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President Murmu Condoles Demise of Playback Singer S. Janaki Amma

NEWS ITEM

President **Droupadi Murmu** expressed grief over the demise of legendary playback singer **S. Janaki Amma**, calling her a musical icon whose extraordinary singing enthralled generations. Her career spanned more than **six decades**, during which she recorded thousands of songs in nearly **20 Indian languages**, including Hindi, Odia, Tulu, Urdu, Punjabi and Bengali.

PRELIMS FACTS

- President **Droupadi Murmu** expressed grief over the demise of **S. Janaki Amma**.
- She described S. Janaki Amma as a **musical icon**.
- S. Janaki Amma's career spanned more than **six decades**.
- She recorded thousands of songs in nearly **20 Indian languages**.
- Languages mentioned include **Hindi, Odia, Tulu, Urdu, Punjabi and Bengali**.
- S. Janaki Amma was popularly known as **Janaki Amma** and **Nightingale of South India**.
- Her full name was **Sistla Janaki**.
- She was born on **23 April 1938** at **Pallapatla**, in present-day Andhra Pradesh.
- She began her playback singing career in **1957**.
- She won **four National Film Awards**.
- She refused the **Padma Bhushan** in **2013**, stating that the recognition came too late.
- Her music is remembered for versatility, voice modulation and emotional expression across languages.

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PM Modi Condoles Demise of Former Qatar Emir Sheikh Hamad

NEWS ITEM

Former Emir of Qatar **Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani** passed away at the age of **74**. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** expressed condolences, describing him as a **visionary leader** who transformed Qatar into a prosperous and globally respected nation, and remembered him as a true friend of India.

PRELIMS FACTS

- Former Qatar Emir **Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani** died at the age of **74**.
- He ruled Qatar from **1995 to 2013**.
- He voluntarily handed over power to his son **Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani** in **2013**.
- Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani is the current Amir of Qatar.
- PM **Narendra Modi** described Sheikh Hamad as a **visionary leader** and a true friend of India.
- Sheikh Hamad is credited with transforming Qatar into a global player in **energy, diplomacy, media and investment**.
- Under his rule, Qatar emerged as a major **LNG powerhouse**.
- **Al Jazeera** news network was launched in **1996** during his rule.
- Qatar secured the right to host the **2022 FIFA World Cup** during his leadership period.
- Qatar expanded its international investments through institutions such as the **Qatar Investment Authority**.
- India declared **one-day national mourning** as a mark of respect for the Father Amir of Qatar.
- The National Flag was to be flown at **half-mast** in India on buildings where it is regularly flown.

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Linda Noskova Wins First Grand Slam Title at Wimbledon 2026

NEWS ITEM

Czech tennis player **Linda Noskova** defeated fellow Czech player **Karolina Muchova 6-2, 5-7, 6-3** in the **Wimbledon 2026 women's singles final** to win her first **Grand Slam** title. The 21-year-old ninth seed became the youngest Wimbledon women's champion since **2011**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Linda Noskova** won the **Wimbledon 2026 women's singles title**.
- She defeated **Karolina Muchova 6-2, 5-7, 6-3** in the final.
- Both finalists were from the **Czech Republic**.
- Noskova was the **ninth seed**.
- She was **21 years old** at the time of the win.
- She became the youngest Wimbledon women's champion since **2011**.
- This was Noskova's **first Grand Slam title**.
- Karolina Muchova saved **five championship points** and fought back from a set and a break down before losing in the decider.
- Britain's **Henry Patten** and Finland's **Harri Heliövaara** won doubles success earlier.
- Great Britain's **Alfie Hewett** and **Gordon Reid** also recorded doubles success.

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India and New Zealand Mark 100 Years of Sporting Ties

NEWS ITEM

India and New Zealand are celebrating **100 years of sporting ties in 2026**. The relationship began in **1926**, when the **Indian Army Hockey Team** became the first Indian sports team to tour New Zealand. Hockey continues to act as a bridge of friendship between the two countries.

PRELIMS FACTS

- India and New Zealand are celebrating **100 years of sporting ties in 2026**.
- The sporting relationship began in **1926** through hockey.
- The **Indian Army Hockey Team** was the first Indian sports team to tour New Zealand.
- **Major Dhyan Chand** was part of the historic 1926 team.
- The Indian Women's Hockey Team won the **FIH Women's Nations Cup** in **Auckland**.
- India defeated host **New Zealand** in the final of the FIH Women's Nations Cup.
- Former Hockey New Zealand CEO and **1976 Olympic Gold Medallist Ramesh Patel** highlighted the importance of sports cooperation.

