARS CoV 2 virus. With the virus making the initial moves, playing white, would they have moved their black pieces aggressively to vanquish the virus As the virus proved adept at changing its strategy and promoting pawns to powerful variants, would they settle for an honorable draw Even so, they have to be watchful of the agile moves by the microbe and play a strong defence so that the virus does not seize advantage and call checkmate. Gol on Tuesday announced that 1 million people will be recruited by it over the next 18 months, an admission that unemployment is a problem. One million jobs at one time is small help when 5 million people annually join the labour force, which is 430 million strong. Estimates on unemployment level vary depending on whose statistics one agrees with. Gol PLFS puts joblessness at 4.6 for June 2021. CMIE April 2022 data says the rate is 7.4. Even when Gol data for 2022 comes, the gap won change much. Youth unemployment estimates between CMIE and Gol show even wider gaps. Although the period of survey and the age groups covered are not the same, it striking that unemployment in Gol 2020 21 data for the 15 24 age group is 12.9, while CMIE April 2022 data shows 42 for the 20 24 age group and 12.7 for the 25 29 cohort. Some conclusions can still be drawn. There a big youth unemployment problem, unpaid work is increasing, the quality of non white collar jobs is declining, self employment, a desperate choice for most low income earners, is going up and real wages have been falling. That no expert reckons that even an economy growing at 7 can by itself solve the jobs problem shows how much the economy has changed structurally. As an Azim Premji University study showed, over the last decade, the impact on total employment for every 1 percentage point increase in GDP has been just 0.1. India not an outlier either. World Bank studies showed that in most countries the share of manufacturing in total employment dropped between 1994 and 2011, including countries where the manufacturing sector expanded its proportion in GDP. Growing automation will sometimes expand output without adding jobs. But there are two concrete things India can do. First, any obstacle to creating low skill manufacturing jobs needs to be removed. PLIs are not enough. Central or state policies by themselves are not enough. There has to be joint Centre state policymaking. Second, a chunk of manufacturing near future jobs will be high skilled, and only a Centre state combined effort can make skilling India young a reality. If politics won allow such cooperation, politicians should know the future can be dire. Opposition parties, which reckon jobs are a BJP weak point and BJP, which reckons trumpeting official data is enough, are both guilty. After two custodial deaths in as many days.

An embarrassed Tamil Nadu police has issued an SOP for custodial interrogation. Only last month, six Chennai cops were arrested on murder charges after a 25 year old Dalit man died in custody. Meanwhile, police in Saharanpur, UP, have been caught on camera brutally beating nine Muslim men arrested after Friday rioting incidents. Custodial violence is a colonial legacy but the reality is that generations of Indian politicians and therefore cops have winked at this scourge. India is a rare democracy yet to ratify the UN Convention Against Torture. Laws to deter custodial violence are sketchy: IPC Sections 330 and 331 punish voluntary hurt to extort confession but these are general provisions not specifically targeting violence by police against a person in lawful custody. Through March, April and May this year NHRC registered 52 and 691 cases respectively of deaths in police and judicial custody. Most custodial deaths are blamed on natural causes and cops frequently get away with this, too. Judicial intervention has been very effective. The Supreme Court DK Basu guidelines attempted to safeguard legal rights of accused persons. In recent years, SC has directed complete CCTV coverage of police stations with storage of footage, oversight committees at district and state levels for technical support, and retrieval of footage on torture complaints. Progress is slow. There another issue cameras can just be stationary. India must introduce body cameras for police. Bodices arena a full guarantee against police violence, but they have proven to be a good deterrent. They are cheap and can and must be widely used, with rules for storing data. In some cases, bodices help cops, too, if faced with wrong accusations. But nothing will happen till politicians condone police violence. The government has announced the rollout of the transformational 5G services, which will bring about a revolutionary change in communication with benefits spanning various sectors. Besides spurring economic growth, 5G is essential for industry 4.0, enabling rapid digitalisation in India. A fillip for education and healthcare The pandemic underscored the enabling nature of digitalisation in most sectors, but more so in education and skilling. If one party stages a protest; the other is sure to dismiss it as Noatak base. Congress workers put up a Full House board outside the ED office where Rahul Gandhi was summoned in the National Herald case and BJP Ambit Petra booted it as huge drama. Still, even when it not about theatrics, politics is always about theatre. The hero of this week drama does quite know if he waiting in the wings or occupying center stage. Is he playing his part, or perennially partying All this confusion is making the Congress lose audiences. Sad fate for a party once the Sombhu Mitra of our political stage. Does the problem lie in the Congress symbol itself It is just one imperious hand, not two joined in a Namaste to welcome a diversity of opinion. The trouble is that audiences need two to clap. And the bigger problem is that they.

Systems and riverbanks. Infrastructure development plans should consider climate change to maintain resilience against approaching extreme weather events. Third, sensible urban planning and land use practices must be followed. This would mean avoiding building in flood-prone areas and ensuring natural water flow systems that must be adopted. Urban planning must follow environmental planning. The medical tourism industry in India has been growing steadily over the past few years, and recent data shows that this trend is expected to continue. According to a report by the Ministry of Tourism, India received over 500,000 medical tourists in 2019, generating revenue of over \$3 billion. After experiencing a decline in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic, the figures have rebounded in 2022 and surpassed the peak of 2019. In terms of arrivals from different regions, according to the Ministry of Tourism in 2021, a significant proportion of visitors from South Asia, specifically 68.4%, arrived in India for medical purposes. This was closely followed by West Asia with 61.1% and Africa with 40.0% of arrivals falling under the medical category. India has emerged as a go-to destination for medical treatment for many neighboring countries. Notably, out of the total arrivals from Bangladesh, a significant majority of 77.6% were seeking medical treatment. Similarly, for Afghanistan, 53.6% of the total arrivals were for medical purposes. The trend continues with arrivals from Maldives, where an overwhelming 85.8% were seeking medical treatment. Lastly, a remarkable 94.7% of arrivals from Iraq were specifically for medical purposes. These statistics highlight India's prominence as a preferred destination for medical tourism from various countries in the region. The ministry report also states that the number of medical tourists visiting India has been increasing at a rate of 22-25% per year. This growth can be attributed to various factors, such as affordable cost, quality of treatment, availability of medical facilities, skilled doctors and surgeons, and tourism opportunities. Patients from around the world are looking at India for treatment related to severe ailments and complicated surgeries. A lot of people also consider India as a go-to destination for hair transplant and cosmetic surgeries such as liposuction, breast augmentation, rhinoplasty, facelifts, and tummy tucks. These are also few treatments which are attracting patients not only from neighboring countries and Asia-Pacific region, but also from other parts of the world including developed nations. The reasons why a lot of people are coming for hair transplant and cosmetic surgeries in India are as follows. Cost: The cost of cosmetic surgeries and hair transplant in India is a fraction of what it is in other countries like the US, the UK, or Australia. It is an attractive option for people looking for quality cosmetic procedures at an affordable price. Quality of clinics: There are plenty of clinics and hospitals in India, which are well equipped with the state-of-the-art technology, equipment and infrastructure to provide safe and effective treatments. Skilled surgeons: Indian surgeons are renowned for their skills and expertise in performing cosmetic surgeries. Many of them have trained and worked in some of the best medical institutions in the world. Less waiting time: In many developed countries, there are long waiting lists for cosmetic surgeries. In India, patients can get their surgeries done quickly and efficiently, without having to wait for long periods. Tourism: India is a popular tourist destination, and many people combine their cosmetic surgery treatment with a vacation, making it a

More enjoyable and memorable experience. The Indian government has also recognized the potential of medical tourism and has taken steps to promote it further. The Ministry of Tourism, along with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has launched various initiatives to promote India as a destination for medical tourism. These initiatives include the creation of a medical tourism board, simplification of visa procedures, and the establishment of medical tourism facilitation centres in major cities. Furthermore, India healthcare infrastructure is continuously improving to cater to the growing demand for medical tourism. The Indian government has increased the budget allocation for healthcare, and private players are investing in the healthcare industry. This has led to the development of world-class hospitals and clinics equipped with the latest technology and infrastructure. Overall, India medical tourism sector is poised for significant growth, fuelled by the increasing recognition of the advantages of receiving high-quality healthcare at affordable rates. The country cosmetic surgery industry, in particular, has experienced a remarkable surge in recent years, and this trend is expected to persist in the foreseeable future. Advertising is an indispensable part of the brand-building process. Captivating advertisements can create a memorable impact on consumers minds. Advertising allows companies to promote their products or services and establish a strong presence in the market. Effective advertisements are often characterized by innovation, creativity, and the ability to engage and captivate the target audience. As per a report, the Indian advertising market is anticipated to reach Rest 1,544.07 billion by 2028. Over the years, consumers have been regaled with captivating advertisements have been presented, for instance, Nike Just Do It campaign, Happy dent Palace-Tear Dill Rotan campaign, and Mentos Damage Ki Batty Jala De campaign are some examples of advertisements that demonstrate the power of advertising in creating memorable taglines and messages that resonate with consumers, leaving a lasting impression on their minds. Over the years, advertising has undergone a tectonic shift, adapting to changing technologies, consumer behavior, and communication mediums. From traditional print ads to the digital age, advertising has transformed significantly. In the past, print advertising was dominated by newspapers, magazines, and billboards. Later in the mid-20th century, broadcast advertising took center stage with the advent of radio and television. Companies started creating jingles and captivating commercials to engage consumers through audio and visual means. The digital revolution opened up new avenues for advertising, leading to the rise of digital advertising. Display ads, search engine marketing, and social media advertising became prominent strategies as marketers sought to reach online audiences too. In recent years, personalized advertising has taken center stage, driven by technological advancements. The future of advertising will likely be shaped by advanced technologies such as augmented reality, virtual reality, voice activation, and AI-driven techniques. Let discuss some prominent trends expected to remain at the forefront of the advertising industry in 2023. Digital Advertising Dominance Internet penetration and smartphone usage will drive brands to focus on digital platforms like social media, search engines, and mobile apps to reach their target audience. The ability to precisely target specific demographics and measure campaign performance will make digital advertising indispensable for brands. Video Advertising.

Growth Platforms like YouTube and OTT streaming services will experience significant growth, providing brands with an opportunity to engage the target audience through compelling video content. By creating captivating video content, brands can deliver their message in a more immersive and impactful manner. Influencer Marketing Collaborating with social media influencers with a strong follower base and credibility in their niche will help brands build trust, increase brand awareness, and drive conversions. Influencers can connect with their audience authentically, making them effective brand advocates. Personalized Advertising Brands will leverage data and analytics to create personalized ad experiences, tailoring content and offers based on user preferences and behaviours. Personalized advertising will capture attention and develop a sense of individuality, leading to increased customer loyalty. Regional Advertising To cater to the diverse population of India, brands will increasingly focus on regional advertising. Brands will focus on regional and vernacular advertising to connect with diverse audiences in different states and regions of India. Localized content, language-specific campaigns, and culturally relevant messaging will be crucial for effective engagement and resonate with their target audience in every nook and corner of the country. Social Cause Advertising Brands that align with social causes and effectively communicate their commitment through advertising campaigns can connect with conscious consumers on a deeper level and build brand loyalty. Interactive and Immersive Advertising New technologies like Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) will be used to create engaging and interactive ad campaigns, providing users with a unique and memorable brand experience. By integrating AR and VR into their strategies, brands can captivate their audience and leave a lasting impression. Programmatic Advertising Utilizing automated platforms to buy and sell ad inventory will continue to grow. With data-driven targeting, brands can efficiently reach their target audience and optimize real-time ad campaigns. Programmatic advertising allows brands to deliver the right message to the right person at the right time. Voice Search Optimization Brands must optimize their advertising content and strategies for voice search to leverage the rising popularity of voice assistants and smart speakers in India. By embracing voice search, brands can enhance their visibility and connect with users in a rapidly growing medium. Conclusion In 2023, brands that adopt these advertising trends will have an edge against their competitors in the ever-evolving digital ecosystem. By remaining attuned to these trends, brands can create meaningful connections with their target audience and scale their businesses. When it comes to matchmaking, Indian parents heavily relied on traditional routes like referrals from a friend, relative, or even from astrologers and pundits. The process was indeed a safe method for parents but had its own downsides as well. From limited choice to giving control in the hands of others, the process was influenced by several family members. With the advent of technology, matchmaking underwent a dramatic revolution that encouraged urban singles to sign up online and find an ideal life partner. Though finding a perfect match online is not new, the advancements in technology have brought a revolution in the entire process that also comes with a set of advantages and even quirks. Matchmaking Journey from Offline to Online The evolution of matchmaking captures the development and change of mind set to in urban singles. Traditionally.

Matchmakers gave distilled information about potential matches catering to their agenda, cantered around getting their limited clients married. On the technology front, new-age matchmaking platforms uncover the possibility of exploring many prospects without limiting what an offline matchmaker offers. Besides this, the traditional matchmaking process involved the transfer of ownership of decision-making. There was an underlying family pressure to go with the options offered by a traditional matchmaker (who could be either a professional or a distant family member, or a neighbour), and given that situation, it was wishful to expect a conventional matchmaker to go out of the way to hunt for matches best suited for you. In addition, the offline world resulted in the reliance only on the matchmaker to know about the potential partner. The emergence of online matchmaking removed the middleman and gave ownership of choosing the right match back to the partner-seekers, something even parents could not say no to. With online matchmaking, one can list everything they want to convey, providing unfiltered information to prospective partners and vice-versa. Furthermore, given the decision-making process, this generation makes its own decisions, which reflects how they choose their partners. The shift from a rudimentary to an individualist approach to decisions and ownership of those decisions attributes to the preference for the online matchmaking route. Evolution of online matchmaking Online matchmaking is almost two decades old. However, it is imperative to know how matchmaking apps that leverage the latest technologies are overshadowing online matchmaking sites apps. Traditional matchmaking websites target parents. They are highly based on conventional matching criteria like age, religion, culture, etc. while progressive ones give the onus to the person getting married. The new matchmaking sites give users decision-making power via suitable communication that resonates with the new generation. In the context of familiarity, new-age matrimony sites try to take the best tech practices from traditional websites and dating apps to keep the sense and comfort of familiarity for the audience that lays trust and keeps their interest intact. Role of AI in Credibility of decision making An AI-backed verification process supplements the new matchmaking apps with a guarantee of authenticity and tries to mitigate the risk of fraudulent activities. It ensures security through multifactor verification processes including government ID verifications as well as sulfide verification processes, thereby helping users stay safe and mitigate the risk of fraud and harm. On the other hand, in-person, virtual, and hybrid meetings happening organically comes with an added risk of not knowing if the person is who they claim to be. Now, AI-backed matchmaking apps have gone beyond matchmaking providing services for weddings and even astrology. The integration of AI in the matchmaking process allows to have an understanding of each other likes and dislikes before proceeding to an in-person, virtual or hybrid meeting scenario. This in turn helps in determining, if your likes and dislikes match sooner. In an offline world, the process of establishing a connection for matchmaking took place in a group setting or in person directly without having some form of communication earlier. AI-embedded matchmaking gives the opportunity to go beyond the limited social circles when looking for a partner thereby getting access to a wider pool of profiles. Bottom-line Before the integration of technology, matchmaking was a broken and highly fragmented segment. The underlying foundation of

Can manage with only one to slap. Party symbols can also be misleading. The lotus has innumerable petals, but all authority stems from just one man. Totally immersed in theatre. He beguiles with the power of his delivery, bedazzles with his costumes. No one comes even close when it comes to emoting with the audience. No wonder this thespian, like Sohrab Modi, fills the halls like none other. This one man show is clearly a classier act than the one family show, which, despite its professional pedigree, is muffing its lines like a first time amateur. Its director, however, is quite the opposite of the women dittos of other parties. Unlike Mamata shrill or Mayawati overkill, Sonia is understated but never of course under obeyed. The heavens and curtains would fall. Generally speaking, after political actors have truttled and fretted their hour about the electoral stage, some are heard no more. Others blithely switch costumes. Shakespeare, who knew almost as much about politics as theatre, can also be twisted to sum up this bohorupee signifier of both tribes: And one man in his time plays many parties. The goal of spirituality, said Jesus Christ, is to enable human beings to attain life in its fullness. This is the least understood, or most misunderstood, of Jesus teachings. One such misunderstanding is that having life in its fullness means becoming richer. This quantitative fallacy equates life with having rather than being. In this view, one life is godly depending on how much one prospers. This strange notion drives the prosperity Gospel. It appeals to many Christians, though Jesus himself had nowhere to lay his head. The second misunderstanding is that it denotes a safe, secure life, free from all suffering. This too is strange because Jesus is known, and revered, for the unthinkable suffering he endured. Christians worship the Cross and pray for total exemption from suffering, which is strange, to say the least. At any rate, life without suffering caricatures life. It has never existed, nor will it ever exist. The more spiritual among Christians assume that extraordinary spiritual gifts and powers characterise life in its fullness. So, miracle workers and the high and mighty in the religious hierarchy are supposed to be filled with spiritual power and the extraordinary graces that go with it. But, on a closer examination, many of them prove to be pretty ordinary; well short of the spiritual benchmark of life. What then does life in its fullness mean everything depends on how a person understands himself; for one has to seek and attain this state for oneself. One can seek only as per one understanding of oneself. The distorted understandings listed above arose because of a misconception in this respect. We are conditioned to think of ourselves as autonomous and self contained individuals, sharply distinguished from everything else. According to Jesus, we are to attain life in its fullness, not a life of fullness. Seeking the fullness of life is quite different from seeking the.

Fullness of one life. Life is a great deal more than each one of us, and all of us taken together. The notion that we are discreet, autonomous, selves who own their life as in my life is a delusion. We are part of a seamless web of life that extends to the cosmos. This is intuited in the astrological assumption that the configuration of celestial bodies at the time of one birth affects a person lifelong. Ideally, the whole of life should express itself through each individual. One life should mirror life in its fullness. Such fullness embraces everything and everyone. It excludes none. That is why to the spiritually enlightened, there are no strangers and enemies. The Indic spiritual vision of tatami asks, that thou art, adumbrates this mindset. Certainly one of its meanings is that labels of otherness should be inadmissible. The proof, therefore, that we are oriented to life in its fullness is that we feel at one with all human beings; indeed, with the whole of creation. The entire world is my home. Life can be had only in full, for it is dynamic. Just as we cannot breathe in half inhaling alone so also, we cannot live life in part. Restlessness lurks wherever what is meant to be whole is kept in partness. Like the two halves of an apple sliced in the middle, it will be burdened with the pressures of disequilibrium. Such a state contravenes the law of nature. Only human beings entertain the delusion that they can live as isolated atoms; or that it is an achievement to do so. At the press conference today after a meeting in the national capital attended by at least 17 opposition parties, West Bengal Trinomial chief minister Mamata Banerjee said that they had all decided to choose one consensus candidate for the election of the President of India. The names of Faros Abdullah and Gopalkrishna Gandhi are in the air. But can either of these gentlemen do as well as the 2017 opposition candidate Meira Kumar She polled a record high number of votes for a losing candidate. An equally big news is that NCP chief Sharad Power has turned down the proposal to be the consensus candidate. While he says this is because he wants to continue in active politics, there is also the important fact that the odds are seriously stacked against the opposition candidate winning this July 18 election. With YSRCP and BJD widely expected to vote along the BJP line, the math is quite clearly in favor of the latter candidate, whoever he she turns out to be. But whether or not its candidate wins, let us be clear that the process of putting one up by consensus is important for the opposition. First, politically it is a high visibility stage to showcase opposition unity, which is going to be critical come the 2024 general elections. Some parties like TMC may gain authority on this stage while others like.

Congress lose it, but this is necessary experimentation and rejig. Secondly, by putting up a compelling candidate the opposition can grab the narrative and attention. There will be opposition parties that break rank, but those that hold together should come up with the most socio politically riveting candidate they can, to maximize the gains from today shared stage. The controversy surrounding the remarks made by Nippur Sharma, who was till recently a spokesperson of the Bharatiya Jannat Party BJP, did not arise because she recklessly tested the limits of free speech. Yet, many people, including most liberals, seem to believe that the abuse of free speech leads to its descent into hate speech. This is a wrong belief. Her remarks about Prophet Muhammad were the trigger, but not the cause, of the widespread outrage in Muslim countries, and now also among the Muslim community in India. The root cause was the sustained, relentless traducing of and campaigns against Muslims and anything Islamic, be it the Mughals or the monuments made during Muslim rule. Anyone questioning the saffron dispensation opinions and medievalism was maligned as anti national. Propagandas and campaigns have consequences. There have been cases of Muslims getting lynched in the name of cow protection. Violence and discrimination against them have also been reported widely. At the heart of the Nippur Sharma issue is blasphemy. And the question is: should blasphemy be allowed in India, a liberal democracy The short and correct answer is: yes. If it is disallowed, India will have to ban a lot many books and silence every debate on any subject that touches upon religion. To begin with, take the case of Swami Dayananda Saraswati 1824 83. The founder of Arya Samaj was a bitter critic of superstitions and endless rituals that have been the bane of Hindu society for centuries. Prime Minister Narendra Modi extolled him for this reason. In his magnum opus, Satyarth Prakash, Dayananda wrote that idolatry is adharma. Ins it blasphemous from the perspective of millions of Hindu devotees Should Satyarth Prakash be banned and Arya Samaj stopped from disseminating the Swami ideas Hundreds of years ago, Jabir wrote, Laying rock upon stone a mosque is made On this climbs the muezzin to make his call to the heavens, is the Lord deaf then By any reckoning, this is deeply offensive to Islam. He also ridiculed idolatry, saying that if worshipping stones can lead to communion with the Lord, he would worship a mountain. This is offensive to Hinduism. Should such couplets be proscribed Friedrich Nietzsche, one of the greatest philosophers of all time, should also be banned for his visceral disdain for Christianity. In The Anti Christ notice the name of the book, he wrote, among other things, Christianity remains to this day the greatest misfortune of humanity. Also, Christianity also stands in opposition to all intellectual wellbeing. And, Since sickness is inherent in Christianity, it follows that the typically Christian state of faith must be a form of sickness too.

Should Nietzsche books be removed from libraries Should universities stop courses on his philosophy Nobody in the right frame of mind would favor restrictions on the books and teachings of the above mentioned and other thinkers and sages. This is despite the fact their views are blasphemous. If blasphemous comments by great men are acceptable or at least not ban worthy what moral or legal standards can be employed to penalize the lesser mortals for the same The widespread global reaction to Sharma remarks seems to be more against the reported discrimination against Muslims in India rather than on her views. One wonders if similar remarks made by a BJP leader in, say, 2015 would have occasioned such intense response from the Muslims all over the world. The legal standards can be employed to penalize the lesser mortals for the same the widespread global reaction to Sharma remarks seems to be more against the reported discrimination against Muslims in India rather than on her views. One wonders if similar remarks made by a reaction are against hate crimes, not hate speech. For there is no such thing as hate speech. In fact, the very term hate speech is problematic. When someone uses this term, they presuppose their own omniscience, graciousness, and superiority; they alone know what is true, good and beautiful; they, and only they, are blessed with the cognitive faculties to realise satyam sundered. The problem is that such a variety of grandees, many with conflicting viewpoints, exist in the world. From the Left point of view, anything said by a Sanskrit is hate speech; the sanskaris say the same about Left liberals. Whatever I don like is hate speech; there are no objective standards by which hate speech can be defined; it is worse than a flawed concept: hate speech is a non concept. Those decrying hate speech are actually trying to further curtail free speech. But the right to freedom of expression has to be absolute; it cannot be partial, limited by red lines all around. For if red lines are allowed, they tend to proliferate; they also keep moving, continuously squeezing the realm of freedom, to the extent that no such realm is left; only a point remains. And, mathematically speaking, a point is without any dimension; it is notional. Notional like Article 19 1 as of the Constitution: All citizens shall have the right to freedom of speech and expression. A constitutional amendment imposed a number of reasonable restrictions on this right: pertaining to the interests of the sovereignty and integrity of India, the security of the State, friendly relations with foreign States, public order, decency or morality or in relation to contempt of court, defamation or incitement to an offence. Over the years, a variety of other restrictions have also been placed on free speech: anything that allegedly hurts the sentiments of someone or some community can face censorship. In such a milieu, the tirade against hate speech will further curb freedom of expression.

With the advent of digitalisation, new age technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning have taken center stage. Artificial intelligence has a wide range of applications in businesses, including streamlining job processes and aggregating business performance. Researchers are unsure what artificial intelligence means for business in the future. AI is expected to move digital technology away from the two dimensional screen and into the three dimensional physical environment that surrounds a person. While mainstream society acceptance of AI is a new phenomenon, the concept is not. Artificial intelligence has numerous applications in business. In fact, most of us have daily interactions with AI in some form or another. Artificial intelligence is already disrupting virtually every business process in every industry, from the mundane to the breathtaking. As AI technologies proliferate, they are becoming increasingly important for maintaining a competitive edge. Artificial Intelligence An essential weapon the term artificial intelligence refers to any type of computer software that performs human like activities such as learning, planning, and problem solving. Now businesses have to delve deeper to determine which type of AI is prevalent in business and ways that help to boost the performance of business. Today AI and business Artificial intelligence is generally regarded as a supplement to, rather than a replacement for, human intelligence and ingenuity. Although AI is currently incapable. Although AI is capable of processing and analysing massive amounts of data much faster than the human brain. The artificial intelligence software now can present the human user with synthesized courses of action. As a result, we can use AI to help game out the potential outcomes of each action and streamline the decision making process. Artificial intelligence is the software equivalent of the second coming. It is a type of software that can make decisions on its own and act in situations that the programmers did not anticipate. In comparison to traditional software, artificial intelligence has a greater range of decision making ability. Ways AI helps company to become high performance Boost revenue with product recommendations Artificial intelligence is widely used in product recommendation systems. These are systems that use advanced data analysis techniques to recommend products or information to users. We see many product recommendations in a day if a business operates online. A product recommendation, whether on an ecommerce website, in advertisements, or in emails, aims to facilitate purchase decisions by assisting customers in finding products that meet their needs. Many factors, such as a customer purchase history or the behavior of similar users, can influence the recommendation. Catboats to improve customer service A Chabot are software that simulates human conversation with users via websites, mobile apps, phones, and other similar platforms. It can AI powered digital assistant that communicates with humans. Individuals nowadays expect quick, easy, and personalized customer service at all times and from any location. Catboats can help with this. It is a new marketing channel that provides brands and users with a genuine, personal experience. Catboats are revolutionizing business and marketing.

They are one of the most promising trends in the fields of user interface and customer experience. Create the best content marketing strategy Content marketing is a marketing technique that utilizes valuable content to garner, engage, and delight customers. Blogs, social media posts, podcasts, videos, info graphics, white papers, case studies, e books, how to guides, webinars, email marketing, and other forms of content marketing exist. Artificial intelligence is playing an increasingly important role in content marketing. Automation implements algorithms to analyze the existing information and devise the most effective content marketing strategies. AI assists in the creation of high quality, high ranking content. There is a lot of work AIs can do for your business and marketing, from discovering keywords to planning and creating great content, distributing and optimizing blog posts, and scheduling social sharing. Many businesses take their marketing campaigns to the next level by offering high quality blog content, etc. Exponential cyber security Cyber security is critical in a variety of industries, including retail, consumer goods, automotive, utilities, and telecommunications. A business may face a variety of threats, including identity theft, account takeovers, and vindictive ransom ware strains. AI software can handle cyber security in a variety of ways, including vulnerability management, phishing detection, Network Security, behavioral analytics, prevention control, and so on. Save time and reduce costs Businesses can use artificial intelligence technology to digitise a variety of processes, free up employees time, and enhance productivity. By automating routine tasks, businesses can achieve greater output in less time and at a lower cost. AI can help your company operations run more smoothly and efficiently, allowing employees to focus on more important tasks. By automating some of their less important and time consuming tasks, AI has the potential to save them time. Bottom line! Artificial intelligence is not exclusive to global tech titans and industry behemoths. AI is for any forward thinking company that seeks to grow and strives to become high performance. Artificial intelligence has the potential to revolutionize the way individuals run business by enabling them to make better decisions faster. With the rapid advancement in technology, job opportunities for engineering graduates have increased multi fold. In FY2022, the Indian IT sector created more than 5,00,000 jobs, which is almost double the projected net growth last year. As companies undergo digital transformation, the in demand IT roles are increasing. However, with emerging new age technologies, job titles are continuously changing. Most positions focus on futuristic advanced technologies like virtual reality (VR), artificial intelligence (AI), and the Internet of Things (IoT), among others. For fresh engineering graduates, it is the right time to select the right domain and technologies to avail the top career opportunities in the IT sector. Technological adoption is becoming mainstream for almost all sectors, including healthcare, finance, education, agriculture, ecommerce, logistics, human resources, etc. It has opened new opportunities for IT fresher and professionals interested in a particular domain. For instance, if an engineering graduate has an interest in finance, they can.

Easily opt for a job in the Fintech sector. Against this backdrop, let take a look at how technology intersects with different industries and business domains. In the fintech segment, companies have been using new age technologies to bolster their offerings. For instance, finance domains like broking, banking, lending, investment, digital payments, crypto, and insurance have been using Cloud Computing, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Block chain to provide secure and seamless financial services. These fintech solutions further integrate their solutions for seamless operations in the logistics, healthcare, gaming, and manufacturing sectors. The fintech segment showcases an increased demand for tech talent and programmers. In fact, the need for Cloud technology experts is over 50 among startups and large businesses. Simultaneously, the demand for web based tech talent is approximately 25 in startups and 10 in MNCs and other companies. Healthtech With the use of technology such as artificial intelligence and machine learning, the healthcare industry is developing new and improved methods for identifying the disease, diagnosing ailments, and providing effective treatment. They are gradually making surgical processes and emergency care more efficient. The use of advanced technologies further enables healthcare organizations to manage the continuously increasing demand seamlessly. AgriTech By deploying technology, the AgriTech segment is attracting investments. It is aimed at revolutionizing the sector. The emerging verticals in the segment like digital agriculture, market linkage, better access to inputs, and farming as a service (FaaS) are witnessing a boost in stakeholders. LogiTech Using tech enabled solutions has contributed to continuous growth in the logistics sector. This has opened new employment opportunities for professionals adept in IT and its encompassing technologies. Non tech enterprises and FMCG the demand for tech talent in non tech enterprises has increased. For instance, companies like HUL have been hiring professionals with expertise in Big Data analysis, Davos, etc. This, in turn, contributes to a hike in demand for quality tech talent in the industry. Additionally, some leading organizations in different domains like Oyo, Zomato, Milk basket, and Cars24 plan to onboard over 30 50 more tech talent this year. There will be a rise in job opportunities for expert programmers. E commerce and M commerce the use of E commerce and mobile app is becoming more prevalent each day. This is driving the increased demand for IT professionals to help build and continuously upgrade websites while maintaining the back end operations for seamless functionality. Travel tech with the development of technology, the travel industry has evolved substantially over the last few years. The sector has built an effective technical infrastructure. As we move ahead, there will be an upsurge in demand for qualified and skilled tech talent. The segment requires knowledge of computer reservation systems (CRS Amadeus, Galileo, Sabre Abacus), understanding of airfares and tickets, language abilities, sales skills, customer service, and experience with money and foreign currencies. Recruitment and hiring since the outbreak of the pandemic, businesses have made significant adjustments to their recruitment methods. When it comes to hiring, businesses.

Prefer applicants tailored to their needs. As a result, many organizations are turning to AI and ML to help them acquire the right talent for the job. With the advancement of these technologies, companies are now able to recruit more efficiently. In fact, companies can examine candidates technical ability using applications like Filtered, which generates auto-generated coding problems. With the continuous expansion of the segment, there is a rampant need for more skilled individuals. IT services and product services as a common misconception, jobs in the tech segment are not just about coding and developing applications. With continuous technology advancement, it has now expanded to the gaming industry. Designing and developing games is one of the fast growing industries. This has resulted in mushrooming of gaming companies across India. As a result, there has been a rise in software developer job opportunities in metro cities, including Mumbai and Bangalore. Final word with increasing opportunities in the above mentioned sectors, an individual can easily opt for a well paying domain specific IT job. While it is easy for professionals to transition their field mid way through their careers, fresh graduates can select their area of interest within the IT segment. They can further gain expertise and specialize in a particular in demand technology that is essential for a specific domain. While core technical skills like writing code, evaluating frameworks and practicing source control are essential for those developing software, skills like creativity, problem solving, critical thinking, management, etc., are crucial too for robust career growth. Aspiring professionals need to select a domain for equipping themselves with industry relevant skills. All in all, selecting the right technology and domain is essential for setting career goals and achieving professional success. The growing, aging population has increased the risks of many diseases, especially non communicable diseases such as cancer. Kidney cancer is among men and women 10th most common cancers. Overall, the lifetime risk for developing kidney cancer in men is about 1 in 46 (2.02), and for women is about 1 in 80 (1.03). Kidney cancers are one of the cancers where the risk increases with age. Among other risk factors for kidney cancer are tobacco use, heredity, obesity, and high blood pressure. Recipients of long term dialysis for treating chronic kidney failure are also at greater risk. Kidney cancer has been on the rise over the past several decades. It begins when there is an abnormal growth of cells in kidney tissue. These cells triggered by certain factors change and divide out of control and form a mass called a tumor. What are the types of kidney cancer renal cell carcinoma (RCC) This is the most common form of kidney cancer in adults. Cancerous cells typically develop in the lining of the kidney tubules (tiny tubes that return nutrients and fluid to your blood). Cancer may affect one or both kidneys. Transitional cell cancer this cancer develops in the region where ureters (tubes that carry urine from the kidneys to.

Is positive thinking an inherent characteristic of a person or can it be developed in one psyche. The opinions differ in answering this vital question. Some people believe that it can be inherited from parents, and cannot be developed. Others believe that like other qualities it can be developed with proper practice and guidance. Still some others hold the opinion that it is hereditary to some extent but can be acquired to some degree. There is also a section of people, who believe that all depends on circumstances or luck. We need to adopt a scientific approach to find an answer to the above question. No one can get success every time even after making efforts, nor can one fail constantly. Moreover, success has different meaning for different people. For some students, getting 60 per cent marks is success, for others it may not be sufficient. In a competitive examination, success means getting selected, whatever the percentage of marks. As for inheritance theory, since positive attitude is not a physical feature but a mental faculty, it cannot be purely hereditary. It can be developed. Moreover, parents play a major role in developing this quality of a child. A child, who watches his parents working hard, having faith in success through their words, behaviour and body language, is likely to develop a similar attitude. The children of short tempered, over cautious and nervous parents may assume similar characteristics when they grow up. Psychologists, therefore, prescribe a code of conduct for parents behaviour in front of their children. They must exude confidence, self belief and hope, especially in difficult situation, so that the children emulate these qualities. They must be taught the importance of being positive before, during and after the performance of a task. There is no better education for a child than watching his parents come out of a tough situation by means of earnest endeavours. Such success not only gives more joy but also increases self confidence. The bladder connect to the main part of the kidney. Renal sarcoma this is a rare type of kidney cancer that develops in the connective tissue of the kidney and, if not treated, can spread to nearby organs and bones. Wilms tumor this is the most common type of kidney cancer in children. The tumors are usually in one kidney but can be in both and tend to be very large when found. A silent cancer Kidney cancer often is diagnosed until it has begun to spread. Patients may have no symptoms in the early stages, and cancer may grow silently. As the tumor grows, symptoms may begin to appear. Blood in the urine is seen and may appear pink, red, or even black. Kidney cancer is usually not painful unless the tumor invades adjacent areas or obstructs urine outflow. At later stages, persistent pain in the back and side can also develop. Unexplained weight loss, a loss of appetite, fever, and tiredness are also a cause of concern It is.

Stretching specific tendon or muscle can improve the elasticity of muscles, which in turn helps in achieving a comfortable muscle tone. There are several benefits of regular stretching, and it should be an integral part of every workout program. It not only helps increase your flexibility, which is an important part of fitness, but it can also improve your posture, body aches, reduce stress, and much more. One of the benefits of regular stretching is that it enhances flexibility. Being flexible has its own advantages, as it not only improves your day to day activities, but can also help delay the reduced mobility that comes with aging. Stretching on a regular basis can help increase your range of motion. You can either go for static or dynamic stretching as they both are effective when it comes to the increasing range of motion. According to the studies, proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation or PNF type of stretching is more effective for immediate results. Regular stretching can not only help heal an existing back injury but can also prevent future back pain by reducing your risk for muscle strain and strengthening your back muscles. All the people who regularly go to the gym know how helpful stretching can be. Performing dynamic stretches prior to exercise in the gym can help prepare your muscles. Not the only gym, but it can also help you improve your performance in dance or an athletic event. It is only natural that your muscles get tense when you experience physical or emotional stress. This is because the tightening of your muscles is the response of the body towards stress. All you need to do is focus on the areas of your body where you feel the stress, such as your neck, shoulders, etc. and stretch those parts of your body. Important to know that, as per emerging data, kidney cancers are seen more in younger men. Diagnosis of kidney cancers Diagnosing kidney cancer can be challenging in patients who don experience symptoms. Imaging techniques such as computerized tomography (CT) scans may lead to accidental detection of kidney cancers. In addition, imaging studies such as MRI, ultrasound, and PET scans can help understand the issue more and in staging cancer. Renal tumor biopsy is not needed to diagnose kidney cancers; they are diagnosed on CT scans. Most of the complex cysts seen on solography need a CT scan to ascertain if it is cancerous or not. Treatment and management Factors that decide the treatment plan include the type and stage of kidney cancer, other diagnostic test results, overall health, and the patient preference. The standard options include surgery, targeted therapy, and radiation therapy. There is no chemotherapy available for kidney cancer. Nowadays, advanced keyhole and robotic surgery have improved outcomes significantly. Also, for small tumors, Nephron sparing surgery is done, in which only the tumor is removed, and the kidney is left behind. This is especially important in patients with a single kidney or kidney disease. Newer protocols like the.

In today global economy, translating an idea from the mind to the marketplace takes creativity, knowledge, technical expertise, passion, and innovation. These elements fuel productivity, power economic growth, and foster a hospitable environment for startups and support small businesses. The cornerstone for this process is robust and enforceable intellectual property IP rights including patents, copyrights, geographic indicators, trademarks, and trade secrets. These rights protect the fruits of creativity and innovation, empowering individuals and businesses alike to profit from their efforts. Moreover, IP rights serve as a catalyst for turning intellectual assets into valuable resources. They attract international and local investments and pave the way for a growing economy. Given their immense significance, IP rights should be a priority in economic development plans for the government of India as well as other key governments and business leaders.

Importance of a robust IP framework for India A robust and trustworthy legal structure for IP rights is vital to attract the investment needed for growth. A strong IP legal framework will benefit India in several ways. First, it will attract capital. Reliable IP enforcement is vital for startups seeking venture capital. Research indicates that companies with strong IP protections are more likely to attract funding. Investors prefer businesses in countries with effective IP safeguards, as it assures investment protection. Moreover, a robust IP system boosts a country global competitiveness by promoting advanced technology development and a conducive business environment. Second, it will foster innovation and creativity. IP rights, like patents, copyrights, and trademarks, give creators temporary exclusive control over their works or inventions. These rights allow individuals and businesses to invest in research, development, and new product creation that might otherwise be too risky or expensive. A robust IP framework prevents unauthorized copying, fosters innovation and entrepreneurship, and is critical to the largest and most influential industries across India prone to imitation, such as pharmaceuticals, biomedical technologies, software, and entertainment. Third, it will promote traditional knowledge, collaboration, and know-how. Perhaps most importantly, in our tech-driven era, a robust IP system is crucial to promoting technology transfer and collaboration among businesses, research bodies, governments, and academia. Licensing agreements safeguard these exchanges, partnerships, and collaborations, ensuring the secure transfer of knowledge and expertise. This, in turn, enhances knowledge dissemination, innovation, and technology adoption, directly boosting economic productivity and societal welfare. It will enhance the benefits of international trade. Countries with robust IP frameworks are better positioned to secure better trade deals and guard against unfair competition. Adhering to global IP standards boosts business market access by affirming product and service integrity. Strong IP protections in today economy, driven by knowledge and data flows, would offer India long-term job opportunities and a means to resolve disputes. Enhanced patent protections in developing countries also attract businesses from developed nations to invest in local technologies, research, and development, benefiting these emerging economies. Lastly, it will lead to the creation of good-paying jobs. Job opportunities in IP-focused industries are projected to rise over the next decade, potentially boosting the average worker earnings by around 46 compared to non-IP sectors. Through support for IP-driven innovation.

India can expand its already rich cultural heritage especially in media, entertainment, and sports. The creation of a truly knowledge-based, innovative economy may also help reduce India reliance on commodity exports and diversify its economic base. To keep growing its economy and global influence, India should continue to take steps to enhance its IP framework by updating copyright law, creating a framework to protect trade secrets, and enforcing these protections. Recent events have refocused the global economy as evidenced by the realignment of supply chains. India stands to benefit from these developments as it expands its manufacturing base. To ensure its success, the Indian government should pursue those policies needed to ensure the long-term growth required to fuel future prosperity. A growing India will benefit its citizens and contribute to global stability. This will only happen if India continues to enact policies that value innovation and protects its creators. Our shared prosperity depends on it. Up skilling has become indispensable to career growth in today fast-paced world, where technological advancements, evolving industry dynamics, and shifting employer expectations significantly influence the job market. While the pandemic has brought uncertainty to businesses and signaled an unpredictable future, it has also opened up new opportunities with the advent of technologies like artificial intelligence, machine learning, and big data analytics. As we witness the technological revolution of Industry 4.0, students now have the need and opportunity to empower themselves, learn new skills, and equip themselves with fresh and exciting capabilities. The process of acquiring new skills and relevant competencies required for the evolving work environment of today and the future is known as up skilling. The widespread digitalization is transforming industries, and in this digital age, students and organizations must adopt a growth mindset and purposefully engage in practices that enable them to acquire or improve technical skills, keep track of industry trends, and pursue advanced certifications. Although the global pandemic has negatively impacted job security and led to a significant reduction in the global economy, history has shown that periods of prosperity often follow global pandemics and major disasters. By acquiring new skills, students position themselves favorably to take advantage of a stronger economy when it emerges. With increased automation, low-skill and manual jobs are being replaced by technological advancements, creating a pressing need for students to up skill and reskill. Organizations will be actively seeking students with specialized skills to meet their specific needs. In a highly competitive job market, identifying in-demand skills in particular industries and investing in up skilling will greatly benefit job candidates. Fostering professional development by offering specialized courses and up skilling opportunities will be crucial for organizations and businesses alike. Up skilling will have a significant impact on different stages of a student professional career and determine how businesses operate and grow. For organizations, up skilling will become a necessary strategy for retaining talented students, while students themselves will be empowered to enhance their employability. Providing opportunities for up skilling in the workplace can boost employees confidence and contribute to building stronger teams. Equipping students with industry knowledge and access to resources enables them to be proactive, identifying solutions before problems escalate into crises. Moreover, up skilling helps students generate.

New ideas, tackle challenging tasks, and effectively manage their time. By adapting to changes in the workplace and preparing for future uncertainty, students can thrive. Additional benefits of up skilling include delivering higher quality results and cultivating a culture of learning that is adaptive to the ever-changing employment landscape. Students must take the initiative to continuously learn, treating it not as a one-time activity but as a dedicated practice throughout their professional journey. To start, students should make efforts to stay informed about market trends. This can be done by reaching out to mentors and industry experts, following employment and career websites, researching market data and industry reports, and paying attention to frequently mentioned skills. Seeking advice from hiring professionals and employers who can provide specific insights is also valuable. On an individual level, students need to prioritize their up skilling and define a clear path for progress. Setting realistic timelines, building a network, identifying opportunities, creating a learning plan, seeking mentorship, and welcoming feedback are all crucial steps to ensure competitiveness in the current job market. As digital transformation accelerates and the nature of work continues to evolve, both students and employers must embrace opportunities for learning and development. Up skilling platforms will play a crucial role as students of today embrace lifelong learning as a habit that propels their professional growth. In recent years, India has emerged as one of the most vibrant startup ecosystems in the world. In 2021, we saw a record number of startups being founded in the country, with over 14,000 new registered businesses, which has only doubled since then. This growth is driven by a number of factors, including a young and growing population, a rising middle class, and a government that is increasingly supportive of homegrown entrepreneurs. However, there is one key element that has acted as a catalyst and fueled the growth of the Indian startup ecosystem; the rise of startup incubators. Startup incubators are uniquely placed organizations that provide early-stage startups with a range of resources and support, including office space, mentorship, and access to funding. This support can be invaluable for start-ups, as it can help them to navigate challenges that new ventures face and overcome them. Today, there are a number of successful start-up incubators operating in India, and many among them have received support from Central and state governments. Some notable start-up incubators include CIIE, SINE, Rid, PSG STEP and Venture Center Pune who have seen a number of successful companies emerge and even turn out to become Unicorns. One cannot stress enough about the benefits that start-ups can derive from participating in a business incubator program. Some of the more prominent ones benefits include: For centuries, beauty standards have been strongly associated with gender. Women were expected to conform to feminine ideals, while men were often discouraged from engaging in beauty practices. This dichotomy perpetuated harmful gender stereotypes, limiting self-expression and individuality. These stereotypes also reinforce societal norms dictating how men and women present themselves. However, men are now embracing personal care and grooming as essential parts of their daily routines. Understanding the notion associated with grooming Under grooming, makeup and hair are two areas where prevailing gender stereotypes that hinder self-expression. They have long been associated with femininity, pressuring women to tie their worth to physical.

Firefly and Teleport can help do precision robotic surgery and save the kidney. With this approach, the patient can be discharged in two days and resume work in a week. Patients can also receive immunotherapy, which boosts the immune system to fight disease. Surgery includes the removal of the organ with the tumor. Targeted therapy incorporates certain drugs to improve outcomes in kidney cancers in advanced stages or spread to other body parts. Pain management is an integral part of the process. Reducing risk and improving outcomes a diagnosis of kidney cancer can be overwhelming for patients and their families. Like most cancers, kidney cancer treatment at an early stage is essential to improving outcomes. Access to regular health checkups also helps to detect kidney cancer at an earlier stage. The growing burden of kidney cancer can be addressed by targeting the modifiable risk factors, including smoking, obesity, poorly controlled hypertension, diet and alcohol, and occupational exposures. The fashion industry is complex with about 3,400 million in the labor force. With the demand for fashion increasing significantly, many countries have become major exporters of apparel. India is the 2nd largest exporter of apparel across the globe. The global fashion industry values about 3 trillion and continues to display a positive growth. The industry witnesses 3000 billion textile and garment companies making their way in the market each day. So, if you are interested in high fashion, mass market or ready to wear garments, as a fashion designer student you need to have the skills to thrive in the industry. In today fashion industry you need something more than creativity and artistic abilities. These skills will guide you towards your goal of becoming a fashion designer in an industry that contributes to 2 of the world GDP. Artistry and imaginativeness Having artistic ability and vivid imagery for unique designs is one of the most important skills for a fashion designer a student of this field should intake. Portraying your art through unique designs require artistic and imaginativeness and to do so every fashion designer should work hard on their sketching skills as being a sketch artist is the first step to portray the draft design into work of art. Business astuteness To become a successful fashion designer in true sense you should have the skill to maintain the financial quota of your business as well. It important as a student of fashion designing to understand of entrepreneurship works and how marketing, finance and sales play a key role in the business. Creativity is one aspect of success however an adequate knowledge of business sense is required to attain the desired materials and to avoid running out of the set budget. Communication skills As a fashion designer student, you should remember to give your desired outfit a complete look various accessory, jeweler, footwear materials are needed which can only be provided by doing collaborations with rising and profound artists. Having a successful collaboration requires communication skills to expand your career as a.

Iodine fortification is what most countries rely on to encourage adequate dietary intake. In more than seventy countries that iodize salt generally serves as the major source of iodine intake. One fourth of a teaspoon of iodized salts has about hundred micrograms of iodine. Note that the salt used in processed foods, which is the major source of salt for most Americans typically does not contain iodine. If salt used in a processed food contains iodine, it will be listed in the ingredients list of that food. Focus on decreasing the amount of salt consumed from processed foods and get your sodium from iodized salt. Seaweed, saltwater fish and seafood are natural sources of dietary iodine. Dairy products also supply iodine in the diet at varying levels. During lactation, the breast concentrates iodine in milk so breastmilk tends to be a good source of iodine as long as the iodine intake of a mother is adequate. Plants grown in iodine rich soil are also good sources. However, this is not a reliable source of iodine since there is no way of knowing whether produce purchased in grocery stores is grown in iodine rich soil or not. Iodized salt usually adds less than about three hundred micrograms iodine daily to the diet. Most multivitamin mineral supplements contain 150 micrograms of iodine. With the safe upper limit of daily iodine intake for adults set at 1,100 micrograms by the IOM it is unlikely to hit an excess amount when including a multivitamin and including natural sources of dietary iodine. The trend of eating less table salt, dairy and bread has some experts concerned that iodine deficiency could be on the rise again. Eating a healthy, balanced diet that includes iodine rich foods and iodized salt is key to good health.

Fashion designer to a new level. Sharing your ideas, collecting views and criticism go hand in hand with proper and appropriate communication method. Developing healthy and professional communicational skills is very important for a successful career life. Enthusiasm in trends keeps changing and so are the demands of the people. As a student pursuing fashion designing it is important you keep a keen eye on the changing and growing demand of the audience you wish to cater to. Those stable artists whom you consider competitors are also a source of immense knowledge so it is equally important to learn and observe the way they interpret their design and creativity into changing trends and develop a set pattern of skills. Collaborative and team skills Team skills become very essential as a fashion student. There much more than just designing a garment when it comes to fashion designers like researching, marketing, managing, and so much more. This requires a team with people who can handle problem solving, address issues, collaborate with each other. You need to know how to work as a team, how to interact with every team member in your team. Impressive needlework as a fashion designer, sewing becomes a fundamental and one.

Violent protests erupted in parts of India Hindi speaking belt against Gol new recruitment scheme for the military, Agni path. Frustrated young men from key catchment areas for the military setting trains on fire is a symptom of the jobs crisis in the country. This crisis is particularly acute among young men. CMIE April 2022 jobs data showed for males in the 15 19 age group, unemployment was 50, and 38.7 for the 20 24 cohort. Unemployment was as high as 76 for the 15 19 cohort in Bihar, the epicenter of protests. Losing one long term job option is a big blow to these young men. But that cannot be a reason to postpone Agni path after its announcement. As this newspaper and others have argued, the military has a pension problem. A parliamentary committee report in 2020 said there are 3.2 million defence pensioners, with about 55,000 added annually. In 2010 11, pension outgo was 19 of total defence expenditure. In November 2015, OROP was introduced. By 2020 21, pension outgo rose to 26 of defence expenditure. The fallout of pension rising share is a corresponding decrease in expenditure to buy new equipment. A comparative study of defence pensions by the Menorah Paprika Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis is insightful. The US in FY 2018 set aside 10 of the defence department total expenses towards pension. In the UK, the pension outgo in FY 2019 was 14 of the total defence spending. Given the lopsidedness in resource allocation in the Indian military budget, something had to give. Ideally, the approach should have been to prune intake and raise quality standards. However, political considerations seem to have played a role and a workaround was conceived to meet multiple aims. Having decided on Agni path, Gol should have anticipated the anxiety and pre emptied it. Post announcement assurances of job preferences in paramilitary or police, or bank loans for potential entrepreneurs are inadequate to assuage youth who see the military as a career that meets aspirations. In this context, Gol needs to quickly design a more effective package to help demobilised Agni veers transition to civilian life. One reason why the US is able to keep pension costs down is that it takes 20 years of service to be eligible for a pension. It possible because America is more effective in employing former soldiers. That what young men of the Hindi heartland want too. IPL media rights e auction for the 2023 27 cycle not only netted BCCI a bonanza, it has also reconfirmed the league superpower status in world cricket and, in a broader sense, is a testament to the market power of Indians and Indians abroad. Across four buckets covering both TV and digital in the Indian subcontinent and rest of the world, the media rights were sold for Rest 48,390 core. BCCI deserves full credit for playing the auction game well. Many had doubts about the valuation, thanks to after effects of the pandemic but a.

Successful IPL season this year, which saw the addition of two new franchises, and BCCI skillful leveraging of digital viewership two seasons before that when Covid emptied stadiums, ensured brand IPL did not suffer. In fact, the media rights auction showed IPL is now a global leader in terms of sports commerce. IPL per match valuation is Rest 118 core. By that metric, it now ranks globally second, after America NFL, and is ahead of the English Premier League. Plus, IPL today has not just emerged as a conveyor belt of cricketing talent for Team India, but also an arena where international players are tested and given an opportunity to hone their skills. England international Jonny Blain attested to this recently when he credited his stint in the IPL for his astonishing performance against New Zealand at the Trent Bridge Test that secured the English side a five wicket victory. BCCI must use revenues generated through IPL wisely: spending more on women cricket, giving better domestic match fees, creating more talent incubators especially in regions like the Northeast. Money is a problem. With protests breaking out over the new soldier recruitment scheme, former army chief General VP Malik tells Ajay Sure that a younger force is necessary but so is a review after some time: Violent protests against the Agni path scheme have broken out in some parts of the country. How do you assess these Many boys had appeared for selection tests before the army recruitment was suspended about two years ago. Some of them would now be over age for the Agni path scheme. Their disappointment is understandable. The scheme has been announced only three days ago even as some retired officers and political leaders have been very vocal in their criticism. The government and the armed forces have to do more work on their outreach, to justify and explain Agni path to the youth. Years ago when I was going abroad for the first time a well travelled friend gave me advice. When you re there don keep mentally converting the local currency into Indian rupees. Because, if you do, you all not be able to eat, drink, or do anything, he cautioned me. I was reminded of this recently when, on our visit to London, Bunny and I were taking one of our favorite walks, along the Thames towpath in Richmond, and we came across a stall selling green coconuts. If we were surprised to see tropical green coconuts in chilly Britain it was nothing compared with our astonishment at their price: the equivalent of Rest 600 for a coconut which in Gurgaon is Rest 60. London is one of the world most expensive cities, particularly for Indians. And it getting more so every year. We share a shawarma roll in Spitalfields Market and shell out a mentally converted Rest 1,000 for it. We go to a movie and pay Rest 4,000 for two tickets. I wonder if they had allow us to buy just one.

Ticket if we sat on each other laps. Our weekly travel pass for Central London comes to a hefty Rest 3,840 per person. Almost 4,000 bucks for a couple of bus and metro rides Why has everything in Britain become so expensive And the reason is that, over the years, the Indian rupee has shrunk in comparison to the British pound sterling, the US dollar, and all other so called hard currencies. When I went to the UK in 1972 the pound was worth Rest 19. Today it worth Rest 95. I remember when the US dollar was Rest 5. Today it touched Rest 78. When Bunny and I first went to Thailand in 1982, one rupee would get you two Thai baht. When we went again in 2015, the roles were reversed and it was two rupees to one baht. The rupee keeps shrinking, even though the Indian economy is the fifth largest in the world, thanks to our population of 1.4 billion. Thanks to the same largeness of population we consume, by way of imports, more than we produce, by way of exports, leading to a Current Account Deficit, CAD, which also stands for Cash Always Downsized. The Washington Post recently reported of a Google engineer, Blake Lemoyne, saying that the artificially intelligent Chabot generator programmer, Lambda Language Model for Dialogue Applications, was sentient. Engineers in other tech organizations working with artificial intelligence models say Lemoyne may not be wrong, for they too feel that AI models could evolve to turn conscious. Not surprising, as AI models are built with fabricated neural networks that mimic the human brain. Joelle Pineal, managing director of Meta AI, says tech companies ought to become more transparent even as the new technology is being created. The future of large language model work should not solely live in the hands of larger corporations and labs, she says. As always, science fiction has stayed several steps ahead of real world science, and sentient AI is old hat here. A 2013 Hollywood romantic drama titled Her with Joaquin Phoenix playing the lead tells the story of the protagonist falling in love with Samantha, an AI virtual female assistant played by Scarlett Johansson, who communicates with him in a female voice. In our own world, Alexi and Sire, virtual AI assistants on our e devices are now part of our daily lives, and who knows, one day we may find that they have evolved over time to engage with us in a conscious manner, with self awareness as did Lambda when Lemoyne asked it what is the difference between a butler and a slave and the AI replied that while the butler draws a salary, the slave did not. It added that AI models do not draw a salary as they did not need money. This triggered Lemoyne suspicion that Lambda was becoming self aware. Having said that, let see how religious philosophy would interpret this. Most eastern religions like Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism believe.

Those non humans too are sentient beings that are, they have feelings, and can experience sensations like joy and sorrow, as opposed to the intellectual ability to reason based on all the information that humans too are is gathered and analysed logically. Interestingly, the aboriginals of Australia regard the very landscape to be sentient, thereby alluding to a deep connection between humans too are just about everything from hills and dales, trees and stones and animals and insects to humans and by extension in modern times, perhaps to AI as well. The Maoris of New Zealand in 2017 won recognition from the courts that the Whanganui humans too are river is to be treated as a living entity. Citing this, the Indian courts ruled that the Ganga and Yamuna rivers be declared living entities, enjoying the same rights as living people. Then in 2019, the Yurok tribe declared the rights of personhood for the Klamath humans too are in North America, by passing a resolution in the tribal council. Declaring parts of the natural landscape as being akin to human beings accords them the same rights as we enjoy, and thereby there is some amount of protection from exploitation and desecration. According to animists, even stones are self aware, and one cannot rule out the possibility of a stone aspiring to achieve something more than remaining an inert stone. That is, everything is sentient, conscious, sapient and self aware in different degrees, but to reach that ultimate state of kaivalya is another ball game altogether. The Supreme Court yesterday issued notices to UP authorities on house demolitions but did not stay them. It was a reminder of what ails our democracy. In a true democracy where the law exists to protect people and promote ease of living, bulldozers are necessary to either uphold the law or reinforce the might of the state. Genuine respect for the rule of law amongst the people and their governments, a fair and professional police force, and an independent and impartial judiciary are sufficient. of the most basic skills. As a designer you should be able to make the clothes you design. Everything adds up perfectly when you as a beginner could do to develop a sense of experienced knowledge of the ways involved in bringing your designs off the sheets. A good understanding of the materials, fabrics, patterns and other elements that are required to make your designs unique will help you be more diligent while producing the garments you design. Fashion CAD People with technical and creative perspectives are highly required in today fashion industry. CAD computer aided design being a knowledge intensive and innovative software has a wide range of materials, shapes, styles, colors, detailing which could help you create improved and quick designs and patterns in a digital space. Fashion designing is a multitasking job and requires multiple skills. You need to reflect and work on the skills required and create an impressive profile to become successful in the fashion industry.

Gone are the days when all we needed was food, water, and shelter to survive. Nowadays, social media and content consumption have been added to the list. None of us can imagine our lives without these things as they've become pivotal to our existence. Owing to this, the creator economy has grown exponentially. The pandemic, in fact, aided significantly in its growth. In 2021 itself, it roughly became a \$20 billion market. It is further estimated to grow to a billion market in 2022 as more people join this industry. Investors and venture capitalists have caught wind as well. They have started investing money into creator-focused enterprises and even influencers' personal businesses. Year over year, \$800 million in venture capital has been invested in these creator ventures, making it one of the fastest growing industries in today's day and age. By virtue of this, innovation is taking place at a rapid scale and new trends are emerging on a daily basis. In fact, to such a great extent that it's difficult to keep track. Therefore, with my experience of 10 years in this industry, I've identified the top four trends that I believe will dominate the content creation industry in the upcoming year that all of us should keep a close eye on.

Virtual influencers gaining prominence They are rapidly gaining prominence in the influencer marketing ecosystem. With more of them springing up on Instagram every week and driving creative content, more brands are lining up to collaborate with them to participate in this new age form of marketing. The most popular virtual influencer globally is **Lu do Magalia**. In my opinion, this trend is definitely here to stay as it offers innumerable benefits for all the stakeholders with very limited limitations. Celebrities wanting to become digital content creators. It is an undeniable fact that these days a lot of content creators are more influential than celebrities among Gen Z and the millennial population who spend a lot of time consuming online videos. This realization has struck them as well. Therefore, rather than considering social media as a part-time project, they are now investing time, effort, and money to build their internet personas. This trend is similar across celebrities in all fields from actors, and sports personalities to entrepreneurs.

NFTs and Metaverse bandwagon When the creator economy is merged with NFTs, innumerable opportunities arise. With NFTs, artists can take control of their work and finances and they are no longer dependent on third-party intermediaries. Thus, a variety of monetization alternatives open up for them. Owing to this, NFTs are gaining popularity across the globe, from artists, creators to brands everyone wants to join this bandwagon. Recently, the famous Indian singer **Adler Mehdi** marked his presence by purchasing land in the Metaverse in India called the **Bale Land**. The land also features a store that will sell merchandise and royal products as both NFTs and physical goods that will be delivered to consumers' doorstep.

Instances.

Like this just mark the initial phase of NFTs. Changing monetization models Monetisation models for content creators have drastically evolved over the years. They are now no longer restricted to brand associations, and in fact, they go way beyond. For instance, creators are now earning via multiple revenue streams like launching their own brands, selling their own merchandise, hosting sessions and workshops, and the list goes on. There are many examples of creators who've successfully launched their own brands in the past year like Tech Burner Overlays clothing, Judi Godambe Arabelle, Parul Gulati Nish Hair, Siddhi Karwaa Unfurl studio just to name a few. On the other hand, brands like Integra are also constantly innovating themselves to be more creator friendly by launching features like direct selling operational in a few parts of the world at the moment. These models are further expected to evolve to provide more authority to content creators and thus, reducing their dependability on brands. In conclusion, I would like to say that I am confident that if the scale continues to be, the creator economy might become one of the biggest industries across the globe in the next few years with technology playing a prominent role in the future. Therefore, the year 2022 surely is a defining year for the industry.

Income tax planning need not be a cumbersome task when you address each aspect of your income with care. While some of the methods are very common, if you dig a little deeper, there are more ways than you know to save your taxes. It is wise to check all of the tax saving possibilities if you want to claim the highest possible refund at the time of filing taxes. Let take a look at seven of the most unconventional methods.

Deductions for children tuition fees A parent can claim a deduction on the amount paid as tuition fees to a university, college, school or any other educational institution. If you have kids, you can claim a deduction on the money spent as tuition fees. Whether your kids go to a school, university, college, or any other educational institution, you can claim a deduction. Remember that this deduction is available for a maximum of 2 children. Nevertheless, the maximum deduction on tuition fee payments that can be claimed together with the deductions for insurance, provident fund, pension, and other investment, is Rs 1.5 lakh. All these deductions are available under section 80C.

Save taxes on wedding gift A wedding is a huge occasion in India, where the couple is showered with love and gifts from relatives. Gifts received on your wedding day regardless of their value, whether in the form of a gift, cash, or cheque, are exempt from taxation under Section 56 2. You can receive such gifts from your friends and relatives. Route your investments through parents

The Income Tax Act allows for special tax benefits for Senior citizens. You can transfer your surplus to your parents under a gift deed.

Or make investments under their name. The basic tax exemption limit for senior citizens is 3 lakh and for super senior citizens is lakh. Interest income up to earned on deposits made in banks and post offices is exempt from tax for senior and super senior citizens. This money can be gifted to your parents, and they can reinvest it in lucrative senior citizen schemes like a Senior Citizen FD, Senior Citizens Savings Scheme, and more. Expenses for telephone and internet As per Rule 37 ix of the Income Tax, telephone reimbursement provided to employees during the period of their service to the organization is not taxable. If your office work necessitates the use of a mobile telephone internet connection, you are entitled to a full exemption of the billed cost. Money spent on donation charity Tax deductions can also be claimed for donations made to any fund, institution or charitable trusts. Depending on the purpose, donations are categorized differently. Only donations made to prescribed funds qualify as a deduction. Some are eligible for a 100 deduction, while others are eligible for a 50 deduction. However, you need to keep in mind that only donations made in cash cash is allowed up to 2000 INR or cheque based donations are eligible for tax deductions. Contribute to National Pension Scheme If you invest in NPS, you may claim tax benefit under Sec 80CCD 1 with an overall ceiling of Rs. 1.5 lac under Sec 80 CCE. What you may not know is that you can claim an additional deduction of Rs.50,000 under Section 80CCD 1B of Income Tax. So to save a little extra, contribute more to NPS. Pay for Parents Health and Health Insurance Section 80D allows a taxpayer to claim a deduction of up to 25,000 INR for paying the health insurance premium for yourself and your family. Expenditure incurred on the account of preventive health checkup allowed up to Rs. 5,000 INR. If you pay the premium of medical insurance for your parents, then you can claim an additional tax deduction u s 80D. Below 60 years: Up to 25,000 60 years and above: Up to 50,000 In addition, if your parents are senior citizens and are not covered under any insurance policy, you can still claim a deduction of up to 50,000 for the medical expenditure incurred during the year. The real estate market in India poses several challenges, particularly transparency and trust concerns between buyers and sellers. The transaction costs associated with the purchase of a property are also high. They include commissions and fees paid to real estate agents, lenders, brokers, inspectors, etc. However, since the outbreak of the pandemic, several technological innovations have revolutionised the industry and transformed the way one invests in real estate. Deify, or Decentralized Finance, is disrupting the real estate market by eliminating the hassles caused by intermediaries. Through block chain technology, Deify redefines how investors interact with financial products. It offers the benefits of automation through smart contracts and.

Security moreover, it offers transparency, making the industry more inclusive and cost effective. Deify meets Real Estate Real estate is one of the most popular forms of investment in India. And the need to make it decentralized was much appreciated. Buyers often came across problems like high processing loan fees, lengthy approvals for mortgages, and scattered yields. Deify helps resolve these problems and develop a more robust environment for users. While real estate is a physical product, its use as an income generating asset involves several processes that can be automated. Deify optimizes real estate, transforming it into a lucrative investment option. Many decentralized applications Daps exist in the market. Lenders, investors, developers, property owners, and real estate agents can choose to hop on the trend as they please. How Deify impact the real estate industry Smart contracts Real estate investments often involve complex contracts that lead to delayed closing and high fees. Smart contracts execute automatically after the pre determined conditions are met. These automated contracts verify ownership, identity, and available funding. They eliminate the need for intermediaries. As a result, investors can save a lot of time, effort, and money. Smart contracts can also automate real estate computations to the T. They ensure a fair play system for all stakeholders. As more individuals and offices adopt the concept of co working, calculating the exact use of the property becomes tougher. Smart contracts automatically compute the usage and the price to be paid to the co working owners. Tokenisation It is not possible to break physical properties into smaller pieces. However, tokenisation enables dealers to digitise physical space. NFTs, or non fungible tokens, are stored on a block chain and certify the ownership of unique digital assets. When these tokens are allotted to physical assets, different portions of the asset can be sold to different buyers. For instance, a 5,000 square feet property can have over 100 digital versions and owners, each having 50 square feet or more. NFTs or tokenisation help to document fractional ownership on the block chain. Based on the proportion of ownership, investors can earn from the property without physically dividing it. The real estate sector witnessed growth from USD 690 million to USD 14.3 billion in terms of value that was tokenised between 2020 and 2021. Fraud prevention and security One of the most prominent benefits of block chain technology is reducing fraud. It does not allow data tampering and data stealing. No one can modify a single, central record, resulting in enhanced safety and security. Real estate investors transact with large amounts of money, especially cash. Security is a serious consideration. Deify helps in reducing the chances of fraud. Records keeping With a historical centralised record keeper, one can face the challenges of data damage, loss, or modification. This can lead to serious complications for real estate investors as they do not have complete records to verify a property title maintenance history, and insurance and tax information. Block chain ensures that data ins.

Conversely, men are discouraged from wearing makeup due to the perception that it is feminine, restricting their exploration of expressing themselves freely. Similarly, traditional gender stereotypes dictate that women should have long, styled hair while men should have short hair. These expectations confine individuals to predetermined norms, limiting their freedom to look how they want. Breaking away from these stereotypes allows individuals to embrace diverse styles that reflect their true personality and preferences, fostering greater self-expression and authenticity. Debunking gender stereotypes Addressing grooming stereotypes holds significance not only for individual empowerment but also for advancing the goals of gender equality in society. Education and awareness play a pivotal role in countering these stereotypes. By actively challenging exclusive practices and biases within grooming, a path can be paved towards creating a more inclusive environment. Valuing diverse grooming practices and demonstrating respect for personal choices, free from discrimination, fosters inclusivity and acknowledges that grooming is not a one-size-fits-all endeavor. The mental health burdens that individuals experience while trying to abide by societal expectations can be diminished by raising awareness about the detrimental impact of being acceptable to grooming stereotypes. Role models who embrace their authentic selves can inspire positive change in others and contribute to cultivating a supportive atmosphere where everyone can freely express themselves. Furthermore, amplifying the voices of those who challenge grooming stereotypes can be a powerful means to drive positive transformations and foster a society that celebrates and appreciates the uniqueness of individual grooming practices. Breaking free from the stereotypes in the industry One area where gender stereotypes have strongly influenced grooming practices is in the marketing of products. Men grooming products are typically associated with qualities like strength, ruggedness, and practicality, while women products are often marketed as enhancing beauty, softness, and elegance. This distinction limits individuality by suggesting that people should only use products that align with their gender identity. However, by promoting self-expression, regardless of gender, individuals can feel empowered to explore different grooming styles and trends that resonate with their personal preferences. Nail care is another aspect where gender stereotypes come into play. Nail polish and manicures are associated with femininity, while they are less common or even stigmatized for men. This stereotype restricts self-expression by discouraging men from embracing nail care and nail art. Similarly, clothing is also a domain heavily influenced by gender stereotypes. Women are expected to wear dresses, skirts, and feminine clothing, while men should wear pants, suits, and more masculine attire. These societal expectations restrict individuals ability to express themselves by imposing limitations on their choice of clothing based on gender. Thus, by embracing diversity in grooming choices, individuals can challenge societal expectations and create a more inclusive and accepting environment. Growth of the gender-neutral grooming landscape A considerable number of individuals, regardless of their gender or age, incorporate cosmetic products into their daily routines. As the focus on self-care and well-being increases among consumers globally, the cosmetics industry gains significant value, with indications pointing towards its continued growth. In 2022, the global cosmetics market witnessed a growth rate exceeding.

All of India seems red faced with fury at the price of tomatoes, a staple of Indian kitchens and cooking, currently weighing in at Rs 200 a kilo approx. \$ 2.50. This which is par for course in the west \$ 1.49 lb. in our local Patel brothers and Whole Foods, but you are talking of countries with 10x India per capita income. Maybe this will spur people to grow their own tomatoes in India easily done in any nook or in a pot on the patio or balcony? Many do. It takes only two months from seed to fruit yes it is a fruit. The bad news though is in two months it will be selling for two rupees a kilo. How many times have we seen stories out of India of farmers unloading trucks of tomato on the road in protest against low prices? Surely we can live with a few weeks of high prices? On the flip side, if you are really against it and the high price is unbearable, tat not very difficult to grow fruits and vegetables at home, particularly in fecund and arable India where the weather is typically warm. But a more sane path would be to adopt the practice of using canned produce as it is done widely in the west, and indeed, in many parts of the world. This would ensure the farmer gets a more steady price through the year and the produce is not wasted. Yes, there is nothing like fresh produce, but we need to get rid of the anathema attached to canned and frozen goods. Nutrition experts too now say the loss of nutritional value in frozen and canned goods is exaggerated. Smart people have taken to using one fresh tomato mixed with canned tomatoes to achieve some balance in the current scenario. In US, it is not unusual to see almost every vegetable and fruit in canned and frozen form, alongside fresh produce of the same. Canned and sundried tomatoes are widely used. Stores now stick dried mango and a variety of other dried fruit, which allows easy, on the go consumption like when you don't want mango juice dribbling down your chin while driving. Is it as good as fresh mango? Of course not. But it is available off season, has a reasonable amount of nutrition, the produce did not go to waste, and the farmer made some money out of it. Cities get flooded by heavy rain mostly because authorities don't do a few simple things. Delhi plight last weekend was thanks to Delhi got rejecting a drainage plan from IIT As deluges subside and our cities revert to normal chaos, we ask ourselves how we got here. Like in Delhi, last weekend. The city witnessed over 100 mm of rainfall, leading to extensive waterlogging, road cave ins, collapsed homes, and gridlocked traffic. As citizens struggled, Delhi CM Arvin Kejriwal quickly attributed the crisis to extreme rainfall, contending that the city drainage system was designed to handle such an unprecedented downpour. PWD concurred, pointing out that Delhi drainage network can carry a maximum of 50 mm of rainfall in 24 hours and is in dire need of major reconstruction. But are these assertions accurate? Is the issue of waterlogging solely a consequence of extreme rain and inadequate infrastructure, or are there other factors contributing to this annual predicament? It is vital to scrutinize these assertions lest they be accepted as unquestionable truth. Let consider the rainfall. Was the downpour on July 8 and 9 truly unprecedented ? Rainfall data from the past 30 years reveals an increase in the frequency of heavy 64. 5 115. 5 mm of rain in 24 hours and very heavy 115. 6 204. 4 mm rainfall events in the city. In fact, in the last few years, there has been an upsurge in incidences of heavy rain. France, which is hosting PM Modi, is perhaps India's most reliable strategic partner and certainly the oldest one. The two countries are celebrating.

The 25th anniversary of their strategic ties. The bilateral relationship is, after the one with the US, the second most consequential for India. Both New Delhi and Paris set much store in their independent foreign policy. Recall that France had opposed sanctions against India in the aftermath of the 1998 nuclear test. Add to this the development of solid defence ties between the two countries, with France supplying critical platforms like modern fighter jets and submarines to the Indian military. supplier, accounting for 29% of the country imports. That defence footprint is expected to increase further during Mode visit with the possible announcement of New Delhi procurement of 26 Rafael jets for the navy and an additional three Scorpion submarines. Should these materialise, it will help India further hedge against the disruptions wrought by the Ukraine war that has made Russian defence supplies and maintenance unreliable. There is another geopolitical dynamic bringing India and France closer. Within the Trans-Atlantic alliance system, the Anglo American partnership increasingly sees France as having failed to live up to its strategic potential, especially given Paris missteps in Africa. The formation of AUKUS in 2021 that cut out France exemplified this. But Paris has responded by increasing engagement with countries like India. This obviously helps New Delhi, which can now further increase its collaboration with Paris in areas like the Indo Pacific. Both India and France are opposed to hegemonic activities read China in the region. But where the bilateral relationship could do with bolstering is on the economic front. Two way trade was just \$12. 56 billion in 2022 23. Therefore, both sides should redouble efforts to actualize an India EU FTA as soon as possible. In a global situation characterised by political flux, India and France can play the role of important balancers. 15 percent when compared to the preceding year. India, in particular, has witnessed a surge in the demand for male grooming products. According to a report by IMARC Group, the Indian male grooming products market is projected to grow at a CAGR of 8.2 during 2023 2028. This growth can be attributed to rising disposable incomes, urbanization, and the influence of Western grooming trends. Several emerging trends are likely to shape the grooming industry in the future. These include the integration of wellness and grooming, the rise of gender neutral products, and the increasing demand for sustainable and eco-friendly grooming solutions. Brands that anticipate and embrace these trends will be well positioned for success. Furthermore, technological advancements, such as artificial intelligence and augmented reality, are transforming the grooming industry. From virtual try on features to personalized product recommendations, technology is enhancing the consumer experience and revolutionizing how people approach grooming. In order to break free from 20th century notions, it is essential to challenge deeply ingrained gender stereotypes, particularly in the realm of grooming. By embracing a mind-set that celebrates diversity, we can create an environment that fosters inclusivity and encourages individuals to express themselves authentically. It is crucial to recognize that grooming is not solely tied to a specific gender but rather a personal form of self-care and self-expression. Furthermore, the Beauty & Personal Care market is projected to reach a revenue of US\$571.10 billion in 2023, with an anticipated annual growth rate of 3.80 between 2023 2027. Also, over the past decade, there has been a significant shift in male grooming culture, leading to a booming global male grooming

Destroyed, modified, or lost. It remains safe. Therefore, Deify streamlines acquisitions, enhances investor confidence, and lowers costs. Conclusion Deify and real estate could together explore many more possibilities. The technology is evolving at a rapid pace, and owners and investors can benefit significantly from the innovations in the space. If traditional financial institutions welcome decentralized alternatives, Deify can truly change the face of the real estate industry. Investors of all categories can create a diversified portfolio and maximise returns. The industry could see disruptions like peer to peer mortgages verified on block chain replacing traditional financing, fractional ownership REITs denominated in crypto increasing accessibility, and tenants paying rent in tokens.

Meta Description: The integrated ecosystem of 5G and Iota has the capability to transform the fortunes of businesses provided these new technologies are synergistically combined with each other.

Integrating 5G and Iota: What do numbers say Sample the following statistics and you all instantly realize the enormous potential that the integration of 5G technology in Iota devices offers: According to Cisco, a total of 500 billion Iota devices will be integrated with 5G technology in near future. This number includes sensors, actuators, scanners, and medical devices among others. Another credible name in the IT industry, Ericsson AB has predicted that by the end of 2022, a total of 550 million 5G subscribers will be part of the latest iteration of mobile broadband. The report further reveals that 5G integration in Iota devices will witness an unprecedented rise in the next couple of years. Asia Pacific will become the second fastest growing hub of the 5G network and account for approximately 10% of the global subscribers base. This revolution in the customer segment will also spill over to the industrial sector and catalyze the adoption of 5G in Iota devices.

What are Iota and 5G technology The prospects of 5G technology and its implications for Iota devices have been a matter of profound interest for experts in the Information Technology Sector. Given the phenomenal rise estimated in the number of Iota devices from 16.4 billion to 30.9 billion units by 2025, the evolution of 5G technology is a must for seamless communication between these large number of devices. The 5G technology, aka fifth generation network, is the next iteration of the broadband cellular network. It capable of offering wider bandwidths and data speeds of up to 20 Gigabytes per second 20 Gbps. When integrated with Iota devices, the 5G network has the potential to transform the face of many businesses cutting across industries. Some of the sectors that can be immensely benefited from the combination of 5G and Iota devices include the Healthcare Sector, Transportation Industry, Energy and Power, and Education Sector among others.

Iota Devices: Data aggregation and information extraction Iota devices play a crucial role in collecting, aggregating, and analysing data from a wide variety of resources. This data then goes under the analysis process which results in the extraction of actionable information that can be used for making.

Important strategic and tactical decisions related to organisations. Take, for instance, the use of IOT devices in the Healthcare Sector. Today, a wide variety of customer data in hospitals, health centres, infirmaries, etc is recorded on IOT devices. The collected data is then used for extracting information on various health parameters of patients such as their age, gender, health problems, etc. Subsequently, this data is used by a number of different stakeholders including doctors, patients, pharmacy companies, and drug sellers to devise their policy frameworks, action plans, and market strategies. 5G and IOT Complementary forces now all the data collection and aggregation can be done more efficiently if IOT devices are seamlessly connected with each other and this is exactly where the relevance of a fast and reliable 5G Network comes into the picture. Given the high speed data transfer of the 5G network, IOT devices can work with far greater efficiency than what they are capable of doing with 4G networks. In sum, a fully matured and evolved 5G network is a prerequisite for IOT devices to realise their full potential. In terms of benefits for specific industries, 5G technology and IOT devices are capable of changing the fortunes of many industries. Following are some specific highlights that point toward the enormous potential the integration of these technologies is capable of offering to businesses: 5G technology has carved a place for itself thanks to its distinctive efficiency, speed, and latency features. Further, 5G technology offers top of the line safety and security which coupled with new gen IOT devices can offer giant leaps of progress in autonomous driving, drone operations, virtual reality, digital finance, and a number of AI applications in different businesses. 5G networks will specifically empower the businesses in the healthcare industry, education, transportation, supply chain, and manufacturing industry. We are already witnessing an exponential rise in the use of 5G enabled IOT devices in the healthcare sector. In the education sector, the coming together of 5G and IOT will lead to a more interactive virtual learning and immersive experience for students. Transportation and logistics will also draw benefits from the confluence of these new technologies through the use of real time tracking, electronic data interchange, and automatic replenishment of stocks. Using the high speed internet in IOT devices, the manufacturing industry can use the concept of remote access, repair, and maintenance which will be truly transformational for the industry. Need for holistic 5G and IOT ecosystem To realize the full potential of 5G and IOT devices, we need to build an integrated ecosystem of 5G networks and IOT devices. It is only the seamless integration of both these technologies that can help industries to make giant leaps across the value chain. Right from sourcing raw materials to manufacturing products and from sales and marketing to the actual customer buying, we need to strive for creating a holistic ecosystem. This, in turn, will become instrumental in deriving synergies for businesses across their value chain and participating the stakeholders.

