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The Hindu :_GS 2/Governance –Page-1 Hemant Soren wins trust vote, inducts 11 Ministers into Jharkhand Cabinet

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Eleven Ministers were inducted into the Cabinet of Chief Minister Hemant Soren soon after he won the floor test in the Jharkhand Assembly with 45 votes on Monday.

Six Ministers are from the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), four from the Congress, and one from the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD). Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan administered the oath of office and secrecy to them.

The JMM Ministers are Champai Soren, Baidyanath Ram, Deepak Biruwa, Mithilesh Kumar Thakur, Hafizul Hasan, and Baby Devi; the Congress Ministers are Rameshwar



Fresh start: Jharkhand Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan being greeted by Chief Minister Hemant Soren in Ranchi on Monday. PTI

Oraon, Banna Gupta, Irfan Ansari, and Deepika Pandey Singh; and Satyanand Bhokta from the RJD. Mr. Ansari and Ms. Singh are first-time Ministers. Ansari and saturation of the Congress has been dropped from the Cabinet. With an eye on the up-

Mr. Ansari's name was making the rounds from the Congress ever since ping his younger brother Basant Soren, who was earlier part of the Cabinet. He has also not given a Cabinet post to his wife, Kalpana Murmu Soren, a firsttime MLA. The Cabinet has a balanced representation, including tribal persons, Muslims and Other Backward Classes.

Oppn. stages walkout

Earlier, the Hemant Soren government won the trust vote on the floor of the Assembly. Forty-five JMM-led alliance legislators voted for the motion and there were zero votes against it after the Opposition walked out and did not take part in the voting.

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Floor Test (aka Trust Vote)

- It is a constitutional mechanism used to determine whether the incumbent government enjoys the support of the legislature.
- Under it, a Chief Minister appointed by the Governor can be asked to prove majority on the floor of the Legislative Assembly.
- It is primarily taken to know whether the executive enjoys the confidence of the legislature.
- Under *Article 175(2),* the Governor can summon the House and call for a floor test to prove whether the government has the numbers.



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Karnataka set to begin 'Naavu Manujaru' to inculcate social harmony among students

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With the stated objective of turning all educational institutions in the State into centres of social harmony, tolerance and scientific temper, the government has ordered implementation of 'Naavu Manujaru' programme from this academic year.

Implementation of this programme would involve discussions and dialogues for two hours per week (with three periods of 40 minutes) in all government, aided, and unaided primary and high schools of the State, the order said. One period of value education and two periods of Socially Useful Productive Work (SUPW) have been adjusted to this.

This programme was announced in the State Budget of 2024-25, presented by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, to inculcate values enshrined in the Constitution among children.



The Department of School Education and Literacy has released a format for implementation of the programme. FILE PHOTO

Officers have been advised to provide appropriate guidance regarding the implementation of the programme and appoint nodal officer at the district level, and submit a report to Department of State Educational Research and Training (DSERT), the order said. No special grant will be given for the implementation of the programme.

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games, sports etc. Discussion on the thoughts of social reformers, visiting and sharing information on outbound/local famous places, cottage industries, discussion on nuclear and non-nuclear families, discussion on elimination of inequality and dialogue on constitutional values like equality, liberty and fraternity, will be the part of the implementation of the programme.

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What are new provisions for police officers?

With the new criminal laws coming into effect, how have basic duties of police officers changed? What are some of the changed provisions with respect to arrests of elderly and infirm people? What about preserving electronic evidence? How can electronic evidence be stored?

EXPLAINER

R.K. Vij

The story so far:

he new criminal laws have become effective from July I. SOPs have been issued by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) to guide police officers in implementing the new

What are rules for registering FIRs? The officer in-charge of a police station cannot refuse to register an FIR on the basis of lack of jurisdiction or disputed jurisdiction. He is legally bound to register (popularly known as a zero FIR) and transfer such a case to the respective police station. Though this practice was followed earlier too, the Bharativa Nagaril Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) now has a direct provision under Section 173; non-registration of FIRs may attract penal action under various sections. Additionally, while information can be given orally or in writing as before, it may also be given by electronic means which is to be taken on record by the officer in-charge if it is signed within three days by the person giving it. While no one can stop a police officer from enquiring into the information immediately if it is of a sensitive nature, the electronic mode by which information may be given must be decided by the agencies, such as the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) portal, the police website or officially published email IDs.

such functions.