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PM Modi Arrives in Auckland on Historic New Zealand Visit

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** received a warm welcome on his arrival in **Auckland**, beginning his two-day visit to **New Zealand**. This is the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to New Zealand in nearly **four decades**. He was received by New Zealand Prime Minister **Christopher Luxon**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- PM **Narendra Modi** arrived in **Auckland** for a two-day visit to New Zealand.
- It is the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to New Zealand in nearly **four decades**.
- He was received by New Zealand Prime Minister **Christopher Luxon**.
- The Indian community welcomed him with the tricolour and chants of **"Kia Ora Modi."**
- Cultural performances included traditions from **Punjab** and **Tamil Nadu**.
- The welcome event also featured a fusion of **Carnatic and Hindustani classical music**.
- A rendition of **Vande Mataram** was performed.
- PM Modi appreciated the **Naad Vocal Ensemble**.
- Key areas of expected discussion include trade, investment, education, technology and people-to-people ties.

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PM Modi Addresses Indonesian Parliament

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** became the **first Indian Prime Minister** to address the **Parliament of Indonesia** in **Jakarta**. He called for a new era in India-Indonesia relations based on civilisational ties, democratic values, maritime links and shared Indo-Pacific priorities.

PRELIMS FACTS

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** became the first Indian Prime Minister to address the **Indonesian Parliament**.
- The address took place in **Jakarta**.
- PM Modi described India as the **"Mother of Democracy."**
- He highlighted over **2,000 years** of India-Indonesia civilisational engagement across the Indian Ocean.
- He referred to **Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam** and Indonesia's motto **Bhinneka Tunggal Ika**.
- He linked India's **Viksit Bharat 2047** vision with Indonesia's **Golden Indonesia 2045 / Indonesia Emas 2045** vision.
- Key cooperation areas mentioned included trade, investment, connectivity, food and energy security, Digital Public Infrastructure and emerging technologies.
- PM Modi reaffirmed India's commitment to a free, open, inclusive and rules-based **Indo-Pacific**.

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Australia Win ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026

NEWS ITEM

Australia defeated **England by 7 wickets** at **Lord's, London**, to win the **ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026**. Chasing England's **150/4**, Australia reached **153/3 in 17.1 overs**, with **Beth Mooney** scoring **64** and **Phoebe Litchfield** scoring **48**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- Australia defeated England by **7 wickets** to win the **ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026**.
- Venue of the final: **Lord's, London**.
- England scored **150/4 in 20 overs**.
- Australia scored **153/3 in 17.1 overs**.
- **Beth Mooney** scored **64 runs** for Australia.
- **Phoebe Litchfield** scored **48 runs** for Australia.
- England captain **Nat Sciver-Brunt** scored **58 not out**.
- **Freya Kemp** scored **44 runs** for England.
- **Player of the Match**: Beth Mooney.
- **Player of the Tournament / Man of the Series**: Beth Mooney.
- Australia won its **seventh** ICC Women's T20 World Cup title.
- The first ICC Women's T20 World Cup was held in **2009** in **England**.
- Women's T20 World Cup title count: **Australia 7, England 1, West Indies 1, New Zealand 1**.

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Nation Pays Homage to Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee

NEWS ITEM

The nation paid homage to **Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee** on his birth anniversary. The **Ministry of Culture**, in association with the **West Bengal Government**, organised a programme in **Kolkata** as part of the two-year official commemoration of his **125th birth anniversary**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee** was born on **6 July 1901** in Kolkata.
- His death anniversary is observed on **23 June**.
- He founded the **Bharatiya Jana Sangh** in **1951**.
- He served as India's first **Minister for Industry and Supply**.
- He was associated with **Calcutta University** and served as its Vice-Chancellor.
- The Ministry of Culture is observing his **125th birth anniversary** through a two-year commemoration from **2025 to 2027**.
- A programme was organised in **Kolkata** as part of the commemoration.
- A groundbreaking ceremony was planned for a **125-foot statue** of Syama Prasad Mookerjee at **Eco Park, New Town, Kolkata**.