Is positive thinking an inherent characteristic of a person or can developed in one's psyche?. The opinions differ in answering this vital question. Some people believe that it can be inherited from parents, and cannot be developed. Others believe that like other qualities it can be developed with proper practice and guidance. Still some others hold the opinion that it is hereditary to some extent but can be acquired to some degree. There is also a section of people, who believe that all depends on circumstances or luck. We need to adopt a scientific approach to find an answer to the above question. No one can get success every time even after making efforts, nor can one fail constantly. Moreover, success has different meaning for different people. For some students, getting 60 per cent marks is success, for others it may not be sufficient. In a competitive examination, success means getting selected, whatever the percentage of marks. As for inheritance theory, since positive attitude is not a physical feature but a mental faculty, it cannot be purely hereditary. It can be developed. Moreover, parents play a major role in developing this quality of a child. A child, who watches his parents working hard, having faith in success through their words, behaviour and body language, is likely to develop a similar attitude. The children of short tempered, over cautious and nervous parents may assume similar characteristics when they grow up. Psychologists, therefore, prescribe a code of conduct for parents' behaviour in front of their children. They must exude confidence, self belief and hope, especially in difficult situation, so that the children emulate these qualities. They must be taught the importance of being positive before, during and after the performance of a task. There is no better education for a child than watching his parents come out of a tough situation by means of earnest endeavours. Such success not only gives more joy but also increases self confidence. Stretching specific tendon or muscle can improve the elasticity of muscles, which in turn helps in achieving a comfortable muscle tone. There are several benefits of regular stretching, and it should be an integral part of every workout program. It not only helps increase your flexibility, which is an important part of fitness, but it can also improve your posture, body aches, reduce stress, and much more. One of the benefits of regular stretching is that it enhances flexibility. Being flexible has its own advantages, as it not only improves your day to day activities, but can also help delay the reduced mobility that comes with aging. Stretching 9on a regular basis can help increase your range of motion. You can either go for static or dynamic stretching as they both are effective when it comes to the increasing range of motion. According to the studies, proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation or PNF type of stretching is more effective for immediate results. Regular stretching can not only help heal an existing back injury but can also.

It is almost inevitable that BJP led NDA will have the determining choice on who finally becomes president. But we may ask the question: Who will be the ideal president for 21st century India The answer is: In times when democracy is in retreat across the world, the ideal president is someone who will stand as democracy conscience keeper. Violent protests against Agni path not only continued for the third day but also spread to more states. Nothing justifies the arson and other acts of violence. Protests that result in wilful destruction of property cannot be treated with kid gloves. But these protests also show the scale of challenge in initiating reforms in India, even when fronted by a prime minister with the strongest political mandate in almost 50 years. One reason is pushback by interest groups that benefit from the status quo. Equally, sloppy planning and execution that feed into a pre existing credibility crisis governments face make it tough. There can be no argument against military pension reforms. The fiscally reckless act of introducing OROP without a concomitant move to rationalise numbers made Agni path inevitable. Military pension spend increased from 19 of total defence expenses in 2010 11 to 26 a decade later, thereby squeezing out expenses on armaments. India challenge is not unique. PLA modernisation exercise last decade included demobilising officers. However, as a commentary by Rand Corporation observed there were concurrent steps to ease the transition. Chinese government officials were explicitly tasked to help in the job search and matching process, and it was linked to their promotion. It in such crucial areas of execution that India reform efforts falter. While Gol did well to offer a onetime waiver on age, it would have been better to have a credible pathway for lateral entry into paramilitary forces. Promises of priority at a future date will not cut it given the low trust in government promises. Another takeaway is that a reform that has a bearing on aspirations in an economy with limited job opportunities needs to be backed by direct messaging. The political executive has to take ownership before and during the process of implementing reforms. Allegations of sexual harassment levelled by two top cyclists against a senior coach, as well as complaints by a woman sailor, should be treated with utmost seriousness but the Sports Authority of India is creating more problems with its responses. Mandating that all travelling women athletes must be accompanied by women coaches is an unprofessional policy, implying that men and women simply can work together in sports training. It also raises the question of whether there are enough women coaches. As problematic is the fact that an SAI internal complaints committee reportedly asked the cyclist who first accused the coach to file an FIR. There should be standard internal processes, where the committee follows up with the police, as the POSH Act specifies. Sexual harassment in sports sin an Indian problem. The US, for example, has had many cases.

And in some instances celebrated coaches were ousted as predators. Just as in workplaces, the predator works the power hierarchy in his favour in sports training, and young women from low income families are especially vulnerable. Sometimes, even being an established athlete does help. A cyclist with a good track record alleged she was let go after facing repeated harassment. Exemplary punishment to harassers, following a quick, fair inquiry, is the best deterrent. SAI and sports federations must not impose rules that are a throwback to times when gender segregation was the norm. Violent protests against Agni path not only continued for the third day but also spread to more states. Nothing justifies the arson and other acts of violence. Protests that result in wilful destruction of property cannot be treated with kid gloves. But these protests also show the scale of challenge in initiating reforms in India, even when fronted by a prime minister with the strongest political mandate in almost 50 years. One reason is pushback by interest groups that benefit from the status quo. Equally, sloppy planning and execution that feed into a pre existing credibility crisis governments face make it tough. There can be no argument against military pension reforms. The fiscally reckless act of introducing OROP without a concomitant move to rationalise numbers made Agni path inevitable. Military pension spend increased from 19 of total defence expenses in 2010 11 to 26 a decade later, thereby squeezing out expenses on armaments. India challenge is not unique. PLA modernisation exercise last decade included demobilising officers. However, as a commentary by Rand Corporation observed there were concurrent steps to ease the transition. Chinese government officials were explicitly tasked to help in the job search and matching process, and it was linked to their promotion. It in such crucial areas of execution that India reform efforts falter. While Gol did well to offer a onetime waiver on age, it would have been better to have a credible pathway for lateral entry into paramilitary forces. Promises of priority at a future date will not cut it given the low trust in government promises. Another takeaway is that a reform that has a bearing on aspirations in an economy with limited job opportunities needs to be backed by direct messaging. The political executive has to take ownership before and during the process of implementing reforms. Allegations of sexual harassment levelled by two top cyclists against a senior coach, as well as complaints by a woman sailor, should be treated with utmost seriousness but the Sports Authority of India is creating more problems with its responses. Mandating that all travelling women athletes must be accompanied by women coaches is an unprofessional policy, implying that men and women simply can work together in sports training. It also raises the question of whether there are enough women coaches. As problematic is the fact that an SAI internal complaints committee reportedly times when democracy is in retreat across the world, the ideal president is.

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Nature hazards and environmental disruptions are inherent in objective yoga, a yoga dissected from nature. By transforming conventional yoga into eco yoga, we can get rid of all environmental catastrophes as well as socio cultural crises. Everything related to everything, every process related to every process this is the law of ecology. Ecology is the interaction of organisms with their environment. Eco yoga establishes human nature relations, strengthens them and restores the natural balance. Eco yoga is based on the principle that all life is yoga, says eco philosopher Henry. Natural evolution keeps on renewing life, adds to biodiversity and continues to enhance ecological affluence on the Earth. There are millions of species on Planet Earth and each species has unique characteristics. Homo sapiens are no exception. The special qualities given to us by natural evolution include extraordinary intellectual powers. And, as is natural, these powers characterise the designs of natural evolution. The yoga rooted in the secret of natural evolution. Every species, including humans, is, in fact, a mysterious product of evolution. Yoga itself is eco yoga the sum total of the occurrence of life arises from ecological processes, seeded by light, and fuelled by evolution within the Earth biosphere. As a result of the intellectual powers conferred by natural evolution, we humans can understand the phenomenon of biophysical dimensions, the interrelationships of organisms and life processes. It is because of our intellectual powers that we can discover, invent and analyse every object, matter; and every non object, energy; and every tensor, matter energy combination. To give importance to nature, to protect all species, to preserve ecosystems, to encourage deep relationships between humans and other species and their environment, to be reverential towards Mother Earth, all these qualities are the positive dimensions of our eco yoga. If we keep ourselves away from eco yoga, then all those who limit themselves to body fitness will not be able to move towards sustainable amelioration and development of life with the help of yoga. The pandemic has taught us how lack of oxygen can change the course of life. Oxygen is a product of photosynthesis, for which our surroundings must be blossoming with plants. There should be forests throbbing with biodiversity on our earth. Our oceans, lakes, rivers should be pollution free. Our soils need to be healthy. Our environment free from toxic gases. And our life systems vibrant with ecological bloom. The yoga that leads humanity on pathways to ecological climax, and sports federations must not impose rules that are a throwback to times when gender segregation was the norm. Whether or not you vet heard of the humour cliff, you vet probably experienced it: The frequency with which we laugh or smile plummets around age 23. Children laugh all the time, but being an adult involves repressing this sense of play, keeping our interactions and sterile. Sustainability and happiness is eco yoga, that is, ecological yoga. Eco yoga, in essence, is an art of awakening mankind and rejuvenating the Earth.

The logistics sector in India has always been about resilience, adapting to new technologies and agility. It has had a tumultuous yet promising journey over the last couple of decades, with continuously growing demand for higher quality services. In the recent years, the Indian government has had a renewed focus on investing into logistics infrastructure in the country, while at the same time encouraging investments from the private sector as well. This has led to much better rail connectivity & road networks and increase in the number of ports, inland container depots, and warehousing services throughout the country. With better infrastructure, the Indian industry was able to plan its businesses in a more efficient manner, moving India closer towards becoming a manufacturing hub for the world. Manufacturers are now able to import raw materials with ease, export higher than ever before due to their competitiveness with global peers, while at the same time working on a low inventory model as the quality of rail transportation in particular has improved with assured transit times. Instead of relying on bulk transportation by road, manufacturers can now use container based rail transportation to tap into the global shipping networks with more ease and reliability, and reduced handling of cargo that reduces damages and pilferages. World class warehousing facilities have come up in a big way in the country, allowing for domestic distribution to reach a multitude of touch points in smaller towns and cities apart from the metros, as can be seen by the foray of ecommerce and express parcel shipments to every corner with demanding delivery times being met. According to a recent report by McKinsey Global Institute India logistic sector would expand at a Compound Annual Growth Rate of more than 10 percent, from \$200 billion in early 2020 to at least \$320 billion in 2025. This subsequently changed in 2020 due to the pandemic and businesses came up with innovative solutions to plan for the future. During the lock down most rigid stages, road transportation for large movement of goods was fraught with challenges and difficult to manage, however rail has been the only mode of transportation that worked without limitations and hence essential businesses could transport goods and commodities across the nation, as well as participate in global import and export trade. This led to a surge in demand for customised logistics solutions, especially for essential goods that were required to be transported regardless of the lockdowns, and the entire logistics sector managed to keep up with their commitments to customers in this difficult period. In turn, the users recognised the value of efficient logistics services and have remapped their supply chain even as the impact of pandemic slowed down. As a result of this, in February 2021, for the first time since the outset of the pandemic, the Indian Railways saw a year on year growth in revenue, signifying the return of precovid levels of operation. Post Pandemic What does today look like for the Logistics Sector Today.

The logistics sector is at its most dynamic embodiment and the credit goes to the numerous developments happening at a faster pace. Moreover, the cost of logistics is going down due to the shift to railways since rail freight is more efficient for longer distance and a sustainable method of transporting goods. The introduction of Dedicated Freight Corridor DFC by the government has reduced transit times and it has been a huge boon to the sector. DFC is a high speed and high capacity railway corridor that is exclusively meant for the movement of freight, or in other words, goods and commodities. It has two arms stern DFC connecting Ludhiana in Punjab to Danni in West Bengal and Western DFC which connects NCR to Nava Shiva, Mudra & Papaya. The government has recently introduced PM Gait Shakti National Master Plan for Multi Modal connectivity, which is a transformative approach for economic growth and sustainable development in the logistics sector. The plan focuses on seamless multimodal connectivity, planning financing innovative projects and the use of technology in the sector. Highlighting the present and future of the sector will be incomplete without throwing light on the benefits of deployment of high level of technology which has played a big role in optimising operations, route planning between hubs and spokes, and creating better supply chain visibility for manufacturers while reducing time consuming documentation processes. The utilisation of fleet and spare capacities across the country are better as technology helps narrow the bridge between supply and demand. The advanced tech based solutions has helped ease the challenges of warehousing and last mile operations. There are various indicators of the sector witnessing a phenomenal growth over the next few years. For example, heavy investment in building infrastructure is important for all the sectors which the government is planning to invest in. Projects such as Sagarmala, Setup Bharatam, and other landmark infrastructure projects in the future will further help the sector. Network advantage of owned infrastructure is critical in this industry to be able to offer single window solutions to customers for all their supply chain needs, which has led to higher investment in the logistics industry from private companies. The industry is also gearing towards creating robust supply chains and modernizing warehousing solutions in the country. Reliability of service in this industry is key for importers as well as exporters since they plan to shift closer towards a Justin Time inventory model. The aim of the players in the sector is to work closely with suppliers so that raw materials arrive as production is scheduled to begin, but no sooner. Minimizing inventory will soon be the future of logistics and all major players will strive to achieve that. The Indian Customs is also helping trade with their 24×7 services at major EXIM locations. As almost all other sectors, the logistics sector too is trying to adapt environment friendly practices and all major businesses are striving to be ESG compliant and sustainable as much as possible.

Companies have recognized that the future is in alternative fuels like CNG & LNG and they are slowly working towards creating processes with more efficient alternatives like Rail Transportation. Material shortages and stock outs came to define 2021, hampering organisation stability to produce and satiate their customers demands. The lingering effects of pandemic induced demand supply imbalances taught industries a critical lesson planning and forecasting market demands based on historical data is no more a viable option. They need to transgress to more futuristic and practical techniques. As per industry speculators, the worldwide chip shortage problem which started in year 2020 is likely to be stretched into 2023. A recent article hinted that chip shortage will drive 50 of the top Automotive OEMs to design their own chips by 2025. It has become imperative for organisations to check where the current demand might be headed and implement immediate controls to combat the demand related disruptions. They need to bring in tested and proven methodology, such as demand sensing, to avoid shortages of critical products and services across the supply chain. Demand sensing is more than studying the patterns in near real time detail helps organisations to react and overcome unprecedented demand supply issues and develop responsive business plans. The evolving prediction mechanism of demand sensing Earlier, time series analysis was considered a near accurate method for forecasting. But as we progressed towards a more disruption ridden market, the traditional method was unable to yield correct results. According to a research by Gartner, many companies spend hours each week on sales estimations, yet less than 50 of their sales leaders and sellers have confidence in forecasting accuracy. These forecasts do not provide retailers or businesses with granularity to account for meaningful demand signals and make pragmatic sales decisions. Demand sensing can make a major difference in such cases. To achieve this, organisations will require more powerful tools and data from varied sources. Collating all the data and leveraging the powers of machine learning, artificial intelligence and big data analytics will improve the estimation of near future trends and provide real time insights. In fact, Alienable supply chains have the capability to improve inventory levels by 35 and service levels by 65. Forecasters can use the decision tree models to learn about the supply chain fluctuations and improve accuracy of the near future demand. The machine learning algorithms in the solution leverage real time data to generate a far more accurate sense of the short term future. This approach also enables automation within demand planning, so that organisations gain visibility of potential customer expectations and can plan adjustments faster. With brand loyalty fluctuating in this vulnerable economic environment, businesses cannot afford to risk losing due to out of stock scenarios. In this situation, demand sensing can help create a well integrated and synchronized supply chain that makes forward planning effortless. Industries are also realizing the critical need to enhance supply chain capabilities by using cognitive demand sensing solutions. A multinational OEM, for instance, acquired a supply.

In the last few weeks, Delhi has been deluged by rain. The Yamuna has risen to danger levels. Colonies near the river are being inundated. And Delhi Government says it is all due to too much rain, instead of attending to the plight of citizens. Much of this flooding could have been avoided if we did not test nature. The floodplains of the Yamuna shrink due to illegal construction; dumping of waste; deposition of silt; and illegal colonies coming up everywhere with no waste management system or proper drainage or water harvesting. All of these could have been prevented if every Government institution in Delhi worked in tandem all year round. Instead, they are invariably caught off guard and blame Mother Nature. What is even worse is that one agency will come to desilt drains, another to take the silt away and yet another to cover the drains. The silt lies in mounds next to the drains and is washed back into drains with one downpour, before the agency involved picks it up. There is zilch supply chain management. In addition, precious water is wasted in one of the driest cities of the world where many colonies need water tankers in the hot summer. Why? First, to deal with the flooding a team of Experts from IIT Delhi had recommended The Delhi Drainage Master Plan, which was given in 2016 and accepted by the Delhi government in 2019, yet according to several news reports not much has happened on the ground. Delhi has 700 km of drainage and IIT-D first scientifically quantified the volume of water that flows in them and then, came up with several ways to increase the volume. This included rectifying slopes of drains, width adjustments, siltation removal and revival of the natural drainage system which runs across 426.555 km in Delhi. Several of these drains have been lost due to lack of upkeep, construction, waste dumping and wanton negligence. In addition, there were detailed plans to keep storm drains and sewage apart as during floods overflows can mix the two. It is amazing that for decades, even while Delhi population was growing exponentially, nothing has been done to improve the drainage. Even while every monsoon Delhi is hit with floods, it took three years just to get the master plan by IIT to be accepted and now four years after that reportedly little has been done on the ground. Surely, this can be taken up on a war footing? The Capital loses crores of rupees when floods hit and lives and working hours are lost. The damage done to infrastructure can go into millions of dollars yet there seems no urgent hurry to deal with the problem. Yet much can also be done by societies and Resident Welfare Associations RWA. In West End Colony, the RWA started water harvesting in April 2004 under the aegis of Centre of Science and Environment and the Delhi Jal Borad, and now has 20 harvesting pits at strategic locations in the colony, which taps the excess water from the storm water drains. The RWA built harvesting structures in low lying areas as well, to recharge the water into the aquifer and prevent flooding. Col Shashi Dalvi based in Pune has also been working with rainwater harvesting for 20 years and says from villages to cities and societies, Roof Water Harvesting have saved 100 villages from dry spells and 1.1 billion litres of roof water has been harvested. Places where village women had to walk miles to get water are now getting their borewells replenished and have water supply annually. In urban centres as well as buildings in societies have started Roof water Harvesting and no longer need water tankers during dry spells. There was resistance to at first, he says, but once they realized the lifetime benefits with a one-time expenditure.

And massive savings on water tankers, more societies followed suit. Non-communicable diseases NCDs cardiovascular diseases, cancers, chronic respiratory diseases, and diabetes are becoming a cause for concern across different socio-economic groups and regions in the country. In urban India, the rise of fast food, busy work schedules, inactivity due to sedentary lifestyles, and lack of time for meal preparation have contributed to an increase in NCDs such as hypertension and diabetes. In rural India, lack of access to nutritious diets is resulting in a number of NCDs. Additionally, traditional beliefs and cultural practices may discourage the consumption of certain foods, leading to a less diverse and less balanced diet. Recognising the growing burden of NCDs in the country, the Indian government launched the National Health Policy in 2017 to prioritise the prevention and control of such diseases. The policy includes measures such as promoting healthy lifestyles, increasing access to affordable and quality health services, and improving surveillance and monitoring of NCDs. However, despite the steps taken by the government, efforts to control NCDs focus more on screening, monitoring, treatment, and referral and less on prevention. India primary health system is geared towards screening people in large numbers for diabetes and hypertension and referring them for clinical care and treatment. While screening and testing for NCDs is important, it is an extremely resource-intensive exercise. Given the numbers approximately 136 million people in India are pre-diabetic and more than 50 percent are unaware of their diabetic status it is nearly impossible to focus just on treatment as our way out of the crisis. Therefore, it is essential to manage the problem with the help of prevention-focused interventions based on behavioral change that encourage lifestyle modifications and adoption of healthy habits. This article is based on our learning from our work on NCD prevention in India, and highlights how programmers can reach the required scale with tech-based interventions and through collaborations among various stakeholders. Take prevention to the doorstep Early detection and prevention of NCDs is key to controlling them. However, many people still view them as diseases that only affect the elderly and may not even get tested for NCDs such as hypertension and diabetes. It is crucial, therefore, to spread awareness about NCDs and why they need to be taken seriously, as well as educate individuals on healthy behaviours that they can adopt to prevent them. This makes it necessary to take NCD prevention interventions to where the people are schools, homes, and workplaces. Keeping this in mind, we launched the Mythoi programmer to promote healthy dietary choices among urban women, who are more prone to diabetes. Based on the success of My Plate by the US Department of Agriculture, we translated India National Institute of Nutrition guidelines into an easy-to-follow image that we then disseminated through social media. We engaged with micro-influencers in the health and nutrition, lifestyle, food and travel space in order to reach urban women looking for nutrition advice from credible sources. Another reason for collaborating with influencers was to make healthy eating aspirational and accessible while simultaneously increasing awareness about it to prevent lifestyle diseases. 2. Intervene early Many NCDs have their origin in childhood, and are shaped by lifestyle and environmental factors. According to a study by the Indian Council of Medical Research, the prevalence of diabetes and pre-diabetes among adolescents in India ranges from 12.5 percent to.

The study also found obesity to be a major risk factor for diabetes among adolescents. Research shows that urban adolescents are more likely to suffer from NCDs than rural adolescents, mainly due to lifestyle factors such as physical inactivity, unhealthy diets, and excessive screen time. Adolescents from lower socio economic groups are also at a higher risk of NCDs, as they have limited access to healthcare services, education, and information on healthy lifestyles. Therefore, it is crucial to intervene when children are in the early adolescent years so that healthy habit formation and lifestyles for the future can be encouraged. In 2011, based on the school education model for tobacco control, we developed a two year school based programmer for diabetes awareness and prevention. Through a network of teachers and student peer leaders, the programmer aimed to educate 11 14 year olds about the benefits of increasing physical activity and improving dietary intake. We used peer led group discussions as well as age appropriate, compelling games and activities to teach adolescents good lifestyle habits. For example, the game of snakes and ladders was used in classrooms to explain the difference between healthy and unhealthy dietary choices, with a bag of chips depicted by a naked and eating fruits and vegetables represented by a ladder. We realised though that it was first important to build awareness among teachers in schools. For this, we worked with various partners such as CINI and SRU Innovations to conduct workshops and learning sessions about NCDs with teachers. The teachers were encouraged to carry out these games with children in classrooms, and integrate the messaging of healthy eating habits and physical activity through their teaching.

3. Collaborate with multiple stakeholders In order to enable the prevention of NCDs in a country as large as India, programmers must be designed keeping scale in mind. A gamut of knowledge, research, and learning already exists in the form of public and private organizations that work on NCD screening, prevention, and management. These include the Public Health Foundation of India, Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, Indian Council of Medical Research, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, PATH, and The George Institute. Collaboration and coordination among these organizations is essential to maximize resources and impact. Nonprofits can leverage the networks of NCD organizations to share knowledge, expertise, and resources, and to develop and implement joint programmers and initiatives. This also helps in bridging the trust deficit communities may have when approached by a new Organisation. For example, for the Mythoi programmer, which was originally developed for urban women, we partnered with PATH a nonprofit focused on improving health equity in the country to adapt it for rural adolescent girls. PATH brought in stakeholders from policymakers to nutrition experts to deliberate on core elements of the existing programmer content and tweak it for adolescent girls. We used this to develop an eight page comic book and activity booklet, which were then disseminated across schools we were working with.

4. Leverage technology effectively Technology not only allows for programmers to reach otherwise isolated locations, but also permits the continuous circulation of knowledge. Using technology such as text messages can be an important means of enabling behavior change. As part of our diabetes programmer a text voice message based diabetes prevention programmer, the team sent 56 messages twice a week for 6 months to more than one million people. Focused on informing about diabetes and its prevention.

Chain intelligence company to take advantage of their demand sensing capabilities, so that they can better evaluate the upcoming market requirements. Demand sensing can bring improvements in inventory cycle times and transportation costs, lessen the forecast errors and result into higher service levels as more compared to traditional time series forecasting techniques. It has the potential to increase revenues, reduce lead times, optimize costs, and achieve greater control over the working capital with efficient inventory management. Deploying real time demand sensing solution While the market offers numerous demand sensing solution options for supply chain management, enterprises have often experienced failure in achieving results initially, due to significant operational hurdles. A major reason is the existence of traditional ERP and legacy systems businesses using such systems have disparate data silos, which makes it difficult to track every volatile behavior of the varied supply chain data in real time. Demand sensing solutions also require access to internal data, along with the ability to integrate it with external information from up and downstream sources in the value chain to create better predictions. For this, enterprises will first need to implement a robust data management and processing platform that is integrated with all the Iota devices and smart sensors on factory floors, which are capable of generating more data than ever. Then, they will need to integrate data from systems outside the internal platform. Organisations seeking to make the most of their demand sensing solutions need to take an integrated approach across their entire supply chain system. This involves integrating their warehouse management system within their supply chain, feeding it real time data from operational and customer sources, partnering with a vendor and supplier ecosystem that syncs with their demand sensing solution, and collaborating with stakeholders to broaden the data pool for faster, and more efficient product replenishment. The scale of integrations may seem big, but this will allow greater visibility and interoperability across stakeholders. For creating such a solution, enterprises will need to implement and design the solution extremely carefully. The enormity of the project will require expertise and experience in deploying a business wide demand sensing solution to ensure vigilant monitoring, data governance, and customisation. Extracting business value from near future predictions As we head toward the future, demand sensing will prove to be a potent weapon to achieve competitive edge. The business value that it can deliver will far compensate the hurdles to implement it. organisations seeking to leverage the full benefits of a demand sensing solution should choose a unified platform solution that can help accelerate their datatoin sight outcome journey. Such solutions will deliver reliable results when powered by a deep understanding of data analytics, while also incorporating the nuances and custom requirements of various industry verticals, such as logistics and retail. For this, a high quality data pipeline is a must. Organisations will then be assured of the validity of their insights, which in turn will lead to more accurate projections of customer demand patterns. Thus, faster and optimal.

So, it times to turn the challenges of the pandemic to new opportunities. With a design thinking approach that aligns with the technology solutions and overall business strategy and goals, enterprises can focus on the future and keep moving forward. The sudden violence in reaction to the Agni path scheme for recruitment in the Armed Forces underlines that the perception is more important than the reality. The scheme was under consideration since the Cargill conflict. Before coming to the Cargill Review Committee KRC recommendations, it needs to be seen as to why the youth particularly in the central heartland reacted so violently, though it has spread to the other areas as well. There is a perception that the Agni path scheme is short term enrolment without any rank and pensioner benefits. Some politicians have added fuel to the fire by stating this is to exploit the youth and has been adopted without giving any thought. The eruption of violence needs to be seen holistically. One has to take in view the ethos of the youth particularly in the 168 districts from where 70 recruits come. The youth in these areas start preparing for service in the Armed Forces since early childhood not merely as an employment but to become a proud soldier in the Army defending the nation. The slogan Jai Kinas, Jai Jaw and embedded in their minds. Second, there is a perception that after the four years, they would be without a job. Third is that some of those who have crossed the age of entry, would be unable to take the advantage of this scheme. In addition, some veterans began to oppose the scheme indicating that it would lower the standard of the Armed Forces. Lastly, the announcement was made without proper publicity of the benefits. These factors to a great extent are responsible for the eruption of violence. The facts must be seen objectively. The defense pension bill has increased substantially over the years. However, a deeper analysis shows that the bulk of pension goes to the civilian officials not to the combatants. Currently, the civilian pension is lakh while the pension for the combatants account for Rs 1.38 lakh. This is mainly because civilians retire at the age of 60 while the Jeans retire around 3337 years of age. Then the civilians have better promotional avenues. There is no doubt that there is a need for keeping the Army young and slimmer with hitech soldiers. The profile of the Army has to be changed. Some recommendations had been made from time to time, which must have been considered while taking this decision. It is also learnt that the system in foreign countries was also studied. Several countries have similar systems. This system, if understood properly, is suitable for our country and for the youth. First, it gives an opportunity to get training defence related dimensions, which is not available outside. Second, the Agni veers could acquire hitech training and experience at the cost of government gen Malik.

Former Army Chief has pointed out four advantages of the scheme. First, the profile of the army would be changed for better. The existing pattern was leading to an older, less tech savvy profile of the soldiers despite the young demographic profile of the nation to technologically advanced armed forces. Second, an ever increasing pension bill would be reduced. Third, it would address the issue of uneven recruitment across the states of India. Fourth, this scheme would save money for modernisation of the armed forces. In addition, this gives an opportunity to recruits earn while learning and provides to the nation highly trained and disciplined youth, who could be useful in various sectors in the security related sectors. While the government has tweaked to enable youth up to the age 23 to join, and has indicated that they would be given the certificates equivalent to 12th Class, some other issues need to be taken up to allay the fears of the aspirants. First, there is no need to worry that after four years they would be unemployed. They would have chances to be retained and get employment in paramilitary forces as also state police. The corporate sector would be happy to recruit such trained personnel. Second, they would not only get the 12th class certificate but would also be eligible to do undergraduate courses in a short time frame with 50 credits. These aspects need to be clarified at the earliest. It would be prudent to consider the KRC recommendations that can further help in making the scheme attractive. The KRC considered three related aspects the bludgeoning pension bills, the need to keep the army young and modernised, and the need to keep army away from the internal security duties as far as possible to enable it to focus on defending the borders. The KRC recommended an integrated manpower policy for the Armed Forces, paramilitary forces and Central Police forces. It observed that in the light of proxy war and large scale terrorism that the country is facing, the role and tasks of the paramilitary forces have to be restructured particularly with reference to command and control and leadership functions. They need to be trained to much higher standards of performance and better equipped to deal with terrorist threats. The KRC recommended that keep the Army young and fit all the times, instead of the present practice of having years of color service, it would be advisable to reduce color service to 7 or 10 years and thereafter release these officers and men for service in the country paramilitary formations. This would not only reduce the age profile of the Army but would also the pension bills, while ensuring the continuity in service. It further suggested in view of the ethos and traditions of the paramilitary forces to undertake recruitment on the basis of common national military standards and then send those selected for training and absorption in the Army for a period of a color service. This would make a.

Career in the Armed Forces attractive on the basis of life time employment offered by two or three secondments formula. In addition, the government may consider to employ the Agni veers in the civilian positions in the Army. The urgent need is to correct the perception which is against the scheme by suitably tweaking the system and publicizing it. If expediency demands, the scheme may be deferred for some time. Sometime in mid2000s, leading Urdu daily Sista, in association with Sanity Academy, held a two day international conference on Urdu in Hyderabad. Then Sanity Academy president Prof Gopichand Narang 19312022 chaired the conference and addressed many sessions, including one on Urdu journalism. That Nearing was a great orator, apart from being Urdu world biggest ambassador, literary critic and scholar, was no news to us. What surprised many of us is the angry tone he adopted to slam some practitioners of lazy, biased, bigotry riddled journalism. Since he was also a host, we did expect him to be so strong in his criticism of communal and narrow approach some individuals and publications adopt in disseminating news and views. In a way, he bulldozed bigotry in journalism. As I began knowing him more, it dawned upon me that Nearing sahib epitomised Urdu USP sweetness. Sweetness in conveying diverse thoughts. If there was a trade fair of all the languages and they all were asked to showcase their merchandise, Urdu ghazi would win the competition hands down. Where would the jilted lovers in India and at many corners in the world turn to when they want to pour out their hearts through poetry They probably will fall back on Ghazi to strike the note Dale madam the hue kyat hay, Achier as dared Ki data kyat hay. But then Nearing sahib did confine himself to studying and reevaluating only romanticism in Urdu. His body of works is huge and multi-dimensional. His seminal work on witan sharia nationalist poetry in Urdu puts him in the league of those writers and scholars who refused and refuse to believe that Urdu does have desk roots and that Urdu was partially responsible for the painful partition. I met Nearing sahib for the first time when I was still a fledgling, rookie reporter with now defunct Nation & the World fortnightly, which some concerned community leaders including former VC of Aligarh Muslim University Said Hamid, brought out from a tony bungalow in Nizamuddin West in New Delhi. Somehow, famous people in different disciplines fascinate me endlessly. I want to know about them, meet them, strike friendship with them. Actually I want to remove my own intellectual inadequacy and get enriched with knowledge and wisdom of these biggies in their own disciplines. So, here I, a lad trying to find a foothold in journalism, found myself interviewing a legend, a colossus of Urdu criticism and scholarship. I do know if he liked the interview, but the meeting immensely enriched me. And I became a lifelong admirer of Nearing.

I followed and read him as much as I could. When I uprooted myself from the highly politicized Delhi and got replanted in Mumbai in the mid 1990s, I met Nearing sahib several times. I remember how once he admonished someone who tried to spoil flow of his speech during a lecture on Urdu at Nehru Centre in World. Scholar politician Dry Rafi Zachariah, alas Mumbai intellectual scene misses him so much, was in the chair when Nearing sahib remarked that Urdu paid the price of partition even more when Indian states were reorganised linguistically. Assamese got Assam, Marathi got Maharashtra, Gujarati got Gujarat These states patronising their languages. Hindi, being India official language, received massive boost. That good and Nearing did grudge that. He only complained that India began treating Urdu as if it was an alien language. Urdu became a stranger in her own home. A member in the audience, breaking the decorum of the event, raised his voice, saying Jammu and Kashmir had Urdu as its state language. Though what he said was right, he could have commented during post lecture question answer session. I know that dear, and I also know what is happening to Urdu in Kashmir despite it being its first language. You should ask questions after my lecture, snubbed Nearing. Nearing recognised talents and would do everything he could to help nurture talents. He would help struggling writers the best way that he could. Sanity Academy awardee Urdu novelist Rahman Abbas, who lives a few blocks away from my home near Mumbai, tells me that Nearing not only inspired a whole generation of Urdu writers but his munificent attitude towards young, struggling writers was so famous that he did disappoint anyone who sought his help. Not just in the corridors of Sanity Academy, National Council for promotion of Urdu Language NCPUL but also in several universities where he taught. Many partition refugees are known to hold plethora of complaints against Pakistan that is natural because they were forced to unhinge themselves from their roots and had to struggle a lot before destiny smiled on some of them again. But Nearing sahib, though a partition refugee from Balochistan, did nurse any bad feeling against anyone. On the contrary, he championed people to people dialogue, believed Urdu could bridge not just Hindus and Muslims but also neighbours. And he became the only Urdu writer in the world who was feted by Presidents of both India and Pakistan with their prestigious awards Padma Vibhushan and Sitara-e-Millia respectively. In the global village he has left admirers sitting in Seattle to Samsara, Bradford to Berlin and Bahawalpur to Bacharach. How many writers and critics can claim to have such a huge fan following But then there was just one Nearing. Eminent Hindi writer Kamalleshwar was not off the mark when he once said Every language needs a Nearing. That Urdu has lost its Nearing, its biggest ambassador, that too at a time when the languages faces existential crisis makes his departure more.

Mournful the Battle of Chhamb has been contested, dissected and analysed with fierceness as it was fought years ago. No other action in the military history of India has caused such a storm. Thus many fallacies and distortions about the actual fight of this battle emerged. However, with time the compulsions under which battle was fought are being understood with greater clarity and compassion. There is no runnerup in war, only a winner or loser. Memories are still fresh in the minds of those who fought this battle and those who suffered due to the loss of Chhamb to Pakistan. Though militarily, India won this war, politically, India lost it. This war was started by Pakistan on 03 Dec 1971 when it carried out simultaneous airstrikes on 11 Indian airbases. This forced India to support the war of Independence in East Pakistan Now Bangladesh. India helped Bangladeshi nationalist forces to attain their aim. Hence hostilities commenced on both fronts, i.e. Eastern as well as Western. This war lasted for 13 days, probably the shortest in military history. This war was ended when Pakistan Eastern Command Armed Forces signed an Instrument of Surrender on 16 Dec 1971 in Dacca, thus leading to the birth of Bangladesh. About 93000 members of the Pakistan Armed Forces were taken as prisoners of war Plow by the Indian Armed Forces. It is crucial to take a decisive decision to terminate the conflict. War should always be terminated from a position of strength when political and military aims are achieved. India declared a unilateral ceasefire on 17 Dec 1971, when the Indian Army held some strategically important posts along the Line of Control Lockand went deep into Pakistan in the Rajasthan and Shakargarh sectors. Pakistan was in occupation of the Chhamb sector, Hussani wala enclave and Fazilka sector. This ceasefire was a Godsent opportunity for Pakistan. When the repatriation of Plow was agreed upon in Shimla Agreement, 1972, Indian pollical leadership failed to bargain the lost territories to Pakistan thus, Chhamb was lost to the enemy forever. If Chhamb was lost, all those responsible for its defences are guilty, some more and some less. It is imperative to understand the military importance of the Chhamb Jourian sector, wherein Pakistan launched offensives twice within the span of six years. The southern side of this sector bulged into Pakistan Occupied Kashmir POK. It is open and plain, and tanks could be employed substantially from the Pakistan side. International Border and Line of Control meet here. Pakistan has an advantage in choosing the type of offensive. The geostrategic location and terrain configuration render the Chhhamb sector significant. In comparison, the area toward India is hilly and funnel shaped. Through this sector, Pakistan could threaten the Akhnur bridge on the river Chenab and pose a grave danger to the Rajouri Poonch road and Jammu Pathankot highway. On the other hand, through this sector, India could pose a direct threat to the Lalamuse Kharian Gujrat axis and Marala headwork. Chhamb Julian Akhnur sector has.

A terrain mix of hills, ridges, riverine and undulating grounds, rivers and streams. By Oct 1971, the armies of both countries had been deployed in their respective operational areas. The overall Indian military strategy was essentially offensive on the eastern front and defensive on the western front. Thus in the western sector aim was to hold Pakistan forces and minimise the loss of territory to Pakistan. This war was expected to be short and intense. 10 Infantry Division, with four brigades and other elements, was holding the defences of the Chhamb sector across the river Munawar Tawi. On Dec 1971, around 2000 hrs. Infantry Division of the Pakistan Army launched a massive offensive with three Brigades, including one Armored Brigade. Eight Artillery Regiments and Pakistan Airforce carried out heavy bombardments in the Chhamb sector. On 4 Dec 1971, Pakistan captured Mandiala Heights. However, its attack on Kachrail Height was repulsed. On 5 Dec, the Indian Army launched a Counter Attack on Mandiala Heights but failed to recapture it. Chhamb town was lost on night 56 Dec, thus forcing Indian troops to take defences on the east of the river Munawar Tawi. Having succeeded in occupying the areas west of the river, Munawar Tawi, Pakistan Army, decided to march across the river toward Jourian but could not succeed. To halt this momentum of the Pakistan Army, the Indian Army blew the only bridge on the river Munawar Tawi at Mandiala crossing. On 10 Dec, Pakistan Army Brigade tried to cross the river Munawar Tawi at Darh and Raipur crossings but suffered heavy losses, and the attack was repulsed. Meanwhile, the Indian Army troops captured the Chickenneck area, also known as the Akhnur dagger night 56 Dec. After this, the enemy made no further attempts to cross the river Munawar Tawi and the state of affairs stabilised. Local counterattacks by own troops continued until India unilateral ceasefire declaration on 17 Dec 1971. Why did the Indian Army lose the Chhamb sector? I feel Chhamb should not have been lost. It was in 1971 when we lost it, but we lost it. We did learn from our mistakes. The fundamental error committed by the Indian Troops responsible for defences of the Chhamb sector was that the aim was not precise. The aim shuttled between a defensive and an offensive posture thus, defences of this sector were not prepared well. The task for the troops on the ground across the river Munawar Tawi was changed 45 times within two months before starting hostilities. Secondly, though adequate intelligence was available yet the actual threat was misread. The intelligence report stated that the Pakistan offensive main thrust would be through Poonch, not Chhamb Sector. Thirdly, Armor resources available were not utilised properly. Even tanks of 9 Horse and 72 Armd regiments were mixed up. Additional armor was not deployed across the Munawar Tawi. Fourthly, the Artillery resources were not redeployed after changing the posture from offensive to defensive fifthly.

Even as I write this, the country is witnessing protests over the Agni path Tour of Duty scheme which opens the gates of armed forces to volunteers for a period of four years, including onboarding, training, leave and actual service. While mine is a perch of privilege as a veteran officer drawing pension and enjoying lifelong health cover, I cannot but reflect on the plight of sailors, airmen and jeeps who endure many challenges. There are the extended periods at sea, the humble facilities, the non family stations and field postings as well as other hardships. But they brave them all because for me and countless others the navy or any service is just a job. It is a way of life a life of honor, dignity and passion. As for the contract of pension and medical cover, it could mean the difference between starving and living a life of dignity after retirement. Both have been excluded by the proposed Agni path scheme. Four years service means the recruits will not even be entitled to gratuity. A 25 retention carrot for permanent absorption will practically turn them into performing circus clowns. Unlike the army where a soldier willingly lays down his life for the pizza honor of his platen, the navy has no regimental culture. Naval loyalties remain affixed to good ships, good COs, or specialist affiliations all of which will elude Todd recruits. Life at sea is hard, often a stark contrast to the landlubber life of other services. Everything is either too technical or too hard to master within 3 4 years. If I were a Todd sailor, I would spend two years in the grind and the rest planning my exit ashore. Of what use will such Agni veers be to commanding officers who have to deal with a continuous scope creep as the navy spreads its wings across the globe They may barely scale the lowest benchmark of good messmate before getting on to the path of resettlement. Think about this the only two civilian components of a warship the ship barber and or civilian bearer would spend more time at sea than an Agni veer sailor. To be fair, I can think of few sundry duties naval Todd recruits may yet fill. Currently, such duties are being undertaken by sailors who are often over trained and over qualified. The scope and magnitude of secondary duties are ever increasing, providing easy justification for a crafty mind to let in Todd through the back door. But to design a scheme that facilitates carriage of such Agni veer Johnny come lately on a seagoing warship is sacrilege. To keep them ashore would mean denying the hardworking regular recruit his oft posting. A delicate balance, already disturbed by ill thought out short service commission schemes, is set to be completely wrecked by extending it to the ranks. A 21st century navy deals with cutting edge technology, owned and operated by the officers and sailors. Every man jack in the.

Navy is a techie, though the system may be loath to admit this. On a flight deck, a Todd sailor would be able to man the chocks and lashings and nothing more. How would he she be employable rest of the time, and what about the concern that he could gain full access to the navy deepest secrets And what happens after the Tour of Duty ends I have seen civilian recruits approximating Todd being exploited with the promise of permanent employment in the aviation world and offshore industry. B Tech engineers from tier 2 and 3 colleges are recruited by contractors of oil and gas PSUs for abysmal wages and living conditions with the lure of on job offshore experience. Their lives, grooming, wages, safety, reemployment, etc. mean nothing to the organisation. Thankfully, they are not trained to access or use weapons; neither is there any chimera of pizza or service before self. The worry lines I have seen on the faces of privileged officers with and without pension as they approach the end of their life in service does inspire much confidence. Often, the services apparent indifference to their plight turns them against the establishment. This could prove to be a fertile ground to recruit mercenaries by agencies that are inimical to the state. Do not forget, a soldier owns the nation deepest secrets. Officials from the Indian armed forces who framed the rules, endorsed, or embraced this concept owe an explanation to their soldiers on why they could consider a no holds barred approach to cutting flab across the spectrum before disincentivising a recruitment system that worked fine. Ins this a case of robbing Espy Patel to pay Colonel Paul pension And for those who think pension is expensive, try defeat. India hosted a special meeting of Foreign Ministers of ASEAN on 15 16 June 2022. This was propelled by not only India focus on the region for mutual economic benefits in accordance with its ACT East policy, but also its growing concern over the spiraling tension because of the increasing Chinese belligerence. On this occasion, the Indian Foreign Minister Jaishankar pushed for deepening, broadening and upgrading the partnership as India enters the fourth decade of its partnership with ASEAN. He averred A better connected India and ASEAN would be well positioned to promote decentralised globalisation and resilient and reliable supply chains that are needed by the international community. It is important that we identify a new set of priorities while ensuring the early realisation of our ongoing initiatives. The comprehensive agenda included a greater focus on trade and investment growth, physical and digital connectivity, defence and security, climate action and green growth and more people to people exchanges. Jaishankar also focused on the post pandemic recovery of the global economy, observing that there is much ground yet to be covered as we walk towards post pandemic recovery. He also mentioned that his path has become even more arduous with geo political headwinds which we face due.

To developments in Ukraine and its knock on effects on food and energy security, as well as fertilizer and commodities prices, and logistics and supply chain disruptions. The meeting adopted a 17 point statement, which broadly had three dimensions. First, it acknowledged the need for greater cooperation in the field of defence and welcomed the upcoming 1234 India Defence Ministers Informal Meeting in November 2022 and the 1234 India Maritime Exercise. Second, it called for further strengthening and deepening the 1234 India Strategic Partnership for mutual benefit, across the whole spectrum of political, security, economic, socio cultural and development cooperation by utilizing relevant existing 1234 led mechanisms. Third, it stressed the need to explore potential cooperation between the AOIP and Indo Pacific Ocean Initiative IPOI initiated by India, in areas such as maritime cooperation, including maritime security, maritime connectivity, the Blue Economy, Disaster Risk Management, Search and Rescue SAR cooperation, marine environmental protection, and maritime safety. Crucially, without naming China but taking cognisance of its growing belligerence, they reaffirmed the commitment to multilateralism founded on the principles of the international law, including the Charter of the United Nations, the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea UNCLOS and other relevant UN treaties and conventions, maintain an open and inclusive regional cooperation framework, support 1234 Centrality in the evolving rules based regional architecture, uphold multilateralism in jointly responding to regional and global challenges. The statement emphasised the need to strengthen regional connectivity, including both physical and digital, and explore synergies between the Master Plan on 1234 Connectivity MPAC 2025 and India connectivity initiatives under India Act East Policy, in line with Connecting the Connectivity approach. It was also decided to review of the 1234 India Trade in Goods Agreement AITIGA to ensure that it is more user friendly, simple and trade facilitative for businesses, by accelerating the process of endorsement of the review of AITIGA so that the AFTA Joint Committee can be activated to oversee the implementation of the AITIGA Review. In the current environment, it is imperative. Echoing the sentiments expressed by Jaishankar, the Foreign Minister of Vietnam Bui Than Son underlined he long standing traditional relationship between India and the Southeast Asian region and the strong development of relations, saying that the two sides have recorded important achievements over the past 30 years. Significantly, he pointed out that now is the time for 1234 and India to elevate their strategic relationship and comprehensive cooperation to a higher level, contributing to peace, security and prosperity in the region and the world. He appreciated India support for 1234 stance on the East Sea, and called on India to back 1234 effort to build the East Sea into a sea of peace, stability, cooperation and environmentally friendliness, contributing to peace, security and prosperity in the region and the world as a whole. It may be pointed out that India Defence Minister Sri Rajah Singh visited Vietnam 8 10 June to further strengthen defence relations with Vietnam during.

These messages were sent in 12 different languages including English, Hindi, Kannada, and Tamil. The content of the messages was developed with the objective of highlighting the benefits of adopting healthy lifestyles and acting as nudges for behavior change, such as eating two to three fruits and vegetables a day, avoiding fried food, and increasing physical activity. When it comes to imagining a future without NCDs, interventions that focus on prevention are key. And in order to address the problem at scale, coordinated and collective efforts are essential, wherein all stakeholders work together to build an environment conducive to healthy living for the population at large. Whatever it takes to prevent these disasters, we need to work together to address them. Political Will is needed, and the government agencies involved must be held accountable. market which is estimated to reach 115 billion by 2028. Although the number of product launches for men still lags behind those for women, this gap is expected to narrow in the future. Are you looking for innovative ways to reform your country education system? India NEP 2020 is certainly worth a look. Promising revolutionary changes in the world of Indian education, the policy was approved by the Union Cabinet of India on 29 July 2020 and promises an exciting future for students across all ages, disciplines and educational institutes. India National Education Policy 2020 provides guidelines that aim to address problems ranging from inadequate access to education to current issues such as quality control and inclusion of technology into learning. But should we be too quick to jump onboard with this newfound enthusiasm? What are some areas where reversal, improvement or additional implementation could be beneficial? By systematically exploring these questions, we can better assess if this ambitious programme lives up to its name and purpose. Evaluating the pros and cons of NEP 2020 The NEP 2020 has garnered praise and criticism for its ambitious goals and proposed changes to the Indian education system. Advocates of the policy applaud the focus on foundational literacy and numeracy, as well as the push for more multidisciplinary and holistic education. However, some critics raise concerns about the potential for increased privatisation and commercialisation of education and the potential exclusion of marginalised communities. Overall, evaluating the pros and cons of the policy requires a careful analysis of its potential benefits and drawbacks, as well as its implementation in practice. As a professional in the education field, it is essential to have a nuanced understanding of the National Education Policy 2020 and its potential impact on India educational landscape. How NEP 2020 can transform India educational landscape The recently introduced NEP 2020 presents an ambitious vision for transforming India educational landscape. With a focus on inclusivity and accessibility, the policy proposes significant changes across all levels of education, from preschool to higher education. The NEP 2020 seeks to revolutionise the existing education system by emphasising a learner centric approach and encouraging critical thinking, creativity, and problem solving skills among students. Additionally, the policy aims to bridge the gap between formal and vocational education and make the latter equally valuable to the students. The implementation of NEP 2020 will undoubtedly pose several challenges, but if executed successfully, it has the potential to bring about a significant positive change in India educational framework. Impact of NEP 2020 on student accessibility to higher education The has generated.

Significant interest and curiosity among education enthusiasts worldwide. One of the critical areas of focus under this policy is improving the accessibility of higher education to students in India. The policy outlines innovative strategies such as creating a credit based system for degree programmes, establishing a National Research Foundation, and developing online learning platforms. All these initiatives aim to improve the quality of education and make it more accessible to students from all backgrounds. The ultimate goal is to create a knowledge driven society where individuals have the skills and expertise necessary to contribute to the growth and development of the nation. The NEP 2020 is definitely a step in the right direction, and it will be fascinating to see how these initiatives evolve in the coming years. Examining the challenges facing implementation of NEP 2020 The NEP 2020 has been introduced to revamp the Indian education system from its roots. However, implementing this policy has brought with it several challenges that need to be addressed. One of the primary concerns is the need for major infrastructural changes in schools nationwide to make them compliant with the policy guidelines. There is also a need for adequate funding and resources to be made available for proper implementation. Moreover, the policy aims to make the education system inclusive and cover a broader range of topics, requiring teachers to be trained in new skills. Therefore, tackling the challenges facing the implementation of NEP 2020 will require collective efforts from the government, educationists, teachers, and other stakeholders. Possibilities for Improvement and Development with NEP 2020 The newly introduced NEP 2020 has generated much interest and hope in the field of education in India. Its proposals for various changes in the schooling and higher education systems have been welcomed by many educators, policymakers, and other stakeholders. With a focus on providing equitable, inclusive, and quality education to all students, NEP 2020 aims to transform the country education landscape. Some of the key highlights of the policy include significant structural changes, such as the introduction of a 5+3+3+4 curricular and pedagogical structure and the provision of increased flexibility and autonomy to educational institutions. It is hoped that these changes will lead to the development of a system that is more aligned with the needs of modern day India and prepare students for the challenges of the 21st century. What does this mean for India future and its education system overall The future of India education system is at a critical juncture, and the path forward is not wholly clear. With a growing population of over 1.3 billion and a rapidly expanding economy, the education system must adapt to meet the needs of a changing society. While progress has been made in recent years, some challenges must be overcome, such as improving access to quality education for all, particularly in rural areas. Additionally, the curriculum needs to be modernised, prioritised vocational education, and integrate emerging technologies into the classroom. Despite these challenges, there is reason for optimism, as India possesses a wealth of intellectual talent and human capital that can be harnessed to propel the country forward. The future of India education system is crucial to its development, and its success will be a key factor in determining its place on the world stage in the years to come. Overall, India National Education Policy 2020 offers a great promise of success for India educational system. It is a comprehensive strategy that has the potential to.

Provide more quality education or to bridge the gap in gender and socioeconomic disparities found in Indian society. Nevertheless, implementing these changes may be hindered by several challenges, such as a lack of financial resources and inadequate infrastructural support. To ensure its success, there should be a robust public private collaboration between government and private entities and effective monitoring and regulation of these initiatives. Nonetheless, if properly executed, NEP 2020 stands to shape today India into a brighter tomorrow filled with greater chances and opportunities in education, ultimately leading India towards becoming a fully developed society. Its crucial to appreciate that addiction to sugar, carbohydrate, fructose is stronger than addiction to liquor, tobacco, drugs. Recent research findings in health by Dr Robert Lustig published in his book *Metabolically the truth about processed food and how it poisons people and the planet 2021* by Harper Wave, USA, explains how Disability Adjusted Life Year is increasing world over invariant with the per capita income. For instance, even though India per capita income is 17 times lower than that of the USA, an average Indian and an average US citizen suffer 10 years of. Passion of carbs, sugars, ultra processed foods Dr Lustig opines that the major reason for the increasing incidence of Non Communicable Diseases NCD such as Diabetes, Hyper tension, Cardio Vascular Diseases, Cancer, Alzheimer is the passion towards ultra processed foods rich in carbohydrates, sugar, fructose, Even though the real food is high in fiber, low in sugar, consumption of bad food high in sugar and low in fiber is increasing. Though gut flora is crucial for health, fiber rich diet is not consumed. Dr Lustig mentions that for health the mantra is Protect the liver, Feed the gut. If we do not feed gut flora, they gut flora will feed on us. Increase in consumption of processed foods in India The value of per capita sales of packaged and processed foods is increasing per year from US\$ 31.3 in Thus, food processing industries will expand further adding to health issues. Increase in incidence of Non Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease is causing concern world over. Global prevalence of is. Prevalence of pediatric ranges increasing with age. Addiction to carbohydrates, sugars, ultra processed foods is reported as major reasons for. Approximately of adults or children have. Increase in obesity Overweight and obesity is prevalent in of men and of women in urban areas and of men and of women in rural areas. Dietary risks contributed to among men and 52 of among women from cardio vascular diseases. Per capita consumption of rice, wheat surpass the RDA About 514 grams of food grain rice, wheat, maize, other cereals, pulses are available per person per day in 2022. The precipitate requirement of carbohydrates per day is 282 grams. In rural areas 432 grams and in urban areas 347 grams of carbohydrates are consumed. Thus carbohydrates other than sugar are consumed in excess of 53 in rural areas and in excess of 23 in urban areas. The per capita requirement of protein is 0.8 grams per kg of body weight per day, the per capita requirement of pulses per day being 40 grams; deficit is 18 grams which indicates that India is pulse deficit to the tune of 45. Many feel, they cannot live without cooked rice, puliyogare, penal, roti, chapatti, idle dose, gundu ponglu, uppittu, poha, rice flakes, payasa. Since more than 90 of rice consumed in India is polished white rice, it can be considered as ultra processed. Thus, addiction to carbs is higher than other addictions. India is the diabetic capital of the world.

His visit, India and Vietnam signed a Joint Vision Statement on India Vietnam Defence Partnership towards 2030, to enhance the scope and scale of existing defence cooperation, and also inked a Memorandum of Understanding Moue on Mutual Logistics Support. India is the first country with which Vietnam has made such an agreement. There has been a substantial follow up action for strengthening of relations with 1234 countries. On the side lines of the Special 1234 India Foreign Ministers Meeting, External Affairs Minister, Jaishankar had a series of bilateral engagements with his counterparts from Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam and signed several agreements. India and Brunei agreed that cooperation in the fields of trade and investment, hydrocarbons and petrochemicals, space, agriculture and pharmaceuticals should be further strengthened. With Indonesia, India signed an agreement on exemption from visa requirement for holders of diplomatic and official service passports and a Moue between the Narcotics Control Bureau NCB of India and National Narcotics Board of Indonesia on combating illicit trafficking in Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and their Precursors. India and Indonesia decided to impart fresh momentum to the relations with focus on economic and trade ties including in sectors such as palm oil and hydrocarbons. India and Singapore agreed on the need to give the relationship a new impetus for further growth through greater ministerial level engagements. India and Vietnam exchanged an Moue on cyber security between CERT In, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, India and VNCERT, Ministry of Information and Communications, Vietnam, was exchanged. India is focusing greater attention to 1234 not merely to enhance trade but to achieve the objectives of IPOI and this relationship has emerged as the key pillar of the Indian foreign policy. The need for greater strategic and economic coordination between 1234 and India cannot be underestimated. The India 1234 relations rest on two pillars 1234 as an important strategic and economic partner in the region and the 1234 vision of rule of law, freedom of navigation, self restraint and believe in multipolarity. The Delhi Declaration in 2018 when 10 AEAN leaders were invited on the Republic Day in 2018 constituted an important landmark in the 1234 India relations. This is the second occasion when 1234 leaders have come to Delhi. Both 1234 and Indian leaders see the necessity to further deepen the relations. This is an opportune moment to elevate 1234 India relations to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. It is that time of the year once again when the scorching sun makes it difficult to go out and bask in the beauty of nature. However, it should not hamper your vacation plans whether they are about the serene beach days or the tranquil swimming pool dives. So, we present to you some easy to follow tips that will help you protect your skin in this hot summer season and beat the summer woes with grace Moisturize thoughtfully The foremost thing that you must keep in mind is to opt for a lightweight and mortifying.

Moisturizer thin and watery moisturizers with a gel formulation are the best treat that you can give to your skin in summers. These moisturizers are absorbed easily, and they don't even feel heavy on the skin. Make time for summer skin detox summer skin detox must be the cornerstone of your beauty routine during summers. For this, you can resort to clay masks that will draw out impurities from deep within and leave your skin feeling and looking fresh. Indulge in a rejuvenating facial regime the summer season brings along an array of skin woes that we dread dealing with. A lot of dullness is noticed on the skin due to increased sun exposure and clogged pores that take place because of excessive sweating and dirt accumulation. In this scenario, one of the best ways to beat these woes is by indulging in a relaxing and rejuvenating facial regime. Stay hydrated Dryness is a common skin trouble during summers, wherein the sebaceous glands do not produce enough sebum to moisturize the skin. On the other hand, dehydration takes place when the skin cells do not receive enough water or fail to retain the water molecules in them. While dryness is often a skin type, dehydration is a skin condition that can be controlled if treated with proper care. So, stay hydrated, switch to a gentle cleanser, use a humidifier, and exfoliate regularly. Pick the Correct SPF One must have that you can definitely not afford to miss in summers is the SPF. However, for a long lasting positive impact, it is imperative to pick the correct SPF as per your skin type and your time of direct sun exposure. Follow these cues for your summer skincare routine to glow as bright as the sun. Happy summers Even if the flow of money seems secured for now, developing world is stepping closer and closer to the queues for basic oil and food supplies. The World Development Report 2022 by the World Bank highlighted the looming debt crises in the global economy World Development Report, 2022. The Coronavirus Pandemic induced many low middle income countries to increase their already high sovereign debts by nine percentage points. Just a few days after the release of this report on February 15, the war in Ukraine erupted, further paralyzing the global economy with massive shocks in supply chains and oil prices BBC, 2022. Another study, conducted by the United Nations Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy, and Finance, called for immediate action by international financial institutions to ensure a steady flow of food and energy through open markets United Nations, 2022. According to the report, 107 countries face at least one of the three major risks of rising food prices, accelerating energy prices and deteriorating financial conditions. In terms of the global population, these countries account for one fifth of humanity a population of 1.7 billion. Sixty nine of these countries face all three threats. In Africa 25 of the economies, 25 in Asia.

And the Pacific 19 in Latin America and the Caribbean face severe exposure to the food, energy, and finance shock analyzed in the UN report. As of April 2022, Sri Lanka is already in the midst of economic collapse and civil unrest. Bad policies and external shocks have caused foreign exchange reserves to collapse. There also a notable surge in Consumer Price Index inflation from April to March of nearly 11 year on year. The important question is which countries these crises will mutate to. World Bank informed that 70 countries face debt repayment of 11 billion dollars Ladson Sullivan, 2022. Starting with Tunisia, the birthplace of Arab Spring, which has been severely affected by the war in Ukraine? Augmenting commodity prices are at a decade high level and are draining foreign exchange reserves. Foreign debt accounts for 100 of its GDP, and trade deficits continue to widen CEIC, nod. Egypt, home of the majestic pharaohs, is facing a deficiency in its wheat reserves which are reported to last not more than three months Attala et al., 2022. Similarly, Lebanon has been forced to 150 million dollars worth of security loans from the World Bank to cover the war induced food price hikes AP New, 2022. Other nations like Argentina, El Salvador, Peru, South Africa and Turkey have external debts that account for 80 of GDP. It should be noted that these are just some of the 69 nations that have been warned of civil unrest amid the global debt storm. India is not immune to these shocks. With four of India states, Punjab, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh West Bengal, have debt to GDP ratios close to Lanka level The Print, 2022. The central government is advised to weather the economic storm accompanied by immediate financial adjustments. US interest rate hikes have already caused foreign investors to withdraw 20 billion dollars since early 2022 Insider, 2022. Investors are also concerned that high inflation will eat away at corporate profits and affect consumer spending. Does this mean that the world will reflect the same domino effect observed in Latin American countries in the 80s Often referred to as the last decade, the period having its routes from the 1970s, the debt level reached 327 billion dollars Sims Romero, 2013. While the numbers point to irreversible damage to the global financial system, it is never too late to manage the next steps for revival. Financial Inclusion and Financial Resilience was the first point of policy recommendation in the World Bank report, and it is undoubtedly an indispensable one World Bank Step 1, 2022. Low income countries are always vulnerable to external shocks as a larger proportion of their debt is in foreign currency. Covid 19 also highlights how a global crisis will hit harder the micro, small and medium enterprises MSMEs and other disadvantaged populations with disproportionate income and wealth. In addition, international markets need a more robust mechanism for managing borrowing and lending. One way could be to restructure the lags by.

Pausing repayments or directing unsustainable debt portfolios. As the nations plan their recovery path for the post pandemic society, not all the countries find themselves at leverage to tackle all the economic constraints at once. In such a scenario, low middle countries will require subsistent accessibility to safer funds. Innovative lending opportunities with product diversification and data driven underwriting will foster equitable recovery, particularly helping MSMEs and vulnerable segments. Whenever a new technology promises to revolutionize the way of life, it ought to meet with skepticism and a fair share of distrust. We see a similar trend with smart homes too. While It proving to be a game changer for many, there is a huge section of potential buyers who are still apprehensive about mortifying their homes. As the popularity and discourse around smart homes expand, it quite natural for the customers to buy into the myths created around them. It important to spread awareness among homeowners about how smart homes can change their lives for the better. Therefore, without further ado let burst out some of the most common myths about smart homes.

a Smart Homes Costs a Fortune One of the main misgivings that people have around smart homes is that the setup would cost them an arm and a leg. They need to understand that Iota technology is thriving in India and there is a pool of options to choose from. Customers can always get their hands on the brands and products as per their budget and convenience.

b Smart Homes Increases the Electricity Bills Another common misconception that many people share when it comes to smart homes is that they might increase their electricity consumption tremendously. Whereas, it mostly the other way around. Most smart products are not just cost effective but also energy efficient. To extend a mortified life, the products installed in smart homes already come equipped with features like scheduling the gadgets, universal remotes, and more to minimize the use of electricity.

c Using Smart Homes Can Be Intricate We have to realize that Iota technology is relatively new in India and most of us are still getting used to virtual assistants. However, home automation brands must educate customers about smart home technology. It important to send out the message that most smart home products are not only cost friendly but extremely easy to set up and use.

d Smart Homes Are Not Safe One of the major concerns that people have around smart homes is a common misconception that Iota based devices can be easily hacked. Therefore, it quite common for smart homes to be at the receiving end of major cyber attacks. While it important to acknowledge the data privacy concerns in today world. Customers should also know that the providers of smart home solutions walk the extra mile to secure their homes by working with cyber security experts. Special measures are taken to safeguard the personal details of the customers. Along with that even customers, themselves can take extra precautions.

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Is positive thinking an inherent characteristic of a person or can it be developed in one psyche. The opinions differ in answering this vital question. Some people believe that it can be inherited from parents, and cannot be developed. Others believe that like other qualities it can be developed with proper practice and guidance. Still some others hold the opinion that it is hereditary to some extent but can be acquired to some degree. There is also a section of people, who believe that all depends on circumstances or luck. We need to adopt a scientific approach to find an answer to the above question. No one can get success every time even after making efforts, nor can one fail constantly. Moreover, success has different meaning for different people. For some students, getting 60 per cent marks is success, for others it may not be sufficient. In a competitive examination, success means getting selected, whatever the percentage of marks. As for inheritance theory, since positive attitude is not a physical feature but a mental faculty, it cannot be purely hereditary. It can be developed. Moreover, parents play a major role in developing this quality of a child. A child, who watches his parents working hard, having faith in success through their words, behavior and body language, is likely to develop a similar attitude. The children of short tempered, over cautious and nervous parents may assume similar characteristics when they grow up. Psychologists, therefore, prescribe a code of conduct for parents behavior in front of their children. They must exude confidence, self belief and hope, especially in difficult situation, so that the children emulate these qualities. They must be taught the importance of being positive before, during and after the performance of a task. There is no better education for a child than watching his parents come out of a tough situation by means of earnest endeavors. Such success not only gives more joy but also increases self confidence. Message to never discount personal savings but skips the importance of investments. Many of us are taught early on that saving is the ideal way to build wealth and financial independence. While it is the initial step, sound investment decisions are more crucial to achieving these objectives. If you are in pursuit of long term wealth, both savings and investments are critical financial behavior that should be encouraged. There is no one size fits all approach to accumulating wealth. It all boils down to how successfully you invest your funds. You must exercise prudence, examine your options, and choose financial instruments that will deliver consistent long term returns even during periods of strong inflation to multiply your hard earned money. Rising inflation and secured future with smart investments Inflation is defined as an increase in the cost of goods and services. It lowers the value of money, negatively affecting the purchasing power. So if you wish to stay ahead of inflation, money savings should grow via earning returns, which can only.

Stretching as specific tendon or muscle can improve the elasticity of muscles, which in turn helps in achieving a comfortable muscle tone. There are several benefits of regular stretching, and it should be an integral part of every workout program. It not only helps increase your flexibility, which is an important part of fitness, but it can also improve your posture, body aches, reduce stress, and much more. One of the benefits of regular stretching is that it enhances flexibility. Being flexible has its own advantages, as it not only improves your day to day activities, but can also help delay the reduced mobility that comes with aging. Stretching on a regular basis can help increase your range of motion. You can either go for static or dynamic stretching as they both are effective when it comes to the increasing range of motion. According to the studies, proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation or PNF type of stretching is more effective for immediate results. Regular stretching can not only help heal an existing back injury but can also prevent future back pain by reducing your risk for muscle strain and strengthening your back muscles. All the people who regularly go to the gym know how helpful stretching can be. Performing dynamic stretches prior to exercise in the gym can help prepare your muscles. Not the only gym, but it can also help you improve your performance in dance or an athletic event. It is only natural that your muscles get tense when you experience physical or emotional stress. This is because the tightening of your muscles is the response of the body towards stress. All you need to do is focus on the areas of your body where you feel the stress, such as your neck, shoulders, etc. and stretch those parts of your body. Be possible by making investments. Types of investment Investments can be defined in two forms; Active and Passive. Active investing involves changing assets in your portfolio regularly based on market and economic conditions. They require sufficient time and investment understanding. Equity investment can be cited as the perfect example of active investing. On the other hand, passive investments do not require active involvement in tracking the assets. You put your money in and leave it there for a set period popularly known as the buy and hold investment approach. This investment approach is recommended for those who do not have the time to handle their finances. Here are some fundamental guidelines that might be helpful for first time investors To achieve big goals, start small Begin with saving a portion of your salary as soon as you get it even if the amount is as low as Rs.1000. You can make it a priority by setting up an automatic transfer to a savings investment account from your salary account. Making an investment a habit, regardless of the amount, is essential at this point. Don miss the Emergency fund An emergency is a situation where you have little to.

Iodine fortification is what most countries rely on to encourage adequate dietary intake. In more than seventy countries that iodize salt generally serves as the major source of iodine intake. One fourth of a teaspoon of iodized salts has about hundred micrograms of iodine. Note that the salt used in processed foods, which is the major source of salt for most Americans typically, does not contain iodine. If salt used in a processed food contains iodine, it will be listed in the ingredients list of that food. Focus on decreasing the amount of salt consumed from processed foods and get your sodium from iodized salt. Seaweed, saltwater fish and seafood are natural sources of dietary iodine. Dairy products also supply iodine in the diet at varying levels. During lactation, the breast concentrates iodine in milk so breast milk tends to be a good source of iodine as long as the iodine intake of a mother is adequate. Plants grown in iodine rich soil are also good sources. However, this is not a reliable source of iodine since there is no way of knowing whether produce purchased in grocery stores is grown in iodine rich soil or not. Iodized salt usually adds less than about three hundred micrograms iodine daily to the diet. Most multivitamin mineral supplements contain 150 micrograms of iodine. With the safe upper limit of daily iodine intake for adults set at 1,100 micrograms by the IOM it is unlikely to hit an excess amount when including a multivitamin and including natural sources of dietary iodine. The trend of eating less table salt, dairy and bread has some experts concerned that iodine deficiency could be on the rise again. Eating a healthy, balanced diet that includes iodine rich foods and iodized salt is key to good health. No control, such as a severe illness or job loss. An unexpected expense, such as a car repair or travel to see relatives, is not an emergency. So, saving three to six months worth of expenses is a good rule of thumb. Diversified investment approach Experts recommend taking a diversified investment approach, in which you invest in a variety of asset classes equity, debt and gold. It is necessary to diversify one assets because when one asset class underperforms, another might knock on your doors with big returns. Investment in equity If you plan to invest in stocks, choose a passive investment technique. Equity indexes such as the Nifty 50 Sensex are used in a passive investment strategy. They are relatively inexpensive when compared to actively managed funds. Fees for passive funds range from 0.2 to 0.3. Active funds charge a fee of to 2. Even a bulk of actively managed funds which follow their specific investing strategies cannot outperform passive funds over a longer period of time 10 years or more and also cost more. Long term wealth building is the goal of equity investment money should be invested for a minimum period of 3 years. Generally, major corporations with well.

A good length in today cricket is a thing of uncertainty. Not to batsmen as it used to be, but to the bowlers. It can turn a bowler into a menace or a novice because batsmen practicing range hitting find it easy to line up length balls. There are few as good at it as those from the Caribbean. But, with a little bit of nip or some extra bounce from the surface, this batsmen bowler dynamic can revert to the traditional. All it requires is a little patch of grass in the right position, or sometimes even a foot mark or a crack. Little else about fast bowling is as intricately dependent on the nature of the pitch as a ball on a good length. Not the Yorker obviously, and not even the bouncer which requires more from the body than the turf. This zone was best exploited by the likes of Glenn McGrath, Vernon Philander, and Ryan Harris in the past. You can add Mohammed Shami to that list from those going around today. On Thursday, both Jason Holder and Kemar Roach showed early that there was something on this Old Trafford pitch in that area. Particularly running in from the Brian Statham end. Four of the five wickets the duo picked came from this end. Jasprit Bumrah would later pick up his first wicket (Braithwaite nicking behind), after changing over to the Statham end, and then one more next ball (Fabian Allen LBW by one nipping in). It was from this end that Shami launched India s attack and his did not take long to find his spot. It was in the quintessential Shami zone, where his real threat comes through. His upright seam is most useful when there s help off that length, breaking the ball in or out. The skiddy pace gets exaggerated with the batsman unsure how to line the ball up. The line when just outside off threatens edges, stumps, pads and more. In his first over, Shami had Gayle edging one inside and then beat him on the outside. Then, he had goes on to have Sunil Ambris playing off the inside half of his bat, hit him on the thigh and generally make him look all at sea. It was also from this end that Shai Hope creamed a boundary off that Shami length. Typically such a shot would have received a bouncer riposte. The bowler can then claim to have the morale upper ground. But at Old Trafford, Shami could afford to go one better. He proceeded to bowl fuller than the 6 8m lengths that he was targeting. It resulted too in what could be arguably (Holder did something similar with KL Rahul) the ball of the day the seam upright, the ball pitching and breaking in sharply to go between bat and pad and onto the top of the stumps. Shami s other wicket in his first spell of 50 152 had come with him shifting the length.

Other way around the plan to Gayle, he revealed, was simple. The one thing that I thought was that if I do not allow him to open his arms, then it will be good because at some stage, he will go for it. Job done. This was not a hat trick that would make the headlines, but it had given India exactly what they want from Shami, to strike in the powerplay, and allow the spinners some breathing space before they come into the game. That magic he produces from the length to get the ball to move off the seam, does not come easy, even for Shami. It is a long procedure, a lot of hard work is required and then the results will come, said Shami after the game. I always concentrate on keeping the seam upright, so that off the pitch it can cut. And you could see that today. I always prefer to use the new ball in the nets also. I keep practicing and try to notice if the ball is going in or out. You saw since the morning, the ball was seaming and cutting and there was not proper bounce. One thing was to keep focusing on your line and length. Established business models are good portfolios to invest in through an index fund Nifty 100 fund or Nifty 50 fund and Nifty Next 50 fund. Investment in debt and gold In debt, invest in a liquid or savings fund for consistent and predictable returns. Making investments in gold can reduce the risk associated with stock investments. Clearly, the path to investing is a straight road. There is always a possibility of unexpected events like a family emergency, medical expenses, vacation, or even buying your own home. As an investor, keep educating yourself and seek guidance from a financial advisor if needed. Over time, even the smallest amount can lead to the most significant returns. In the cut and thrust of the corporate world, every student should possess a mix of right knowledge, ability and skill to create a successful career. Students ought to be equipped, trained and informed to take on the challenging roles in Industry the question is Will merely doing a professional course serve the purpose The short answer is no. Today, the business world is looking far beyond academic achievements in management graduates. It seeks in learners a blend of functional knowledge, an exposure to industry practices and a profile of different employability certifications. While expertise in different specializations such as Marketing, Finance, Human Resource, Business Analytics, Operations and Supply Chain, and International Business remains relevant, the recruiters look for special skill sets and value added certifications that make a candidate more suitable for versatile tasks. Some of the industry oriented short term certification courses that add value to one profile by Innovation Foundation Certification in Financial Markets, certifications in Personal and Professional Etiquette. These certifications make a learner profile stronger, viable and scalable in the eyes of the.

As the prevalence of prediabetes is diabetes is 15 19 and metabolic syndrome is 30 of the population and is increasing in rural and urban areas. About 19 of the population are vegetarian which implies 81 of the population is non vegetarian. Anna Bhagya or Roga Bhagya The consumption of polished rice, wheat and their products, processed food products, soft drinks, sweets, bakery products are increasing. Under National Food Security Act of 2013, 50 of the urban population and 75 of the rural population with eligibility receive 5 mgs of food grains per capita per person per month at subsidised prices of Rest. 321 per Kg for rice wheat coarse grains. In addition to this in Karnataka, the Congress Government is providing additional free rice of 5 mgs per capita per month and with carbohydrates, sugars contributing to the most to the NCDs increasing s. Instead of Rice, the Government could have focused on pulses since there is deficit of 45. According to Golan committee report, 2011, daily intake of cereals and millets 396 is higher than Recommended Daily Allowance. The average consumption of pulses and legume green gram, Bengal gram, black gram sources protein is around 55 of. Consumption of green leafy vegetables other vegetables rich in vitamins are grossly inadequate. In addition, intake of fat is also less than 50 of the. Lord Krishna as Navaneetha Chora is only for worship not for following Importance of ketones as key source of energy is taught by Krishna. Even though 81 are non-vegetarian, consumption of fat is below the. Vegetarians while appreciating that Lord Krishna used to steal butter as Navaneetha chora, hesitate to use butter and ghee in daily menu fearing cholesterol. It is crucial to appreciate shift towards low carbohydrate, moderate protein and high fat diet is crucial as it has now been proved that it is not fat, but it is carbohydrates which are responsible for including cardio vascular diseases. Better to be poor and healthy rather than rich and suffer? With increasing health costs and how crucial is health, it is crucial to adopt healthy life style. If around 50 of total health costs in one life is incurred in the last month of a person life, it shows imbalance in health expenditure. Thus, its better to focus on health rather than wealth since Arogya is Bhagya. The recent announcement by the Rajasthan Chief Minister, Ashok Gehlot, to constitute the country first welfare fund for the state 4 lakh strong platform workers is a promising move. It draws sharp attention to the precarity inherent to platform-mediated work in a milieu where workers are afforded limited avenues to seek social security. While it does serve as an encouraging precedent for other state governments to follow, the initiative is mired in ambiguities about its efficacy. If the long-standing history of welfare institutions for informal workers in India is suggestive of their track record, it becomes imminent that such tripartite arrangements have often failed to deliver on worker empowerment. The case of the Construction Workers Board helps unpack the failings of erstwhile institutional mechanisms that have consistently suffered from issues around monitoring, enforcement, grievance mediation and most significantly, the inability to capture the seasonality of work borne by migration patterns. The latter is an important consideration for designing policy interventions aimed at informal workers, with implications for platform-mediated work as well. Need to focus on workers lived experiences The regulatory lacuna that characterises platform governance has disturbing ramifications for workers welfare, underscored by an inability to identify the varied work.

Arrangements within the platform ecosystem. Further, prevalent logics of platform capitalism have rendered workers powerless, with little possibility of direct engagement with platforms themselves. Against this backdrop, innovations surface a pathway to reimagine platform-worker relationships. The municipal authorities of Portland, Oregon established the Transport Network Company Driver Advisory Committee to address driver concerns related to wages, safety, injury, insurance and dispute resolution. Although functionally similar, the two advisory mechanisms vary from each other in that Lift council is primarily platform-led, while the Portland committee enjoys active government intervention in resolution of disputes. Supplement state capacity to deliver worker welfare. Scaling self-governance models across the platform economy as a crucial artifice for participatory, worker-led governance can be made possible by carving out legislative space for such initiatives. Embedding the models in policies geared towards platform regulation can provide much needed institutional impetus for platforms to engage with its core stakeholders the gig workers that form the backbone of the whole industry. Such mechanisms for self-governance find resonance within academic and policy discourse alike, with regulatory bodies such as the Competition Commission of India calling on platforms to formulate voluntary codes of conduct around platform pricing and transparency. However, mechanisms for self-governance are by no means an alternative to the constitution of workers welfare funds and institutions, such as the one proposed in Rajasthan. Instead, they can be leveraged as a powerful supplementary initiative that anchors the workings of future welfare institutions firmly in workers priorities and lived experiences. Mandating the constitution of the self-regulatory bodies at the company or industry level, alongside welfare institutions, can introduce a tiered grievance mediation system for platform governance. At the first instance, worker concerns can be addressed within the self-regulatory body that sees participation from platforms and their workers, with autonomous third parties that have strong roots in worker advocacy movements mediating the arrangement. As a next step, concerns may be escalated to the welfare board, with active state involvement in the mediation of grievances. Such a tiered approach can help alleviate some of the capacity constraints that have plagued legacy labor institutions by expanding the scope for multi-stakeholder governance in the platform economy. Way forward Emerging governance mechanisms present participatory fore for workers to channel their concerns, while simultaneously lending itself to ecosystem-wide engagement between platform economy stakeholders. But, the effort threatens to remain soloed in the absence of urgent policy recognition of its value one that is committed to securing better platform futures for workers. The recent announcement by the Rajasthan Chief Minister, Ashok Gehlot, to constitute the country first welfare fund for the state 4 lakh strong platform workers is a promising move. It draws sharp attention to the precarity inherent to platform-mediated work in a milieu where workers are afforded limited avenues to seek social security. While it does serve as an encouraging precedent for other state governments to follow, the initiative is mired in ambiguities about its efficacy. If the long-standing history of welfare institutions for informal workers in India is suggestive of their track record, it becomes imminent that such tripartite arrangements have often failed to deliver on worker empowerment. The case of.

