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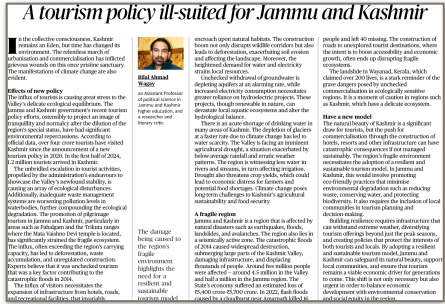
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## Balancing Tourism and Environmental Sustainability: The Urgent Need for a Resilient Model in Kashmir



Kashmir, once an idyllic sanctuary, is facing severe environmental challenges due to **unchecked urbanization and tourism**. The influx of tourists, driven by recent policies aimed at showcasing stability, has led to significant **ecological disturbances**.

Over four crore tourists have visited since the new **tourism policy** began in 2020, putting immense pressure on the region's fragile ecosystem. This surge has resulted in **deforestation, waste accumulation, inadequate waste management, and increased demand for resources, exacerbating pollution and depleting**

groundwater.

The region is also grappling with the effects of **climate change**, including accelerated glacier melting, water scarcity, and potential agricultural drought. Historical natural disasters, such as the 2014 floods and recent flash floods, underscore the vulnerability of Kashmir's environment.

To address these issues, the article advocates for a **resilient and sustainable tourism model** that emphasizes eco-friendly practices, local community involvement, and infrastructure capable of withstanding extreme weather. Such an approach is crucial to preserving Kashmir's natural beauty, supporting local communities, and ensuring that tourism remains sustainable in the long term.

## Vigilantism and Socio-Economic Struggles: The Faridabad Murder Case



In Faridabad, Haryana, a recent murder by cow vigilantes has highlighted the intense conflict between vigilante actions and legal norms. A young man was tragically killed by members of a cow protection group after being mistaken for a cattle smuggler. The group, which had been involved in other incidents of violence, is under investigation by the police.

The incident **underscores** the **growing influence and controversy surrounding cow vigilante groups** in India, which are often supported by state governments. The murder also brings to light broader socio-economic issues, including high unemployment and poverty in the region, affecting both the perpetrators and the victim's family.

This case **illustrates** the dangerous **intersection of vigilantism, communal tensions, and socio-economic struggles**, raising questions about the role and impact of such groups in society.

**In a world where justice and desperation collide, the line between right and wrong can become dangerously blurred.**



## Rising Political Tensions and Demographic Debates in Jharkhand's Santhal Pargana Region

In Jharkhand's **Santhal Pargana** region, concerns have arisen about **demographic changes** linked to alleged **migration** and **infiltration** from Bangladesh. These concerns are influencing **local political dynamics**, particularly with upcoming Assembly elections. The ruling party is facing criticism for alleged corruption and mismanagement, while opposition parties are using claims of demographic shifts and "infiltration" to galvanise support.

The debate has intensified with claims that increasing Muslim populations are due to illegal immigration, leading to fears of altered local demographics and cultural impacts. Political leaders from opposition parties are amplifying these claims, which are contested by local officials and residents who argue that population changes are more likely due to natural factors and internal migration.

The local administration is scrutinising these claims but faces challenges due to legal constraints and the complexity of verifying immigration status without specific evidence. Overall, the situation highlights **tensions** between **political narratives, local demographics, and broader socio-political strategies**.



## Severe Flooding Devastates Khammam District: Lives Lost and Widespread Damage

On September 1, severe flooding caused by torrential rains led to devastating impacts in Khammam district, Telangana. The **Palair river** overflowed, resulting in significant damage as floodwaters surged through villages and towns. Many families were trapped on rooftops, with some losing their lives as structures collapsed under the relentless waters. Local residents experienced dire conditions, with communities stranded and emergency services struggling to reach those in need due to adverse weather.

The floods resulted from extreme rainfall, with water levels in key rivers exceeding historical highs. This caused widespread destruction, including the submergence of homes and agricultural fields. Critical infrastructure such as roads and water supply systems were severely affected, with significant repair costs anticipated.