forensic experts

Information about arrested persons is to

be mandatorily displayed in police

What about videography? The BNSS mandates videography during a search conducted by the police under Section 185; of the scene of crime (Section 176); and of the process of conducting a search of a place or taking possession of any property (Section 105). Since these are mandatory provisions, any negligence on the part of the police may benefit the



officers (IOs) must be provided electronic devices and proper training to discharge A cloud-based mobile app, 'eSakshya' has been designed by the National Informatics Centre for enforcement agencies, which allows capturing multiple photos and videos. The photographs of witnesses and selfies of IOs may be

captured using this app. Each item is geo-tagged and time-stamped to ensure the integrity of data. Since eSakshya is an initiative under the Inter-operable Criminal Justice System (JCJS), this data will be available to other agencies such as person charged with an offence the judiciary, prosecution and cyber What about provisions of arrest? the law now provides for the use of

sensitised about the new law. The cases under the Indian Penal Code A new provision under Section sequence of custody of an electronic emphasis is laid on electronic devices because they are sensitive pieces of evidence and more vulnerable to GETTY INLESS police officer in every police station, not below the rank of Assistant Sub-Inspector, to be responsible for maintaining and prominently displaying information about the arrested persons. Therefore, boards (including in digital mode) containing names, addresses and the nature of the offence must be put up outside police stations and district control rooms. Some restriction has been imposed on the arrest of frail or sick and elderly persons. Section 35(7) states that the permission of an officer not below the rack of DvSP is mandatory for arresting a punishable for imprisonment of less than three years if such person is infirm or is above 60 years of age. Similarly, though

done only when there is a possibility of THE GIST escaping from custody or causing harm to himself or others.

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Superintendent of Police (SP), to decide whether to register a case under this Section or the UAPA. Since, no guideline are given to exercise this discretion, the SP may inter-alia consider factors such a whether the terrorist organisation is notified under the UAPA, approximate time needed to complete investigation. the rank of the IO and the level of scrutiny required, and how dangerous the accused person is

handcuffs in certain cases, the IOs must use them cautiously. The Supreme Court

What about timelines? In case of medical examination of a victim of rape, the registered medical practitioner is mandated under Section 84 (6) of the BNSS to forward the medical enort to the IO within seven days, who dual forward it to the manistrate

required to upgrade his skills about maintaining integrity of electronic records, the task of the (cyber) expert is likely to increase with many of the mandatory provisions coming into effect. This sub-section also imposes a duty to inform the progress of the investigation

Section 113 introduced in the Bharatiya Nvava Sanhita (BNS) defines what is a terrorist act' and imposes the duty on an officer, not below the rank of

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What are the laws preventing tree felling in Delhi?

What is the extent of the national capital's green cover? What does Delhi Preservation of Trees Act mandate?

Kartikey Singh

The story so far:

Authority (DDA) to take effective steps to enhance the national capital's green cover amids the extreme heat wave.

What is the extent of the green cover? According to the 'India State of Forest Report 2021' (ISFR) published by the Forest Survey of India (FSI), Delhi has the largest forest cover among seven major megacities, with 195 sq. km, followed by Mumbai (110.77 sq. km) and Bengaluru (89.02 sq. km). Delhi's forest cover constitutes 13.15% of its geographical area. while its tree cover spans 147 sq. km (9.91%). Despite extensive urban development, the city's overall green cover (forest and tree cover) has private construction proposals, among other responsibilities. In addition, Delhi's increased from 151 sq. km (10.2%) in 2001 to 342 sq. km (23.6%) in 2021. Tree Transplantation Policy, 2020

What about their protection?mandates that 80% of identified treesThe Delhi Preservation of Trees Actslated for felling must be transplanted.(DPTA), 1994 provides legal protection to
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However, an affidavit submitted by the
government to the Delhi High Court in
2022 disclosed that out of the 16,461
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the DDA's Vice Chairman revealed that

February 16 and continued for ten days.