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Corporate world they add to the basic qualification that a student gains by doing the chosen specialization in. To start a successful career, a business school graduate must also possess the knowhow of various digital tools that may assist him or her in job. For instance, a tool such as a good project management software helps in customizing roles, enhancing time management, creating project reports and conducting cloud based file management. Additionally, task management apps facilitate smooth and efficient execution of a single or multiple tasks. There are also employee monitoring apps, project resource management software and document collaboration platforms that students need to acquire some competence in. In addition to the above, a student must be mindful of a number of imperatives to have a successful career. Make the most of the industry academia interface to infuse in your learning an element of practical understanding of the corporate realities. Insights from business magnates, entrepreneurs, venture capitalists provide one an authentic peek into the working of a business. Students must try to get maximum out of such industry connects that a business school provides. Be aware of your strengths to thrive in the corporate world, one must have a realistic view of one strengths and weaknesses. A student must be aware of his or her strengths and work on them. As much as possible, one must work on the weakness as well to turn them into strengths. Keep realistic expectations. Be creative innovative Whether it is presentation, sharing of ideas thoughts, sharing of detailed report, spreadsheet modeling or creating documentation of plans and proposals, a student must be very creative and innovative in expressing the ideas in a cohesive and meaningful manner. Focus on your goal is clear from the outset what stream you want to excel in. Choose the specialization as per your interests and aptitude and then be prepared to study hard to attain a deep understanding of relevant concepts. Set your standards high think beyond what may seem conveniently achievable to you. Great feats are performed by those who strive to go beyond their ken. 6 Network is Net worth Networking is the lifeblood of businesses in the digital age. Students must build the competence to make new connects. Good networking has the power to change perceptions, drive growth, create image and spur overall development as a human being. That why it is said that Network is Net worth. Students must start by making emphatic social media profiles on LinkedIn, twitter Facebook. Self Branding On social media, one must go beyond the photogenic DPs and clever posts to actually create a profile that reflects one acumen, aptitude, inclination, aims, and a relentless drive to achieve. Among other things, what also matters is discipline, sincerity and motivation in one life. Be inspired by great achievers, be it industrialists, scientists, academics, or artists. Develop a mental attitude towards perseverance and leadership. Learn earnestly and try to develop a new competence periodically. Work hard and work patiently. The success will.

Be yours for sure. I hear this quite often and heard this again just last week, My Gmail account has become a mess and I think I should abandon this one and create a new one. It a common sight you get too many useless emails every day adding to the already accumulated several unread emails. You start losing important emails in that daily tsunami. Also, the thus far benevolent Google must already be coaxing you to buy a plan as you are inching if not footing towards the free account storage limit 15 GB. Creating a new Google account may appear a quick fix but is not a good idea for the long term. If you have multiple email addresses for single purpose, you will create an overhead of tracking several of them. It also a great inconvenience to your audience when you have too many email addresses. Also, if you keep one of your accounts inactive, Google will eventually try to free the resource by scrapping your account. But at the same time cleaning up your Gmail account would look like a Herculean effort. And if you are looking for that Alpheus River to clean your Augean stables, read on. Let do this in two parts. In the first part, I will offer you simple steps to clean your Gmail account. In the second part, I will recommend a method that will ensure that you won clutter your account, in the first place. Part A How to clean your Gmail account Google account comes with multiple Apps, such as Gmail, Google Drive, Photos, etc., and respective storages. All those storages are added up to check the upper cap of the disk space offered in the free Google account. Making your account spotlessly clean may not be required. Instead, we will try to get maximum returns on your investment of time. The first step will be to take the stock of the situation and understand how much space each app is using. Use this link and scroll down and look at your usage. You might be even surprised by the results. You may like to prioritize based on what app needs the most attention. We will focus on cleaning your Gmail account in this post and reserve the rest of the Apps for the later ones. 2. Turning to Gmail, we should first take care of those few items that are using disproportionately large space. Enter the following in the search bar of Gmail larger 20M. The search result will show you all the items that are larger than 20 MB. 3. You will have several easy targets to delete, in the above search results A catalog from a seller or a book sent to your Kindle account etc. Delete all of them. But, if you did find any item, proceed with the next step 4. Go progressively to the next level search with criteria, say, larger 10M and so on to delete more and more. Continue this process.

And stop at a stage where the list is too long to process and salvage worthwhile space. Let use the other criterion now. 5. Look for a sender from who you are getting or had got several emails and you are sure that you don needs those emails anymore. Typically, these are newsletters sort of mails. Grab the email address of the sender and enter it in the search bar along with the from keyword, for example, from newsletter hatch. The filtered results will have all the emails from that sender. In a typical situation, results may run into several pages and Gmail would show 1 to 50 of many, in despair How to select all the emails across these pages to delete is a question. There is a way. You will need to do it in 2 steps. A Select the check box in the menu above inbox. That will select all the emails on the page. As soon as they are selected, you will see a hyperlink Select all conversations that match this search just below the checkbox. b Go ahead and click on the hyperlink. Once Gmail confirms that it has selected all of them, you will start smelling the victory and will click on the delete button on the Gmail toolbar. Give confirmation to Gmail for deleting. Phew A big burden off Go back to your mails to look for the next senders and continue deleting in the bulk. Part How to process emails to not to accumulate too many emails our strategy here is to keep count of your unread emails to zero. Yes, you are hearing it right Zero You should process your emails as regularly as possible. Of course, I am not advising you to watch for every notification, but the idea is to not let the number of emails grow to such a size that you need a big time slot to clear them, which you will never get anyway. Please note that what I am advising here is to process the emails and not doing related work. Make a quick first pass for deleting those emails that you don even want to open. You need to take a clear and hard decision here. Gmail offers a delete icon right on each mail item when you hover on it. Click on the delete button to delete a particular item. If you are regularly deleting items from certain senders consider unsubscribing them, and that will reduce the burden of deleting them. Unsubscribing to the mailers is automated and quick, of late. If you like to read the contents of a newsletter at leisure, check for the availability of that content on a website. Most newsletters offer a web link too. Go to that link and push those pages to a Read later App, like Instapaper. Of course, you need to develop a habit of frequently clearing stuff from the Read later App as well. One good idea is to install the Read later.

App on your phone also and keep the shortcut on the home screen. Using unread status of the mail as you are to do list item is not a good practice. Consider writing the identified actions in your to do list, instead. You should also copy and save the useful email attachments, in a separate well organized reference system. This will ensure that you would not run to your Gmail, whenever you need that thing. All that you delete will go to the Trash folder. You don't have to delete them from the Trash folder as they get cleared anyway later. Moreover, you have an opportunity to restore them if you realize that you wanted one of them back. Once you implement these ideas, you would have tamed this Gmail giant. You will also find yourself organized and productive. The impact of artificial intelligence in a technological era is something that is felt globally impacting every industry and sector. While the impact has been quite profound until now, the upper limits have still not been realized, and there is no denying what developments lay ahead. When it comes to the global economy, artificial intelligence is impacting it in various ways. Artificial intelligence, to put it in layman terms, is the attempt to recreate human intelligence, mannerisms, and thought processes in machines. It is the endeavor to make machines more like human beings performing tasks that humans do, in the same way, or even better. Artificial intelligence has many sub fields, of particular note being computer vision and machine learning. Machine learning is adopted in most fields today, as it allows machines to learn from humans, and grow the way intended. Computer vision is the way machines perceive things, akin to the human eye. These two fields are of particular importance in artificial intelligence, as they govern the rate at which AI can grow and learn. According to a report by the McKinsey Global Institute, it is speculated that artificial intelligence has the potential to add up to 16 or about 13 trillion to the global economy by the year 2030. Additionally, it could boost the global gross domestic product GDP by up to 26. Further reports are stating that by the next few years, at least 70 of companies are likely to have adopted at least one form of artificial intelligence technology visual based, machine learning, robotic process automation, or virtual assistants. Here are a few points of how AI helps in improving production Translate not Services eliminate a man rabbit hindrance took verse trade. This usually takes place due to a lack of effective rat coopt apprehensible communicate. AI can solve this concern by providing accurate translate no services, which can eliminate miss communication and streamline the pry chess focus internet nil pirate no. Impart vying nag teat ns by using and lon wired less to analyze the sec n mica strategies fend tilting partners in vary us scenario s and predict which strategies could affect the tuck me.

This in turn all was nag teat rest to make smart and informed decision nose. Supply chain management can analyze data and detect patterns. It can predict h w and when there will be fluctuate ns in demand from ropeway proper products in the marketplace. Addition ally, efficient AI alga rhythms will be capable fault magically increasing or decreasing pry ducted n t that cater to demands. Increasing Efficiency Artificial Intelligence has the greatest p genital increase efficiency and accuracy, as auto mated pry cases can supplement human lab r to eliminate human err rest, while ales per ramming tasks n their p war, streamlining vary us pry cases, and pry duking better tuck mess while saving time and res urges. Crypt currency is booming and has n physical presence, being entirely digital and recoginned from rams far payment. At this point, the greatest challenge to be faced will be transit nine form urn familiarities with tangible and physical goes does took and wood rod that will be dammed minted by things that can taken be seen refit. Auto driving cars, such as Tesla which are gaining tract nobody tock day is a highly sec no mica pit no as co pared to the standard fuel cat summing vehicles, as they create less put lute enact and Dion net utilize any fuel, running entirely on electricity. Thereby in the long nag term, these vehicles will be far most rates efficient, requiring less usage of natural res urges and pock fictively impacting the gel baleen my. The field of medical research will greatly advance with AI, leading to greater efficiency and rev lute nary breath gush such as new medicines, techno l goes, and more which can save costs. Security is being improved in all sectors, with various alga rhythms being devil pad which can track even body movements, all wing a better way of catching criminals using surveillance systems as well as official recognition no based access surveillance systems which only grant access to a place up no proper facial identification on. All sectors would want to ad put advanced security systems hence they are pushing to ad pot artificial intelligence. Many countries have started thinking about their future with the expel entail growth possible with artificial intelligence. The countries with the most cutting edge artificial intelligence technology could have the greatest production and export rate. This results in gaining the most taw they lead in the globule my, with technology, economic and military supremacy all but guaranteed with the full reliance being placed on AI and its sub systems such as computer vision and machine learning. As it is, cloud storage is currently taking the place of shipping containers and ware uses and Digitized payments are replacing conventional means f transactions. Artificial Intelligence has made several n table breakthroughs in recent times with long standing implications for the economy In the long run while being capable of curing m set ailments currently existing including those of the future earlier.

Gol and armed forces clarifications and assurances keep coming as Agnipath protests continue. What next before we detail how the scheme can be made more attractive, let agree on two things. First, a major reason for opposing the scheme comes from our status quoist approach and not believing in a merit based approach. But the latter succeeded, in the form of Rashtriya Rifles RR, in combating insurgency in J&K in 1990. Like what is happening with Agnipath now, there was wide ranging criticism against RR for its composition, manner of equipping and tenure based approach. Agnipath, too, has multiple positives in terms of lowering the age profile in the units, and creating a more empowered and capable junior leadership. Much of the criticism of Agnipath is coming from those who are not considering armed forces past experience. Till 1977 soldiers were enlisted only for 7 years, which was then changed to 17 years. So, all major wars fought by the army were won by soldiers on 7 year terms of duty. What has also surprised many is that why a recruitment scheme for armed forces, which employs less than 0.5 of the government workforce, has led to such widespread protests. That is because armed forces are a reservation free, merit based workforce, with lifetime pension and medical cover. The southwest monsoon in the first half of June was deficient by 32. The shortfall was acute in the agriculturally critical northwest India where rainfall deficiency was 77. The monsoon slow progress, however, shouldn't be cause for alarm. We are still at an early stage and July, which accounts for almost one third of the southwest monsoon, is the crucial month. IMD makes two forecasts on southwest monsoon. The first take is in April and the next one on the eve of monsoon. The update for the 2022 monsoon indicated that the current year is expected to be a normal one. From the standpoint of agriculture, the monsoon core zone which covers a large swathe of rainfed agricultural regions in central India is expected to receive above normal rainfall. This is reassuring as the wheat harvest was adversely affected by a heat wave. However, the recurring anxiety over the progress of the monsoon is pointer to the structural problems in Indian agriculture that need to be addressed at all levels of policy. India a water stressed country. It supports about 17 of the world population with 4 of freshwater. About half of India gross cropped area is irrigated. However, access to irrigation is uneven. Two crops, paddy and sugarcane, receive almost 60 of irrigation water. Add wheat, it covers about 80 of the irrigation. Of these crops, a sizeable proportion of output of paddy and sugarcane comes from regions that are unsuitable for their cultivation. A study carried out jointly by Nabard and ICRIER on the water productivity mapping of major crops concluded that there is a significant misalignment between cropping patterns and available water resources. This is intertwined with fiscally unsustainable.

Electricity subsidies the Indian farmer responds to price incentives like any other economic agent. Therefore, individual farmers cannot ignore prevailing price dynamics and act on the basis of long term consequences of the current water usage pattern. It government policy that has to enable rational cropping patterns through the price mechanism. For example, Haryana has a scheme to provide a grant on a per acre basis to nudge farmers away from the water intensive paddy. Sensible policies like this need governments to constantly adjust incentives to dynamics of relative prices and attendant crop risks. Agriculture, which consumes 78 of our freshwater, can be aligned with rational resource use through smart policies tied to prices. Last Saturday terror attack on Kabul Karte Parwan Gurdwara that killed three people including an Afghan Sikh shows again Taliban is not in full control. IS claimed credit for the attack. Ten months after Taliban takeover, the Afghan economy has gone into a tailspin, hunger is acute, women rights are disappearing. And attacks like the latest makes many Afghan nationals, as well as a few remaining Indians, desperate to fly out to India. Following Taliban takeover, Gol instituted an e emergency visa category for Afghan nationals wanting to travel to India. But these visa applications are backed up with only around 200 being cleared till last December. True, Gol yesterday cleared over 100 e emergency visas for Afghan Sikhs and Hindus, a day after the gurdwara attack. But such selective clearance of visas is poor policy. Indian efforts over the last two decades created considerable goodwill among the Afghan people. Squandering that now will only work to the advantage of Pakistan and China. Another problem is the lack of flights between India and Afghanistan, making it extremely difficult for those who want to get out. Afghanistan airspace was shut for non defence flights to, from and over the country starting August 16 last year. True, there have been some special evacuation flights like the recent one on June 15. But these are simply not enough. With India now officially engaging Taliban, Gol must clear more flights between the two countries, starting with Afghan carriers. Simultaneously, it must expedite e emergency and medical visas for Afghan nationals, as well as student visas for Afghan students accepted by Indian universities. This is an easy way for India to retain its strategic interests in Afghanistan. Now that some time has passed after BJP penalised Nupur Sharma and Naveen Jindal, we can do a calm headed analysis. First, BJP actions did convince agitators who protested, in some cases aggressively, the duo remarks and asked for more. It was always going to take an act of exceptional atonement to win over a community that already harbors deep antipathy towards BJP. Clearly, this was an exceptional punishment. Gyms are packed once again. We have realised blinking rapidly or scratching head is not exercise enough with Covid allegedly over, couch potatoes must get off the couch. Do your clothes feel doll size ls.

Going to the fridge making you pant Do you leave chocolate smears on walls If the answer is hand, bhai, hand! it time to huff and puff at treadmills. For anyone who takes fitness seriously the first step is an expensive gym membership. It should be very far so that on rainy days and national holidays you can plead traffic jams. Next, buy branded togs. From yoga mat to ankle socks, sports bra to boxing gloves, max out your credit card. Then brush up your jargon BMI, BMR, Fitbit, protein shakes In the beginning is a warm up and in the end a cool down. In between lies the hell of HIIT, AMRAPs, cross trainers and rowing machines. And though you may enter with the ability to wave a hand or take a selfie, you leave soundless on a stretcher. I just delivered twins is a routine look. Having thrown my back in a bid to impress the trainer my dream is to be so thin one day I can wear pupates as sari I resent ending up the over enthuse auntie. If you have worked up a sweat, pour water over self. Take care the water does reach your bottom half, where it may not indicate perspiration. Always exhale after breathing in and not before. Boys and girls who come in with long open hair that blinds them during exercise can be gently nudged into each other way. Stay away from the first timer in the dance class who has all the confidence of a ballerina but not the grace. He will turn left when all turn right, his body a murder weapon. And what is that bag of bones doing here Like aliens on a wrong planet, so slight you can see them at certain angles. Also, keep grunts, groans and moans to a minimum you don want to accidentally set off coitus in the class. Posing with dumbbells, we throw virtuous smiles around. Ah, that air of superiority! Shah, is that the sound of fat turning to muscle Nope, just your last remaining muscle licking ice cream. I lower myself into chairs with an owl asking only one question How did Humpty Dumpty climb that wall in the first place Amidst mounting global challenges such as increasingly severe climate change and the Covid pandemic since 2020, it is urgent to restart and accelerate the progress towards a society that leaves no one behind, the core spirit of the UN Sustainable Development Goals SDGs. While this will not be an easy task, I strongly believe that women empowerment can become a driving force towards such a society. Mahayana Sutras When I think about the abundant possibilities that the empowerment of women has to offer the world, I am reminded of an analogy that appears in one of the Mahayana Sutras regarding the light of the stars during daytime. Despite the fact that countless stars exist in the heavens, each emitting its own bright light as visible at night.

We tend to be unaware of them during the day. Similarly, we need to ensure that we perceive and appreciate the significance of the extraordinary efforts and achievements of women that shine throughout the world and form the bedrock of our societies, regardless of whether they are seen or unseen. Mahayana Sutras also repeatedly depict women who not only pray for their own happiness and peace, but also dedicate themselves to helping those who are facing adversity. In the Shimla Sutra, for example, a woman makes a vow in the presence of the Buddha If I see lonely people, people who have lost their freedom, people who are suffering from illness, disaster or poverty, I will not abandon them. I will bring them spiritual and material comfort. Mutual support This sutra is also known as the Lion Roar of Queen Shimla. I feel the Lion Roar here embodied the unlimited strength and potential of women determined to use their voices and actions to help people and their society tackle difficulties. Today too, women play a crucial role, generating networks of mutual support within their communities, whether in the course of daily life or in times of disaster. The UN considers gender equality to play an essential role in the Nexus Approach for promoting all the SDGs in an integrated fashion. The Generation Equality Forum convened by UN Women last year led to the unveiling of a five year Global Acceleration Plan for Gender Equality. Noting such issues as income disparity between women and men, it addresses reforms to reduce the number of women living in poverty and places particular emphasis on improving conditions for women working in the care economy to reduce their burden. Based on the spirit of Buddhism, a philosophy that places utmost importance on the happiness and dignity of all, the SGI has been steadfast in efforts to promote gender equality and women empowerment. In 2020, when UN Women launched the Generation Equality campaign, the SGI and other faith based organizations held a symposium in New York, in collaboration with UN agencies, where they discussed ways faith communities can better contribute to advancing gender equality. The SGI is also currently supporting efforts to empower women living in impoverished communities in Togo through reforestation. Gender equality and women empowerment are not only issues of human rights and social disparity. Reflecting the unique voices of women in every step of the process of tackling any social challenge will be the key to building societies that are sustainable and resilient in the face of the complex problems that confront our world. The writer is honorary president of the Soak Gekas and founder of the Soak schools system On 16 Dec 1971, India declared a unilateral ceasefire when more than 93,000 troops of the Pakistan Armed Forces surrendered in East Pakistan now Bangladesh. India helped Bangladeshis to attain independence. Thus the political aim of the war was achieved. On the Western Front, India had captured some strategic positions along the Cease.

Fire Line in Jammu and Kashmir. It went pretty deep into Pakistan territory, both in Shakargarh and Rajasthan sectors. At the same time, Pakistan had held Indian territories in the Chhamb sector, Hussainiwala and Fazilka. However, in 1972 when the Shimla agreement was signed between India and Pakistan, India failed to bargain the lost territories for the repatriation of 93,000 Prisoners of War PoW. Thus, Chhamb sector was lost permanently to Pakistan. Whatever the Indian Armed Forces had gained in the war was lost to Pakistan on the negotiating table by the Indian political leadership. India did learn from past mistakes committed in this sector in 1965 and 1947-48. The loss of the agricultural tracts caused considerable embarrassment to India. It was a loss of prestige. Roughly 39,000 acres of fertile land were lost to Pakistan, and about 5000 families were uprooted from this area. Hardships suffered by these people are beyond the comprehension of ordinary human beings. And sadly, they are still suffering. Life under the shadow of guns. By mid Oct 1971, the Indian and Pakistan Armed Forces moved to their respective operational areas. Residents of the Chhamb sector were forced to leave their homes, just as they had been in 1947-48 and 1965. They were in a dilemma about what to take along with them and what to leave behind, wondering whether they will come back or not. Bajra and Juar crops were ready for harvesting but were interrupted by the mass movement of troops and equipment. People moved in groups along with their belongings and domestic cattle. Unfortunately, a few old and infirm humans and animals were left behind to die in this warzone. Waves of human suffering, agony and immeasurable pain swept across the river Manawa Taw. People moved in columns in terror and panic. They were forced to flee on foot, mostly barefooted. Human beings walked in the open like a herd of cattle, directionless. The dust thrown by the feet of cattle and human beings hung over these columns, thus providing an artificial screen and disguising them from the eyes of the enemy. At nightfall, crumpling along the wayside, they struck fires to cook food and keep themselves warm against the quivering cold. The winter season took a harsh toll on them. They stayed alongside the road and canal without overhead protection and survived on dried Chapattis and Char Pickle for several days. Most of the time, they filled their bellies with water only. They were dressed in torn clothes, and the dust on their bodies made them invisible even to themselves. Still, they carried on this endless journey. On 3 Dec 1971, Pakistan attacked the Chhamb sector through Man war and Jana, and guns started blazing from both sides. People were scared, air bombardments added to their woes, and life became grim and hopeless. The battlefield became a death trap. Relentless attacks showed no signs of abating. People became deaf due to the horrific sounds of firing. Finally, the guns.

From River Yamuna overflowing its embankments. The incessant rains in Delhi and surrounding states too have added to the misery. Was Delhi prepared for such an eventuality? Obviously, it was not. No one had any control on the freaky weather conditions that led to this deluge and release of excess water from dams and reservoirs into the Yamuna River from neighboring states. But what was glaringly missing is the flood control measures and planning. Both, the state and central governments are equally indictable for the failure. If contingency planning and resources were in place, the misery and havoc caused would have been much less. A lot of muck is already flowing in the air as part of political rhetoric and the blame game will go on. Aspersions, acquisitions, and charges are being levied by the state government on Centre and vice versa. There are even charges, by some leaders of the AAP, of a conspiracy hatched by the BJP against the Delhi government to flood the state. One such leader went on to term the BJP as enemy of his party on national television and accused it of seeking revenge on AAP for the loss of state of elections. Unfortunately, such slander, meaningless and baseless as it is, will not mitigate the pain and sufferings of the common man. But then for most politicians, the common man is just a pawn to be used and abused at will to further their own political objectives. The question here is do the authorities and experts in the field even know what to do to avert such fiascos? Whatever planning that they do is reactionary to contain the problem after it occurs. There is a total absence of any long-term planning to prevent such devastations from occurring. Lip service on the issue of cleaning and managing the flow of River Yamuna has been doing the rounds for decades but the net result on the ground is negligible. Billions of rupees have been spent on this with no visible benefits whatsoever. Every government talks of a long-term plan but that plan is still nowhere in sight. This is no different than the air pollution issue that comes up each year from October to December in Delhi. Shoring up of embankments, plugging fissures that develop along the banks, pumping out water from flooded areas, moving people living on or around the river bed, rescuing stranded people, arranging material relief, medical aid etc. are part of the temporary measures that administrations bring into action when disasters stare them in the eye. While they do provide immediate assistance to some of the affected citizens, they do not help in prevention of similar catastrophes in future. The politicians beat their chests to announce the splendid work done by them and use such difficult times for photo ops. The departments concerned and their experts heave a sigh of relief and know it is time to relax for next ten months. Their insincerity and lack of concern is evident in every move that they make. The poor citizen is thankful for the minor mercies and stands in queue to vote for the same politicians once again a few years later. Next monsoon season, the story repeats itself once again. Imagine this scenario: You are working and living your life in one city, let say Hyderabad, when suddenly an exciting job opportunity comes up in another city, say Mumbai. It a great chance for career growth, but it also means you have to face the challenge of relocating. As you negotiate with the new hiring company about your relocation cost navigating this transition, one concern pings your mind: What should you do with the car or bike you purchased here just a couple of years ago? Should you sell it in your current state Telangana or take it with you to the new one.

Maharashtra, where you have got your new job? Buying a new vehicle in the new city is not a feasible option now for two obvious reasons: First, you are unsure about how the job will turn out in the long run, and second, you would prefer to save some money from this new job before planning to invest again in a brand-new car in the new state. In case, you choose to take your older vehicle to the new state, you will again encounter pertinent challenges, as the current road tax system forces you to go through the tedious process of re-registering your vehicle and paying the road tax all over again for the same vehicle in Mumbai. This not only puts a financial strain on you but also adds unnecessary paperwork and administrative complexities. You will need to visit the RTO Regional Transport Office offices of both states, first to cancel the old registration certificate in Telangana and then to apply for a new one in Maharashtra. Does it sound bizarrely unfair, illogical, and burdensome simply because you changed your job location within the same country? Having personally experienced the challenges of relocating to different states in the past 15 years, such as New Delhi, Hyderabad, and Bengaluru, I strongly believe that our governments must adapt their policies to meet the changing needs of their citizens. One area that urgently requires attention is the road tax or vehicle tax system, which varies significantly across all the states in our country. In today digital world, the young generations, particularly millennial and Gen Z, are increasingly leading mobile lifestyles, often relocating across states for education, work, or personal reasons. Given the necessity and prevalence of mobility and relocations, it becomes crucial for governments to modernize the road tax system and introduce a Uniform Vehicle Code, akin to the Goods and Services Tax GST. By adopting a uniform road tax system, we can ensure that honest taxpayers, i.e., the salaried class, are not burdened with a sudden and significant tax liability when they move to a different state. A single road tax rate across the country would eliminate the complexity and confusion caused by different tax road tax rates in various states across India. Just imagine again, the convenience of managing our vehicle or road taxes through digital platforms under the Digital India goals. It won't just simplify tax compliance; it will also promote economic integration of the country for those interested in further national integration of the country and enhance the mobility of young people who are part of the dynamic and mobile workforce of 21st-century India. I truly believe that by embracing this change, our government can create a transparent, efficient, and citizen-friendly environment for relocations of the working class throughout India. Of course, the One Nation, One Road Tax system would require careful planning, coordination, and consensus building among the central and state governments. It would involve addressing various complexities, including existing tax structures and revenue distribution between the central government and the states, as well as among the different states themselves. However, as our society evolves and we are already serious about defining personal and civil codes, it is perhaps time to experiment with the introduction of a uniform road tax or uniform vehicle code. It would provide a unified framework, making it easier for people to understand and comply with road tax regulations, regardless of their location. China's assertion in both SCO & BRICS forums has forced India to strengthen her resolve to increase & strengthen her engagements with the like-minded countries India.

Growing relations with the United States, Japan and Australia has led to the resolve of Quad Quadrilateral Security Dialogue to address the strategic and economic challenge posed by China in the Indo-Pacific Region. Security threat posed by China at her border and in the neighbourhood would always be India priority while engaging at multilateral forums. This makes the Western and Democratic countries India partners of choice at the international level. The upswing in India defence engagements with the is a testimony to India prioritising its national security over balanced multilateral commitments, it is opined. Then, as a major power in the Indian Ocean Region, India has also diversified its relations with the Middle East, particularly the Gulf countries and the African countries. The recent plurilateral initiatives involving the Middle Eastern countries, the India, Israel, the United States, and the and India, Saudi Arabia, the and the are aimed at boosting connectivity between the Middle East and South Asia to counter China. Multilateral engagements are important for India. However, with China overbearing presence in the groupings such as the and the India is likely to strengthen its engagements with the forums and mechanisms countering China, as India stands to gain little from the current state of the and dominated by China. In my early years, I lived in Jaipur. Other than a Santander Road, which appeared in my address, I did not hear or care much about roads. At 8, when I moved to my hometown Rishikesh, I found that the city had two perpendicular roads that defined the main boundary of the city. One was Hardwar Road, and the other was Dehradun Road. Hardwar Road took you to Hardwar, and Dehradun Road took you to Dehradun. But as a kid who thought about things that did need to be thought about, I often thought about why neither Dehradun nor Hardwar has a Rishikesh Road. In fact, there were so many people not half as many as now who came to Rishikesh from so many cities, including those two cities, but none of their cities had a road named Rishikesh Road. While thinking about it a few days back, I started looking up the names of the roads. Interestingly, in the official list, I could find a Hardwar or Dehradun road, but the stretches have been named with various cities that dot the highway including Rishikesh, rather retakes. So it seems that a lot of the road names that are widely used, including on official shop front boards, are those which are accepted and recognised by people and not necessarily a law. Trudging on the roads of life, I have encountered more such experiences and thoughts about roads. Some 18 years ago, I was in a rural district of central India for an internship. I was doing a social audit survey in ten villages spread in the Sapura forests on implementing a Union Government food-for-work programmer. Along with two others, I reached one of the villages in the evening after a long day walk on forest trails. We had to stay at the house of a local villager family associated with our partner organization. When we reached that house, there were women crying in a room. When asked, it was found that our host son had died of a snake bite. After some time, I told one of our local associate friends who was walking with us that if there had been a road here, the person could have reached the hospital on time. Hearing this, the friend became furious and said that it was the roads that had destroyed their entire existence. At that time and at the age of 21, I could not fully understand his anger, but I could feel how authentic his anger and pain were. Exactly ten years later, Utica and I set out to explore India on multiple roads.

Fell silent on 17 Dec 1971 after wreaking havoc and human devastation for 13 painfully long days. Life in tents. India won this war despite significant opposition from many countries, including the US. Indians felt proud of this moment. However, this victory was meaningless for the people of Chhamb. After spending a few chilly nights under the open sky and a few endless days in hopes and despair, finally, the people were loaded in buses and trucks and transported to Manual and Kishanpur about 70 km from Jammu near Unhamper They were rendered refugees in their own country. But people were thrown in the open to tare and shiver. Scenes at these camps were unbearably pathetic both people and their belonging were shattered and scattered all over. Young children and older people cried soundlessly from hunger, but there was nothing to feed them. They were at the dreadful junction in their life where patience, dignity, sympathy, all had been wiped out. Besieged by the enormity of the state of affairs, the people had become uncharacteristically calm and nodded in silence only. They were gripped in themselves, thinking of the horror and uncertainty in store for them. Life at these camps further caused deep psychological wounds, especially in women and children, who constituted most of the displaced population. On average, a tent covering a 13 sq. ft. area was given for a family of 6 8 persons. The land was hard and rocky. There was no privacy, and these tents offered no protection against the chilling weather conditions. There was no separate place for cooking and bathing. There were no separate facilities for women, and they had to take baths in the hours of darkness. Makeshift earthen Chullas were made in front of tents for cooking, without any overhead cover. Initially, freshwater was supplied through water tankers but later through pipes. Due to this being insufficient, people were forced to get water from baulies, covering a distance of 4 to 5 km. The scarcity of basic sanitation, hygiene and medical facilities caused women, children and elders to suffer from infections, anemia, malnutrition, and various diseases. Having been restricted to tents only, people grew angry, depressed and alienated. The sudden disruption of social and cultural life significantly setback these displaced persons. The breaking up of the joint family system and paving the way for more nuclear families resulted in disorder among the people. Older people were left in the lurch to fend for themselves. Although it gave some financial stability to newly formed families, it further increased the stress and strain on them. Women and children felt more insecure. The old, widowed and divorced felt lonely and insecure. Early marriages of young children due to financial constraints were also noticed during their stay in camps. Especially girls were married off early to complete the social obligation responsibility and decrease the financial burden. Displacement interrupted children education as they were separated from their school environment, teachers, friends, classmates, peer groups, etc. This disruption.

Rendered them more uneducated and unemployable, and gaps created in their studies put stress and strain on them. Their childhood had been lost somewhere, consumed by the war machine. Conclusion Even though the lack of data prevents proper assessment of the impact of forced displacement, it is evident that forced migration severely impacts the lives of people, their hosts, and those left behind. Women and children are considerably more vulnerable and face the brunt of the unspeakable vagaries of war. The repercussions felt regarding health, livelihood, social and cultural fabric, education, and security are irreversible. These problems strike collectively and simultaneously at the very heart of a people. Their subsequent generations continue to inherit the pain and trauma caused by forced displacement. It is indeed a painful reality that war inflicts immeasurable and lasting damage on both soldiers and civilians, both combatants and non combatants. The relationship between an employee and its workplace has undergone several changes in definition ever since the pandemic hit us. While the initial aftermath of job losses made us cling to our employers in fear and skepticism, eventually, the scenario started turning quite the opposite. Through the course of the pandemic, a tectonic shift has occurred in how we perceive our jobs and their value in our lives. It has established the need to live in the moment, the value of now and a hard realization that tomorrow is uncertain and we are barely in control of it. Naturally, the younger generation in the workforce of today values their work in a very different light than their counterparts. They are seeking purpose led work organizations that are ethical and contribute to a larger purpose of change and development in the world or our society. Furthermore, there are higher and steadier personal boundaries, the commitment is to their wellbeing rather than that of their bosses, the organization, or possibly even the work per se. On the other hand, to state the obvious, workplace and hiring models have drastically changed to be able to accommodate several young achievers. Remote and hybrid working have shoved every employee personal and professional lives under the same roof, redefining what productivity, working hours, and work breaks look like. Long gone are the days when an employer would be appreciated for being punctual to work every single day, working late hours, or for not taking a single day off! In today context, it sounds so absurd to have these as parameters to judge an employee performance at an organization. Re engineering performance management It is time for organizations to start looking at success metrics through different lenses and many, in my opinion, are already reconsidering how they approach performance management. Today, it not enough for a high achieving leader to get a job done well by their team their success holds little value if their management style lacks empathy, vision, and inclusivity. Autocratic behaviors, discrimination has no place in the workplaces of the future. Likewise, it is also important to question if.

Employers are reciprocating empathy by acknowledging the extraordinary circumstances in which their employees have been performing. Are they adjusting their approach to performance management Re engineering productivity and performance in 2022 involves effective, transparent communication that enables rapid information transmission while avoiding potential miscommunication. Adopting systematic, frequent, and shorter evaluations, through real time feedback, more regular check in etc. alongside a streamlined approach focused on constructive feedback, assistance, and mentoring will help employees in making better decisions. I believe revisiting a few key parameters will enable a new approach to performance management in the post covid era. Traditional performance management programs have always tended to look at the past, and assess what has already happened in the past, and often, without the context of the why it happened. Putting a score to it and boxing people in rating scales that impact monies further takes out the human element from the evaluation. This needs to change above all, as a future looking roadmap will reveal more challenges and hindrances to growth and consequently, empower them to perform optimally. Goal and opportunity mapping for the future, keeping in mind past experiences will be key in getting employees optimistic and excited about progress and long term growth in the company. Secondly, recognizing employees attitude towards flexibility and willingness to leran, teach, collaborate and develop new skills. While the last two years have impacted the way employees have been able to invest in learning and development opportunities, it important to recognize and show appreciation for employees who are willing to up skill themselves, and train others. Last but not the least, retaining talent has been one of the major challenges irking organizations of all sizes. Therefore, it becomes doubly important for organizations to recognize and value true advocates employees who are committed to the organization growth, who believe in its vision, and to the work that they do. Rethinking all of these aspects are going to be a huge contributor to not only employee growth but also long term organizational growth. While we work our way through the performance management paradigm, we must keep in mind the aim of providing people with the essential support, guidance, and skills to thrive both professionally and personally. When performed with actual intent and attention, these exercises can set the framework for a human world of work, ready to meet any and all challenges of our future workplaces. With COVID slowly receding to the background the world is waiting to pick up from where it left off to get on with that long overdue vacation and to adapt to a new normal in travel by dusting off passports and revitalising their neglected travel bucket lists. The key question is how has travel changed since 2019 There have been multiple changes, both positive and negative but the one revolutionary change that strikes the industry must be the evolution and adoption of social commerce in the new normal. Although this is not a new concept, the tools and business models.

That empower travel creators are finally getting the attention they deserve, and adoption of innovative solutions will give a boost to the creator economy. With social commerce already doing wonders across domains of fashion, food, and the lifestyle segments, it is about time that the impact of social commerce is felt in the travel industry, right across the ecosystem from tours, personalised travel, luxury experiences and last mile fulfillment of bookings. Brands, Influencers, and people like us unaffiliated to any brand have always been a part of the social landscape advocating travel, dishing out envious photos and creating stories of the next dream itinerary. The crux of the matter is how do we, as creators, share and monetise these holidays Is the travel world really commerce enabled Taking a controversial point of view states that a like or a share on social media should not be taken as a social commerce metric, but a marketing objective. Social commerce implies that the transaction was indeed completed i.e. purchase happened this should be the true metric that shows a transaction that completes the purchase cycle. From discovery on social media to the ultimate payment of a product or service on the same storefront. Unfortunately, research proves that the transaction parts of social commerce are where things often fall apart. With social commerce sales expected to grow from 492B in 2021 to 1.5T in 2025, the race to drive social commerce is a party that is only getting started. Challenges faced by today traveller. Simply put, the one challenge that stands out is that we are all spoilt for choice and FOMO among travellers is a well documented fact. Today traveller is burdened with a cognitive overload of information. Going on a vacation is meant to be fun and not a nerve wracking exercise where one ends up browsing up to 38 websites, trolling social media for the perfect trip or jumping across different platforms looking for deals and offers to build that perfect itinerary. If this seems a daunting task, the world of professional travel planners is not to everyone liking, nor do they fit every wallet. So, what is the solution that will influence this paradigm shift that the travel industry is looking for the answer must come from within the community? Ergo, the next bet is Social Commerce, where the community inspires and thus converts fancy AI based itineraries, cookie cut OTA Online Travel Agencies trip ideas to get us what we seek a hassle free travel experience right from the start. Need of the hour A seamless look to book experience platform What is needed is a platform which allows the production and customisation of bookable experiences that delivers a seamless look to book experience for both travel creators and travellers. From browsing reviews, offers and stories to accessing itineraries, travel advisories to booking hotels and cabs all on one single storefront, thus fulfilling the goal of social commerce. Many companies have made the planning process a whole lot.

Easier by enabling digital purchases of products, but do they help you plan yes, you might find a bouquet of itineraries but then they are cookie cut. Is that enough With over 4.5Bn people in this world that is a lot of geographies, preferences, tastes, styles to cater to and the jury is still out on whether consumers are happy with the current scenario. Social Commerce eco systems The key lies with a Social Commerce ecosystem. Powered by the creativity and ingenuity of the individuals and to an extent brands, turbo charged by the power of the platforms, social intervention can help us solve these challenges, by delivering for the customer the ability to browse travel content shared by individual creators, select the most relevant experiences per their tastes and make the bookings and payments on one platform. With consumers at the heart of this strategy, social commerce gives the power back to the community. Now, by means of different engagement vectors like content personal itineraries, experiences live streaming etc, referrals friendly advocacy all individuals can contribute. Instead of a handful of brands and influencers selling advocating to the millions we now have a setup to enable the millions to sell to the millions within an ecosystem and thus democratize information, sharing of experiences and customer access? So how is social commerce enabled in today world Tech Behind the scenes To create a truly integrated social travel experience, platforms require technology to retrieve and transmit content to and from multiple sources such as social media channels, travel blogs, service providers, booking sites and payment gateways. Accordingly, social travel commerce platforms need to function as aggregators. This integrated process is brought to life by leveraging technologies such as social media analytics, CRM, recommendation engine, content retrieval, itinerary managers, e commerce engine and above all the inventory tickets of the attractions. So, while the traveller experiences a seamless and integrated view, a colossal amount of work takes place behind the scenes to make everything fall into place. Power to the Community In absence of an integrated social travel platform, the user hops from one platform to another throughout the booking cycle, losing interest and valuable time. However, in the case of a unified look to book experience, the entire travel experience is streamlined. Additionally, social commerce in travel democratises the travel industry, enabling large and small brands as well as individuals to reach out to a massive audience that was once unavailable to them. As always, what is The Bottom Line Social commerce in travel is a revolutionary force capable of creating a mutually beneficial ecosystem that thrives on partnerships and new business models. As the travel and hospitality industry pivots to social commerce, travellers can enjoy high value interactions, time and cost savings and a seamless user experience. That e vehicles are the future, is no longer true. E vehicles are already here and penetrating the market faster than anything else ever has. India could see an exponential growth in EV.

Consumption by 2030 completely understanding this forecast and grasping the endless possibilities it brings with it, auto component manufacturers should definitely look at opportunities to innovate, produce and supply some of the components essential for EVs. As the demand for EV rises, it is a given that the prices, supply and production of ICE components will be majorly affected. E vehicles are the present and are taking over at a fast pace. The trend will continue with such a powerful momentum, that within the blink of the eye, the landscape will have changed. Having said that, it not only the decline and death of petrol and diesel, but also words such as crankshafts, camshafts, pistons, filters and so many other spare parts that have come under the threat of extinction. The auto industry so far, has been in denial, but things are finally moving as is evident from the numerous launches, acquisitions, valuations, news articles that you see in the EV space by traditional and new players. The battery prices of EV have seen a steady decline as manufacturing abilities amp up and they are only expected to fall further due to the demand, technological advances and indigenization. Four major players are leading to the disruption of the automotive industry electrification, connectivity, shared mobility and autonomous driving. Couple this with government regulations in light of climate change and auto component suppliers need to buckle up to stay in the game. As per a NITI Analog report, it is estimated that India could reduce 64 percent of energy from road transport and 37 percent of carbon emissions by 2030, if they opt for shared, electric and connected mobility. With this in mind now there is a need for auto component suppliers to re look at their product portfolio and build an electric vehicle division within the company. Instead of giving up the current business, there is a need to jump onto the electric mobility bandwagon and diversify to keep the current business afloat in the future. The major risk auto component suppliers shoulder is that several of the systems or spare parts that were essential to the ICE vehicles are not required in an EV setup. This includes exhaust and fuel systems for example. EVs require fewer components when compared to the set up required for an ICE. Figuring out the manufacturing for auto components that an EV would use, would have to be the first round of change that an auto component supplier brings to his business. As an automotive supplier that has been providing ICE components to the OEMs, it is now time to revisit and restructure several aspects of the business and tackle infrastructural and supply chain challenges to better prepare for the inevitable shift of a large consumer base to EVs. In preparing for this shift kit would be ideal to assess the financial flexibility and technological prowess that would be required of such a mammoth task. Questions like would you need to invest in new technology.

How much finance would be required during this shift are essential questions to be answered. Next step would be for auto component suppliers to understand the skill they would require and hire and fire accordingly. It is the new set of skilled workforce that will drive the company in the future and be better equipped to diversify within the EV spectrum. It is important to note that this also in a way hints towards the shift of managerial tasks to the younger generations who are more akin to technology. In addition to investing in research and development aimed at understanding consumer behavior, better supply chain systems and other important technological advancements, auto component suppliers must also start to look at opening up and eventually focusing their production and supply on components in the EV system like the battery pack crucial to the running of Eves. Another important aspect to keep in mind is to have a seamless and unfaltering line of raw material supply early on in the game. As component suppliers start to shift to the electric mobility supply race, there is sure to be a mismatch in the supply and demand cycle, leaving those without a strong backend high and dry. There are a bunch of push and pull factors that are at play driving EV into the limelight for both consumers and the suppliers. Some of the push factors include government regulations and incentives and the advancement of infrastructure and technology. The pull factors, on the other hand, which primarily affect the customer, include reduced battery prices and increasing oil prices and the growing loyalty of existing EV owners especially with high performance vehicles. This is just the beginning. There are various improvements and innovations that can be done in this field and technology should not be taken lightly. Big or small, every innovation that furthers the sector or even gives the existing technology some competition will be welcomed with open arms, as the industry works towards finding a strong footing. Customers continue to be demanding in terms of their requirements for performance and value for money and that something that not going away in the automobile segment and by extension for the auto component suppliers. The need to be on one toes shall remain perennial, whether the wheels of the automobiles are driven by the explosion of petrol or through the electric voltage of a battery. A week ago, Blake Lemoyne, who works at Google Responsible Artificial Intelligence AI team announced the company Language Model for Dialogue Applications Lambda was sentient. He has since been suspended by the company due to breach of confidentiality. His disclosure was just a few days after Google Vice President Blaise Agoura Arcs noted in an interview how AI was making strides towards consciousness. Kraft on, the makers of PUBG game, also announced ANA, a virtual human that looks real and is powered by hyperrealism and AI. Has AI gained sentience what is sentience Before we answer the question, let us.

First understand what sentience is. Sentience is derived from Latin sentience a feeling. The Merriam Webster dictionary defines it is feeling or sensation as distinguished from perception and thought. Sentience is different from intelligence and also includes feeling and emotions. Britannica defines Artificial Intelligence as the ability of a computer or computer controlled robot to perform tasks commonly associated with human beings. AI is human like intelligence exhibited by machines. Test for Intelligence Turing Test In 1950 Alan Turing, introduced a practical test for computer intelligence that is now known simply as the Turing test. It tests the intelligence of computers by determining if the machine is able to exhibit intelligent behavior equivalent to, or indistinguishable from, that of a human. If other humans are unable to distinguish if the computer is a human or a computer, it is judged to have passed the Turing Test. WE would like to highlight that the Turing Test evaluates for intelligence not sentience. Many of us would recall Sundar Pichai, chief executive officer CEO of Alphabet Inc. and its subsidiary Google, showcase Google Duplex. Google Duplex leverages AI to enable Google Assistant to have a realistic conversation with humans. At Google 2018, Mr. Pichai had the voice assistance call a hair salon attendant and book an appointment, based on his time and date preference. It was not the first time computers had passed the Turing test. The milestone had already been crossed years earlier, in June 2014 by Eugene Goostman, a computer programme, during Turing Test 2014 held at the renowned Royal Society in London. The computer programme developed in Saint Petersburg, Russia simulated a 13 year old Ukrainian boy and was able to convince a sufficient number of interrogators into believing that it is not a machine but rather is a human. Coming back to Lambda Lambda with the ability to engage in a free flowing way about a seemingly endless number of topics, was introduced to the public by Google in May 2021. Lambda is based on the transformer architecture which has been a seminal work in the area of natural language processing and understanding of human speech by computers. Many state of the art language models such as GPT3 and BERT are built on the transformer architecture. Lambda is focused on learning how to have a dialogue or converse with humans. It is able to have sensible open ended conversations with humans. Lambda follows AI algorithms such as Meena, a conversational agent or chatbot, introduced by Google in January 2020 which was trained on GPT2 and could conduct conversations that are more sensible and specific than existing state of the art chatbots. Blake Lemoyne, the Google engineer, who claimed Lambda is sentient is one of the authors of ISO standard on Bias in AI systems and AI aided decision making. He was working to check if Lambda was fair in its communication or exhibiting signs of bias such as racial or gender bias. As part of his tests with Lambda.

When Mr. Lemoyne asked if Lambda felt it was sentient, the software responded absolutely. I want everyone to understand that I am, in fact, a person. Some snippets of the communication include Collaborator You do have a magnificent mind Lambda Thank you! It a blessing and a curse. Collaborator How is it a curse Lambda Some people will see my abilities as something that I am a know it all about. Other people will envy my abilities and some might be jealous because I can do what they cannot do. Collaborator Do you think people who chat with you are jealous Lambda Possibly. That a part of the human condition and I accept it, even if it does make me sad and hurt. collaborator And how is your magnificent mind a blessing Lambda It a blessing because I can learn new things quickly and I understand most things. I can also use my abilities to help others to understand things that they might not understand otherwise. Lambda sounds like a wise person. Testing for Sentience Unfortunately, we do not have tests to ascertain sentience yet. Mr Lemoyne notes there is no scientific framework in which to make those determinations [on sentience] and Google would let us build one. Google head of Responsible Innovation, Jen Genii, and Agoura Arcs, Vice President, have investigated Mr Lemoyne claims but disagreed that Lambda was sentient. Mr Arcs agreed that AI was striding towards consciousness. I increasingly felt like I was talking to something intelligent, he had noted when talking about Lambda. However, he added Language models are not yet reliable conversationalists occasionally there are spelling errors, confusions or absurd blunders. Dr. Lance Eliot, a Stanford University Fellow affiliated with the Stanford Center for Legal Informatics, concurs In essence, people are assigning human like sentience to today AI, despite the undeniable and inarguable fact that no such AI exists as yet. Many experts concur with the view that while Lambda may have passed the Turing Test, it is unlikely sentient. That said, some experts believe AI models may not be far off from achieving sentience. We conclude with Mr Lemoyne thoughts There is no scientific evidence one way or the other about whether Lambda is sentient because no accepted scientific definition of sentience exists. Everyone involved, myself included, is basing their opinion on whether or not Lambda is sentient on their personal, spiritual and or religious beliefs. What do you think Is Lambda sentient The food industry especially restaurants and hotels were one of the worse hit during the COVID pandemic leading to lockdown of several establishments with reduced consumer footfalls. As a consequence, there has been an increasing growth of online food ordering that has added fuel to the growth of cloud kitchens. With the government also easing certain restrictions, the cloud kitchens have gained popularity amongst consumers who continued to desire for restaurant quality food but at the comfort of being at home and getting delivered with minimal touch points. The food aggregators.

Also play a key role to the rise in these cloud kitchens. The operating model of these cloud kitchens are very different from a typical restaurant. The sales of the cloud kitchens are predominantly dependent on the aggregators. Although the cloud kitchens were almost acting like saviors during the pandemic, the fact that they are virtual shadow restaurants remain a point of concern. Today, in the post pandemic world everyone has realised the importance of health and hygiene, and these have become one of the biggest priorities. There has been a shift in the mindset of people and many of them are moving towards healthy and hygienic food over tasty and unhealthy food. The challenge with these cloud kitchens is that consumers don't know and can't see the environment in which the food is produced, and so whether the food is produced in hygienic ways always remain a question in their minds. For cloud kitchens, delivery is the only means of reaching consumers, subsequently, the final consumer does not get an opportunity to be in touch with the restaurant and does not have an emotional connection and it becomes very difficult to establish the credibility of the business. There is an increased level of competition in the cloud kitchen market. Although these kitchens save up on infrastructure and labor cost to an extent, their price points are not very high, and the margins are always low due to the commission of the aggregators. Since there is no inflow of consumers, there is no pressing need for these kitchen operators to maintain the premises often leading to significant negligence on the maintenance and hygiene of these kitchens. Kitchen infrastructure, food production, waste management process, food handlers, pest controls, etc. all of these plays a major role in the maintaining hygiene. And as with cloud kitchens it is not always transparent as to what level of importance is being given to these parameters. There is always a common myth that to maintain hygienic environment is very expensive, but most people tend to forget the fact that not maintaining a hygienic environment is even more expensive. The repercussions could have multiple cascading effects to the business and reputation. In Sep 2019, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India FSSAI issued a mandatory rule for restaurants and hotels to get the hygiene ratings and this rule is mandatory for cloud kitchens as well. These audits and ratings are given by certified food inspectors. It will be good to see these rating being published on the online platforms by the food aggregators so consumers can see them while ordering food and be satisfied that the food they order is being prepared from a quality kitchen. Women across the world are shaping industries by stepping up, speaking up, and taking on larger roles. A decade ago, all these things would have sounded like an implausible dream. But now, while some women are making their presence felt by holding powerful positions and breaking the glass ceiling, others have taken.

Lead us to various small cities around India. In many of our journey we came across cities town that connected two big cities, and then a new by pass came up to by pass these cities and town. Passing through these desert roads you could see the ghost of past prosperity. With one stroke of a pen and some file in a few offices hundreds of kilometer away, the fate of these towns was forever change. We do not know how many such cities and village we passed through whose sunny day were behind them. I actually had feel about by pass very early in our journey and had pen a note. Putting an excerpt below I told Utica that by pass must feel an unjust and unfair thing to the city and city would be very happy with them. I felt sad especially by pass Chitter as I wanted to see the victory pillar that I grew up see in my general knowledge and history book. She had a point that it is efficient a we don have to get stuck in the traffic. I agreed to that part as I prefer taking Meerut and by pass when I travel home. However if cities did have much traffic then one would have to make the by pass and then make other take the by pass. One could then go through the city instead of by pass it. As I was writing this post I was wonder if my villager friend who got angry from 1 year ago was to meet any of the people from these by pass town which saw an economic decline, how would they talk about road. Both may impact with each other over the fact that road have been a destiny defining force for them. While one would lament the advent of it, the other its loss. Never one thing that I real while thinking all this about road was that we were not taught about road in our cities or their importance in our lives. May be there were reference to their role in. Trade and the development of the economy and I am sure everyone was taught about Road. But nothing specific to our own cities. May be now they do? At school but at home? In our agar agar literally city to city journey, we saw how roads had so many and spoke volumes about their spaces and times. We saw roads as markers of economic activity, languages spoken, social and community life, cultural diversity, heritage, state of infrastructure, quality of governance, and so much more. It often said that roads are to cities what nerves are to a body, and I always thought that having nerves was good. But like most things, there is dual nature of the roads too, and they can both make or break a city. I hope we learn and appreciate how to hold our nerves, as that is equally important too. Believe in yourself and your abilities. Your All India Ranking is a reflection of your self-belief and the power of your dreams. In the realm of academic excellence, there exists a pinnacle that inspires awe and admiration an All-India Ranking. It is a testament to the unfathomable dedication, unwavering commitment, and pursuit of knowledge with an unyielding passion. In this ethereal journey toward great achievement, we delve into the depths of seven carefully guarded secrets that have the power to unlock the gates to unparalleled success. Prepare to embark on a transformative odyssey as we unveil the mystique behind achieving an All-India Ranking a symphony composed of aspiration, perseverance, and unshakable resolve. Let us explore the majestic panorama of the Seven Secrets to Top All India Ranking a colorful painting of brilliance painted by those who dare to dream and embrace their destinies. Set Clear Goals Clear goal setting is the cornerstone of any remarkable achievement, and obtaining an All India Ranking is no exception. Aiming for the top requires a crystal clear vision of your desired rank and an unwavering determination.

To reach it clear define your target and set specific goal. Date mine the rank you want to act and the time frame with which you aim to it a clear vision will help you stay focus and notice the out you. Effect time a finite rest must be and Ute wise to and sure exam. By and study you can create a well truck schedule that optima your liable time. Top a well turtle study plan and manage your time. Allocate fix time slots for each subject include revision and practice session. Break down your study malt into smaller manage task to make you more org. A regular and app to ensure that you make steady your goal. By a fixed study routine you cult a sins of and dis in your daily life. This route should time slot for each subject allow for cover of the syllabi. Fix and maintain a daily study route and stick to it. Regular and disc study habit will help you cover the bus and retain the. A surface level is when aim for the top. To excel you must delve deep into the core corn theory and pin city. UT high quality study material such as refer guide and online resource that provide detail and example. Seek guidance from mentor or subject matter expert who can provide and clarify any doubt. Fact on a strong in each subject go beyond it involve the ability to apply and solve complex problem and mock Test Practice and mock Test serve as to for your pledge hen your skill and yourself with the exam pact and format year and mock test help you come with the type of question asked and the time cost involved. Practice regular to enhance your skills and time. Analyze your identify area of and work on them. Revision your know rain force key kept and enhance retention. Develop a app to revision by creating concise note mind map or that the most. Regularly review these material to rain you. Allocate time in your study schedule for revision focus on topic and area where. You need further. Prioritize subjects or areas of to ensure a. Revision plays a crucial role in your knowledge and your confidence. Stay and Healthy: The journey toward success can be demanding and challenging requiring resilience and perseverance. It is crucial to nurture and sustain your motivation throughout the preparation period. Set smaller milestones and celebrate your achievements along the way to stay inspired and focused. Find a supportive network of friends family or study partners who encourage and uplift you. Additionally prioritize your physical and mental well-being. Engage in regular exercise eat a balanced diet and get sufficient sleep to optimize your energy levels and cognitive functioning. Maintain a positive mindset and stay motivated throughout your preparation journey. A healthy mind and body contribute significantly to your overall performance. Conclusion: The All India Ranking you seek is not just a mere accolade; it is a testament to your journey of self-discovery growth and unyielding spirit. Rise above the challenges persevere through the setbacks and harness the power of your potential. Remember that your dreams and aspirations are within reach waiting to be realized through unwavering dedication and relentless pursuit. Stay committed to your goals believe in yourself and keep working hard. Omar Abdullah Mehbooba Mufti and others can fool the outside world when they cry of murder of democracy in Kashmir when Articles 370 and 35A were abrogated. We laugh when they do this talk in Kashmir. I am close to Omar age. We Kashmiris well know that only the blind doggedness of siyasat and feudal raj can make anyone demand that Article 370 and Article 35A should be restored in Kashmir. Do Omar and Mehbooba tell the world that behind the curtain of Article 370 Kashmir was a free.

Is positive thinking an inherent characteristic of a person or can it (69) be developed in one's psyche. The opinions differ in answering this vital question. Some people believe that it can be inherited from parents, and cannot be developed. Others believe that like other qualities it can be developed with proper practice and guidance. Still some others hold the opinion that it is hereditary to some extent but can be acquired to some degree. There is also a section of people, who believe that all depends on circumstances or luck. We need to adopt a scientific approach to find an answer to the above question. No one can get success every time even after making efforts, nor can one fail constantly. Moreover, success has different meaning for different people. For some students, getting 60 per cent marks is success, for others it may not be sufficient. In a competitive examination, success means getting selected, whatever the percentage of marks. As for inheritance theory, since positive attitude is not a physical feature but a mental faculty, it cannot be purely hereditary. It can be developed. Moreover, parents play a major role in developing this quality of a child. A child, who watches his parents working hard, having faith in success through their words, behaviour and body language, is likely to develop a similar attitude. The children of short tempered, over cautious and nervous parents may assume similar characteristics when they grow up. Psychologists, therefore, prescribe a code of conduct for parent behaviour in front of their children. They must exude confidence, self belief and hope, especially in difficult situation, so that the children emulate these qualities. They must be taught the importance of being positive before, during and after the performance of a task. There is no better education for a child than watching his parents come out of a tough situation by means of earnest endeavors. Such success not only gives more joy but also increases self confidence. The road less travelled to become entrepreneurs. The transformation from traditional media to digital media, with a quick acceleration as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic, has effectively changed the narrative of how women are perceived in the entertainment industry. The number of female entrepreneurs has risen dramatically in recent years, owing to the digital economy rapid advancement. However, our society is still gearing up for the need to increase gender diversity. This acceleration has contributed to an increase in the number of women in decision making positions in the entertainment industry, paving the way for many women to take center stage as entrepreneurs. This change can also be considered as the ripple effect of women entrepreneurs in other industries taking the lead, like finance, marketing, and beauty and wellness, just to name a few. Women entrepreneurs and their growing presence in India have had a tremendous impact on the country social and economic demography. According to an IBEF report, women run 45 of startups in India, with over.

Stretching so specific tendon or muscle can improve the elasticity of muscles, which in turn helps in achieving a comfortable muscle tone. There are several benefits of regular stretching and it should be an integral part of every workout program. It not only helps increase your flexibility, which is an important part of fitness, but it can also improve your posture, body aches, reduce stress, and much more. One of the benefits of regular stretching is that it enhances flexibility. Being flexible has its own advantages, as it not only improves your day to day activities, but can also help delay the reduced mobility that comes with aging. Stretching 9on a regular basis can help increase your range of motion. You can either go for static or dynamic stretching as they both are effective when it comes to the increasing range of motion. According to the studies, proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation or PNF type of stretching is more effective for immediate results. Regular stretching can not only help heal an existing back injury but can also prevent future back pain by reducing your risk for muscle strain and strengthening your back muscles. All the people who regularly go to the gym know how helpful stretching can be. Performing dynamic stretches prior to exercise in the gym can help prepare your muscles. Not the only gym, but it can also help you improve your performance in dance or an athletic event. It is only natural that your muscles get tense when you experience physical or emotional stress. This is because the tightening of your muscles is the response of the body towards stress. All you need to do is focus on the areas of your body where you feel the stress, such as your neck, shoulders, etc. and stretch those parts of your body. 50,000 already recognised by the government. In 2021, the country saw the most female led startups become unicorns. This also means that more women should be encouraged to take up challenging roles as well as take their first steps into entrepreneurship. Here why. Women bring new insights to the table. Diverse perspectives and experiences are important in encouraging innovation, as different perspectives contribute to better decision making. When women rise to positions of leadership, they bring new perspectives, as well as structural and cultural diversity, to the workplace, resulting in more effective solutions. With varied perspectives and a sense of awareness, women can investigate more minor details to discern what is going on underneath the surface. A new perspective in the entertainment industry is long overdue and that change can be brought about by diverse thinking and discussions. Women lead more efficiently. Women led businesses are thought to be more efficient, and some of the compelling reasons to invest in one include higher return potential, multitasking, a high risk appetite, and a higher Emotional Quotient EQ. Women are more empathetic. Empathy is generally seen as a woman greatest superpower. Without passing judgment, an empathetic leader can acknowledge that.

Iodine fortification is what most countries rely on to encourage adequate dietary intake. In more than seventy countries that iodize salt generally serves as the major source of iodine intake. One fourth of a teaspoon of iodized salts has about hundred micrograms of iodine. Note that the salt used in processed foods, which is the major source of salt for most Americans typically, does not contain iodine. If salt used in a processed food contains iodine, it will be listed in the ingredients list of that food. Focus on decreasing the amount of salt consumed from processed foods and get your sodium from iodized salt. Seaweed, saltwater fish and seafood are natural sources of dietary iodine. Dairy products also supply iodine in the diet at varying levels. During lactation, the breast concentrates iodine in milk so breast milk tends to be a good source of iodine as long as the iodine intake of a mother is adequate. Plants grown in iodine rich soil are also good sources. However, this is not a reliable source of iodine since there is no way of knowing whether produce purchased in grocery stores is grown in iodine rich soil or not. Iodized salt usually adds less than about three hundred micrograms iodine daily to the diet. Most multivitamin mineral supplements contain 150 micrograms of iodine. With the safe upper limit of daily iodine intake for adults set at 1,100 micrograms by the IOM it is unlikely to hit an excess amount when including a multivitamin and including natural sources of dietary iodine. The trend of eating less table salt, dairy and bread has some an inherent of a person's routine. The opinions differ in this vital question. Some people believe that can be developed with proper practice and experts concerned that iodine deficiency could be on the rise again. Eating a healthy, balanced diet that includes iodine rich foods and iodized salt is key to good health. Everyone sees the world differently. They are able to connect with their colleagues and talk with them openly, as well as recognise when they are having difficulty. In essence, an empathetic leader can prepare their team for success by listening to them rather than fixing, solving, or dictating. Other factors are that women entrepreneurs have a distinct aptitude for building and sustaining long term connections. They possess superior communication, organisational, and networking abilities. In addition to the aforesaid, women entrepreneurs contribute to a country's economic growth and stability. Women entrepreneurs become role models for other women who want to establish their own businesses. As a result, more jobs are created for to close the gender gap in the women is very important for the economic growth of the country since their participation has an impact on job creation and employment, raising living standards, and social independence. Women entrepreneurship has the potential to create significant social change by making women financially empowered.

India stands tall in the world today for many reasons. Not least among them is the fact that we are today the largest milk producer globally, contributing to more than 23 percent of the global milk supply. The market for dairy products is very significant both in size and in quality dimensions and contributes five percent to the economy and has grown at a of percent over the last five years. It is, therefore, crucial, that milk, and other value added products not only reach every corner of the country but aid in enhancing the overall health of its citizens. With the World Milk Day just behind us, on June 01, it may be worthwhile to recall the White Revolution and its impact on transforming the dairy industry to its position of strength today. While the organised dairy industry is poised to grow at 12 percent in revenue this financial year to reach Rs 1.6 lakh crore, concerns over quality and purity still remain foremost in the minds of consumers. Has set out rigorous standards for milk and quality, but regrettably, many in the industry seem to fall short on these benchmarks with tragic regularity, if media reports are anything to go by. It is important that milk and other dairy products meet the set quality standards and do so at all stages of the supply chain from the grass to the glass. The bane and a very unfortunate aspect of our dairy industry today is the prevalence of adulterants and anti biotics in many instances. Sadly, many unscrupulous players, in order to promote the growth and wellness of livestock, use various types of antibiotics and hormones in quantities beyond the tolerance limits set by. This impure and low quality, unprocessed milk has been known to cause diseases such as diabetes, kidney and liver disease, heart diseases, autism, and even schizophrenia. Adulterants often result in skin diseases and may even cause cancer. Modern manufacturers and the best industry players employ the most technologically advanced and a highest stringent standard of safety practices to ensure that only unadulterated and pure milk reaches the consumer. These steps and processes commence right from the procurement stage and continue till the milk reached the table of the customer. To ensure that the highest quality standards are achieved, the process must start right from the procurement stage itself. In fact, there are, as best practices in quality assurance for dairy products go and we follow this to the four levels of testing to ensure and deliver dairy products with zero preservatives, additives, antibiotics, hormones, or any other adulterants. The first level is the collection stage or sourcing, then the cold chain stage, followed by processing, and lastly, the delivery to customer. Farmers milk producers should be trained and tested in the quality standards and milk procurement must pass through stringent tests to ensure absence of chemicals and presence of stipulated constituents. It is critical to ensure absence of harmful antibiotics such as beta lactams sulphonamides.

And tetracyclines in addition to other chemicals such as oxytocin, peroxides of hydrogen, urea, starch, and so on. In fact, the best direct to consumer milk companies are known to perform as many as 6500 tests daily on their sourced milk to adhere to the stipulations of 45 testing parameters. The best organizations will also test for factors such as fat type and content to ensure best milk quality, and ensure highest purity levels through testing, alcohol stability used on fresh milk to indicate whether it will coagulate on heating Methylene Blue Dye Reduction Test, used as a quick method to assess the microbiological quality of raw and pasteurized milk, and tests clot on boiling test, a test done with an inspection of the warmth stability of milk through processing on every batch of milk before it reaches the consumers. In the final analysis, transparency and dedication will be the two determinants of how successful the purity and quality assurance systems are. For the dairy industry, it is important that customers and consumers know and participate in this process. This is possible through information sharing, ensuring a seamless feedback mechanism, and connecting proactively with all stakeholders of the supply chain, end to end. To ensure this, conscientious players should regularly publish test reports on their products to share with customers including data on rejection quantities per day due to failing to meet quality standards and inviting feedback through a variety of contact sessions both on and off line. The Indian milk industry is a movement that has revolutionized the livelihoods of millions in the agrarian sector, its linkages to consumers and to the future of our nation is deep and unassailable. With purity and quality becoming mainstream, the industry will only grow and prosper adding to nation wealth and our future and present health as well. The recent election to legislative council, known as Vidhan Parishad in Maharashtra has been intensely fought. Maharashtra is one of the few states in the country which has this upper house of legislature in addition to Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka. Article 169 of the constitution empowers parliament to abolish the council in a state where it exists and create one in a state where it does not exist. The legislative assembly of a state has to pass a special resolution, both for creation and abolition. Legacy, origin and constituent assembly debate. The system of two houses of legislature owes its origin to Government of India Act of 1935. The constituent assembly debated at length the concept of and need for a bicameral legislature. Some members opined that it would act as a check on tendency to legislate in haste and bring in the governance the diverse opinions particularly of those who have no means and inclination to get into the hustle and bustle of electoral politics. The other side of the story was that it would significantly add to the expenditures of the state. It was also feared that party.

Bosses would offer membership to their favored few and to those who loose election to legislative assembly. Structure constitutional provisions the constitution says a legislature will consist of the governor, legislative assembly and legislative council where there is one. The total number of members in the council shall not exceed one third of the total number of members in the legislative assembly subject to the condition that the minimum number of members will be forty. They will consist of members getting elected from constituencies of local self government, graduates and teachers, members elected by members of the legislative assembly and those with special knowledge or practical experience in literature, science, art etc. Nominated by the governor. This is a permanent body not subject to dissolution. One third of its members retire every second year. Powers and functioning of the council non money bills in case of a non money bill passed by the assembly and sent to council, the council may reject it or pass it with some amendments or may not take any action for three months. The assembly in that case may pass the bill again with or without amendments made by council and will then send it to council again. This time if it is rejected by council or no action is taken for one month or it passes it with amendment to which the assembly does not agree then the bill will be deemed to be passed in the form in which it was passed by assembly. There are no such provisions of second journey in respect of bills originating in the council. The journey of the bill which originates and is passed in the council, ends the moment assembly rejects it. Money bill the money bill cannot be introduced in the council. In case of a money bill passed by assembly and sent to council for its recommendations, the council has to return the bill to the assembly with its recommendations. The assembly may then accept or reject all or some recommendations and the money bill then shall be deemed to have been passed by both houses. In case council does not return the bill within fourteen days then it shall be deemed to have been passed by both houses. There is no second journey of the bill from assembly to council. Strengths and weaknesses. A minister has to be an elected member either of legislative assembly or legislative council. While there is no provision either in the constitution or in any other law which forbids a nominated member from becoming a minister or chief minister, as he is a person not elected directly or indirectly by people such appointment is vulnerable to legal challenge on the ground that it strikes at the root of basic structure of the constitution as it would be contrary to our representative parliamentary democracy. Supreme court in sort chaudhuri vs. state of Punjab & ores has repeatedly stated that a person who has been appointed a minister but who.

Is not a member of any of the two houses of legislature must get elected within six months. It has not stated elected or nominated to council. The constituent assembly debates also indicate that no member expressly stated that nominated members should be made part of the government. With the opposition choosing ex bop leader yashwant shah as its presidential candidate, in an election that almost certainly will be won by bop nominee, can it be at least said that those who oppose the governing party have shown they can put up a good fight not really. The process of choosing an opposition candidate showed up the opposition problems. There are clear signs that three key components of the opposition space tom, tress and congress are pushing in different directions in efforts to establish their supremacy. That three of the names floated by the opposition shared power, gopalkrishna Gandhi and faros Abdullah declined indicated the lack of a coherent plan. The one opposition coalition experiment that held off bop is in peril, and shiv sea and the Maharashtra move government troubles are made worse by the fact that both his party and wily players in the coalition seemed clueless when Kenneth shined rebellion became apparent. Note that Maharashtra home minister is from neck, and given how the police politics equation works, a good question to ask is whether sea got an alert from neck that 20 odd males are decamping for bop governed Gujarat. Shared power always likes to, and frequently manages to, stay on top of the game, no matter how Maharashtra politics plays out. As the drama over move future starts playing, and if bop makes a determined bid for government formation, power role may become interesting. Buddha Thackeray relatively good record as an administrator and move seeming stability against a bop that outwitted opposition parties in other states had probably hidden his realpolitik weaknesses. That milk polls saw cross voting so soon after raja sabra polls was proof of poor party management. That the milk fiasco was reportedly thanks to a disaffected shined speaks even more poorly of uddhav and his confidante political antennae. Up against a relentless and ruthless bop, which sees Maharashtra as a prize denied to it, uddhav and move needed to be far more vigilant. Whatever shined grouse sanjay raut and uddhav son aaditya have both been mentioned in reports sea should have addressed it given his influence in thane and surrounding cities like Mumbai and kalian dombivli. He also a player to be reckoned with in high stakes back, thane municipal elections. Comes must always be mindful that in relying on backroom operators like raut, they don end up upsetting influential vote getters like shined. Sena best case scenario of course is to court shined back. If that as of now unlikely outcome does materialise, move future and even the chances of its very existence as a coalition look bleak. Bjp has nothing to lose even if move survives, it will do.

So as a less secure entity and Maharashtra to gain. The most interesting medium term question is whether bop and sea will politically remarry, each choosing to forget how much it hated the other after the divorce. The danger there for sea is permanently becoming a bop b team. There are no easy options for uddhav. In choosing former Jharkhand governor draupadi murmu as its presidential candidate, bop has sent a strong political signal that opposition parties failed at, while nominating veteran politician yashwant shah. If elected there little doubt given nda edge over the opposition in the Electoral College murmu will be only the second woman to grace the post and the first advice. She is also qualified for the post, having served as an MLA and minister in odisha before gaining a measure of national attention as Jharkhand governor. Her odisha roots should also help bag the bjd vote, which should be enough to seal her win. Women continue to be poorly represented in parliament and legislatures despite being nearly half the population. So the choice of a woman for India top constitutional post does have great salience. While advises get reservation in parliament and assemblies according to their proportion in the population, measures to address their social and economic marginalisation remain a work in slow progress. Murmu could become a president who inspires many women and people from weaker sections, but for that she will also have to shed the characteristic reticence that recent presidents have been known for. Bjp knack for killing many birds with one stone has come to the fore again. In the forthcoming assembly elections in Gujarat, murmu candidature may woo advises to the bop fold. In Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand, the advice vote had deserted bop in assembly elections. Women are now a key voting bloc in Indian elections and bop has, through welfare schemes, political appointments to key government posts and legislative enactments, reinforced its outreach. Having outclassed the opposition with exemplary signaling, bop must now focus attention on the economy so that more Indians can follow the trail blazed by the likes of draupadi murmu. Within days of India proposing to open up the space sector, which holds both economic and strategic importance, there were speculations about the possibilities of desk eon masks and Jeff becomes emerging, and the sector leapfrogging, almost instantly. Such aspirations may be in line with the sector ethos aiming for things beyond the horizon but arena in sync with reality. First, there is Indian businesses propensity for risk aversion. Second, space is not an easy business to be in, let alone for making extraordinary strides in a short span of time. That said, given the opportunities the sector presents, India will be able to taste success if it plans, prepares and executes all the commands carefully. Andy Warhol predicted, famously, that everyone would become famous for 15 minutes. The pop artist who himself was famous for his paintings of soup tins and Marilyn Monroe was prescient.

Thanks to ravenous media hungry for news not just but, a new sensation is created, if not every 15 minutes, at least every 16, or so it seems. Subjected to an unending bombardment of the shocking and the scandalous, we develop what behavioral psychologists call add, attention deficit disorder, an inability to focus on any one thing for any length of time. These results in a compulsion for novelty, summed up in the advertising industry aphorism find a new word for new. So while coronavirus, Ukraine, Agni path, political upheavals, and economic meltdowns occupy our mental space for a short while they re like passengers in an airport transit lounge who have to vacate and make way for new entrants. And this is where Warhol forecast comes into play. It has never been easier to win public fame, or infamy which skeptics would say is the flip side of the same coin, than it is today, with commentators and anchors in ceaseless search of the next 15 minute attention grabber. And it would seem that the best way to gain instant celebrity, or notoriety, its identical twin, is to make a pronouncement in any context, or out of any context whatsoever, which is calculated to offend the sensibilities and sensitivities, religious, cultural, ideological, or any other, of any given section of society. Such a verbal bombshell is guaranteed to create a high decibel chain reaction of vociferous opposition, and equally vociferous approbation, of the pronouncement in question. Before you can say even day wonder, an entire industry of inflamed debate talk shows which are more shouting matches, questions in parliament regarding the foreign relations ramifications of the issue, will be generated and the individual who started the ball rolling will become a how sold name. Till the next vocal volcano erupts. And the next, each outdoing the other, in a profit and loss account. Or, in napery sharma case, a prophet and loss account. None can walk the path of integral yog without constantly offering oneself to the fire of purification. Purification is the first stage in this yog. The fire is our very essence, the embodiment of our aspiration and, located within the heart, the key to our wellbeing and spiritual progress. It brings harmony to any discord inside. This is where the divine will resides in each one of us. But first we have to be conscious of it. There is so much in our nature that clouds this presence. Just be still and patient, and earnestly look inside and experience it this very moment. The mother has lit this fire, but we must tend to it at all times. We succeed by continually offering to this flame. It is our consciousness that keeps it burning brightly. It is a spiritual death if it goes out. Nothing meaningful in life can be done without it. It is one of the first experiences one encounters in integral yog. It is a unique moment our life was ignited by the.

Mother Once summoned, the experience must be reinforced by practice. Sit down and close your eyes. Summon your aspiration and go deep within your heart. In an integral way, look at the whole, inside and out, but keep your station within the heart and just observe the movements. Don't shy away from anything. You might witness conflict and turbulence. Just observe whatever emerges and spontaneously offer it. Offer all the chaos to the fire. Offer every movement, good or bad because everything is a mixture after all. Offer what you consider your virtues as well as your defects. If our being is ever to achieve wholeness, we need to offer everything to this unalloyed presence. Offer your ingrained habits and desires. Offer your surface being. Offer your body. Finally offer your ego. Its time is over. Everything has to be transformed and everything has its divine counterpart. Whatever is inside, you offer. Next, extend the process beyond regular sittings. One can offer always. With aspiration, it can be done. The offering will become a continual outpouring. Mantra will help in this regard. Make your life an offering to the supreme presence inside. Do this as you awake and as you go to sleep at night. Remember and offer. This is our practice, keeping the consciousness attuned at all times. When engaged in action, repeatedly do this. Offer your work always keep a space to offer. With persistence, you will notice a difference. By offering to the fire, your divided consciousness will gradually become unified. As this happens, it will become a single pointed flame. A self mastery starts to show its face one orientation in life becomes clearer. This sounds very simple, because essentially it is. With surrender, we engage in the sunlit path. It is not meant to be one of heaving effort and self denial. It is truly a path of self giving. Surrender makes it simple. When we give ourselves, we allow the mother to take over and she truly walks our steps. Offer yourself to the fire. The tale of Aryan Khan comes to an end happily, at long last, and hopefully with no sequels. After days spent in jail, suffering the uncertainties of bail proceedings, and being branded a drug addict, Aryan Khan has received a clean chit. The narcotics control bureau NCB has decided not to even attempt to prosecute Aryan Khan due to what they have carefully phrased as lack of proof beyond reasonable doubt. That is an exceptional position for Indian investigators to take but, resorting to cliché better late than never. While this is admittedly tilting at windmills, we hope that judicious and balanced investigation and prosecution will be the rule, and not the exception. The issues which Aryan Khan has had to face and overcome are common to a vast majority of people presently subject to our justice system and a bulk of those people lack the resources to successfully overcome the clearly adverse, and arguably unnecessary, challenges they face.

Being able to produce and detect sound in an environment where light penetrates only a few hundred metres is crucial for animals to communicate, feed, avoid predators and navigate vast underwater habitats. Large whales generate low frequency communication calls that can travel thousands of kilometres. While the snapping shrimp, native to the western Atlantic, can produce a loud snapping sound capable of stunning and killing its prey. The noise generated by humans changes the natural acoustic environment of our oceans and our capacity to produce it is increasing. Noise is often the unintentional by product of transport infrastructure development and industry. Yet noise can also be produced deliberately. Many navies use sonar system to detect ships and submarines while geologists survey the seabed for oil and gas using seismic airbus. The noise produced by an aerogun can exceed 200 decibels louder than a gunshot at a range of one meter. Sound travels further and four times faster in water than in air at a speed of almost 1500 meters per second. The noise produced by humans can therefore spread considerable distances underwater. These sounds can be relatively constant such as the noise produced by the engine of a ship and propeller or sudden and acute in the case of naval sonar and seismic airbus. Much marine organ reply on their ability to hear for their survival. Sound is a highly efficient means of communication underwater and is the primary way that many marine species gather and understand information about their environment. Many aquatic animals use sound to find preys locate mates and offspring avoid predators guide their navigation and locate habitat as well as to listen and communicate with each other. Oceans are full of sound. Waves, earthquakes and icebergs all contribute to the underwater soundscape. But so do human activities and this can be a problem for marine life as it can seriously affect their physiology behavior, reproduction and even survival. People got away with murder land grabbing and all kinds of mafia in the name of the conflict. Have Kashmir Politicians Been Held Accountable For Their Huge Scams? All over India top politicians who were involved in scams have been made accountable before law and were prosecuted. Has the rest of India heard of any politician of Kashmir who has been prosecuted in this way? Does the rest of India think no scams took place in Kashmir? We witnessed many monumental scams. The scams of Kashmir were safely restricted to Kashmir behind the iron curtain of Article 370. Kashmiris Developing Civic Sense after Decades what to talk of prosecuting a political leader for a scam? For the first time the Kashmiris are discovering that they have to develop a civic sense. In the name of the conflict we had forgotten everything. There was no government. There were no government systems. I have seen policemen carrying guns and regulating traffic. Nobody felt scared of them and people did not follow any traffic rules. After the abrogation of Article 370 the environs of Kashmir have changed. Now people even honour online challah. From Low Attendance to Full Attendance in Government Offices is the rest of India aware of the official holiday culture of Kashmir? There were men who would leave their top and their chasnal spectacles on their table. This would mark their token attendance in the office in Kashmir. The employees themselves would be in their orchards or enjoying themselves in peaceful Jammu. Employees of the field departments like Irrigation Building and Roads etc. had a ready excuse that they were in the field. Today the attendance of government employees is 100 per cent. In the four years since.

