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Prime Minister's Office

### PM congratulates Ursula von der Leyen on being re-elected as European Commission President

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The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today congratulated Ursula von der Leyen on being re-elected as the President of the European Commission.

Shri Modi said he looks forward to working together to strengthen the Indian and European Union strategic partnership.

The Prime Minister posted on X:

"Congratulations, @vonderleyen, on your re-election as the President of the European Commission. Look forward to working together to strengthen the IN-EU Strategic Partnership for global good."



## News

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Ursula von der Leyen on being re-elected as the President of the European Commission.

## European Commission

- It is the executive body of the European Union.

Its main roles include:

- proposing new laws and policies
- monitoring their implementation
- managing the EU budget

Additionally, it represents the interests of the EU on the global stage, ensuring a coordinated approach among EU countries.

## European Union

- The European Union is a political and economic union of 27 member states that are located primarily in Europe.

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## Supreme Court agrees to examine constitutional provision granting immunity to Governors

A bench headed by the Chief Justice also issued a notice to the West Bengal government on a plea of a contractual woman employee, who has alleged molestation by State Governor C.V. Ananda Bose

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## News

- The Supreme Court has recently agreed to examine the contours of Article 361 of the Constitution which grants "**blanket immunity**" to governors from any kind of criminal prosecution.

## About

- The Bench, headed by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud, was hearing a plea filed by a contractual woman employee of West Bengal Raj Bhavan, who has alleged sexual harassment by Governor C V Ananda Bose.
- Article 361(2) states:** "No criminal proceedings whatsoever shall be instituted or continued against the President, or the Governor of a State, in any court during his term of office".



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### UPSC Chairperson Manoj Soni resigns five years before term ends

Resignation not connected with ongoing controversy over civil services examinations, say sources

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### News

- Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) chairperson Manoj Soni has resigned due to “personal reasons,” almost five years before his tenure ends in 2029.

### UPSC

- It is a **constitutional body** as mandated under Article 315-323 **Part XIV** of the Constitution of India.
- The Commission is headed by a Chairperson and can have a maximum of 10 members.
- **Appointment** : As per Art. 316, the Chairman and other members of Union Public Service Commission shall be appointed by **the President**.
- **Tenure**: Members of the UPSC shall hold office for a term of six years or till the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.

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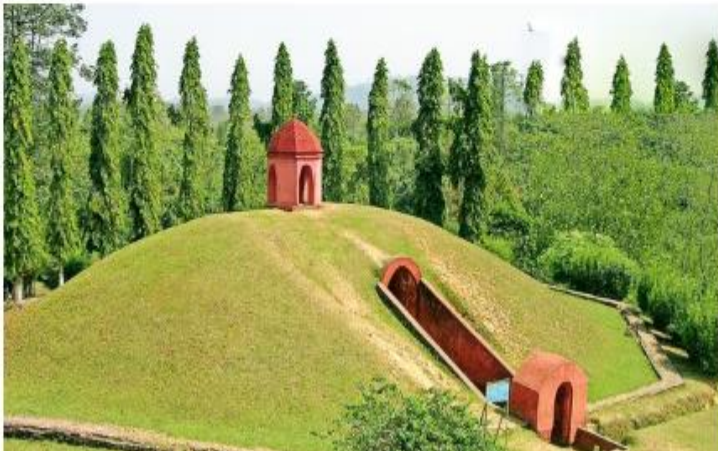
## Assam's 700-yr-old Moidams to be considered for World Heritage List

The nomination dossier for the Moidams was sent more than a decade ago and is presently on the tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is the first step towards the monument becoming a part of the final list.

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### News

- Assam's 700-year-old mound-burial system of the Ahom dynasty will be considered for the World Heritage List during the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee (WHC) which is going to happen in New Delhi.

### About the Ahom 'Moidams'

- The Moidams are the burial mounds of the Ahom kings, Queens, and Nobles.
- The word Moidam is derived from the Tai word Phrang-Mai-Dam where — Phrang-Mai means to put into the grave or to bury and Dam means the spirit of the Dead.
- If the nomination comes through, it will become the first cultural site on the prestigious list from the northeastern region.

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## Why are students protesting in Bangladesh?

More than 50 people have been killed in protests by students opposed to the return of a 30% quota in government employment for those who fought for the freedom of Bangladesh from Pakistan, as well as their children and grandchildren.

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Anti-quota protesters march with Bangladeshi flags and sticks as they engage in a clash with Bangladesh Chhatra League, the student wing of the ruling party Bangladesh Awami League, at the

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### Sparked by a court order

- On June 5, the “High Court” ruled on a suit filed by the “children of nationally recognised freedom fighters”, restoring the 30% reservation and striking down a circular issued by the government in October 2018, which had scrapped the freedom-fighter and other quotas.

### Quotas

- Besides the 30% quota for freedom fighters, there are 10% quotas each for women and backward districts, 5% for members of tribal communities, and 1% for persons with disabilities, taking the total reservation to 56%.