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fact was not disclosed when the court heard the application on March 4. Despite The Delhi Preservation of Trees knowing no trees could be touched Act (DPTA), 1994 provides legal without the court's sanction, the DDA protection to trees in the misled the court and acted in bad faith by national capital against actions seeking permission only after the tree that could harm their growth felling work. While probing deeper to set or regeneration. accountability, the Bench pulled up DDA for not providing records of the Delhi LG's (Chairman of the DDA) February 3 visit to Delhi's forest cover constitutes the site, which allegedly led to the tree 13.15% of its geographical felling order. The Delhi government was area, while its tree cover spans 147 sa. km (9.91%). also reprimanded for usurping the Tree Officer's authority in granting permission. The apex court has halted the DDA's work and directed a team from the FSI to Amid an extreme heatwave, rampant tree felling in the assess the number of trees cut and the world's second most populous environmental damage.

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What next for Delhi?

Amid an extreme heatwave, rampant tree felling in the world's second most populous city will only worsen hardships. Urban forests act as carbon sinks, absorbing emissions and filtering pollutants, essential for cities like Delhi with persistently unhealthy air quality indices. Trees reduce the urban heat island effect by lowering temperatures through shading and evapotranspiration. Among other reforms, the government should consider increasing the penalty from ₹1,000 to ₹5,000 under the DPTA, 1994, aligning it with current realities. Kartikev Sinch reads law at RGNUL. Vacation Bench of the Supreme Court (SC) directed the Delhi government and Delhi Development Authority (DDA) to take effective steps to enhance the national capital's green cover amidst the extreme heat wave.

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In an electric vehicle, what is regenerative braking?

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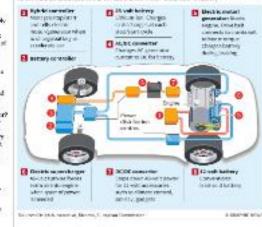
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- Regenerative braking is a brake system designed to convert the kinetic energy of the wheels to a form that can be stored and used for other purposes. As such, it creates a process in which at least part of the energy delivered to the vehicle's wheels can be recovered in a situation when the vehicle doesn't need it.
- Regenerative braking is one type of dynamic braking. In an electric vehicle, of the types becoming common on Indian roads, a battery onboard the vehicle draws electric power from the grid and stores it.



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Centre set to tweak criteria for according classical language status

Sreeparna Chakrabarty NEW DELHI

Amid demand for classical status for many languages. the Union government has decided to tweak the criteria for giving the special tag.

The Linguistics Expert Committee of the Culture Ministry submitted a report on October 10 last year, suggesting changes, sources in the Ministry told The Hindu.

The sources said the Centre had asked the panel to reconsider the rules. The issue was taken up first at a meeting on June 21, 2023. A Gazette notification of the new criteria will be issued after Cabinet approval.

This, in effect, means that classical language status for certain languages, chiefly Marathi, which is under consideration of the government, may have to

With polls due in Maharashtra, push for the status for Marathi has gained momentum

wait for the notification.

Over the years, some States and literary circles have been demanding classical status for languages such as Marathi, Bengali, Assamese and Maithili. In 2014, then Maharash-

tra Chief Minister Prithvirai Chavan constituted a committee of Marathi language experts chaired by Ranganath Pathare, and the report was submitted to the Centre. The Pathare committee had concluded that Marathi fulfils all parameters to be recognised as a

classical language. the language is set up, and Mr. Chavan had written the University Grants Comto then Culture Minister mission is requested to Shripad Naik requesting create a certain number of that the demand be met. Professional Chairs in Cen-The issue has been tral universities.

raised time and again by MPs from Maharashtra in Parliament, and the Centre has given assurances at least three times in the past 10 years that Marathi was being considered. Then Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy informed Parliament in February

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mittee is to liaison and pursue the matter with Union government officials. Lakhshmikant Desh-

Apart from this, a centre of excellence for studies in mukh, a committee member, told The Hindu: "Maharashtra is a rich State. We do not need any funds for the promotion of the language. It is just a matter of pride for us."

Centre set to tweak criteria for according classical language status

The Linguistics Expert Committee comprises representatives of the Union Ministries of Home, Culture and four to five linguistic experts at any given time. It is chaired by the president of the Sahitya Akademi.

India has six classical languages as of now – Tamil, Sanskrit, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Odia. It was in 2014 that the government last granted the special tag.

The current criteria evolved by the government to determine declaration of a language as a classical language are – it should have high antiquity of its early texts/recorded history over a period of 1,500-2,000 years, a body of ancient literature or texts that is considered a valuable heritage by generations of speakers, the literary tradition should be original and not borrowed from another speech community. Another criterion is that the said language and literature should be distinct from its modern format; there may also be a discontinuity between the classical language and its later forms or its offshoots.