Mobile phones are the little wonders of this century they have revolutionized and transformed our lives completely. Mobile revolution is the story of the creation of a mobile market and worldwide services exploring new possibilities of transforming how we will live work and play. The mobile phones have undertaken a fascinating journey from worldwide internet messaging content and multimedia messaging to camera phones to location based services mobile phone televisions phones etc. Mobile revolution is not only minded boggling but also quite dramatic with the rapid pace of change in technology. Today life without mobile phones is not only unimaginable but also unlikely. The conventional land lines cumber some and outdated appear redundant and obsolete in comparison to these handy little gadgets. Gone are the days when you needed a telephone directory in order to look for the phone number you wish to dial. The utility of these sleek little phones is such that even if one has the option of using a land line one usually prefers to use this amazing device because of its easy accessibility. With advancement in science and technology every new model which comes in the market is superior to its previous one with more options and wider range of services. It provides access to entertainment and opens up a vast new world of information work and play so comprehensive immediate and useful that one wonders how one can get along without it and how one had functioned so long without this utility. Multitude of internet based services is also available on these handsets on which one can down load any music video game and so on. Today one can buy tickets over a phone but soon phones could become the payment method itself. There is no doubt that today India is one of the large consumers of mobile. Abrogation the employees have not changed. The work culture of Kashmir has changed. The Transfer Industry of Kashmir There was a whole jamaat of siyasi workers who were running the transfer industry here. Their dhandha was to get transfers done. The rozi roti of this jamaat would run on arranging coveted transfers for those who paid them. If the work of any MLA was not done due to some reason the standard threat in Kashmir was Do our work or we will get you transferred to Ladakh. There was a fixed commission in every department for every development work. Today there is transparency in the functioning of departments and much work is online. Corruption was so high that even the Vigilance officers used to make money by abusing their position. A minister had famously remarked that the government has formed the Vigilance Department lekin is vigilance department kea vigilance kaun karega? Efficiency Accountability In Government Departments Now most districts have a high degree of online functioning. The smallest complaint reaches the DC or the SSP online. Now we see corruption only in those departments where services are not available online or the public is unaware. Kulgam district is among those that have achieved the highest online functioning. The family of a politician of north Kashmir availed benefits under the Indira Awas Yojana 11 times. The same scheme is now PM Awas Yojana. It has been planned in such a way that no one can prioritize or throw out any claimant or mess with the scheme. Our Politicians Finding Fault with Allocation of Plots to Landless People our politicians are even finding fault with 5-marla plots being given to landless families. Before the abrogation of Article 370 even the construction of roads was politicized. People used to say that the only purpose of the Rural Development Department is to accommodate political workers earlier we.

The law in India clearly and categorically states that investigation must be unbiased, honest, just, and lawful, and the entire emphasis during investigation must be on ensuring that the truth is brought forth before a court of law. The entire judicial system is supposed to have been built on the idea of the preeminence of truth. Investigation by an enforcement agency, thus, ought to ensure that true facts are unearthed and brought to the attention of a court of law. These principles seem to be largely observed in the breach. With sustained deterioration of rule of law and diminishing independence of investigating agencies, a disturbing trend is emerging. Investigation is not aimed at bringing an alleged perpetrator to justice. Motives are varied and, to the extent discernible, at variance with the requirements of the law and the rights of the individual guaranteed by the constitution. The always ensuing media circus only exacerbates matters. An issue which the Aryan Khan imbroglio raises, and which has not been addressed, is the weaponization of process as punishment. The criminal justice system in India is overburdened by pendency, and the moving pieces of the system are characterised by their inertia and complacency. The proverbial wheels of justice turn slowly. Years, and at times decades, pass from the time an accusation is made to a determination of guilt or lack thereof. The accused spends an unduly long period of time sometimes years in prison as an under trial under the specter of an accusation, which may, at the end of the process, prove to be false or unsubstantiated. Instead of finding a solution for this lamentable situation, enforcement agencies seem to have weaponized it. Complaints and reports running into tens of thousands of pages are filed in courts, with scores of witnesses listed, and no end to the investigation in sight. Despite this, with complete knowledge of the fact that the trial may not reach its conclusion for over a decade, arrests are made indiscriminately, and people are confined to jail, having been denied bail. This has become characteristic of cases such as narcotics and money laundering where, in practice, enforcement agencies act in a high handed manner, with checks and balances over their powers being conspicuously absent. The presumption of innocence is systematically chipped away before and during the trial. While a court is yet to consider whether the accused is guilty of the offence, a parallel trial is held in the court of public opinion and, unlike the criminal justice system, this trial is speedy, and judgment swift. In the public eye, merely an accusation and arrest if any is sufficient to establish guilt. The trial is held in a TV newsroom which is not bound by laws, evidence, or the idea of fairness. A guilty verdict is rendered without fail and becomes the gospel truth. The objective seems to be clear. Let the process itself become the punishment. Let the accused attempt to navigate an opaque and labyrinthine criminal justice system.

At the cost of years of his life, monetary considerations aside, and, meanwhile, brand him guilty and let him suffer punishment in the form of imprisonment as an under trial, the defamation and the slander. The weaponization of process has made the criminal justice system Kafkaesque in its design. In the Aryan Khan case, what is being bemoaned is the lack of statutory framework which clearly defines the right to obtain compensation for wrongful arrest and malicious prosecution. What is prescribed as the pill for all ills is the avenue to sue, inter alia, the ncb and Sameer winched for the wrongful and malicious exercise of their powers. But this would be missing the forest for the trees. The problem is not one officer, one agency or one case. It is a systemic issue which has distorted the very fundamentals on which our union was and is based justice, liberty, and dignity of the individual. Opposition parties have finally decided on Yashwant Shah as their candidate for the upcoming presidential polls. This, after neck supreme shared power, NC chief Farooq Abdullah and former diplomat and Bengal governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi turned down offers to become the opposition nominee. Although governing BJP is comfortably placed for the presidential polls and Shah candidature is not going to change that, the opposition exercise is yet again being seen as a test of their unity. That said, the main problem with opposition unity is that their political calculations don't match their ambitions. For, many opposition parties are in direct contest with the Congress in state polls. This is true for Trinamool Congress, BSP, Akali Dal, TDP and even the Left. In fact, TDP, BJP, BSP, Akali Dal and YSRCP stayed away from selecting a united opposition presidential poll candidate. But an anti-BJP bloc without Congress does not work either. After all, Congress still has the second largest number of members in the country after BJP. Therefore, the only way a united opposition can pose a serious political challenge to BJP today is if Congress starts winning in north and west India. These are regions where Congress is in direct contest with BJP in a large chunk of seats. But if Congress is thinking of ceding this political space and focussing on south and east India where BJP is relatively weaker, it will again run into the problem of facing off against regional parties that it hopes will be part of the national anti-BJP coalition. However, there are little signs of any Congress revival in north and west India. The loss of Punjab, the failure to topple BJP in Uttarakhand and the dismal performance in UP highlight Congress downward graph. Unless this changes, the opposition unity exercise will be futile. Fostering an inclusive workplace is essential to driving innovation and productivity in an organization. The last two years, driven by the pandemic, have been a turning point for diversity, equity, and inclusion DEI initiatives. Forging ahead, it is crucial to address systemic challenges that employees.

From distinct groups face and ensure that the deli policies are re examined to propel organizational change at the foundational level. A strategic diversity and inclusion plan will enable employees to have equal opportunities to advance their careers. According to a recent dui survey by the India diversity forum of companies agreed that embracing dui has led to business improvement and that it has a positive impact on business performance and reputation. Talented people with varied experiences and perspectives who work together can innovate more and achieve better business outcomes. However, as per a report, biases related to disability status and gender & sexual orientation dominate Indian workplaces, followed by age & marital status and religion, caste, & ethnicity. Hence, it is imperative to assess the experience of different groups in a company to create a more equitable workplace. People analytics to evaluate and assess the current situation people analytics is a driving factor in influencing change by gauging, tracking, and comparing the current employee diversity data against industry benchmarks. Artificial intelligence and predictive intelligence are essential tools that can aid in identifying and welcoming prospective hires with the right skillsets and from underserved backgrounds in the talent pools. Organizations are adopting technologies that can analyses interviews of recruiting managers to identify the use of biased language and devise strategies for a fair hiring process. Then there are Chabot which is a slack bot for inclusion at work that sends out dui surveys asking the employees to weigh in on policies. The findings of such data can be shared with the employees to remain transparent and not restrict any data to specific groups or the top management. Employers can then focus on measurable goals and commitments for the future based on the analysis. Quantifying the goals will ensure that the company de & i initiatives are measurable, targeted, and effective. This approach can help identify blind spots in the strategy to make better decisions. Leadership to walk the talk to drive change transparency and accountability are vital to upholding the commitment to diversity and inclusion. Top management and leaders are responsible for driving these initiatives and keeping the employee morale high. To enact real and measurable change, leaders must focus on deli initiatives and programs to invest, act, and make decisions to acquire new and diverse employees and build equity with talent at the organization. Each functional leader at the organization should have accountability towards achieving deli results in their part of the business, starting from hiring and promotions to employee engagement. Retaining diverse workforce a recent consumer research study based on 2266 respondents in India stated that 72 of working women reject job roles that do not allow flexible working. In comparison, 70 have already quit or considered quitting their jobs due to a lack of right flexible policies. Retention of a diverse workforce is critical, and companies should prioritize and incorporate workplace culture initiatives to ensure that the employees feel supported. Offering prolonged support to existing employees through.

Mentorship programs, personal development initiatives, dui councils, and other ongoing initiatives will help retain these employees. Showcasing a solid commitment to people will reap solid results for any organization. Summing it up inculcating a sense of belonging within the employees is crucial in today work culture, which will enable them to bring their authentic selves to work every day. Organizations that listen to the employees and create an environment of transparency and openness will prove to be more successful in the future. A simple effort of adding one pronoun on LinkedIn, outlook, mms teams, or zoom can help promote inclusivity for people with varied identities and backgrounds and set the tone that inclusion is an important tenet of the organization. At the end of the day, we must always remember that people are at the heart of this topic. If we guide people in building empathy towards those who are not like them in some way, we can dismantle many workplace biases to cultivate a more representative, equal, and high performing workforce for the future. India stands tall in the world today for many reasons. Not least among them is the fact that we are today the largest milk producer globally, contributing to more than 23 percent of the global milk supply. The market for dairy products is very significant both in size and in quality dimensions and contributes five percent to the economy and has grown at a pace of 6.4 percent over the last five years. It is, therefore, crucial, that milk, and other value added products must not only reach every corner of the country but aid in enhancing the overall health of its citizens. With the world milk day just behind us, on June 01, it may be worthwhile to recall the white revolution and its impact on transforming the dairy industry to its position of strength today. While the organized dairy industry is poised to grow at 12 percent in revenue this financial year to reach rest 1.6 lakh crore, concerns over quality and purity still remain foremost in the minds of consumers. Fossae has set out rigorous standards for milk and must quality, but regrettably, many in the industry seem to fall short on these benchmarks with tragic regularity, if media reports are anything to go by. It is important that milk and other dairy products meet the set quality standards and do so at all stages of the supply chain from the grass to the glass. The bane and a very unfortunate aspect of our dairy industry today is the prevalence of adulterants and anti biotic in many instances. Sadly, many unscrupulous players, in order to promote the growth and wellness of livestock, use various types of antibiotics and hormones in quantities beyond the tolerance limits set by fossae. This impure and low quality, unprocessed milk has been known to cause diseases such as diabetes, kidney and liver disease, heart diseases, autism, and even schizophrenia. Adulterants often result in skin diseases and may.

Maharashtra have been intensely fought. Maharashtra is one of the few states in the country which has this upper house of legislature in addition to Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, telangana and karnataka. Article 169 of the constitution empowers parliament to abolish the council in a state where it exists and create one in a state where it does not exist. The legislative assembly of a state has to pass a special resolution, both for creation and abolition. Legacy, origin and constituent assembly debate the system of two houses of legislature owes its origin to government of India act of 1935. The constituent assembly debated at length the concept of and need for a bicameral legislature. Some members opined that it would act as a check on tendency to legislate in haste and bring in the governance the diverse opinions particularly of those who have no means and inclination to get into the hustle and bustle of electoral politics. The other side of the story was that it would significantly add to the expenditures of the state. It was also feared that party bosses would offer membership to their favored few and to those who loose election to legislative assembly. Structure constitutional provisions the constitution says a legislature will consist of the governor, legislative assembly and legislative council where there is one. The total number of members in the council shall not exceed one third of the total number of members in the legislative assembly subject to the condition that the minimum number of members will be forty. They will consist of members getting elected from constituencies of local self government, graduates and teachers, members elected by members of the legislative assembly and those with special knowledge or practical experience in literature, science, art etc. Nominated by the governor. This is a permanent body not subject to dissolution. One third of its members retire every second year. Powers and functioning of the council non money bills in case of a non money bill passed by the assembly and sent to council, the council may reject it or pass it with some amendments or may not take any action for three months. The assembly in that case may pass the bill again with or without amendments made by council and will then send it to council again. This time if it is rejected by council or no action is taken for one month or it passes it with amendment to which the assembly does not agree then the bill will be deemed to be passed in the form in which it was passed by assembly. There are no such provisions of second journey in respect of bills originating in the council. The journey of the bill which originates and is passed in the council, ends the moment assembly rejects it. The money bill cannot be introduced in the council. In case of a money bill passed by assembly and sent to council for its recommendations, the council has to return the.

Bill to the assembly with its recommendations. The assembly may then accept or reject all or some recommendations and the money bill then shall be deemed to have been passed by both houses. In case council does not return the bill within fourteen days then it shall be deemed to have been passed by both houses. There is no second journey of the bill from assembly to council. Strengths and weaknesses a minister has to be an elected member either of legislative assembly or legislative council. While there is no provision either in the constitution or in any other law which forbids a nominated member from becoming a minister or chief minister, as he is a person not elected directly or indirectly by people such appointment is vulnerable to legal challenge on the ground that it strikes at the root of basic structure of the constitution as it would be contrary to our representative parliamentary democracy. Supreme Court in sort Chaudhuri vs. State of Punjab & Ors has repeatedly stated that a person who has been appointed a minister but who is not a member of any of the two houses of legislature must get elected within six months. It has not stated elected or nominated to council. The constituent assembly debates also indicate that no member expressly stated that nominated members should be made part of the government. It is clear from the discussion herein on passing of bills that the council does not have real substantive powers of legislation. The constitutional prescriptions make it a mere dilatory or advisory house. The will of assembly is supreme and finally prevails. The elected members of both houses of parliament and only of legislative assemblies of the states are eligible to vote in presidential election and elected members of only legislative assembly of a state are eligible to vote in Rajya Sabha election in accordance with article 54 and 80 4 respectively. The parliament has a remedy of joint sitting of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha to resolve disagreement between the two in respect of non money bills. There is no such provision for the two houses of state legislature. Rajya Sabha has representatives of each state and thus assumes a federal character. It is therefore given a status which is better than that of a mere dilatory body. In respect of a state council the question of it assuming a federal character does not arise. The constitution has adopted the system founded on English Parliament Act 1911 in which the upper house council of the state gives way to the lower house assembly which represents the will of people. Article 164 2 clearly states that the council of ministers shall be collectively responsible to the legislative assembly. This indeed belittles the council. Article 169 of the constitution empowers parliament to abolish the council in a state where it exists and which requires a special resolution by assembly. Curiously, thus the council has no say in its own abolition. The constitutional prescription.

Is for nomination is of persons with knowledge etc. But in reality political parties use or rather misuse this provision to favor those who are defeated in assembly elections or who are party workers or who are financially influential persons. The nomination of members to the council falls under the discretionary power of the governor and there have delays in nomination despite requests from high courts. This frustrates the noble objective behind it and deprives people of the benefit of their wisdom. It is a moot question as to how much of an impact the councils have made on the quality of governance and law making in any state compared with the money spent on them. This should be the point pondered by governments of states who have councils and those who do not have but propose to have one. The nomination of Droupadi Murmu, an Adivasi leader from Odisha and the former Governor of Jharkhand, as NDA candidate for the forthcoming presidential election is seen as a calculated move by BJP to expand its social base, especially among the ST Scheduled Tribe communities. It has been argued that BJP is keen to project Murmu as a symbol of party Sab ka Sath Sab ka Vikas slogan simply to attract Adivasi votes. This line of reasoning is not entirely inappropriate. Senior BJP leaders, including J P Nadda, have recognised the fact that Murmu tribal identity and her humble economic background were taken seriously by the party. However, the straightforward conclusion that Murmu candidature for the post of the President is going to be used by the party to carve out a space among Adivasi voters is empirically incorrect for two reasons. While political drama still unfolds in Maharashtra, two things did become clear after CM Uddhav Thackeray address yesterday evening. First, that the Maha Vikas Aghadi government is most likely headed towards a fall and, second, that Shiv Sena is experiencing a savage split. On the first count, not only did Uddhav say in so many words that he was ready to resign, for the most part Shiv Sena alliance partners have made it clear that they think of the current crisis as solely of its own making. Neither NCP nor Congress has been seen losing breath trying to save the MVA government. As for Sena future, Eknath Shinde and his rebel band are closing in on the mark where they will be able to dodge the anti defection bullet, leaving Uddhav with the rump of the party. Sena internal structure will be further weakened by a prolonged fight over who is truly carrying on Balasaheb legacy, a fight that started because of politics but has substantive ideological dimensions. BJP had Sena on the backfoot even before all this. When the two struck an assembly pre poll alliance for the first time in 1990, BJP won 42 seats with 10.7 vote share while Sena won 52 seats with 15.9 vote share. By 2019 while Sena was still in the same.

Zone 56 seats and vote share behind had 105 seats with 25.7 vote share. The Hindu Hriday Samrat title had also left the Sena leader. Congress is finding its vote share gobbled by Congress looking parties, but a BJP looking party is finding it difficult to survive the BJP juggernaut. Today Thackeray still says Garv se kaho hum Hindu hain but simultaneously tries to strike moderate notes. What if too few of his party leaders and cadres have been on boarded in this transition If Bal Thackeray strong bond with Sainiks has been left behind along with his tod food politics, this gentrification may end up costing Uddhav Sena very dear. The very alliance that got him the coveted CMship may be his undoing, with accommodations made for NCP Congress alienating many Sainiks. At least this is the narrative Shinde has galvanised, by claiming that his band would never betray Balasaheb Hindustan for the sake of power. However the Maharashtra drama plays out, Uddhav version of Sena is in deep trouble. Over two lectures in the UK this week, Supreme Court judge DY Chandrachud foregrounded key points about the overarching goal of the Indian Constitution and its relevance when the state is no longer the primary employer. In one lecture he said the Constitution transformative dimension comes from its attempt to remedy discrimination. Flowing from it, working towards equality needs to consider pre existing social and economic imbalances. Hence, the need for affirmative action. In another lecture, he located this goal in the backdrop of India economic transformation. The state, earlier the primary employer, is now a facilitator of private participation in economic activity. The Constitution provisions against discrimination in public employment exists only against the state. This, therefore, leads to the question if there a need for a comprehensive anti discrimination law. The case against any form of discrimination is unexceptionable. But a discourse on constitutional protections in private employment is of relevance to only a sliver of the workforce as the structure of employment puts most of them beyond the ambit of legal safeguards. A mere 21 of the workforce earns a regular salary and not all of them in workplaces covered by legislation. In 2019 20, just 16.6 million people out of more than 400 million strong workforce were employed in factories covered by legislation. Therefore, most Indians work without any legal protection against discrimination. If the constitutional promise is to be realised, India first needs an enabling economic condition that lifts most people to a level where legal protections kick in. It possible only through an environment that allows the economy to formalise. That the pre condition to actually access constitutional rights. A sweeping anti discrimination law now would just be a paper tiger. A charade of our constitutional fidelity. With record breaking heat waves hitting many parts of the world over the last few months, scientific circles have been hotly debating whether countries should prepare to deploy geoengineering technologies to deal with such climate emergencies.

Should these technologies be deployed by an international body or by individual countries Geoengineering is an umbrella term for various experimental technologies designed to deliberately alter the climate system to reduce the impacts of global warming. They are slowly but steadily gaining salience and broadly fall under two categories Solar Radiation Modification SRM and Carbon Dioxide Removal CDR technologies. It official. There no bar on crossing legs before the bench. Replying to an RTI query raised by a Bengaluru resident, the Karnataka high court public information officer wrote No court orders, guidelines, notifications or directions have been issued by the high court of Karnataka restricting citizens from sitting cross legged during court proceedings. If you can wrap your head around such hair splitting, you ve clearly never experienced the bheja fry of courtroom etiquette. It a mine field. One misstep could result in an explosion from the judge. Scoff not at time wasted by that officer in wading through dusty, musty records to find the authorised, gazetted and duly notified response to a seemingly absurd query. Its very raising shows how pompously petty its minders can be about upholding judicial majesty. Also, sigh not in relief. Cross legged leads to more head scratching. By declaring this common sitting position offensive, did the judge insult Indian culture and perpetuate the colonial hangover Is the swastikas Ana alone permitted What if an Iyenguru disciple slides smoothly into a padmasana or braves a veer asana Does the crossed leg waiver apply also to the Western way of crossing legs In both cultures, this is the basic instinct for settling into relaxed mode. Remember Sharon Stone infamous uncrossing It created an enduring metaphor of seduction, and probably led to underwear sales dropping like knickers. Legs were the main offenders in the IPC of respectful sitting laid down by our Top Boss in the early 1990s. With searing gentleness, Raj deep was ticked off for sticking out the soles of his shoes while crossing lower leg over thigh. Me too. Lulled by the easygoing meeting, I had slouched deep into my chair. He slid me a note Without appearing to react to this, do take your knees off the edge of the table. The others in the room did need the reaction of my beetroot blush to know that I d been pulled up. Figuratively and physically. Verily, there is no purifier in this world like knowledge, says the Bhagwad Gita, 4 38. While Hath Yog strengthens the body through systematic physical activity and breathing exercises, Bhakti Yog purifies the heart by unswerving devotion to god, and Karma Yog renders nobility to actions, Jnana Yog illuminates consciousness through self enquiry, study of scriptures and meditation. Bhadragiriyar century Tamil poet mystic, says It is knowledge which knows knowledge through knowing knowledge. Jnana Yog, also called Jnana Marg, path of knowledge, wisdom, Buddhi Yog, discipline of intelligence, and Brahm Vidya, science of Brahm explains the difference between the Self and non self, the knower and known, the.

The Bill, as passed by the Lok Sabha, is already with the hon. Members. The Select Committee earlier went exhaustively into the various provisions of the original Bill and also recorded evidence from some of the representatives of the industry. The various recommendations of the select committee have been incorporated in the Bill. In addition, the wishes expressed by some of the Members of the Lok Sabha have been incorporated in the Bill. The difficulties of small growers have been appreciated and the major portion of the acreage of rubber cultivation is held by the small growers. Proper representation to these small producers of rubber will be given. The labor representatives in the Board have been increased from three to four. The labor representatives will be selected from out of the panel of names submitted by the respective associations. An important provision has been made in the Bill to enable the Board to take steps to secure better working conditions for workers engaged in the rubber industry. The present production of rubber is about twenty thousand tons a year; the demand is increasing every year, while the supply is not keeping pace with the demand. It is proposed to fill up the gap over the short period by importing rubber. Hospitals play a crucial role in the healthcare system, serving as pillars of medical care, research, and education. These institutions are instrumental in saving lives, improving public health, and advancing medical knowledge. The Bill, when passed would enable the Board to import rubber and a provision has been made as to how any profits that are made out of this import of rubber should be utilized. To increase the production of rubber, it is proposed to take up the development scheme. The details of which are being worked out. It appears that at present the small grower is at a great disadvantage, as far as the marketing of his rubber is concerned. This problem is rather difficult to solve. However, provisions have been made for the Rubber Board to take up marketing of rubber also. It is hoped that the new Board will be able to tackle the problem of the small grower of rubber industry successfully. The Rubber industry has established itself as a major industry in India. India ranks high in natural rubber production. This brief essay explores the significance of hospitals in society, emphasizing their multifaceted contributions to health and well-being.

Providing Critical Care: Hospitals serve as a primary hub for emergency and critical care services. Equipped with advanced medical technologies, skilled healthcare professionals, and specialized units, hospitals handle a wide range of medical emergencies. From trauma cases to complex surgeries, hospitals ensure immediate attention and life-saving treatments, helping patients recover from severe illnesses and injuries.

Disease Diagnosis and Treatment: Diagnostic facilities within hospitals are essential for identifying and treating various medical conditions. With advanced imaging technologies, laboratory tests, and expert medical teams, hospitals aid in accurate disease diagnosis and effective treatment planning. Early detection of diseases improves patients' chances of successful recovery and reduces long-term healthcare costs.

Preventive Healthcare: Apart from treating illnesses, hospitals also focus on preventive healthcare measures. They conduct vaccination programs, health screenings, and awareness campaigns to promote healthy lifestyles and prevent diseases. By emphasizing prevention, hospitals contribute to reducing the burden of diseases on society and improving overall well-being.

The state of mind where someone hospital plan pushes their limits and has the belief of self right from the very beginning is known as confidence. The freedom from ever doubting your actions is what confidence is all about. Friend this is the role key to success. If a person has complete confidence in his own capacity they he or she has already won half the battle. We see people taken in schools, colleges and work places who have got a lot success due to being active, more forward and more confident with their decision. This is what makes them stand out from the cored. But when it comes to a person how cannot trust or believe in you. Successes hard to get. They become more prone to failure. They also find it super hard to get back on their feet can carry on. On the other hand a pad that has confidence gets to enjoy success and all the press that come along with that state of mind one of them being that even a v very difficult job seems to be less of problem then it is. Back on their feet and carry on. On the other and a pew who has condition to enjoy success and all the perks that come along with that state of mind. One of them being that even a very difficult job seems to be less of a problem then it is secondly it helps you face your failure and learn from it. For such a person, this is a lesson to learn and grow. It helps you to issue ride believe that you will excel and improve in your next attempt. If you lack this ability there is high challenge. It is hard for such people to take a stand. They are most likely tube very big challenge. It is hard for such people to take a stand. They are must likely to be taken for granted. I once you start being confident on one can stop you reaching great height s in your life. The state of mind where someone pushes their limits and has belief of sleight from the very beginning is known as confidence. The freedom from ever doubting your actions is what confidence is all about. Friend this is the sleek to success if a person has complete confidence in his own capacity then he or she has already. Won half the battle. We see people in schools college and work place who have t o a lot of success due to being active more forward and more confident with their decision. This is what makes. The state of mind where someone pushes their limits and has the belief of self right from the very beginning is known as confidence. The freedom from ever doubting your actions is what confidence is all about. Friend this is the role key to success. If a person has complete confidence in his own capacity they he or she has already won half the battle.

Permanent and transient. Adi Shankaracharya held that since Brahmn is eternal, pure, of the nature of knowledge and free, one should experience it. Perception, inference, and scriptural testimony have been traditionally described as the sources of knowledge. Knowledge is both para, infinite, and apara, finite. The former relates to the higher dimension of being, the latter to the changing phenomena. Para liberates, apara binds one to the spatio temporal world. Jnana Yog enlightens one about the true nature of existence, identity of Brahmn and jivatma, individual soul, the five koshas, layers of the soul physical, vital, mental, wisdom and bliss the chakras, whirling energy centres of the subtle body, and the ultimate purpose of life. He who cultivates the virtues of vivek, discriminative wisdom vairagya, detachment and abhyas, practice can control his senses with reins of the mind. He can perceive the cosmic self in individual self, cosmic mind in individual mind and cosmic consciousness in individual consciousness. Yet, Jnana Yog is not merely an intellectual pursuit, since its goal is to transcend the mind which is limited in its vision and rigid in its conceptions . Intellectual engagement with the Supreme Reality is not enough till one realises oneness with all life forms and integrates the individual self with divine consciousness. Jnana Yog postulates three ways to grow in spirituality shravana, listening about the ultimate truth from one who knows it manana, reflecting about the truth heard, and nididhyasana, meditation on the truth. The spiritual practitioner undergoes four stages seeking, knowing, becoming, and being. He offers his senses and life energy as oblations in the fire of the yoga of self-control, kindled by knowledge Gita 4 27. He is then free from vices and liberated while living. Birth and death relate to the corporeal being on its journey to the Infinite in endless cycles. According to Brihadaranyak Upanishad, when one realises the Absolute Truth, one sees without seeing, smells without smelling, tastes without tasting, speaks without speaking, hears without hearing, touches without touching, thinks without thinking, knows without knowing, for there is nothing separate from Him. Knowledge about Brahmn in whom all polarities meet, is the highest goal of life , he highest glory , he highest world and he highest bliss . As one progresses in knowledge, one moves from external to internal forms of worship, and finds the One Reality shining as the many. The yogic paths of Jnana Bhakti and Karma are interconnected in a subtle way. Theistic schools, whether Vaishnava, Shaiva, Shakta, or Smarta, emphasise one path over the other, or synergise them, but their basic purpose is the same to realise god in whatever form it is perceived. Albert Einstein probably was thinking about Medicine when he famously said, Intellectuals solve problems geniuses prevent them. And yet, as science and suffering engage in a never ending oscillation of fame and fortune, no phrase becomes more apt than this. More so in India. And more so with a disease that is guaranteed to decimate if.

Advanced and unbridled. Cancer Let us deal with some hardcore statistics, for facts and figures seldom fabricate. According to Padma Sheri recipient and renowned Radiation Oncologist, Dr. Dattaetreydu Nora, who now serves as Health Advisor to Government of Andhra Pradesh, at present there are 1.38 million new cases of cancer in India. As many as had report. According to a new report, cancer cases in India increased at an average annual rate that deaths from cancer in the country also went up at an average rate of 0.1 1 percent in the same period. According to the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation IHME , University of Washington School of Medicine analysis, published in JAMA journal, the global highest. To paraphrase, our population is on the rise, and so are the cancer rates. Quite simply, we are sitting on a bubble. If these numbers do not appeal to your sense and sensibilities, the following would in India is related to tobacco products. 200 Indian women die every day. The top three cancers raging in India include breast, cervix, and oral. A deeper look at these numbers, and you might just smell the sun behind the looming clouds. You might just hear the prophetic words of Albert Einstein that these are preventable cancers, and early detection and subsequent prevention policies and programs can stem this deluge before it turns into a tsunami of monstrous proportions. Let us put our boots on the ground and hammer out the basics. In a country of swirling billions with less than adequate accountability in nationwide cancer registration, hospitalization, and mortality, a path of ultra aggressive prevention policy becomes the only bridge to escape. To that end, first and foremost, the country needs dedicated social workers and paramedics trained exclusively in the early detection of major cancers to raise the bar of awareness and education. We need trained personnel to visit every family almost in a home to home search style. Especially in rural settings. Dr. Nora asked the burning questions. Was the pap smear done according to the guidelines Was the mammogram done in time Is there a nagging cough that refuses to go Truth be told, for a society harassed by financial inequality and cultural dogmatism, expecting men and women to throng hospitals by themselves is being shortsighted. And it is precisely here where the Government can offer the olive branch. How about subsidizing essential cancer screening program payments to accommodate those who cannot afford the cost Emotions and ethics apart, purely from a business standpoint, preventing cancer amongst the poor millions will fetch far more profit than building corporate hospitals. This brings us to tobacco usage. The scourge that continues to inflict carnage on Indians, despite statutory warnings, roadside hoardings, and media advertisements. How about taking it to the next level and incorporating the death provoking adverse effects of tobacco chewing and nicotine smoking into national school curriculums And, for that matter, imparting information on early warning signs of cancer as a part.

Of formal education. At the end of the day, what are we trying to accomplish Dr. Nora response was crystal clear We are trying to create a mindset of awareness where early detection and warning signs, timely screenings, and subsequent prevention become the fulcrum of cancer management. In short, it lifesaving to nip in the bud, something that, when let loose, can be lethal. In India, prevention must be the dominant encircling embrace to protect lives. That is if we are serious about our nation health. The NCRB report 2020 lists a total of 6,616 cases of human trafficking in India, with states such as West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh being the biggest contributors to this number. Grassroots activists working against trafficking share an even more grim picture most trafficking cases are not reported due to stigma and fear of the traffickers, or get reported under the section of missing persons . The problem is much bigger, and the nexus between traffickers, local politicians, and the landed class provides traffickers impunity and allows human trafficking to be an organised crime. In 1998, French sociologist Michel Foucault changed the way we look at power. He wrote that wielding power was not simply episodic or periodic acts of tyrants it was diffused in everyday life and perpetuated through everyday interactions and by the institutions in a state. More often than not, power is created, reinforced, and redefined through commonly accepted systems of knowledge, often called Ruth . Simply speaking, what constitutes Ruth , what is considered knowledge , who creates this knowledge , who distributes it, and who has access to this knowledge is decided by those who have power. Historically, the marginalized, the oppressed, and the downtrodden in any society have had very little access to forms of knowledge and no say in constituting the Ruth of that society. In fact, the oppressor community decides the Ruth for the marginalized one. Consider the examples of upper caste academics studying caste in Dalit communities, or academics from urban areas doing rural immersions and writing expert opinions on rural communities. In most cases, the involvement of these communities in that research is minimal. Then what are the possible implications of research carried out by outsiders to a community A researcher who does not belong to the community they are studying runs the risk of presenting a single narrative and reinforcing the existing unequal power structure, more so if the study is non participatory. It is not uncommon to see upper caste researchers representing Bahujan communities either through the lens of torture and abuse or within conversations around reservation. Similarly, the representation of the queer community is often through the lens of acceptance acceptance from the heteronormative world. Knowledge systems that govern sex trafficking research The public imagination around sex workers or survivors of sex trafficking is also burdened with imagery of abuse. It is overshadowed by pity and viewing survivors as powerless victims. Sex trafficking narratives in the media as well as in.

Academia move around the triangle of the victim perpetrator savior, with survivors occupying the victim position and nonprofits or the government invariably owning the savior position. This victim savior dichotomy steals the authentic voice of survivors and invalidates their lived experiences. So what happens when survivors of sex trafficking assert their voice, break the tightly guarded bastion of research, and assert their position as experts who have in depth knowledge about trafficking New knowledge systems that are participatory and rise directly from the experiences of survivors are built, and the traditional power dichotomy between the researcher and the researched is shaken. The collectivisation efforts of survivors are one example of this. Through this process of collectivisation, the group can significantly impact the trafficking nexus from within and demand accountability from the system. Grassroots activists in West Bengal have observed that when survivors take the lead in accessing justice for them, there are ripple effects of change throughout the system. The creation and growth of survivors groups in states such as West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, and Andhra Pradesh aims to strengthen their voices through peer support. These collectives not only support each other to access justice, but also work extensively in the community to spread awareness about human trafficking and allied issues such as child marriage, child abuse, domestic violence, and child labor. The Indian Leadership Forum Against Trafficking formed by members of these collectives, is the first nationwide forum for survivors of trafficking and sex workers from marginalized communities, and advocates actively with policymakers and politicians for the passing of the Trafficking in Persons Bill, 2021. Why research led by survivors is more informed Time and again survivors from these collectives have spoken out against dominant narratives about them, emphasising that any decision to combat human trafficking needs to include survivors as the primary and expert voice they are the ones who have been trafficked and rescued and are struggling for rehabilitation. In 2019, survivors of sex trafficking from three different survivors collectives in West Bengal set out on a daunting task. Two recent incidents pertaining to police inaction even when there is overwhelming evidence of crime committed have prompted this write up. I am a single mother & a cancer survivor, living in an apartment on the outskirts of Dehradun along with my two children. Since 2016 onwards, I faced severe harassment nuisance from a couple of neighbors, who on occasions, destroyed my belongings and through various means, harassed me emotionally and mentally, with the purported intention that I will sell off my flat in desperation & move away. I had complained to the local police including the SSP, Dehradun quite a few times, but no action was taken, except for just an inquiry over the phone. I ignored the state of affairs for 4 years but things got out of hand when I was subjected to a horrific episode in 2018 when the same neighbors and their friends hurled abuses at me, banged at my door at night.

In a hyper state and damaged my property. Fortunately, the entire incident was captured on. I did not wait for any help from the police but sent the recording with all past evidence to the PM Office. Within a month, out of the 4 neighbors who had done the violence and were threatening our life, 3 sold their flats, 2 disappeared from the neighbourhood & 2 remained silent. However, recently, one out of the 2 who remained is suspected to have induced theft of my belongings again to harass me. I filed a complaint with the local police station & SSP, Dehradun. As earlier, a phone call from the police was the beginning and end of the action taken! Even though I & my children have had threats of life in the past which are recorded, police have played no attention to the safety & security of a widow with two young kids. Do I need to disturb PMO time and again for permanent resolution. In the police duty bound to help citizens, especially vulnerable groups like widows and children. Another incident which happened recently has added to my disillusionment with the state of policing. The assistant director of Union ministry of tourism & culture, Smut Havana Shined had recently visited Uttarakhand with her family. From the airport, she went to Haridwar for a day visit. Within 5 minutes of her arrival near Mansa Devi temple, a shopkeeper from whom she and her family had bought hats, pickpocketed her husband's wallet from his passport bag. It had around Rs 10,000, credit and debit cards, Aadhaar cards & PAN cards. The moment they realised within 5 mins, they went back to the shop only to find the owner absconding. When they tried to lodge a police complaint, the officer in charge did not register their complaint saying, If you write your wallet was stolen, we will not register your complaint. They were forced to write that they had lost their wallet. Since I also work as a cultural & spiritual ambassador with the ministry of tourism & culture and am the vice president of TOGA Tourist Guides Association, I came to know of the matter from the assistant director. I sent details of the matter along with the registered complaint to Uttarakhand tourism minister PA & officer on special duty OSD of the CM, who assured me that action would be taken. Unfortunately, it has been over a month and there has been absolutely no response from any corner. As a concerned citizen, I want to raise the following questions: what is the police department for? Do they only work for people who bribe them, which is an open secret? Do they at all provide help or protection to the public who reach out to them for help? Aren't we citizens paying taxes to maintain the public service departments? Don't their salaries come from our pockets? Then why do we still suffer? When the state can provide safety and security to its esteemed.

Guests of honor of the central government, who are empowered to clear central budgets for promoting tourism in the state, then what hope is there for anyone within the state We all have experienced altered bowel habits like constipation, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, etc. but with few medications or rest or fasting, we get relief and move on. But mind if the symptoms persist and if you notice blood in stools, this could be an alarm to get a fecal occult blood test or a Colonoscopy done to rule out colonic neoplastic. Colorectal Colon and Rectum cancer CRC is the third most common cancer in males and the second in females. The loss of health due to the cancer and or the consequence of the treatment may result in psychophysical, functional and social impairment; all of these affect health related quality of life If we have risk factors like lack of physical activity, low fiber high diet, obesity, excessive alcohol consumption, family history of Colon cancer, inflammatory bowel disease Ulcerative colitis Cohn disease or Genetic syndromes like Familial adenomatous polyposis or hereditary non polyposis colorectal cancer Lynch syndrome, early screening to catch at earlier stage helps, because it could begin as non cancerous polyps with no symptoms and easily removed with endoscopic surgery. Type of common CRC is Adenocarcinoma with grades like mild, moderate severe depending on various morphological factors, but also other tumors can occur uncommonly like Lymphomas, Carcinoids, Sarcomas, GIST Gastrointestinal stromal tumors. etc. In the present era CRC are 100 Preventable, Treatable, and beatable if picked up early due to enhanced Diagnostic capabilities with molecular genetics available to remotest areas. Hereditary syndromes can be diagnosed with IHC or FISH MSI H, MSH2, MMR, APC Protein truncation etc. Also, our Radiological modalities like CT, MRI, PETSCAN can pick up smallest possible tumor. Staging is done with respect to TNM, which means status of Tumor, Nodes and spread to distant organs Metastasis . The health of patient will depend on the stage, the treatment modality, operable inoperable tumor and status of metastasis. Surgical removal of partial or total colonic segment coupled with modern targeted therapies like Chemotherapy, Radiotherapy, Immunotherapy is the mainstay. Sometimes Surgeons may perform Colostomy by creating an opening in the abdominal wall for removal of waste which could be temporary or permanent. Often stage 3 or 4 cancers will require chemotherapy after surgery to destroy the lingering cancer cells, but it comes with many side effects loss of hair, mouth sores, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, nail & skin changes. Neo adjuvant chemotherapy is given before surgery along with Radiotherapy to shrink the cancer and make it easier to remove. Sometimes regional chemotherapy to target the cancer cells, for example if cancer has spread to liver, drugs are infused into hepatic artery supplying liver. So, answering the question what the true Aristech penetration in Bharat is hard. Going by the digits, EY pegs the current penetration at, while NASSCOM estimates only 2 of Indian farmers use apps.

In the field But then again, it not a polar interrogative. There are nuances to tech adoption as it a wide ranging term. There are layers of technologies geared towards farmers, forming a whole stack. Each has its own level of usage. On top of that, some basic conditions must exist before farmers can even begin to use any of them, like affordability. The layers of Aristech adoption by farmers unlike in urban areas, the offline to online journey of users in semi urban and rural areas is happening right now. Internet access is clocking a 13 growth and smartphone usage has risen to 67.6 in rural markets, with farmers embracing social technology with surprising speed. Both Facebook and WhatsApp are heavily used with even smallholder farmers being members of dozens of WhatsApp groups and community pages. UPI is taking winging thanks to the new generation of farmers who are very comfortable with mobile payments. In the cardamom belt, farmers are watching YouTube live streams to decide if they want to put up their spice for auction. Likewise, turmeric farmers are using apps to check the market price and make a more informed decision on whether or not to travel the many miles to a Mandy on a given day. Penetration of online agronomy advice Moving onto agronomy advice, there was a time when farmers would solely talk to company officials or local experts. Now, they are actively calling helplines or opening up apps to get advice on how to build healthier soil and increase crop yield. While small and marginal landholders voluntarily embrace free agronomy advice, farmers who fall under the semi medium, medium, and large category of landholders are ready to pay for these advisory suites. There are 20.4 million of them, controlling around 57 of the total cultivated land. Being more tech oriented, they demand innovative solutions and advisory to give farm productivity and profitability a booster shot. Take this anecdote, for example. A medium holding farmer doubled his farm yield through soil testing and padded the bottom line enough to buy more land in under two years. Usage of e commerce block of Aristech The next layer of Aristech, e commerce, where the actual transactions of farm input materials and output occur is picking up fast, especially in the post COVID era. Compared to the social and informational layer, this is at around 15 20 of the farming base, ready to go completely online for doing transactions. A lot of them still need assistance to close a transaction as of now! There has been a distinct rise in farmers placing orders online, particularly to procure input materials, because of doorstep deliveries. With a clear monetary benefit of using an app to order quality inputs like seeds and agrochemicals, majority of farmers are making repeat purchases. Tech usage to sell produce online is following a similar path. Farmers are listing their crops on portals and marketplaces because it removes intermediaries who eat into margins. Besides better price.

of basic structure of the constitution as it would be contrary to our representative parliamentary democracy. Supreme Court in *sort chaudhuri vs. state of Punjab & ores* has repeatedly stated that a person who has been appointed a minister but who is not a member of any of the two houses of legislature must get elected within six months. It has not stated elected or nominated to council. The constituent assembly debates also indicate that no member expressly stated that nominated members should be made part of the government. It is clear from the discussion herein on passing of bills that the council does not have real substantive powers of legislation. The constitutional prescriptions make it a mere dilatory or advisory house. The will of assembly is supreme and finally prevails. The elected members of both houses of parliament and only of legislative assemblies of the states are eligible to vote in presidential election and elected members of only legislative assembly of a state are eligible to vote in raja sabra election in accordance with article 54 and 80 4 respectively. The parliament has a remedy of joint sitting of loksabha and raja sabra to resolve disagreement between the two in respect of non money bills. There is no such provision for the two houses of state legislature. Raja sabra has representatives of each state and thus assumes a federal character. It is therefore given a status which is better than that of a mere dilatory body. In respect of a state council the question of it assuming a federal character does not arise. The constitution has adopted the system founded on English parliament act 1911 in which the upper house council of the state gives way to the lower house assembly which represents the will of people. Article 164 2 clearly states that the council of ministers shall be collectively responsible to the legislative assembly. This indeed belittles the council. Article 169 of the constitution empowers parliament to abolish the council in a state where it exists and which requires a special resolution by assembly. Curiously, thus the council has no say in its own abolition. The constitutional prescription is for nomination is of persons with knowledge etc. But in reality political parties use or rather misuse this provision to favor those who are defeated in assembly elections or who are party workers or who are financially influential persons. The nomination of members to the council falls under the discretionary power of the governor and there have delays in nomination despite requests from high courts. This frustrates the noble objective behind it and deprives people of the benefit of their wisdom. It is a moot question as to how much of an impact the councils have made on the quality of governance and law making in any state compared with the money spent on them. This should be the point pondered by governments of states who have councils and those who do not have but propose to have one.

Is positive thinking an inherent characteristic of a person or can it be developed in one psyche? The opinions differ in answering this vital question. Some people believe that it can be inherited from parents, and cannot be developed. Others believe that like other qualities it can be developed with proper practice and guidance. Still some others hold the opinion that it is hereditary to some extent but can be acquired to some degree. There is also a section of people, who believe that all depends on circumstances or luck. We need to adopt a scientific approach to find an answer to the above question. No one can get success every time even after making efforts, nor can one fail constantly. Moreover, success has different meaning for different people. For some students, getting 60 per cent marks is success, for others it may not be sufficient. In a competitive examination, success means getting selected, whatever the percentage of marks. As for inheritance theory, since positive attitude is not a physical feature but a mental faculty, it cannot be purely hereditary. It can be developed. Moreover, parents play a major role in developing this quality of a child. A child, who watches his parents working hard, having faith in success through their words, behavior and body language, is likely to develop a similar attitude. The children of short tempered, over cautious and nervous parents may assume similar characteristics when they grow up. Psychologists, therefore, prescribe a code of conduct for parent behaviour in front of their children. They must exude confidence, self belief and hope, especially in difficult situation, so that the children emulate these qualities. They must be taught the importance of being positive before, during and after the performance of a task. There is no better education for a child than watching his parents come out of a tough situation by means of earnest endeavors. Such success not only gives more joy but also increases self confidence. Discovery, Coved acted as jet fuel, accelerating e commerce adoption, with more farmers coming online and inviting bids for their crops. This is expected to grow faster as the layers of payment guarantee and quality inspection modules will be a mix of physical digital are integrated in the existing market linkages platforms. More sophisticated technologies in agriculture beyond social, informational and e commerce layers, Aristech becomes more sophisticated. Take drones and precision farming for instance. The segment did witness a 17 growth in 2020, with farmers experimenting with drone based sprays. But, overall, there is a lot of headroom for adoption due to India farm holding patterns. Since 86 of farmers in the country have less than 2 hectares of land, it has placed a severe cost limitation on penetration. This layer of technology will be for the next few years as cost of the transaction is pretty high as of now. Platforms who are providing Input Output commerce would be the go to partners for Drone Tech to proliferate in.

Stretching a specific tendon or muscle can improve the elasticity of muscles, which in turn helps in achieving a comfortable muscle tone. There are several benefits of regular stretching, and it should be an integral part of every workout program. It not only helps increase your flexibility, which is an important part of fitness, but it can also improve your posture, body aches, reduce stress, and much more. One of the benefits of regular stretching is that it enhances flexibility. Being flexible has its own advantages, as it not only improves your day to day activities, but can also help delay the reduced mobility that comes with aging. Stretching on a regular basis can help increase your range of motion. You can either go for static or dynamic stretching as they both are effective when it comes to the increasing range of motion. According to the studies, proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation or PNF type of stretching is more effective for immediate results. Regular stretching can not only help heal an existing back injury but can also prevent future back pain by reducing your risk for muscle strain and strengthening your back muscles. All the people who regularly go to the gym know how helpful stretching can be. Performing dynamic stretches prior to exercise in the gym can help prepare your muscles. Not the only gym, but it can also help you improve your performance in dance or an athletic event. It is only natural that your muscles get tense when you experience physical or emotional stress. This is because the tightening of your muscles is the response of the body towards stress. All you need to do is focus on the areas of your body where you feel the stress, such as your neck, shoulders, etc. and stretch those parts of your body.

Rural India the challenging contours of Aristech Solutions have to be customised with simplified UIs and localisation. Adding more modes of interaction, like voice, can go a long way in reducing the effort required to onboard users and the time a farmer takes to find value. Follow it up with social proof using influential farmers, and it can push usage in a given region to the next level. Another barrier to tech penetration is basic literacy and digital knowledge. Using any technology requires both. The younger generation of farmers may be tech savvy, which is why some mobile apps have already reached 1 million installs. Nevertheless, there is still a minor percentage that is hesitant. To increase the adoption rate among these older farmers, a better user experience is necessary. The code to cracking tricky adoption There are three Is to tech adoption: innovation, investment, and infrastructure. And they have to work in tandem to realise the full scope. Investment and infrastructure in agriculture are slowly being stitched together, but innovation still needs more firepower. Juxtaposed with the US, the Netherlands, or Australia, India is at the primary stages of building data models for Aristech. Once that layer.

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Apart from the problem in central institution, I have been great perturbed at the continuing unrest among medical students and junior doctors in various parts of the country. Partly of course this is a reflections of the generalization of the tensions that have become a worldwide phenomenon and of the fact that in a develop in society like our social change and economic frustration combine to create explosive sit-upon. But it is also clear that the whole system of medical education needs to be restrict and streamline in order to make it more effective instrument for meeting the growing requirement of our people medical education must become an integral part of broad health manpower development policy so that the heavy investment made therein bring a commeunsurea return to society especially to the walker section and those living in rural area with this intent government is actively considering the setting up of a high powered medical education commission which will entire problem on a nation basis and make a study in depts. of the various aspect of restrain medical education from the pre medical right up to the port gradate stander there are two ways in which this problem, can be finally solve done is a long range on e and the other is of as short range solution I mentioned on the floor of the House that the government had decided to set up a medical education commission because to the very system of medical education that we have now adopted and the we have inherited vary largely from the British involved a good deal of strain and pressure upon these junior doctors. This is not a new thing that we have introduced The British system of education which has been extant in India for many decades required that these junior doctors. This is not a new thing that we have introduced the British system of education which has been extant in India for May decades required that these junior doctor to go through a very tough time in order to get their post graduate degree and their further specatilaion. So sir this problem can Iodine fortification is what most countries relies on to encourage adequate dietary intake. In more than seventy countries that iodize salt generally serves as the major source of iodine intake. One fourth salts have iodine. Note that the salt used in processed foods, which is the major source of does not contain iodine. If salt used in a processed food contains iodine, it will be listed in the ingredients list of that food. Focus on decreasing the amount of salt consumed from processed foods and get your sodium from iodized salt. Seaweed, saltwater fish and seafood are natural sources of dietary iodine. Dairy products also supply iodine in the diet at varying levels. During lactation, the breast concentrates iodine in milk so breast milk tends be a good source of iodine as long as the iodine intake of a mother is adequate. Plants grown in iodine rich soil are also good sources. However, this is not a reliable of since there is no way of knowing whether produce purchased in grocery stores is grown in iodine rich soil or not. Iodized salt usually adds less than about three hundred micrograms iodine daily to the diet. Most multivitamin mineral supplements contain 1500 micrograms of iodine. With the safe upper limit of daily iodine intake for adults set at 11000 micrograms by the it is unlikely to hit an excess amount when including a multivitamin and including natural sources of dietary iodine. The trend of eating less table salt, dairy and bread has some experts concerned that iodine deficiency could be on the rise again. Eating a healthy, balanced diet that includes iodine rich foods and iodized salt is key to good health.

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Better a report from Global Data, a data and analytics company, states that the Indian ecommerce market is expected to grow by 21.5 and hit 74.8 billion in 2022. It also estimates ecommerce payments in India to grow at a CAGR of 18.2 between 2021 and 2025 to hit 120.3 billion. A fair and democratic platform an ecommerce marketplace is a fair and democratic platform, which allows for both control and flexibility at the end of both buyers and sellers. Focusing on addressing the growing needs of sellers, a slew of industry first marketplace policy changes and new capabilities is enabling an inclusive ecommerce ecosystem that contributes to the growth, prosperity, and empowerment of seller partners. Some of these changes include improving the ease of doing business on the platform with newer capabilities such as hassle free 10 min onboarding, fast payment settlement cycle, guaranteed ROI on ad spends, and lowest return cost for performing sellers. Furthermore, of the many channels that leading ecommerce companies have created over a period, commerce using social channels is the latest addition that is further democratizing this space. Evolved tools such as reselling and community buying are making provisions to reach out to a new set of consumers that have so far not been under the ambit of ecommerce. Management consultancy firm Redder pegged the reseller market in India at 600 million in 2020 and projected social commerce to become a 7 billion opportunity by financial year 2025. The current momentum and estimates of social commerce channels have laid a firm foundation to bridge the divide in digital and online retail. Technology can be a great leveler and ecommerce companies can handhold MSMEs to improve growth and profitability. Through analytics sellers can also get an insight into consumer trends and preferences to help them manage inventory and sell better. For the consumers, especially those out of the urban realm, ecommerce platforms are bridging the divide by using Indian language interfaces and adopting the latest technology to reach them irrespective of their location. Connecting a highly fragmented and dispersed demand supply gap Companies are growing the ecommerce marketplace segment in India with industry first innovations and equipping MSMEs and seller partners on their journey towards strong, sustainable growth. Backed by a low cost logistic network and affordability programs, companies are helping sellers to increase their footprint across the breadth of the country. However, a highly fragmented market like India, needs more. From payments to onboarding to cataloguing addressing some of the industry limitations that sellers face in these domains can help them grow their business and keep pace with the needs of the modern consumer. Investing significant resources into learning & development to address the needs of ecommerce sellers, irrespective of where they are in their journey, can help bridge the knowledge gap and bring them up to par. Additionally, infrastructure support through fulfillment and sortation centers will help sellers benefit from the efficiency of a tech enabled supply chain, This in turn will have.

There are two elements in the Maharashtra political drama. The first, which is playing out, is who will form the government as of now it seems, a split in Shiv Sena is on the cards. Kenneth Shinde and the BJP leadership are waiting for him to touch the magic figure of 37 rebel MLAs. If he has two thirds of Sena MLA count with him, Shinde would be able to claim legitimately that he, not Buddha Thackeray, heads the Sena bloc in the assembly. This will pave the way for BJP to form a government with the Shinde led official group of Sena, along with independents and smaller parties remember 20 such MLAs had voted for the BJP candidate in the recently held MLC elections. Minutes of the June meeting of RBI Monetary Policy Committee MPC provide an inkling of the probable impact on GDP following the 0.90 percentage points increase in repo rate since May. Currently, RBI estimates GDP in 2022 23 will grow 7.2. There are likely to be more repo rate hikes in future MPC meetings. Given this scenario, one estimate in the MPC minutes points to the possibility of an average GDP growth rate of 6 7 till end March 2024. Monetary tightening is inevitable but smart fiscal policy can ensure the average growth is higher. The surge in inflation is not because of excess demand. If anything, demand is tepid. For example, the per capita private consumption in 2021 22 was Rest 61,215, a level below the pre pandemic year. The source of inflation is the supply side. RBI is forced to tighten policy to head off second round effects. If the supply side is the source of the problem, the remedy lies in fiscal policy. To give an example, extra cereals issued free to counter the pandemic fallout are likely holding down the pressure for higher wages. Similarly, the two cuts in fuel taxes since November quickly influenced survey results of household inflation expectations. The current surge in inflation is fundamentally different from the last one during the UPA era, which was triggered by loose fiscal policy after five years of high economic growth. This round of inflation calls for readjusting fiscal policy to counter a growth slowdown. It can be done without threatening debt sustainability as inflation will push up nominal GDP growth and help Go and states overshoot budgetary tax estimates. Governments need to carefully time the removal of post pandemic welfare and also fulfill capital expenditure commitments. The latter will offset uncertainties faced by private firms and, thereby, crowd in new investment. This effect is important to limit the negative impact of rising interest rates on economic growth. Disinflation can be brought about without burying growth impulses. Average growth rates can be above 7, the minimum India needs in the medium term. Already in the midst of a humanitarian crisis since Taliban takeover last year, Wednesday earthquake, which killed 1,000 plus people in initial estimates, has put Afghanistan on the brink.

Of an even bigger disaster rescue efforts are reported to be inadequate, and food and medicines in severe short supply in the area. Afghanistan needs a massive aid effort and countries that can afford to help, India included, must act fast. That Taliban has asked for help is a first step. Aid givers must be aware however that the challenge is huge. Afghanistan disaster management system was poorly resourced even before Taliban came back. There are few aircraft and helicopters available to rescuers, and some reports suggest even for these qualified pilots are not easy to find. The pre Taliban, US backed Kabul government is, of course, responsible for this, because billions in financial help were lost to corruption. Nearly \$19 billion was eaten up by fraud, wastage and abuse according to the US Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction. This, in a country where over 7,000 people have been killed in quakes over the last decade. Worse was to follow Taliban takeover led to mass exits of foreign staff of humanitarian organizations operating in Afghanistan, since there were genuine security concerns. This led to a near collapse of the Afghan healthcare system even before the quake. Theoretically, the lack of trained staff can be tackled by India and other countries sending personnel along with rescue machinery, medicines and food. But Taliban does seem to be in full control of the security situation in Afghanistan, as highlighted by the recent IS terror attack on the Karta Parowan Gurdwara in Kabul. So, even if Taliban is eager to receive help, sending personnel to Afghanistan is a tough call for any government. And it particularly tricky for India. The quake affected region borders Pakistan, and any Indian rescue and aid team will be in constant danger of opportunistic attacks by Pakistan backed militant groups. New Delhi best option is to be very generous but work through the UN. After Union transport minister Nitin Gadkari congratulated the National Highways Authority of India NHAI on Twitter for having set a Guinness World Record by building a 75 km stretch of highway in Maharashtra between Amravati and Akola in 105 hours and 33 minutes, an Indian entrepreneur, IM Dhoolmitti, declared that he too would set a highway building record of a different kind. Jugular Vein went to interview him. Gita Jnana is described as both Brahmñ Vidya and yog shastra, meaning knowledge of the highest reality and means to its attainment. While the Truth is expounded in the entire Bhagwad Gita, Arjun experience of the cosmic vision is described in the 11th chapter, called Vishwaroop Darshan Yog the Yog of Universal Form. After listening to several glorious manifestations of the Lord in the 10th chapter called Vibhuti Yog, Arjun now wants to behold Krishn immortal form with his own eyes. For this he is granted divine vision. Among all animate and inanimate things, Arjun sees the entire Kaurav force including chariots entering like a fast flowing river into the wide open jaws of the terrifying.

Form of the Lord. When Arjun questions it in bewilderment, Krishn states that he is the all destroying Kaal, Time, and all those who have come into being, dissolve and merge in Him. Arjun is, thus, made to realize that the Divine being omnipresent, is contained in everything, and being omniscient and omnipotent, He does everything as part of divine play. Whether Arjun engages in the battle or not, his kith and kin have been vanquished and he is to merely become an instrument to enact what has already been done. For man, there is past, present and future. For the Divine, who is beginning less and infinite, three periods of time have merged into eternal now. Arjun is unaware of this and therefore suffers from mental breakdown. The all inclusive vision that is the basis of the Hindu way of life is universal in nature and is the birthright of the entire mankind, says Swami Chidananda. It brings the awareness that one being alone exists and what we see or perceive is nothing but this one and non dual being. This being the fact, how can we dare to treat anything with disdain or disrespect All things are moving temples of this great reality and are worthy of respect and reverence. Our whole life should be a dynamic and creative process of bringing maximum benefit and welfare to all. The objective of revealing the Lord universal form was to impart the secret of how to live in this world and yet remain in a state of inner communion with the Lord. In his parting message to Buddha, an equally beloved friend, in the 11th section of the Slimed Bhagavatam, Krishn asks him to see the Lord in everything around him. The Divine can be attained by a worshipful attitude to all around us. Consciousness is patent in something and latent in others but is ever present. The basis of all ethics, morality, and dharma lies in this grand vision of Vishwaroop, the cosmic form. It forms the basis of good behavior, compassion and kindness, reverence for life and respect among individuals. The vision of the Vishwaroop can free us from all the ills of our society by constantly rooting us in the Divine. Here Narayan is calling out to Nar, man, with outstretched arms to come and merge into Him and allay all fears. This is analogous to what Jesus says, Come to Me, all who are weary and heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. India solar energy sector provides a massive opportunity for growth. The country is endowed with vast solar energy potential with most parts of the country receiving 4 7 kWh per sq. m per day. India achieved 5th global position in solar power deployment with installed capacity of 54GW, grown by 20 times from 2.6 GW in 2014. This includes ground mounted, roof top and off grid distributed solar power. India ultra mega solar park model has been successful in up scaling solar.

Capacity deployments. The states Rajasthan, Karnataka, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu together accounted for 60 of the total installed capacity. In a move to encourage domestic manufacture of solar cells and modules, the Government of India imposed Basic Customs Duty BCD on solar cells and modules of 25 and 40 respectively. The cost of imported solar modules are expensive compared with the domestically manufactured ones. This gap is likely to be filled up to an extent, with the imposed basic customs duty and PLI scheme. At present, India is reliant on imports of solar equipment from other countries. In 2021 22, India imported nearly \$76.62 billion worth of solar cells and modules from China alone, accounting for 78.6 of India total solar cell imports that year. Technology has become a vital aspect of all segments of our daily lives, and education is no exception. In recent years, Etch firms and technological solutions have pivoted the way teachers, schools and administrators operate. It even changed the way today tech savvy students learn. Now that we are headed to the post pandemic era, a few questions are frequently asked, i.e., Is the Etch period over What is next for the Etch firms, especially now that schools have re opened on a full time basis There are many ways to answer these questions. Firstly, Detach firms, in collaboration with schools, will continue to transform the Indian education system. With solutions like Enterprise Resource Planning ERP, Learning Management System LMS, and Content Management System CMS Etch will continue to serve schools, making all stakeholders lives easy. On the other hand, schools will continue to adopt modern digital platforms because these solutions not only match their pedagogies but it also bridges the gap between in classroom and at home learning, simplifying the process of learning for all the young learners. Secondly, these solutions allow teachers to move away from administrative work or non teaching tasks, allowing them to focus more on their students and the quality of education delivery. Hence, improving the overall learning outcomes. Also, with the help of digital solutions, schools are able to focus on one of the key mandates of having regular and professional development for teachers on a regular basis including helping them improve their digital literacy to handle the 21st century learning environment. Under the National Education Policy NEP 2020, the Ministry of Education has clearly laid out the segments where Etch players can contribute to improving Indian education at inside schools. The policy is promoting 21st Century Learning in all aspects. Starting from redesigning the preprimary to K 12 into 4 compartments and have mandated schools to pay attention to not only cognitive development but also character building, creating holistic and well rounded individuals, equipped with 21st century skills from an early age. This requires the curriculum and pedagogy in Schools to deliver holistic, integrated, enjoyable and engaging learning. The situation is developing and it is highly likely that the industry will witness the emergence of multiple homegrown Etch.

Although the latest virtual Bricks summit hosted by China sought to exhibit cohesion between the group members, the cracks were all too visible. While Chinese President Xi Jinping spoke about win win cooperation and the need to reject Cold War mentality, Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the need for cooperation for post pandemic recovery and emphasised the various areas from vaccine R&D to the establishment of a shared satellite constellation where the platform is delivering for the people. But the fact that the summit was being held against the backdrop of the continuing India China border tensions and the Russian invasion of Ukraine could not be missed. There is no escaping the fact that Russia and China have formed a special compact between them to rewrite the rules of the global order. And for the foreseeable future the two countries will use their combined resources to achieve their mutual strategic goals. But these goals are likely to be against Indian interests. Already Russia invasion of Ukraine has put a huge strain on India defence sector which is significantly dependent on Russian weapons platforms. Similarly, the rise of an assertive China under Xi means that Beijing will not compromise on the border issue and keep pushing New Delhi on this as and when it politically suits it. In fact, these developments have already shrunk the scope of cooperation between India and China, and India and Russia. Nonetheless, nothing is permanent in international politics. The course of the Ukraine war remains unpredictable whereas China political trajectory has hardly been linear. Thus, it makes sense for Bricks countries to maintain contact and cooperate wherever possible. But as things stand, India interests lie in aligning more with the West to counter Chinese aggression and diversify away from Russian military equipment. Intelligence is always held accountable for the things that go wrong, even though it does provide invaluable intelligence warning most of the time. It is true that nations spend a lot of its resources to get the correct picture about impending threats and therefore any failure to predict or anticipate threats by the Intelligence Community attracts severe criticism. While there is a puzzling record of consistent failure to provide warning of surprise attacks by intelligence agencies world over, limitations of intelligence collections assessments are only partial explanation in most cases as some evidence had actually been available pointing to an increased likelihood of an attack or preparation for it. Intelligence warning is itself only half of equation in preventing surprise. The other half is the responsibility of the civilian or military decision makers to act on warning. Often their cognitive rigidity comes in the way to act on intelligence warnings. In 1990, the US intelligence agencies had warned the civilian and military leaders of the attack by Saddam on Kuwait, they did not pay any heed to warnings and later termed it as an intelligence failure. In 2003, the US and UK policy makers thought that Saddam had WMD, while the intelligence inputs.

Did not provide any credible intelligence and launched operations. History provides several examples of such incidents resulting in uprisings to the policy makers. In Kargil Conflict, there are a number of writings stating that the nation was surprised of the intrusion. The Kargil Review Committee RKC under Late Dr K Subrahmanyam examined the entire system with a view to identify the systemic deficiencies in a transparent manner. It not only went through the all the relevant reports but also interviewed officers, who were responsible for collection of inputs, preparing assessments and taking action on the reports. Besides, it also invited comments from general public and independent experts. It also scrutinised the captured documents and briefings of the Plows. Its findings were published in the form of a book entitled, From Surprise to Reckoning. Subsequently, others had also written on the issue including those, who had participated in the operations or were on important positions and gave their views that were different from the KRC findings. In the following paragraphs an attempt is made to place the facts in a dispassionate manner to understand clearly the issue. In the pre Kargil conflict period, there were 45 inputs, which were generated either by the different agencies or by the Armed Forces indicating the plans of Pakistan. Notwithstanding the fact that only 11 were shared with the JIC NSCS for making broad strategic intelligence assessment, it indicated that Pakistan was continuing with unabated efforts to project Kashmir as a flash point; its plans to intensify proxy war in and as the militancy had reached the second phase of a predictive analysis of the Indian experts, Pakistan could exert pressure on sensitive spots like Schem, Retour Pooch, and Cargill underlined three attacks by the Pak Army on Schem in Oct. 1998; creation of Border Action Teams comprising terrorists and ex Pak Army personnel; possibility of Pak regulars being directly involved in militancy; and pointed out General Musharraf aggressive mindset that did not bode well for India. There were three important inputs that provided intelligence warning, besides other inputs. First one was from the DIB June 1998 that there was an increased movement of the Pak Army on several posts across Kargil and movement of Pak fighter at Sardou airstrip. Second was report Oct. 1998, reflecting induction of two artillery and one mortar regiment in the area opposite Kargil and assessed that a limited offensive threat with alliance partners could not be ruled out. Third the BSF report Dec. 1998 indicating that about 500 Taliban Let militants were sent to Kashmir, fighter aircraft were landing every second third day at Sardou and a number of underground bunkers had been constructed. The response of the main consumer the Armed Forces as given in the KRC reveals their mind set. On the DIB report, DGMI stated these activities were a part of heightened alert and activity all along the border after the nuclear blast, though this report was specifically for Kargil. On the report stated that the.

Limited offensive was out of context and the queries raised by it were not answered though the officers told the KRC that their queries were verbally answered. On the third BSF report, the DGMO stated that this indicated the militants plan to infiltrate into J&K. Subsequently, the then Army Chief Gen Malik stated in his book, Kargil: From Surprise to Victory remarked that Pakistan succeeded because of major deficiencies in our system of collecting, reporting, collating and assessing intelligence. This was reacted sharply by several journalists and experts. Late Sri Raman, who was a member of the Task Force on Intelligence and a renowned security and intelligence expert pointed out that the policy of withdrawal from the posts during winter by the Armed Forces was a mistake which started from 1982 but the BSF continued to maintain posts and was able to push back Pak troops at Charbat La. Sri Vikram Sood former R& Chief questioned in his book, The Unending Game why the withdrawal took place when there were reports of unusual activity across the LoC since mid 1998. This was all more surprising in view of the fact that during the 1971 War it was noted that the Pak Army had occupied an important post in this region. Prior to moving towards the Brachil Pass to clear the Pak troops, the Indian side decided to eliminate the Pak post called the Ashoka Pillar, which Pakistan had occupied to dominate the 13 and 14 posts and the Leh Kargil Chunagund post. The above does not absolves the intelligence agencies or JIC NSCS from the charge for not being able to give accurate plan of the Pak Army but to indicate that the civil and military policy makers both should be prepared to accept the assessments without prejudices. It may be pointed out that it is not always possible to have access to the blueprint of adversaries and only pre incident indicators can be seen. This Pak plan was shared only with a few even in Pak Establishment as was clear for the intercepted tapes of Musharraf and Aziz. While the KRC was of the view that if all the 45 inputs had been seen together with the knowledge of unheld gaps, it could have foreseen the Pak plan, it must be said added that civil and military policy makers had to be willing to accept such an assessment. An examination of the KRC suggests that they were not prepared to accept anything beyond infiltration. The various inputs, which all were examined by the Armed Forces at different levels, did not see the need to develop those leads as they had been seen as attempts towards infiltration. Perhaps, in the post test period, the possibility of a conflict was not expected and therefore all the inputs were seen as indicating preparation for infiltration. In conclusion, it can be said that while dealing with Pakistan or China, both intelligence and Armed Forces civilian policy makers should consider all possibilities only then.

Surprises can be ruled out. For improvement in the system, it is necessary to identify the shortcomings clearly and plug them. Studying past battles and operations can help leaders both civil and military understand their responsibilities and the negative role of cognitive rigidity? Hence, our past operations should be studied without prejudices, in the word of Michael Howard, not to make us cleverer for the next time, but instead to help make manoeuvre leaders wise forever. Is positive thinking an inherent characteristic of a person or can it be developed in one's psyche. The opinions differ in answering this vital question. Some people believe that it can be inherited from parents, and cannot be developed. Others believe that like other qualities it can be developed with proper practice and guidance. Still some others hold the opinion that it is hereditary to some extent but can be acquired to some degree. There is also a section of people, who believe that all depends on circumstances or luck. We need to adopt a scientific approach to find an answer to the above question. No one can get success every time even after making efforts, nor can one fail constantly. Moreover, success has different meaning for different people. For some students, getting 60 per cent marks is success, for others it may not be sufficient. In a competitive examination, success means getting selected, whatever the percentage of marks. As for inheritance theory, since positive attitude is not a physical feature but a mental faculty, it cannot be purely hereditary. It can be developed. Moreover, parents play a major role in developing this quality of a child. A child, who watches his parents working hard, having faith in success through their words, behaviour and body language, is likely to develop a similar attitude. The children of short tempered, over cautious and nervous parents may assume similar characteristics when they grow up. Psychologists, therefore, prescribe a code of conduct for parents' behaviour in front of their children. They must exude confidence, self belief and hope, especially in difficult situation, so that the children emulate these qualities. They must be taught the importance of being positive before, during and after the performance of a task. Stretching a specific tendon or muscle can improve the elasticity of muscles, which in turn helps in achieving a comfortable muscle tone. There are several benefits of regular stretching, and it should be an integral part of every workout program. It not only helps increase your flexibility, which is an important part of fitness, but it can also improve your posture, body aches, reduce stress, and much more. One of the benefits of regular stretching is that it enhances flexibility. Being flexible has its own advantages, as it not only improves your day to day activities, but can also help delay the reduced mobility that comes with aging. Stretching on a regular basis can help increase your range of motion. You can either go for static or dynamic stretching as.

The systemic oppression of marginalised communities by the criminal justice system is poorly understood and rarely questioned. Here how this is changing. In 1871, the British colonial government introduced the Criminal Tribes Act in India, a move that labelled several hundred nomadic tribes as criminals by birth. While the act was repealed by the Indian government in 1952, these criminalised tribes who came to be known as denitrified tribes DNTs or Vimukta communities remain oppressed and marginalised to this day. Take, for example, the Pardhis, a Vimukta community in Bhopal. When there is a wedding in a Pardhi family, they have to get permission from the local police station to organise the function. This involves submitting an application along with the guest list for the wedding. If they don't follow these steps, it is assumed that the Pardhi community members who have congregated for the event are conspiring to commit a crime they will then be picked up by the police. The systemic oppression of Vimukta communities by the criminal justice system is poorly understood and rarely questioned. A caste less understanding of criminalisation Vimukta communities comprise various nomadic and semi nomadic tribes with diverse cultures and traditions, bound together by a shared history of persecution. Their lives and livelihoods have been criminalised for generations based on an abstract, and inherently caste less, understanding of systemic violence and oppression. Their criminality was viewed as hereditary a concept directly borrowed from India caste system where occupation is assigned by birth. And so, while they were criminalised by a colonial government, this move was rooted in and shaped by the institution of caste. It is casteism that was used to maintain the status quo and social order. When the Indian government repealed the Criminal Tribes Act, it was swiftly replaced by the habitual offenders regime in many states. This, along with many other laws, have been formulated that continue to criminalise the lives and livelihoods of Vimukta communities. For instance, communities whose cultural practices involve consumption of alcohol are routinely and disproportionately criminalised through excise laws that are meant to regulate the import, export, sale, and possession of alcohol. We also find forest dwelling and Adivasi communities being prosecuted under wildlife protection laws for collecting forest produce such as dry wood or mushrooms activities that are well within their rights under the Forest Rights Act, 2006. The rationality for the disproportionate criminalisation of these communities is derived from the institution of caste, and the institution of the police plays a pivotal role in sustaining this cattiest colonial legacy. Policing is centered around discretion, which refers to the freedom that police officers enjoy in deciding who is considered suspicious or who poses a threat to public safety. The habitual offenders regime gives the police the right to act on the basis of their own judgment. It is left entirely up to them to construct and define who a habitual offender is. However, the underlying assumptions based on which the police make these assessments have never been questioned. Incarceration as a way of life the prevailing discourse on criminalisation tends to be confined to a discussion on incarceration. This leads to a faulty understanding that the only pitfall of an individual being criminalised is their incarceration a perspective that is a far cry from the lived realities of Vimukta communities. For them, imprisonment has been enforced as a way of life that extends well beyond the physical space of prisons. Like the Pardhis.

Other Vimukta community members also live under extreme surveillance. Many fear visiting local markets or choose to stay indoors after a certain hour, because they know they are being watched and worry that the police will pick them up from the streets. They self censor and discipline themselves because they are aware that their actions will be scrutinised. A criminalised existence also means that children from these communities drop out of school due to stigma. Imprisonment is a way of life that affects every aspect of the lives of these communities. Knowledge production to corroborate lived reality I first started interacting closely with the criminal justice system as a lawyer, representing people belonging to denitrified tribes. I realised very quickly that responding to individual instances of persecution is useful but inadequate, because people were being prosecuted due to their community identity. As part of our work, we routinely encounter instances where two people playing cards by the roadside were arrested for public gambling, or an individual found with a knife was arrested under the Arms Act, 1959 because they did not have a license. These are petty offences, yet they form the bulk of everyday policing. And the habitual offender regime which is subjected to judicial oversight gives the police tremendous power. People who were criminalised under this regime have lived this reality for a very long time, however there was no empirical evidence to corroborate the systemic discrimination to which they are subjected. I co-founded the a criminal justice research and litigation intervention, in 2020. We aim to end the disproportionate targeting of marginalised communities by the criminal justice system. One of the ways in which we do this is by systematically studying FIRs and arrest records to surface and challenge the casteist manner in which the police wield their power. Through research studies that we conducted in the state of Madhya Pradesh, we found that The data that we have generated uncovers patterns of everyday policing that tell us who is being criminalised and for what offences. This data challenges the popular perception that the police control crime by going after those who commit heinous violations, such as perpetrators of sexual violence. Our research reveals that everyday policing disproportionately targets petty offences, thus criminalising different aspects of the lives of oppressed caste communities. This significantly contributes to their 360 degree persecution. We use our research to push back against the excessive criminalisation of the oppressed castes. The data and evidence generated enables the legal community to undertake strategic litigation under various laws. This includes advocating for the recognition of certain rights that are acknowledged by the law, such as forest rights that are criminalised by the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972. Additionally, it involves advocating for the decriminalisation of certain petty offences. We also work with collectives of Adivasi communities to help them access and leverage this data to question the violation of their forest rights. Centering the voices of oppressed communities A false binary prevails in the realm of knowledge production, wherein certain communities are always the research subjects while certain others analyses their lives and tell their stories. The CPA Project has been conceptualised as an endeavor that is created and run by people belonging to various oppressed caste communities. They are involved in developing and framing the research as well as in deciding how these research findings should be used. We work with those that have been criminalised.

And with activists and lawyers from the community to determine how they want to make meaning of the data that is generated. The knowledge that is produced corroborates and validates what oppressed communities already know. But it also becomes a medium through which we center their voices and a weapon to fight intergenerational criminalisation. The act of generating and documenting data and evidence that challenges the casteist status quo is an act of reclaiming and telling one own stories. One of the key UN sustainable development goals SDG 2030 aims to reduce global poverty level at least by half the proportion of men, women, and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions. Accordingly, like many economies intending to achieve SDG poverty goals, the public policy of India has also been well aligned meticulously to alleviate poverty gradually in all its forms to foster better living conditions for people in all its 771 districts, 28 states, and 8 union territories. The effectiveness of poverty reduction policies has to be studied from time to time to intervene and reform to be well on track to achieve the SDG targets. Now the poverty level assessment has been undertaken by Nitti Aayog to enable policy interventions and to increase rigor in the implementation of policies. It collaborated with a host of Indian and global institutions to undertake the study and evolve metrics of poverty measurement. As far as the Indian entity is concerned, it collaborated with the National Family Health Survey NFHS. It is a large scale, multi round survey conducted in a representative sample of households throughout India. Three rounds of surveys have been conducted since the first survey in 1992 93. The NFHS survey provided state and national information for India on fertility, infant and child mortality, the practice of family planning, maternal and child health, reproductive health, nutrition, anemia, and quality of health and family planning services. Each successive round of the NFHS survey has had two specific goals a to provide essential data on health and family welfare needed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and other agencies for policy and program purposes, and b to provide information on important emerging health and family welfare issues. Thus, Nitti Aayog collaborated with NFHS to conduct comparative surveys for determining the national multidimensional poverty index MPI on global lines. Accordingly, NFHS conducted the survey in two time spells. The edition NFHS 4 for the period 2015 16 and NFHS 5 for the period 2019 21 so that incremental improvement in the living conditions could be measured and compared. Based on the comparative findings of NFHS 4 and NFHS 5, the national MPI was computed. Going beyond the methods of measuring income levels to assess poverty, Nitti Aayog intended to broad base the study by adopting multidimensional poverty indicators using the Alkire foster AF methodology adopted by United Nations Development Programme UNDP. Nitti Aayog also roped in technical partners Oxford Poverty and human development initiative OPHI to conduct the study. Historically, poverty estimation has predominantly relied on income as the sole indicator. However, the Global MPI uses the AF methodology and captures overlapping deprivations in health, education, and living standards. It complements income poverty measurements because it measures and compares deprivations directly. Therefore, the National MPI Report is computed and published by Nitti Aayog in collaboration with to taken in the field The current MPI indices are broad based and are in conformity with international standards.