In the wake of the disaster, there was widespread frustration with the **lack of timely warnings and effective rescue operations**. The floods also prompted political debates, with accusations directed at both the previous and current administrations regarding their handling of the crisis and preparedness for such events.

Overall, the floods have left a profound impact on the region, causing loss of life, damage to property, and economic hardships for many residents.

**Note:** Palair river is a **tributary** of the **Krishna River** in the Khammam district of Telangana.





## Supreme Court Rules Judicial Appointments Must Be a Collaborative Process, Not an Individual Prerogative

The Supreme Court ruled that judicial appointments to constitutional courts must be a collaborative process, not an individual prerogative of the Chief Justice. The Court emphasized that the Collegium system, established in 1993, requires **collective decision-making** by senior judges. The ruling came from a case where the **Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh** had **acted alone** in recommending the elevation of two judges, which was deemed procedurally flawed. The Court ordered the High Court Collegium to reconsider the appointments and stressed **balancing transparency with confidentiality** in the process.

## India Approves BPaLM Regimen for Quicker, More Effective MDR-TB Treatment

This regimen, **part** of the **National TB Elimination Programme**, includes the drug **Pretomanid**, combined with **Bedaquiline** and **Linezolid** (and optionally **Moxifloxacin**). Unlike traditional treatments that can take up to 20 months, BPaLM offers a **cure in just six months** with fewer side effects. This advancement is part of **India's goal to eliminate TB by 2025**, ahead of the global target. The regimen aims to benefit India's 75,000 drug-resistant TB patients.

## ASI Highlights Conflicts in Protected Monuments Declared as Waqf Property During Parliamentary Panel Review

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) reported to a Parliamentary panel that conflicts arise when protected monuments, such as **Fatehpur Sikri** and **Atala Masjid**, are also designated as Waqf property. The ASI claimed that this **dual authority** leads to **administrative issues** and **interference** with conservation efforts.

## NTCA's Relocation Directive for Tiger Reserves Faces Criticism for Legal Violations and Potential Conflicts

The **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** has instructed 19 States to **expedite** the **relocation of villagers from core tiger zones**, citing concerns over slow progress and its impact on tiger conservation. The directive, which has faced backlash from activists and organizations, is said to violate several laws, including the **Wildlife Protection Act** and the **Forest Rights Act**. Critics argue that the NTCA's actions **could lead to conflicts** between **state authorities** and **forest-dwelling communities**. The Environment Ministry official stated that such directives are routine and that relocations must be conducted voluntarily and in compliance with legal rights.

## Prime Minister Modi Highlights Mother Tongue Education and NEP Impact During National Teachers Awards Interaction

Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with the National Teachers Awardees, **emphasizing** the importance of **teaching in one's mother tongue** and the impact of the **National Education Policy (NEP)**. He encouraged **incorporating local folklore into lessons**, **organising educational tours** to explore India's diversity, and **using social media to share best practices**.

This year's awards recognized 82 teachers from various educational departments for their exceptional contributions.

## Low Representation of Reserved Categories Among IIT Bhubaneswar Faculty

At the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar, over 80% of faculty members are from unreserved categories. The institute has 300 sanctioned faculty posts, with 213 currently filled, but 95 positions are vacant. Of the 213 filled positions, 171 are occupied by general category members. Only 28 faculty members are from the OBC category, 1 from a tribal community, 12 from SCs, and 1 from the Economically Weaker Section.

Efforts to address this disparity include RTI applications and meetings with Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, who directed Central institutions to adhere to reservation policies. Despite these measures, the representation of marginalized communities at IIT Bhubaneswar remains low. Senior Congress leader Srikant Jena has called for a thorough investigation into the recruitment process, citing the need for compliance with reservation policies.