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Govt. reopens PLI scheme for white goods till October 12

The Hindu Bureau NEW DELHI

The Centre has reopened the application window for the Production linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for white goods from July 15 to October 12, citing industry appetite to invest more in the scheme originally launched in 2021.

The Commerce and Industry Ministry said the fresh window was an "outcome of the growing market and confidence generated due to manufacturing of key components of air



conditioners and LED lights" under the PLI White Goods (PLIWG) scheme.

So far, 66 applicants with committed investment of ₹6,962 crore have been selected as beneficiaries under the PLIWG. The government has retained the terms and conditions for applicants under the new window. But it has decided to switch to a quarterly system of incentive payouts from the current annual one.

"In order to avoid any discrimination, both new applicants and existing beneficiaries of PLIWG who propose to invest more by way of switching over to higher target segment or their group companies applying under different target segment would be eligible to apply," it added. White goods refer to heavy consumer durables or large home appliances, which were traditionally available only in white. They include appliances such as washing machines, air conditioners, stoves, refrigerators, etc. The white goods industry in India is highly concentrated.

Do you know ?

- PLI Scheme for White Goods for manufacture of components and sub-assemblies of ACs and LED Lights was approved by the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister on 7th April, 2021.
- The PLI Scheme for White Goods is designed to create a complete component ecosystem for Air Conditioners and LED Lights Industry in India and make India an integral part of the global supply chains. Domestic Value addition is expected to grow from the current 15-20% to 75-80%.



Indian Express – Environment (GSIII)-page 9

India to sign, ratify High Seas Treaty: Minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 8

INDIA HAS decided to sign and ratify the High Seas Treaty, aglobal agreement for conservation and protection of biodiversity in the oceans, that is often compared to the 2015 Paris Agreement in its reach and impact.

The High Seas Treaty, also known as the agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdictions (BBNJ), was negotiated in March last year. "India remains committed and proactive to the global cause of environmental conservation and sustainable development. We will be signing (the BBNJ Agreement) and are propitious of subsequently ratifying it through the necessary legislative processes," Science and Technology Minister litendra Singh said on Monday following the endorsement of the treaty by the Cabinet on July 2.

"The government is aligned to scientific progress, strengthening international collaboration, and promoting governance, transparency, accountability and the rule of law," Singh said.

The High Seas, the oceans outside the national boundaries of countries, are international commons, open for use by all. The resources found in these areas, which constitute about 64% of the ocean surface, are open for extraction by anyone. The exact activities, and the manner in which they can be carried out, are governed by international and regional laws. Most notable and wide-ranging of the laws is the UN Convention on the Law of the Seas, or UNCLOS, which defines the rights and duties of the country, and lays down the general principles of acceptable conduct in the oceans.

The High Seas Treaty, once it is ratified by the requisite number of countries and becomes international law, would operate under the UNCLOS framework, and become one of its implementing instruments.

Among other things, the High Seas Treaty would define and demarcate marine protected areas in biodiversity-rich zones of the oceans that are under stress.

The treaty also seeks to ensure that any benefits accruing from ocean life forms, like drug development, is considered a global common, is free of intellectual property rights and equitably shared with everyone.

The treaty would become international law 120 days after at least60 countries submittheir ratification documents. Of now, 91 countries have signed the treaty, but only eight have ratified it.

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Indian Express–Environment –GSIII-Page 14

How climate change fuelled Hurricane Beryl's record early int

OCEAN HEAT CONTENT IN MAIN DEVELOPMENT REGIO

ALIND CHAUHAN

As warm, moist air rises, it cools down, NEW DELHI, JULY 8 and the water in the air forms clouds and thunderstorms. This whole system of clouds HURRICANE BERYL became the earliest and winds gains strength and momentum storm on record during the Atlantic hurri- using the ocean's heat, and the water that cane season to have reached the highest evaporates from its surface. Storm systems

Category 5 classification with wind speeds of 119 kmph and above The storm, which tore through the are classified as hurricanes. Caribbean islands earlier this month, killed Hurricanes are classified using the Saffirat least 11 people after trig-Simpson Hurricane Wind gering intense floods and Scale into five categories (Category 1 to Category 5) dangerous winds in Jamaica, CLIMATE Grenada, Saint Vincent and based on their sustained wind the Grenadines, and north-

speeds. While Category 1 hur em Venezuela. On Monday, it made landfall ricanes bring winds of 119 to 153 kmph in Texas United States, as Category 1 storm, Category 5 hurricanes, which are the point, Berylwas the first Category/Ahurricane made it the earliest Category 5 hurricane ocean heat content (OHC) – a measure of seems to have spiked between 1971 and

flooding streets and knocking outpower for strongest, have winds of 252 kmph or higher. to form in lune, according to National Oceanic seen during the Atlantic hurricane season the amount of heat present in ocean water 2020, according to a 2023 study published more than two million people in the state. Storms that reach Category 3 and higher are and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). on record. In fact, the Atlantic has only seen

How are hurricanes formed?