It can be developed. Moreover, parents play a major role in developing this quality of a child. A child, who watches his parents working hard, having faith in success through their words, behaviour and body language, is likely to develop a similar attitude. The children of short tempered, over cautious and nervous parents may assume similar characteristics when they grow up. Psychologists, therefore, prescribe a code of conduct for parents behaviour in front of their children. They must exude confidence, self belief and hope, especially in difficult situation, so that the children emulate these qualities. Is positive thinking an inherent characteristic of a person or can it (69) be developed in one s psyche. The opinions differ in answering this vital question. Some people believe that it can be inherited from parents, and cannot be developed. Others believe that like other qualities it can be developed with proper practice and guidance. Still some others hold the opinion that it is hereditary to some extent but can be acquired to some degree. There is also a section of people, who believe that all depends on circumstances or luck. We need to adopt a scientific approach to find an answer to the above question. No one can get success every time even after making efforts, nor can one fail constantly. Moreover, success has different meaning for different people. For some students, getting 60 per cent marks is success, for others it may not be sufficient. In a competitive examination, success means getting selected, whatever the percentage of marks. As for inheritance theory, since positive attitude is not a physical feature but a mental faculty, it cannot be purely hereditary. They must be taught the importance of being positive before, during and after the performance of a task. There is no better education for a child than watching his parents come out of a tough situation by means of earnest endeavours. Such success not only gives more joy but also increases self confidence. Stretching s specific tendon or muscle can improve the elasticity of muscles, which in turn helps in achieving a comfortable muscle tone. There are several benefits of regular stretching, and it should be an integral part of every workout program. It not only helps increase your flexibility, which is an important part of fitness, but it can also improve your posture, body aches, reduce stress, and much more. One of the benefits of regular stretching is that it enhances flexibility. Being flexible has its own advantages, as it not only improves your day to day activities, but can also help delay the reduced mobility that comes with aging. Stretching 9on a regular basis can help increase your range of motion. You can either go for static or dynamic stretching as they both are effective when it comes to the increasing range of motion. According to the studies, proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation or PNF type of stretching is more effective for immediate results. Regular stretching can not only help heal an existing.

Back injury but can also prevent future back pain by reducing your risk for muscle strain and strengthening your back muscles. All the people future who regularly goes to the gym knows how helpful stretching can be. Performing dynamic prevent future stretches prior to exercise in the gym can help prepare your muscles. Not the only gym, but it can also help you improve your performance in prepare dance or an athletic event. It is only natural that your muscles get tense when you experience physical or emotional stress. This is prevent future because the tightening of your muscles is hundred micrograms the prepare response of the body towards stress. All you need to do is focus on the areas hundred micrograms of your body where you feel the stress, such as your neck, shoulders, etc. and stretch those parts of your body. Iodine fortification is what most countries performing rely on to encourage adequate dietary intake. In more than seventy countries that iodize salt fortification generally serves as the major source of iodine intake. One fourth of performing a teaspoon of iodized this is not a reliable source of iodine since there is no way of hundred micrograms knowing whether produce purchased in salts has about hundred micrograms of iodine. Note that the salt used in processed foods, which is the major source for most Performing Americans fortification does not contain iodine. If salt used in a processed food contains iodine, it will be listed in the ingredients list of that food. Focus on decreasing the hundred micrograms amount of salt consumed from processed foods and get from iodized salt. Seaweed, saltwater fish and seafood are fortification natural sources of dietary iodine. Dairy products also supply iodine in the diet at varying levels. During lactation, the breast concentrates iodine in milk so breast milk tends be a good source of iodine as long as the iodine intake of a mother is adequate. Plants grown in iodine rich soil are also good sources. However, this is not a reliable source of iodine since there is no way of hundred micrograms knowing whether produce purchased in grocery stores is grown in iodine rich soil or not. Iodized salt usually adds less than about three hundred micrograms iodine daily to the diet. Most multivitamin mineral supplements contain 150 micrograms of iodine. With the safe upper limit of daily iodine intake for adults set at micrograms by the IOM it is unlikely to hit an excess amount when including a multivitamin and including natural sources of dietary iodine. The trend of eating less table salt, dairy and bread has some experts concerned that iodine deficiency could be on the rise again. Eating a healthy, balanced diet that includes iodine rich foods and iodized salt is key to good health. this is not a reliable source of iodine since there is no way of hundred micrograms knowing whether produce purchased in grocery stores is grown in iodine rich soil or not Iodized salt usually.

Warning bells for today crisis in Shiv Sean were ringing for over two years. It not that Sean did hear them. It just that it did grasp the import of that warning. The leadership was lulled into a complacency by praise from self styled wokes, who have actually loathed the party over the years for its Marathi manoos slogan, and for its Hindustan. The Maharashtra community that nurtured Sean and the average Shiv Sainik, legislator and functionary had sensed what was going wrong. But the party top decision makers were responding to a different tune the one being played by a commentarial who wanted Sean to dump Balasaheb Thackeray legacy. Now that a seismic shock has struck, Sean is unlikely to be the same again. Women rights that are decades in the making can disappear overnight, was the sinking feeling across the world yesterday when the US Supreme Court overruled the 1973 Roe vs Wade decision and eliminated the constitutional right to abortion. At the level of US healthcare it will have a swift impact on the ground, with around half the states in the country expected to now ban all or most abortions. In political terms, it means a great setback for Biden presidency and a proportionate affirmation of Trump. The conservative movement will be very grateful for his judicial appointments that have enabled their wish fulfilment. But above all what this is a serious setback for the movement for women bodily autonomy, and for the larger idea that she gets to make decisions about herself. It is worth noting that half a century ago when American women won the right to abortion, only 20 of those aged between 25 34 were without a child as compared to 52 today, only 11 of those between 25 44 had a college degree as compared to 41 today, and only 17 of jobs in management for people aged 16 44 were held by women as compared to 45 today. Reproductive freedoms are deeply linked to economic freedoms. In the US itself the months to come will see legislative fight back against yesterday decision. But however dreadful the world feels about the US situation right now, the overall trend of liberalising abortion laws from developed to developing countries will not be impacted. In India neither is this a political issue nor is any conservative judicial revisiting of abortion rights on the table. It is nonetheless a cautionary tale on not taking any assaults on women rights lightly, for they can really snowball into society wide tragedies. A recent find of copper weapons in rural UP experts trace back to an age contemporaneous with the Indus Valley Civilisation IVC has sent ripples of excitement among those who follow the material evidence of India rich past. IVC, a bronze age marvel, is perhaps still the acme of the 162 year old Archaeological Survey of India work. And its lessons remain relevant to ASI today. ASI describes the maintenance of ancient monuments as its prime.

Concerns there are 3,693 monuments under its ambit. Important as this task is, it worth asking if the current prioritisation has an adverse impact on its excavation activity. This is where the IVC chapter gains salience. Historian Nayanjot Lahiri observed that when ASI connected the dots and publicised the antiquity of IVC in 1924, it had a positive spin off on funding. For 2022 23, ASI budgetary allocation is an underwhelming Rs 1,080 crore. Given the richness of many cultures that lie buried, a couple of exciting excavations could nudge Gol to set aside more. Two changes will help the cause of excavations. Gol has tried different schemes to draw in more private funding into preserving monuments, without loosening ASI control over the core areas. It an approach that can free ASI resources. Advent of technology such as light detection and ranging change the economics of excavations. If deployed well, newer technology may well lead to another IVC like moment. Why is loser one of the most contemptuous things we can say to each other, even though loss is universal and inevitable Melancholy is seen as negativity, it is suppressed and pushed away. Vigour, cheer and righteous anger are all socially acceptable emotions, but sadness is associated with depression, and as a problem to fix. Bittersweet How Sorrow and Longing Make Us Whole, a new book by Susan Cain, reminds us to honour this most essential emotion. Some of us are temperamentally inclined this way, aware of fleeting time. A melancholic disposition means a tendency to states of longing, poignancy and sorrow, and a curiously piercing joy at the beauty of the world. But as we all eventually discover in our lives, light and dark, love and loss are paired. There is no sweet without bitter. Wellbeing is not perfect happiness it is a dialectic between positive and negative. At 50, AIADMK, the principal opposition party in Tamil Nadu, is facing a midlife crisis. At the core is the majority demand within the party to do away with the dual leadership of O Panneerselvam as coordinator and Edappadi K Palaniswami as the joint coordinator a compromise of convenience the two leaders struck after much turmoil following J Jayalalithaa death in December 2016. But when EPS OPS ceases to be a hyphenated entity, political ramifications are bound to be felt beyond Tamil Nadu, especially since AIADMK is the partner of BJP, which struggles to strike new roots in the south. Growth and expansion are buzzwords of this day and age. Everybody wants to grow at lightning speed, a three year old child wants to get rid of his tricycle and ride a bicycle, a graduate wants to become the CEO, the start up wants to become a unicorn, and so on. If there is one word that is anathema to contemporary aspirations and ambitions, it is limits. Nobody likes being told that they have limits. A mother telling her young child that a bicycle might be big for him right now.

Would have many detractors. Some would outrightly say that she is ruining the child future by imposing limits on him. Similarly, someone telling their boss that the new plan for expansion is impractical would be seen as an impediment to the company growth plans. Everyone wants to be limitless soaring and ever expanding. Many would argue that if the Universe is limitless and ever expanding, why should we not be so For one, yes, the Universe is expanding, but it is in that state simply a cluster of gases. Living, breathing humans are a little more than gases zooming through nothingness. Limits are an essential quality of our beingness. For instance, the human eye can only see light wavelengths from 380 to 700 nm. Even here, our eyes have a structural blind spot where we can see anything. Similarly, we cannot hear what bats and whales can. Man is neither the fastest being on earth, nor the longest or strongest. Yet we hate the idea that we have limits or that we are limited in any way. Why Because having limits has become something of a buzzkill. If there is a limit to the amount of money we have, it is seen as a limit to our relevance in the world. If there is a limit to the amount of power we have, we see ourselves as weak and open to attack. But what if limits were meant not to bind but help us What if someone told you that limits on your pursuit of wealth were intended to assure that wealth did not impede happiness What if limits on power were designed to stop you from autocracy and dictatorial tendencies. We push our bodies day in and day out in gyms, with various protein shakes and powders, growth hormones and steroids. This disavowal of limits is the root cause of the recent tragic deaths of young actors, who were apparently physically fit. But their hearts gave away under the constant strain of pushing the body limits. The sun is limitless, but on earth it is limited by night. What if it tried to push the limits of day and night What if the earth decided to break the limits of gravity and go closer to the sun Limits are the natural order of things. Limits do not bind, when we live with our limits, our life then enjoys a sense of balance and harmony and becomes truly beautiful. To quote from the Manusmriti, *Atitrushna na kartavya, trushna na ev parityajaeth* Shaneha shaneshchaha bhautakvyam svayam vittammupajritamaha Avoid extreme yearning but do not avoid desire itself learn to enjoy all that you have earned in moderation. In a welcome move, the government has announced the deployment of a technical team to the Indian embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, to ensure effective delivery of humanitarian assistance. This marks the return of Indian diplomats to the embassy in Kabul for the very first time since the Taliban takeover.

In August last year. And it should be the beginning of full resumption of our diplomatic mission in Afghanistan. True, there is still the matter of whether or not to recognise the Taliban regime. But the fact of the matter is that the Islamists are in charge in Afghanistan today. And India has rightly begun engaging the Taliban at the official level. Therefore, it makes immense strategic sense to reactive our embassy in Kabul. Not doing so will only aid Pakistan and China, and undermine Indian strategic interests in Afghanistan. That said, this is a risk given our history with the Taliban and Pakistan influence over the Islamist group. But unless we take that risk, we will jeopardise all the development work we have done in Afghanistan over the last two decades. We also need to retain the immense goodwill that we have created among the Afghan people. Plus, if India sees itself as a regional power, it can just sit back and let the chips fall where they may. Pakistan and China will run away with Afghanistan in that case. Thus, India needs to be bold here and return to Afghanistan. The advent of 4G, introduction of smartphones and an increased internet penetration heralded the early signs of transition in the Indian retail ecosystem. With the technology driving change in consumers buying behavior, the need for businesses to adapt became imperative. But, it eventually took the global pandemic for brands to trust and truly harness the power of digitization. Today, low prices of mobile devices, affordable internet and better connectivity have presented a massive opportunity for marketers to target vast, hitherto untapped audiences especially in the rural and regional sector. Bolstered with the affordability and accessibility factor, new age marketers, probably for the first time, can unlock the potential of the rural audiences via mobile marketing. While the basic tenets product, price, place and promotion of marketing remain the same, the mobile innovations have not only opened up more channels but also continue to change how marketers approach these decade old principles. With India rapidly becoming the world fastest growing market for mobile apps, mobile marketing is arguably the most impactful tactic for brand creation, its nurturing and product refinement in rural and regional areas. **Need For Mobile First or Mobile Only Strategy** With an increasing mobile penetration in the country, mobile first or mobile only strategy has gone on to become an intrinsic part of digital marketing as modern day brands try to find innovative ways to market themselves. The global pandemic played a key role in accelerating the adoption of technology driven tools among firms to stay relevant and competitive. Whether it was rural, urban, or even sunrise sectors like fin tech, pharma and end tech among others, everyone identified the need of finding new ways to target potential customers. This, in turn, led to the adoption of transformative practices like vernacular advertising, use of AR and VR, mobile gaming and hyper local marketing to stay abreast.

With the changing market situation. Similarly, voice technology, when combined with AR VR and machine learning, can facilitate a necessary change in the way brands communicate with audiences. Furthermore, digital payments have also superseded pre defined limitations of using technology as thoroughly highlighted by the exponential surge in the transactions made from UPI and e wallets across India. While the mobile first approach is more common, mobile only strategy is not for everyone. As witnessed in the fashion industry, mobile only strategy failed to meet desired objectives, especially when compared to the home service and utility sector where it has proved to be a game changer. **Innovations To Engage Rural Audience Missed Call Mobile Entertainment Strategy India** might have witnessed a surge in mobile and internet penetration but the fact that more people have an inclination towards using prepaid mobile plans means that the scope for mobile marketing is quite limited. In such case, specifically when targeting rural and regional audience, brands can opt for the dynamic missed call strategy which is not only economical but also quite effective. Without having to waste calling minutes, customers can opt for ads by giving a missed call on the number to request details of a product or services. This can do wonders for both the brand and the customer as they can both save time and money to meet their respective goals. In a bid to earn more share of voice and get more brand recall, enterprise businesses can also introduce a mobile entertainment channel that can be made accessible through a toll free number, offering free music, movie, news and ads for select products. **Vernacular Messaging** Despite its large population, India has quite a limited English speaking base when it comes to regions. While it was initially viewed as a major roadblock for marketing, it eventually turned out to be a major opportunity for marketing by the virtue of using regional languages. Regardless of their region, the new age mobile users are voraciously consuming information and content on their respective devices. Thus, in a bid to reach and engage rural and regional audience, modern day brands can communicate through text messages in regional or local languages which can not only build trust but also increase engagement. For instance, the Indian farming community is in constant need for information regarding innovations in their industry. To reach out to them, firms related to the farming industry can educate them about their products via push notifications in their own language for better impact. **Video Ads Consumption** Technological advancements might have changed the marketing landscape, but there is no denying that video ads still remain one of the most impactful and effective ways for promoting a brand. For long, television sets have been the ideal platform for video ads, but with a growing dependence on smartphones and mobile devices, video ads will continue to facilitate brand awareness and visibility in the modern era. When it comes to rural and regional audience, the accessibility to smartphones.

And internet might still need improvement, but it still offers a vast untapped market to businesses looking to promote their products or services. Thus, leveraging the power of the video content, brands can target rural and regional audience with product related ads to promote and drive customers. Hyper local Demographic Targeting Ads In the world of digitization, retargeting has brought new opportunities to the fore for marketers. Since it allows brands to deliver tailor made content or advertisements to consumers based on their geographic locations, retargeting ads can be a game changer when it comes to reaching or engaging local prospects. Localized marketing has, for long, aided local and small businesses with few locations but big brands, too, can reap its benefit something made possible via hyper local ads. With better and relevant messaging through hyper local ads, brands can become locally relevant and enhance their communication with the rural and regional audience in a culturally relevant manner. This, in turn, can allow businesses to improve their ROI, brand penetration and engagement in rural and regional areas. Way Forward Akin to other segments, mobile marketing continues to be influenced by the technological innovations in the future. With a significant enhancement of the consumer experience, our dependency on mobile devices as an integral part of our daily lives has reached an all time high which, in turn, continues to present new opportunities to marketers. Incorporating latest technologies to find innovative channels and using industry data to target customers in a better manner has allowed brands to negate the challenges of the ever changing market situations. Whether it the seamless integration of mobile apps, user friendly features such as voice search or innovations like augmented reality, mobile marketing has become a vital tool for firms in scaling business and accelerating growth. Similarly, when it comes to rural and regional audience, mobile marketing continues to aid companies in expanding their footprints in untapped markets. There is a surge in innovative concepts like Easy Pay which facilitates the quick and hassle free mobile recharges, bill payments and even ATM services to the rural and regional audience that is technologically challenged. Thus, in times ahead, mobile marketing can prove to be the probable solution for bridging the gap between the rural and urban sectors. A private military company PMC, Private Army or Private Force is a private company providing armed combat or security services for financial gain. These infamous mercenaries, PMCs, generally refer to their business as the private military and their staff as security or private military contractors. The private force has come big business and global in compass. The request for force is growing at an intimidating rate. The United States basically produced the ultramodern service constricting assiduity for its Global War on Terror. President Clinton radical downsizing of the US service active colors numbered 2.1 million in 1990, 1.8 million in 1993, and 1.4 million by decade end while riveting on military modernization inadvertently generated the labour pool for this industry. In the coming decade.

The lower force facing a slew of wars like in Afghanistan and Iraq had no option but to contract out military services to meet the burgeoning functional demands. Russia grounded Wagner and US grounded Black Water are companies that fulfill the demand of military services to their countries. British G4S and French Scope are also big players of this money making industry. In international so called peacekeeping operations of the present private military companies occupy an equal position with regular armies. Moreover, based on the conclusions of American experts, such military corporations will play an increasingly important role in armed local conflicts and wars in the future. Today, it is pretty evident from the experience of the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq that the existence of PMC influences the course of events, and sometimes they take on most of the functions of police and Army. These private armies always remain the favorite of dictators. The threat from these private armies is that these private soldiers are not accountable and loyal to the state but to their companies and owners. There is also much room left for illegal missions and political leadership lacking a democratic mandate. In the future, using private military force will expose deeper rifts in society and between states, between the rich and the poor. So, could it catalyze military involvement while perhaps leading to conflict escalation and impairing any controlling mechanisms of the executive power. In recent developments, the government has announced a new recruitment scheme for the Indian Armed Forces Tour of Duty Agni path. The new scheme of recruitment for youth will start in the coming days, and more than 46,000 youth are expected to be recruited for four years. The decision to implement such a method was taken by the Cabinet Committee for Security headed by Prime Minister, and Defence Minister announced it in the presence of the three service chiefs. It will open for all over India and all class. These new recruits will be forming with new ranks and new insignia. After four years, seventy five per cent of them will be thrown out of jobs with no pension and next job security. After four years, these Agni veers We are talking about a well trained, disciplined, experienced and motivated team of human resources, who were handpicked after being tested for their mental and physical abilities, went through years of rigorous training will be available in the market for new recruitment. If 45000 Agniveers enrol each coming year annually, After ten years, around three lac Agniveer with the average age of 27 years will be available for new jobs. Though they will be highly skilled, there will still be fewer job opportunities than a security guard, the preferable job of retired Army jawans. This type of job is preferable because a thirty five plus year old retired army jawan is already getting a good pension, with other ex army man benefits and a new job of private security guard nearby his home.

Town which gives him but sure an additional income. In case of Agni veers, after getting out from a job of four years, there will be no pension and other benefits. They will be a job less highly skilled soldier with an age of only twenty one years even most preferable ex army man job of a security guard will not fulfill their livelihood. The opinions differ in answering this vital question. Some people believe that it can be inherited from parents, and cannot be developed. Others believe that like other qualities it can be developed with proper practice and guidance. Still some others hold the opinion that it is hereditary to some extent but can be acquired to some degree. There is also a section of people, who believe that all depends on circumstances or luck. We need to adopt a scientific approach to find an answer to the above question. No one can get success every time even after making efforts, nor can one fail constantly. Moreover, success has different meaning for different people. For some students, getting per cent marks is success, for others it may not be sufficient. In a competitive examination, success means getting selected, whatever the percentage of marks. As for inheritance theory, since positive attitude is not a physical feature but a mental faculty, it cannot be purely hereditary. It can be developed. Moreover, parents play a major role in developing this quality of a child. A child, who watches his parents working hard, having faith in success through their words, behavior and body language, is likely to develop a similar attitude. The children of short tempered, over cautious and nervous parents may assume similar characteristics when they grow up. Psychologists, therefore, prescribe a code of conduct for parents behavior in front of their children. They must exude confidence, self belief and hope, especially in difficult situation, so that the children emulate these qualities. They must be taught the importance of being positive before, during and after the performance of a task. There is no better education for a child than watching his parents come out of a tough situation by means of earnest endeavors. Such success not only gives more joy but also increases self confidence. Whilst almost a lakh well motivated personnel will leave the forces each year, the policies for absorbing them in second careers have always been cloudy and unsure. Jobless Agni veers can money from these well trained young ex army soldiers. However, due to the lack of skilled youth in India, the unwillingness of retired army men, and the rigidity of the Indian Army towards already a shortage increasing influence of corporate giants over the be no less than a boon for corporate giants of the Modi government under the influence of corporates is the first step toward the disastrous concept of outsourcing military services and infamous private armies in India. The conception is proven and really a threat to not only public but also to republic.

Article 370 in Kashmir guarantees family rule and clan rule. Let us remember one thing. This is not the ordinary family rule that you have seen in other states of India. In Kashmir, family rule means that situations are created at ground level which perpetuate the conflict economy. Violent clashes are engineered where youths die or are injured, so that the cycle of violence does not end. This cycle of violence is further exploited by anti-India forces in Kashmir to create more violence, more unrest, more deaths of youths, more of burning Kashmir. Article 370 Robbed Thousands Of Kashmiri Men Of Their Childhood, Their Youth, Their Life Whose interests does burning Kashmir serve? Does it serve India? No. It serves Pakistan. All those Indian intellectuals who take the lofty stand that Article 370 should be restored in Kashmir should open their eyes to this reality. Kashmir under Article 370 robbed thousands of men like me of their childhood, of their youth. We were indoctrinated and conditioned by the system to become jihadis of varying degrees. Outside Kashmir, you may not even know what are jihadis of varying degrees terrorists, sleeper cells, Over Ground Workers OGWs. Thousands were killed, thousands were left injured or traumatized for life. Before you restore Articles 370 and 35A, restore our childhoods and youths. Restore the lives of those who were killed. If Article 370 is brought back, we shall have devastation in Kashmir again. It won't take long. The fiza will become the same as before. Article 370 Guarantees Feudalism, Oligarchy, Nepotism, Corruption After the abrogation of Article 370, Kashmir is peaceful because people have completely rejected violence, clashes, protests. We do not want to see any more blood on Kashmir streets. I am Ready To Stand Alone At Jantar Mantar And Protest If Article 370 Is Brought Back. Article 370 key saath hamare youth ki taqdeerein Judi hain. The destiny of our youths is determined by Article 370. Article 370 guarantees feudalism, oligarchy, corruption and nepotism in Kashmir. It guarantees a region where jobs are doled out by the MLAs and the chief minister as if they are lords and masters, and as if no democratic systems exist in India. BJP Is The Only Political Party Which Has Brought Rahat, Aman, Sukoon To Kashmir 370 tootne se pehle, like everyone else, I was antagonistic towards BJP. The narrative built by the Hurriyat and the mainstream parties was that BJP is anti-Muslim. Now, Hurriyat has finished. Our mainstream political parties have assumed the role of the Hurriyat. They issue similar kinds of statements. For years before abrogation and even thereafter, our regional parties constantly drilled into us that BJP must be kept out of Kashmir. Mainstream politicians used to stand among the people and shout, You don't know how khatarnak BJP is for Muslims. They make anti-Muslim policies. They will not give us religious freedom. They will not give us a place to do Ibadan. They will not give us space to practice our religion. Iasi beaten sun key hamara dimaag hamara pak gaya thha. We had started believing in this fake narrative. Article 370 key tootne key bad, people thinking has changed. After watching peace and harmony for nearly four years, people say BJP jays hay, visit hay. But BJP is the only political party which has brought reheat, aman and sukoon to the people of Kashmir. Before Abrogation, Purpose Of Local Govt Officials Was to Make People Hate India No outsider will ever understand that the purpose of every department in Kashmir was to breed hatred against the Indian state. People were deliberately made to suffer. For each department, the Government of India had made rules for the welfare.

Base that the and its like minded partners and alike, can invest in and rely upon together. Yelled refers to this strategy as friend shoring. She states that in certain sectors, China have resulted in of the of critical goods inside China. And that the is not only in at home, it is also a strategy called friend shoring aimed at that can lead to supply. To create in critical supply chains with the large number of trading partners the can count on. It is for India and to critically grasp this position and to position the country to take of the desire to with India for mutual. Given India unique of the Chinese threat as well as the of access to critical technology, India does indeed find itself in a geo economic sweet spot in this respect. The More Than Just a recent piece in the Harvard by Hemans Tania Firm General Catalyst and Fared Zakary grasps this geo political entirely and builds a case for the United States and India to develop a corridor. It India that in addition to its highly skilled work force it has built up a digital public on the back of the piece also the success of Jo in broad basing and making. The of the piece is that must shift their of Indian from one of to one of radical this, in turn, will not only cycles of but also make Indian. However in order for both sides to this both countries need to slash the red tape and for the creation of the of ideas and to build a truly dynamic market. The of the India initiative on Critical and the second edition of which was held earlier this week is a to address such concerns. A Post Ashley Tellis of the to and one of the architects of the from the US side has emerged as a voice urging the Biden to curb their qua India. In his dated May he states, of India are. India with China, and its to it that New Delhi will never involve itself in any goes on to argue that India values with for the it brings but does not believe that it must, in turn the United States in any crisis even one a common threat such as China. While many in India foreign policy may agree with this they certainly will not the bet as one that is going to yield it even if that is indirectly. For example the Indo defence has grown at speed after the nuclear deal, similarly one can expect India trade with respect to digital goods raw materials and green and raw materials to boom under the umbrella of this this century between the and India. This is largely in line with an to bolster its middle class and base. Foreign Minister to the a to a question about still desire to uphold a post order, the response can serve as a substantial reply to Mr. Tellis argument as well, one the normative base of which is in the need for security alliances. Jaishankar states, I think they western governments and Biden administration are acutely conscious that the post order has been severely challenged, and that they need a new template, new partners that they need to look beyond alliance constructs. Broadly the included While the popular narrative is certainly of India joining the as a measure to sit self in the coming test of strength with its eastern neighbor, it is but certain that it is not in India interest the have two hot borders. While continued efforts are underway, with level talks between China and India, India must certainly cater for the day when the border situation is normalised so that the two can return. While the Rajiv has certainly elapsed, it is incumbent upon the two powers to evolve a new form of association. One that is fit to build frameworks and rules around the ever burgeoning trade and people to people connect between the two nations. While the present anti China line and suitable mood music to improve ties as.

Pet tortoises are popular pets for many people since they are quiet cute especially as hatchlings, and do not shed any fur. But tortoises can live a very long time anywhere from 50 to 100 years. If you take one as a pet, be prepared to provide a lifetime of care and consider that your pet might even outlive you. Most tortoises are docile and tend to be shy, unless two males are put into an enclosure with each other. This is not advisable two male tortoises could become aggressive toward each other and even attack each other, sometimes resulting in serious injury. Most tortoises are too large to handle as adults, and it advisable not to handle them to any great degree when they are smaller, either. This can cause the tortoise stress, which often leads to illness if the stressful situation is ongoing. The biggest drawback to a pet tortoise for most people is their long lifespan. Larger tortoises, like the sulphate, can live for up to 80 years, so you shall need to have a plan for caring for a pet tortoise in their (and your) old age. Many tortoise species are fairly large and need a decent sized enclosure, preferably outdoors. Because of these preferable housing arrangements, pet tortoises are best suited for areas with milder climates. Depending on the temperatures where the tortoise originates and the area where you live, it may be necessary to bring pet tortoises indoors overnight or during cooler weather, and with the larger tortoises, providing indoor housing can be a big challenge. Some species also need to hibernate, which can be very stressful on the tortoise and requires special environmental conditions. When constructing an outdoor pen, you must make sure it is strong and that you bury your fences if you have In addition to propulsion systems, modern technology ships also feature advanced navigation and communication systems. GPS technology, for example, allows ships to navigate with pinpoint accuracy, while satellite communication systems enable crews to stay in constant contact with their home offices and with other vessels. Modern technology ships are also equipped with advanced safety systems, such as collision avoidance systems and lifesaving equipment. These systems help to reduce the risk of accidents and improve the safety of crew members and passengers. Finally, modern technology ships are also designed with the environment in mind. They are equipped with systems to reduce emissions, prevent oil spills, and protect marine life. In addition, many modern ships are built using eco-friendly materials and designed to be more energy efficient, reducing their overall carbon footprint. Overall, the use of modern technology in shipping has revolutionized the industry, making it safer, more efficient, and more sustainable than ever before. To provide its customers with world class shipping services. Of people. The same rules were used to thwart and defeat every enterprise. The same rules were used to arm twist the common people so that the Indian state was always hated. Perhaps this game that was played in Kashmir may not have been seen anywhere globally where the purpose of the government officials was to make people hate the state. Even the common Kashmiris took ages to understand this game. For decades Kashmiris have seen this ugly reality. How will the outsiders grasp it easily? Goat India Should Be Hated People were deliberately harassed deliberately troubled by the local officials. No one was ever held accountable for such conduct. Government officials were paid through the taxes paid by Indians. These same government officials were used to make people hate India. Government officials fell in line for such conduct because.

Three centuries ago, the Mughals issued a Farman from Red Fort to brutally kill the great Sikh warrior who belonged to Jammu, Banda Singh Abrader. The Mughals met their unholy destiny in dust. Three centuries later, the Mughal government is bowing before the sacrifice of Baba Banda Singh and his great 740 Sikh warriors at Red Fort on 25th June. Baba Banda Singh Abrader was a great warrior who defended India and defeated the barbaric Mughals and their savage jihad. His original name was Baba Madhya Das and he was a Baraga Sadhu. A meeting with Guru Go bind Singh in October 1708 at Handed transformed him into a socially committed warrior and grahastha householder to pursue the ideals of Guru Go bind Singh ji. Guru Sahib explained to him the barbarism of the Mughal rule of the day, which openly persecuted the Hindus and Sikhs for being steadfast in their Dharma. Hearing this, his blood boiled and he showed immediate readiness to go to Punjab to take up the gauntlet against such Islamic tyranny. He became Shishya sikh and Guru Sahib blessed him with divine powers in order to defeat the Mughal tyrants, particularly Wazir Khan of Sarhind who was responsible for the martyrdom of two Sahibzadas Two sons of Guru Go bind Singh Ji. Baba Banda Singh Abrader commenced his journey as a valiant leader of the Indian forces towards Punjab with only twenty five Sikhs with him. His aim was the national awakening and liberation of the country from the oppressive rule of the Mughals. Though Independence came to India much later, it was Baba Banda Singh Abrader who first taught the Indians to fight, conquer and establish their Independent rule. Baba Banda Singh Abrader killed Wazir Khan, Governor of Sarhind in the battle of Chappar Chiri on May 12, 1710 AD and took in his hands the administration of the conquered territories. Baj Singh was appointed the Governor of Sirhind, with Ali Singh as his Naib, Bhai Fateh Singh Governor of Samana and Ram Singh was appointed Governor of Thanesar jointly with Baba Binod Singh. He issued coins and an official seal, not on his own name but on the name of Guru Nanak Dev ji and Guru Go bind Singh ji. Baba Banda Singh Abrader also introduced new samvat or the era commencing with the victory at Sirhind. He made Lohgarh or Iron fort his capital. He also established Sikh Thanas at various important towns, created sub divisions and placed them under the charge of honest sardars. All this was obviously an open demonstration of equality with the Mughal rulers. Baba Banda Singh Abrader did not want merely to weaken the Mughal power but to destroy its roots and branches and establish in its place national rule or self government. He, along with his 740 companions, was captured from the fort of Gurdas Nangab and brought to Delhi via Lahore, where all Sikhs were executed mercilessly, in the ground facing the kowari of Chand Chow.

Their dead bodies were also hung on trees at the gates leading to the city to petrify people and to discourage them from following Dharma. But not even a single Sikh embraced Islam or withdrew their allegiance to Baba Banda Singh Abrader. Here, even an English testimony is available. The members of English embassy John Sunman and Edward Stephenson had come to represent their case about the privileges to Mughal king Farrah Sitar. They saw the executions themselves and wrote about it in their dispatch, dated March to Robert Hedges, President and Governor of Fort William. They wrote that one hundred of them were beheaded each day. Baba Banda Singh Abrader and his son Ajani Singh were martyred on 9 June along with his other 18 companions near a gate en route the tomb of so called Sufi saint Nqutu us din Bakhtaran kaki at Mohali. The butchers first killed his son Ajani Singh in his lap. His soft body was cut into pieces which were hurled at the face of Baba Banda Singh Abrader. The heart of the child was thrust in the mouth of Baba Banda Singh Abrader. But Banda Abrader remained unmoved and sat in a composed state. Not even a single word of regret was uttered by him and he kept on saying: Hume Ander Sab koi, Bihar Hokum Na koi All by the ordinance are governed, none exempt G.G.S 1 After Ajani Singh, it was the turn of this saint soldiers BBSB who remained blissful even in the hour of distress. The butcher removed his right eye with a sharp knife and then the left one. His left foot was cut off next, but he continued to remain calm. Next, the butcher severed both his hands. However, his face was shining as before. Baba Banda Singh Abrader flesh was torn with red hot pincers and finally he was decapitated and hacked to pieces limb by limb, on his refusal to accept Islam. His glorious martyrdom validates Braga Jabir rendition in Guru Grant Sahib. Sonora so pehchaniye jo lada deen ke hait Purja kept mare kasha an chide kept There are about six places related to Baba Banda Singh Abrader in Delhi, identified by Dry Haran s Kauri Sago. Barapulla Flyover is named as Baba Banda Singh Abrader Setu, as the bodyparts of Baba Banda Singh Abrader were cremated over there. After being arrested from Gurdas Nangal, Baba Banda Singh Abrader and his Sikh companion were first taken to Lahore and then brought to Delhi. His first halt in Delhi was at Agharabad, where Baba Banda Singh Abrader and his companions were kept for a day and two. But where in Delhi or outside Delhi is Agharabad According to William Irvine, the present location of Agharabad could be the area within the present Badli Sarai and Shalimar Bagh. The Hyderpur locality also comes within it. It is clear from the reference of William Irvine that Shalimar was known as Agharabad during those days times but the.

Expanse of Shalimar at that time was much wider than it is today and its border touched Badli Sarai. Today, Badli is at one side of the outer Ring Road and Shalimar Bagh is on the other side of the road. The Shalimar Bagh Park was within Aghrabad that had a beautiful Shish Mahal. It can be easily assumed that in the surrounding areas of their garden, tents were fixed for Baba Banda Singh Abrader and his companions. It was from here that Zakariya Khan and Qamar us din Khan wrote a letter to Faarukh Sinyar that they had reached Aghrabad along with Baba Banda Singh Abrader and awaited further instructions from the Emperor. The Emperor sent Amin Khan Bakshi to Aghrabad to bring Banda Singh Abrader and his companions into the city of Delhi in the form of a procession at kowari adjoining Gurudwara Seeshganj Sahib, which is now converted to Langar Hall, residential flats for the staff and car and scooter parking in the basement. The 740 sikhs were kept at Kotwali Police Station under the supervision of Sarabrah Khan kotwal and orders were passed for their execution. These Sikhs were kept captive at the Chabutra kowari from 29th February, 1716 to 5th March, 1716 and then the series of their execution started. Martyrdom place of the Sikhs who accompanied Baba Banda Singh Abrader: The writer of Ibrat Namah, Mirza Muhd Harisi writes: So from 6th March 5th March 1716, 100 people were taken out of the prison and executed in front of the Chabutra kowari towards Tripolia building with three gates. In this way, 100 prisoners were executed every day and within a week all of them were killed. Thus their place for execution was somewhere near Gandhi Ground, where at present is Delhi Public Library. The Entire area was an open ground at the time. Sikh historian Dr. Ganda Singh writes: That starting from 5th March, 1716, continuously for eight days, every day 100 companions of Banda Singh Abrader were executed in this ground which is on the right side of the road going from the railway station towards the fountain and near Delhi Public Library. Tripolia Jail Tripolia jail is in Salimgarh fort, built by Salim Khan the youngest son of Sher Shah Suri in 1546 AD. In 1639, when Shahjahan got Red Fort constructed, he merged Salimgarh Fort within the Red Fort and closed the doors at its outskirts. To enter this fort one has to cross Red Fort as well. Very few people know about Salimgarh Fort. Aurangzeb converted this fort into a jail. The highlight of this jail is the building with three arches that exists even now. And that is why it is known as Tripolia Jail. After 1857, the British converted it into an army camp. In 1945, the patriots of the INA were imprisoned here. At Salimgarh Fort, we can see this jail even today. At present, this Tripolia Jail has been converted into a Freedom Fighter Museum at.

This place, Baba Banda Singh Abrader and his 18 companions remained imprisoned under a strict surveillance from 1st March, 1716 to 9th June, 1716. A day of his martyrdom. Martyrdom Place of Baba Banda Singh Abrader, Mohali. The martyrdom place of Baba Banda Singh Abrader had been identified and located way to back in 1970 with the efforts of Jathedar Santokh Singh, the then secretary of DSGMC, the subcommittee constituted under the leadership of Dry Ganda Singh, a historian of eminence. It consisted Dry Bhajan Singh Gani, S Gurbachan Singh Mastana and Braga Jaswant Singh Bandai Ratan, which prove that the martyrdom place at Mohali under a highrise gate and outside the dargah of Sufi Sant Bakhtiyar Kaki. Gurudwara Sahib was erected over these, which was originally in a room over the pillar of the gate. Later on, it was extended and a new look was given to the Gurudwara sahib. Almost all the Persian sources describe that Banda Singh Abrader and his four year old son were martyred near a gate going towards the tomb of Bakhtiyar Kaki, after being subjected to immeasurable tortures. These important places help us locate the Shaheedi Asthan of Baba Banda Singh Abrader. These three places are Sulpher Water Pond, Tomb of Bakhtiyar Kaki and Tomb of Abrader Shah Ist. Cremation Place of Baba Banda Singh Abrader, Barapullah. A mention of martyrdom place and cremation of the body parts of Baba Banda Singh Abrader are found in the book named Hakikat i Binav Uruj i Firka i Sikha. According to the book, the body parts of Banda Singh Abrader were cremated at Barapullah in Nijam us din. Details: Kindly see Dr. Haran s Kauri Sago; Identification of the places related to Banda Singh Abrader. The Delhi Gurudwara Committee wrote a letter to the Delhi government and gave the information that the cremation of Baba Banda Singh Abrader took place near Barapullah. Hence, the name of Barapullah flyover should be changed to Banda Singh Abrader Flyover. The Delhi government accepted the request and changed the name of Barapullah flyover to Banda Singh Abrader flyover. Banda Singh Abrader established the first sovereign state after defeating the Mughals. We Indians, should be grateful to him and every text book should have carried the profile of this shining hero, who taught us how to fight against the tyranny and establish a sovereign state. It is very unfortunate that his achievements are not taught in the schools. This is the right time to give this unforgettable hero his due in history. His role should be placed in the right perspective before the readers. He was a great Indian warrior in the face of the tyrannical Mughal rulers of the Subas of Delhi and Lahore, after the assassination of Guru Go bind Singh. Ever since the world faced the pandemic, tech innovations and digitization of schools have enabled learning from home, benefiting students from across the world. Even though the EdTech sector had been around us for quite a long.

A good length in today's cricket is a thing of uncertainty. Not to batsmen as it used to be, but to the bowlers. It can turn a bowler into a menace or a novice because batsmen practicing range hitting find it easy to line up length balls. There are few as good at it as those from the Caribbean. But, with a little bit of nip or some extra bounce from the surface, this batsmen bowler dynamic can revert to the traditional. All it requires is a little patch of grass in the right position, or sometimes even a foot mark or a crack. Little else about fast bowling is as intricately dependent on the nature of the pitch as a ball on a good length. Not the Yorker obviously, and not even the bouncer which requires more from the body than the turf. This zone was best exploited by the likes of Glenn McGrath, Vernon Philander, Ryan Harris in the past. You can add Mohammed Shami to that list from those going around today. On Thursday, both Jason Holder and Kemar Roach showed early that there was something on this Old Trafford pitch in that area. Particularly running in from the Brian Statham end. Four of the five wickets the duo picked came from this end. Jasprit Bumrah would later pick up his first wicket Braithwaite nicking behind, after changing over to the Statham end, and then one more next ball Fabian Allen LBW by one nipping in. It was from this end that Shami launched India's attack and he didn't take long to find his spot. It was in the quintessential Shami zone, where his real threat comes through. His upright seam is most useful when there help off that length, breaking the ball in or out. The skiddy pace gets exaggerated with the batsman unsure how to line the ball up. The line when just outside off threatens both edges, stumps, pads and more. In his first over, Shami had Gayle edging one inside and then beat him on the outside. Then, he'd go on to have Sunil Ambris playing off the inside half of his bat, hit him on the thigh and generally make him look all at sea. It was also from this end that Shai Hope creamed a boundary off that Shami length. Typically such a shot would have received a bouncer riposte. The bowler can then claim to have the morale upper ground. But at Old Trafford, Shami could afford to go one better. He proceeded to bowl fuller than the 6.8m lengths that he was targeting. It resulted too in what could be arguably Holder did something similar with KL Rahul the ball of the day the seam upright, the ball pitching and breaking in sharply to go between bat and pad and onto the top of the stumps. Shami's other wicket in his first spell of kumar nawada to gone had come with.

Significantly in the current scenario. In the Indian context, the EdTech sector is expected to surpass all growth estimates and will reach the \$10 billion mark soon. For a sector witnessing consistent growth, it is crucial to focus on connecting with the customers from a marketing perspective and this article will help us know why. Dispersing positive news about EdTech as a concept The EdTech organizations must ensure that the end consumer knows and understands the benefits of their services, and how they are revolutionizing the entire education system. Consumers should be aware of EdTech companies' key messaging to carry forward the legacy of the education sector. Although the format and mode of learning have changed from offline to online, the ultimate goal remains the same. The role of social media in building customer connect Various sectors, including EdTech, have been leveraging YouTube as one of their biggest marketing platforms to drive awareness around their offerings and target the right customers. However, they should also include other social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram and Twitter in their marketing strategies. These channels will not only help EdTech players keep customers updated about new courses, subjects, teachers or content but also serve as a medium for customer relationship management CRM, and, therefore, stay more connected to their end-users. From an entrepreneur's perspective, it saves a lot of time and money. In addition, the use of social networking sites allows you to reach a much wider group of customers than using traditional methods, especially when promoting EdTech companies. Activating internal communication channels, sharing feedback, and building employee value and trust help integrate a brand with social media customer service standards. Pinpointing the shortcomings of conventional teaching methods EdTech is also addressing multiple pain points of the traditional education system. For instance, personalized coaching, 24/7 access, lesser evaluation time and an extensive content pool. India has followed the conventional classroom and blackboard-based teaching and learning for ages. But not anymore. EdTech is transforming that and making education accessible, affordable and interactive across India. Automation for Landing Pages Marketing automation is pivotal for EdTech companies to make communication more seamless between the brand and the customer. For instance, if a customer approaches the website of an EdTech firm to fill out a form or subscribe to a newsletter, he will receive instant assistance from the AI-based chatbot. Naturally, this smooth communication will ignite his interest, pushing him deeper into the marketing funnel. This insight will also help the EdTech company understand prospects and their needs better, and accordingly devise accurate marketing strategies to ensure greater connection and ROI. Automation captures more leads with easy to embed forms on the landing pages and are also responsive. Summing up EdTech has grown exponentially in India, especially during the pandemic, and it will continue to grow further with more and more educational institutions realizing its benefits and investing in them. However, to scale this business new heights, they must ensure connecting well with the customers, understanding their problems.

And addressing them with the most innovative solutions, for it is the only mantra to thrive in this space, despite unprecedented problems like the pandemic. The minimalism mantra has permeated the global architectural and housing scene in recent decades; a move championed by architects and homeowners who desire simple and sophisticated spaces. Minimalism in architecture has its roots dating back a century and is popularised by the Japanese Zen, De Stijl, the Cubist designs, and the Bauhaus designs. The 1920s was an important era in the development of minimalist architecture. While these different styles have their unique history and signature, they share a similar purpose sticking to just the essentials keeping things simple, clean, calming and clutter free. New York based interior designer Sharon Blaustein once explained that minimalism is about keeping the space simple and uncluttered, while accentuating the attractive architectural features and patterns of that space. Terms like clean lines, uncluttered, simplicity, reductive, and monochromatic always pop up in modern architectural design conversations, even those who do not consider themselves lovers of minimalism often appreciate the serenity and simplicity that a minimalist interior offers. In India, a traditionally colourful and vibrant society, this minimalist trend is sweeping through the built sector as more homeowners are beginning to adopt simpler, reductive designs. Global influences and minimalist patterns Minimalism is already a very established concept in Japanese architecture. Wrapped in terms like Wabi Sabi and Ma in local Japanese parlance, the concept of minimalism in Japan often emphasises simplicity above materialism. Japanese minimalism has grown in popularity and is today adopted in many parts of the world. Understanding that less is more, the Japanese would readily adopt a no frills design, but focus on pared down forms and clean lines. This gives inspiration to Indian homeowners who may want to keep things simple for any or many reasons. Evolving lifestyle has also led to a new concept known as home out of the home. What this means is that minimalism goes beyond aesthetic satisfaction to advocate functionality as well. For instance, balconies are no longer just a mere visceral part of the home, or a mere aesthetic appeal. They have become an integral part with very functional applications. More time is now spent in that section of the house than ever before. Balconies also provide a form of workspace for many homeowners, and this space can be better enhanced with minimalist architecture. Other areas in housing societies and apartments such as clubhouses and recreational facilities have also begun to see traces of minimalism creeping in, thus allowing for more space for kids and adults alike to play and workout, larger walkways and a general feel of clean, pure air in those areas. The essence of a clubhouse is for people, old and young, to relax, unwind and play around. By limiting materials and putting in place only the functional structures, minimalist designers achieve that purpose. Minimalist architecture focuses on four main components; structure, materials, light, and space. A minimalist building.

Structure is stripped to its main function, achieved by using carefully selected materials, simple forms, plain, and neutral colours, as well as reducing ornamentation to achieve true class and elegance. It is important to note that such pieces of functional simplicity turn out all too well in a display of true sophistication, not achieved by doing too much, but by doing the most important in the most stylish and classy way. The new outlook and prospects for India's housing industry India is famous for traditional designs, replete with ornamentation and opulence. This culture of ornamentation largely reflects on the architecture where the maxim has remained, the grander, the better. But a lot is changing today, as more architects and homeowners are beginning to adopt simpler and classier designs, a monochromatic colour palette and a light interior. The need for non-vital and non-functional household items is becoming increasingly irrelevant. Post-pandemic lifestyle changes and the work-from-home culture also mean more people are spending more time at home, requiring dedicated space to work, and generally enjoying the ambience. This is one factor that's promoting the rise of minimalism in India, experts say. Furthermore, minimalism is helping more Indians lose some of the traditional burdens of exterior and interior designs. The future is a minimalist design and living a clutter-free life. It is becoming clearer with evolving trends that minimalist architecture holds the key to elegance and sophistication. Rather than have contrasting elements interplaying in one structure, the perfect blend of simplicity and functionality has shown that one doesn't need so much to do so well. A look at the patterns, shapes, neutral colours, and the design elements of minimalist structures across India and beyond reveals this sophistication because the emphasis is on the structure and not on any embellishment. The future is certainly looking promising for minimalist architects. Experts say it is not exactly a function of limitation, but of choice. However, being minimalist can free up space and finances that average Indians can put into other things. Nike acquiring NFT fashion and collectible startup RTFKT Studios in December 2021 retriggered the talks of fashion industry's interest in digital fashion, in a way a perfect conclusion of the year that witnessed a rollercoaster ride. The beginning of 2022 was even more exciting as the fast-fashion giant H&M kicked off the year with a launch of fashion store in metaverse universe offers customers to navigate through the store, select the goods they desire and make a purchase all in the metaverse. Not just Nike and H&M, the fashion giants like Zara, Gap, Wrangler, and Tommy Hilfiger among many others have been exploring opportunities in a market that's fast approaching a market value of a whopping US \$ 50 billion. With the massive developments happening within fashion industry that's fast becoming a digital fashion world and digital wearable industry, the term Metaverse isn't new anymore. One can see Metaverse being extensively.

Making headlines through corporate releases, memes, gaming industry, virtual properties, and social media. Simply put, Metaverse is an extension to the physical world that goes online digital where people consumers can interact with their digital avatars. Fashion metaverse is a perfect blend of Technology and Sustainability No wastage, no landfills, and no pollution since everything is digital. Retailers and Fashion brands in India have now realised the huge potential of Digital Fashion and riding on this future of fashion to woo the largest consumer base of Millennials and Gen Z. How this buzz started Digital fashion seemed to be an incredibly bizarre concept until late 2017 as the concept endorses the clothing made out of pixels instead of textiles. Four years later, digital fashion became the buzz word in the industry. Thanks to worldwide restrictions during the pandemic that gave birth to Everything Virtual enabling Digital Fashion to become the need and fetching investment from the fashion industry stakeholders in the quest for tapping early opportunities. What s even noteworthy is the acceptance of tech savvy consumers for digital fashion that emerged originally from gaming sector and is now pushing its own boundaries to expand its horizon. Technology helps in smoother transition of brands into digital world One of the key catalysts in pushing this concept to the DNA of the fashion industry is collaboration. Fashion brands and retailers know they can t do everything hence they need to collaborate with tech companies to execute an idea leveraging innovative tech available in the market. Today, brands have been able to digitise their products and reach out to bigger audiences in the new digital realm, and one can wonder how they achieved this as retailers, traditionally, were resolute not to give up physicality! Recent developments in web3, blockchain, gaming, and computer graphics technologies as well as improvement in computational power opened new gates to the digital world. Designers create new models for only digital, and users can use them on their avatars in games. Recently some of the successful and noteworthy technology collaborations have paved way for digitisation of products and redefined consumer outreach in the post covid world. Luxury fashion house Burberry worked with a game developer Blankos to launch its own NFTs to tempt younger consumers. The Burberry NFT drop sold out faster than any other collaboration done by Blankos that preceded it. Spanish Fast fashion brand Zara has launched a brand new limited edition capsule collection called Lime Glam, designed to be worn inside the ZEPETO metaverse and are also available in physical stores. Ralph Lauren too came up with a new fashion collection inside metaverse in collaboration with ZEPETO where users can immerse themselves in a fully articulated virtual world with a personalized 3D avatar and socialize with other users. All these launches were successful and, going forward, the traditional and rigid approach of fashion brands which till now are being very restrictive to adoption of digital fashion is dramatically changing. Though there are noteworthy developments in.

The field of metaverse, there is still a need of better understanding of the concept among those who belong to the fashion retail space and explore the opportunities created by the metaverse as well as consider how to leverage it. The need of the hour for Indian Fashion and Apparel space is to create knowledge sharing platforms that can bring technology, ideas and success in Digital Fashion on one platform. For instance, the upcoming second edition of Asia's biggest Apparel Sourcing show, Apparel Sourcing Week that is scheduled to be held on 1st and 2nd July, 2022 in Bengaluru is going to take India's Digital Fashion to the next level with world's best brains and brands discussing its prospects and growth road map for India. Digital only fashion houses will go all out Digital fashion is a new found opportunity for the virtual fashion houses and some of the prominent digital fashion houses such as The Fabricant, Carlings, Republique, and Replicant. Fashion and among many others are capitalizing on this evolving consumer preference. Not just capitalizing, they are actually being trend setters in the segment of virtual wardrobe. Physical fashion brands have forayed into digital fashion only because many new digital fashion houses had already laid foundation in this segment. In real life, the consumers are using actual garments in their daily use, however with the advent of sustainability at the end consumers front, their wardrobes have gone minimalistic. On the other hand, a shopper's digital self is becoming more expressive on social media and in gaming industry with virtual clothing items which they never wear in real. What next the engrossing global metaverse market size is a whopping US \$ 100.27 billion in 2022, half of that is contributed by the fashion industry. The game has just begun and it will pick more pace as it proceeds. Millennials, Gen Z and even older population are increasingly involved in virtuality and its offerings. On social media, virtual influencers, who do not even exist in real world, promote a fashion item. Apart from social media, NFTs marketplaces are becoming preferred destinations for shoppers for digital fashion products. The gaming industry, event hosting platform in virtual spaces, digital shopping malls, Immersive 3D real estate platform, NFT marketplaces and even holiday experience provided by brands into virtual space that's giving a further push to metaverse concept will continue to flourish. The concept of digital fashion largely depends on NFT Marketplaces, the advent of which has been an icing on the cake! NFT marketplaces are still in early phase of inception but they hold great promise where fashion brands can utilise the power of internet, put their products on their own and go on selling those items. Big luxury brands have already started exploring NFT Marketplaces, while many smaller fashion brands, retailers and designers are also joining the party of NFT in various creative ways and are selling fashion NFTs on marketplaces. While tackling the inflation growth dynamics using.

Their and were do out to them by their lords and master. Before the had to be paid at every level for the job. Even after the was a method to this. All India in Kashmir. Youth were all by the terror system. They were made to hate India through the network. When people were by system they hated India. The more they hated India, the more the youth were ready to take up arms against the state. This is how the was in Kashmir. This is the result of Articles and in Kashmir. This whole system of official end after the of Article. Now is time bound? Even a is made within the given time limit. If the keeps like this, people will pray for the here. Now there is no of any youth. There are no strike no and violent protest. Children are not impacted. Health services are not impacted. Now all the area. Why Feel Sparker Today you hear say that jab se starker aye hay, tab se hum ne Rabat Ki swan li hay. Now the years of feudal lordship are over in Kashmir. Strike call and herbal have become history are able to function and flourish. Now the has changed. Youths are clearing; they are securing jobs on merit. The so called leader jump at every new policy that the. But people know the truth. They can see the. The Covid pandemic has amplified the and nature of health threats while a for, public health expert and around the world. Given the big implication as a key indicator of, the Global Health Security Index data reflect the pandemic of countries around the world. Here a look at the Index 2021 data on how India has fared in and how India is to bounce back from another epidemic shock. The Global Health Index countries across six indicator and question. The six chief are: Prevent Detect, Respond, Health, Norms and Risk each of which is further for and seek answer to while India has shown in certain area given the in a few area as per the. Index data, India needs to look into it. Delivers undistinguished performance in Prevent category According to the Index 2021, with a ranking of 85 among 195 countries and a score of 29071, India has exhibited a rather undistinguished record in the Prevent category. Within this category, its ability to track and monitor anti-microbial resistance has been found to be most disappointing with a global rank of 814 despite having released a National Action Plan for AMR and established an Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Network in the country. The poor score is also possibly to do with persisting high use of antibiotics in the country that are recommended for restricted use by the WHO, notwithstanding low per capita consumption overall. Similarly, it is perhaps due to the lack of a national action plan on zoonotic diseases another indicator within Prevent as a whole despite bringing out a manual on Zoonotic Diseases and coming up with a National Action Plan for Rabies Elimination that it is ranked relatively average for this indicator at 55. Furthermore, on biosafety and biosecurity indicators, the fact that India is ranked 58th on biosecurity and 70th on biosafety implies that it is relatively better prepared to protect its biological materials and agents. In fact, India needs a national biosecurity policy and formal legislation for negotiating biological disasters. However, one bright spot within Prevent category has been India record on dual use research and the culture of responsible science on which it has been ranked 13th overall. India ranks better in Detect than Prevent If India has been unimpressive in prevent category, it has definitely fared better in detect category of the index 2021 with an overall rank of 51. It is a matter of pride that on laboratory systems strength and quality indicators, the country.

Has been taken to be in the position in the world. India capacity for priority diseases including national diagnostic capacity for defined core tests and capacity for testing during public health has been found to be second to none. However India has fared poorly on the related indicator of supply chains. With a rank of its and the ability to scale up transport and testing systems during seem to fall short. Similarly, on case based the ability to and treat or isolate with it has been ranked at 47th. However, for real time and reporting, India has fared with a rank. Yet within the India has stumbled the most on data and indicator with a lowly rank of 95. This poor coverage and, data integration, issues of privacy and of health data, and data sharing with countries. India was ranked in workforce, again a mediocre outcome. Against the need for trained every year, India has merely over in the country today. Health category a paradox at 56th rank, India appears to be placed well in this category given its large, low per capita income and gaps. However, on a closer look at such as such as access to primary level health services and a for the right to medical care, its abysmal rank is clearly a bottom of the heap. On the other hand and it has also exhibited world class efficiency within this category by way of ranking first on indicators such as with workers during a public health and control and of. India ranks on medical and also depicts its resilience in a public health. Has a mixed record in Norm category while the overall rank denotes a poor for norms category, there are positives too. For instance, India has emerged among the best on such as ranked and to Sharing of Genetic Data ranked. Yet, it is rather to find that on a somewhat similar indicator of cross border agreements on public health and animal health emergency response, it is ranked alongside the India has well on indicators such as for and rank and Health and Risk rank. Mediocre in Risk and most wanting in Respond categories Although India has delivered mediocre in the risk category with an overall rank of 74, its ability to respond has been found to be most wanting on the GHS index with a global rank of 139. And within respond category, it has been ranked 51st on emergency preparedness and respond planning indicator, an average performance also suggesting the need for a unified and dedicated public health emergency focused law in the country. It is heartening to note however that on indicators of Emergency Response Operation and Exercising Response Plans, India has done decently ranking 15th and 19th respectively highlighting that we do act with what we have. Importantly enough from the standpoint of linking health with security, it has achieved a moderately good ranking of 44th for the indicator linking public health and security authorities. What has really brought down India in this category is its performance on Access to Communications Infrastructure and Trade and Travel Restrictions on which it has been ranked at an alarming 17th and 171st respectively underlining the enormous need for augmenting its public communications infrastructure as well as regulating trade and travel better during public health emergencies. The Way Forward In sum, with an overall ranking of 66 distilled from an assortment of positives, negatives and mixed records, India pursuit of Global Health Security can be termed as evolving with plenty of room for improvement leveraging technology through telemedicine, m health, and digital platforms or apps can significantly contribute to the training, supervision, and facilitation of healthcare delivery at remote locations. With India G20 presidency in.

Key monetary policy tools, RBI also simultaneously takes the financial sector reforms forward with appropriate regulatory measures to strengthen financial intermediation. It will be interesting to discuss the impact of regulatory measures announced on June 8 that can have a long term impact on how the financial system would shape up in future. Among the various measures, RBI has provided thrust increasing scope of flow of credit to housing sector. Deepening digital infrastructure is proposed by connecting credit cards with UPI app. Transaction limit of e mandate is enhanced and setting up POS terminals for wider penetration of digital touch points has been facilitated. Let us look at how they are set to expand.

1. Housing loan thrust Looking to the rise in housing prices due to escalation in construction costs, RBI raised the housing loan limits that can be sanctioned by Urban Cooperative Banks UCBs for Tier I Tier II centres stands revised from Rs. 30 lakh Rs.70 lakh to Rs.60 lakh Rs140 lakh. Similar limits for Rural Cooperative Banks RCBs is raised from 20 lakh to 50 lakh for RCBs with assessed net worth less than 100 crore and from 30 lakh to 75 lakh for other. This will boost rural housing as these banks have deeper connect with hinterland. State Co operative Banks StCBs and District Central Co operative Banks DCCBs can now lend to commercial real estate residential housing projects up to 5 percent of their total assets. This was also essential as the recent data release on the sectoral economy by National Statistical Organisation NSO indicated fall in construction activity. This could get push if these revised limits are put in place. The scopes of activities to Urban Cooperative Banks UCBs are enlarged. Harmonising regulations of financial entities UCBs can now offer door step banking to their customers like any other commercial bank. It has to improve its internal infrastructure and risk management capabilities to provide that kind of service. With this move, they will gear up to do so. RBI has been trying to rope in UCBs with main stream banking system so that their reach at the grassroot level could be explored for financial inclusion. Expanding Digital infrastructure The Payments Infrastructure Development Fund PIDF Scheme was operationalised by the Reserve Bank in January 2021 to incentivise the deployment of payment acceptance infrastructure such as physical Point of Sale PoS, mPoS mobile PoS, Quick Response QR codes in Tier 3 to 6 centres and North Eastern States. It is noteworthy that close to 12 million new POS terminals have been made operational under the scheme in last 3 years. Looking to its wider penetration covering vendors and micro entrepreneurs, the scheme is modified enhancing the subsidy amount, simplifying the subsidy claim process, etc. This is expected to further accelerate and augment the deployment of payment acceptance infrastructure in the targeted geographies. The purpose is to enable micro payments to be routed through POS and digital wallets using UPI app.

3. Linking credit cards with.

Amul was quick on the draw with the nomination of Droupadi Murmu for the next President of India. Its cartoon comes with the caption setting a President Put MurMaska on bread. It the kind of wordplay that is Amul bread and butter. But it also raises an intriguing question. Does the historic precedent set by someone who might become India first tribal woman President risk eclipsing everything else about Droupadi Murmu As soon as her name surfaced the media was filled with stories about masterstrokes, electoral implications for upcoming polls, the Adivasi role in the Hindutva project and whether she would be a rubber stamp president. It puts the Congress in a quandary as it has to figure out whether it is wise to oppose a tribal candidate when one of the few states left in its shrinking kitty is Chhattisgarh with a large tribal population. All of those calculations might be true. Identity politics is necessary because that is one way to measure representation and one cannot underestimate the importance of seeing one identity represented in government. One might argue about whether the presidency of Barack Obama made a qualitative difference in the lives of people of colour in America but seeing his face in a parade of white male POTUSes does count for something. But the danger of identity politics is it reduces the complexity of a human being to one word Adivasi or Muslim or gay. Identity traps are hard to avoid especially with under represented communities. Disney Ms Marvel is making headlines with its first Muslim South Asian superhero. But whether viewers keep coming back will depend on how compelling its storyline is. It will have to be more than first Muslim desi superhero. I remember watching an Indian television programme on LGBT issues a few years ago. Filmmaker Nishit Saran who happened to be gay had died tragically young and his mother Minna had become a champion for LGBT rights. But in the programme she said, Nishit was not just a gay boy. There was much more to Nishit. Her wistfulness still echoes because it is so easy to erase that much more from the lives of others. That was clear in the recent hearings during the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson as US Supreme Court justice. K C Cole writes in Wired.com I found myself miffed at how the media identified her almost exclusively as First Black Woman true, but also, in a way, generic. Cole writes that while milestones and identity matter, the problem is some people never got past First Black Woman. Identity is a complex multi splendored beast. It is not, as Cole thoughtfully reminds us, an equation where both sides are equal. That is something worth remembering while covering the candidature of Murmu. Snippets of her biography have emerged her career in the BJP, her stint as a governor, stories about her humility, her RSS connections, the tragedy in her family life. Some of this is relevant to her candidature.

For presidency, some but not all of it adds up to more than First Santhal Woman President. In India as we get more mired in identity and sub identity politics, candidates in many parts of the country just become a stand in for their caste groupings. But at the level of the presidency all of that becomes symbolic. One cannot say the tenure of Ram Nath Kovind as President helped the cause of Dalit empowerment in India. Nor did Pratibha Patil term advance the rights of women. It is unfair to put the weight of tribal advancement on one Droupadi Murmu shoulders. It is not her responsibility to make right historical wrongs. Nor is her nomination reparations for the same. But it is an opportunity for many Indians to take stock of their attitude towards Adivasis. In her book Whole Numbers and Half Truths, Rukmini S writes a four state survey showed upper caste Indians tend to think the lack of educational and income attainments of SC ST Adivasi groups was really a lack of effort although many in the same groups believed they themselves needed state assistance. She also writes about interviewing the family of an adivasi farmer in Madhya Pradesh who died waiting to sell wheat in a seven day line at a government procurement center. The family served tea and gave her freshly harvested sweet potatoes. On the way back a local journalist who had accompanied her asked their driver to stop at the nearest tea stall. He admitted he had pretended to be fasting at the farmer home because as a Brahmin he could not bear to eat or drink at the Adivasi home. Now Rashtrapati Bhavan might become an Adivasi home. But in the paeans and think pieces around that, let not lose sight of Droupadi Murmu herself. The Shiv Sena dissidence conundrum is not nearing any solution. The ranks of the dissidents are swelling day by day creating great excitement for opposition politicians in the state as well as TV anchors parked outside Radisson Blue hotel in Guwahati. But in all this drama, most politicians and the media together have battered out of shape the poor anti defection law, creating a lot of confusion. Everyone keeps spouting the number 37 as if it is a magic spell. The assumption is that if Eknath Shinde rebel group can muster the support of at least 37 MLAs which is two thirds the party 55 legislators, they can escape disqualification. But a close reading of the original law on defection, namely the 10th Schedule of the Constitution, shows that there are provisions most people have conveniently forgotten about in their euphoria. It is therefore necessary to turn our attention to these key provisions of the law on defection which came into force in 1985. Under the 10th Schedule, if a member of a legislative house belonging to a party voluntarily gives up the membership of his or her party or votes against the whip issued by that.

Party in the house, he or she is liable to be disqualified. But the law carved out two exceptions under which a member could escape disqualification. One exception was in relation to a split in the original political party, resulting in one third of the legislators moving out and forming a separate group. In such a situation that group was not liable to be disqualified. But because this exception was greatly misused by politicians remember the ayaram gayram culture, it was later removed by Parliament through an amendment. Even the first condition for a split, namely, that it has to occur in the original political party was ignored and the split in the legislature wing alone came to be counted. The second exception is with regard to merger. Under it, if a political party merges with another political party and two thirds of its legislators agree to such merger, they will not be disqualified. This is the exception which has been misused in all cases of defection that occurred during the past eight years or so. As had happened in the case of split, here too, the members take notice of only the number. They started acting on the assumption that all that is required under the law is for them to secure the two third number and move out of their party. In all such cases, the Speakers who determine the defection cases, have, for obvious reasons, supported them. As it happened, all those legislators straightaway joined the ruling party. However, Para 4 of the 10th Schedule which contains this exception makes one thing clear. The merger shall be deemed to have taken place in the original political party only if not less than two thirds of the legislators agree to such a merger. The law is also clear on the point that the merger has to first take place between two original political parties. If no such merger takes place, the exception does not become applicable. However, in a recent judgment of Bombay High Court in Girish Chodankar vs Hon Speaker Goa legislative assembly, it was held that the merger of two third of members of a legislature party with another party shall be deemed to be the merger of the original political parties. This judgment does not reflect the correct constitutional position as per the 10th Schedule. Nevertheless, the judgment too emphasises the fact that the two thirds of the members of the legislature party have to merge with another party to escape disqualification. From this analysis of the legal provisions of the anti defection law, two things become clear. One, the breakaway group of Sena rebels even with two thirds of members cannot function as an independent group or party. Two, if there is no merger with the BJP or any other party, the exemption from disqualification does not apply and all become liable to be disqualified. The basic point of the 10th Schedule is to disqualify whoever leaves his party after being elected. It may.

Be one member or it may be all the members. Of course, it is subject to the exception of merger. The anti defection law was enacted not to facilitate defection but to eliminate it. This is one cardinal fact which the legislators and the political class as a whole seem to have forgotten. That is the lesson the Maharashtra developments teach us once again If one is to look back in the past decade or so, the rapidity with which transformation has touched upon the Indian logistics sector is simply mind boggling, to say the least. Thanks to the constant integration of standardized and upgraded technology, we have been keeping up successfully with the change that the sector is witnessing globally. By 2025 India logistics market is anticipated to hit the 380 Ban Dollar mark with a of 7 8 per cent. Its contribution to the country GDP stands at a stunning 14.4 per cent, which is much higher than the contrasting global average of 8. A slew of technological advancements coupled with government backed initiatives to strengthen the road and infrastructure of the country has provided the much needed thrust to developments in logistics. Unnecessary costs have been trimmed downed significantly and logistic service providers now have the opportunity to empower their customers by providing them with customised solutions. Such advancements have led to more investments being poured into the sector and have helped it emerge as one of the key sources of employment generation. Consequently, an improved and robust logistic sphere brings about global trade integration, optimal use of national transport assets, better competitive exports, and low import costs. To begin with, the sheer magnanimity of scale at which the government is functioning to improve transportation in India is commendable. It projects a sanguine future for the logistics industry in India. The PM Gati Shakti yojana a 7 pronged project is nothing less than a breather to the transportation networks of India that had debilitated from years of poor upkeep and low maintenance. A multi modal promise to improve roadways, highways, waterways etc, the Gati Shakti project is a pragmatic approach to bring in connectivity which is economical and sustainable in the long run. Gati Shakti comes as a thrust to the Indian government efforts at a time when it is in the process of centralizing the strategic networks for shipment distribution instead of depending on inefficient direct route operations. Fostering integration in the logistics system will help the e commerce industry, in turn, to clock better growth as they form a major client base in the logistics sector. It nothing short of the synergy that the logistics and infrastructure of the country need in order to be more fruitful for the economy. Alongside this, through its Unified Logistics Interface Program the government can enable a one stop platform for its major stakeholders by focusing on the larger more holistic view that interlinks the data sources of ministries; streamlines the process of data exchange and create unified contact.

Up looking to the wider adoption of up for making electronic payments that are currently linked to bank accounts, the scope will now be widened to link it with credit cards. It will be a breakthrough reform as the customer cannot presently use the credit card on goes by using up for petty payments as easily as using a digital wallet. In order to begin permitting linking of debit cards, repay credit cards will be allowed. Once the nice puts the ecosystem in place, repay credit card holders can link them to up and can use it for all purposes. It will increase user convenience and card issuers will be benefited with higher utilization of credit limits. It will be another strategic initiative to widen the use of up app for retail payments. Other credit card holders may also get the facility in due course. Looking to the popularity of e mandates on cards for recurring payments with additional factor authentication at the time of initiating mandate, the limit is raised. The existing limit for such e mandates is rs. 5000 mandates which will now be raised to rs.15000 to automatically make payments for periodical commitments. This will further improve the culture of using digital means to settle payments. The regulatory measures will be instrumental in enlarging scope of digital connect. Banks need to invest on cyber security as more and more products are put on up increasing its sensitivity. As the world gradually unfolds to the post pandemic era, it is becoming increasingly difficult for students to pace up with the rapidly demanding education scenario. About two years ago, when the covid 19 pandemic brought the entire world to a standstill, we all got accustomed to a new lifestyle of living. The hustle bustle of everyday life came to a halt and people started adopting the approach of working from home. The lifestyle for students across different age groups was no different, they got conditioned to the digital ways of learning, which opened an all new horizon for their learning experience. Everything got digitalized and the travel time to school also become null, owing to which the students got some extra time in their hand that they started investing as per their interests and preferences. Fast forward to the present day scenario, by the grace of god, the number of covid 19 cases are seen to be dipping across the globe. The world is gradually getting back to normal, while accepting blended ways of living. However, this transition of the post pandemic era has made it difficult for students to brace up with the rapidly demanding education scenario. They are not only projected to travel to their schools and colleges regularly, but they are also burdened with the expectation to prepare for competitive examinations, attend offline coaching, pursue internships, and what not! This sudden upsurge in expectations from students has made their life miserable, which is also leading to a lot of common stress disorders and anxiety amongst the.

Young students In this scenario, it is imperative for parents and relatives to not put any undue pressure on the students, or else it will only end up hampering their personal as well professional growth and wellbeing. What are some common signs and symptoms of stress among students some of the commonly noticed signs and symptoms of stress among students include physical symptoms such as irregular bowel movements, getting sick frequently, involuntary shaking or twitching, change in eating habits, changing in sleeping habits, nausea, fatigue, constant headache, and nail biting. Emotional and cognitive symptoms such as chronic worrying, impaired concentration, anxious feelings or thoughts, trouble with remembering things, restlessness, reduced desire for activities, and anxious feelings and thoughts. How can students manage stress progressively do not know where to start from here are some tips and tricks for students to manage stress and pressure in the post pandemic era. Take a pause and breathe! We understand that life feels like a complete race at this age when you are constantly working hard to meet your personal goals and ace your educational ambitions. However, do not be too harsh on yourself while trying to make the ends meet. Always make time to take a pause and spend time with yourself and your loved ones. Time management is the key studies show that one of the main root causes behind students undergoing stress is because of not being able to keep up with their to do list! In this case, time management is the key to peace and happiness. Try to follow a pre defined routine that makes time for studies as well as leisure activities. And most importantly, dont cheat on yourself while sticking to your routine. Confront the stress factor there is no point in living your life in oblivion. So, one of the best ways to manage stress is to identify and confront the stress factor. Try to discuss with your parents about what is bothering you and follow an open minded approach to find a solution for your problem. Treat yourself for little joys life is all about celebrating every moment. So, do not forget to treat yourself for little joys and achievements that you make. Whether it is about scoring good marks in your exams or something as simple as achieving all that was on your to do list for the week, do not forget to celebrate! Exercise, eat and sleep well if your mind, body and soul are in perfect harmony with each other, no stress factor can bother you and stop you from putting your best foot forward. So, no matter how packed your study schedule looks like, always make appropriate time for exercising, eating and sleeping harmoniously. Notwithstanding the fact that the sun was on fire in national capital, yet the massive ram Lila ground had no space left even before the start of historic rally. That was June 25, 1975 and it was a mother of all political rallies. Never before Delhi or.

India had seen such a mammoth rally. And ram Lila ground was jam packed to hear the likes of jayaprakash Narayan jpg, chary kriplani, korari decay, atlas behari Vajpayee, chandrasekhar and many more. People were reaching the venue on ditch buses to cycles and even on foot. Those were the days when nobody thought metro rail will ever be a reality in Delhi. That was a rally against the alleged autocratic rule of Mrs. Indira Gandhi government. After India stunning victory over Pakistan in 1971 war, Mrs. Gandhi became a changed person. Ken govind acharya rightly says that the story of the emergency did not begin on june 25 1975, when it was imposed. It started after Indira Gandhi as prime minister won the Bangladesh war after sweeping the general election against the grand anti congress alliance. The slogan of garb hate was extremely catchy and, in early 1972, she was being likened to the goddess drug. It goes without saying that the victory went to her head and within a couple of years, her son sandal Gandhi also started playing a dominant role in politics to help his mother and also to carve out a place for himself. This led to the lumpenization of the congress. And crowd at the ram Lila ground cheered veteran of 1942 quit India movement jpg when he thunderously recited armchair Singh dinar evocative poetry singhasan khaki kayo key junta await hair. Those were the heady days as Indira Gandhi was found guilty of violating electoral laws by the Allahabad high court. Jpg called mars Gandhi to resign, and advocated a program of social transformation which he termed sampoorana karate total revolution. Instead Mrs. Gandhi proclaimed an emergency on the midnight of june 25, 1975. In his very spirited speech despite his ill health, jpg had asked the military and the police to disregard unconstitutional and immoral orders of the government. Bop leader arum jitney used to recall the events that unfolded after the rally which he attended and organised with his above friends. After attending the ram Lila ground rally i came back to my Narayan home late in the evening. I was at that time a second year student of the law faculty of Delhi university pursuing my studies. I was the president of the Delhi university students union and convener of jpg committee for youth and students organisations. At about 2am past midnight, jitney received a midnight knock at his residence. The police had come to arrest him. His lawyer father got into an argument. He asked cops to inform him as to the nature of offence his son arum jitney had committed. The police had simple instructions to arrest him. While argument was on, jitney escaped through the backdoor and went to his friend house in west Delhi. In the morning, there were no newspapers. Electricity of the entire press at bahadurshah safari mar had been disconnected. News started trickling in that the entire political leadership of the opposition including.

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Jai parkas nearing, korari decay, choudhury chairman Singh, atlas behari Vajpayee, like. Advent had been arrested. The police station in timarpur nearby Delhi University was the center of this activity. All the detained leaders had been taken there and transferred to specific jails in Haryana and Delhi. Meanwhile, arum jitney along with his co above workers reached Delhi university campus by about 10.00am to organize a protest. This was the only protest against the emergency which took place that day in the whole country. An effigy was burned by them in protest. The news of the protest attracted a large number of policemen to the Delhi university campus. The declaration of emergency under article 352 of the constitution was accompanied by a notification under article 359 wherein fundamental rights under articles were suspended. All the newspapers were subjected to pre censorship. A representative of the censoring authority sat in the office of every newspaper and news agency. No news critical of the government could be published. The right to oppose the government was taken away. No protests were allowed anywhere in the country. The Supreme Court in perhaps the worst amongst the post independence judgments, in the habeas corpus case, ruled that even though political detainees have been illegally detained, they have no right to approach the court and seek relief. The government took the position that even if a detainee was killed, the court could not be approached. And again going back to ram Lila ground, it has witnessed many momentous political rallies, public felicitation functions as well as condolence meetings in the past. When the freedom struggle was on, Gandhi jig, pt. Nehru, sadder Patel, maulana azad and other top leaders of freedom struggle addressed largely attended rallies here. A very interesting anecdote is associated with Mohammad ali jinnah with this very ground too. It is said that when he was addressing a rally organized by the Muslim league in 1945, some people sitting close to make shift stage started shouting, maulana jinnah zindabad. Hearing this very slogan, he lost his cool and asked them to stop calling him as maulana. I am your political leader, hence never call me maulana, he told them rather sternly. Interestingly enough, even though big rallies have been taking place here since long, the rostrum for speakers was only erected when British queen Elizabeth came to India in 1961. There was a public function to felicitate her on behalf of the people of Delhi. That is the time when permanent structure was constructed. The condolence meetings of first president of India dr. Rajendra Prasad and then pt. Nehru, the first prime minister were attended by thousands of people. The only sour moment of pt. Nehru condolence meeting was when his sister Mrs. Vijay lame pandit paid her moving tribute in English, while delegates from japan and the then soviet union spoke in Hindi. Local papers pointed out this fact of the meeting very prominently next day. As recently as couple of years.

The opinions differ in answering this vital question. Some people believe that it can be inherited from parents, and cannot be developed. Others believe that like other qualities it can be developed with proper practice and guidance. Still some others hold the opinion that it is hereditary to some extent but can be acquired to some degree. There is also a section of people, who believe that all depends on circumstances or luck. We need to adopt a scientific approach to find an answer to the above question. No one can get success every time even after making efforts, nor can one fail constantly. Moreover, success has different meaning for different people. For some students, getting 60 per cent marks is success, for others it may not be sufficient. In a competitive examination, success means getting selected, whatever the percentage of marks. As for inheritance theory, since positive attitude is not a physical feature but a mental faculty, it cannot be purely hereditary. It can be developed. Moreover, parents play a major role in developing this quality of a child. Stretching a specific tendon or muscle can improve the elasticity of muscles, which in turn helps in achieving a comfortable muscle tone. There are several benefits of regular stretching, and it should be an integral part of every workout program. It not only helps increase your flexibility, which is an important part of fitness, but it can also improve your posture, body aches, reduce stress, and much more. One of the benefits of regular stretching is that it enhances flexibility. Being flexible has its own advantages, as it not only improves your day to day activities, but can also help delay the reduced mobility that comes with aging. Stretching on a regular basis can help increase your range of motion. You can either go for static or dynamic stretching as they both are effective when it comes to the increasing range of motion. According to the studies, proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation or PNF type of stretching is more effective for immediate results. Regular stretching can not only help heal an existing back injury but can also prevent future back pain by reducing your risk for muscle strain and strengthening your back muscles. All the people who regularly go to the gym know how helpful stretching can be. Performing dynamic stretches prior to exercise in the gym can help prepare your muscles. Not the only gym, but it can also help you improve your performance in dance or an athletic event. It is only natural that your muscles get tense when you experience physical or emotional stress. This is because the tightening of your muscles is the response of the body towards stress. All you need to do is focus on the areas of your body where you feel the stress, such as your neck, shoulders, etc. and stretch those parts of your body. A child, who watches his parents working hard, having faith in success through their words, behaviour and body.

