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Polity & Governance

Writs

The Supreme Court is examining if the Enforcement Directorate has writ jurisdiction to approach constitutional courts, after Kerala and Tamil Nadu challenged a Kerala High Court ruling.

- **Kerala's stance** - The ED is merely a Union government department, not a legal entity, so it lacks standing; disputes should be addressed under Article 131 (Centre-State conflicts).
- **Kerala High Court's view** - The ED qualifies as a statutory authority, and its officials exercise statutory powers, allowing it to seek relief under Article 226.
- **Supreme Court (2003, Chief Conservator of Forests)** - Criticized the practice of the Centre and States filing writ petitions against one another.
- **Implications** - Highlights the tension between Central and State powers, questioning ED's independence versus its role as an arm of the Union.

Citizenship to Pepitha Seth

- She is British-born writer, photographer, and Padma awardee.
- **Age** - 84.
- **Contribution** - Documented Kerala's culture and art; often referred to as "Kerala's adopted daughter".
- **Indian Citizenship by** - Naturalisation.
- **Background** - Interest in India sparked by her maternal grandfather's diary; relocated to India at age 27.

Citizenship (Articles 5-11, Citizenship Act, 1955)

- The Citizenship Act of 1955 prescribes 5 methods for acquiring citizenship:
 - By Birth.
 - By Descent.
 - By Registration.
 - By Naturalisation.
 - By Incorporation of Territory.
- **Naturalisation** -
- The Central Government may grant Indian citizenship by naturalisation to a person (not an illegal migrant) who:
 - Is not from a country that bars Indians from naturalisation.
 - Agrees to renounce their existing citizenship if accepted.
 - Has lived or served in India for 12 months before applying.
 - Has lived or served in India for at least 11 years in the past 14 years.
 - Is of good character.
 - Knows a language listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.
 - Intends to reside or serve in India after naturalisation.
- **Eminent service** - The Government may waive these conditions for individuals who have rendered distinguished service in fields like science, art, literature, philosophy, world peace, or human progress.
- **Oath** - Every naturalised citizen must take an oath of allegiance to the Constitution of India.

Economy

India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) 2.0

- **Budget** - 1000 Crore for FY 2026-27.
- **Nodal ministry** - Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- **Aim** - To produce equipment and materials, design full stack Indian IP, and fortify supply chains.

Tax Holiday

- A tax holiday is a temporary fiscal incentive offered by governments, where businesses are relieved from paying certain taxes for a defined period.
- **Introduced to** - Stimulate economic activity in specific sectors that are considered vital for national development, such as infrastructure, manufacturing, or technology.
- **Objectives** -
 - Encourage investment.
 - Reduce startup costs.
 - Attract global players.
 - Boost competitiveness.
 - Accelerate economic growth.

RBI Compensation for Cyber Fraud

- **Proposal** - Compensation framework for victims of small-value frauds up to ₹25,000.
- **Cost-sharing** - Victim and bank cover 15% each; RBI pays the rest from the Depositor Education and Awareness Fund.
 - For ₹50,000 loss, victim gets ₹25,000 (85% or ₹25,000, whichever is less).
 - For ₹20,000 loss, victim gets ₹17,000.
- **No questions asked** - Applies even if OTP was shared, covering 65% of online fraud cases.
- **Rationale** - Small-value frauds form the majority (65%) of online frauds by number, though low in monetary value.

CUSTOMER PROTECTION



■ Move comes against backdrop of surge in frauds amid growing penetration of digital payments

■ Decision stems from RBI observation that around **65%** of frauds happen in the below-**₹50,000** category

■ Under the proposed framework, the compensation would be capped at **85%** of the loss or **₹25,000**

■ Money to be paid from the **₹85,000-cr** Depositor Education and Awareness Fund

■ SBI Chairman CS Setty said the proposal is unlikely to impose additional costs on banks

Security

Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)

Kerala Cabinet gave in-principle approval for the 583-km RRTS.

- A high-speed rail corridor operating at 160-180 kmph.
- **Corridor** - Thiruvananthapuram to Kasaragod.
- **Model** - An elevated viaduct helps cut down on land acquisition, preserves natural water flow, and reduces public opposition.