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Pandavani Legend Teejan Bai Passes Away

NEWS ITEM

President **Droupadi Murmu**, Vice President **C. P. Radhakrishnan** and Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** expressed grief over the demise of renowned **Pandavani** singer **Teejan Bai**. They highlighted her role in bringing the Mahabharata-based folk tradition of **Chhattisgarh** to national and global recognition.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Teejan Bai** was a renowned **Pandavani** singer from **Chhattisgarh**.
- Pandavani narrates stories from the **Mahabharata** through singing, narration and performance.
- Teejan Bai was known for popularising the **Kapalik style** of Pandavani.
- She received **Padma Shri**, **Padma Bhushan** and **Padma Vibhushan**.
- She was awarded **Padma Vibhushan in 2019** in the field of Art.
- President **Droupadi Murmu**, Vice President **C. P. Radhakrishnan** and Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** paid tributes to her.

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SCOTUS Upholds Birthright Citizenship

NEWS ITEM

The **Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS)** upheld **birthright citizenship** under the **14th Amendment** and struck down President **Donald Trump's Executive Order 14160**, which sought to deny automatic citizenship to certain children born in the U.S. to non-citizen parents. The ruling reaffirmed that children born on U.S. soil are citizens at birth, except narrow traditional exceptions such as children of foreign diplomats and invading forces.

PRELIMS FACTS

- SCOTUS ruled on **30 June 2026** on birthright citizenship.
- The Court struck down President Trump's **Executive Order 14160**.
- The ruling upheld birthright citizenship under the **14th Amendment**.
- The 14th Amendment was ratified in **1868**.
- The Citizenship Clause covers persons born or naturalised in the U.S. and subject to its jurisdiction.
- Traditional exceptions include children of foreign diplomats and invading forces.
- **Dred Scott v. Sandford (1857)** denied citizenship to Black people.
- **Civil Rights Act, 1866** declared birth-based citizenship with limited exceptions.
- **United States v. Wong Kim Ark (1898)** is a key precedent for birthright citizenship.
- Trump's order had sought to deny citizenship documents to some children born after **February 19, 2025** to parents unlawfully or temporarily present in the U.S.

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PM Modi Congratulates Keiko Fujimori

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** congratulated **Keiko Fujimori** on her victory in the **Peruvian Presidential elections**. He said India values its close friendship with **Peru** and remains committed to strengthening bilateral cooperation across diverse sectors.

PRELIMS FACTS

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** congratulated **Keiko Fujimori** on her victory in the **Peruvian Presidential elections**.
- **Peru** is located in **South America**.
- India expressed commitment to strengthening its bilateral partnership with Peru across diverse sectors.
- The Prime Minister wished Keiko Fujimori a successful tenure.

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Tributes Paid to Swami Vivekananda

NEWS ITEM

Vice President **C. P. Radhakrishnan** and Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** paid tributes to **Swami Vivekananda** on his death anniversary. They highlighted his role in spreading India's culture, spirituality, civilisational consciousness and message of service, character and nation-building.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Swami Vivekananda's death anniversary** is observed on **4 July**.
- He was born on **12 January 1863** as **Narendranath Datta**.
- He was a disciple of **Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa**.
- He represented India at the **World's Parliament of Religions, Chicago, 1893**.
- He founded the **Ramakrishna Mission** in **1897**.
- His birth anniversary, **12 January**, is observed as **National Youth Day** in India.
- Prime Minister Modi said Vivekananda's ideas continue to guide youth and support the vision of **Viksit Bharat**.

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Army Chief Unveils VIJAY Roadmap

NEWS ITEM

Chief of the Army Staff **General Dhiraj Seth** unveiled a roadmap titled **VIJAY** to transform the Indian Army into a technology-enabled, future-ready force. The roadmap focuses on vigilance, innovation, jointness, self-reliance and soldier-centric development for modern multi-domain warfare.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **General Dhiraj Seth** is the **31st Chief of the Army Staff**.
- He unveiled the **VIJAY** roadmap for a technology-enabled, future-ready Indian Army.
- **V** stands for Vigilance and Readiness.
- **I** stands for Innovation and Transformation.
- **J** stands for Jointness and Integration.
- **A** stands for Aatmanirbharta.
- **Y** stands for Yodha First.
- The roadmap emphasises multi-domain operational capability, indigenous technologies, civil-military fusion and a Whole-of-Nation approach.