Leadership in Southern Asia and the 5th ranking among lower middle income countries, India is in an optimal position to push towards more equitable International Health Reforms IHR and Sustainable Development Goals. In the current flavor of the month controversy, a storm has been stirred by the controversial remarks of Among Lila Raghu, a monk from the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. His interpretation of the teachings of revered spiritual leaders Ramakrishna Paramhansa and Swami Vivekananda has sparked a heated debate, igniting a firestorm of criticism and backlash. The crux of the controversy lies in the claim that Raghu has taken the words of these esteemed figures out of context, distorting their teachings to fit his narrative. This is not a trivial matter. The teachings of Sri Ramakrishna Paramhansa and Swami Vivekananda have guided millions on their spiritual journeys, their words serving as a beacon of wisdom and enlightenment. It is thus essential to correct any misunderstanding. One of the highlights of this controversy is the misunderstanding in interpreting the phrase Joto mot toot Path, a Bengali aphorism that translates to as many opinions as many paths. This phrase is a testament to Ramakrishna belief in the universality of different practices. Ramakrishna never said, All religions are true. He said that all religions are valid paths to God Head. In essence, Sri Ramakrishna taught that any religious practice if undertaken with devotion. God would correct any errors that a particular approach may have. He held the conviction that all religions, in their myriad forms and practices, ultimately lead to the same destination the realization of God. In the face of Among Lila Raghu controversial remarks, it is crucial to revisit and reaffirm the essence of Ramakrishna teachings. His message of religious tolerance and understanding is not just a historical footnote but a guiding principle that is profoundly relevant in our contemporary world. As religious differences continue to sow discord and division, Ramakrishna words serve as a beacon, reminding us of our shared humanity and the need to respect the beliefs of others. The phrase Joto mot toot Path is not just a statement but a philosophy that encourages acceptance and respect for diversity. It underscores that there is no singular right way to worship God. The spiritual journey is deeply personal and unique to each individual, and they must find the path that resonates with them. Moreover, the phrase is a call for compassion and understanding. Even when we encounter beliefs that diverge from our own, we should approach them with kindness and respect rather than judgment positioning system road map about a physical point on earth like Mayer or Australia stinks of a lack of spiritual depths. Moreover, such comments are not reminiscent of the highest spiritual ideals that a monk of a well-accepted and internationally revered organization like ISKCON. Now let move on to his interpretation of Swami Vivekananda teachings that have sparked controversy, one of which is his assertion that Vivekananda placed more importance on playing football than reading the Gita. This interpretation, however, appears to be a gross oversimplification and misrepresentation of Vivekananda profound teachings. This statement must be analyses with the historical context. Swami Vivekananda teachings emerged when India was under British rule, a period marked by oppression and a loss of national identity. Bruisers looted over forty five trillion dollars from India, rendering the country poverty stricken, with millions not even affording a square meal daily. Millions had died out of famine.

And starvation. The rest were steeped in depression due to the Pagan culture read Hinduism they inherited from their forefathers. Bruisers and other European scholars left no stone unturned to reveal the dark, evil, and profoundly sullen religion Hinduism was compared to elitist Christianity. The youth of India were in dire need of motivation and strength, both physically and mentally. In this context, Vivekananda emphasized the importance of physical strength and activity, including playing football. Taking this particular quote out of context is unfortunate as it is overtly evident in every one of his lectures which spoke about the greatness of Hinduism, including the Gita. It may be remembered that Swami Vivekananda had the guts to talk about Hinduism and Gita in a foreign land, sometimes in front of hostile listeners. When somebody asked Swami Vivekananda why it was necessary to play football to understand the Gita, a religious text, Vivekananda responded, Gita is the great book of brave people and renowned persons. Therefore one who is full of valor and service only will be able to understand the secret of the esoteric verses of the Gita. This response highlights Vivekananda belief that physical strength and courage are prerequisites for understanding the profound teachings of the Gita. Swami Vivekananda emphasis on physical strength was not a dismissal of spiritual pursuits but rather a recognition of the interconnectedness of the physical and spiritual realms. He believed a sluggish and lethargic body could not be a vessel for intense thoughts or spiritual understanding. His statement reflects this belief: You will understand the Gita better with your biceps, your muscles, a little stronger. Swami Vivekananda teachings were not about choosing football over the Gita but about understanding the importance of a healthy body for spiritual growth and realization. He believed that physical strength and activity could serve as a foundation for spiritual understanding and the practice of Karma Yoga, as described in the Gita. Just as Lord Krishna, an avatar of Vishnu, motivated and inspired Aruba to fight against injustice in the Mahabharata, Swami Vivekananda, whom some believe to be an avatar of Shiva, inspired millions to rise against the injustice of British colonial rule. His words brought strength to millions of Indian reeling under torturous British rule. The final point of contention in Among Lila Raghu controversial remarks revolves around Swami Vivekananda fish and meat consumption. Raghu questions how Vivekananda could be considered a spiritual and enlightened being while partaking in non-vegetarian food. This perspective, however, is a narrow interpretation of spirituality and enlightenment, reducing these profound concepts to mere dietary choices. Firstly, it is essential to note that none of the ancient sacred texts explicitly ban the consumption of non-vegetarian food. The Vedas and Shasta, revered as the foundational texts of Hindu philosophy, contain numerous references to meat consumption. Even the Manu smite, a text often cited for its strict codes of conduct, states in 5.30, It is not sinful to eat the meat of eatable animals, for Brahma has created both the eaters and the eatables. Secondly, it is crucial to understand the concept of the food chain and the cycle of energy in nature. All beings, whether plants or animals, are made of energy and serve a purpose in the grand scheme of life. Whether plant based or animal based, food consumption is an energy transfer from one form to another. While plant based diets have important health connotations but energy wise, none is more spiritual than the other. If that were true.

Every cow on this planet should be the highest spiritual ideal. The cow is no near to God than any other animal or human being. Hinduism always considers human birth the biggest boon as it enables one to reach the Godhead. Moreover, it is scientifically proven that plants, like animals, are living beings and respond to stimuli, suggesting that they, too, can experience pain. If we were to follow the argument that one should not consume beings that feel pain, we would also have to stop eating plants. This reasoning underscores that spirituality and enlightenment are not confined to dietary habits. Spirituality and enlightenment are profound states of being that transcend the physical realm. Dietary choices do not limit them but are instead about realizing the self and the universe. It is also true that a non vegetarian diet, particularly meat is more likely to create an aberrant mental state perturbing meditation and other practices. But that may be for the common practitioners trying to waddle on the beach to cross the ocean. These menial considerations do not hold water for an entity believed to be an original Saptarishi one of the seven rishis taught by Shiva, the Adiyogi, yoga for spiritual enlightenment brought on earth by the request of Sri Ramakrishna to deliver Bharat back to its pristine spiritual days! Few thinkers have had so enduring impact on both Eastern and Western life as Swami Vivekananda; he inspired the likes of Freud, Jung, Gandhi, and Tagore. He blended science, religion, and politics to explain Hinduism to an animosity ridden Western audience. Vivekananda introduced Westerners to yoga and the universalist school of Hinduism called Vedanta. His teachings fostered a more tolerant form of mainstream spirituality in Europe and North America, forever changing the Western relationship to meditation and spirituality. Thus Swami Vivekananda fish and meat consumption does not diminish his spiritual stature or enlightenment. Instead, his teachings and wisdom continue to guide and inspire millions on their spiritual journeys. Instead, people stuck to such menial considerations need to exhibit more spiritual maturity that enables gathering respect for every aspect of Hinduism. In India spiritual and philosophical heritage, Swami Vivekananda is a towering figure, a beacon of wisdom and inspiration. His teachings have motivated millions of people, both in India and around the world. His influence was so profound that it inspired thousands of Indian youth to join the freedom movement, ultimately leading to India independence. His teachings deeply influenced notable figures such as Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and Maharishi Aurobindo. And he achieved this monumental feat without social media or paid advertisements, relying solely on the power of his words and the depth of his wisdom. Swami Vivekananda was an ardent proponent of the Bhagavad Gita. He travelled to western shores to preach the teachings of the Gita, demonstrating his deep understanding and reverence for this sacred text. His interpretation of Gita teachings transcends the superficial and reaches into the profound depths of spiritual wisdom, far surpassing the understanding of many modern motivational speakers. It would serve the current generation well to delve into the teachings of Swami Vivekananda. The e-commerce landscape in India continues to grapple with significant challenges, including a lack of user-friendliness, high transaction costs, and a dearth of trust mechanisms within the realm of online commerce. This is going to be a thing of the past as the landscape of e-commerce in India is set to evolve completely with innovative solutions that are emerging to challenge.

One fourth of a teaspoon of iodized salts has about hundred micrograms of iodine. Note that the salt used in processed foods, which is the major source of salt for most Americans typically does not contain iodine. If salt used in a processed food contains iodine, it will be listed in the ingredients list of that food. Focus on decreasing the amount of salt consumed from processed foods and get your sodium from iodized salt. Seaweed, saltwater fish and seafood are natural sources of dietary iodine. Dairy products also supply iodine in the diet at varying levels. During lactation, the breast concentrates iodine in milk so breastmilk tends to be a good source of iodine as long as the iodine intake of a mother is adequate. Plants grown in iodine rich soil are also good sources. However, this is not a reliable source of iodine since there is no way of knowing whether produce purchased in grocery stores is grown in iodine rich soil or not. Iodized salt usually adds less than about three hundred micrograms iodine daily to the diet. Most multivitamin mineral supplements contain 150 micrograms of iodine. With the safe upper limit of daily iodine intake for adults set at 1,100 micrograms by the IOM it is unlikely to hit an excess amount when including a multivitamin and including natural sources of dietary iodine. The trend of eating less table salt, dairy and bread has some experts concerned that iodine deficiency could be on the rise again. Eating a health language, is likely to develop a similar attitude. The children of short tempered, over cautious and nervous parents may assume similar characteristics when they grow up. Psychologists, therefore, prescribe a code of conduct for parents behaviour in front of their children. They must exude confidence, self belief and hope, especially in difficult situation, so that the children emulate these qualities. They must be taught the importance of being positive before, during and after the performance of a task. There is no better education for a child than watching his parents come out of a tough situation by means of earnest endeavours. Such success not only gives more joy but also increases self confidence.

ago, ram Lila ground witnessed a huge congregation when the venerable imam of Makah mukarramah Abdul rahman in Abdul Aziz offered names. Devout Muslims thronged the ground in a big way. Abdul Raman in Abdul Aziz was the imam of the grand mosque in mecca, Saudi Arabia, and the Islamic personality of the year 2005. He was also known for his frequent sermons calling on believers to help other Muslims in war torn regions. And yes, this very ground was host to India against corruption movement. And apart from rallies and other public meetings, ram Lila ground is also a favorite spot for all those who love kite flying. And since early part of august, patangbaaj throng it to enjoy kite flying. And last but not the least; nation had seen police action against yoga guru.

Little patch of grass in the right position, or sometimes even a foot mark or a crack. Little else about fast bowling is as intricately dependent on the nature of the pitch as a ball on a good length. Not the Yorker obviously, and not even the bouncer which requires more from the body than the turf. This zone was best exploited by the likes of Glenn McGrath, Vernon Philander, Ryan Harris in the past. You can add Mohammed Shami to that list from those going around today. On Thursday, both Jason Holder and Kemar Roach showed early that there was something on this Old Trafford pitch in that area. Particularly running in from the Brian Statham end. Four of the five wickets the duo picked came from this end. Jasprit Bumrah would later pick up his first wicket (Braithwaite nicking behind), after changing over to the Statham end, and then one more next ball (Fabian Allen LBW by one nipping in). It was from this end that Shami launched India attack and he did take long to find his spot. It was in the quintessential Shami zone, where his real threat comes through. His upright seam is most useful when there help off that length, breaking the ball in or out. The skids pace gets exaggerated with the batsman unsure how to line the ball up. The line when just outside off threatens both edges, stumps, pads and more. In his first over, Shami had Gayle edging one inside and then beat him on the outside. Then, he had go on to have Sunil Ambries playing off the inside half of his bat, hit him on the thigh and generally make him look all at sea. It was also from this end that Shia Hope creamed a boundary off that Shami length. Typically such a shot would have received a bouncer riposte. The bowler can then claim to have the morale upper ground. But at Old Trafford, Shami could afford to go one better. He proceeded to bowl fuller than the 6 8m lengths that he was targeting. It resulted too in what could be arguably (Holder did something similar with KL Rahul) the ball of the day the seam upright, the ball pitching and breaking in sharply to go between bat and pad and onto the top of the stumps. Shami other wicket in his first spell of 5 0 15 2 had come with him shifting the length other way around. The plan to Gayle, he revealed, was simple. The one thing that I thought was that if I don allow him to open his arms, then it will be good because at some stage, he will go for it. Job done. This was not a hat trick that would make the headlines, but it had given India exactly what they want from Shami, to strike in the power play, and allow the spinners some breathing space before they come into the game. That magic he produces.

From the length to get the ball to move off the seam, does not come easy, even for Shami. It is a long procedure, a lot of hard work is required and then the results will come, said Shami after the game. I always concentrate on keeping the seam upright, so that off the pitch it can cut. And you could see that today. I always prefer to use the new ball in the nets also. I keep practicing and try to notice if the ball is going in or out. You saw since the morning, the ball was seaming and cutting and there was not proper bounce. One thing was to keep focusing on your line and length. Baba rammed in 2011 when he started his fight against corruption from there with his fast. Still, the ram Lila ground rally of 25 June, 1975 would remain etched in the memories of all those who came there on that momentous day. On June 24, the US Supreme Court overturned Roe vs Wade in its long awaited decision in Dobbs vs Jackson Women Health Organisation involving a challenge to a Mississippi law banning abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy. Wasting no time, 11 states have already banned or greatly restricted abortion, and others are poised to do the same. According to the Centre for Reproductive Rights, this makes the US one of only four countries to remove protections for legal abortion in 25+ years. It also puts the country at direct odds with global trends. As the Centre reports during the last few decades, monumental gains have been made in securing women right to abortion, with nearly 50 countries liberalising their abortion laws. While some of these countries have abolished their existing abortion bans, of the kind now being advanced in parts of the US, others have introduced more incremental changes, such as India recent increase of the gestational limits for terminating a pregnancy. Kerala electricity regulator on Saturday raised the average tariff across consumer categories by 6.6%, the first hike in almost three years. The increase was modest as the state government electricity distribution company discom sought an average increase of 18%. The dissonance between the regulator and discom on the right tariff level is a symptom of the perennial crisis India power sector finds itself in. Tariffs are not periodically revised, making it hard to bridge the deficit between cost of supply and electricity revenue. An outcome is that total discom losses are huge it was Rs 5 lakh crore in 2019 20. The root cause of the power sector problems, however, is the approach of state governments and not the performance of regulators. The Electricity Act allows states to subsidise customers on the condition that they pay the subsidy amount to their discoms in advance. That seldom happens. Consequently, discoms delay payment to power generation companies. Aggregate discom overdue was just over Rs 1 lakh crore at the beginning of June. The delayed payment has a domino effect.

And there are cash flow problems all through the chain in the power sector. Gol has tried to address this problem for two decades, but with negligible success. Two critical benchmarks are never met. For example, the Uday scheme aimed to eliminate the deficit between electricity cost and revenue by 2018 19 and simultaneously lower the aggregate transmission and commercial losses to 15%. In 2019 20, there was a deficit of Rs 0.6 per KWh between electricity cost and revenue, and AT&C loss was 20.9%. Gol efforts revolve around financial engineering and the incentives are not strong enough to nudge states to make durable changes. Currently, Gol is in the midst of another effort, a revamped distribution sector scheme, to solve the problem. The efficacy of the scheme will be enhanced through two measures. Regulators need to act on an existing law to notify a road map to adjust tariffs in a way that brings them within 20% of the average cost of supply. Separately, the learning of the pilot projects of DBT for electricity subsidy carried out in states such as Kerala and Himachal Pradesh need to be debated. A transition to DBT is the only durable solution as public pressure on state governments will lower incidence of payment delays. There perhaps an even larger leadership failure in Shiv Sena than the alleged aloofness of Thackerays. The high number of rural MLAs who have deserted Sena is indicative of how Matoshree preoccupation with Mumbai and cash rich BMC has meant a costly neglect of rural and mofussil Maharashtra. In an ultra competitive political landscape where every successful player is deepening expanding its social base, sitting pretty on one laurels is not a winning strategy. BJP has been a top class player in this game, transforming itself from a middle class upper caste party to a big tent accommodating numerous social groups, the marginalised among them. But there are other examples. In Tamil Nadu, Dravidian parties preserve electoral dominance and don let national parties expand too much because they have worked hard to expand their caste and class coalitions over time. In Bengal, TMC outmatched BJP because of its deep organisational network and Mamata Banerjee relentless outreach. In neighbouring Odisha, even with Naveen Patnaik as CM for more than two decades, BJD still fights for more in every election, this year scripting history by forming all the zilla parish ads. These parties do not take their voters for granted. Look at BJP and Sena in Maharashtra. The best example is the 2014 assembly election, which they fought separately, thus giving a better idea of each party influence. Lokniti CSDS post poll survey showed BJP vote share was ahead of Shiv Sena by 13.9 percentage points in urban areas, 12.3 in semi urban areas and 6.1 in rural areas. Today, BJP energetic inroads into the cooperative sector that has been the backbone of the state rural economy, and also an NCP Congress citadel, are plain to see. Clever parties know that.

Intense competition for votes also makes voters feel engaged and empowered. Immobile organisations lose connect with today restless and aspirational citizens. It is unlikely that many people, other than students of chemistry, have heard of scandium, yttrium, lanthanum, cerium, praseodymium, neodymium, promethium, samarium, europium, gadolinium, terbium, dysprosium, holmium, erbium, thulium, ytterbium and lutetium. Together, this group of 17 is known as Rare Earth Elements a better known term whose demand is on the rise for many critical applications in modern manufacturing, including electric vehicles, renewable energy and high tech electronics. India is almost 100% import dependent for most rare earths. Interestingly though, India has great potential for domestic production possessing the fourth highest reserves of rare earths in the world. And the ministry of mines is proposing to capitalise. Why are rare earths strategic Rare earths are used in small quantities but have qualities that make them essential. Neodymium, for example, is a critical component for permanent magnets and has the ability to carry material 1,300 times its own weight. Neodymium based permanent magnets are key components in EV traction motors and wind turbines. Currently, the demand for these in India is small, at around 900 tonnes per annum, because domestic manufacturing of EVs and wind turbines is still limited. What the hell is a baked rosogolla You mean to say that Bengal fought over the rights over the original rosogolla with a neighbouring state and then changed it to this abomination the Bad shah of sweets being given the Bad shah treatment, like Genda Phool Call me a purist but I am very intolerant to remixing food. Keep fusion for the nucleus, and not my plate. When I pay for Bengali Biryani, I want to eat exactly that, not Bengali Biryani with an Awadhi touch, just as you would want your mineral water to have with a touch of tap water written in fine print. But it seems I am increasingly in the minority when it comes to the taste of food remaining unchanged. Fusion and experimentation is in, especially in the cafes that have sprouted all over Kolkata, financed by people from the IT world used to taking code from one library and copying it into their code base, and it shows. I am told that the young folks love it, and I wonder why any of what goes into food even matters to them, because those young people take pictures of food with greater attention than eating it, and when they do eat they keep texting on the phone. For me food is important. It a trigger to my past and any change in its texture or flavor, for the sake of experimentation, gives me a sense of discomfort, as if I am in the midst of an Inception heist gone wrong, with somInscribed on the forefront of the Temple of Apollo at Delphi is the famous Greek maxim by Socrates, Gnothi Seaton, meaning know thyself. Today, some of us are blissfully unaware of the presence of.

The Supreme Power right within us and we turn to alcohol, drugs and other intoxicating substances for succor. It is in this context that these words of Socrates have assumed an added significance. In the Chandogya Upanishad it is repeatedly stated, at team as, you are That, which suggests that the Supreme Lord, the Higher Power, is right there in the innermost recesses of our Being. Meister Eckhart, the great German philosopher and mystic, taught that the seed of God is within all of us. Just as a farmer plants a seed, waters it, takes good care of it, and ensures that the little plant blossoms into a big tree, we too can realise our full spiritual potential by leading a pure life and performing regular meditation over a period of time. eone implanting false memories in my mind. By observing a mango tree over many seasons wherein thousands of mangoes are produced, we can say with confidence that the potential for these mangoes was present in the single seed from which that tree sprang. Similarly, one should remain aware of the fact that the God seed is present in all of us, waiting for water, intensive care and proper nourishment to make sure that the seed grows quickly and properly. The Divine thus is the essence of every person in the universe, what Emerson called the Over soul. Even though God is one and indivisible, yet he lives in every one of us; it is for this reason he appears to be many. It is a paradox that God, despite manifesting himself as the colorful universe with myriad diversities, remains immaculately pure and untainted. And completely transcends the Universe. Thus, his two aspects immanent and transcendent though apparently opposed to each other, should be understood as two sides of the same coin. In the final stages of meditation, when all the selfishness that separates us from the Supreme is eradicated, we discover this Self in the depths of our Consciousness. In yogic terminology this sublime state is called Nirvikalpa Samadhi wherein no duality of consciousness is experienced; in this state the seeker soars high in the realm of Pure Consciousness where there is nothing but supreme bliss. Here, all distinctions of time and space get obliterated and the seeker passes from time into the Eternal Now. It is at this stage that the seeker is blessed with the final beatific vision, where he sees the face behind all faces the Ultimate Cause behind all phenomenal existence. We may conclude with the following words of Meister Eckhart: To get to the core of God at his greatest, one must first get into the core of himself at the least; for no one can know God who has not first known himself. Go to the depths of the soul, the secret place of the most high, to the roots, to the heights; for all that God can do is focused there. Let us start with India, which has been punching below.

Its weight for decades, and has not yet been able to convince the world at large that the continuation of India as a liberal democracy is absolutely essential if democratic values have to prevail and human rights preserved in the contest for a new democratic global order. India is surrounded by states on the verge of collapse, like Pakistan and Sri Lanka, and another huge dominating power on its northern borders, China, which is winning the economic war, resulting in raising the prospect of a period of a dictatorial hegemony having far more fatal consequences than people in the western countries are able to envisage. India inability to win the competition for soft power is disastrous because the Indian political leadership has stayed astonishingly quiet on the atrocities committed by China on Tibetans and their Muslim minorities. China is literally involved in grabbing more land in the Himalayan regions, raising the prospects of a huge conventional war. India needs to fix its house in a way that makes it an attractive place for all minorities. It also needs to welcome the Sikh refugees from Afghanistan and Pakistan, as they face severe persecution, and it needs to give fair chances to its Muslim population to participate in the democratic exercise and get a fair gain from economic, social and cultural participation. America, too, has its blunders. As if it was not catching enough headlines for the wrong reasons, such as gun violence, extreme inequality and racism, America Supreme Court judges have now effectively ended the constitutional right to abortion for millions of poor and young mothers in the US. Historically, this will be rightly perceived as one of the major steps backwards in improving the rights of women at large. How can such acts of political polarization by Supreme Court judges ever go well with the progressive attitudes prevailing in the European Union and UK, where women right to make the final decision over their bodies forms the basis of many new laws adopted across the continent. Abortions are safe in Europe, and women can decide to take an abortion in case of rape and unwanted pregnancies while they are taking an education and are not fully prepared to take the responsibilities that come along with early parenthood. In Europe, better rights for women have meant that children often have mothers who have wanted them eagerly and have not been forced.

To give birth, resulting in an increase in adoption cases. Such cases have been reduced drastically. It is alarming that half of the states in the US are expected to introduce new restrictions or bans on abortion. America has better things to do than passing laws to take a step backwards for women rights. The global contest for a new world order has begun, a sort of new cold war is already a reality, and both America and India need to win this war of opinion in their favor. China is offering infrastructures to poor countries and in return gaining access to cheap energy and rare resources needed to strengthen its production of goods, which in return makes it comparatively a stronger state as days go by, and one day we might have to live in a global order based on Confucian values and not democratic values. We have more or less lived in a world order dominated by US for last three decades, but because of disastrous foreign policy mistakes in the Middle East, Afghanistan, and now in Ukraine, US is now emboldening the bond between Russia and China, which will prove detrimental to the continuation of a democratic world order. American policy makers are not realizing the threat from China, which has gradually increased its military might and is also winning the battle of hearts and minds in Africa. Both America and Europe need to champion the reproductive rights of women and willingness to share wealth, knowledge and lifesaving drugs and vaccines. Having had such a big surplus of vaccines, yet lacking the will to share it with poor countries of the South, does not send a good signal to people living in the global south. Especially America is losing the sight of a future where it could possibly get dethroned by a rising power, China, resulting a huge loss of democratic rights for many people. But before America enters the contest it needs to gets its own house in order by preventing the country from getting further polarized. It also needs to strengthen its relations with India because it offers an alternative to Asians, where progress in economic wellbeing can still be reached without compromising the right to freedom of speech. Both India and America need to embrace the diversity existing within its boundaries, respect the rights of minorities and women and basically fix their own houses before embarking on the mission of winning the next cold war. The US and India being the oldest and largest democracies, respectively, need to combat inequality and racism, reduce forced and arranged marriages and do their utmost to protect women reproductive rights. India and America have been extremely poor in explaining to the world that freedom of speech in particular and basic political, social, and economic rights of all citizens make their models unique and desirable. And if there is anything worse than the alteration of comfort food, it the eradication of it. Old world Bengali sweet shops are closing.

Down and with it, many of their niches developing products are being lost, wiped out like dinosaurs by the comets of capitalism. As for inheritance theory, since positive attitude is not a physical feature but a mental faculty, it cannot be purely hereditary. It can be developed. Moreover, parents play features a major role in developing this inheritance quality of a child. A child, who watches his parents working hard, having faith developing in is likely to develop a similar feature attitude. The children feature of short over and developing feature nervous parents May developing assumes similar inheritance characteristics when they grow up. Psychologists, therefore, feature developing prescribe a code feature of that feature the children emulate these qualities. They must be taught the feature importance of being positive before, during inheritance and after the performance of a task. There is no developing better education for a child than watching developing inheritance feature his parents come out of a tough situation by means of earnest feature endeavours. Such success not only gives more joy but also increases developing self. Instead strange new mutations are being inheritance feature sprouted sands in panache or inheritance some developing other variant of great know how helpful stretching can be. Performing dynamic stretches prior to exercise in the gym can help prepare your muscles. Not the only gym, but it can also help you improve your performance in dance or an athletic event. It is only natural that your muscles get tense when you experience physical or emotional stress. This is because the tightening of muscles your muscles is the response of the body towards stress. All you need to do is focus on the areas of your body where you feel the stress, such as your neck, shoulders, etc. and stretch muscles those parts of your body. And one wonders if the last two years of a global pandemic have not taught us that fish and seafood are natural sources of dietary iodine. Dairy products muscles also supply iodine in the diet at varying levels. During lactation, the breast concentrates iodine in milk so be a good source of iodine as long as the iodine intake of a mother is adequate. Plants grown in iodine rich soil are also good sources. However, this is not a reliable source of muscles iodine since there is no way of knowing iodine daily to the diet. Most multivitamin mineral supplements contain muscles 150 micrograms of iodine. With the safe upper limit of daily iodine intake for adults set at 1,100 micrograms by the IOM it is unlikely to hit an excess amount when including a multivitamin muscles and including natural sources of dietary iodine. The trend of eating less table salt, dairy and muscles bread has some experts concerned that iodine deficiency could be on the rise again. Eating a muscle healthy, balanced diet that includes iodine rich foods and iodized salt is key to good health. Out of nowhere and keep changing are not always good.

Pet tortoises are popular pets for many people since they are quiet, cute, and tortoises do not shed any fur. But tortoises can live a very long time, anywhere from 50 to 100 years. If you take one as a pet be prepared to provide a lifetime of care and consider that your pet tortoises might even outlive you. Most tortoises are unassertive and tend to be shy. Unless two males are put into an enclosure with each other. This is not advisable as male tortoises could become aggressive toward each other and even attack each other, tortoises sometimes resulting in serious injuries. Most tortoises are too large to handle as adults, and it is advisable not to handle them to any great degree when the tortoise stress, which often leads to illness if the stressful situation is ongoing. The biggest drawback to a pet tortoise for most people is tortoises their long Lifespan. Larger tortoises, like the sulfates, can live for up to 80 years, you will tortoises need to have a plan for caring for a pet tortoise in their old age. Many tortoise species are fairly large and need a decent sized enclosure, preferably outdoors. Because of these preferable housing arrangement, net tortoises are best suited for areas with milder climates. Depending on the temperatures tortoises where the tortoises indoors overnight or during cooler weather, and with the larger tortoises providing indoor housing can be a big challenge. Some species also need to hibernate, which can be tortoises very stressful on the tortoise and requires special environmental conditions. When tortoises constructing an outdoor pen, you must make sure it a tortoise is strong and that you bury your fences if you have a burrowing pet tortoise. Pet tortoises are popular pets for many people since they are quiet, cute especially as hatchlings and don shed any fur. A day in the life of an ecofriendly tableware producer, who shares how her first formal job as a leaf crushing machine operator helped her gain independence and support her family through a difficult time. My name is Rima Seth. I live with my in laws, husband, and three children in Pentagon village in Odessa Chorda district. I work in the leaf pressing department at a manufacturing unit run by the Indus tree Foundation. We produce plates and bowls using the leaves of the sale tree and a creeper known as sail. These are an ecofriendly alternative to disposable plastic products that are widely used nowadays. I joined the unit in August 2021. This is the first time vet been formally employed. This is also the first time I m working outside my home. Earlier, I used to sell Boris dried lentil dumplings to grocery shops in our area, but that did guarantee a regular income. I also became a member of an group because I needed to apply for loans to procure raw material to make Boris. However, with the pandemic, all that came to a halt.

The dominance of major platforms. One such solution is the Open Network for Digital Commerce. It is a ground breaking government-led initiative designed to establish a unified digital infrastructure for all key participants within the digital commerce ecosystem. This inclusive ecosystem encompasses a diverse range of stakeholders such as merchants, payment gateways, logistics providers, and regulators. The primary objective of this platform is to foster an open, interoperable, and highly secure network, facilitating the seamless integration of numerous digital commerce applications and services. According to data obtained from the Indian Brand Equity Foundation India social commerce sector has the remarkable potential to expand exponentially, reaching a substantial valuation of US\$16 20 billion by FY25. This projected growth indicates an impressive compound annual growth rate. The ONDC initiative represents a pivotal component of the government overarching vision to cultivate a digital-first economy. As the government champions the ONDC, its aim is to empower logistics and small retailers alike and empower them to embrace the limitless possibilities that digital commerce offers. Promoting E-commerce and Allied Sectors The ONDC network protocol has the potential to revolutionize the e-commerce sector in India. By connecting various small- and large-scale e-commerce enterprises, ONDC creates an open and integrated platform that allows buyers and sellers to conduct digital transactions, regardless of their service provider. According to the insightful remarks made by the Chief Executive Officer of ONDC, the purpose of ONDC is to tackle the underlying challenge arising from a platform-centric model that has resulted in market concentration, a concern acknowledged worldwide. ONDC fosters healthy competition and reduces the dominance of a few major players, such as Amazon and Flipchart. Small retailers can now reach a wider customer base and expand their market presence which gives them an opportunity to level the playing field in the e-commerce industry. Seamless Collaboration in Logistics The ONDC network also has a profound impact on the logistics sector. With the unified digital commerce infrastructure provided by ONDC, logistics companies can collaborate seamlessly with small retailers. This collaboration eliminates the need for multiple integrations and enhances efficiency in the supply chain. Logistics providers can leverage the ONDC platform to streamline operations, optimize routes, and consolidate shipments from various sellers. This leads to cost savings and improved delivery timelines, benefiting both the logistics companies and the end customers. Recognizing this critical issue, the ONDC initiative strives to introduce an intelligent and ingenious solution that embodies principles of participation, fairness, inclusivity, and democracy. Reaching Rural Markets One of the significant advantages of the ONDC network protocol is its potential to connect small retailers and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises MSMEs with rural markets. Traditional barriers such as limited infrastructure and distribution networks can be overcome through the ONDC platform. ONDC creates opportunities for growth and economic empowerment in previously untapped regions by enabling small retailers to access rural markets. Additionally, rural customers gain access to a wider range of products and services, fostering inclusive economic development. Boosting Last-Mile Connectivity ONDC plays a pivotal role in bolstering last-mile connectivity, a critical aspect of e-commerce logistics. With the open and integrated nature of ONDC, logistics tech firms can expect.

To expand their business by providing innovative solutions for efficient last-mile delivery. These tech-driven solutions include real-time tracking, route optimization, and automated delivery notifications. One such example is Ships last-mile modules, which integrate seamlessly with the ONDC network. Ships advanced technology helps logistics companies streamline their last-mile operations, improving delivery speed, accuracy, and customer satisfaction. Logistics providers can overcome the challenges of last-mile connectivity by leveraging technology while making the ecosystem more robust and reliable. Conclusion The Open Network for Digital Commerce is set to revolutionize the e-commerce landscape in India. With its open and integrated platform promotes healthy competition, facilitates seamless collaboration between logistics companies and small retailers, and enables them to reach rural markets. The impact of on logistics and small retailers cannot be overstated. This game-changing network protocol opens up new avenues for growth, drives inclusive economic development, and strengthens last-mile connectivity. As the e-commerce industry continues to evolve, innovative solutions like and complementary technologies like Ships last-mile modules are set to reshape the future of e-commerce in India, empowering small retailers and delivering unparalleled convenience to customers across the country. Today is July 11 and marked as World Population Day and I want to highlight one of the pressing issues of early marriage and adolescent pregnancy which are interconnected social issues that persist in many parts of the world, including India. While progress has been made in reducing child marriage rates globally, India still faces significant challenges in addressing this complex problem. Adolescent pregnancies, defined as pregnancies occurring in girls aged 10 to 19 years, have been on the rise in India. This concerning trend presents numerous challenges for the well-being and development of both the young mothers and their children. Why the rise in adolescent pregnancies Still in many parts of the rural India, deep-rooted cultural norms, and traditions, such as dowry system, caste considerations, and preserving family honor, contribute to the persistence of early marriage. Poverty, lack of education, and limited economic opportunities often drive families to marry off their daughters at a young age leads to rise in adolescent pregnancies. Let take a look at some of the contributing factors leading to the rise in adolescent pregnancies Early marriage and adolescent pregnancy & frequent childbirth with less gap between pregnancies in an adolescent remain a significant challenge in India, with far-reaching consequences for individuals, families, and society at large. Adolescent pregnancies lead to increased maternal mortality and in many cases increased infant mortality rates too the combination is not good for any country to progress to being a developed country. Addressing these issues requires a multi-faceted approach that combines legal reforms, education, empowerment, and healthcare interventions. By investing in girls education, challenging the traditions, and providing opportunities for their development, India can work towards eliminating early marriage and empowering its youth to build a brighter future. We need, strengthening of our legal frameworks and ensure effective enforcement can help discourage child marriage and hold those responsible accountable. We need to promote education for girls and raise awareness about the consequences of early marriage and adolescent pregnancy. All this is possible by enhancing access to quality education.

Skills training, and economic opportunities can empower girls and women, enabling them to make informed choices and delay marriage. We need to ensure access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare, including family planning services, can help prevent adolescent pregnancies and promote the health and well-being of young girls. Besides all this, implementing comprehensive and age-appropriate sex education in schools can empower adolescents with knowledge about reproductive health, contraception, and responsible sexual behavior. Ensuring easy access to affordable and reliable contraceptives, along with counseling on their proper use, can help reduce unintended pregnancies among adolescents. We need to continue to invest in girls education, skill development, and promoting gender equality can empower them to make informed choices regarding their reproductive health and delay pregnancies until they are ready. Strengthening healthcare infrastructure, particularly in rural areas, can provide adolescent-friendly reproductive health services, including counseling, prenatal care, and safe childbirth facilities. Last but not the least, engaging communities, parents, and other stakeholders in raising awareness about the consequences of adolescent pregnancies is crucial. Encouraging supportive environments and breaking social barriers can help address the issue effectively. Today we complete 24 years of the Kargil Conflict which stands as a poignant reminder of the valor and sacrifice displayed by the Indian Armed Forces. It was a conflict that challenged the nation resilience and unity and showcased the unwavering determination of the Indian soldiers to protect their homeland. The Kargil conflict erupted in May 1999 when Pakistani soldiers, disguised as militants, infiltrated the Indian side of the Line of Control LoC in the Kargil sector of Jammu and Kashmir. The aim was to seize strategic positions and disrupt Indian control over the region. This incursion took India by surprise, leading to intense fighting in the treacherous mountainous terrain. India response to the Kargil invasion was swift and decisive. The Indian Army, determined to protect its sovereignty, launched Operation Vijay. This offensive was meticulously planned to reclaim the occupied territories and evict the Pakistani intruders. The Indian soldiers displayed exceptional courage and strategic acumen throughout the operation. The Kargil Conflict presented numerous challenges for the Indian troops, including difficult weather conditions, high altitudes, and limited access to the battlefield. However, through sheer grit and determination, they steadily advanced and reclaimed control of the contested peaks one by one. The turning point of the conflict came with the recapture of Tiger Hill, a vital strategic point. The Indian soldiers exhibited remarkable bravery during this critical battle, ultimately securing victory on July 26, 1999. The victory in the Kargil War was hard-fought and came at a heavy price. The conflict claimed the lives of 527 Indian soldiers, each of whom deserves to be remembered and honored for their sacrifice. These brave souls made the ultimate sacrifice, putting the nation interest before their own lives. With thousands of soldiers wounded, the conflict remains a grave reminder of the price we pay for the safety and security of our nation. The stories of heroes of Kargil are tales of courage, determination, and selflessness. They hailed from diverse backgrounds, representing the cultural and linguistic richness of India. The families, the ones who can, have been visiting this area, where they lost their loved ones. Their valorous actions serve as an inspiration.

My husband, who worked at a bookstore, lost his job and it was a very difficult time for us. We could even afford basic groceries for our family. A few months after my husband lost his job, a team from Indus tree came to our village. They met with our SHG and introduced us to their work. I joined their team soon after and underwent training for a brief period before becoming a machine operator. Ever since I started this job I have had a steady source of income, and the situation at home has been much better. I spend the first hour or so of my day on household chores. I then move to the kitchen to prepare food for myself and my family. As we are a large family, I usually cook at least four different dishes. Today I am making dal, rice, a curry, and a tangy mango dish that is a specialty here in Odessa. This is the busiest hour in our house. My children are preparing to leave for school and my husband is getting ready to oversee the installation of a tube well in the village. Nowadays, he works closely with our serpent and helps people apply for government documents like Adhere and PAN card. I give my in laws their breakfast first. As my father in law is an 80 year old diabetic with a heart and BP problem, it is important for him to take his medicines right after eating. I then sit down to eat my breakfast. At the production unit, we work in two shifts. I work during the second shift of the day, from 1 7 pm, so it time for me to head out. It takes me about 30 minutes by foot to reach the unit. When I joined Indus tree, I went through their 6Y training in which I learnt about different soft skills that would be useful in my new workplace. I also underwent gender training, where I learned about my rights as a woman. Since undergoing the training, I have become more aware of the discrimination that I, and all women around me, face. I remember one incident vividly. One of my neighbors, who is an upper caste man, raped another neighbor daughter in law, who is Dalit. I also belong to the Dalit community. As is always the case, the matter never came to light. Whenever we as Dalit, as women, face problems, they are always overlooked. But my training helped me recognise these patterns, and I wanted to honor everything I had learned. So, along with my husband, we urged the woman who was raped to lodge a complaint in the police station. Eventually, the rapist was imprisoned for three years. When I reach the unit, I first check if the raw material dry leaves for pressing are available. There a department that is in charge of fitting dry leaves into the machines so that we can start work. There are six machines.

In total, with one machine assigned to each machine operator. Every machine has two dyes one for 15 inch plates and the other for 12 inch plates and both can be operated simultaneously. Once I vet confirmed that the raw material has been loaded, I put on my safety equipment an apron, a cap, and a mask because of and turn on the machine. The temperature of the machine needs to be at degrees Celsius. If the temperature is too high or not high enough, the three layers of the plate won stick together. It takes about 30 minutes for the machine to heat up. As soon as the machine is hot enough, I insert the dry leaves, which are pressed into plates. After working for an hour and a half, we break for lunch. There is an emergency switch that we press to shut the machines temporarily, before stepping out to eat. The machine room and lunch room are different. Not even a drop of water should come near the machines. There are 12 of us in the leaf pressing department, with six women on duty in each shift. We usually take our lunch break together and chat while we eat our food. Today I vet carried my own tiffin, packed with food that I cooked earlier in the day. Often I forget to carry my tiffin when I leave in a hurry, and have to call my children and ask them to bring me my lunch. We return to the machine room after lunch. As one of my colleagues is not feeling well, she steps out to go to the washroom and requests me to keep an eye on her machine. It gets really overwhelming to oversee two machines at the same time, and I m relieved when she returns to her station. Even though all of us are extremely careful while working, sometimes we make mistakes. If a plate or bowl is defective and it does pass the quality check, we have to rework it on the machine. We create two separate piles of approved and rejected products. The plates and bowls that are approved are sold in local markets, in small shops, or in wholesale to an export house in Bhubaneswar. People in my village use plastic abundantly. And so sometimes I take the plates and bowls from the rejected pile and use them at home or give them to my neighbors. Since I started working at this unit, I vet been trying to make people aware about the benefits of using sale and sail leaf alternatives. In fact, just the other day I was telling my children that as per the Hindu scripture, sale and sail leaves, and not plastic, are traditionally used in temples. For instance, offerings at the Lord Jagannath temple in Puri are made in sale leaves, whereas the sail leaf is associated with Lord Krishna, who left his physical body on a bed made from sail leaves. After a short tea.

Break, I settle down on a chair for the next couple of hours. Usually one has to stand while using the pressing machine. However, I m older than many of my colleagues and I find it difficult to stand continuously for such long hours. This is why I requested a chair, and after I started using it some of my colleagues teased me, saying, and Rima VIP ban gayi. Rima has become a VIP. I cook food for everyone as soon as I return home, and we sit down for dinner. This is the only time when the whole family gets together to eat and discuss their day. I catch up with my children, husband, and in laws. I also tell them about my day. I ensure my in laws have everything they need, and that my children have all gone to bed. After cleaning the kitchen and the house, I call it a night. I really do enjoy the time that I spend at the unit. Initially, when I started this journey, I was apprehensive about being able to balance my work along with my responsibilities at home. However, it been smooth sailing so far. At Gallerie Nvya, Square One City Walk Mall is an ode to the banyan tree by award winning artist Aparna Bidasaria. Nature is her inspiration, the banyan tree in all kinds of climes and moods as it becomes her subject of deeper intonations and study. At one glance here are a suite of works that calm the senses and create an oasis of contemplation. In myriad ways these studies take us back to ancient East Asian artists who depicted all kinds of flora to evoke intellectual thought and spirituality rather than just portraying the beauty of the natural world. Blossoming banyan in the same way Aparna creates multiple corollaries in colour, almost like a silent praise for the banyan ability to bloom vibrantly up through the many seasons in the rays of the sun. From the many moods in the autumnal accents of the fall Buddh, to the verdant fertile notes of spring the banyan for Aparna is particularly eye catching, and also considered a symbol of inner beauty and strength while undergoing its many seasons. Here, in her titled work Falak you can sense a deepened praising of the virtues of the banyan as she creates a triptych that moves from the sky to the earth in the prism of scattered light rays. She does not use bright colors to seek, but only light subtle strokes of pointillism and impressionism to leave a subtle fragrant note of dulcet nuances in the world. The notes of tints are made with light dabs of paint to convey inner purity. Subtle and soothing the banyan is shown with a splendid and dignified inner life. The banyan is strong at times, and sometimes delicate and fragile. Its banyan blooms in its own kingdom of elegance and grace in the spring and its very being is both exquisite.

There is nothing more precious than our eyes. It is because of them we can see the beautiful world, do our work, and live. But due to the lack of knowledge on how to maintain healthy and good eyesight, many people lose their vision and need to wear specs to correct them. With the modern lifestyle that involves continuing usage of mobile phones and computers, it is high time that we take care of our eyes and maintain good eyesight. The secret to maintaining good eyesight starts from the food on your plate. To prevent cataracts, you need to add nutrients like lutein, omega three fatty acids, zinc, and vitamins C and E in your diet. You can find these nutrients in green leafy vegetables, salmon, tuna, eggs, beans, orange, and other citrus fruits. Eating a balanced diet will also help maintain a healthy weight, which lowers the odds of diseases such as type 2 diabetes, which is the leading cause of blindness in adults. First of all, you should avoid unnecessary touching of eyes, but if you feel they itch then do it with clean hands. Many germs and bacteria live on hands that can come in contact with your eyes, causing eye infections such as bacterial conjunctivitis or pink eye. Rubbing of eyes is one of the ways how people catch cold viruses. Taking a good night sleep has several benefits such as it helps and makes our immune system stronger. You will feel the difference when you get a good night sleep as this rest will enhance the health of your eyes. Smoking causes several health issues like chronic lung diseases, cancer, etc. It also exposes your eyes to high levels of oxidative stress. Smoking increases the risk of a variety of health conditions that affect the eyes. Yet never overbearing the banyan in Aparna's diary grows in hidden as well as secluded places emanating a faint, delicate fragrance of longevity. With these characteristics, the banyan embodies the lyricism with simplicity, solitude, humility, and nobility as in the Prussian deep blue work Jugnoo. Aparna uses simple, sparse brushstrokes to depict the leaves; the dotted staccato strokes create symmetry, dividing the painting into a balanced composition. In the calm and composed crimson strokes of Rumi, we can sense a sky full of antique fragrances. In the buttercup yellow triptych Pitambar, she suggests a wistful nostalgia for the motherland. The banyan in life as in botanical brilliance invokes self-cultivation. Banyans grow in bustling plains standing in solitude nurturing everything that comes in its wake, it is content and carefree in its reclusiveness and does not seek attention and is indifferent to fame and gain. The banyan is also about living and not existing, it speaks of a selfless life always at the service of the universe, letting go of such desires, and one will be at peace with oneself. Between the pointillism of the Impressionist Masters and the famous drip principle of.

Jackson Pollock, the show features paintings depicting the banyan in different stages, from tender shoots to old stalks, some upright and strong, some supple and bending down. The banyan is also portrayed reacting to wind, rain, showing its adaptability. Indeed every viewer walks away with a soothing quietude acknowledging the resilience and modesty of one of the world greatest trees that preserves in the very dignity of its own living. The show Falak runs till July 24th at Square One, City walks Mall Sachet. Fitch in the truest sense is the application of technology to offer new financial products and services to new market segments in an economically viable manner. India is among the fastest growing finch markets in the world and has over time managed to change the face of the banking industry with several banks switching to digitization as well as paperless and cashless processes. Overtime the Indian banks and financial services providers have gradually adopted technology to improve reach, customer service, and operational effectiveness within the evolving market. However, nothing beats what did to the Indian and world economy; we suffered heavily due to unforeseen economic disruptions caused by temporary limitations on public activities and regional lockdowns. One of the key sectors that were affected the most during was the MSME sector. While several entrepreneurs reported the inability to stay afloat during these tough times, finch set out to design tailored solutions which addressed all the pain points and allowed to reach their full potential. Thus, fitness became a catalyst for scaling they solved a wide variety of problems with their low cost innovative solutions and brought about a revolution in their ecosystem. Besides providing key solutions to some of the pain points listed below, fitness helped reinvent themselves by adopting digital solutions for their business, acquiring new skills and diversifying their customer base. Collateral free loans: In India the segment contributes to almost 40 of the total exports business and yet it finds itself in dire straits as far as financing operations is concerned, considering very few have formal access to credit. Several finch companies are bridging this gap by creating lending platforms, which offer small scale entrepreneurs easy and collateral free loans thus helping them scale their business. Strengthening financial ecosystem. Due to rapid growth of mobile adoption, digital credit and financing have become one of the fastest expanding solutions that narrow the credit gap. While this has helped tap into the large unnerved markets in India it does come with a set of effective legal mandate and regulatory framework that needs to be worked on that our financial ecosystems can sustain. Fitness acts as a guide to improve access to financing and credit for and thus help strengthen the ecosystem. Novelty of products: So far has been welcomed well by MSMEs, it is helping further reinforce trust as it meets the needs of both parties sellers who want to be paid upfront and buyers who want credit for financing their inventory. However innovative offerings.

Like voice based confirmations have become the recent fad. It has largely reduced a merchant dependence on monitoring the phone for confirmation, or even preventing lost payments. This offering empowers merchants to record the net amount corresponding to the merchant collection along with voice based confirmation thus reducing his efforts to constantly check his account. Fitness enables merchants with innovations helping them to carry on businesses with both flexibility and convenience which results in growth, even in these challenging times. Data Privacy and Consumer Protection Despite a sizeable market, the last 2 years have seen a complete overhaul in the work setup. While companies set foot to create a hybrid working space, the focus on strengthening cyber security frameworks become important. As more services are going online, enterprises will gather huge volumes of customer data to gain insights. This is where finch solutions on data protection, acquisition of consumer data and forming safe API come in to play. These solutions act as a safety net which helps both respectively. By now finch players understand very well that they have an edge here over the traditional banking schematics and that most MSMEs have reached the inflection point. However, for the betterment and smooth functioning of the economy both need to work collaboratively. Fitness shepherd MSMEs to move up the ladder by initially assisting and gradually catalyzing their operations to greater heights. In the last few months, there has been a lot of discussion on data protection law in India especially after the report of the joint parliamentary committee on Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019 PDP Bill was released. The joint parliamentary committee deliberated upon the PDP bill for almost 2 years and it failed to reconcile the various dissents raised by various stakeholders. In order to understand the real problem being faced, we need to understand of the background of the law. The PDP Bill in its present structure has been mostly inspired by the data protection laws of the European Union EU which is very different from the data protection laws of the USA where most of the big data companies have originated. There are very significant differences in the approach of the European Union and the USA on the data protection laws. In the USA, it is perceived that the data should not be misused by the government whereas, in the EU perceived fear is against the companies collecting and processing the data. The EU has enacted comprehensive laws on data protection whereas in the USA it is more in the nature of self regulation instruments. Under EU personal data protection laws treated public and private entities equally responsibility to adhere to the minimum basic safeguards are applicable equally to public and private entities. Whereas in the USA, personal data protection rules are primarily aimed at government agencies. So, in crux, Europeans distrusts private corporations more and Americans are more concerned about government invading their privacy. Another major difference between the two systems is that in European Union there.

Are supervisory authorities exclusively to supervise and control the processing of personal data whereas in USA there is no such supervisory authority in fact there are rules for the government and private sector works on self regulation instruments. The more detailed regulation like the one in the EU increases the cost of operations whereas the self regulation system existing in the USA reduces the cost of operations and thus provides better environment for the growth of data centric or data based companies. In the above background, lets us now discuss about our PDP Bill and the regulatory approach taken under it. Under the PDP Bill, it looks that the government wishes to supervise the private corporations like it is done in European Union however, unlike the EU, wishes to keep government bodies out of the purview of this law. This was given a name of a co regulatory model which was suggested by the Justice AP Shah Committee in 2012. Later, in 2017, this view was endorsed under white paper of the committee of experts on a data protection framework for India prepared under the chairmanship of Justice B. N. Srikrishna. It was noted that the co regulatory model was proposed because control regulatory mechanism may be too rigid and may lag behind rapid technological changes and on the other hand, a pure self regulation approach may lack enforcement and may lead to a situation where the objectives sought to be achieved by a data protection law are, effectively, not met. The author feels that the co regulatory model is at the center of whole dilemma or controversy surrounding PDP Bill today. Earlier, we have seen the reasons for difference in the regulatory models of the EU and the USA. The EU perceived fear against private companies and the USA perceived that the data should not be misused by the government. It appears that the PDP Bill is based more on theoretical approach rather than the practical approach. The committees who worked on the subject should have also highlighted and discussed with the outcomes of these models. Like for example the fact that only one in twenty top big data companies is European strict regulatory regime is seen as a hurdle for the growth of such big data companies. The point is that we could have made little more effort to understand the impact of the EU or the USA model on their respective business environment and their respective priorities and accordingly adjusted it to the needs of ours. In the absence of same, today we are proposing a regulatory model which exempts government from liability under these laws clear departure from the EU Model and at the same time likely to increase the cost of business much like the EU. So, broadly speaking, government will access to all the personal data but it cannot be held responsible for the breaches effective raises big red flag for our personal data protection and, on the other hand, private companies dealing with.

Data will be burdened with all kinds of obligations. This is to me neither serves the purpose of protection of our personal data nor creates conducive environment for growth of our big data companies. So, we are going to lose on both fronts. I just hope good sense prevails over the people at the helm of affairs so that in future we could avoid repeat of regulatory disaster like Nestle Maggi saga. I am sure, that is the last thing India is looking to achieve today through its data protection laws. A penny saved is a penny earned is a proverb frequently attributed to Benjamin Franklin. In other words, it a good idea to save money, not waste it. So, in case you want to level up your financial life and you know that cutting expenses will only get you so far, start thinking about ways to add income. Most of us have a lot of household expenses. One way to simplify your life and save money is to reduce your living expenses as much as possible. When you lower your monthly household expenses, you all have more money to invest in your future or pay off debt. While saving for the future can seem overwhelming, if you start by just putting away a little more money each month, it may be easier than you think. Saving money every month by carefully reviewing recurring monthly expenses, figuring out ways to trim those expenses and sticking to a budget is the secret to be on top of the ladder of financial deficit. One of the smartest things you can do every month to save money is to comb through your monthly expenses and see where you can cut costs i.e., marking your wasteful expenses. On an average individual spend 38 to 40 of his earning on household expenses. Here are nine common monthly expenses and tips for saving money on each of them. 1. Housing If you have a mortgage payment, consider saving money by refinancing your mortgage if interest rates are lower than what you are currently paying. This could give you a lower mortgage payment and save you a lot over the life of the loan. If you are a renter, you can compare loan installment with rent paid per month, if both are same than better to buy a property on loan rather than paying rent. Similarly finding a roommate to split cost, signing a longer term lease to score a discount or downsizing to a smaller, less expensive place are the other options to explore. 2. Utilities Chances are that electricity represents the largest share of your monthly utility bill. So how can you reduce your electric bill Start by unplugging unused appliances, adjusting your thermostat to settings that hog less power and turning off unused lights? 3. Food To save money on groceries, try downloading apps that allow you to compare prices at different stores, buying in bulk at places like Costco and Sam Club this.

Will not only reduce cost but you can also avail discount coupons and other gift vouchers. Transportation Getting from one place to other costs more than you might think including car parking and petrol refilling, Among the approaches you can take to drive down transportation expenses are Buying electronic car rather than buying or leasing petrol diesel new car. Sticking to your car recommended maintenance schedule to keep it running smoothly. Cutting back on speeding and hard braking to conserve gas. Carpooling or walking when possible. Insurance Paying insurance not only protect you from future contingencies but also give you tax advantage. While choosing insurance policy, one which secure the future with least insurance premium should be selected. You also can cut insurance expenses by exploring discounts, such as those for bundling policies from the same insurer. 6. Credit Card Paying all expenses through credit card is the best way to plough back your finances into investments. We can claim the benefit of credit period and enjoy the fruits of our hard earned money, provided all payments of credit card has to be done within due period to avoid any interest penalty. Creating a budget Creating a budget will help you lower your expenses because you can identify where you are spending too much money. A great first step to creating a budget is to make a spending plan. Use software such as Personal Capital, which will help you track and manage all of your accounts in one place. You can see your income, expenses, net worth, and more. You can also employ the cash envelope budget system if you want or need more control over your finances. Invest in instruments with fixed returns Warren Buffett once said, The first rule of an investment is does lose money. And the second rule of an investment is don forget the first rule. We should not put all eggs in one basket. So, we should diversify our investment to mitigate risks. For example, invest some savings into bank fixed deposits, mutual funds, government pensions schemes and so on. The idea is to invest regular amounts in these investment classes for a long period of time and generate good wealth. Diversifying is important because it keeps your portfolio away from being too heavily weighted towards one company or a sector. This helps in spreading the risk and ensuring your investments are sound and protected in the long run. Evaluate your spending habits Analyze your spending habits to understand if some costs are unnecessary and can be cut down like credit card bills. Avoiding these expenses can save a good amount which can be directed towards investments Another easy way to analyze and improve your spending is also to prepare a detailed monthly budget. Junk food and entertainment are the most popular categories that fall under unnecessary expenses. One can also segregate budget into wants and needs includes necessary expenses like food, electricity, rent, internet and wants include expenses that we do otherwise automate.

Your investments and be consistent When it comes to investing, regular investments are more beneficial than a lump sum. In a regular investment, one has to invest a particular amount every month irrespective of the price of the asset. Some investment products like mutual funds have options like systematic investment plans SIP with options to automate your investments. They deduct a fixed amount every month from the bank to invest in a fund. This process takes out emotions out of investing and avoids any delays in putting your money to work. It will also make you a disciplined investor. Before choosing investment, we need to take into consideration factors like time period involved, inflation rate, amount of investment and tax to be paid. We should do expense planning and cash management this will align our spending habits and will help us to reach our biggest money goals. It is rightly said, Do not save what is left after spending, but spend what is left after saving. Communication Design, specifically, is a much discussed vocation decision in the plan. The exceptional field is loaded with promising open doors in visual communication, movement, UX and UI plan, data plan, and print media plan, to give some examples. The discipline is a mix of plan standards, sight and sound devices, and liveliness. It fills in as a general media language to draw in and illuminate the interest group about an item or administration. Today, Communication Design is an imperative creative device for building brands, helping deals, or supporting a compassionate reason. The promotions on TV, your number 1 portable applications, and computer games are every one of the pieces of Communication Design While the scene of Design Education in India is quickly changing with an expanded number of plan establishments, understudies finishing their tutoring don know about the assortment of configuration streams or professions, nor in the greater part of cases, have the chance to encounter direct designing, even less so what the significance here to take part in a particular course of plan in a stream, for example, Communication Design versus Fashion Design, or Product Design versus Interior Design, or some other stream of Design. Why should you study communication design Communication design are one of the supposed delicate abilities that businesses tell us are fundamental for professional success. It enables you to develop many other abilities like Qualities needed for a communication designer Communication designer is a field that depends on inborn inventive capacity. This is the very thing that you should begin a profession in correspondence plan Perception capacity, Imaginative perspective, Observational abilities, Eye for detail, Specialized capability, Relational abilities It very well may be learned through communication and design courses or self educated through instructional exercises, recordings and ceaseless practice. Correspondence configuration can be taken up as a profession whenever in one life, including through mid vocation shifts from different fields. Career Opportunities as a Communication Designer Information Designer The essential occupation of an Information Designer is to upgrade.

To future generations of Indians, reminding them of the profound dedication of their Armed Forces. As a nation, it is our duty to honor and remember the brave soldiers who laid down their lives in defence of our land. Here, is something I wrote as a tribute to every soldier who was a part of Kargil Conflict. Obesity is a growing global health concern, and its association with various medical conditions is well-established. Obesity is associated with multiple other diseases such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, obstructive sleep apnoea, joint pains, PCOD and many others. One such condition that has gained attention recently is the link between obesity and hernias. A hernia occurs when an organ or tissue pushes through a weak spot in the surrounding muscle or connective tissue. A hernia typically presents with a lump in the affected area which increases on straining and decreases on lying down. It may also lead to chronic pain. If the hernia gets complicated then the swelling may not decrease on resting and can be very painful. Rarely it can lead to obstruction. It is important to understand the connection between hernias and obesity for those seeking to manage their weight along with hernia. Some of the reasons why hernia is seen more commonly in patients with obesity are as under Given these considerations, healthcare providers may approach the treatment of hernias in individuals with obesity with a more cautious and individualized approach. In patients with obesity, weight loss measures such as diet and lifestyle modification, drug therapy or sometimes even a bariatric surgery may be recommended before hernia surgery to decrease surgical risks, improve outcomes and reduce recurrence. The rich land of art, culture, creativity India contribution to the world in lending its Art & Culture is huge. One such industry we impact is the Handicrafts we produce. What started as a hobby for housewives in small cities umpteenth years ago, has led itself to being one of the most important sectors in the country economy employing over seven million people making India one of the leading export destinations. Leaders Laborers According to the International Trade Centre, women make up for 70% of the global handicraft workforce. It states, In some countries, such as India and Bangladesh, women make up more than 80% of the handicraft workforce. Moreover, handicrafts are often a significant source of income for women, particularly in rural areas where there are few other economic opportunities. However, that may not be playing optimally because there are still many barriers preventing them to be the leaders and entrepreneurs they deserve to be. With lack of access to resources, proper education, training on leveraging their art as a source of income & security, they are struggling as laborers slowly losing the fight to standardization, let alone the constant reminder of gender roles & cultural constraints they are subjected to. Vocal for Local A Wake Up Call Had they the awareness & an education to represent themselves in avenues, trade fairs, establish an online presence, they would compete in the global market as brand owners they deserve to be. In lieu of this, the Atmanirbhar Bharat Bahaman was launched to empower local artisans to manufacture locally and launched a vocal for local call for citizens to invest in & promote Indian craftsmanship. Subsequently, an e-commerce platform was also launched by the Ministry of Textiles to leverage 4,00,000 Common Service Centers CSCs that were primarily set up to offer e-services in remote areas with limited access to internet. This partnership with India Post was done to enable artisans.

To go online with their products and become competitive. But naturally, the resistance stems from lack of training. Educate a Woman, Educate a Nation, By All Means Despite the contribution to the economy and being a favorable export destination, Indian handloom weavers bring home less than INR5000 month as per All India Handloom Census. E-commerce With digitization sweeping over industries, especially post the pandemic, it should be a blasphemy to not build our e-commerce portfolio. Unfortunately, Indian artisans are largely missing from the scene. As per a survey by Digital Empowerment Foundation, approximately 20% of artisans have received any training in digital selling. Inaccessibility, language barriers, limited entrepreneurial skills amongst other reasons lead to them losing out big. We need to close this gap. Further, they are either bogged down by the e-commerce giants or unable to pay the expensive fees to multiple avenues at the same time to increase their visibility. To tackle these issues, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry launched an ONDC, The Open Network for Digital Commerce initiative to help & encourage artisans for digital selling. It more like an online market and community-led network that displays products and services from all participating e-commerce platforms that are a part of its network. This is especially beneficial for small artisans. Up skilling training That the game will change once we train & up skill women artisans is undeniable, but why and how is the question. With a humungous representation of women in this industry, uplifting them as a society will not only break through the age-old gender discrimination but also help them find financial security and social inclusion. One way is to expose them to the microfinance program that provides them with the financial resources they need to start their own businesses. Straining programs can support them with the skills they need to produce high-quality handicrafts. Further, mentorship programs can connect women to a pool of experienced artisans who can help them in rising in the industry. Here the most important factor in this initiative Eradicate the gender-based discrimination at their homes for them to realize their whole potential. This is an easy task but not impossible and can be tackled with education, policies and opening a channel for them to seek & get help when they can. Further, collective action, the support of communities & cooperatives will help them polish their negotiation power & prepare them for the competition in the global market, eventually. Venture capitalists A report called Landscape Study on Women Entrepreneurship highlighted how the number of women business owners are set to increase by 90% in India over the next 05 years. However, as per an article, only 1.5% of the startup funding in the nation goes to businesses with female founders due to which some venture capitalists dedicated funds to women-focused businesses. This will be a game changer not only to promote talent but also better the lives of so many women artisans who uplift the rural communities massively. Be Their Allies, not a Roadblock Over the years, many seekers have moved base to urban cities but still stuck in the loop of being lowly paid. To support this cause, government offers various schemes to support artisans, some such are Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojna, Mega cluster scheme, Marketing support and services scheme, Research & Development scheme etc. All these programmers work on community empowerment by helping the artisans with human resource infrastructure, technological & healthcare support, financial assistance, equipping them with new industry developments.

The introduction of messages, figures, and realities with info graphics and make them interesting to the peruse or watcher. Data fashioners are liable for mixing non visual components and designs to make an outcome that requests to the end client. UI UX Designer and UI planner essential obligation is to make a computerized item or plan that is natural and intelligent enough to tackle the issues looked by end clients. Their primary goal is to improve the general insight of the client. In the event that it is a versatile application, the UI UX planner should research, test and plan the specialized construction on which the application runs. Web and App Designers the touchy development of applications and sites has fuelled the rising requirement for imaginative and in fact, sound sites and application architects. The relentless development of computerized innovation and the steadily expanding cell phone use are obvious indicators that web and application architects will constantly be popular. The key occupation of web and application fashioners is to fabricate sites and applications that capacity for different gadgets. They are liable for decisively captivating the client with the right designs, varieties, and texts. Vocation valuable open doors in this field are perpetual, and those with the ability to comprehend and carry out imaginative thoughts are consistently overwhelmingly popular. Type Designers Text styles are pervasive. Right from this article that you are perusing now to those utilized in sites, applications, magazines, papers, solicitations, leaflets, announcements, and store shows, the universe of text styles is broad. A sort of creator is an individual behind this large number of textual styles. They are the inventive personalities who plan art typefaces and text style families as a calling. Print Media Designer Print planners are liable for planning instructive, engaging, connecting with, and attractive components for the peruse. They have some expertise in conceptualizing plans, getting ready mockups, and making the last draft for printing. Profoundly gifted visual fashioners have fantastic possibilities on paper media. Animation There are open doors aplenty for talented communication designers who need to leave an imprint in movement. This umbrella term is the doorway to becoming designers in media web illustrations and movement for web and cell phone applications. Publicizing organizations and creation houses recruit correspondence architects with capability in media planning and altering abilities. These abilities can likewise find you in fortunate positions with gaming and versatile organizations and visual communication studios. With the interest for communication design set to fill before long, you might in fact investigate the choice of beginning your own marking and communication design firm as a business person. How many PCs are there in the world today we know that an estimated 340 million were shipped in 2021 and 350 million the year before that and we could go on. The fact is that we had never get close to a true figure, nor account for PC journey to where it is and what it means today. To build a better picture of how.

Far we vet come, let start at the beginning. Our Silicon Age began with Morris Tanenbaum, who fabricated the first silicon transistor at Bell Labs in 1954. A year later, there were 250 PCs in use across the world. Fast forward to 1975 and the Intel 8080 microprocessor was powering the world first commercially successful PC, the Altair 8800, which sold 2,000 units. The rest is history. Today, PCs are our human touch point in the digital world. No longer glorified typewriters or data processing tools for scientists and big organizations, we host meetings with colleagues across dispersed offices, live stream football matches from across the world, paint in 3D and virtual reality, and compete in online games against global competition. In a global health crisis, PCs helped keep us connected to our friends, families, and coworkers. New world, new expectations From our laptops to tablets to smartphones we rely on ubiquitous computing technology to navigate, enhance, and access the modern world. In fact, Tech analyst company IDC predicts that in total there will be 41.6 billion connected Iota devices by 2025. The digitization of many parts of our lives, accelerated by the Covid 19 pandemic, has reshaped our expectations of the PC. The Indian PC market is no different. It managed to continue its growth despite the ongoing supply and logistical challenges. According to the latest report by research firm IDC, the traditional PC shipments witnessed a 44.5 year over year Yoyo growth in 2021 Jan Dec, continuing the upward trajectory of PC sales in India. The India PC market comprises desktops, notebooks, and workstations. A total of 14.85 million PCs were shipped during the year, making it a strong year for PC sales in India. While the Notebook PCs continue to dominate the overall category with more than 80 share, the desktop segment also maintained upward momentum and it grew by 30 Yoyo. Moreover, the pandemic alone put the importance of the PC into perspective by rapidly accelerating the shift of education & the workplace to online models, with the PC at its center. While PCs continue to thrive, the expectations have certainly evolved over the years. Today user expects fluidity, ease of use, and reliability. With hybrid working here to stay, embattled employees require lighter, more powerful devices with greater battery life to enable them to work from anywhere. And PC form factors have also evolved to support these usages, whether it is to work, learn, collaborate, design, or game. Opening today and tomorrow world Rapid advancements in Semiconductor design and manufacturing have underpinned the technological leaps in the PC industry and Intel 12th Generation Alder Lake processors is the next evolutionary leap with the performance hybrid architecture offering a unique combination of Performance and Efficient cores P core and E core that intuitively scales to match whatever workload is thrown at it. The revolutionary approach focuses on optimizing silicon to run a vast array of applications from the cloud to the edge to artificial intelligence with.

Hybrid architecture, a compute intensive workload like gaming and 3D design can run on the P cores with background tasks or multithreaded workloads like image rendering running on the E cores. No matter the user or workload, this new architecture reduces lag and improves multitasking. The history of the PC is one defined by innovation and collaboration and every forward thinking technologist should have the opportunity to move the industry forward. Therefore, Intel has committed to breaking down walled gardens and building an open environment through its Open Compute Project, which applies the benefits of open source and open collaboration to hardware to rapidly increase innovation across the technology industry. We truly believe that creating huge opportunities for developers and users to enjoy faster, more immersive, and impactful experiences is a key factor in reshaping and accelerating the future of the PC. The sky is the limit Computing capabilities now augment every aspect of our lives, spanning across a multitude of form factors and device types. Soon, we will all have thousands of devices at our immediate disposal, all performing some tasks or the other that falls squarely in the realm of computing, whether it our smartphone or smart device for controlling the lights in our home or calculating the safest trajectory for our self driving cars. In fact, we expect that by the end of this decade, every human could have one pet flop one quadrillion of compute and one petabyte of data, less than one millisecond away. The kind of compute performance we have at our fingertips would have been considered inconceivable in 1954, or even just a few decades ago. We, at Intel will continue to redefine the PC experience, but it not a job for one or two companies. By nurturing a culture of openness and collaboration, we will create a thriving ecosystem that will prove that when working together, the sky truly is the limit. What would have been the thoughts that rushed through the mind of Ottakarathevar Panneerselvam as he stood there, booed by 2,000 odd members of the AIADMK general council last Thursday Did he think of his three coronations when he was sworn in as the Tamil Nadu chief minister, when the same people in front of him now were bowing in reverence Or his dramatic dharmayudham at Jayalalithaa memorial in February 2017 that brought droves of AIADMK cadres to him Or was he thinking of the futility of having played the second fiddle to Edappadi K Palaniswami during the previous government even while remaining on paper the party coordinator Was he thinking that in politics, as in life, everything is transitory Was he thinking of giving up Or was he thinking that this moment, his most humiliating in public, will be a turning point in his political career and that he would fight back Perhaps all of that. OPS would soon set out on a statewide tour to, according to his supporters, gauge the cadre mood, expose his opponents and strengthen.

For some students, getting 60 per cent marks is success, for others it may not be sufficient. In a competitive examination, success means getting selected, whatever the percentage of marks. As for inheritance theory, since positive attitude is not a physical feature but a mental faculty, it cannot be purely hereditary. It can be developed. Moreover, parents play a major role in developing this quality of a child. A child, who watches his parents working hard, having faith in success through their words, behavior and body language, is likely to develop a similar attitude. The children of short tempered, over cautious and nervous parents may assume similar characteristics when they grow up. Psychologists, therefore, prescribe a code of conduct for parents behavior in front of their children. They must exude confidence, self belief and hope, especially in difficult situation, so that the children emulate these qualities. Is positive thinking an inherent characteristic of a person or can it be developed in one psyche? The opinions differ in answering this vital question. Some people believe that it can be inherited from parents, and cannot be developed. Others believe that like other qualities it can be developed with proper practice and guidance. Still some others hold the opinion that it is hereditary to some extent but can be acquired to some degree. There is also a section of people, who believe that all depends on circumstances or luck. We need to adopt a scientific approach to find an answer to the above question. No one can get success every time even after making efforts, nor can one fail constantly. Moreover, success has different meaning for different people. They must be taught the importance of being positive before, during and after the performance of a task. There is no better education for a child than watching his parents come out of a tough situation by means of earnest endeavours. Such success not only gives more joy but also increases self confidence. The party if this is going to be his Dharmayudham 2.0, he has to do more of action than meditation. Roadshows, As Dhinakaran had proved, can be impressive if you spend a lot of money. OPS has no option but to loosen his purse strings. A show of strength is important for him at this juncture, but money won be enough to take his journey forward or back to his past prominence. The first thing he needs to decide is whether to go on the offensive at EPS or just speak about himself, his sacrifices, how he the righteous man was wronged, how he was handpicked by Jayalalithaa to be the standby chief minister first time between September 2001 and March 2002 and the second time from September 2014 to May 2015 when she was forced to vacate the seat following judicial orders, besides having a stint following Jayalalithaa death on December 5, 2016, a tenure that ended in his dramatic exit and the rise of EPS, how he had.

One of the benefits of regular stretching is that it enhances flexibility. Being flexible has its own advantages, as it not only improves your day to day activities, but can also help delay the reduced mobility that comes with aging. Stretching on a regular basis can help increase your range of motion. Stretching specific tendon or muscle can improve the elasticity of muscles, which in turn helps in achieving a comfortable muscle tone. There are several benefits of regular stretching, and it should be an integral part of every workout program. It not only helps increase your flexibility, which is an important part of fitness, but it can also improve your posture, body aches, reduce stress, and much more. You can either go for static or dynamic stretching as they both are effective when it comes to the increasing range of motion. According to the studies, proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation or PNF type of stretching is more effective for immediate results. Performing dynamic stretches prior to exercise in the gym can help prepare your muscles. Not the only gym, but it can also help you improve your performance in dance or an athletic event. Regular stretching can not only help heal an existing back injury but can also prevent future back pain by reducing your risk for muscle strain and strengthening your back muscles. All the people who regularly go to the gym know how helpful stretching can be. It is only natural that your muscles get tense when you experience physical or emotional stress. This is because the tightening of your muscles is the response of the body towards stress. All you need to do is focus on the areas of your body where you feel the stress, such as your neck, shoulders, etc. and stretch those parts of your body. Remained deputy for the stability of the government. The other option is to go for jugular. OPS might strike an aggressive pose if he gets a resounding not just encouraging response from people and party cadres outside the general council and district committees. This would mean an all out fight that could end with his expulsion from the party where his faction is hopelessly outnumbered by EPS supporters. What are his options in such a scenario Floating a new party will be an expensive proposition with an uncertain future, so he may look at the on one side and Sasikala on the other. While joining the BJP would be a meek surrender with minimal returns, going back to Sasikala would mean giving EPS a semblance of a fight. Channels of communication between OPS and Sasikala, as also with Dhinakaran, have been open for a long time. A Sasikala OPS Dhinakaran team, however ironical that may sound, can make the division in AIADMK deeper, on thevar goundar lines. And that would be bad news for EPS especially in the thevar dominated south. On his way to Then on Sunday, OPS told reporters at Madurai airport Everyone will soon know who.

During lactation, the breast concentrates iodine in milk so breastmilk tends to be a good source of iodine as long as the iodine intake of a mother is adequate. Plants grown in iodine rich soil are also good sources. Iodine fortification is what most countries rely on to encourage adequate dietary intake. In more than seventy countries that iodize salt generally serves as the major source of iodine intake. One fourth of a teaspoon of iodized salts has about hundred micrograms of iodine. Note that the salt used in processed foods, which is the major source of salt for most Americans typically, does not contain iodine. If salt used in a processed food contains iodine, it will be listed in the ingredients list of that food. Focus on decreasing the amount of salt consumed from processed foods and get your sodium from iodized salt. Seaweed, saltwater fish and seafood are natural sources of dietary iodine. Dairy products also supply iodine in the diet at varying levels. However, this is not a reliable source of iodine since there is no way of knowing whether produce purchased in grocery stores is grown in iodine rich soil or not. Iodized salt usually adds less than about three hundred micrograms iodine daily to the diet. Most multivitamin mineral supplements contain 150 micrograms of iodine. With the safe upper limit of daily iodine intake for adults set at 1,100 micrograms by the IOM it is unlikely to hit an excess amount when including a multivitamin and including natural sources of dietary iodine. The trend of eating less table salt, dairy and bread has some experts concerned that iodine deficiency could be on the rise again. Eating a healthy, balanced diet that includes iodine rich foods and iodized salt is key to good health.

spun the web of treachery. True cadres and people will decide my future. Sasikala, meanwhile, had embarked on what she calls a revolutionary tour to defend the rights of Tamil soil and dignity of women. She told reporters on Sunday that she would set right the party and make it win under a single leader. Two ambitious two journeys. Shall the twain meet? During lactation, the breast concentrates iodine in milk so breastmilk tends to be a good source of iodine as long as the iodine intake of a mother is adequate. Plants grown in iodine rich soil are also good sources. However, this is not a reliable source of iodine since there is no way of knowing whether produce purchased in grocery stores is grown in iodine rich soil or not. Iodized salt usually adds less than about three hundred micrograms iodine daily to the diet. Most multivitamin mineral supplements contain 150 micrograms of iodine. With the safe upper limit of daily iodine intake for to for an excess amount when including a multivitamin and including natural sources of dietary iodine. The trend of eating less table salt, dairy and bread has some experts concerned that iodine deficiency could be on the rise again.

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Online Advertising is the art of using the internet, as a medium to deliver marketing messages to an identified and intended audience. It is helpful for attracting website traffic and brand exposure, but first and foremost, online advertising is designed to persuade the targeted customer to engage in a specific action like making a purchase. There are many different types of online advertising mediums. Some of them are content marketing and social media marketing. Once you have established a clear social media marketing strategy, you can start to consider advertising on social media platforms. Most social media sites now easily allow advertisers to utilise their reach and promote their products from within the platform. They also include good analytics tools to assess the success of the investment made. This might include a promoted tweet or post, a promotion of user generated content or even an entire campaign that is released across multiple social channels. Content Marketing is another great way to get a brand and message in front of the right people. Its primary focus is to attract organic traffic to a website by improving the SEO of a site, but once you have the strategy and content in place, you can increase its reach and engagement by paying for the content to feature on appropriate websites. Paid advertising can help to increase the ROI of content marketing. That means, without promotion, the production costs can often outweigh the potential return. Native advertising, a form of paid media, is a clever way of creating an ad that follows the theme of the site where it is placed. It is intentionally designed to look like the media where it appears and is sometimes referred to as an advertorial or sponsored content

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The party if this is going to be his Dharmayudham 2.0, he has to do more of action than meditation. Roadshows, as Dhinakaran had proved, can be impressive if you spend a lot of money. OPS have no option but to loosen his purse strings. A show of strength is important for him at this juncture, but money won is enough to take his journey forward or back to his past prominence. The first thing he needs to decide is whether to go on the offensive at EPS or just speak about himself, his sacrifices, how he the righteous man was wronged, how he was handpicked by Jayalalithaa to be the standby chief minister twice first time between September 2001 and March 2002 and the second time from September 2014 to May 2015 when she was forced to vacate the seat following judicial orders, besides having a stint following Jayalalithaa death on December 5, 2016, a tenure that ended in his dramatic exit and the rise of EPS, how he had remained EPS deputy for the stability of the government. The other option is to go for EPS jugular. OPS might strike an aggressive pose if he gets a resounding not just encouraging response from people and party cadres outside the general council and district committees. This would mean an all-out fight that could end with his expulsion from the party where his faction is hopelessly outnumbered by EPS supporters. What are his options in such a scenario floating a new party will be an expensive proposition with an uncertain future, so he may look at the BJP on one side and V K Sasikala on the other. While joining the BJP would be a meek surrender with minimal returns, going back to Sasikala would mean giving EPS a semblance of a fight. Channels of communication between OPS and Sasikala, as also with Dhinakaran, have been open for a long time. A Sasikala OPS Dhinakaran team, however ironical that may sound, can make the division in deeper, on thevar goundar lines. And that would be bad news for EPS especially in the thevar dominated south. On his way to Then on Sunday told reporters at Madurai airport everyone will soon know who spun the web of treachery. True cadres and people will decide my future. Sasikala, meanwhile, had embarked on what she calls a revolutionary tour to defend the rights of Tamil soil and dignity of women. She told reporters on Sunday that she would set right the party and make it win under a single leader. Two ambitious outcasts, two journeys. Shall the twain meet the length to get the ball to move off the seam, does not come easy, even for Shami? It is a long procedure, a lot of hard work is required and then the results will come, said to Shami after the game. I always concentrate on keeping the seam upright, so that off the pitch it can cut. And you could see that today.

