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JOSH (Joint Squad for Health) Teams

The Hindu

Union Health Minister launches JOSH teams to accelerate TB elimination drive

Union Health Minister launches JOSH teams to boost TB detection and treatment under TB Mukh Bharat, targeting 55 districts in 11 regions.



Why in News: The **Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** will launch **JOSH Teams** across 55 districts in 11 states to strengthen youth-led community mobilisation for **tuberculosis (TB) elimination**.

Institutional Framework

- **JOSH** brings together **Class-I officers, MY Bharat volunteers and National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets** for organised community action.
- The initiative is implemented by the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**, in collaboration with the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** and the **Ministry of Defence**.

Community-Level Intervention

- The first phase will focus on **block, ward and community levels** to extend the **TB Mukh Bharat** message beyond healthcare facilities.
- Teams will spread awareness about **TB symptoms, prevention, timely diagnosis and treatment completion**.
- The initiative will address **myths, misconceptions and stigma** while encouraging community participation in TB elimination.

Garó Tribe

ThePrint

[Garó tribal council polls delayed further as Meghalaya cabinet extends term](#)

Shillong, Oct 7 (PTI) Elections to the Garó Hills Autonomous District Council (GHADC) got delayed till at least early next year as the...

Why in News: Elections to the Garó Hills Autonomous District Council (GHADC) in Meghalaya have been delayed following the state cabinet's approval of a second six-month extension of the council's term.

Geographical and Ethnolinguistic Profile

- The **Garó** are a Tibeto-Burman ethnic group primarily inhabiting the **Garó Hills of Meghalaya**, with smaller populations in Assam, Tripura, Nagaland and West Bengal.
- They constitute the **second-largest tribal community in Meghalaya**.
- The **Garó language** belongs to the **Bodo branch of the Bodo-Naga-Kachin family** within the **Sino-Tibetan language phylum**.

Socioeconomic Organisation

- Agriculture is central to Garó life, with **jhum (shifting) cultivation** and wet-rice cultivation being widely practised.
- Major crops include **rice, millet and vegetables**, while traditional houses are often built on **stilts** to suit the hilly terrain.
- Garó society is **matrilineal**, with property and clan lineage inherited through the female line, and villages organised into **exogamous clans**.

Religious and Cultural Traditions

- **Songsarek** is the traditional indigenous animistic religion associated with the worship of spirits, nature deities and ancestors.
- **Christianity** has become the predominant religion since the late nineteenth century, although traditional beliefs persist in some rural areas.
- **Wangala**, the harvest festival, reflects the community's cultural and spiritual heritage.

Hidimba Temple



ANI News

President Murmu visits Atal Tunnel, Hidimba Temple on second day of Himachal visit

President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday visited Atal Tunnel, a highway single-tube tunnel located at an altitude of over 10000 feet above sea...



Why in News: President Droupadi Murmu recently visited the historic Hidimba Temple in Manali during her visit to Himachal Pradesh.

Historical and Geographical Context

- The **Hidimba Temple**, also known as Hadimba Temple or Dhungari Temple, is located in **Manali, Himachal Pradesh**.
- It is dedicated to **Hidimbi Devi**, the wife of **Bhima** in the **Mahabharata**.
- The temple was built in **1553** during the reign of **Kullu ruler Bahadur Singh (1546–1569)**.
- It is surrounded by a cedar forest known as **Dhungiri Van Vihar**, near the foothills of the Himalayas.

Architectural Characteristics

- The temple follows the **Pagoda style of architecture**, commonly associated with Nepal and Tibet.
- Its distinctive structure features a **four-tiered roof**, intricate wooden carvings and **24 wooden pillars supporting the roof**.
- The roof uses **deodar wood**, known for its resistance to insects and decay.
- The carvings depict **animals, plants, dancers, musicians and scenes from the Mahabharata**.

Religious and Cultural Features

- An enormous rock occupies the interior of the temple, while a **7.5 cm brass image** represents **Hidimbi Devi**.
- The temple is an example of the distinctive **wooden temple architecture of the Himalayan region**.

International Air Transport Association (IATA)

TH The Hindu

Foreign airlines grouping urges for alternatives to flight cuts at Mumbai airport

The International Air Transport Association (IATA), the global airline industry body, has called for a consultative approach between...



Why in News: The International Air Transport Association (IATA) called for consultation between Mumbai International Airport Ltd. and airlines to ensure that Terminal 1 redevelopment does not undermine international connectivity to the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR).

Institutional Profile

- **IATA** is the global trade association representing **passenger and cargo airlines**.
- It was established in **1945 in Havana, Cuba**, succeeding the International Air Traffic Association, formed in **1919**.
- Its headquarters is located in **Montreal, Canada**.
- According to the supplied source, IATA represents approximately **85% of global air traffic**, with **370 airline members across 126 countries and territories**.

