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➤ **Only six religion options make it to next census form**

The next census will count only Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Sikh, and Jain as options. Nature worshipping Adivasis in Jharkhand, Chhatisgarh and Odisha have been campaigning to include their SARNA faith as a separate religion.

Census will have some new queries and questions like :

- Do you consume “ packaged or bottled water” ?
- Queries about travel time in hours, whether one use metro.
- Causes of disability has been expounded to include “acid attack, intellectual disability, chronic neurological diseases and bloo disorder.”
- Whether a person who lives in a rented no use owns a house somewhere else or does not own any resident property.
- On question of availability of drinking water.

“near the premises “ means

100 m in urban

500 in rural

Areas

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1. A code directory has also been added. It has codes in respect of Relationship to Head, Mother Tongue, and other languages known, occupation, nature of industry, Trade or service, Birth Place of last residence and Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST)

Next Census will be first digital Census, it will allow citizens to participate from the comfort of their home.

Manual Census will be conducted in two stages.

2. SC refuses ot hear plea against opening of Parliament by PM.

Supreme Court on Friday refused to entertain a petititon challenging the inauguration of the new parliament building on Sunday by the PM and not the President.

Petition urged that according to Article 79, President is head of state court however told that there was no connection in Article 79 and inauguration function and it won't interview on a petition filed under Article 32. On request of govt so that petitioner don't move to any high court Supreme Court quashed the petition.

Article 79 - "There shall be a parliament for the union, which will consist of president and two houses called council of states (Rajya Sabha) and the house of the People (Lok Sabha)".

Article 32 – Right to Constitutional remedies. Under this one can go to courts for the violation of rights by state.

➤ **IMD retains its normal outlook for Monsoon.**

IMD (Indian Meteorological department) has said that rainfall this year will be normal. IMD has predicted rain to be 96% of long period avg.

Normal Monsoon – Avg. rainfall of last 50 years (say X)

X – long period Avg.

Below Normal Monsoon – Rainfall below 95% of X

Above Normal Monsoon – Rainfall above 105% of X

Rainfall $95\% X < \text{Normal Monsoon} < 105\% X$

IMD has told that this year is going to be El Nino year. Which will lower the rainfall. However a positive Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) will compensate for decreasing rainfall. So, el Nino effect will not be that heavy.

El Nino – It is caused by differential heating of Pacific Ocean near equator.

El Nino years has less rain in India.

La Nina – La Nina is opposite to El Nino. It cause more rain in India. It appears from differential heating of Pacific Ocean as well.

El Nino occurs at an interval of 2 to 7 years.

Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) – It is caused by heating of Ocean waters in Indian Ocean near Madagascar along African coast.

A positive IOD causes more rain while a negative. IOD causes less rain in India. However its effects are not as strong as El Nino and La Nina.

IMD has told that Monsoon this year will reach Kerala on 4th June.

- India, Nepal may sign facts on energy and water during Prachanda's four day visit.
Sources have confirmed that Prachanda will come on four day India visit on starting May 31.
The two sides will real multiple deals which include agreement on water and agriculture co-operation.
- India water Treaty :- Centre advsies J&K to scale up efforts for 'better utilisation'.

Union Food Minister Counters congress, says fortified rice is safe.

Congress has alleaged that distribution of fortified rice is being done despite warning from exterts and institutions like NITI Aayog and FSSAI.

Union Food Minister countered there allegations. A spokesperson of the Minister said that NITI Aayog its actively engaged in running the scheme. "There is no basis in the stand that NITI Aayog took a stand against fortified rice."

Minister maintained that consumption of fortified rice resulted in significant improvement in hemoglobin levels and reduction in anemia.

Fortified Rice – Fortified rice has added minerals such as iron and other vitamins in it.

Govt. uses fortified rice for distribution and Public distribution System (PDS) and Mid day meals.

Darjeeling to Join the list of most polluted cities of west Bengal, reveals study.

A study published by Journal 'Atmospheric environment' has revealed that Darjeeling, the queen of hills and a popular tourist destination may soon become one of the most polluted cities of Bengal. It has cited increasing population as one of the main reasons.

It has said that Darjeeling can soon become a non-attainment city of west Bengal. Presently Asansol, Durgapur, Haldia, Kolkata, Howrah and Barrakpore are non-attainment cities.

Non-Attainment city – One whose air has failed to fulfill National Ambient Air Quality criteria for at least five years.

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The research, spanning 2009-2021, focused on higher PM 10 levels in Darjeeling.

Navy, ISRO releases training plan for Gaganyann Crew.

The Indian Navy and ISRO released Gaganyaan Recovery Training Plan at the water survival training facility (WSTF) at INS Garuda, Kochi.

Gaganyaan – India’s 1st human space flight mission under which India will send 3 astronauts to space for 5-7 days. The human space flight is scheduled to be launched in fourth quarter of 2024.

“ SEBI to ease passive fund rules soon “

Market regulator SEBI will soon introduce a new light touch regulatory framework for passively managed mutual funds, like Exchange Trade Fund and Index Funds which has seen sharp rise in AUM (Asset Under Management) in recent years.