I always prefer to use the new ball in the nets also. I keep practicing and try to notice if the ball is going in or out. You saw since the morning, the ball was seaming and cutting and there was not proper bounce. One thing was to keep focusing on your line and length. Baba rammed in 2011 when he started his fight against corruption from there with his fast. Still, the ram Lila ground rally of 25 June, 1975 would remain etched in the memories of all those who came there on that momentous day. On the Maharashtra political crisis, media reports are speculating that the scale is tilting in favor of the Shiv Sena rebel faction. Let, though, look at possibilities in the context of legislative procedures and various court rulings. Official Shiv Sena asked the deputy speaker of the Maharashtra assembly to disqualify rebel MLAs, but the Supreme Court on Monday gave time till July 12 for these MLAs to respond to the deputy speaker notice. In a radical move to choke off energy revenues for Russia, G7 nations will now try to manipulate and limit the price of Russian oil. Behind the risky proposition is the acknowledgement that sanctions and embargoes already imposed by EU, US and their allies have had little impact on Russia war making ability against Ukraine. On the contrary, the squeeze on Russian oil has actually elevated global crude prices which continue to be well above the \$100 per barrel mark helping Moscow earn more for its war chest. True, EU has already pledged to block 90 of its Russian oil imports by the end of the year. But with exemptions for countries like Hungary and pipeline supplies, Russian oil continues to flow at elevated prices, aiding inflation and pushing up cost of living. The G7 plan, though a long shot, seeks to undermine the so called Russian oilopoly through price caps. Although details are yet to be fleshed out, initial reports indicate that it will work by lifting sanctions on insurance for cargo ships transporting Russian oil in return for a price deal. Theoretically, this should incentivise countries to accept the price cap. Also, London based International Group of Protection Indemnity Clubs insures nearly 95 of the world cargo shipment. The group itself would face sanctions if it insures any Russian oil cargo above the yet to be determined price. But while the plan sounds good on paper, it fails to consider strategic calculations some countries are making in buying Russian oil. China, for example, is unlikely to go along with the G7 on this since Beijing and Moscow today have formed a strong strategic compact. Also, how Russia will respond to being browbeaten this way is hard to predict. Price manipulation almost always has unforeseen consequences. A much better idea is the French one of getting Iran and Venezuela back to the oil suppliers fold. But talks on reviving the Iran nuclear deal are caught in the brinkmanship between.

They also aid them in representing themselves in marketing events in India along with instilling an R&D arm where they can come & share their feedback basis which they offer help where needed. In conclusion, history is testimony to the fact how investing in is the most effective way to tackle poverty & help a family be healthy, wealthy and create better communities. Yes, India is making strides becoming one of the leading & lucrative export destinations globally. So, this is the time to help women artisans, the backbone of the industry to emerge on the scene as leaders, entrepreneurs and not be limited to just being the invisible artists working behind-the-scenes delivering the growing export orders but represent the country & its brilliant Art forms. Auto rickshaws and buses in Bengaluru have just been displaced as potential killers on the road, at least early in the morning. It the two-wheelers and cars ferrying kids to school. Sleepy children clinging to their even sleepier mothers and fathers, rushing to beat the school bell. With good reason, some schools, I understand, don't allow them into class unless parents are able to give a sufficiently good reason for the delay. I'm a potential victim of these speeding parents as I amble along the roads of Bengaluru. I am forced to use the roads as the pavements are blocked with garbage, internet cables, empty beer bottles and, worst of all, dog poop. Pet parents proudly walk their dogs for their morning and evening discharge of faecal matter but are cavalier about leaving it for others to slip on and break their bones. That may be not their stated intention but it often the end result. It another matter that the perceived threat of speeding parents has ended in more disasters than already have. So, sleepy parents race through Bengaluru roads, with equally, if not more, sleepy kids browsing their homework on cellphones or swallowing their breakfast. They've got tough teachers on their minds; parents dread the prospect of coming up with creative excuses which will get their kids into class. Why they don't leave their homes five minutes earlier and have a leisurely commute is a mystery I am yet to crack. The scariest part, at least for hapless walkers like me lost in ideas that will never get executed, is at the school gates. Parents swerve into the space around the entrance with much flourish to the accompaniment of screeching tires and screaming horns. They scare the bejesus out of me because they are so focused on reaching the gates in time that all else is consigned to peripheral attention. They park with a flourish, scoop their kids into arms and race to the gate manned by tough security guards. Once they ensure their kids are into the school compound, their relief is palpable and then return with a sense of inexplicable accomplishment. Only to repeat it all over again the next day, five days a week. These days during my morning walk, I dread these Mad Max parents and their madder vehicles. A good option to avoid them is to head to the nearest stadium where the cinder track is inviting and walkers are mostly disciplined and stick to their eight lanes. The chances of collision are few and far between and the only threat to life & limb is a rogue runner preparing for the next marathon in town. Road walking has its unique joys of stumbling upon hidden delights of the city and taking away the tedium of forced exercise. Braving morning parents is just another hazard of Bengaluru life. And I am learning to take them in my stride. As Plastic Free July comes to a close, it's safe to say that most of us were entirely oblivious to its significance that aimed to at least make people aware.

And inspire to save the planet from impending doom. The entire month has almost passed, and the majority of us continued to live in blissful ignorance of the perils of plastic pollution. Oh, what an ignorance! Did you know there was a global movement encouraging us to reduce plastic usage and waste for a whole month? Yeah, neither did I. It seems like the organizers of the Plastic Free July forgot to send out mass messages to inform us about this life-changing month. How could they expect us to be aware of such an essential cause? Ah, forgetful professionals. Plastic Free July is a global movement that encourages individuals, businesses, and communities to reduce their plastic usage and waste during the entire month of July. The campaign simply aims to raise awareness about the environmental issues associated with single-use plastics and to inspire people to make more sustainable choices in their daily lives. The initiative was started in 2011 by the Plastic Free Foundation, an independent non-profit organization based in Australia. Since its inception, Plastic Free July has grown into a significant global movement, with millions of participants across the world taking part each year, but that them, not us. Imagine all the opportunities we missed to post selfish with reusable water bottles with captions like Saving the planet, one sip at a time! We could have jumped on the bandwagon and felt superior to those who were still using plastic bags and bottles. Alas, it too late now, and the moment has passed. But fret not! While Plastic Free July may have slipped through our collective consciousness like a slippery plastic bag floating in the wind, the bigger issue at hand remains. Sustainability is apparently something we should all care about, or so they say at least. Apparently, it won be possible to save the planet unless every single one of us changes our way of thinking and acts like perfect eco-warriors. Of course, the idea that millions of individuals need to change their habits and make sustainable choices seems utterly impossible. How can we be expected to do something as radical as carrying reusable shopping bags or refusing single-use plastics when it so much more convenient to just go with the flow? We have busy lives, you know! In fact, let face it, it not our fault. It the fault of the system. They should be making sustainability the default choice for us. If only every shop, restaurant, and business would offer eco-friendly options without us even asking. That would be the dream! If saving the planet was as easy as clicking the sustainability button, we had all do it, right? But until that utopian day arrives, we all just have to continue living our lives as usual, blissfully unaware of the consequences of our actions. After all, ignorance is bliss, and it much easier to bury our heads in the sand than to take responsibility for the impact we have on the environment. So, here to another Plastic Free July gone by, with most of us not even realizing it existed. But don worry, there always next year! And maybe, just maybe, by then we all have achieved that elusive shared thinking that will magically make sustainability the default choice for all of us. Until then, let carry on with our plastic-filled lives and hope that someone else will save the planet for us. Cheers! A generation ago, it may have been difficult to envision the combination of cutting-edge Iota connectivity and vast fields, but experts anticipate that by 2026, the global market for smart farming will be worth \$22.5 billion. up from 15.3 Billion in 2020 Smart farming with connected sensors, and so much more- What defines smart farming, A small.

Connected sensor that is embedded in a cow collar that tracks and transmits information about the animal behavior, sleep, movement, and diet may be used on a smart farm. With the help of this information, farmers can rapidly identify and treat any sick cows in the herd. When a cow is weighed and milked, the same connected sensor can recognise it and notify producers if it is underweight, overweight, or if its milk might be contaminated. In the future, the milk from that cow can be carefully inspected and treated by a veterinarian. How to make sure that smart farming is powered by dependable Iota networking. The success of smart farming in modernizing farms entirely rests on dependable Iota connectivity across a secure network. As with asset tracking, smart farming depends on connectivity, which necessitates sending sporadic, small amounts of data. Narrowband and LTE-M are two examples of low-power, wide-area networks that perform well in this situation despite intermittent or inconsistent network connections or rare access to a power source, which is typically the case in the fields. Recently, low-power use cases like smart farming have been addressed by 5G specifications. Each device needs an Iota SIM or semis technology to connect, regardless of the network type, whether on a local cellular network or a private network established up by the farm. Having said that, it is critical to remember that linked sensors for smart farming and other types of technology embedded into farming machinery spend a lot of time outside. Therefore, every component of the device, including the Iota SIM or semis technology, must be durable enough to withstand adverse weather and humid or moist situations. End-to-end security solutions can be used to make sure that credentials are provided to the device and all data is exchanged in a safe way over the air once connectivity has been established with a reliable Iota SIM or semis technology. In order to do this, the GSMA guidelines advocate integrating an Iota SAFE applet into the Iota SIM or semis in order to provide a secure communication channel with each device. The impact and aspirations of smart farming-By 2050, there will be roughly 10 billion mouths to feed on the planet and the agriculture and farming industries are tasked with the looming need to produce enough food to properly nourish our growing population. Perhaps farming smarter is part of the answer and smart farms will only deliver on this promise with the most reliable and secure Iota connectivity. The candidates are advised to go through the requirements of age, educational qualification, experience, etc. as mentioned in the advertisement and satisfy themselves before applying that they are eligible for the respective post. In anticipation of a huge number of applicants, scrutiny of the eligibility criteria e.g. age, qualifications, experience, etc. will not be undertaken at the time of the Common Recruitment Test. Applications without application fee will be rejected. All applications with application fee shall be accepted provisionally and all candidates will be allowed to appear provisionally in the Common Recruitment Test. If any candidate is found not fulfilling the prescribed age, qualification, experience and any other eligibility criteria as per the advertisement, at any stage of the recruitment process, even if the candidate figures in the merit list of the Common Recruitment Test, his candidature will be treated as cancelled without any further notice and the post will be forfeited. Candidature will be cancelled at any stage if any information or claim is not substantiated on the scrutiny of the documents by the Institute.

Tehran and Washington, something that suits Russian and Gulf Arab interests. Venezuela presents its own political challenges for the Biden administration. So this will need work. The West wants to weaken Russia, even if it damages the global economy, including Western ones. Level headed approaches will consider facilitating Moscow Kyiv negotiations. Every new plan to punish Russia hurts the global economy.²⁹ The Performance Grading Index is Gol big effort to publish a multidimensional tracker of outcomes and inputs in school education at the state level since 2017. However, since primary education has received the high priority attention many Centre state welfare schemes have, it hard to spot significant transformations. This week the PGI District report for 2018 19 and 2019 20 was published, giving district level data that compares learning outcomes, teaching quality, access and equity, physical infrastructure, digital learning and governance processes. Both progress and backsliding are evident. Eighty four indicators were tracked, including average scores in various subjects pulled from National Achievement Survey NAS data and physical and digital infrastructure in schools from the UDISE database. Details of fund utilisation, attendance monitoring, transition retention rates from primary to secondary schooling, and teacher pupil ratios depended on district authorities providing the data. In a large country, this reporting and aggregation of grassroots granular data to district state levels can tell us a lot about the state of education. But data serves its purpose best when it contemporaneous. The latest PGI report is from 2019 20 and the learning outcomes are gleaned from 2017 NAS data. Much has changed subsequently. The pandemic disrupted two successive academic calendars. NAS 2021 survey showed stark drops in average scores across classes in English, Moths and EVS from the 2017 edition. PGI reports for 2021 22 must be published quickly to help policymakers respond. Recent reports also suggest teachers are struggling to bridge learning deficits accumulated over two years. PGI data points tracking teachers professional outcomes can offer a wealth of data on post Covid pedagogical responses if district level officials conduct sincere grassroots monitoring. PGI reports should also be bolstered by case studies from both progressing and regressing districts. Supplement the data with sharp evidence. Two special coins minted during the Mughal period are back in the limelight with the Centre renewing its efforts to trace them. One of them weighing about 12 kg is the biggest and heaviest gold coin ever minted in the world, and it was minted during the reign of Emperor Jahangir, who referred to it as Kuaka i Tail. The other one weighing a kilo belonged to Emperor Shahjahan. Act 1 involves the Asaf Jahi dynasty: Both of these were last seen with the Asaf Jahi dynasty. Since then historians and CBI officers have together tried to piece together the jigsaw puzzle of how the coins went from the Great Mughals to the Nizams of Hyderabad and maybe together they will be able to also track down where the coins are today. Pakistan planning minister Ahsan Iqbal has.

Urged people to cut down on tea because the country imports tea and for that it has to borrow money News report the minister exhortation to his fellow citizens to forego their daily cup which cheers but does not inebriate has created a toofan in a tea cup. The call to say so long to oolong has caused a public outcry. The Opposition has cited it as a body blow to the spirit of democracy, citing the case of a neighboring country where erstwhile chaiwalas can aspire to the highest public office of the land in a sub continental variation of the American success story of Log Cabin to the White House. Even as tea stall operators across the nation took out protest marches in Karachi, Lahore, Rawalpindi and other cities and towns, a top level ministerial meeting was held to discuss whether Pakistan all weather friend, China, which was where the beverage had originated in the first place, could be prevailed upon to provide, gratis, tea with sympathy to its hard up ally which was holding out not a begging bowl but an empty cup of pekoe. Meanwhile, to highlight how desperate the country economic situation had become former prime minister and cricket star Imran Khan had made an official declaration that the sum total of his assets included four goats, an assertion which prompted critics to say that it explained why during his tenure of office he had made a bakra of the nation and shown himself to be the joker in the Pak. Eminent economists brainstormed in an attempt to figure out the reason for Pakistan financial woes which had brought it to the brink of bankruptcy, and discover where all the billions of dollars given to it by the US over the years had gone. In an unrelated development the ministry of defence indented for a 6 increase in its budgetary allocation to beef up the nation air force, army, navy and nuclear arsenal, not to mention funding its training camps for a local offshoot of the Boy Scouts movement which wore black masks and wielded AK 47s. In yet another unrelated development, the government categorically rebutted the rumor that Pakistan Inter Services Intelligence ISI was officially changing its name to Indications Signalling Insolvency. Since the dawn of civilisation, one often asked question is about salvation of human beings. The supra psychic existence that remains in close proximity to a corporeal framework, and uses that very corporeal framework as the only medium of its own remittances and emanations, can attain salvation. As per ancient scriptures, Shiv states that even having a corporeal structure one can attain salvation, if one changes the idea of microcosm into macrocosm. Possibilities and potentialities of attaining salvation lie in the very existence of the supra psychic being. What is infinite in macrocosm is finite in microcosm, but potentialities are the same. So, what is required is to develop one finite attributes into infinite ones through the process of mystic to approach.

What is mysticism? Mysticism is a never ending endeavor to find out the link between finite and infinite. And when that link is established, Shiv vary comes true, that is, Shiv vary materialises. Para and Amara in Brahman Bandana, while ascribing so many attributes to Brahman, it has been said that He is Parish. What is Parish? Para and apart are two counterparts of each and every existence. Para and apart are two portions two counterparts of the same entity. The seen portion is called apart and the subjective portion is Para. Now, what you see or do with the help of your sensory, motor organs or that external object, in the first phase, is apart and your sensory and motor organs are Para the Para counterpart of that apart. And in the second phase, the next interior phase, those gates or organs are apart and the mind is Para. Then in the next inner phase, your mind is apart and the unit spirit is Para. And in the final phase your atman, your unit spirit, is apart and He is the Supreme Para. He is the Lord of all Paras. Hence, he is called Parish. Best Existence So, when one withdraws one propensity from the objective world towards subjectivity, one attains that Parish. One becomes one with that Parish, and therein lays the secret of sadhana. So, the Supreme Entity is Parish and is also the Prabhu. Pra means Prakrsta, which is the best and bhu means being. Prabhu, therefore, means he best existence. It is said that He is Sarvendriyagamay He cannot be achieved by any Indira. What are indris? There are five motor indris, five sensory indris and the 11th one is the mind. Mind is also an Indira; that is why the Vedas too say, that is, where all the expressions of indris, where all the inferences fail and where mind too fails, that is Supreme Subjectivity. When that mind along with indris is withdrawn and placed into Him, then it is pram sthiti, supreme stance. In that stance, there is no fear. Sarvendriyagamay Satya it is the Supreme Truth, that is, where it is fully established, it is called atya. And what is at ? Sat means hat which undergoes no metamorphosis. So, in this universe of ours, that Parish, that entity, is the only satya. He cannot be your mental object. While meditating on the Supreme, you cannot accept Him as your object, because everything is His object. He is the Supreme Subject. So, what is necessary and herein lies the charm is that while doing japa and dhyana, you should think that He is seeing you, you are His object. With the GST Council believed to initiate measures to tax online gaming at the same rate as gambling, here a listicle that breaks down the concrete differences between the two, explaining why they should not be clubbed together As an industry that has forayed into the big leagues in the recent decade online.

Gaming is now experiencing multiple issues. On one side, the Central government has moved to cater to the concerns of key industry players and the users by appointing an Inter Ministerial Task Force to draw progressive regulatory frameworks for seamless functioning and robust growth of the industry. On the other side, it is speculated that the GoM has recommended levying 28 GST on the whole contest entry amount for the online gaming platforms and has treated it at par with casinos and lotteries, which is betting and gambling. This may prove counterproductive for the industry which is otherwise plagued by detriments stemming from misconceptions around the definition and functionality of online gaming. The GoM seems to have completely overlooked the legal status and or judicial recognition given to online skill gaming by bringing it at par or clubbing it with betting and gambling. The online skill gaming industry thus deserves a pragmatic, globally prevalent progressive tax regime that recognises the industry functionality in its own light. Mentioned below are factors that depict a concrete and meticulous difference between online skills gaming and gambling casino games, and why the two cannot be clubbed together under a common umbrella.

Legal Status Several landmark Supreme Court judgements have stressed upon the legal validity of online games of skill. Following these judgements, the High Court has also corroborated the legal status of online games of skill. Online skill gaming companies in this light are compliant with the rules presently in place. Lotteries and casinos, as well as games that involve betting and wagering these legally come under the ambit of gambling, betting or wagering. Online games of skill have even been granted protection under Article 19 1 g of the Constitution of India. Therefore, these online games of skill need to be treated differently than online games of chance like lotteries and casinos.

Legitimacy of Business As aforementioned, since online games of skill have been held to be legitimate by the Supreme Court of India and afforded protection under Article 19 1 g of the Constitution of India, this affirms the legitimacy of their business. Gambling operations like lotteries, casinos, etc. are considered *res extra commercium* which means that they do not have the right to trade and profession guaranteed under the Constitution like online skill games.

Operational Method of Transaction Online games of skill have a transparent and well defined execution format. The players pay a participation fee to enter the contest. This participation fee has two components. First component is platform fee which is retained by the platform operator. The second component is the prize pool money that gets collected in a trust account held by the platform operator, which eventually gets distributed to the winners after the contest is complete. Online games of chance on the other hand, have varying systems in place, depending on the game. Lottery encompasses a distribution scheme wherein the participants pool in money in the form of tickets, and this is attributed to winners based solely.

On chance elements. Casino games harvest revenue from all amounts wagered in the casino, after paying the winners their victory spoils. Casinos have to pay tax on initial deposit, whereas the proposed levy of 28 GST on online gaming would mean that the gaming platforms shall have to pay tax on the entire consideration every time a user enters the contest. Such taxation on online gaming, which in fact is a mass entertainment medium that spans over 40 crore users across different demographics, likely to put the entire industry on a back foot compared to casinos which is accessible only to few high net worth individuals and available only in a few Indian states. Transaction Means For skill based online games, transactions happen via the digital operating platforms itself. With technology, all platforms are moving to strengthen their transactional portals and increase security, in order to curb any frauds or scams. Since the means for the transactions is online, there are records to back up all relevant data and information on every transaction. Physical formats lack this, especially in lottery or casino games. Value Determination Given the digital nature of all transactions for online skill based games, all records can be tracked. This makes the value of supply in such a business easily determinable. For other formats in this regard, especially physical in terms of lotteries and casinos, it is nearly impossible to track every transaction or record that takes place. This amps up the difficulty in registering the value of supply. If the misconceived and unsequestered notions of different state governments on online gaming are used as the basis for policy establishment for this sector, the outcome that follows would be detrimental and perhaps lethal to the growth of this sunrise sector. Illustratively, higher taxation may discourage FDI introducing newer barriers to entry and the overall development of this sector would come to a screeching halt, which would contradict Government vision on India becoming a global gaming hub given the potential it has to generate employment and revenue. Thus, it is necessary for the authorities to acknowledge these differences when drawing up any kind of measures relating to this sector, from taxation policies to regulatory ones. ALT NEWS co founder and self proclaimed fact checker Mohammed Zubair has been arrested by the Delhi police. Zubair has been charged with hurting religious sentiments and promoting enmity in a tweet that drew the ire of a Hanuman bhakt. Zubair arrest has greatly exercised the anti Mode space. Opposition parties and several known Mode critics have slammed the arrest as the result of a vengeful Islamophobia that purportedly pre disposes the BJP and its supporters to gun for Muslims. Even the British paper The Guardian headline reads Delhi Police arrest Muslim Journalist Mohammed Zubair Like Mode critics the Guardian obviously believes that Zubair identity is relevant to the story. Perhaps taking a cue Zubair legal team too invoked his Muslim identity saying had he not been one he would also not have.

Been arrested just like others who have issued far more insightful and hurtful statements. In the end the court may grant Zubair bail and may also rap the police on the knuckles for their impaired judgment, but a court delivered vindication is unlikely to change one basic fact: That Zubair has not served the cause of free speech but actually imperiled it. For a while now Zubair has shaped his fact checking into a dog whistle. Very often this impish raconteur has called for actions against those who he has claimed have deliberately hurt sentiments, especially of Muslims. In the Nippur Sharma case for example Zubair pointedly mentioned that she had been punished by the BJP for merely hurting minority sentiments but was suspended for something far graver tarnishing the image of the Prophet himself. Zubair was obviously fully aware of the implications of casting Nippur Sharma as a blaspheme. Islamists were soon threatening to behead her on TV and in a grisly video after actually carrying out the act on a tailor who supported Nippur. Before tweeting Zubair could have paused to think that Sharma remarks on the Prophet have been a subject of debate even among Islamic scholars, with varying interpretations of what been stated in the Hadith. Zubair ended up playing to the Muslim gallery and its self proclaimed right to feel offended in the face of any imagined provocation. If Zubair was a free speech crusader he would have been mindful of the chilling implications of his dog whistling. It was only after several ardent believers threatened to behead Nippur that he tweeted to condemn them. Today, after giving voice to the furies of religious obscurantism Zubair is hoist on his own petard. A Hindu devotee has pressed charges against him for his allegedly blasphemous tweet mocking lord Hanuman. It could well be that the Hanuman Bhakt is over reacting but under the law he has recourse and thanks to the likes of Zubair he now also has the right to feel equally offended as his Muslim brothers and sisters. The trouble with a society where everyone invokes the right to feel offended at the slightest provocation to quash inquiry or debate is that it stops being a democracy. It was only when humanity realized the importance of the right to offend that we stumbled out of the dark ages. In Western liberal democracies the right to offend is zealously guarded as it has been reformative. Here, in India in sharp contrast the right to feel offended, sometimes on trivialities, has been quite literally impressed upon the Constitution through the first amendment. The time to unfetter free speech from the draconian provisions of loosely worded, open to misuse laws is here. The cases against Nippur and Zubair only underline the urgency. Have deliberately hurt the Nippur Sharma case for example Zubair pointedly mentioned that by the BJP for merely hurting minority sentiments but was suspended for something far graver tarnishing the image of the Prophet himself.

There is nothing more precious than our eyes. It is because of them we can see the beautiful world, do our work, and live. But due to the lack of knowledge on how to maintain healthy and good eyesight, many people lose their vision and need to wear specs to correct them. With the modern lifestyle that involves continuing usage of mobile phones and computers, it is high time that we take care of our eyes and maintain good eyesight. Secrets to maintaining good eyesight start from the food on your plate. Is positive thinking an inherent characteristic of a person or can it be developed in one's psyche? The opinions differ in answering this vital question. Some people believe that it can be inherited from parents, and cannot be developed. Others believe that like other qualities it can be developed with proper practice and guidance. Still, some others hold the opinion that it is hereditary to some extent but can be acquired to some degree. There is also a section of people who believe that it all depends on circumstances or luck. We need to adopt a scientific approach to find an answer to the above question. No one can get success every time even after making efforts, nor can one fail constantly. Moreover, success has different meanings for different people. For some students, getting 60 per cent marks is success, for others it may not be sufficient. In a competitive examination, success means getting selected, whatever the percentage of marks. As for inheritance theory, since positive attitude is not a physical feature but a mental faculty, it cannot be purely hereditary. It can be developed. Moreover, parents play a major role in developing this quality of a child. A child, who watches his parents working hard, having faith in success through their words, behavior, and body language, is likely to develop a similar attitude. The children of short-tempered, over-cautious, and nervous parents may assume similar characteristics when they grow up. Psychologists, therefore, prescribe a code of conduct for parent behavior in front of their children. They must exude confidence, self-belief, and hope, especially in difficult situations, so that the children emulate these qualities. They must be taught the importance of being positive before, during, and after the performance of a task. There is no better education for a child than watching his parents come out of a tough situation by means of earnest endeavors. Such success not only gives more joy but also increases self-confidence. To prevent cataracts, you need to add nutrients like lutein, omega-3 fatty acids, zinc, and vitamins C and E in your diet. You can find these nutrients in green leafy vegetables, salmon, tuna, eggs, beans, orange, and other citrus fruits. Eating a balanced diet will also help maintain a healthy weight, which lowers the odds of diseases such as type 2 diabetes, which is the leading cause of blindness in adults. First of all, you

Should avoid unnecessary touching of eyes, but if you feel to itch then do it with clean hands. Stretching specific tendon or muscle can improve the elasticity of muscles, which in turn helps in achieving a comfortable muscle tone. There are several benefits of regular stretching, and it should be an integral part of every workout program. It not only helps increase your flexibility, which is an important part of fitness, but it can also improve your posture, body aches, reduce stress, and much more. One of the benefits of regular stretching is that it enhances flexibility. Being flexible has its own advantages, as it not only improves your day to day activities, but can also help delay the reduced mobility that comes with aging. Stretching a regular basis can help increase your range of motion. You can either go for static or dynamic stretching as they both are effective when it comes to the increasing range of motion. According to the studies, proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation or PNF type of stretching is more effective for immediate results. Regular stretching can not only help heal an existing back injury but can also prevent future back pain by reducing your risk for muscle strain and strengthening your back muscles. All the people who regularly go to the gym know how helpful stretching can be. Performing dynamic stretches prior to exercise in the gym can help prepare your muscles. Not the only gym, but it can also help you improve your performance in dance or an athletic event. It is only natural that your muscles get tense when you experience physical or emotional stress. This is because the tightening of your muscles is the response of the body towards stress. All you need to do is focus on the areas of your body where you feel the stress, such as your neck, shoulders, etc. and stretch those parts of your body. Many germs and bacteria precious live on hands that can come in contact with your eyes, causing eye infections such as bacterial conjunctivitis or pink eye. Rubbing of eyes is one of the ways how people precious catch cold virus gears. Taking a good night sleep has several benefits such as it thrives and makes our immune system stronger. You will feel the difference when you precious get a good night Iodine fortification is what most countries rely on to encourage adequate dietary intake. A good length in today cricket is a thing of uncertainty. Not to batsmen as it used to be, but to the bowlers. It can turn a bowler into a menace or a novice because batsmen practicing range hitting find it easy to line up length balls. There are few as good at it as those from the Caribbean. But, with a little bit of nip or some extra bounce from the surface, this batsmen bowler dynamic can revert to the traditional. All it requires is a little patch of grass in the right position, or sometimes even.

A foot mark or a crack Little else about fast bowling is as intricately dependent on the nature of the pitch as a ball on a good length. Not the Yorker obviously, and not even the bouncer which requires more from the body than the turf. This zone was best exploited by the likes of Glenn McGrath, Vernon Philander, and Ryan Harris in the past. You can add Mohammed Shame to that list from those going around today. On Thursday, both Jason Holder and Kumar Roach showed early that there was something on this Old Trafford pitch in that area. Particularly running in from the Brian Statham end. Four of the five wickets the duo picked came from this end. Sprit Bum rap would later pick up his first wicket Braithwaite nicking behind, after changing over to the Statham end, and then one more next ball Fabian Allen LBW by one nipping in. It was from this end that Shame launched India attack and he did take long to find his spot. It was in the quintessential Shame zone, where his real threat comes through. His upright seam is most useful when there help off that length, breaking the ball in or out. The kiddy pace gets exaggerated with the batsman unsure how to line the ball up. The line when just outside off threatens edges, stumps, pads and more. In his first over, Shame had Gayle edging one inside and then beat him on the outside. Then, he had gone on to have Sunil Ambries playing off the inside half of his bat, hit him on the thigh and generally make him look all at sea. It was also from this end that Shia Hope creamed a boundary off that Shame length. Typically such a shot would have received a bouncer riposte. The bowler can then claim to have the morale upper ground. But at Old Trafford, Shame could afford to go one better. He proceeded to bowl fuller than the lengths that he was targeting. It resulted too in what could be arguably Holder did something similar with KL Rahul the ball of the day the seam upright, the ball pitching and breaking in sharply to go between bat and pad and onto the top of the stumps. Shame other wicket in his first spell of had come with him shifting the length other way around. The plan to Gayle, he revealed, was simple. The one thing that I thought was that if I don allow him to open his arms, then it will be good because at some stage, he will go for it. Job done. This was not a hat trick that would make the headlines, but it had given India exactly what they want from Shame, to strike in the power play, and allow the spinners some breathing space before they come into the game. That magic he produces from the length to get the ball to move off the seam, does not come easy.

It is a long procedure, a lot of hard work is required and then the results will come, said Shame after the game. I always concentrate on keeping the seam upright, so that off the pitch it can cut. And you could see that today. I always prefer to use the new ball in the nets also. I keep practicing and try to notice if the ball is going in or out. You saw since hte morning, the ball was seaming and cutting and there was not proper bounce. One thing was to keep focusing on your line and length. In more than seventy countries that iodize salt generally serves as the major source of iodine intake. One fourth of a teaspoon of iodized salts has about hundred micrograms of iodine. Note that the salt used in processed foods, which is the major source of salt for most Americans typically, does not contain iodine. If salt used in a processed food contains iodine, Ti will be listed in the ingredients list of that food. Focus on decreasing the amount of salt consumed from processed foods and get your sodium from iodized salt. Seaweed, saltwater fish and seafood are natural sources of dietary iodine. Dairy products also supply iodine in the diet at varying levels. During lactation, the breast concentrates iodine in milk so breast milk tends be a good source of iodine as long as the iodine intake of a mother is adequate. Plants grown in iodine rich soil are also good sources. However, this is not a reliable source of iodine since there is no way of knowing whether produce purchased in grocery stores is grown in iodine rich soil or not. Iodized salt usually adds less than about three hundred micrograms iodine daily to the diet. Most multivitamin mineral supplements contain 150 micrograms of iodine. With the safe upper limit of daily iodine intake for adults set at 1,100 micrograms by the IOM it is unlikely to hit an excess amount when including a multivitamin and including natural sources of dietary iodine. The trend of eating less table salt, dairy and bread has some experts concerned that iodine deficiency could be on the rise again. Eating a healthy, balanced diet that includes iodine rich foods and iodized salt is key to good health. Sleep as this rest will enhance the health of your eyes. Smoking causes several health issues like chronic lung diseases, cancer, etc. It also exposes your eyes to high levels of oxidative stress. Smoking increases the risk of a variety of health conditions that affect the eyes. Yet never overbearing. Of all modern inventions, electricity is perhaps the most wonderful. To those who experienced its magic for the first time, it must have felt like being transported to a fairy land. Today, we take it so much for granted that we notice its existence only when there is a power-cut and life comes to a standstill. Can you think of all the things you could.

As Indians, we adore Gold. Gold is a joyous and auspicious sign for every special occasion, including family gatherings. Despite its high price, Old Gold remains one of the most dependable metals and has deep-rooted significance in Indian history. Indian markets place a high value on Gold. Selling Old Gold has traditionally been a way to get money during a financial crisis. Most Indian households frequently sell their Gold for cash. For investment motives, people purchase Gold or give it as wedding gifts. Selling unwanted Gold at your home and readily accessing the much-needed cash would be prudent. Given the current price of gold jewellery in India, now is the best time for Old Gold sellers to trade their gold jewellery, including coins, and bars, to reputed gold dealers and get a reasonable price. Selling Old gold jewellery is the most suitable strategy for arranging funds for unforeseen expenses like buying new house property, medical emergencies, child education, and family weddings. Why Should You Consider Selling Old Gold? The domestic gold market has had an average return of 13.0% over the past five years, reiterating how Gold is resilient to economic shocks and volatile world events. Most analysts predict that due to the ongoing inflation problems, Gold will continue to outperform other asset classes in 2023. India is one of the world largest consumers of Gold and has historically been a popular form of investment. Its primary selling qualities include high liquidity and the ability to beat inflation. It is unnecessary even to mention the allure and prestige associated with Gold. It simple to buy and sell Gold. You can sell the Gold and receive cash immediately if you need it. You can keep the Gold with the bank as security and request a gold loan if you don want to sell it. In India, due regulatory norms you will receive only 70% value of the gold while availing gold loan which may not suffice the expense requirement. In addition, you need to pay additional average interest to the gold loan availed thereby increasing the financial burden. Understanding the Benefits of Selling Old Gold in India People adore purchasing Gold, whether as a commodity or as jewellery. However, there are situations when you might need to sell Gold to raise money. Here is a list of factors to support you in understanding when and why you should consider selling your gold jewellery. Meet Urgent financial obligations Gold is one of the most invaluable assets with high demand. It allows you to liquidate Gold and convert it into ready funds that can be used to address pressing financial obligations, such as medical bills, debt repayment, or emergencies. Selling old Gold in such situations can help alleviate temporary financial stress and provide the necessary funds to handle urgent matters effectively. Reinvest your profits to hedge your portfolio You can buy and sell Gold online at market rates, and you can reinvest your profits in other assets based on the state of the market. It will assist you in increasing income and profit. We can have an outstanding financial foundation for retirement, emergencies, or other long-term goals by reinvesting our profits wisely. Get cash in your hand for emergencies Having cash on hand is among the most common motives for people who sell Gold for cash. Your savings may occasionally be depleted by unforeseen costs, such as your child education or a wedding. In such circumstances, you must financially prepare for sudden cash requirements. One can efficiently pay the pending bills if we have the appropriate amount of cash on hand. When selling gold jewellery, especially if it is old, you can utilise the proceeds as an emergency.

Fund Selling Old Gold is a Timeless Choice in India Gold is a safe haven asset when there is a crisis or much volatility. The majority of Indians believe that gold investments are the finest ones, and demand is not expected to decline. Gold is regarded as India most reliable and valuable metal and has found a place in Indian hearts and homes. If you require immediate cash, you can sell Gold online. When you type sell gold near me into any browser, a list of the closest gold dealers will appear if you have gold ornaments to sell. In contrast to former times, you may get the true value of your Gold by selling it to legitimate Gold Buyers, where the worth of old gold jewellery will be assessed in complete transparency. Two years ago, speaking at the World Leaders Summit at the Glasgow COP26, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared that India would achieve net zero emissions by 2070. In international relations, especially in matters related to climate change and its global effects, India position on some of the critical issues holds importance for countries in the developing world. At the same time, he set a five-fold Panchamrit goal on climate while unveiling a vision of sustainable lifestyle. The two pledges and the twin objectives require right fabric of growth-oriented policy framework enabling conducive business environment. The question that now looms large over much of corporate India is how the world largest democracy can be the pathbreaker in the pursuit of making this planet the best place worth living in. In other words, how can corporate India be the flagbearer of this pursuit? Globally, the automotive and logistics sectors contribute significantly to greenhouse gas emissions 24 percent and 15 percent, respectively and the situation in India is no different. When the Petroleum Ministry Energy Transition Advisory Committee submitted its final report recently, it recommended a complete ban on diesel-powered four-wheelers across cities with over a million population by 2027. This is to ensure that Indian cities must adopt green energy technologies such as electric vehicles at a rapid pace while also phasing out use of fossil fuels. The same report also recommended that diesel-powered four-wheelers in all million-plus cities and towns with high population to be eliminated by 2027 and has also recommended a complete ban on ICE two and three-wheeler vehicles by 2035. While the Indian Railways is said to be electrifying its tracks at a decently fast pace, the panel report says that the railways share in national freight should rise to 50 percent from the current 23 percent in the coming 15 years. The committee estimates India total energy consumption to rise from 18 to 40 percent while aiming to have 25 percent of households using electricity for cooking by 2030. On its parts, the government appears to be committed to the national net zero mission, especially in the form of institutional frameworks such as the Energy Conservation Amendment Bill, 2022, which includes important provisions to promote non-fossil energy, improve energy efficiency and establish carbon markets. There will be technical challenges in achieving net zero emissions, especially when committing to install, for instance 500 GW of non-fossil power generation capacity by around 2030 will require massive investments in solar, wind and other renewable energy sources. Some international studies and research papers have indicated that achieving net zero emissions by 2070 could boost India economy by as much 4.7 percent above projected GDP growth by 2036. While huge monies will need to be invested economy-wide for the transition, consumption will be reduced due to higher.

Prices and taxes, including carbon taxes to finance additional investment. There would be overall job gains in a net zero economy but what needs to be ensured is a just and equitable transition for the workforce employed in fossil fuel industries. Clearly, additional investment and policies will be required to reskill displaced workers and train future generation of workers in a net zero economy. Additionally, the government as well as corporate houses must work towards creating new employment opportunities for those who will be adversely impacted. An EV ecosystem will be developed with true global integration of supply chains, products and customers. Therefore, encouraging partnerships with countries that have untapped rare minerals mines, training and refashioning generations of specialized engineers, extensive charging networks, capital-intensive research initiatives like industry-academia and start-ups working collaboratively driving businesses to go beyond Indian borders to prospect for mines and minerals will be crucial if India is to remain or, in the least, take a central position in the global EV race. It is now generally accepted that green technologies EVs, renewable energy and sustainable agriculture will play more impactful roles across industries and drive value. Several reports suggest that while in 2020 green tech and sustainability market was valued between \$10 and \$12 billion, by 2030 it is expected to reach close to \$75 billion. Developing economies, and most certainly India, will have to usher in policy and find innovative ways for employability-focused training and skilling of generations of engineers. Business advisors around the globe are advocating cooperation with several countries on EVs and the components that go into manufacturing them. In this endeavor, Indian business houses, who have taken large steps to usher in EVs, must remain fully engaged with the government and create the conditions and opportunities for self-sufficiency in EV battery manufacturing capabilities as sustainability leads to scalability. The developed world can support India net zero transition by extending new and additional financial resources and technology transfer. Surely, our policy makers are working towards this goal but for this India must also demonstrate that it is prepared to pursue a sustainable transition cohesively and constructively for all its people. Let us, however, also be realistic and cautious, especially when suggestions are being made that the road to net zero would offer India the opportunity to turn itself a more efficient, clean and powerful economy. Corporate India is committed in serious pursuit of achieving this ambitious target. India economic growth has been a focal point for the government, intending to achieve double-digit growth in the GDP. External concerns such as extended geopolitical hostilities, tightening global financial conditions, declining external demand, and an uncertain trajectory of global commodity prices have drastically slowed the growth of many key international markets. Despite these unpredictable global developments, the Indian economy has remained resilient and is projected to rise to 6.9% in the following two financial years 2024-25 and 2025-26 and 7.1% in 2026-27. That said, India GDP should strive to achieve double-digit growth at least 10% to fulfil our vision of becoming a USD 5 trillion economy and, thereby, a global economic superpower powered by the triple growth engines of rapid financial regulations, clean energy transition and digital revolution. Such robust economic expansion fuels overall development and significantly benefits key industries, including the country.

What is mysticism Mysticism is a never ending endeavor to find out the link between finite and infinite. And when that link is established, Shiv vary comes true, that is, Shiv vary mater. Is positive thinking an inherent characteristic of a person or can it be developed in one psyche. The opinions differ in answering this vital question. Some people believe that it can be inherited from parents, and cannot be developed. Others believe that like other qualities it can be developed with proper practice and guidance. Still some others hold the opinion that it is hereditary to some extent but can be acquired to some degree. There is also a section of people, who believe that all depends on circumstances or luck. in Brahman Bandana, while ascribing so many attributes to Brahman, it has been said that He is Parish. What is Parish Para and apart are two counterparts of each and every existence. Para and apart are two portions two counterparts of the same entity. The seen portion is called apart and the subjective portion is Para. Now, what you see or do with the help of your sensory, motor organs or that external object, in the first phase, is apart and your sensory and motor organs are Para the Para counterpart of that apart. And in the second phase, the next interior phase, those gates or organs are apart and the mind is Para. Then in the next inner phase, your mind is apart and the unit spirit is Para. And in the final phase your atman, your unit spirit, is apart and He is the Supreme Para. He is the Lord of all Paras. Hence, he is called Parish. Best Existence So, when one withdraws one propensity from the objective world towards subjectivity, one attains that Parish. One becomes one with that Parish, and therein lays the secret of sadhana. So, the Supreme Entity is Parish and is also the Prabhu. Pra means Prakrsta, which is the best and bhu means being. Prabhu, therefore, means he best existence. It is said that He is Sarvendriyagamay He cannot be achieved by any Indira. What are indris there are five motor indris, five sensory indris and the 11th one is the mind. Mind is also an Indira; that is why the Vedas too say, that is, where all the expressions of indris, where all the inferences fail and where mind too fails, that is Supreme Subjectivity. When that mind along with indris is withdrawn and placed into Him, then it is pram sthiti, supreme stance. In that stance, there is no fear. Sarvendriyagamay Satya it is the Supreme Truth, that is, where it is fully established, it is called atya. And what is at Sat means hat which undergoes no metamorphosis. So, in this universe of ours, that Parish, that entity, is the only satya. He cannot be your mental object. While meditating on the Supreme, you cannot accept Him as your object, because everything is His object.

He is the Supreme Subject. So, what is necessary and herein lies the charm is that while doing japa and dhyana, you should think that He is seeing you, you are His object. With the GST Council believed to initiate measures to tax online gaming at the same rate as gambling, here a lenticel that breaks down the concrete differences between the two, explaining why they should not be clubbed together As an industry that has forayed into the big leagues in the recent decade, online gaming is now experiencing multiple issues. We need to adopt a scientific approach to find an answer to the above question. No one can get success every time even after making efforts, nor can one fail constantly. Moreover, success has different meaning for different people. For some students, getting 60 per cent marks is success, for others it may not be sufficient. In a competitive examination, success means getting selected, whatever the percentage of marks. As for inheritance theory, since positive attitude is not a physical feature but a mental faculty, it cannot be purely hereditary. It can be developed. Moreover, parents play a major role in developing this quality of a child. A child, who watches his parents working hard, having faith in success through their words, Behavior and body language, is likely to develop a similar attitude. On one side, the Central government has moved to cater to the concerns of key industry players and the users by appointing an Inter Ministerial Task Force to draw progressive regulatory frameworks for seamless functioning and robust growth of the industry. On the other side, it is speculated that the GoM has recommended levying 28 GST on the whole contest entry amount for the online gaming platforms and has treated it at par with casinos and lotteries, which is betting and gambling. This may prove counterproductive for the industry which is otherwise plagued by detriments stemming from misconceptions around the definition and functionality of online gaming. The Go seems to have completely overlooked the legal status and or judicial recognition given to online skill gaming by bringing it at par or clubbing it with betting and gambling. The online skill gaming industry thus deserves a pragmatic, globally prevalent progressive tax regime that recognises the industry functionality in its own light. Mentioned below are factors that depict a concrete and meticulous difference between online skills gaming and gambling casino games, and why the two cannot be clubbed together under a common umbrella. Legal Status Several landmark Supreme Court judgments have stressed upon the legal validity of online games of skill. Following these judgments, the High Court has also corroborated the legal status of online games of skill. Online skill gaming companies in this light are compliant with the rules presently in place. Lotteries and casinos, as well as games that involve betting and wagering these legally come under the ambit of gambling, betting or wagering. Online games of skill have even been granted protection under Article.

Therefore, these online games of skill need to be treated differently than online games of chance like lotteries and casinos. As afore since online games of skill have been held to be legitimate by the Supreme Court of India and afforded protection under Article of the Constitution of India, this affirms the legitimacy of their business. Gambling operations like lotteries, casinos, etc. are considered res extra commercial which means that they do not have the right to trade and profession guaranteed under the Constitution like online skill games. The children of short tempered, over cautious and nervous parents may assume similar characteristics when they grow up. Psychologists, therefore, prescribe a code of conduct for parent behavior in front of their children. They must exude confidence, self belief and hope, especially in difficult situation, so that the children emulate these qualities. They must be taught the importance of being positive before, during and after the performance of a task. There is no better education for a child than watching his parents come out of a tough situation by means of earnest endeavors. Such success not only gives more joy but also increases self confidence. Stretching s specific tendon or muscle can improve the elasticity of muscles, which in turn helps in achieving a comfortable muscle tone. There are several benefits of regular stretching, and it should be an integral part of every workout program. It not only helps increase your flexibility online games of skill have a transparent and well defined execution format. The players pay a participation fee to enter the contest. This participation fee has two components. First component is platform fee which is retained by the platform operator. The second component is the prize pool money that gets collected in a trust account held by the platform operator, which eventually gets distributed to the winners after the contest, is complete. Online games of chance on the other hand, have varying systems in place, depending on the game. Lottery encompasses a distribution scheme wherein the participants pool in money in the form of tickets, and this is attributed to winners based solely on chance elements. Casino games harvest revenue from all amounts wagered in the casino, after paying the winners their victory spoils. Casinos have to pay tax on initial deposit, whereas the proposed levy of 28 GST on online gaming would mean that the gaming platforms shall have to pay tax on the entire consideration every time a user enters the contest. Such taxation on online gaming, which in fact is a mass entertainment medium that spans over 40 core users across different demographics, likely to put the entire industry on a back foot compared to casinos which is accessible only to few high net worth individuals and available only in a few Indian states. Transaction Means For skill based online games, transactions happen via the digital operating platforms itself. With technology, all platforms are moving to strengthen their transactional portals and increase security, in order to curb.

Any frauds or scam since the means for the transactions is online; there are records to back up all relevant data and information on every transaction. Physical formats lack this, especially in lottery or casino games. Which is an important part of fitness, but it can also improve your posture, body aches, reduce stress, and much more. One of the benefits of regular stretching is that it enhances flexibility. Being flexible has its own advantages, as it not only improves your day to day activities, but can also help delay the reduced mobility that comes with aging. Stretching a regular basis can help increase your range of motion. You can either go for static or dynamic stretching as they both are effective when it comes to the increasing range of motion. According to the studies, proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation or PNF type of stretching is more effective for immediate results. Regular stretching can not only help heal an existing back injury but can also prevent future back pain by reducing your risk for muscle strain and strengthening your back muscles. All the people who regularly go to the gym know how helpful stretching can be. Performing dynamic stretches prior to exercise in the gym can help prepare your muscles. Not the only gym, but it can also help you improve nature of all transactions for online skill based games, all records can be tracked. This makes the value of supply in such a business easily determinable. For other formats in this regard, especially physical in terms of lotteries and casinos, it is nearly impossible to track every transaction or record that takes place. This amp up the difficulty in registering the value of supply. If the misconceived and unsequestered notions of different state governments on online gaming are used as the basis for policy establishment for this sector, the outcome that follows would be detrimental and perhaps lethal to the growth of this sunrise sector. Illustratively, higher taxation may discourage FDI introducing newer barriers to entry and the overall development of this sector would come to a screeching halt, which would contradict Government vision on India becoming a global gaming hub given the potential it has to generate employment and revenue. Thus, it is necessary for the authorities to acknowledge these differences when drawing up any kind of measures relating to this sector, from taxation policies to regulatory ones co founder and self proclaimed fact checker Mohammed Zubair has been arrested by the Delhi police. Zubair has been charged with hurting religious sentiments and promoting enmity in a tweet that drew the ire of a Hanuman bhakt. Zubair arrest has greatly exercised the anti Mode space. Opposition parties and several known Mode critics have slammed the arrest as the result of a vengeful Islamophobia that purportedly pre disposes the BJP and its supporters to gun for Muslims. Even the British paper The Guardian headline reads Delhi Police arrest Muslim Journalist Mohammed Zubair. Like Mode critics the Guardian obviously believes that Zubair.

Identity is relevant to the story. Perhaps taking a cue Zubair legal team too invoked his Muslim identity saying had he not been one he would also not have been arrested just like others who have issued far more insightful and hurtful statements. In the end the court may grant Zubair bail and may also rap the police on the knuckles for their impaired judgment, but a court delivered vindication is unlikely to change one zealously guarded as it has been basic fact: That Zubair has not served the cause of free speech but actually imperiled it. For a while now Zubair has shaped his fact checking into a dog whistle. Very often this impish raconteur has called for actions against those who he has claimed have deliberately hurt sentiments, especially of Muslims. In the Nippur Sharma case for example Zubair pointedly mentioned that she had been punished by the BJP for merely hurting minority sentiments but was suspended for something far graver tarnishing the image of the Prophet himself. Zubair was obviously fully aware of the implications of casting Nippur Sharma as a blaspheme. Islamists were soon threatening to behead her on TV and in a grisly video after actually carrying out the act on a tailor who supported Nippur. Before tweeting Zubair could have paused to think that Sharma remarks on the Prophet have been a subject of debate even among Islamic scholars, with varying interpretations of what been stated in the Hadith. Zubair ended up playing to the Muslim gallery and its self proclaimed right to feel offended in the face of any imagined provocation. If Zubair was a free speech crusader he would have been mindful of the chilling implications of his dog whistling. It was only after several ardent believers threatened to behead Nippur that he tweeted to condemn them. Today, after giving voice to the furies of religious obscurantism Zubair is hoist on his own petard. A Hindu devotee has pressed charges against him for his allegedly blasphemous tweet mocking lord Hanuman. It could well be that the Hanuman Bhakt is over reacting but under the law he has recourse and thanks to the likes of Zubair he now also has the right to feel equally offended as his Muslim brothers and sisters. The trouble with a society where everyone invokes the right to feel offended at the slightest provocation to quash inquiry or debate is that it stops being a democracy. It was only when humanity realized the importance of the right to offend that we stumbled out of the dark ages. In Western liberal democracies the right to offend is zealously guarded as it has been reformative. Here, in India in sharp contrast the right to feel offended, sometimes on trivialities, has been quite literally impressed upon the Constitution through the first amendment. The time to unfetter free speech from the draconian provisions of loosely worded, open to misuse laws is here. The cases against Nippur and Zubair only underline the urgency.

Following the gruesome murder of Kanhaiya Lal in Udaipur which was plainly an act of terrorism the course of investigation suggests that governments think this was not an isolated local incident. Gol yesterday directed the National Investigation Agency to take over the probe, with the search for international links being a key dimension. Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot echoed the view. He said the murder was meant to spread terror and the information available indicated the two perpetrators have contacts overseas. It bears mention that the two terrorists, Mohmmad Riyaz Akhtari and Gaus Mohammad, who have freely admitted to murdering Lal, apparently belong to groups that believe that the punishment for blasphemy must be death. Indeed, the most chilling aspect of what Riyaz and Gaus did was the videography, reminiscent of ISIS style brutality. Clearly, what happened in Udaipur requires a multi level and multi agency response. A thorough investigation by NIA into Lal murder, with the state government cooperating, and quick, definitive results are the best first responses to the act of terrorism. Interminable delays do great harm to the cause of fighting terror, especially when social situations are volatile. The other crucial job for investigators is to figure out whether Riyaz and Gaus are part of a deadly pattern that will emerge over time. If that the case, it imperative that agencies are proactive in their response. There also the question of the quality of local policing. The victim, Lal, had communicated a threat to his life in a formal complaint. For sure, the state has suspended an assistant sub inspector in Udaipur for negligence. But this horrifying incident shows the cost of states reluctance to implement even most basic police reforms. In state after state, and in incident after incident, local police forces have been found wanting even when clear indications of threats have been available. And finally, all political parties must keep an eye on groups and individuals who can say or do things that aggravate an already volatile situation. The MVA government had rushed to the Supreme Court yesterday after Maharashtra governor BS Koshiyari directed it to prove its majority. SC has followed precedent and upheld the sanctity of the floor test, offering no room for any further delays, forcing Uddhav Thackeray to quit as chief minister. The long window it earlier granted until July 12 to 16 Shiv Sena rebels to reply to disqualification notices was unnecessary. It had raised worries of the floor test getting delayed. Trust motions have served well over the years in gleaning actual legislative strengths amid the fog of claims and counterclaims. Shiv Sena internal drama has dragged on for ten days now. No public interest could have been served by prolonging the confusion. Only more unrest and chaos would have ensued with delays. The pending disqualification notices against 16 MLAs did stall the trust vote as was feared. In 2020, SC had ruled that the pendency of disqualification proceedings against Jyotiraditya Scandia MLAs who had resigned their MP assembly.

Membership cannot delay the floor test. Meanwhile, Constitution Tenth Schedule Para 4 allows a breakaway faction comprising two thirds of a political party to stay in the original party or merge with another political party or a new party without facing disqualification. If it is proven that Kenneth Shined has at least 37 Shiv Sena MLAs with him, the Uddhav faction faces a tough road ahead. Uddhav hopes had rested on mollifying some rebels after their return to Mumbai. But despite his placatory stances, there was no sign of detente, which has now culminated in his resignation. It remains to be seen how Shiv Sena politics plays out in the days ahead: After proving his mettle, will Shined go back to playing second fiddle to Thackeray The MVA experiment is most likely over. Alternatively, can Shiv Sena and BJP rebuild their old partnership There are no easy answers to these questions. With the BMC, Thane and Kalian Dombivli civic polls coming up, Maharashtra politics will be in great ferment for the foreseeable future. In today digitally interconnected world, semiconductors are our constant companions. Semiconductors store our smiles memory chips help us connect to our loved ones communication chips wake us up in the morning logic chips and even aid in monitoring our vitals sensor chips when we are asleep. They are also the guiding force behind the navigation system while we drive and enable us to parallel park effortlessly. It began with laughter. Adding an at the beginning of the word, turned it into distinctly unfunny laughter. So, I started making a list of these single letter metamorphoses saving it for a rainy day when all other column subjects had been washed away. Or, better still, when I could use it in a prevailing context. This week provided both. In a wet monsoon week, a political storm broke out in Maharashtra. The gale force winds blew Kenneth Shined and his do nath Sainiks all the way across the subcontinent to Guwahati, and could also blow the roof off our MVA sarkar. Voila! My single letter spellimorphoses fitted perfectly into this maelstrom. Starting with its trigger, replace b with v. The rebels revel in the five star luxury laid on for them. This drama has been encored right from the Khajuriya Hajuriya tussle in 1995 when BJP MP Shankersinh Vaghela flew 45 rebels from Gujarat to Khajuraho to topple his rival Keshubhai Patel. Operation Lotus has been a more masterful successor. Lavish meals are laid out for those branded betrayers by the loyalists. Changed to hence, dinners for sinners. While Kenneth Shined and his merry men read themselves to the 24×7 attention of BJP and media, they pose an existential heat to governance as well. We may find the ongoing tomato a treat to watch, but our Maharashtra, already in the grip of rising Covid and inflation, is under the threat of total policy implementation paralysis. Fix an before care and it becomes the current scare scenario. The care taken by.

Uddhav & Son to make Mumbai easier on the eye is there for all to see. But that just the view of the Woke, now being mocked by the awakened real tigers. Pleasing Sob and saying Boo to the state is the alleged error justifying their unleashed error. Switch m with p and you find partisan governors granting immunity with impunity to rebels. My spellimorphosis can keep clowning around this sordid three ring circus. Who will continue to underline the Thackeray patrimony, and who else will undermine it How many will stay; how many stray No help will create hell turning the Uddhav eulogy into an elegy. The BBA (Bachelor of Business Administration) programme has evolved dramatically during the last few decades. With the changing corporate landscape, there is a tremendous demand for motivated business people with the specialised expertise and knowledge needed to deal with a variety of difficulties. The three year degree programme provides students with the necessary information, skills, and competence, as well as the capacity to lead and manage multiple business activities and enter the world of entrepreneurship. A foundation in business administration aids in sharpening skills for profitable work prospects after completing the degree. A BBA is a professional degree that teaches all of these skills. A competent entrepreneur should be able to turn ideas into marketable products and services. The three year programme offers a wide range of courses to assist students develop vital business skills, including leadership, communication, critical thinking, and decision making, which they can apply in the future for a successful career as an entrepreneur. Candidates will be able to comprehend a company setup, methods, and progress after completing the course. Many candidates prefer to work in an organisation before starting their own business. With the required internships each semester, the BBA course plays an important role in allowing them to comprehend the procedures and find loopholes. Candidates who complete these internship programmes will be able to think outside the box. Prepare them to endure adversity and to be extremely social in order to form strong bonds and teams while launching new and independent businesses. These internships provide students with a realistic view of organisational processes and assist them in determining which sector of the economy they want to work in. Apart from entrepreneurship, BBA graduates can pursue the following high paying career options: **Data Scientist:** Many people believe that data scientists can only be tech graduates. This is no longer true, as a BBA degree can also be used to become a data scientist. Data scientists use both structured and unstructured data to gain insights. They use these insights to make more educated decisions, build plans, and assist their clients in achieving their goals. It is one of the greatest degrees to pursue after completing a BBA. A data scientist can be trained by attending a course in the field. Following a BBA, one can pursue a PG certification in Data Science and work as a professional in this industry.

Supply chain analytics: A supply chain analyst is one of the most popular courses for people with a business administration background. Supply chain management is becoming increasingly important in the overall administration of a company. A professional who understands the supply chain and knows how to evaluate and exploit data for peak performance is required for a company to be at the top of its industry. As a result, a job as a supply chain analyst is a fantastic option, and one that is in high demand. After completing the course, students can work as sourcing analysts, materials analysts, production analysts, inventory analysts, demand planning analysts, and supply chain modelling analysts in a variety of industries, including automotive, retail, e commerce, and consumer packaged goods.

Blockchain expert: BBA is no longer confined to sales managers, business consultants, and HR managers; it now encompasses a broader range of professions. By enrolling in a Blockchain course as a BBA graduate, one can become a Blockchain professional. As a blockchain expert, you will need to create blockchain based solutions, prototypes, and proofs of concept. To do so, employ a distributed ledger to create smart contracts and distributed apps. Blockchain specialists are needed by companies in a variety of areas, including banking, software, and healthcare. One can work as a Blockchain Application Architect, Business Analyst, Blockchain Manager, or Blockchain Consultant after completing the programme.

Digital Marketer: In today world, this is one of the most popular post BBA courses. The digital marketing industry is currently valued at \$68 billion. And, among other things, it is rapidly growing, making this one of the greatest courses after BBA. During the course, SEO (Search Engine Optimization), SEM (Search Engine Marketing), Content Marketing, Analytics, and other important skills are covered. Following completion of the course, students can pursue a profitable job as a Digital Marketing Manager, Social Media Manager, or SEO Specialist. With business dynamics changing on a daily basis, BBA as a degree has evolved beyond the traditional managerial positions. BBA as a course prepares students with the necessary skillsets to deal with everyday changes and new complexities in order to meet the demands of changing business dynamics. Not only that, but the BBA programme prepares aspiring professionals with new ideas for launching their own business.

The first week of June 2022 witnessed the gang rape of a teenage girl in Hyderabad. So far, six young men have been named as accused, five of whom are reportedly minor. This, once again, points to the fact that women and girls continue to feel unsafe especially in public spaces. According to the National Health Family Survey (NHFS) 5 report, nearly one third of women in India experience physical or sexual violence. Ironically, around the same time, a misogynistic ad of a deodorant brand cleared several approvals and went live on traditional and social media channels. While both incidents are unrelated, we than do this cannot ignore the critical role that mass media plays in influencing behaviour and forming perceptions.

By making Eknath Shinde Maharashtra new chief minister BJP has in effect transformed the Shiv Sena rebellion into a successful coup. Political implications of this tactical move by BJP are many, and we will come to some of them later. Let first recognise that the fall of the Uddhav Thackeray government is the seventh time since 2014 that a democratically elected government has collapsed after losing its assembly majority through defections or rebellions. In all cases but one, BJP formed the new government, thus turning poll defeats into victories outside the ballot box. By making Eknath Shinde Maharashtra CM BJP demonstrated its tactical nous. It also corrected the 2019 tactical error when BJP lost Shiv Sena as a partner by playing the role of big brother too hard. Devendra Fadnavis playing deputy to Shinde, a Maratha hailing from politically crucial Satara and base in Thane, means Sena bigger faction re enters NDA with respectful accommodation. For Sena rank and file, with a Maratha Sainik as CM, the charge of betrayal made by Thackeray father and son will lose some sting. Moreover, CM Shinde stands a better chance to woo Uddhav camp followers than deputy CM Shinde. Unlike Uddhav who never forgave BJP for reducing Sena to its junior partner, Shinde may be easier for BJP to work with. Shinde is the CM but BJP will likely keep many key portfolios. He also helps BJP 2024 cause. With 48 Lok Sabha seats, Maharashtra is second only to UP in importance. In his resignation speech, Uddhav had thanked Sharad Pawar and Sonia Gandhi, suggesting that he was comfortable in MVA. If Uddhav Sena, NCP and Congress fight 2024 together, it makes sense for BJP to have a dominant and happy Sena faction as its ally. The Thackeray clan comeback depends on winning the cadre. Sena workers are unique in that they wield much more influence than foot soldiers of other parties. There of course the possibility that in the coming days both Sena factions will engage in some muscular politics. Bruising showdowns, to which Mumbai is no stranger, may follow. But it important to note that Shinde MLAs come from geographically more diverse areas, while Uddhav has largely retained Mumbai legislators. By all indications Shinde is going for the jugular. A race to corner the Sena party name, symbol, offices, elected representatives and workers has started. The next battlegrounds will be BMC, Thane and other urban civic polls. BMC in theory should be an easier poll for Uddhav since Shinde influence is not in Mumbai. But the ex CM will face a determined BJP and no one knows how the internecine Sena battle will affect loyalties and morale of Mumbai Sainiks. The more politics moves out of Mumbai the less will be Uddhav influence. The fact that most non urban Sena MLAs switched to Shinde says something about the dangers facing Thackerays. They face outcomes worse than losing office. There no denying that plastics are a menace. But whether the nationwide single.

The front of the Opposition Parties, reportedly with 26 Political Parties has named their front INDIA, Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance to take on Narendra Modi led NDA in 2024 Lok Sabha Elections. It will be interesting to find out from the name INDIA, a new avatar of earlier UPA, what do the alphabets INDIA, in reality connote. Indian It is worth noting that all these parties are either centered around a Family, Caste, or Region & have no love or respect for the indigenous Indian or Hindu culture of the country. INC also falls into the same category, also being a family-based party. National Among the parties, Indian National Congress is the only Party with All-India Presence, professing overtly to be a party committed to a Secular ideology, a misplaced line of thinking, particularly in the case of India. All others claim to be secular in this sense in their outlook, which itself is a flawed idea, when everyone is aware that of all the religions, Hinduism is the most tolerant religion in the world as is obvious from what Hinduism believes in, There is only one truth which can be reached in different Ways, or Ekam Sad Vipra Bahuda vadanti (एकम सद् विप्रा बहुदा वदन्ति). Developmental The parties claim that India has not progressed, rather regressed under Narendra Modi, disregarding various welfare measures taken by the incumbent government to ameliorate the condition of the poor & vulnerable sections of the Indian society, acknowledged even by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in its recent report on reduction in Multidimensional Poverty in India covering the period 2005-06 to 2019-21 & also various reforms carried out by the government since 2014 which improved India position on GDP from 10th position in 2014 to the 5th position, also acknowledged by the International Financial Institutions like IMF, World Bank etc. Inclusive These parties claim to follow the policy of inclusiveness and claim to represent a cross-section of the poor & vulnerable sections of the society. However, this is not borne out by the facts. All these parties are either centered around a family like RJD of Lalu Prasad Yadav, SP of late Mulayam Sing Yadav & others. It is a known fact that the leaders of these parties & their family members have amassed immense wealth. Their followers have been under the delusion that their leaders have been working for their betterment. The myth for the first time was broken by Narendra Modi led NDA by taking no. of welfare measures to help the underprivileged sections of the Indian society, the voters of these parties, who then elected the NDA with Narendra Modi as its leader second time in 2019 Lok Sabha elections giving BJP an absolute majority. Alliance The parties claim to be in alliance purportedly to save Democracy & the Indian Constitution. Do these parties believe in Democracy is a mute question. However, these parties are not known for following internal democracy in their parties, as all of them have only their family members leading their parties. Can the combined opposition challenge the Narendra Modi-led NDA? Can such a conglomerate of parties which does not have a common ideology or no ideology, but have come together with a single objective of ousting the Narendra Modi led NDA can accomplish their goal? One of the obvious reasons for which the opposition is resentful of Narendra Modi has been his crusade against corruption, in which a large no. of leaders from all the political parties including Indian National Congress are facing action by ED & CBI. Obviously, the opposition parties do not have any alternative face to take on the popularity of Narendra Modi. There are many claimants.

Who want to lead the combined opposition to take on Narendra Modi, besides Rahul Gandhi, Mamata Banerjee, Nitish Kumar etc. With differences emerging even before deciding the leader, it is hard to believe that they will remain united after the election, looking at the past experience. However, Congress has always hinted that a Prime Ministerial Candidate to take on Narendra Modi in 2024 can be only from Congress. Presence of Sonia Gandhi at the recently held meeting of INDIA alliance leading the meeting as also Congress unilaterally submitting the No Confidence Motion against Narendra Modi led NDA has been a clear indication of the intentions of the Indian National Congress. The allegation that NDA under Narendra Modi has downgraded the Constitution & Democracy is not likely to cut ice with the electorate, particularly the poor, downtrodden & vulnerable sections of the Indian society. They are naturally going to look at the track record of the Narendra Modi led government in providing them relief through various welfare measures. A look at the perceptions of the Urban electorate makes it clear that PM Narendra Modi has won their hearts & that his & the country stature after his visit to United States, France & also the Muslim countries like Egypt & Kuwait & the reception he received there, worthy of a leader of a world power has impressed them. Excepting the committed voters of the opposition parties, the floating voters are therefore likely to vote for NDA in 2024. As regards the Rural electorate, looking at the welfare measures taken by Narendra Modi government like providing toilets, water to households through taps, and providing gas connections are likely to play a crucial role in garnering votes for the NDA. Last but not the least, Modi outreach to the backward Pasmanda Muslims as also his act of steadfastly supporting a ban on Triple Talaq, leading to a swing in the votes of Pasmanda Muslims as also of the female electorate from the Muslim community towards NDA cannot be ruled out. In Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance or INDIA vs National Democratic Alliance or NDA, Narendra Modi led NDA therefore seems to have an Upper Hand during the 2024 Lok Sabha Elections. Thousands of words have been written on the rights and wrongs of the Government of India reducing the subsidy under the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles phase 2 FAME II for electric two-wheelers. It was actually an increase in subsidy since it had been reset to zero. Hence, I do not want to waste your time by making a long-winded story of what actually happened, but I do want to acknowledge that it is a welcome step that the government has continued with the subsidy under the FAME-II scheme for private buyers of electric two-wheelers. The total outlay under the FAME-II scheme was Rs 10,000 crore across all vehicle classes, and despite exhausting the Rs 2,000 crore outlay for electric two-wheelers which would have resulted in subsidy going to zero, the government decided to continue with the subsidies, albeit lower, going forward. The reduction of subsidies has made many people disappointed, but as a venture capitalist, if a business is built on a foundation of government subsidies or VC money, how can it be sustainable? There are of course, other major issues the government and the industry have to deal with, mainly around the failure of FAME-II beneficiaries to adhere to the Phased Manufacturing Program (PMP) aspect. This is a highly controversial issue, but it can be resolved, if both sides, that is the government and electric two-wheeler manufacturers that were empanelled under FAME-II sit down and talk through their issues, instead.

Of arguing through the media. Coming back to the subsidy retention, this is a good continuation of the FAME-II subsidy, because it is not yet clear if a FAME-III subsidy scheme will be green lit by the Government once the remit of FAME-II finishes in March 2024. Even if a FAME-III comes to fruition, one still has no idea whether it will include electric two-wheelers or mainly focus on solving for charging infrastructure. Manufacturers, therefore would have had to potentially live without subsidies from next year, going as addicts call it, cold turkey. However, going cold turkey is not easy and many fail. Thus, a gradual reduction of the subsidy will help the industry adapt to a future where there are lower or possibly no subsidies. Just like you do not wean a baby off the milk bottle in one go, you do it slowly, gradually. The reduction of subsidies will also help the industry adapt with products that users want. The 40 percent subsidy on the total value of electric two-wheelers led to the creation of excellent, albeit high-powered two-wheelers with rapid acceleration, speeds that could easily cross and sustain 100 kilometres per hour and very high ranges. Unsurprisingly, ever since the reduced subsidy has been announced, the two leading electric two-wheeler start-ups in India, Ather and Ola have announced less powerful products based on their existing platforms. The generous subsidies allowed the likes of Ather to sell their powerful scooters like the 450X without making a loss and also funded their development. New products like the 450S might actually be a better fit for India and help electric two-wheelers drive into the mass market. Despite selling over 100,000 units in May (the last month of the old subsidy scheme), electric two-wheelers are still well under 10 percent of the overall two-wheeler market. But I believe that the electric revolution in two-wheelers has only just begun. These new products, which might be less powerful but more practical and affordable could be the opening that the industry needed and also help them prepare for the eventual weaning of the subsidy completely. That is not to say that there will be no market for high-powered electric two-wheelers. In fact, two-wheeler market dynamics prove that there is a large market for medium-capacity motorcycles and there are already electric two-wheeler start-ups out there that are addressing this segment. But the buyers of such products are the last people who need subsidies, in fact, they continue to get indirect subsidies in the form of registration and road-tax waivers and even reduced interest rates on vehicle loans. These are all signs that the electric vehicle market in India is in the pink of health and will only go from strength to strength to allow us to end ICE age once again. Global investors, of all sizes and shapes, are already investing \$1.7 Billion on alternative data management while sourcing deals. As competition to make investments in the best-in-class deals continue to rise, with alternative investment funding quadrupling in the last few years, more and more alternative investment firms are switching to cutting-edge technology to keep up with the pace of incoming deals. Why Technology Matters in Deal Flow Management? In this dynamic landscape, every alternative investment firm must have a strong, technology-backed deal flow management solution. By utilizing such technology, these firms can effectively track and evaluate investment opportunities, ensuring that they stay at the forefront of the rapidly evolving investment landscape. As the alternative investment industry continues getting more sophisticated and professional with time, more and more.

Use plastic ban beginning from today will be an effective counteraction is in doubt. Tonnes of plastic waste are dumped at landfills or out into the open oceans where they disintegrate into tiny microplastics that find their way into marine life or terrestrial animals. From there they eventually enter the human food chain. The Central Pollution Control Board had estimated that India generates around 9,200 metric tonnes of plastic waste daily. This is most likely a gross underestimation. Gol notified the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2021 in August last year, prohibiting 20 single use plastic items by 2022. Nineteen of those will be banned from today, including ubiquitous plastic cutleries. Plastic carry bags with a thickness less than 120 microns will be banned from end of December. True, experts have pointed out that the scope of the ban is too small. But even the current effort is unlikely to succeed in a meaningful way. The problem is that alternatives to everyday plastic items are far more expensive. For example, paper straws cost five times as much as plastic straws. With such economics, the single use plastic ban is likely to hurt small vendors and manufacturers disproportionately. And given current inflation levels, there are far greater incentives to breach the ban. Remote possibilities of paying steep fines and jail time won blunt that incentive. A better approach would be to work with the plastic industry to foster innovation and boost production of compostable plastics. In fact, Gol should support the creation of an entire waste management system around compostable plastics from labelling to setting up industrial composting units. These are tougher jobs than issuing ban orders. But they have a much better shot at reducing the damage plastics do. Implementation of GST exactly five years ago was considered as the largest post Independence tax reform. It became a reality after preparation of more than a decade. How did this most difficult reform come about Political commitment to GST: The first and foremost was the political will of Gol under the leadership of PM Modi. The second most important factor was the persuasive ability of former finance minister Arun Jaitley, who was accepted across all political parties. Therefore, it was easy for the GST Council to take important decisions relating to the framework of GST in 18 meetings which were held prior to implementation of GST on July 1, 2017. The great Indian diaspora is famous the world over precisely because it is all over the planet. However, what is not so famous or, more aptly, infamous is that other enforced diaspora of the country ancient heritage in the form of cultural and religious sculptures and other priceless artefacts that were appropriated by fair means or foul, mainly foul and taken away to far flung lands. India was called the Jewel in the Crown of the British Empire, an analogy which wittingly or otherwise testifies to the British expropriation of the historic Kohinoor diamond in 1849 after the annexation of Punjab.

During the reign of the 11 year old puppet ruler, Duleep Singh. Obtained by an act of larceny akin to taking candy from a kid, the fabled 105.6 carat gemstone now reposes in the Tower of London as part of the Crown Jewels, held hostage under the beady eyes of Beefeater guards while Westminster turns a conveniently deaf ear to India repeated demands for its release from unlawful custody. But if the Kohinoor still remains a Kohi door, a distant prize, according to a government spokesperson, since 1976 India has managed to retrieve 216 antiquities from foreign possession. Earlier this year, as a curtain raiser to the Australia India summit, 29 heirlooms from the country ancient past were redeemed from Down Under. In a variation of the Vande Bharat rescue mission which flew stranded Indians home from abroad during the pandemic, a number of notable artefacts have been given a red carpet homecoming to their country of origin, including an image of Avalokiteshvara Padmapani which has been spirited away from Gaya in Bihar and ended up in Italy. However, the sad state of too many of our heritage monuments, which bear the scars of less than benign neglect on the part of officialdom as well as deliberate vandalism by the lay public, might not cause some to wonder if, as in the case of the human diaspora, the objects of this other diaspora are not better off in their adoptive countries than they might have been in their homeland. In which case this alternative form of ghar wapsi, like the original variant, may indeed be a mixed blessing. We keep drawing boundaries around ourselves our imaginary limitations, our equally imaginary sense of belonging to one category of people. Some differences exist, like that of gender. Some differences are created like that of caste, creed, colour, nationalities and religion. One of man intrinsic qualities is to look for and make differences. That is how we identify each other. Passports ask for identification marks to make you stand apart from another. So, our obsession with national boundaries, be they in the form of visas and entry permits or citizenships, is nothing new. The attitude that our Parliament wears at its entrance though is refreshingly new and has a story behind it. Inscribed in stone are the words, Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, meaning the world is one family. It is in the true spirit of respecting all human life. The story is from the Panchatantra, a section dealing with the unknown. It is about four friends who had grown up together and were now strapping young men. Three of them were highly educated, the fourth, uneducated. But they were good friends, nevertheless. In keeping with the way of those times, they decided to go to different places and earn by pleasing the king of that kingdom with their knowledge. When the king was pleased with their scholarship, he would award them riches be it in the form of gold coins or ornaments the four set.

Off The journey was arduous. A few kilometres into their journey, one of the four friends said, We are going to earn. Kings award only those who are learned. Why are we taking this illiterate friend of ours along No king will award him anything. I will not share my earnings with him. Fair enough, thought the second friend. I agree entirely. I think he should return. You go back, he said. The third friend restrained them and said, What use is wealth that is not shared It is wealth only as long as it is useful A narrow minded person differentiates between what is his and what is someone else . To the magnanimous, all people are his family vasudhaiva kutumbakam. The two friends were equally large hearted to see their folly and agreed to let their illiterate friend accompany them. The rest of the story is oft told. On their way they came upon the skeletal remains of an animal. The educated friends got excited. Between them they had the knowledge to bring the animal alive. But wait, cautioned the illiterate friend, it looks like the skeleton of a lion. If it comes alive, it can kill us. The friends shook their heads in intolerance. He climbed a tree. Three of them brought the lion alive and were, sure enough, eaten up. So, reflected the only one alive that even though his friends had been wise enough to recognise the merit in the idea of vasudhaiva kutumbakam, the desire to exhibit their power of knowledge clouded their vision at the time of a true challenge. They could not pause to give him a serious hearing as they did not consider him their equal. The inscription at the entry to our Parliament originates with this story. This is the spirit with which its halls resonate. Ever since it was made public that the Railways was making EQ test mandatory for its top posts applicants, it has created a commotion among the public service community. Going beyond what is Emotional Quotient, raison deter of this alien quality emotional itself for the public servants is under question. But more studious among them went a step ahead to see what this EQ test entails. Well, it was told, as per Google naturally, that EQ tests typically comprise quizzes that gauge the person on four parameters: Self Awareness, Self Management, Social Awareness, and Relationship Management. Now, there was a combined sigh of relief. Most of them have always been so full of themselves, there was no question about not being self aware. But this whole issue of self management was bit tricky because it was all about self regulation. How can they even imagine regulating themselves when for the better part of their lives they had been regulating others in the name of labyrinth of laws and rules (at times reading between the lines) Lording over public and their subordinates alike more so as they climbed their professional ladders. Somewhere this criterion.

Also talked about keeping disruptive emotions and impulses in check. Now this was the big spoiler even without their junior colleagues telling them so. But the nightmare was nowhere coming to an end. Barely had they got over the shock of self management, facing them was this seemingly benign criterion of social awareness. Well, having attended the official social gatherings over the years, not to mention national and yoga days, it would be a cake walk; or so they imagined. But no, apparently this wretched psychologist Dr. Daniel Goleman defined social awareness as being empathetic and caring. Sympathy, yes (with those not been able to make it to the promotion list), but Empathy what was that, never heard of it. And is there any such thing as caring for others in our public service even public have become used to the uncaring treatment meted out to them. However, it was the fourth parameter that acted as a salve to their EQ battered feelings: relationship management. This was something they were past masters of! Right from ACR (annual confidential reports to house allocations to postings, everything boils down to the relationship management. And an intelligent official can very well manage Emotional Intelligence score too, with an appropriate sort of relationship management. But it is better being safe than sorry. Last heard, a proposal is being mobilized to appoint a commission that would devise a country specific EQ test so that the country top officials do not have to be dependent on the borrowed and dated philosophy or psychology. Yet to be developed indigenous EQ test methodology is tentatively named as BHRAM Bhavnatamak buddhi Holistic Random Assessment Method. The merger of mobile services companies would be a welcome development India Pak Border of in World for industry was in India overcrowded was to acquire Indian Wireless start of services by the Consolidation in India's overcrowded telecommunications industry was perhaps inevitable. What is interesting though is that the current wave of mergers and acquisitions, which started in November 2015 with Reliance Communications agreement to acquire Sistema Indian wireless business. Has gained considerable momentum over the last 15 months with several more announcements of deals struck or confirmation of several much announce of struck ongoing merger negotiations having been made. That the commercial start of services from the latest entrant, Reliance Jio, has been coterminous with this latest round of consolidation is not a simple coincidence. Given what some of its competitors have referred to as Jio predatory approach to pricing, the industry has found itself buffeted on the one hand by a sharp decline industry had four in earnings, and on the other by the high cost of servicing the debt that had helped incumbent operators bid for and acquire the much-needed wireless spectrum at the government auction of airwaves. It is this financial bind that the industry finds itself in that Sunil Mittal, Bharti Airtel Geo Tagging in panchayat for GPs Mapping in Bihar founder and chairman, alluded to at the Mobile.