Core Functions

- IATA promotes **standardisation of processes and documentation** used in international air transport.
- It develops technical standards for transporting goods, including **dangerous goods and perishable products**.
- It facilitates **financial cooperation and settlement systems** that support international airline operations.
- It advocates for airline-industry interests and promotes **safe, secure and efficient air transport**.

IATA–ICAO Distinction

- **IATA** is an industry association that develops standards and services for its member airlines.
- **International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)** is a **United Nations specialised agency** that establishes international civil aviation standards and recommended practices for its member states.

- The key distinction is that **IATA represents airlines**, whereas **ICAO works through states** to develop the international civil aviation regulatory framework.

DAY-NRLM: Key Facts

- **Launch: 2011.**
- **Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Rural Development.**
- **Nature: Centrally Sponsored Scheme.**
- **Objective:** To reduce rural poverty by enabling poor households to access **self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities.**

Nagaland Launches Samaveshi Aajeevika Yojana (SAY-SOBLOK)

 News On AIR

Nagaland launches Samaveshi Aajeevika Yojana to support 4,000 vulnerable households

Nagaland today launched the Samaveshi Aajeevika Yojana (SAY-SOBLOK), through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Nagaland...



Why in News: Nagaland launched the **Samaveshi Aajeevika Yojana (SAY-SOBLOK)** through a **three-year MoU** between the **Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission (NSRLM)** and **BRAC International** to support **4,000 extremely vulnerable households.**

Institutional and Implementation Framework

- The scheme operates under the **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)**, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented by the **Ministry of Rural Development.**
- **NSRLM** will lead implementation, while **BRAC International** will provide technical assistance, knowledge support, monitoring and evidence generation.
- **Village Level Organisations (VLOs)** and **Cluster Level Federations (CLFs)** will identify beneficiaries and provide need-based support.

Poverty Alleviation Strategy

- The initiative adopts BRAC International's **Graduation Approach**, a structured, time-bound method to help extremely poor households achieve sustainable livelihoods.
- Its key objectives are to **reduce extreme poverty**, strengthen rural livelihoods and promote inclusive socio-economic development.
- SAY-SOBLOK derives its name from the Nagamese phrase **"Sob manu logot dangor kaam kora,"** meaning **inclusive and collective growth.**

Novak Djokovic Wins Record Seventh China Open Title

 The Times of India

Days after China Open triumph, Djokovic suffers first-ever loss to Hurkacz in career-earliest Shanghai ex

Novak Djokovic arrived in Shanghai riding the momentum of another title-winning week, but his stay at the Masters event ended far sooner...



Why in News: Serbian tennis player **Novak Djokovic** won his **seventh China Open title** in Beijing on **6 October 2026**, taking his career tally to **102 ATP singles titles**, according to the supplied source.

Tournament and Performance

- Djokovic won the final against **Alex de Minaur**, who retired due to injury while trailing **7–6(3), 0–1**.
- The victory extended Djokovic's China Open record to **34 wins without a defeat**.
- His previous China Open title was in **2015**, and the 2026 victory was his **first title of the season**.

Career Records and Milestones	China Open: Key Facts
➤ Novak Djokovic: 102 ATP singles titles. ➤ Roger Federer: 103 ATP singles titles, as stated in the supplied source. ➤ Jimmy Connors: 109 men's singles titles, the Open Era record. ➤ Djokovic became the first player to win at least one tour-level title in 21 consecutive seasons, according to the supplied source. ➤ At 39 years old, he became the first man since Ken Rosewall in 1977 to win a tour-level title after turning 39.	➤ The China Open is an international professional tennis tournament held in Beijing, China. ➤ The men's competition is part of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Tour. ➤ The men's event is categorised as an ATP 500 tournament, awarding ranking points to participating players.

Other Important News of the day

Persons in News

Mahesh Kakde Wins 2026 Ramanujan Prize for Number Theory

TOI The Times of India

Who is Mahesh Kakde? Meet the IISc professor who won the 2026 Ramanujan Prize for number theory.

Indian mathematician and Indian Institute of Science (IISc) professor Mahesh Kakde has won the 2026 Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians...



Why in News: **Professor Mahesh Kakde** of the **Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru**, received the **2026 Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians from Developing Countries** for his contributions to **algebraic number theory**.

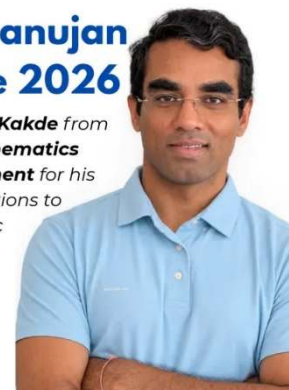
Award and Institutional Details

- The prize is administered jointly by the **Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)** and the **International Mathematical Union (IMU)**.
- **Established in 2005**, the prize recognises outstanding mathematical research by young mathematicians working in developing countries.
- Eligible recipients must be **below 45 years of age** on 31 December of the award year and must have conducted outstanding research while working in a developing country.
- The award carries a cash prize of **US\$10,000** and is named after Indian mathematician **Srinivasa Ramanujan**.



