

A person stands on a rocky shore, looking out at a sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and a rainbow arching across the sky. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds. The person is silhouetted against the bright light of the sun.

आज आप वह सपना देख रहे हो,  
जो आपने कभी नहीं देखा,  
तो आपको.. आज वह करना पड़ेगा...  
जो आपने कभी नहीं किया !

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



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# NEWS

- **Centre reviews progress of Vaccination and Public Health Response to COVID-19 with States and UTs**
  - States have been advised to focus on second dose coverage among Healthcare workers and Frontline workers.
  - Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan chaired the high-level meeting with the States and UTs.
  - States were informed that the CoWIN platform is now available in 12 languages.
  - Mr Bhushan said, for Front line workers, the national average of first dose coverage is 85 per cent but the national average of second dose coverage is only 47 per cent.

- **Over 24 crore COVID vaccine doses administered so far**
- **Govt prohibits use of Remdesivir in children with Coronavirus infection**
- **National recovery rate further improves to 94.77 per cent**
- **PM Modi to participate in outreach sessions of G7 Summit on 12th and 13th June in virtual format**

- Coverage under ESI Act extended to all casual and contractual workers of municipal bodies in country
  - Labour and Employment Minister Santosh Gangwar today announced the decision to extend coverage under the Employees' State Insurance Act to all casual and contractual workers working in the municipal bodies in the country.
  - He said, the ESI Corporation has been directed to take up the matter with the States and Union Territories, for issue of notification for coverage of casual and contractual workers in the Municipal Corporation.
  - Mr Gangwar said that ESI coverage of casual and contractual employees will go a long way in providing social security cover to a very vulnerable segment of the workforce.



- Govt urges people to not share information on social media about child in distress
- Govt allows LPG customers to have a choice, deciding which distributors they want their LPG refill from
  - The decision has been taken with a view to further empower the LPG consumers and making energy accessible and affordable to all.
- UPSC interview for Civil Services (Main) Examination, 2020 to resume on August 02nd

- **Indian govt to abide by Saudi Arabia's decision on conducting Haj 2021**
  - Stating that the government's priority continues to be the health and well-being of people of both nations and also of humanity, Mr. Naqvi said, India is doing its preparations, including vaccination of pilgrims.
  - The minister informed that women self help groups will also be included for the campaign titled "Jaan Hai To Jahaan Hai", that will be launched especially in villages and remote areas of the country.
  - Assuring that there will be no shortage of vaccines and other essential medical equipment, Mr. Naqvi said, vaccination is essential to make India free of COVID-19 and it becomes a national responsibility to remove all confusions and get vaccinated and encourage others to do the same.

- **India seeks early resumption of travel by Indian citizens to China, especially for work or study purposes**
  - India is in touch with the Chinese side in order to seek an early resumption of travel by Indian citizens to China, especially for those who work or study there.
- **Sheikh Hasina urges Islamic scholars to keep away youth from militancy and terrorism**
- **China's national legislature approves new law aimed at providing legal basis for country's countermeasures against foreign sanctions**
- **4 Indian Table Tennis players seal their spot for Tokyo Olympics this time**