## GTRI Suggests Allowing Natural Growth for India's EV Sector

The think tank GTRI has advised that the Indian government should let the domestic electric vehicle (EV) sector *develop organically without heavy reliance on incentives*. This approach would prevent India from becoming an "EV colony" for China. GTRI highlighted unique challenges India faces in adopting EVs, such as the fact that *80% of the country's power is generated from fossil fuels* like coal. The think tank believes that avoiding excessive incentives and dependence on Chinese imports will allow the EV sector to evolve more sustainably.

## Challenges to PM Awas Yojana's Urban Housing Plan

The government's goal of constructing *one crore urban houses* under the **PM Awas Yojana** may face obstacles due to *rising land acquisition costs, increased construction expenses, and restrictive pricing and area limits*.

Builders report that land prices have surged significantly, and raw material costs have risen by 15-20%. In cities like Gurgaon and Mumbai, the current pricing and size restrictions on affordable homes make them impractical, leading builders to seek government intervention for land allocation, incentives, and price adjustments.

## "News Highlights: Key Updates in Brief"

### International

- Ukrainian President **Zelenskyy** urged for increased Western military support to strike deeper into Russia, as the U.S. announced an additional \$250 million in aid amid ongoing conflict and pressure on Russian forces.
- India will not host this year's **Quad Summit**; it will take place in the U.S. with leaders from the U.S., Japan, and Australia meeting with Prime Minister Modi. The venue is still undecided, and the summit will address key issues like maritime security and climate change. This is India's first chance to host the summit since it was upgraded to a leadership level in 2021.
- **India** and the **EU** are boosting defence cooperation with a focus on maritime security and joint operations. An Indian delegation visited Europe to study the EU's security mechanisms and explore collaboration in Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions. The visit highlighted the shared commitment to regional stability and effective maritime order.
- Typhoon **Yagi**, the strongest autumn typhoon to hit **China**, made landfall on Hainan Island, disrupting life and forcing around a million evacuations.

### State Specific

- An **Inter-Ministerial Central Team (ICMT)** will soon visit **Andhra Pradesh** and **Telangana** to assess flood damage. The Centre has provided significant relief resources, including NDRF teams and military helicopters. Telangana's Chief Minister has requested *relaxation* of **National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF)** guidelines to expedite aid and has appealed for equal assistance for both states. Preliminary losses in Telangana are estimated at ₹5,438 crore.

**Note:** Previously, states could use NDRF funding after spending 50% of their **State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)**, but the rules *now require states to spend 100% of the SDRF* before accessing NDRF aid.

### Sports

- **Jyoti Berwal** won **gold** in the women's 76 kg freestyle at the **U20 World Wrestling Championships**, with Indian grapplers securing more medals in other categories.



## Bihar Special (if any)

### हिन्दुस्तान

# सूबे में 9 नए मेडिकल कॉलेज खुलेंगे

आरक्षक विभाग में पूर्वी भारत के सबसे बड़े 9 नए अस्पताल का शुभकारण और केंद्रीय स्वास्थ्य मंत्री जे.पी. नटुगल उद्घाटन किया। साथ ही स्वास्थ्य विभाग की 850 करोड़ रुपये की परियोजना का उद्घाटन एवं शिलान्यास किया। मोके पर मुख्यमंत्री तथा केंद्रीय मंत्री ने बिहार में स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं को बेहतर बनाने का संकल्प लिया। विभाग ने बिहार में 9 जिलों में नए मेडिकल कॉलेज खोलने की घोषणा की जो केंद्रीय मंत्री ने कहा कि आने वाले दिनों में बिहार मेडिकल हब बनने में मदद करेगा।

## 35 जिलों में हो जायेंगे मेडिकल कॉलेज: नीतीश बिहार मेडिकल हब के रूप में विकसित होगा: जेपी नटुगल

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# राज्य में 65 फीसदी आरक्षण बहाल करने से सुप्रीम इनकार

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# राज्य के 3782 किमी राजमार्ग सिर्फ दो लेन चौड़े

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172 किलोमीटर सड़क दो लेन चौड़ी

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