FASTER THAN METROS, MORE FREQUENT THAN TRAINS



180 km/hr
DESIGN SPEED

160 km/hr
OPERATION SPEED

100 km/hr
AVERAGE SPEED



Praveen Khanna

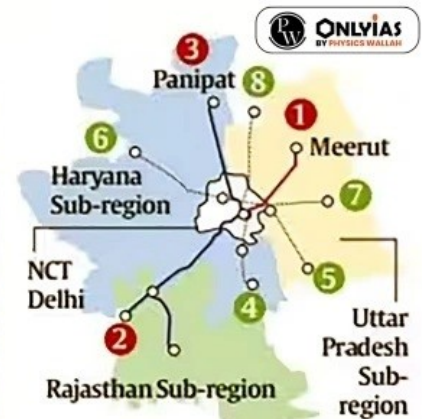


60 Min

TIME TO TRAVEL 100KM

CORRIDORS- UNDER RRTS PHASE I

- 1 Delhi – Ghaziabad – Meerut Corridor
- 2 Delhi – Gurugram – SNB – Alwar Corridor
- 3 Delhi – Panipat Corridor



== RRTS Phase-I --- RRTS Phase-II

OTHER CORRIDORS

- 4 Delhi – Faridabad – Ballabhgarh – Palwal
- 5 Ghaziabad – Khurja
- 6 Delhi – Bahadurgarh – Rohtak
- 7 Ghaziabad-Hapur
- 8 Delhi-Shahadra-Baraut

Autism Spectrum Disorder

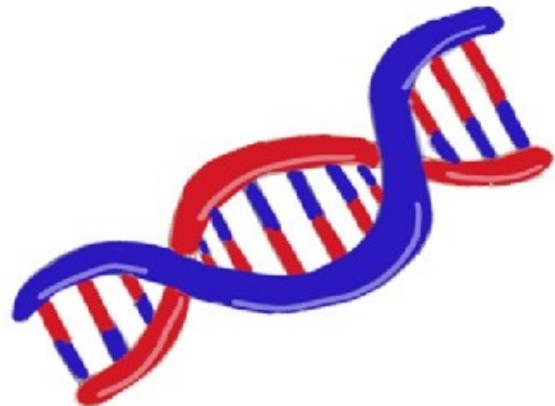
The Supreme Court held that stem cell treatments for Autism Spectrum Disorder cannot be offered as routine clinical services.

- Autism spectrum disorder is a neurodevelopmental condition that affects how a person communicates, interacts socially, and processes sensory information.
- **Symptoms -**
 - It doesn't show up in just one way.
 - One child might talk nonstop; another might not use words at all.
 - Some find deep comfort in routine, while others need room to explore and improvise.

Role of Genetics in Autism



Inherited vs.
Spontaneous



Impact on Brain
Development

**80% of autism risk is
linked to genetics**

Har Ghar Jal (under Jal Jeevan Mission)

- **Survey** - Functionality Assessment 2024 by IPSOS, covering 2.37 lakh rural households.
- **Key findings -**
 - **Tap Access** - 98% households had tap connections.
 - **Water Supply** - Only 83% received water at least once in the past week.
 - **Regional Variation** - High in Goa, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh (>97%); low in Bihar (61%), UP (72%), Nagaland (74%).
 - **Quantity** - 80% received the mandated 55L/day; lowest in Sikkim (24%) and Gujarat (58%).
 - **Quality** - 76% met standards for e-coli, coliform, and pH.
 - **Overall Functionality** - Effective for only 76% households (regularity, adequacy, cleanliness).

Global CyberPeace Summit 2026

- **Held in** - New Delhi.
- **Objective -**
 - To focus on pressing digital challenges ranging from cybercrime, AI risks, misinformation, and critical infrastructure protection to digital governance.
 - To collectively address the challenges shaping the global digital ecosystem.

Health

Advisory Issued on Avian Flu Infection

- **Detection** - [H5N1 avian influenza](#) found in dead crows in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- **Transmission** - Mainly bird-to-bird; human infection is rare.
- **Human caution** - Risk for those handling sick/dead birds or working in slaughterhouses; flu-like symptoms need medical care.
- **Public advisory** -
 - Report unusual bird deaths.
 - Practice hygiene and keep surroundings clean.
 - Avoid undercooked eggs/meat and outbreak areas.
 - Do not spread or believe rumors.
- **Government action** - Chennai authorities enhancing biosecurity, disinfecting affected areas, and burying carcasses; Forest Department increasing surveillance.
- **Notes** -
 - **Biosecurity** - To prevent spread of harmful organisms.
 - **One Health approach** - Linking human, animal, and environmental health.