Hurricanes, or tropical storms, form over

Within 24 hours of emerging as a tropi- Grenada's Carriacou Island as a Category 4 kmph, according to NOAA the warm, moist air from the ocean surface rises upward, a lower air pressure area is cal depression with winds of 56.3 kmph on hurricane with sustained winds of over 24 formed below. Air from surrounding areas lune 28. Bervl transformed into a hurricane. kmph. Asit travelled through the Caribbean Why did Bervl become a Category 5

with higher air pressure rushes into this low Over the next 24 hours, it rapidly intensified Sea, it continued to gain strength, and bepressure area, eventually rising, after it also to become a Category 4 hurricane. At that came a Category 5 hurricane on July 2. This

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MDR, in the Atlantic (10-20N, 85-20W), is where most major hurricanes develo - 2013-2023 Avg - 2023 - 2024

considered major hurricanes due to their po- The earliest emergence of a Category 4 hurri- one Category 5 hurricane on record in July cane was previously seen in the case of — Hurricane Emily, on July 16, 2005.

Hurricane Dennis on July 8, 2005. Bervl was also the strongest July Atlantic warmoceanwatersnear the equator. When How did Beryl become a Category storm? On July 1, Beryl made Jandfall on hurricane on record, with winds of 2655 farabove the 2013-2023 average (in blue).

hurricane so early?

The hurricane season in the Atlantic be-

gins in June and lasts until November. warm waterissodeep, it's just going to churn Generally, the first major hurricanes do not up more warm water. The hot water goes form until September. This is because till down to probably about 100 to 125 meters that time, the ocean is not warm enough ei- deep.... It is pretty crazy," Brian McNoldy, an ther at the surface, or deeper down to fuel atmospheric scientist at the University of such strong hurricanes, according to NOAA. Miami, told Science News last week.

This is what makes Beryl so unprece dented. Although it is difficult to attribute What happens next?

a specific hurricane to global warming, sci- Scientists are still debating over how exentists see unusually warmer oceans as the actly climate change impacts hurricanes. primary reason behind Beryl turning into a There is agreement, however, that at the very powerful storm this early in the season. least, climate change makes hurricanes more Since last year, ocean temperatures in the prone to rapid intensification – where max-Atlantic – and across the world – have imum wind speeds increase very quickly. nostly been in record-breaking territory. Not The frequency and magnitude of these only are sea surface temperatures rising, rapid intensification events in the Atlantic

is also soaring, which is a bigger worry. The in the journal Nature.

graph shows that this year's OHC (in red), for Therefore, as the world and its oceans the area of the Atlantic Ocean where most continue to become warmer, scientists are major hurricanes like Bervl form, has been concerned that even more powerful hurricanes could form in the near future

"For storms like Beryl... if it were mov-"We're essentially 'stacking the deck' of ing over a part of the ocean where the warm extreme events against ourselves, making water was skin deep, it would easily churn events like Hurricane Bervl not only possible. up cooler water to the surface. I which can re- but more likely." Andra Garner, an assistant duce its intensity]... But in this case... the professor at Rowan University, told the BBC

Hurricane Beryl became the earliest storm on record during the Atlantic hurricane season to have reached the highest Category 5 classification.

Hurricanes, or tropical storms, form over warm ocean waters near the equator. When the warm, moist air from the ocean surface rises upward, a lower air pressure area is formed below. Air from surrounding areas with higher air pressure rushes into this low pressure area, eventually rising, after it also becomes warm and moist.

As warm, moist air rises, it cools down, and the water in the air forms clouds and thunderstorms. This whole system of clouds and winds gains strength and momentum using the ocean's heat, and the water that evaporates from its surface. Storm systems with wind speeds of 119 kmph and above are classified as hurricanes.