# FINANCIAL NEWS

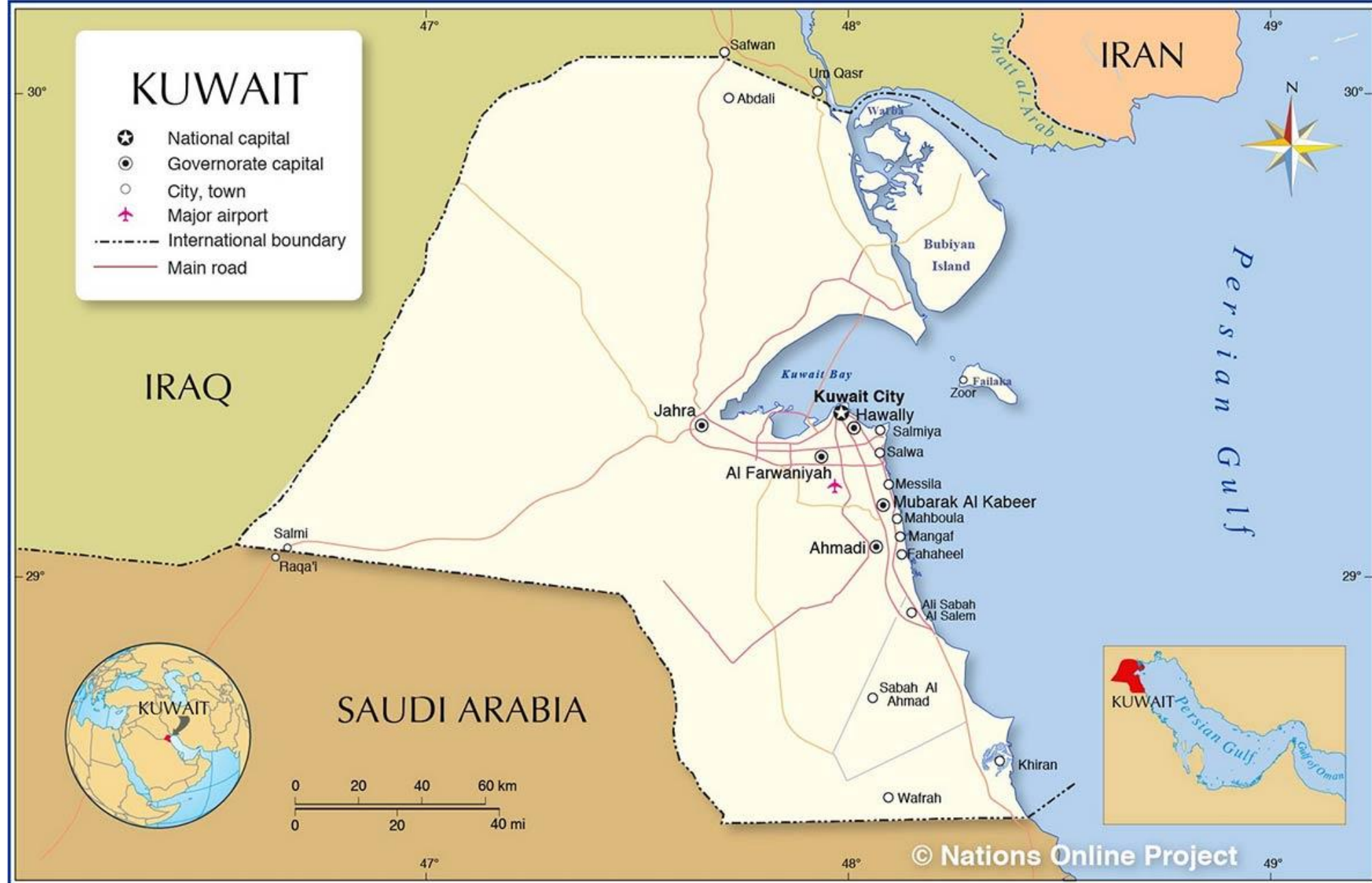
- **G7 leaders meeting in Cornwall, England to discuss agreements on global taxes and COVID-19 vaccine distribution**



- Top leaders representing Western democracies are gathering from Friday through the weekend. The United Kingdom is hosting the event, to be attended by heads of government from the US, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Japan.
- Leaders from South Africa, Australia and South Korea are also attending the meeting.
- The US President Joe Biden is on a first trip abroad to attend the meet, since taking office in January.
- Group of Seven (G7) foreign ministers began their consultations in early May to discuss Western pushback against Russia and China, the Coronavirus, economic recovery and climate change.



- **EAM Dr S Jaishankar holds discussion with Kuwait counterpart Dr Ahmed Nasser Mohammed Al Sabah**
  - External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar held discussion with his Kuwait counterpart Dr. Ahmed Nasser Mohammed Al Sabah.
  - In a series of tweets, Dr Jaishankar welcomed the openness to address the issues of Indian community in Kuwait.
  - He said he valued Kuwait Foreign Minister's assessments and insights on regional issues.
  - Dr Jaishankar also witnessed the signing of an MoU that will give Indian workers greater legal protection.
  - He also launched the celebration of 60th anniversary of India Kuwait ties.
  - He is on a three day visit to Kuwait.