“We are going to introduce new Mutual Fund regulations which we are calling ‘Mutual Fund Lite’ regulations for passives” SEBI while time member Ananta Barua said.

Share of ETFs and Index Funds has surged sharply from 6 % in 2019 to 16.5 % by March 2023.

New regulations will reduce compliance requirement for these funds.

ETF (Exchange Trade Fund) – Are funds that track indexes such as CNX, Nifty or BSE sensex.

Congress kept a sacred symbol as 'walking stick', says Shah.

HM Amit Shah, said congress why it hates Indian tradition so much. He accused Congress of putting the historic SENGOL in a museum like "walking stick".

He denounced the claims by congress that there was no symbol "Sengol" being a symbol of transfer of power.

The Sengol was made by 'Thiruvavaduthurai' Adheenam', a shaivitemath in Tamilnadu. It was given to lord Mount batten by C. Rajagopalchari, Mr Mountbatten handed it to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru as a mark of transfer of power.

Pro-Imran Protesters to be tried in military courts.

Thirty-three supporters of Imran Khan have been handed over to army and they will face trial in military courts on charges of attacking armed forces installations, Pakistan interior minister Rana Sanaullah said on Friday.

Thousands have been detained for the violent protest but only those who trespassed and vandalized military installation will be tried under military court.

Answering a question Rana Sanullah said that Imran Khan could also be tried under military installation : "as far as our own assessment and evidence we have this man is architect of all this mess and planning, so yes he comes under this category," Rana sanaullah said.

Imran Khan was arrested on May 9 which followed by violent protest. Many entered army officer vandalizing computers and other sensitive documents.

Bhutan, China claim progress in boundary expert group talks

Bhutan and China in a joint statement has said that they had made more progress in implementing "their step roadmap" towards resolving their boundary disputes after

talks in Thimphu. The 12th Expert Group Meeting (EGM) that oversaw the actual boundary talks was held in Thimphu just 4 months after 11th EGM meet.

11th EGM was held in January 2023 while 12th EGM was held between 24-23 May 2023.

The next EGM will be held in Beijing.

The two sides has also agreed to have more frequent EGM meet.

According to the Joint statement, the two sides “expressed satisfaction” on the progress in implementing the “Three steps roadmap:”

Three step roadmap – During 10th EGM in April 2021, China and Bhutan had agreed to “3 step roadmap” to solve their border disputes.

India’s Minister of External Affairs (MEA) declined to comment on the statement after the latest round of EGM. India rarely comments on bilateral talks between Bhutan and China. But it looks closely into the development.

- 1- Doklam Plateau
 - 2- Jakarlung
 - 3- Paramlung
- Disputed territory

Bhutan and China has dispute over Deklam, Jakarlung and Pamarlung. India seen presence of Chinese forces near Doklam as a security concern.

In Nepal, a fledging political organization gives traditional parties a run for their money.

- Musk’s Neuralink says cleared for human test of brain implants.
- Neuralink is Elan Musk startup. Elon Musk told that it has got clearance form FDA of us for clinical trials. Neuralinks intends in let brain directly communicate with computers.
- 12 hospitalised after man opens plane door mid-air on asioned flight.

MOB AND JUSTICE

Alwar verdict flags need for stern steps to ensure justice in lurching cases

- What the editorial is all about ?

The editorial is regarding a sessions court in Alwar district of Rajasthan Judgement in a lurching case. The editorial talks about the incident which is related to cow vigilantism.

- **What was the case editorial is talking about ?**

In July 2018 a muslim dairy forum was launched.

Rakbar Khan was transporting two cows along with his friend, when the attack took place. He succumbed due to serious injuries.

The court has convicted four persons and have punished them with 7 years of Jail. It acquitted Naval Kishore other accused because of lack of evidence.

The court charged the accused of culpable homicide, had they been charged of murder they would have given life imprisonment. The family of the victim is not satisfied with the term, and they want them to be in jail for life imprisonment.

- Way Ahead

This type of cow vigilantism has been seen in many other cases and both preventive and punitive measures need to be taken in such cases.

A YOUNGER LOT

Without Nadal, there is no clear favourite at Roland Garros

- What the editorial is all about ?

French open started on May 22, The editorial is talking about a change of guard as new players are showing their mettle in absence and lack of form of some old players.

- **About French open**

French open is played on Red soil in Paris.

Rafael Nadal has won this a record 14 times. He has cost only 3 games in 115 games he has played. But this year he will be absent due to hip injury.

Novak Djokovic still looks Prime in his form. Apart from there, there are some new players who will be seen closely like:

World No. 1 – Carlos Alcoras, Holger Rune, Andrey Rublev, Jannik Sinner, and Alexander Zverev.

In women's the trilka of Iga Swiatek, Aryna Sabaleka and Elena Rybakina seems more in control for this French open.

Currently, world No. 1 is Iga Swiatek All of this suggests there is no clear favourite, but no dark horses either.