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National Doctors' Day 2026: Honouring the Legacy of Dr B.C. Roy

NEWS ITEM

India is proudly celebrating **National Doctors' Day** today, July 1, to honour the relentless service, sacrifices, and healing touch of medical professionals. This special day is dedicated to the memory of **Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy (B.C. Roy)**, a legendary physician, freedom fighter, and visionary leader, marking both his birth and death anniversaries.

PRELIMS FACTS

- National Doctors' Day is celebrated annually on **July 1**.
- The day was instituted in **1991** by the **Indian Medical Association (IMA)**.
- It commemorates both the birth and death anniversary of **Dr B.C. Roy** (July 1, 1882 – July 1, 1962).
- Dr Roy was awarded the **Bharat Ratna** in **1961**.
- The prestigious **B.C. Roy National Award** was instituted by the Medical Council of India in 1976 to recognize outstanding contributions to medicine, science, and the arts.

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Prime Minister Pays Tribute on 'Hul Diwas'

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid homage to tribal heroes including **Sido, Kanhu, Chand, Bhairav**, and **Phulo-Jhano** on the occasion of '**Hul Diwas**'. He stated that their struggle and sacrifice against the injustice of foreign rule to protect tribal dignity will continuously inspire the nation.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Hul Diwas** is celebrated on **June 30th** to mark the beginning of the Santhal Rebellion in 1855.
- The rebellion occurred in the **Damin-i-Koh** region, the forested tracts of Rajmahal Hills where the British had settled the Santhals.
- Outsiders, particularly merchants and moneylenders who exploited the Santhals, were referred to as **Dikus**.
- The rebellion's suppression led to the creation of the **Santhal Parganas** as a non-regulation district to appease the tribal population.

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General Dhiraj Seth Takes Charge As 31st Chief Of The Army Staff

NEWS ITEM

General Dhiraj Seth has assumed command as the **31st Chief of the Army Staff (COAS)**, succeeding General Upendra Dwivedi upon his superannuation. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy (NDA), Pune, he was commissioned into the Armoured Corps in December 1986 and brings nearly four decades of extensive experience across operational and strategic domains.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **General Dhiraj Seth** is the **31st** Chief of the Army Staff of the Indian Army.
- He was commissioned into the **Armoured Corps** in December 1986.
- Notable previous commands include the **Sudarshan Chakra Corps** (a strike corps of the Indian Army).

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PM Modi Honoured with Seychelles' Highest Distinction 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon'

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with the **Guardian of the Blue Horizon**, Seychelles' highest distinction, by President Dr. Patrick Herminie. The award recognizes his leadership in environmental conservation, sustainable development, and advancing the Blue Economy and the interests of Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

PRELIMS FACTS

- **First Recipient:** PM Narendra Modi is the first person to receive the 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon' award.
- **Awarding Nation:** Seychelles (Conferred by President Dr. Patrick Herminie).
- **Previous Environmental Honours for PM Modi:** UN Champion of the Earth, Agricola Medal (FAO), and the Seoul Peace Prize.
- **India's Highlighted Green Initiatives:** International Solar Alliance (ISA), Mission LiFE, Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, and the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA).

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PM Modi Addresses 135th Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat'

NEWS ITEM

In the 135th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat', Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted India's recent achievements in defence indigenisation, sports, environmental conservation, and social initiatives. He emphasized the power of public participation (Jan Bhagidari) in tackling global challenges and preserving the nation's cultural and ecological heritage.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Defence Indigenisation:** INS Dunagiri, INS Sanshodhak, and INS Agray were recently inducted into the Indian Navy in Kolkata. They are indigenously designed and manufactured.
- **Aerospace:** The first 'Made in India' C-295 aircraft successfully completed its maiden flight. A total of 40 such aircraft are being manufactured in India.
- **Missile Technology:** DRDO and Indian Industries Partners successfully tested the indigenous 'Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile'.
- **Sports:** India topped the medal tally at the **World Yogasana Championship** in Ahmedabad, winning 114 medals, including 102 gold medals.
- **Grassroots Sports in Nagaland:** The state is promoting talent through the 'Nagaland Baby League' (football for 5-12 year olds) and the 'Nagaland Women Futsal League' (indoor football with 5 players per team).
- **Education & Heritage:** Nalanda University has revived the ancient tradition of 'Shastrarth' (debate and discussion). Meanwhile, the Central Sanskrit University in Delhi is starting a B.Tech Programme in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science to link traditional knowledge with modern technology.
- **Global Cultural Footprint:** 'Brahmakamal Dominicana', a Spanish-speaking team in the Dominican Republic, is actively learning and chanting Vedic mantras like Purusha Suktam and Sri Rudram.
- **Waste Management:** Women in Biaora, Rajgarh district (Madhya Pradesh) have initiated a campaign to convert plastic waste and empty bottles into eco-bricks to beautify public spaces.