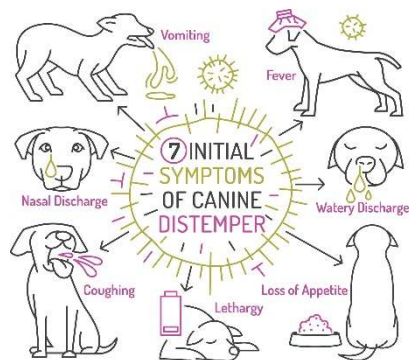
Ramanujan Prize 2026

*Mahesh Kakde from the **Mathematics Department** for his contributions to algebraic number theory*



Mathematical Contributions

- **Algebraic number theory** uses algebraic structures such as number fields, groups and rings to study numbers and their properties.
- **Noncommutative Iwasawa theory** examines arithmetic properties across complex mathematical extensions.
- The **Gross–Stark and Brumer–Stark conjectures** concern relationships between special values of mathematical functions and arithmetic structures.
- Kakde's work also has implications for **Hilbert's 12th Problem**, which concerns the explicit generation of certain abelian extensions of number fields.

	Other Recognitions ➤ Kakde received the Infosys Prize in Mathematical Sciences in 2022. ➤ He has also been an invited speaker at the International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM).
Science and Technology	Canine Distemper  ThePrint <u>MP: Tigress being treated for symptoms of Canine Distemper Virus infection dies in Kanha reserve</u> Mandla (MP), Oct 7 (PTI) A tigress being treated for symptoms of Canine Distemper Virus (CDV) infection died in the Kanha Tiger Reserve in... Why in News: A tigress undergoing treatment for suspected Canine Distemper Virus (CDV) infection died in Kanha Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh. Virological Characteristics and Transmission ➤ Canine distemper is a contagious viral disease caused by the Canine Distemper Virus (CDV). ➤ The virus primarily affects the respiratory, gastrointestinal and nervous systems and can cause high mortality. ➤ It infects dogs, ferrets and several other mammals, particularly carnivores, making it relevant to wildlife conservation. ➤ Transmission occurs mainly through respiratory secretions, including saliva, nasal discharge and sneezing, and through contaminated objects, surfaces, food or water bowls. ➤ The virus generally does not survive long in the environment and can be destroyed by most disinfectants.  The diagram illustrates the initial symptoms of Canine Distemper. A central sun-like icon labeled 'INITIAL SYMPTOMS OF CANINE DISTEMPER' is surrounded by seven illustrations of dogs exhibiting different symptoms: Vomiting (dog throwing up), Fever (dog with a thermometer in its ear), Nasal Discharge (dog sneezing), Watery Discharge (dog with watery eyes), Coughing (dog coughing into its paw), Lethargy (dog lying down), and Loss of Appetite (dog looking at a bowl of food without eating). Clinical Manifestations ➤ Early symptoms include fever, coughing, nasal discharge, eye mucus, loss of appetite and pneumonia. ➤ Advanced infection may cause vomiting, diarrhoea, thickened paw pads, seizures, muscle twitching, limb weakness and impaired balance.

	➤ Infected animals may spread the virus for weeks, including before symptoms become apparent. Treatment and Conservation Implications ➤ No specific cure or approved antiviral treatment is available for canine distemper. ➤ Vaccination is the principal preventive measure for domestic dogs. ➤ Transmission among wild carnivores is a wildlife-management concern because outbreaks can threaten vulnerable animal populations.
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Uttar Pradesh in News

BC Sakhi Scheme, Uttar Pradesh

India Today

BC Sakhi Scheme: Bringing Banking Services to Rural Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh's BC Sakhi scheme places trained women banking correspondents in Gram Panchayats. The model expands access to basic...

Why in News: Uttar Pradesh's **BC Sakhi Scheme**, launched in **May 2020**, promotes rural financial inclusion and women's livelihoods through banking correspondents at the Gram Panchayat level.

Institutional Framework

- Implemented by the **Uttar Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission (UPSRLM)** under the Department of Rural Development.
- Follows the model of **"One Gram Panchayat, One BC Sakhi"**, primarily engaging women from **Self-Help Groups (SHGs)**.
- Selected women receive training and certification from the **Indian Institute of Banking & Finance (IIBF)**, with training support through **RSETIs**.

Financial Support

- BC Sakhis receive **₹4,000 per month for the first six months** to establish their operations.
- They earn transaction-based commissions of approximately **0.20%–0.32%**, depending on applicable arrangements.
- A state government order provides **₹75,000 per BC Sakhi** towards equipment and overdraft support.

Performance and Impact

- In FY 2025–26, 39,880 BC Sakhis facilitated transactions exceeding ₹39,000 crore and earned approximately ₹107 crore in profit, according to the UP Budget 2026–27.
- The UPSRLM portal reports 50,125 certified BCs, 39,890 operational BCs and over 16.9 crore transactions worth more than ₹4.58 lakh crore.
- The scheme strengthens last-mile banking, improves financial inclusion and promotes women's economic empowerment.