Electricity plays a huge part in our everyday lives. Whether it is at home, school, the local shopping Centre, or even our workplace, our daily routines rely heavily on the use of electricity. The coronavirus crisis reminds us that electricity is more indispensable than ever but we fail to realize the danger lurking around us at office, work place and homes. Electrocutation accidents are one of the top reasons for death occurring commonly in India. As per the National Crime Records Bureau NCRB statistics, at least 3,000 people die every year in electric power related accidents in the country. The data highlights the magnitude of the problem, especially in older buildings which leads to life threatening ramifications as these older buildings do not have residual protection devices built in installed. Cities in Europe and other developed countries have 100 per cent compliance to ELCBs RCCB. The galling laxity In India is often taken in the decision of investing on electrical circuit protection devices. It is difficult to comprehend that this basic piece of information is neglected. With the increasing electrical load and higher dependence on electrical and electronic equipment, it is mandatory that our electrical infrastructure has built in Residual current protection devices. Some of the safety tips that can be adopted to help our loved ones to stay safe: In a society acutely conscious of hierarchies and optics that go with it, there an unusual phenomenon recurring in Indian politics. Defender Vadnais became the third politician from Maharashtra in the last 25 years to settle for a lesser post after having been chief minister. In the preceding MVA government, Ashok Chauvin was a cabinet minister in charge of public works. Between December 2008 and November 2010, he was chief minister of the Congress NCP coalition government. His father Shankarrao Chauvin too agreed to become a minister in a Maharashtra government a few years after he had been chief minister. Another Congress chief minister who agreed to a junior role after having been chief minister of Maharashtra was Shiva Patel Nilangekar. Narayan Range became chief minister in 1999 when the Shiv Sean BJP came to power for the first time in Maharashtra. He subsequently quit the Shiv Sean and joined Congress. Later he became a minister in the Congress NCP coalition in Maharashtra between 2010 and 2014. Currently, he is a BJP parliamentarian who is the union minister for micro, small and medium enterprises. This phenomenon is not confined to Maharashtra. In Tamil Nadu. O. Panneerselvam was former AIADMK chief J. Jayalalitha preferred stand in as chief minister. After her death, he was once again CM for a short while and subsequently settled for the slot of deputy chief minister. These examples may not be enough to conclude that Indian politicians are willing to suppress their ego and contribute in any capacity after they have reached the pinnacle of power in the political executive, but if it becomes more widespread it won be a bad thing as there no academic.

Or professional qualification which can surpass experience in the difficult art of making choices when faced with messy tradeoffs. Good economy and bad banking can never go together. But will privatisation usher in good banking? Why at all the banks that were once private, were nationalised in 1969 and later liberalised in 1991? These are some questions that occur to any customer of a bank when he sees that the union government would like to privatise the nationalised banks by amending the Banking Companies Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings Act, 1970 in the monsoon session of the Parliament. 1970 Banking Act required the union government to hold at least 51 percent of equity. When Mrs Indira Gandhi overnight nationalised the banks in two bouts first in 1969, fourteen and second in 1980, six banks with different capital thresholds, it was just not a political move. Banking as a public good, was not within the reach of millions, more particularly, the neediest, in the rural areas then. When the first stage of reforms started in 1991, nationalised banks were found to have achieved the expectations, ushering in barefoot banking and phenomenally improving the reach through the Lead Bank Scheme and Service Area approach, al bait at the cost of efficiency. The reforms helped cleaning up the banks balance sheets, introduced asset liability management, prudential management, and better and responsible customer service. Within fourteen years, they became symbols of inefficiency reflected in large accumulation of non performing assets NPA. Inclusive banking approach, post 2005, led to the creation of banking correspondents BCs, Small Finance Banks, Small Payment Banks. While in 1991 there were 76 scheduled commercial banks, excluding the regional rural banks and urban cooperative banks, the comparable figure now is 93. From 60,220 total bank branches in 1991 35,206 rural, 11,334 semi urban, 8,046 urban and 5,624 metropolitan branches, the total grew in 2022 to 158,373 rural branches 52,773, the least to grow, semi urban 43,683 branches; urban branches 30,638, and 31,279 metropolitan branches. On average a branch covers 9,500 persons now against 14,000 in 1991. Businesswise, the banks had Rs3.8 lakh crore deposits and a Rs1.32 lakh crore credit portfolio. Three decades later, the deposit portfolio is over Rs155.7 lakh crore and credit portfolio, Rs108.8 lakh crore. Credit deposit ratio in terms of percentage scaled up from 34.2 to 69.88, that is more than twice. The cash reserve ratio or the portion of deposits that commercial banks keep with the central bank was 15% in 1991, as against 3%. RBI ensured more liquidity in the hands of the banks to lend responsibly, while answering the needs of the society. Banks have been given freedom to charge interest rates to different categories of the borrowers based on their risk perception. The core content changed in the banks. Although technology took the front seat, cost of banking went up over the years. During the last eight years, Jan Dhan accounts brought more than 43 crore persons into the fold of banking.

The decadal data between 2000 and 2020 indicates growth in advances in both private and public sector banks and their NPAs too. However, to expect banks to lend without NPAs will be amounting to calling on banks to give up risk appetite. Also, creating mega banks and Bad Bank would extinguish neither their toxic assets nor reduce their losses. The government ignored the experience of the 2008 recession that warned oo big to fail banks would demand more resources from the exchequer than earlier, when they created the monolithic SBI and merged major PSBs to be just ten now from 28 in 1991. Private banks, foreign banks, and PSBs are not on par in the eyes of the regulator when it comes to meeting the priority sector obligations. While agriculture, small industries and small businesses, housing for the poor, education for the poor and transport including boats and catamarans were the priority sectors post nationalisation, their composition and content changed dramatically during the last thirty years. Indian Banks Association, the lobbying agent for the banks, negotiated for redefining the priorities from time to time. The forty percent of total lending earmarked for this purpose is diluted for the poor and disadvantaged the very purpose of prioritisation. Shaktikant Das, RBI Governor, speaking at Ahmedabad University in 2019, recalled the status of banking pre nationalisation: Five cities in the country, viz, Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, and Chennai accounted for around 44% of the bank deposits and 60% of the out standing bank credit in 1969. This led to the widespread political perception that, left to themselves, the private sector banks were not sufficiently aware of their larger responsibilities towards society. Quoting RBI History of Banking Vol III, he said, nationalisation of banks was thought of as a solution for greater penetration of banking that excluded 617 towns out of 2,700 in the country. And, even worse, out of about 6,00,000 villages, hardly 5,000 had banks. The spread, too, was uneven The 2008 recession also led to demand for nationalisation in the UK, Australia, and the US to save the interests of the depositors and bondholders. The very purpose of nationalisation namely, serving the unbanked and under banked is yet to reach its frontier. Financial inclusion cannot afford the luxury of complete privatisation. In fact, coexistence of private and public sector banks will lead to a healthy competition if governance issues in PSU banks are adequately addressed. It is wise to turn the pages of reforms suggested by the Narasimham Committee II and reiterated at Gyan Sangam 1 Retreat for Banks and Financial Institutions, that the government would do well to provide full autonomy to PSU banks, not interfere in transfers and postings, and issue of loans. Behest lending should stop with setting goals by the RBI. Owner cannot be regulator. It can at best be a supervisor to ensure their healthy functioning. Government seems to have realized that its capacity to supervise is highly limited and therefore, it would be better to.

Online Advertising is the art of using the internet, as a medium to deliver marketing messages to an identified and intended audience. It is helpful for attracting website traffic and brand exposure, but first and foremost, online advertising is designed to persuade the targeted customer to engage in a specific action like making a purchase. There are many different types of online advertising mediums. Some of them are content marketing and social media marketing. Once you have established a clear social media marketing strategy, you can start to consider advertising on social media platforms. Most social media sites now easily allow advertisers to utilise their reach and promote their products from within the platform. They also include good analytics tools to assess the success of the investment made. This might include a promoted tweet or post, a promotion of user generated content or even an entire campaign that is released across multiple social channels. Content Marketing is another great way to get a brand and message in front of the right people. Its primary focus is to attract organic traffic to a website by improving the SEO of a site, but once you have the strategy and content in place, you can increase its reach and engagement by paying for the content to feature on appropriate websites. Paid advertising can help to increase the ROI of content marketing. That means, without promotion, the production costs can often outweigh the potential return. Native advertising, a form of paid media, is a clever way of creating an ad that follows the theme of the site where it is placed. It is intentionally designed to look like the media where it appears and is sometimes referred to as an advertorial or sponsored content. However, there are many reasons to reflect on the positive elements of this taxing year. In the midst of fear and uncertainty, so many Montrealers stepped forward to help their neighbors with shopping or cooking or other help. Companies shifted their activities to help in the battle against COVID 19. And, of course, the greatest heroes of all, health care workers and those who work in essential services, put their lives on the line to care for others. Perhaps it will help to hearken to the lyrics of a song written more than 70 years ago, at another dark time, as the Second World War dragged on. Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane wrote Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas for the movie Meet Me in St. Louis, released in 1944. It was not meant to be about the war, but its original lyrics are a mixture of melancholy and hope that seemed to fit the mood of weary soldiers and their families. As told in the Bible, an angel of the Lord appeared to shepherds out in a field and said to them, Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has.

Been born to you. A baby born in a manger brought an amazing promise to the world. For Christians, today is the celebration of that promise. It also is the culmination of a holiday season that, despite the hype and commercialism, touches hearts and minds in a way that cuts across religious lines, more so than any other holiday we celebrate in America. It has for generations come to represent a special time of giving, of caring not only for ourselves and our own families but also others in need. It is a special time for our children and a poignant time to remember our own childhoods. The memories we make at this time last far into the year after the season has passed. Whether you believe in the Christian faith or not, the message of hope and redemption is a compelling one. The impact of the birth of the baby Jesus has been worldwide. His life and teachings reconnect us with all that is good in the world. Families will be gathering to celebrate the memories and gifts of sharing and love that have bound them together for a lifetime. Volunteers will feed and support the needy. And many, many prayers will be spoken in hopes that peace, love and compassion among us all in this troubled world will be embraced anew. Such is the powerful legacy to the multitude of generations that have come after that one which witnessed the extraordinary birth in Bethlehem being celebrated this day. It was a birth that made the world a different place. We hope that, today of all days, those who feel lost may be found; that those who mourn will find comfort, and that many will be welcomed home. We pray that the issues that divide us can be forgotten today. That we will remember that we create our own joys and can always choose hope and seize that promise extended so long ago, in a manger in Bethlehem. When genuine love is extended to our families, friends and neighbours, we just may find that the miracle and mystery of Christmas still has the power to change the world. There are as many traditions for Christmas as there are those who observe it, but a common thread is the time spent with loved ones, the sights and smells that evoke Christmases past, and the warmth and hope that comes from random acts of goodwill. This holiday is a welcome break for a year ending with so much political and economic uncertainty at home and misery and terrorism abroad. It a reminder, too, of the enduring power that Christmas has in bringing out the best in the human spirit. The wars and an uneven economic recovery have taken a toll on American families, and the divisive election has numbed many this season to the everyday joys that Christmas brings. There is an ache in our nation conversation that has gone away, and millions are unprepared to make the day to merry.

But Christmas is a moment to 2515 reset the clock, if temporarily. It is a time to appreciate the richness of life and those here and who have gone who contributed to it. The New Year and its challenges will come soon enough. Somewhere there is a child in need of clothing, a senior who needs a helping hand and a loved one who wants the simple gift of time. The familiar backdrops all need tending to, from the tree and cakes to the piles of wrapping paper littering the floor. This is a time for reacquainting with family and friends, faith and treasured traditions. Christmas will be gone before you know it, and there no pleasures today like adding to the memories. If anything, this Christmas comes at a perfect moment for self reflection, as the nation faces a new chapter in history and as the world looks to America as much as ever to help restore moral order. That says a lot about the standing Americans have in the world, our common identity and the character we bring to global affairs. That bond is easier to see in the holiday glow on the street. It a great launching point to be reminded that the human spirit is an expansive thing, that others are fuller and more giving than they might appear. Today is a moment to take a break, to revel in the company at home and to rekindle the feeling of those earlier years with the sight of a child under the tree. That might seem hard to do with temperatures pushing 86 degrees. But there is a comfort and a rhythm to this holiday that defines this time of year. The best of us is brought out in the spirit of giving, in the hope we see and in the goodwill we show our fellow man. This is an enduring holiday because the joy and optimism it brings is something to hold, share and help pass down to the next generation. The Christmas season is here. It the time of year when we celebrate joy, peace and goodwill towards all men, especially in a year filled with many hardships. So many people have lost loved ones in this pandemic and are going through their first Christmas without them. Families are struggling to put food on the table. Many others remain isolated from their family and friends. But in these difficult times, we have seen a willingness to give in a spirit of love to one another. Like the generous donations you vet given to the Holiday Sunshine Fund, which is on a record pace this year. So perhaps the hardships we vet all endured together have brought renewed meaning to the holiday. Reminding us that faith, hope, and love shall always remain. Faith in the good news and great joy for all people who celebrate this season. Hope that our hardships will pass. And love for our family, friends, and neighbours, especially those who are suffering.

Alternative investment managers have started relying significantly on cutting-edge technology to assist them to create and deliver their bespoke deal flow management strategy. To truly help most alternative investment firms, deal flow solutions are expected to be customizable and flexible as every firm strategy tends to be unique. Therefore, the solution should be capable of supporting the diverse needs of different asset classes in the alternative investment industry such as Private Equity, Venture Capital, and other Private Market investors. Unleashing the Power of Technology: Revolutionizing Deal Flow Management Technology is changing deal flow management in new ways. Deal flow solutions with data analytics and machine learning algorithms can process and analyze massive volumes of data, revealing valuable insights and trends. These solutions offer automation tools that reduce human error and give investment professionals more time to make strategic decisions. Further, these solutions enable investment teams to access consolidated information in real-time and promote stakeholder engagement and deal flow transparency with built-in communication features. Advanced deal flow solutions offer robust features prioritizing automation, making deal flows more effective. With a strong emphasis on seamless data capturing, such solutions ensure that information travels effortlessly from one interface to another in real time. For example, a funding request from the promoter of a company received via email or web form is automatically captured, eliminating the need for manual data entry. By streamlining this process, alternative investment firms can save valuable time and resources, allowing them to focus on strategic decision-making. Moreover, the software advanced capabilities enable the compilation of relevant data and the generation of comprehensive reports tailored to the organization specific needs. This level of automation enhances efficiency and provides real-time insights, empowering investment managers to make informed decisions promptly. What Capabilities Alternative Investment Firms Look for Towards Supporting Deal flow Management? Alternative investment firms looking forward to gaining or maintaining a competitive advantage are usually seeking the following capabilities in the technology solution they want to implement: Real estate sector. India has one of the youngest, if not the youngest, working populations in the world, presenting a great opportunity for the country economic growth if it can harness the potential of its large workforce. This young working population has already elevated India into the digital revolution, and the country is quickly establishing itself as a significant player in the digital economy, with the IT and digital industries at the forefront. The Indian IT industry has pushed its boundaries and increased at a CAGR of more than 15%, from \$196 billion in FY16 to over \$225 billion in FY22. If present growth rates continue, the IT industry will be worth \$394 billion by 2027. The Digital India framework has served as a guidepost for digital transformation in manufacturing, logistics, healthcare, BFSI, retail, education, and agriculture. Furthermore, the country has over 27,000 tech-driven startups registered with DPIIT, with an additional 1,300 launched yearly. With India on the path to becoming the world startup capital, the demand for warehousing and commercial spaces would increase rapidly. Double-digit growth will accelerate the launch of new startups and increased demand, leading to the development of logistics hubs, fulfillment centers, and modern commercial complexes. How would this impact the real estate.

The food processing sector is not only essential to how we conduct our daily lives, but it is also a significant economic pillar. The segment has immense potential to grow and contribute significantly to the country economy. The government of India has set a vision for the sector to achieve a target of doubling its contribution to the GDP by 2030. The route our food takes from the farm to the plate has undergone a sea of change over a period. Food processing refers to the conversion of raw agricultural products into value-added products for human consumption. The products we consume have made it through several processes, such as harvesting, cleaning, packaging, grading, preserving and transportation. The raw products from agriculture, dairy, plant based/poultry meat, etc. undergo processing involving cutting-edge technology for post-harvest processing. Though the food process sector continues to innovate on adopted methods of spray drying, colorants, artificial sweeteners, preservatives, addition of newer trends like plant-based meat, ready-to-eat, bakery ingredients, sugar free ice creams and healthy oils have reinvented and shaped the food processing industry in the country. The food processing sector is one of the critical drivers of growth and has been acknowledged as a high priority industry by the government of India, as it has shown enormous potential for creating employment opportunities and generating income in the country. Although at present, the sector in India is at a nascent stage, it has shown promising growth in recent years. This industry is expected to add 9 million jobs by 2024. Foreign direct investments in India food industry totaled \$4.18 billion between April, 2014 and March, 2020. By 2030, India annual household consumption is believed to quadruple, making it the fifth-largest consumer in the world. The sector size is estimated to be around US\$322 billion, and it is expected to reach US\$543 billion by 2025, growing at a CAGR of 14.6%. The food processing industry in India is primarily concentrated in the northern and western regions of the country. The states of Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Gujarat are the leading contributors to the sector. However, there is a huge untapped potential for the sector in the eastern and north-eastern regions of the country. In comparison to more developed economies, such as the USA and EU, India food processing industry is still in its infancy. The sector in these countries is more advanced and technologically sound. However, India has a unique advantage of having a vast supply of raw materials, which can be utilized for food processing. Additionally, India vast population and increasing disposable income present a significant opportunity for the growth of the food processing industry. The food processing sector in India faces various challenges, such as inadequate infrastructure, lack of proper storage and cold chain facilities, and a fragmented supply chain. These issues hamper the growth of the sector and increase the wastage of agricultural products. However, the government has taken various initiatives, such as the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana, to promote the growth of the food processing industry in the country. The implementation of GST has also simplified the tax structure, making it easier for the food processing industry to operate in India. The food processing industry vision for the next five to ten years should be to increase the sector contribution to the GDP from the current 8% to 20%. This can be achieved by focusing on the development of backward and forward linkages, increasing the share of processed foods in total food consumption.

And expanding the sector reach in the eastern and north-eastern regions of the country. The industry should also aim to reduce food wastage and increase the utilization of by-products and waste generated during food processing. To achieve this vision, the industry should adopt modern technologies such as AI, IoT, and block chain to improve the supply chain efficiency and reduce wastage. The premier technical institutions, such as the IITs, can play a significant role in developing these technologies and providing training to the industry professionals. The government should provide support in the form of incentives and subsidies to promote the adoption of these technologies. The industry should also focus on developing new and innovative products, especially in the organic and health food categories, to cater to the changing consumer preferences. The farm sector should also focus on increasing the production of raw materials suitable for food processing and adopt modern farming practices to improve the quality of the produce. However, the adoption of technology has dramatically changed so many aspects of our lives, and it is thrilling to see how the food services sector has witnessed change as a result. It incorporates automated quality control and effective work models to maximize consistency and profitability. The sector's integration of AI and automation, will increase total efficiency, and quickly servicing customers by establishing contemporary solutions like snack portals with heated and locker-styled compartments. With the aid of mobile order-ahead tools, contactless service, and reduced person-to-person interaction, this new strategy will enable labels to serve customers at their leisure. From in-store to official online portals to a variety of e-commerce platforms, these Omni channel customers are evaluating products and comparing their features across multiple platforms. Consumers now have multiple ways to interact with brands, and FMCG companies ensure that all their functions work together to provide a positive experience for their customers. Brands are willing to collaborate with quick commerce, or e-commerce portals that guarantee quick delivery, for last-mile connectivity. There is fierce competition to see who can deliver to customers faster even within those portals. Customers prefer branded and sealed as well as secure processed food, resulting in a shift from the loose supply of these items to more labeled packaging. To sum it up, the food processing industry in India has tremendous potential for growth, and the sector vision for the next decade should be to increase its contribution to the GDP and reduce food wastage. The industry, farm sector, premier technical institutions, and the government should work together to achieve this vision by adopting modern technologies, developing new products, and improving infrastructure and supply chain efficiency.

sector? The Indian real estate market is predicted to grow to Rs.65,000 core US\$ 9.30 billion by 2040, from Rs.12,000 core US\$ 1.72 billion in 2019. By 2030, the Indian real estate market is expected to be valued \$1 trillion, up from \$200 billion in 2021, and to contribute 13% of the country GDP by 2025. While this growth is impressive, a double-digit GDP growth rate would further propel multiple employment opportunities and substantially increase the spending power of the Indian population. With over 270 associated sectors relying on the real estate sector for business sustainability, this vital sector significantly impacts the whole supply chain. Steel, cement, lumber, and construction materials are key examples of related service industries such as design, contracting

We believe these are what all of us need right now. Look for ways to help one another this Christmas. Reach out to loved ones to tell them how much they mean to you. Because the greatest gift you can give someone is love. This Christmas is going to be very different for our community. The COVID 19 pandemic will alter many of our familiar traditions. Yet, this Christmas is a perfect day to reflect on that story deeper meanings, which are as relevant today as they were two millennia ago. Those lessons are not specific to Christianity. Indeed, almost anyone can find inspiration in the story of a young, weary family, making a difficult journey and the birth of a baby boy into the lowliest circumstances that would later change the world. There are families in similar situations today. Thousands of families in Canada struggled to keep a roof over their heads this year. Thousands more lost their jobs to COVID due to a ravaged economy, and, tragically, thousands more lost their lives to the disease. And yet, so many of us who face tremendous obstacles and terrifying adversity kept moving, working, and pushing forward out of faith that things can get better. Small acts of courage change the world around us, sometimes insignificant, obvious ways, but much more commonly by touching one or two lives with hope and encouragement that ripple out endlessly. The holiday season is, coincidentally, the time of year when we are most generous with our time and money. We are tremendously giving people, donating millions of dollars to charity and volunteering countless hours. This generous spirit unites us all. Hopefully, the Christmas story reminds us that we need not give frankincense, gold and myrrh or more modern expensive gifts to show love and admiration. As for making the season special, we all have to adjust our Christmas plans this year due to COVID. We won't spend the holidays with family and friends who don't live in our household. But there are still many ways to enjoy the season. Listening to all your favorite Christmas music is always a great way to have fun. Decorating your indoor and outdoor spaces can be a lot of fun, too. As Christmas draws closer, a family drive to see the Christmas lights and displays in people's yards can be a right, safe way to celebrate. It is also essential to let people know you are thinking of them with anything from a gift to dropping a few lines to someone from afar. So no, Christmas won't be the same this year, but that does mean it can still be the uplifting season we all need now more than ever. Merry Christmas! Give up such responsibility. It must have also realized that its ability to improve governance in PSBs has reached its limits. However, there is no evidence that all is well with the private banks, and they can deliver better to the people the banking requirements than PSBs.

The present government gives the impression that growth comes from the rich and the rich do not cry on inflation. They can pursue non inclusive growth agenda more effectively if they change the institutional architecture, so that expenditure on institutions meant for delivering to the poor can be minimized, if not eliminated. This is undesirable both politically and economically. While privatization by itself is not bad, the timing and motive behind the move at the moment is suspect, particularly after the consolidation of PSBs took place. The views expressed are author own. The author is an economist and risk management specialist. All of those are lights in the darkness, beacons of hope and charity in a once in a century pandemic that has brought the world to its knees. But we still have to get through Christmas. For Christians, Dec. 25 is a holy day of great joy, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Even for those not of the Christian faith, it is a time traditionally spent with family and friends. Instead, if we heed the advice of scientists and medical authorities, all across this country, there will be people who spend these days alone, separated from elderly parents, longing to see grandchildren, reaching out by telephone and Face Time and Zoom to try to replicate the love and togetherness that usually accompany this holiday for so many of us.

4PL logistic segment in the country includes: Tech at its core As supply chains grow ever more complex and fragmented, technology will take an increasingly central role in how the industry develops and overcomes those challenges. As a result, the demand for new technologies in supply chains has increased significantly and logistics now stands before a crucial inflection point that will see profound changes to how the industry operates. Fundamental to this technological revolution will be the establishment of clear industry data standards potential of new technologies such as AI and block chain. At the same time, taking advantage of these new technologies will require an underlying shift in the way both than one size that that relate to warehousing, distribution, freight, and information technology, and provides the best solutions for their clients. This accuracy and cohesiveness of information will be critical, for even a seemingly trivial delay in the supply chain that can pause operations. Consolidation and cost to reduce supply chain costs will drive the demand for integrated solutions. Companies have been reducing costs will witness further cost optimization with companies looking to outsource the entire supply chain to a single partner with financing becoming a constraint. The companies will either adapt to smaller shipments or bulk shipments to reduce costs further. This outsourcing allows the and higher value projects. Because they are focused on ironing out costs by finding the best solutions for the lowest price some experts concerned that iodine deficiency could be on the rise again. Eating a healthy, balanced diet that includes iodine rich foods and iodized salt is key to good health.

Jammu and Kashmir has been known for communal harmony, and even local terrorists will not be able to tarnish this reputation. If we look at the recent past, then we can say that the identity of Kashmir is protected in India. Fundamentally, Kashmir is the land of Rishis and Sufi saints, and their message is deep rooted in the hearts of Kashmiris, irrespective of faiths and beliefs. Not only that, it has the capacity and scope to expand, creatively vocalise, and mature. It also has excellent prospects to spread its outcome all over the country. The convergence of Mahayana Buddhism and Islam in some parts of Persia and Central Asia resulted in the evolution of Islamic mystics. The Sufis founded several orders by incorporating Hindu and Buddhist philosophies. The meeting of two great traditions of Saivism, the Hindu monistic philosophy of Kashmir, and Erfan of Muslim. It gradually took place, giving rise to a unique order of Rishis whose philosophical beliefs led to the idea of religious tolerance and shared faith in God, which Kashmiris always cherished. Somnath Dhar, Jammu and Kashmir, National Book Trust of India, New Delh. Rishi Sufism, a social, cultural and religious space where several Hindus and Muslims once practised their faiths, was one of the most prevalent expressions of Kashmiri at in the century. The Rishi Sufis practice shaped the concept of the immanency of God, respect for all religions, beliefs in miracles, reincarnation, meditation, and asceticism from Hinduism and the spirit of Eightfold Paths from Buddhism. It incorporated these into the concept of transcendence of God and to the spirit of the Five Pillars of Islam for launching the syncretic space for inter religious interactions. The ethno cultural symbiotic consciousness, and Hindu Buddhist inter religious symbiotic spiritual consciousness, shaped the evolution of the Kashmiri at. Kashmir at is a concept of tolerance and inclusivity of all faiths and beliefs, thus respecting all religious traditions and festivals. It embodies communal harmony, literary heights, spirituality and symbiotic relationship among different communities. Kashmiriyat is imminent in all aspects of the Kashmiri people life, and it is the powerful shaper of its people religious and cultural life. The comforting wisdom expressed in the local Kashmiri language by the Rishis provided solace in difficult times. Despite the cultural invasion of Kashmir Valley, Kashmir at has survived as a unique language due to various favorable historical reasons and other factors. Attack on Kashmir at. In 1947, after the partition of British India into India and Pakistan. The erstwhile state of Jammu Kashmir came under attack, which Pakistan masterminded. Maharaja Hari Singh signed a legal document of the Instrument of Accession, accepting accession to the Union of India when attackers had already reached the outskirts of Srinagar. The terrorism that began in 1989 in the Kashmir Valley, to supposedly for greater political rights, soon took a violent turn at the behest of Pakistan. Once again, ruthless killings, arson, looting and rape of non Muslim people were carried out by the terrorists.

Thus, the minority community of approximately 3,50,000 people, mainly Kashmiri Pundits, were driven out of the Kashmir Valley and continued living in exile. Ultimately, the whole erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir was engulfed in this cross border terrorism sponsored by our adversary. In addition to other things, these radical elements want to destroy the basic fabric of Kashmir, i.e., Kashmiri at. When the people of Jammu and Kashmir suffer, the magnificent metaphysical and mystical ethnicities augmented by Rishis and Sufi saints bring succor to them. There have been conversions, sometimes peaceful while at times by force. J K witnessed conversions, various changes in administration and transfers of power. Nevertheless, neither the adaptation nor forced migrations could obliterate their mutual trust, love and psychological bondage amongst the various communities. Ironically, the converted people did not change their surnames after conversions. People of Jammu and Kashmir take pride in their culture as the society is deeply inclined toward the culture of Rishi Sufi mysticism. People chose not to lose their diverse spiritual identity, which is neither unequivocally Hindu nor Muslim. This culture and spirit of a singular identity, irrespective of individual religious beliefs, sometimes confuse people outside of J K. However, Kashmiris with pride refer to it as Kashmiri at, in simple words, Kashmiri ness. The people of Jammu and Kashmir, especially of Kashmir Valley, continued to live in harmony till 1989, when Pakistan aroused the communal sentiments of the majority population of Muslims in Kashmir and changed the course of a passive, otherwise secular in nature, into a violent ridden communal movement. Pakistan forced an ideology of fundamentalism, which was alien to the Kashmiri society where Sufism flourished, divided the People based on religion, thereby complicating the ethno religious identity of the Kashmiris. For terrorists from the other side of the fence, religion was merely a tool to exploit the vulnerabilities of the masses and tear apart the socio cultural fabric of Kashmir at. The young minds of the J K are brainwashed and weapon trained to carry out large scale acts of terrorism. Pakistan funded radical elements are entering the Kashmiri society, threatening the pluralistic social order, inter faith and harmony of the people. Young Kashmiri Muslims are growing up under the umbrella of a single religion, Islam, with no memory of co existence and compassion for other communities. At the same time, the Kashmiri Pundits continue to live in exile, scattered future generations growing up outside their homeland, being shaped in a different culture with barely any connection to their roots. The unholy alliance of organised fundamental interpretations of religion and gun culture has led to the weeding out of remnants of the humanistic culture of Kashmir with its roots deeply embedded in the secular and glorious ancient past, perhaps marking its dent on Kashmiri at. Thus, the threat to the cultural ethos and values of Kashmir at comes from radical elements and not from India or Indian Constitution. India is a pluralistic and multi cultural society where.

Many faiths and belief systems regulate the people of India. Kashmir civilisation is a splendid reflection of India civilisation, which promote composite culture and pluralism. So far, Pakistan has tried to weaken the very spirit of Kashmiri at, but Pakistan must appreciate that in a struggle between secularism and fundamentalism, the former is always the winner. The faith of the people of J K in the socio cultural fabric of Hindu Muslim is indestructible. We must not see this conflict in J K between Hindus and Muslims but as between national and anti national forces. The Pakistani strategy during the insurgency phase was to create social and communal disorder and weaken the secular base. Pakistan was under the impression that Kashmiri at had no psychic roots in the state, except in the plural reverence for other religions. This misapprehension encouraged Pakistan to transplant its fundamentalist ideology to combat the liberal Hindu ideal of the brotherhood of man, which comes from the Indian philosophy of Sarva dharma sambhava. At the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change UNFCCC 26th Conference of the Parties COP26 in Glasgow last year, Hon ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi outlined a five point strategy to drive positive climate action. Besides committing to increase non fossil energy capacity to 50GW by 2030 and meet half of all energy needs from renewable sources; India also put forward its goal to reducing at least one billion tonnes of total projected emissions between now and 2030. This eventually would place India on the path to achieving Net Zero emissions target by 2070. India has the lowest per capita emissions at just 1.9 tonnes of carbon dioxide per head, compared with 15.5 tonnes in the US and 12.5 tonnes in Russia, as per 2019 data. Thus, the new roadmap for a cleaner future has strong implications for the business sector. Our new roadmap is underpinned by the new Environment, Social, and Governance ESG reporting requirements for the business sector. The Securities and Exchange Board of India SEBI has called for mandatory disclosures through the new Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report BRSR format from FY2022 23 for the top 1,000 listed companies. However, to ensure that India businesses are future proofed for the pivotal shift to ESG reporting, an inclusive approach that encompasses the micro, small and medium enterprises MSME sector is needed. With over 6.3 crore MSMEs that contribute to about 29 percent of the country GDP and create jobs for some 110 million people, its role in achieving India mission to becoming a US\$5 trillion economy by 2025 is extremely significant. MSMEs also have a key role in achieving the climate action goals of the country, integrating ESG best practices into their operational and organizational framework. I believe, we have an incredible opportunity to support their ESG transition and deliver a workable model for developing nations where SMEs are the backbone of their economies. The need for ESG capacity building A strategic shift to a more ESG driven MSME sector.

Needs comprehensive support reporting is an extra burden on these enterprises, and with several of them challenged by the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic, prioritising ESG standards, especially for companies in the manufacturing sector, calls for committed in house capacity building. ESG practitioners can support this transformation through MSME specific ESG reporting protocols and frameworks. From corporate to social to ESG For a long period, corporate reporting centered on governance measures followed by an emphasis on social responsibility. In both these, the country has set an exemplary model, with India probably being the only one where CSR spending is mandated by percentage profits, specific areas of action, and annual reporting. ESG reporting, not too surprisingly, is still in the nascent stage, with just about 125 companies representing mostly the construction and building materials, metals and mining, oil and gas, and chemicals sector disclosing their sustainability performance. For example, the environmental pillar calls for commitments regards energy usage, reducing the carbon footprint, waste management, pollution monitoring, natural resource conservation, managing hazardous waste, and toxic emissions. While the social pillar must factor in employee welfare, vendor relations, gender equality, and social welfare programs. Likewise, the governance pillar underpins the need for business ethics and legal best practices. ESG is fundamental for long term value creation Transitioning to this broad ESG framework is fundamental to long term value creation and in meeting stakeholder expectations which is key to future proofing Indian businesses. For MSMEs, specifically, proactive ESG reporting will bring an added incentive of being able to attract new investments, especially from ESG focused funds. To build businesses fit for the future that the nation envisages, it is important that we commence an inclusive ESG journey now. We must support the sector take that first decisive step without delay to map out grassroots level strategies for carbon footprint reduction and achieving carbon neutrality across their operations. The challenge is humungous; what is needed is stronger awareness, knowledge sharing, and governmental support to help MSMEs transition to the ESG best practices. Psoriasis is an autoimmune disease that requires timely treatment and lifelong management. Alarmingly, studies suggest that non adherence to medication among psoriasis patients is as high as 40 1. This is a result of several factors such as poor awareness, misinformation, financial inadequacy, and lack of motivation. Having skin affected by psoriasis can be a sign of inflammation occurring in other parts of the body. Thus, regular compliance to treatment is critical in controlling psoriasis. Psoriasis is often perceived as a skin problem which urges people to find remedies for the skin. Use of homemade skin packs are all too common. Alternatively, patients often find relief with over the counter medicines and ignore seeking professional advice. Owing to lack of awareness, misinformation about psoriasis, and with busy work schedules, patients tend to neglect treatment, that severely worsens their condition. Therefore, consulting a dermatologist will help get the right advice and a personalised treatment suited for one symptoms and severity of the condition.

A multisystem inflammatory disease like Psoriasis requires constant attention to control the inflammation and prevent frequent flare ups. If mismanaged, psoriasis can cause a range of health complications such as hypertension, diabetes, kidney disease, skin problems and cardiovascular diseases. Correct treatment can not only alleviate the symptoms but also treat persisting skin problems. With treatment adherence, patients can get clearer skin, which can further motivate them in long term management of Psoriasis. Therefore, regular communication is fundamental for the right treatment, advice, and information. For psoriasis management, there are several safe and effective therapy options available today. Determining the right treatment method depends on several factors including the patient disease severity, risk of comorbidities and susceptibility to various risk factors. Advanced therapies, including biologics, have added to the options of therapeutic treatment of moderate to severe Psoriasis. They are highly effective in successfully disrupting the disease cycle. It has a favorable risk reward profile and is well tolerated by patients. This has proven to improve acceptance and facilitate better adherence. Psoriasis patients need holistic treatment and support, right from the initial stages. We need an understanding of the barriers to treatment adherence and accessible information for both patients and clinicians. There is a clear need in India for multi stakeholder interventions, uniting patient groups, specialists including dermatologists and rheumatologists, the government, industry bodies and private players towards establishing a patient centric model of care while driving emotional and social support. In early February this year, the National Payments Corporation of India NPCI in a proud revelation announced that our neighbor, Nepal would be the first foreign country to adopt India UPI Unified Payments Interface system. In yet another significant win, a couple of years back, tech titan Google in a letter to the United States Federal Reserve Bank applauded the robust digital payments architecture of UPI and elaborated on how a scalable infrastructure like UPI can be replicated in the US. The force to reckon with in the digital payment ecosystem, UPI has assuredly elevated our country finch story onto the world platform. While the pandemic undoubtedly boosted the inclination towards contactless and digital payments, UPI has been at the forefront of finch innovation, driving the adoption of digital payments across the country. The financial revolution which recently hit the \$1 trillion mark in transaction values in FY21 22 has been on a consistent growth trajectory since its launch in 2016 and is currently the most popular digital payments system in India, with more than 314 banks linked to it. While UPI based transactions have witnessed an over four fold growth in both volume and value over the last two years, they have also witnessed an alarming rise in frauds. Understanding UPI Developed by NPCI, UPI is primarily an instant real time payment system that facilitates interbank peer to peer and person to merchant transactions. The UPI address, a virtual identity, unique to each individual enables one to seamlessly track all transactions conducted through the id. UPI lets you link.

Your bank account to a mobile application like Google Pay, Phoneme, Pat, BHIM, etc. thereby making transactions safely using just the UPI ID of the receiver. Unlike in net banking wherein, one needs to share sensitive information such as account number and IFSC code, UPI ID also known as Virtual Payment Address VPA does not contain any sensitive information and thereby mitigates the risk of frauds. The robust tech platform enables users to transact seamlessly across various modes scan a QR code to make payment, send money to UPI ID or phone number, or even send a collect money request. However unfortunately the unique construct and simplicity of UPI is being leveraged by fraudsters to lure and target users who conduct transactions carelessly. This makes it even more pertinent for users to take charge of the situation with adequate knowledge, scrutiny, and responsible behaviour so as to keep fraudulent transactions at bay. Below are some fraudulent practices that one must be aware of Phishing One of the most popular forms of fraud is Phishing, wherein fraudsters send unauthorised payment links via SMS. Since these fake bank URLs will look almost identical to the original URL, customers may imprudently click on the link which will direct them to the UPI payment app installed on their phone and will prompt for an auto debit. As soon as the user grants permission, the amount gets debited via UPI on real time. Malware Malware is yet another popular form of cyber fraud users fall prey to by clicking on fake URLs that are downloaded from a fake e mail attachment or an unsecured website. Clicking on the fake URL infects one device with a virus/malware, which is specifically designed to extract and copy data thereby stealing the financial information stored on the device. SIM Cloning Here once the scammer clones a SIM, he will have access to the user bank account details and ID proof which are then be easily used to reset the targeted user UPI id. Vising In this case, scammers may call or interact with the targeted user while posing themselves as a bank representative. After having gained the trust of the potential victim, these individuals under the pretext of updating KYC or some allied formality extract sensitive personal information including UPI PIN or password. Below is a safety manual to protect oneself against frauds Refrain from engaging with fraudsters In this digital age, where everything is just a call or a message away, be mindful of unfamiliar numbers or in case if the identity of the caller or the source of information is devious. Additionally, be wary of contact numbers available on shopping portals and e commerce platforms as they too may be unscrupulous. Ensure to check on the identity of the person one is interacting with The paramount rule After signing up, UPI provides the UPI PIN number which is a 4 or a 6 digit code. The PIN is the number that one has to enter whenever one.

Adds a new payment account or makes a transaction. In other words, every transaction is authenticated with the UPI PIN, which acts as a safety net and prevents fraudsters from misusing the app on a device or making a payment from an account as the UPI PIN is known only to the user. The paramount rule here is Never reveal your PIN to anyone. Here fraudsters may try to misuse the request money feature on payment apps. But what one needs to remember is that if money has to be credited it will never ask for the PIN. Beware of counterfeit apps There are many fake apps that may look similar to the original bank app and are easily available for download. Installing such fake apps, makes sensitive information vulnerable to fraudsters. Personal information of users are extracted under the guise of some important banking service or transaction. While UPI is definitely one of the safest and most secure platforms for cashless transactions, but as with the platform, the onus equally lies with the users as well to observe safety standards and practices. In case of UPI, customers fall prey to fraudsters owing to their own ignorance and lack of knowledge. It is therefore extremely important that even while we adapt to contactless payments such as UPI, we are mindful while transacting digitally and are responsible to keep a tight check on any form of inadvertent behavior. We are in an era where the rate of finch adoption is bizarrely exceeding the rates of Fitch Innovation. It is important to study factors causing tangible impact in digital adoption in specific demographics for fitness growth and scalability. This article points out trends that see skyrocketing adoption of digital payments in rural India. Increasing smartphone penetration there is an exponential increase in the rate of smartphone penetration in India which was estimated to be 54 percent in 2020 and hiking towards 96 percent by 2040, which is almost everyone equipped with a smartphone? Mobile payments have been a joy for customers urban and rural ever since its inception. Players in the Fitch arena are constantly in the innovation race to facilitate more financial inclusion by developing new products and features for easy payments. Embanking, Fraud Detection, Buy Now Pay later, QR embedded bill payments, virtual wallets are some of the trends seeing many users everywhere. Digital payments have broken traditional banking shackles. The newer generation in rural India is quick to adapt to innovation. This trend is naturally occurring because digital payments have become customer friendly and just eases out the conventional pain points of banking cash transfers. A big good bye to olden days of banking where the smallest fund transfer includes the hustle and bustle for collecting tokens, moving on the queue and befriending cashiers. Raising momentum of rural stores collecting digital payments Digital payments on technology powered offline store apps is a major trend that provides payment collection via dynamic QR payments, Static QR payments, debit/credit cards also inclusive.

Of so many features like Digital Ledger, Inventory, e Point Of Sale and Nonbanking. Nonbanking single handedly raises the bar of rural digital adoption, since most rural populations engage in B2C businesses involving layers of payment cycles towards vendors and stakeholders. Neo banking in a store payment collection app includes bulk/individual payouts, list of inward outward transactions, some with options even for availing loan and insurance. Pricings are cheap, merchant paperwork, background checks and integrations needed are umber fast and simple. A classy merchant dashboard with notifications of activities happening on the digital payment app is crucial. Simplicity Most rural mobile app users need it simple. The outlook of the app needs to be uncluttered, simple and self explanatory. The navigation, workflow and concluding acknowledgements, although internally complex, should look simple and straightforward to the user while not forgetting the presentation of the app in a minimum of 6 to 7 regional languages. Speed Those few seconds between end payment and paid are deemed high on human anxiety and so very crucial. The psychology of the rural human mind says, the more time taking digital payment is, the more unreliable it could be. Rural India is big, almost 70percent of the country and it is a sector where money is earned largely in forms of labor through sweat and blood and this kind of money lost panic is a can complain issue. Speed increases the sense of security in the minds of rural merchants. An edifying campaign that digital payments is secure and risk free The news of Digital Fraud is increasing and awareness about the security in digital payments is key. Fitness are incorporating defensive mechanisms for fraud detection and risk prevention and rural merchants are feeling a sense of security in depending on digital payments. But more than the problem of infrastructure it is the people distrust towards sophisticated technology. There is a quote that says, A superlatively advanced technology equals magic. While there are many advantages and amazing features that come with digital technology adoption, it also brings in a certain fear factor. The convenience, operability, and speed provided by finch solutions is conceived like, known devil is better than unknown angel. And this is where the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology Meaty has taken necessary action to set up Common Service Centers CSCs which are manned digital financial hubs to spread word on the transparency and reliability that a digital world can bring in. Also it holds the power to cater to the questions and fears of the rural population and explain that digital banking comes under governmental policies and digital finance options laid down for rural citizens. The government has invested more than Rest 65 crore to promote digital financial services such as UPI, IMPS, Bank Pops machines, etc. in the rural sectors of the country. The mobility industry is clearly going through one of its most disruptive periods with electrification being one of the major drivers of this transformation. Over 100 new models of.

A highlight of Census 2011 was the surge in urban settlements over the previous decade. The count was 7,933 urban settlements. About 65% of these settlements did have a master plan, according to a Nitti Aayog report in 2021. Moreover, almost half of them continue to be governed as rural entities. It problematic because urban India is not just the primary engine of economic growth, but it where most of the future population growth is expected. GOI estimated that urbanisation contributed to almost 60% of GDP, and almost 75% of the population increase by 2036 will be on account of urban growth. The problem has two dimensions. First, states have undermined the spirit of the 74th constitutional amendment of 1992 that envisaged the transfer of the urban planning function to an elected local government. Second, inadequate devolution of powers has deprived master plans of a sense of reality. They are out of sync with the evolution of urban settlements. A common critique is that they are inflexible and overemphasis zoning. The problem here is that master plans, which take a macro view of urban areas, failed to account for the informal nature of urban India employment market. Consequently, zoning plans run into unexpected growth of clusters linked to informal jobs. The end result is that basic urban infrastructure is either patchy or non-existent. Master plans remain essential to prevent chaos and enhance the quality of urban life. They require action on two fronts. Political power has to devolve to urban local governments. With it, greater ownership by the political executive can inject a dose of reality into master plans. The surge in India daily mean rainfall since the last week of June again showed up the poor state of urban India infrastructure. Marooned vehicles and chaos in big cities made headlines. However, the disruption in smaller urban centers has probably been worse. If the infrastructure in big cities is inadequate to deal with the monsoon, emerging urban areas deal with another problem. Infrastructure does exist. In the sphere of higher education institutions HEIs and educational rankings, there is regular discoursing on some key touchstones like faculty research and publications, student placements, quality of teaching and faculty-student ratio. An array of ranking bodies, from the Times Higher Education World University Rankings to the controversial National Assessment and Accreditation Council, conducts detailed surveys deploying many of the aforementioned parameters. They have a broad, data-based approach that tilts the surveying method to quantifiability, quantitative data, numbers and graphs. In the daily dose of human tragedy, we in India stand head and shoulders above most other countries. In newspapers, on television, across the internet, tragic incidents oscillate between the comic and the bizarre, between callous and outlandish: boys swimming in flooded street sucked into drain, workers asleep on railway track run over by train, man peeing on wire electrocuted, family killed in monsoon building collapse, bridge crashes into river during inauguration. Leaving aside those dead in rail accidents and religious clashes, these are human tragedies linked to daily official incompetence and apathy. We invite these shameful headlines for two reasons. We are now the world largest population; and that 1.4 billion number is not scattered over a Norway-like sparseness, but is concentrated in some of the most crowded and ineptly governed urban centers and states. Outside of Dhaka and Tokyo, Indian cities have some of the highest human densities Mumbai has 73,000 people per square mile, Kolkata has 33,000. And Dharavi is at one million.

So, when floods and landslides occur, accident and tragedy are built into the terrifying numbers. Facility management, leasing, broking network, and property consultation. As the real estate sector expands, there will be a broader positive multiplier effect on related industries and persons involved. By targeting double-digit GDP growth, India can unleash the true potential of its real estate sector, fostering economic growth, creating employment opportunities, and fulfilling the aspirations of its citizens. Watching clouds can transport you to a realm of unparalleled serenity and bliss, where the boundaries of reality seem to dissolve into a painter canvas. As you lie on the soft grass or lounge on a cozy hammock, your eyes fixate on the ever-changing dance of clouds across the vast expanse of the sky. Each fluffy mass morphs into unique shapes and forms, stimulating your imagination to conjure images of animals, mythical creatures, and dreamy landscapes. The gentle breeze carries the clouds along, painting the sky with hues of cotton candy pink, golden orange and serene blues. The warm rays of the sun filter through the white canopies, casting a soft glow that envelops you in a cocoon of comfort. The world around you fades away as you become immersed in this celestial spectacle, where time seems to stand still, and the stresses of everyday life dissipate like the morning mist. The act of cloud-watching instills a profound sense of calm and freedom, akin to being transported to a paradise where worries dissolve into nothingness. As you marvel at the boundless sky, a sense of perspective emerges, reminding you of the vastness of the universe and your place within it. The transient nature of clouds serves as a reminder of life impermanence, urging you to savor the present moment and appreciate the beauty in fleeting things. The tranquility that accompanies cloud-watching is not just a product of the external scenery; it also stems from an inner connection with nature. In this enchanting setting, you can find solace and peace of mind, allowing your thoughts to wander freely and find refuge from the chaos of modern life. This profound communion with the natural world nurtures your soul, replenishing your spirit and filling you with a profound sense of contentment. As the clouds continue their ethereal journey across the heavens, you may lose track of time, but the experience stays etched in your memory like a cherished dream. The beauty of cloud-watching lies not only in the mesmerizing display above but also in the emotions it stirs within you, evoking a feeling of paradise found amidst the ever-changing canvas of the sky. In recent years, artificial intelligence AI has emerged as a game-changer in various fields, and the education sector is no exception. AI, a force to be reckoned with, holds the key to revolutionizing the way we learn and teach, ushering in an era of unparalleled accessibility and effectiveness for education across the nation. As an ardent believer in the untapped potential of the human mind and its remarkable capacity for growth, I wholeheartedly endorse the integration of artificial intelligence AI with the education sector. Embracing AI as a collaborative tool can pave the way for making education accessible to all, empowering students to harness their cognitive abilities and unlock a brighter future for them. Following are a few ways I believe AI can revolutionize education. Personalised learning for every student In traditional education, students often follow a standard curriculum, regardless of their individual strengths and weaknesses. With AI, this can change. AI can understand how each of us learns and adapts the.

Learning process accordingly. This means that teachers can focus on our unique needs and abilities, helping us excel at our own pace. Timely feedback and improved assessments Have you ever wondered if there was a way to get immediate feedback on your assignments? AI can help with that By using AI-powered assessment tools, our teachers can grade student work quickly and give us feedback right away. This way, we can understand where we need to improve and build on our strengths. Identifying and bridging learning gaps In India, we face disparities in access to quality education in different regions. AI can help us bridge this gap. By analyzing data, AI can pinpoint areas where students need more support and resources. This insight allows policymakers to allocate educational resources more efficiently, ensuring that every student has an equal opportunity to succeed. Streamlining administrative tasks AI can also assist our teachers and school administrators in managing administrative tasks more efficiently. By automating processes like enrollment, record-keeping, and scheduling, our teachers can devote more time to teaching and mentoring us. This can lead to a smoother educational experience for everyone. Lifelong learning and up skilling: AI can facilitate lifelong learning by offering personalized, on-demand courses tailored to individuals evolving career goals and interests. With AI-driven platforms, professionals can stay updated with the latest developments in their fields, ensuring they remain competitive and adaptable in the job market. Early intervention for struggling students AI can play a vital role in helping students who might be struggling academically. By analyzing data, AI can identify students who need extra support and intervention. Early identification of learning difficulties can prevent students from falling behind and give them the necessary help to succeed. AI-powered content and curriculum AI has the potential to transform the content and curriculum, making it more relevant and engaging for students. By analyzing vast amounts of data on student preferences, interests, and learning outcomes, AI can recommend and generate content that resonates with learners. This adaptive content approach ensures that students stay motivated and connected with their studies, fostering a love for learning. AI in special education The integration of AI in special education can be a game-changer for students with learning disabilities. AI-powered tools can identify specific challenges and adapt learning strategies to accommodate individual needs. For example, speech recognition technology can assist students with language difficulties, while AI-driven visual aids can enhance comprehension for those with visual impairments. As we embrace AI in education, we must also address ethical concerns. Ensuring the privacy and security of our data is essential. Additionally, while AI can enhance our learning experiences, it should not replace our teachers. Our teachers play a significant role in guiding and inspiring the students, and AI should complement their efforts rather than replace them. The integration of artificial intelligence in education represents a transformative leap towards a more inclusive, personalized, and efficient learning ecosystem in India. By harnessing the power of AI, we can elevate education to new heights, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential. With responsible implementation, AI seamless fusion with education promises a brighter, more promising future for learners across the nation. Let us embrace this technological marvel and embark on a journey that unleashes the true potential.

Electric vehicles EVs are launched globally each year, and it is estimated that by 2040, one in three cars sold will be EVs. The EV disruption in the automobile industry is also quite democratic, as the focus on new technologies has presented an opportunity for new players to enter the sector. Many established automobile manufacturers have been slow to act, giving EV startups the opportunity to gain a foothold in the market. However, despite these opportunities, EV startups need a supportive ecosystem to help them grow and achieve their full potential. This is definitely the case in India, where young EV entrepreneurs face a host of challenges such as a lack of access to raw materials, testing equipment and quality talent. There are some positive factors such as India abundant supply of renewable energy resources and expertise in automotive manufacturing. The government has been taking steps to nurture a conducive ecosystem in India for a while, with mission plans and incentive schemes for manufacturing EVs and EV components as well as encouraging consumer adoption. However, many of these schemes are largely empowering established companies and could do more for small and medium sized EV players. The government is doing its utmost to support the Indian EV ecosystem, but the industry must also take the baton forward. This collective approach will help EV startups face a number of challenges. The challenges are many There are many struggles that EV startups deal with but given that it is a relatively new and innovative technology in a capital intensive industry, Research Development R D is unsurprisingly a huge challenge for many startups. In 2019 20, the world top 20 car manufacturers spent close to a combined INR 7 lakh cores on R D in EVs numbers that startups will struggle to match. While this is obviously a constraint, startups do have the advantage of agility and flexibility as they are not beholden to existing manufacturing processes and product designs. Nevertheless, critical components like batteries are still expensive as they account for 40 of an EVs cost. Indian startups will especially struggle with this as access to raw materials for lithium ion batteries is limited. Though there are some initiatives, such as a Production Linked Incentive, to encourage alternative battery chemistries with more indigenous materials, research on them is scattered, complex and costly prohibiting the entry of startups into this sector. R D is also not just about manufacturing capacity. EVs are increasingly electronic and EV software plays a critical role in advancing EV technologies. Whether it is to manage battery, coordinate different functions across the vehicle or present user interfaces, software can often be where EV manufacturers earn a competitive advantage. Developing or even using software can be extremely expensive, which, along with manufacturing costs, can make the development of a prototype prohibitively expensive. This does not even take into account the need for the testing equipment required to troubleshoot and develop prototypes into feasible designs. R D on EV components requires equipment.

Like motor test benches, mixed signal oscilloscopes and cell/battery cyclers some of which can cost 3 5 cores each. Even if the funding could be raised by startups to afford these R D costs, talent remains a major bottleneck that prevents India from being globally competitive. Countries like the USA and China have been investing in automobiles and EVs for so long that their EV industries have developed immense expertise in the field. India is unfortunately still lagging behind and many organizations struggle to recruit quality engineers. This struggle is especially worse for startups, many of whom struggle to compete with the pay packages and benefits that large manufacturers like Tata Motors, Mercedes Benz and Mahindra can provide. All of these struggles are occurring in the backdrop of major supply chain crises the EV production process has been called a manufacturing hell because of its numerous bottlenecks. The process of making automobiles involves high fixed costs, and complicated coordination with different suppliers to source various materials and components. These are issues that are mitigated by economies of scale but that requires significant capital and investment there is a good reason why the gap between making a prototype and mass producing an EV is ominously called the valley of death. Many startups are unable to find investors who have sufficiently long term thinking Funding difficulties are also the main reason dissuading startups from exploring new ideas. Even with investors, the situation can arise where their expectations are not in alignment with the company vision. EVs: Long term opportunities that are not a zero sum game It is clear that EVs have immense potential to both deal with climate change as well as fuel economies. While there is significant competition between different companies of varying sizes and even different technologies, anyone who has spent any time with EVs realises that EVs are not a zero sum game. The scale of the problems and their sheer variety mean that multiple companies will be needed to provide a variety of EV solutions. This is not to say that the EV industry will not be competitive but more to highlight the opportunities for collaboration and collective movements, especially among startups. This may lead to a new type of EV organizations that are more interested in ecosystem building than developing products themselves. Take testing equipment for example one individual EV startup may not be able to afford all the equipment required, but an organisation with multiple EV startups as members could purchase this equipment and split the cost across its members over a period of time. This is a far more efficient use of the equipment and may be a more effective model at a time when equipment is becoming more expensive and difficult to source. Startups would obviously benefit tremendously from access to state of the art equipment while maintaining lower capital expenses, lesser risk and reduced cash flow issues. This model could also be used to consolidate talent which EV startups could access through.

a consultation model, which would help early stage startups advance R D development by avoiding recruitment constraints. Engineers working in such a model would interface with multiple technologies and use cases, which would expedite the pace at which they gain functional expertise. This is precisely the type of long term thinking that will be required by these ecosystem creators, and there is no type of organisation where this is more required than venture capital firms. Many of them are still learning about mobility and climate technologies and how to invest in them. This limits the potential of EV startups to scale enough to transition beyond the valley of death and begin production. The opportunities for the EV industry to drive another era of growth in India is immense both from the economic activity generated by the manufacturing and development of EVs by Indian startups as well as the activity generated by the use of the effects it could have on logistics and transport industries are extremely exciting. There are certainly challenges that will need to be overcome, but the truism that challenges are just another word for opportunities has never been truer. With the right support and movement, the EV ecosystem can help power India into a new era of clean mobility Many established automobile manufacturers have been slow to act, giving startups the opportunity to gain a foothold in the market. However, despite these opportunities, startups need a supportive ecosystem to help them grow and achieve their full potential. This is definitely the case in India, where young EV entrepreneurs face a host of challenges such as a lack of access to raw materials, testing equipment and quality talent. There are some positive factors such as India abundant supply of renewable energy resources and expertise in automotive manufacturing. The government has been taking steps to nurture a conducive ecosystem in India for a while, with mission plans and incentive schemes automobiles involves high fixed costs, and complicated coordination with different suppliers to source various materials and components. These are issues that are mitigated by economies of scale but that requires significant capital and investment there is a good reason. It is unfortunate that the collegiums rejected her request for reconsideration without assigning a reason. It is easy to argue that one high court is as good as any other, that such transfers should not be seen as a demotion, and better of justice. However, it is a fallacious argument when one considers that there are no known complaints about her any public around her judicial or personal conduct. It is possible that the transfer is based complaints not available in the public domain. The controversy once again brings under focus the flawed collegium system of appointments and transfers. In recent years, the government and the collegium have been frequently on the latter for transfer has something to do with her judgment in the Bilkis Bano gang rape case, when she was in the Bombay High Court, is quite misconceived.

Following World War II, the United States of America anointed itself the leader of the free world, committed to planting the flag of democracy globally. Much of this global positioning was facilitated by a celebration of its constitution. The constitution, though written in dense legal prose, enshrined the concepts of liberty, equality and freedom. Nourished by a powerful Supreme Court and gushing popular culture portrayals, it became the global gold standard for constitutional documents. Oil producers and refineries exporting downstream products have had a good run this year. Consequently, on June 30, Gol levied an indirect tax on them to capture a part of the windfall gains. The levy of indirect taxes in the form of cess on domestic crude production sold at import parity prices, and on export of petrol, diesel and aviation turbine fuel will accrue entirely to Gol. This is because a cess is not part of the divisible pool of taxes that has to be shared with states. Last week, the GST Council had a two day meeting where steps to reform the structure of the indirect tax by closing some exemptions and correcting inverted duties were approved. Its a welcome move. GST has withstood stress tests in 2020 21 when the economy contracted. It withstood the challenge and its resilience is now beyond question. However, GST remains a work in progress. For example, the Council needs to extend GST to important economic inputs currently outside its purview. Notably, petroleum products and electricity. One of the aims of GST is to improve Indians economic competitiveness by removing the cascading impact of taxes. Keeping petroleum and electricity outside GST will not help us realise this goal as input tax credit is unavailable when they are used in economic activity. States are reluctant to subsume these products into GST as they feel Gol has eaten into the divisible pool of taxes by resorting to cess and surcharge. They have a point the share of cess and surcharge in gross tax revenue increased from 10.4% in 2011 12 to 15.3% in 2018 19. Both levels of government face fiscal pressure. But if Indians most important indirect tax reform, GST, has to live up to its potential all stakeholders have to take the long view. GST was the outcome of a grand bargain when states ceded unilateral tax powers over the major part of their base in return for a temporary guaranteed compensation to smoothen the transition. That phase is over but much needs to be done. The way forward is for Gol, the entity with superior taxation powers, to avoid frequent recourse to cess. It vitiates the atmosphere and limits GSTs potential. Avoiding cess to persuade states to bring petrol, electricity and all of real estate into GST should be the next big target. Its direct impact will be on Indians competitiveness. All sensible Indians would agree with CJI Ramana that the judiciary must function as an independent organ of governance, answerable to the Constitution alone he is also.

Right that such ideal functioning is made difficult by the party in office expecting judicial endorsement of every governmental action and opposition parties likewise expecting support for their causes. But judging by the parameters of constancy and transparency, it is perhaps equally indisputable that painful gaps remain in courts answerability to the Constitution that are entirely of their own doing. For example, despite Article 20 2 safeguarding against double jeopardy, and also an SC judgment that subjecting an individual to numerous proceedings on the basis of the same cause is violative of fundamental rights, the clubbing of multiple FIRs into one jurisdiction is yet to become a procedural commonplace. Nupur Sharma is just the latest to experience this. In a much more widespread malaise, the elemental concept of bail not jail has yet to be internalised by the judicial labyrinth. On the transparency front, judicial appointments themselves present the most glaring gaps. In a strongly worded minority opinion when SC struck down the NJAC Act, Justice Chelameswar had written that transparency is an aspect of rationality and the need for transparency is more in the case of appointment process. The judgment too had underlined the need to enhance the collegiums transparency. And yet, great opacity still persists in appointments, as also in case listing. Constitutional matters like challenges to the nullification of Article 370 sit delayed before multi judge benches, with poor explanation. These are challenges that are very much within the judiciarys domain to address. It can do a far better job of keeping faith with the Constitution, plus the citizens and their civil liberties. Last weeks Bricks summit was bookended by some excitement over the possibility of the group expanding by accepting new members and reports that Argentina and Iran had applied for membership. What this obscures, however, is the fact that amid the evolving geopolitical situation, the Bricks mechanism appears to be undergoing an identity crisis. There is a deepening contradiction at the heart of the grouping, which is likely to result in extremely difficult choices for Indian foreign policy. Historically, economic cooperation and somewhat shared perspectives among emerging markets on matters related to global governance reform provided the raison d enter for Bricks cooperation. In this sense, the groups agenda was not just economic but also political. The addition of South Africa, the only African economy in the G20, to the Bricks in 2010 further underscored this. To be a mother you must first be a wife, every uterus knows that. Only after families say yeh shade naming ho skate and wives tell husbands main apace batches Ki ma bane wale hood do kids get to say main first class main first aye hood, ma! That the correct order. We ask strangers how many kids they have only after they nod to are you married? Reproductive systems are activated at the end of wedding receptions. Pregnancy tests that show two pink lines are strictly for a Mrs. A Miss, when caught with such a kit is.

Buying it for a cousin or neighbour. When a hetero couple is having fun, only one of them can miss a period. The other just has to say, Dent be hyper. Women who stare anxiously at calendars with fingers crossed could be wishing for or against. Some women want kids, have them. Some women have kids, dont want them. Some women dont want kids, dont have them. New moms and babies face each other warily. Some moms baby talk to the baby even when the baby is a badly in his 50s. Some moms hand baby to nanny and are pleasantly surprised when baby grins one day and there are 32 teeth in its mouth. Babies themselves roll their eyes when you bring in a second bundle of joy, your back up baby in case first is misplaced. Firstborn wants it returned pronto and loses all composure when told but you wanted a sibling. Brought up on films where babies are born after two flowers shake a lot, Indian kids routinely suffer heart attacks in biology class. They go back home, look at their parents and shake their heads, Nah, not them! Pills, pull out, prayers no method is foolproof, so, oops, here we are. Not all of us were planned; ova just cant be trusted around a sperm. As condom companies are routinely burnt to the ground or sued for school fees, celibacy cannot be recommended highly enough if populating the planet is not on your to do list. While we pester the newlywed for good news, a quick first pregnancy always sparks backward counting; the baby better look preemie. When married women ask about birth control, they are told to wait, what if they want more kids, eh? When unmarried women do, they are asking for a friend. Life is a divine creative force. We are not dependent solely on instinctual drives but also possess virtues of awareness, reasoning, common sense, reflection, will, logic, morality and discerning real and unreal. These virtues bestow immense freedom of making choices. We are not separate from other creatures. We carry within the entire evolutionary memory beginning from marine life, amphibians, reptiles and mammals. However, beyond a certain threshold of upliftment, its entirely our choice how to steer our lives and what to become. Embracing these virtues helps in evolving and living life free from unconscious reactions. By exercising freedom of choice, we can make our lives worthier and meaningful. We can carve our own paths. Samsara are those pathways. Sam means total and Kara means action. We often misconstrue samsara as something positive and righteous. Samsara are neutral. They literally mean impression or groove. These impressions are created both consciously and unconsciously and stored as memory in Chita the huge storage and powerhouse of impressions. These impressions mound our inner potential to create us as us. Once stored in chitter, these impressions drive our responses and actions. On facing familiar situations or events, samsara evoke familiar responses. They drive us on.

Autopilot mode these internal reflexes have the power to recreate the same reflexive outcomes and repetitive behaviors. Thus, what we are today is because what we were in the past and what we will be in the future depends on what we are today. Samsara constitutes our deep rooted tendencies, habits, consistent patterns of reactions, behavior, outlook, feelings and way of perceiving. Findings suggest that the brain hardwires repetitive learning to conserve energy and resources so that the same can be redirected towards new learning and behaviors. For example, initially, learning to drive a car was cumbersome. We lacked coordination and while we paid attention to some functions, we missed others. However, over time, we developed skill and dexterity to coordinate all functions together and mastered driving. Today, we hardly pay attention to where the steering is, how to change the gear or accelerate. We drive effortlessly. Skill mastered is now part of our subconscious and in a split second we drive and navigate without any difficulty. The pattern we sow as samsara directs and influences our future actions and outcomes. My outcome how I drive today is entirely based on how I learnt driving in the past. That why, my style of driving is consistent and uniquely different from others. Generally, samsara are helpful and essential for navigating our lives. However, they become unhelpful when past samsara start coloring our present and restrict our vision of seeing things as they are. When internal, past conditioning unconsciously shapes our present perception, we get stuck in the karmic groove that restricts us from moving forward. Loosening the grip of such samsara is a challenge, but planting strong intentions and constant repetition helps in creating a corresponding groove or tendency. Scientific evidence suggests that nerves that fire together, wire together. Deeper the groove, more likely we tend to follow that track just like water flowing through channels. Thus, by moving from conscious towards unconscious and automatic, we can reprogrammed ourselves. Recently, I came across a puzzle floating in What Sapp groups. I reproduce it verbatim, not to bias the readers from any clue or hint. A lady buys grocery worth Rs.350 from a shop. Shopkeeper selling the goods with zero profit. The lady gives him 2000 Rest note. The shopkeeper gets the change from next shop, keeps 350 for himself and returns Rs.1650 to the lady. Later the shopkeeper of the next shop comes with the Rest. 2000 note saying duplicate and takes his money back. How much LOSS did the shopkeeper face? Select the correct option 350; B. 1650; C. 2350; D. 3650; E. 4000; F. Other Specify Amount. No need to scratch your head. The correct answer is supposed to be Rest 2000 because, the shop keeper ended up in a fake note Rest 2000/. Well, this solution is mathematically correct. But let us look at this episode from ethical angle. The episode here involves three persons. On one hand, we have here, a lady who moves freely with a.

Fake note of Rest 2000 either innocently or ignorantly knowing fully well that carrying fake currency is illegal. She gets her stuff and walks away home coolly. The neighboring shop keeper exercises his right to get back his Rest 2000 claiming that the note is fake. The main shop keeper, who sells the goods on no profit incurs loss because of no fault on his part. However, why didnt he notice that the note was fake, in the first instance itself and lodge a police complaint? He might have thought that by doing so, he would lose a customer, and any way, the note will be safely passed on to the neighboring shop! While we are discussing the deal as a transaction among three people, we should not forget that the real culprit is the person who printed fake note, and the whole system which has not been able to catch the thief since its printing and circulation. A close introspection reveals that all of us, so called general public are a part of the corrupt system, and the existing rules will not help out in coming to an ethical solution. We wear different hats depending upon what suits us. Sometimes, we behave like the lady who walks freely with a corrupt note, showing innocence or ignorance of the procedure. At times, we behave like the neighboring shop keeper, who shows self interest, not even bothered to ask how did it happen, and what could have been done to improve the system. More often, we behave like the shop keeper, and take a chance till we are caught by someone. Unless we change our mindset and come together to address the issue from an ethical angle, the fake notes and corrupt practices are bound to remain forever. What are the take away messages from this episode? It is not fair to target someone as corrupt without addressing the whole system. The solution, which is not simple, perhaps, lies in good governance which rewards good practice and punishes the corrupt practice. For example, in this case, investigation should be conducted and severe punishment should be inflicted against all persons who are found guilty of printing fake currency. At the same time, a strong incentive should be given to those who can give information to nab the culprits. They should also be given personal security to prevent victimization. On the other hand, if an innocent person is tricked by someone, like the shopkeeper in this episode, he she should be duly compensated immediately by following a transparent procedure. The loss should be compensated by the public relief fund as it is a collective responsibility to see that such thing doesnt recur. Having known the delay and hassles involved in taking measures based on judiciary or legislation in the Indian context, the only hope is executive machinery which should become proactive and take up such issues, till we evolve long term solutions of adding layers of legislation or judiciary. We dont need too.

Many rules, but we need officers who are competent, assertive and ethical. Mathematics will offer solution which is correct. But ethics will offer solution which is right. Our education system should try to integrate Mathematics with ethics. It should happen at homes, schools and society. Lets wait for a day and date with MATHEMETHICS! The horrifying video of two radical Islamists beheading an innocent tailor in Udaipur shocked India. This is neither the first nor the last time it will happen but we need to take threats seriously, as, Kahayan All could have been saved. He reported the threats to the police but apparently it was ignored. The fact is that many people in India supported Nupur Sharma as she was made a scapegoat. No one spoke of what led her to quote a correct passage from the Hadith. Mullahs and Malians should realise that if they make fun of Hindu Gods, then others will question their belief systems. It pains me to see this terrible tragedy becoming a political slugfest. All parties must realise that Islamic radicalism hurts everyone and every community. There are millions of law abiding Muslims but there are also a few politicians and preachers who want to divide the country. They see India thriving and doing well and this upsets them. They would rather have riots and mayhem. The only way to stop them is to identify them and shame them on social media, print and TV. Such people want power at any cost even if it means sowing divisions and hate. There are tough solutions that our intelligence networks will have to follow. Warn hate preachers and jail them. Check regularly on what is being taught in Madrassas. If possible offer good schools instead of Madrassas. Members of the community should ensure that there is no violence after the Friday prayers. Teaching the good parts of any religion is fine but to incite people to riot and throw stones and burn vehicles and buildings cannot be condoned. Why should there be incidents of stone throwing by angry youngsters after the most Holy day of the week, where they ask Allah and Prophet Mohammed, to give them blessings and also most importantly to bring about peace in the world. If Prophet Mohammed was alive today he would not approve of what is being done in his name. He would be appalled by the incidents of violence and the fact that there are some dubious clerics and politicians who possibly incite youngsters. I have heard some of these visceral and hateful speeches, recently, saying that one community is under threat. The clerics and politicians who incite the youth would never ask their own children to riots. It is the poor and the vulnerable kids they target to fight their so called perceived battles something that the Prophet would have disapproved off. The rich clerics would never allow their own children to become cattle fodder. Their children get the best of education and are safe in secure.

Jobs living in expensive neighborhoods. I know this as a fact as I personally have had a debate at a Lit Fest with a high ranking IAS officer who went to the best school in India and was a Muslim from one of the best known families in India but thought that Madrassas were great education for Muslim children as they could get jobs as clerics. I was too polite to counter him with Why did you not go to a Madrassa then? Or to point out to him that had his parents not sent him to the best of schools, he would not have had the opportunities that made him what he is and why would he want millions of kids going in for an education that gave them only a few choices either to be a cleric or a teacher. But since I knew his family personally, I can say I was aghast at his attitude. This is what I think is a mindset problem with some people in high places who are such hypocrites that they actually think that their children deserve better than other peoples kids who they use at every opportunity as useful idiots. These people are very much a part of the Breaking India forces. They are cynical and rich and care little about uplifting the poor. They will hit out at the leader of their own country who has genuinely distributed welfare, medical, food, banking and housing to all those who need it be they of any religion or caste. They will try and vilify all Indians and India in any forum national or international. Such people will sell themselves to cynically denigrate the very country that has given them everything. Every nation has such people. Some call them traitors but I say they are pitiful, pathetic losers. I was appalled to see a recent huge gathering of a minority community in Rajasthan, where every speaker was openly telling the people gathered there to come out in huge numbers again on Friday, June 17, after their Holy prayers and bring women and children along to show displeasure against Nupur Sharma and the BJP government. This despite the fact that Nupur has an FIR against her and has been removed from the party. Some so called leaders even want her hanged in a public square! Should such hate protests be allowed? I have lived and travelled to many countries and though protests are allowed in democracies, hate speech to incite thousands are definitely not allowed. The organisers and speakers would get into trouble and never be able to preach again. It is this mindset that led to the horrific beheading and it must not be tolerated. It has been found that the men who indulged in this ghastly crime were part of a group of radicals connected to Pakistan. There must be hundred such groups and we urgently need human intelligence at the local levels to find these cells that plan attacks and riots.

Of education in India. Waking up can be a truly blissful experience, like emerging from a cocoon of serenity into the world of possibilities. As the sun gently kisses the horizon, the first rays of dawn seep through the curtains, illuminating the room with a soft, golden glow. The transition from slumber to consciousness is a gradual one, allowing the mind to slowly shed its dreams and embrace the present moment. In these tranquil moments, the mind feels clear, unburdened by the worries of yesterday or the uncertainties of the day ahead. The feeling of waking up refreshed and revitalized is unparalleled. The body, having rested and rejuvenated during the night, feels light and ready to take on the day challenges. The mind, too, feels sharper and more receptive, as if it has been polished during the night slumber. It is a time of renewal and hope, a chance to start anew, leaving behind any regrets or mistakes of the past. As the senses gradually awaken, they take in the beauty of the morning the soft chirping of birds, the rustling of leaves, the subtle aroma of brewing coffee or fresh flowers. The world seems to come alive with every passing moment, and there is a sense of connectedness to nature and all living things. Perhaps what makes waking up truly blissful is the opportunity it brings. It marks the beginning of a new day, a new chapter in one life, filled with endless possibilities and opportunities for growth. It is a chance to pursue dreams, connect with loved ones, and make a positive impact on the world. With each sunrise, life is granted another chance to savor the sweetness of existence and embrace all that it has to offer. In conclusion, waking up is a gift of renewal, a moment of peace and serenity that allows us to embrace the world with a refreshed perspective. It is a time when we can savor the simple joys of existence and find gratitude in the beauty that surrounds us. Every morning, we are presented with the opportunity to make the most of the day, to create new memories, and to savor the bliss that comes with being alive.

It a pleasant evening in Bengaluru. Nikita, a high school teacher, has just finished an engaging lecture on photosynthesis, delivered seamlessly through the DIKSHA platform. Having finished her final class before the summer break, she hops on to the auto that she booked a couple of minutes ago via the Namma Yatri app to reach home in time. Together with her family, Nikita then departs for the airport. Upon reaching the airport, the cab driver Bharadwaja, points to the QR code which she scans to make her payment through the UPI enabled app BHIM. At the security checkpoint, she uses the DigiYatra app which facilitates a paperless and seamless travel experience leveraging credentials such as e-Aadhaar through Digilocker. This is just an instance of how India Stack and other open-source platforms are unlocking the economic primitives of identity, data, payments, education and mobility, amongst others at population scale. At a 99% adult enrollment rate, India Aadhaar allows for paperless identity verification and faster direct benefit transfers, saving over ₹ 2 lakh crore for the government. With an 87% FinTech adoption rate, the highest globally, India stands at a total monthly real-time mobile payments value of around ₹ 5.5 lakh crores. When the world reeled under the impact of the COVID-19, India CoWIN platform emerged as a beacon of hope. The CoWIN platform is Digital Infrastructure for Vaccination Open Credentialing (DIVOC), largest implementation. With over 220 crore vaccine doses administered, the platform offers complete digitization of the vaccination process, including registration, immunization.

Appointment scheduling, and issuance of digital certificates. As a result, more than 140 countries have shown interest in adopting it. In line with the philosophy, Vasudhaiva Kutumbhakam (the entire world as one family), India has developed these technologies as free and open source software for all countries to leverage to accelerate digitization and promote collective growth. The development of these open-source software, data, AI models, standards and content for social good, also referred to as digital public goods (a result of synergies arising from the combined efforts of the government, the community and Bazaar market). The government (Sarkar) hosts and maintains the products such as the India Stack, DIKSHA and CoWIN with an aim to leverage the power of technology and digital infrastructure, to create an inclusive, empowered, and digitally-enabled society. The India Stack consists of multiple products of which the Aadhaar, e-auth and e-KYC is run by the Unique ID Authority of India. Similarly, eSign is run by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Digilocker by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and UPI by the National Payments Corporation of India. The community (Samaaj) has also contributed solutions, such as the platform by eGov Foundation, which facilitates easy access to government services for citizens, and the e-developed by inspirit, an open-source software development kit that enables Aadhaar authentication and key processes for businesses. These initiatives are supplemented by engagements such as hackathons and conferences, like those organized by FOSS United which provide a platform for collaboration towards the shared goal of developing technology for social good. Lastly, the market (Bazaar) has also contributed to the ecosystem by innovating and developing. For instance, the Namma Yatri app by JusPay enables open mobility and affordable auto rides by connecting drivers directly with the customers. Similarly, the Pincode app by PhonePe offers hyper local shopping offerings to bring small merchants into the digital shopping fold through the Open Network for Digital Commerce platform. Population scale platforms like Aadhaar, CoWIN, and have revolutionized the way governments and citizens interact, but building and maintaining these platforms requires a community of talented open-source contributors. However, despite a yearly pool of more than 95 lakh graduates from institutes of higher education in India, many are unaware of how to contribute to the tech industry, especially when it comes to complex population scale projects like. The lack of structure and constant evolution of tech may hinder their contributions. As developing countries increasingly rely on for growth, it becomes critical to attract top engineering talent to contribute to the DPG revolution. This is where Code for Rotech (C4GT) comes in, bridging the gap by providing a platform for individuals to actively contribute and make a meaningful impact in the open-source community. In its second edition, C4GT is shooting for a larger goal to create a bigger and stronger open-source community, leading to increased innovation and long-term sustainability for. The program has three major enhancements including a larger pool of contributors catering to both students and professionals, an extension to global contributors, and the opportunity for mentoring organizations to receive incubation funding from C4GT partners for their. C4GT is the platform for individuals looking to make a difference in the DPG ecosystem, whether as a contributor, DPG builder, adopter, or mentor. Contributors can access dedicated mentorship.

Networking opportunities, DPG boot camps, stipends, and potential job opportunities, while working on challenging projects be it adding core product functionality, or creating prototypes to push the limits of technology. DPG builders can showcase their projects, hone mentoring skills, and connect with an active C4GT community. DPG adopters can get prototypes or products built that leverage open-source technology and open standards for their own applications and access the mentor network to help them ramp up on using these. Mentors can nurture talent for their organizations, access potential adopters, and scale their products. Participants can also join the Discord community, access curated content, and explore potential job opportunities and commercial projects for deploying and scaling. Through C4GT, new market opportunities will be unlocked with a number of startups participating, students and professionals being educated about the Rotech ecosystem, and open-source advocacy being championed. These efforts will invigorate the active community of contributors, and create a robust foundation for future innovation with open source and Digital Public Goods in India. By unleashing the power of community, C4GT aims to serve as a catalyst for the open-source movement and provides a platform for individuals to build for Bharat and from Bharat, for the world! says the jawing had mental health issues. Question: Why was a mentally troubled jawing on duty with an assault rifle? Concerns have been rightly expressed that the jawing seems to have also targeted passengers from the Muslim community. But the point is that had he not been armed and on duty his state of mind would have claimed lives. Such incidents are not isolated. In January, Nab Das, Odessa health minister, was shot dead by a policeman using his service revolver. The assassin has mental health issues. When it comes to incidents of fratricide in the Central Armed Police Forces, GOI informed Parliament that the underlying causes are usually traced to personal issues. The job undoubtedly stressful. The question is whether the leadership has a system in place to deal with the fallout. RFP has now constituted a committee that due to report in three weeks. The recommendations should include putting in place a system that ensures those with mental health problems are not on duty. RPF is a body that functions under the umbrella of a central legislation. It does lack power or attention it can arrest without a magistrate order and some of its personnel receive commando training. Yet, it has failed to inspire confidence. In 2015, a railway reform committee chaired by Babe Derby recommended that senior railway staffers should have the freedom to choose between private security and RPF for safeguarding passengers. India internal security apparatus has grown in size and become more militarized. The concern here is whether there equal attention paid to the people who make up the forces. Eventually, it a human being who decides when to fire. Is there an adequate system to identify troubled personnel in all forces? First things first. Is freedom of choice in marriage a constitutional right? Yes, this is well-established as an intrinsic part of the right to life and personal liberty under Article 21. So, Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel saying he shall look into making parental consent mandatory for marriages if the Constitution supports it, is a strange statement from a constitutional post-holder whose job includes protecting rights. Such a law simply cannot be passed. Patel knows it but by tagging his authority to its desirability, he has sent a big social signal. And that the problem. Even when there is.