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PM Modi Pays Tribute to Former PM P. V. Narasimha Rao on His Birth Anniversary

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to former Prime Minister **P. V. Narasimha Rao** on his birth anniversary (June 28), acknowledging his enduring contribution to India's progress during a crucial period in its history and his legacy as a capable administrator and distinguished scholar.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Birth Date:** June 28, 1921.
- **Key Policy Initiated:** 'Look East Policy' (now 'Act East Policy').
- **Economic Milestone:** Spearheaded the 1991 LPG reforms.
- **Civilian Honour:** Awarded the **Bharat Ratna** in 2024.
- **Notable Book:** *The Insider*.

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Nadaprabhu Kempegowda's 517th Birth Anniversary

NEWS ITEM

Vice-President **C. P. Radhakrishnan** attended the **517th birth anniversary celebrations of Nadaprabhu Sri Kempegowda** in Bengaluru and paid tributes to the founder of Bengaluru. The event highlighted Kempegowda's legacy in planned urban development, water conservation, inclusive governance, social harmony and cultural preservation.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Nadaprabhu Kempegowda** is associated with the founding and planned development of **Bengaluru**.
- He was linked with the **Vijayanagara Empire** and is remembered for lake-building and civic planning.
- The Vice-President highlighted Kempegowda's contribution to sustainable development, social harmony and inclusive governance.

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PM Pays Tribute to Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj on Birth Anniversary

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to **Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj** on his birth anniversary. The PM acknowledged his lifelong dedication to the upliftment of the underprivileged, exploited, and backward sections of society, noting that his ideals continue to guide the nation.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Birth:** Born on June 26, 1874, in Kagal, Kolhapur.
- **Reign:** He was crowned the Maharaja of Kolhapur in 1894.
- **Social Initiatives:** Established Vedic schools for non-Brahmins to challenge caste-based Vedic education.
- **Vision:** He envisioned a society free from the barriers of caste and social inequality.

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PM Pays Tribute to Bankim Chandra Chatterjee on Birth Anniversary

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to the legendary literary figure **Bankim Chandra Chatterjee** on his birth anniversary. The PM lauded his immense contribution to Indian literature and highlighted his pivotal role in fostering patriotism and national pride among generations of Indians through his iconic writings. The PM also emphasized the significance of the 150th anniversary of the national song, '**Vande Mataram**', which continues to serve as an enduring source of inspiration for the nation.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Birth:** Born on June 26, 1838, in Kanthalpara, West Bengal.
- **Anandamath:** Published in 1882, the novel is set against the backdrop of the Sannyasi Rebellion.
- **Literary Legacy:** He was one of the first graduates of the University of Calcutta (1858).
- **Vande Mataram:** Adopted as the National Song of India in 1950.

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Martyrdom Day of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur

NEWS ITEM

Union Home Minister Amit Shah paid homage to **Baba Banda Singh Bahadur** on his martyrdom day, honoring his legacy as the first general of the **Khalsa Army**. He was recognized for his immense valour in liberating regions from Mughal oppression and his dedication to establishing a just governance system for farmers.

PRELIMS FACTS

- He is famously known as the first general of the **Khalsa Army**.
- He led the struggle against the Mughal Empire in the early 18th century.
- He is noted for his land reforms and for refusing to accept religious conversion despite severe torture.

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PM Modi Congratulates Armenian PM Nikol Pashinyan on Re-election

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated **Nikol Pashinyan** on his victory in the parliamentary elections in **Armenia**. The leaders reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral partnership across trade, defence, and technology, while PM Modi thanked Armenia for facilitating the evacuation of Indian nationals stranded in Iran.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Nikol Pashinyan** was recently re-elected as the Prime Minister of **Armenia**.
- India and Armenia have a growing defence partnership; India has exported military equipment like **Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launchers** and **Swathi weapon locating radars** to Armenia.
- Armenia acted as a crucial transit and facilitation point for the evacuation of Indians from **Iran** during recent geopolitical tensions.