# OPINION EDITORIALS



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# Not Quite Masterful | Tol

- Cities are India's **economic powerhouses** and a magnet for a large rural population seeking a better life.
- Delhi, which is expected to accommodate almost **30 million people** in the **next two decades**, has just prepared a draft **master plan 2041 (MPD41)**.





- Master plans in India generally cover **20-year periods** and provide a **blueprint** to **coordinate** urban development based on population projections.
- But for all the urban planning done in India, **results** have been **dismal**.

1. Around half the population of a typical Indian city is in **slums**, seeking a livelihood in **informal jobs**
2. Documents such as master plans that cover **two decades** are **too rigid** and don't allow enough room for **play of market forces**
3. The defining feature of Indian cities is the **lack of coordination** between institutions that oversee urban development

- MPD41 promises to set right some of these flaws.
- **Affordable housing** is to be ramped up
- Disincentive **private transport**
- Prioritises **economic activity**
- **Land pooling**
- Enhanced **floor space index**

# Terror in the Sahel | TH

- The **massacre** of **at least 160 people** in a border village in Burkina Faso over the weekend is a grim reminder of the threat the **Sahel region** faces from **Islamist terrorism**.
- Burkinabe authorities have named the **Islamic State in the Greater Sahara (ISGS)**
- The **security situation** in Burkina Faso, which saw its **first major Islamist terrorist attack in 2015**, has **deteriorated steadily**, especially along the borders with Niger and Mali.





# The Sahel region





- The Burkina Faso attack occurred after **137 people** were killed by jihadists in **Niger**, in March.
- In **Nigeria**, Islamists control swathes of territories and have carried out **abductions and attacks**, including gunning down **27 people** in a village on Sunday.
- **Mali** has been fighting **terror groups** since 2013.





- **Four main terror outfits** operate in the region —

1. The ISGS
2. The Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP)
3. The Jama'at Nasr al-Islam wal Muslimin, the local al-Qaeda branch in Mali
4. Boko Haram

- Of these, the **ISGS** and **Jama'at Nasr** are reportedly in alliance to expand their influence in the **Burkina-Mali-Niger border region**, where they shoot down anyone who does not declare their loyalty to the jihadists.
- Boko Haram and the ISWAP are fighting each other but control territories in **northeastern Nigeria**.
- **France** has deployed troops in the region for **counter-insurgency operations** and is helped by the **U.S.**, which has a drone base in Niger.



- **Libya**, having fallen into anarchy and civil war, became a jihadist breeding ground.

- When trouble spread to Mali, France made a military intervention in **2013**.

- Now, jihadists find **safe havens** in the lawless deserts of the Sahel.



- When the IS-militant infrastructure was destroyed in Iraq and Syria, their **foot soldiers fled to Africa**, regrouping themselves in the region.

- **Major global powers**, which worked together with regional players to defeat the IS in West Asia, should not stay away from the growing threat from Africa.
- They should, along with the **UN**, help the Sahel countries **build capacity and institutions**, offer **stable governance** and **adopt sustainable counter-insurgency strategies**.

# Better tomorrow? | Pioneer



- The **travel and tourism industry**, along with associated arms like the **hospitality** and **aviation** sectors, has been in the **doldrums** for at least two seasons in a row.
- **Depression** has set in
- **Hope** has touched nadir
- **Jobs** have been lost and so is **revenue**





- But the Centre and State Governments' ongoing **inoculation drive**, as it gathers momentum, has injected a **sense of optimism and enthusiasm** among the stakeholders.
- From **Kashmir to Uttarakhand to Himachal Pradesh to Goa and Kerala**, basically almost all the States where the economy thrives on **travel, tourism** and **hospitality**, it's the same story of despair.

- Culture and Tourism Minister **Prahlad Patel** said in unequivocal terms that the **ongoing vaccination drive** is going to drive the **revival** of the tourism sector.
- Giving the entrepreneurs in the above-mentioned sectors another reason to smile, he added that the Government is working on a **uniform policy and setting up protocols** for travellers getting vaccinated against COVID-19.

- Speaking to a conglomerate of well-known companies operating in the related fields, he lauded their efforts in coming together to “**promote the interests of the smallest and often under-represented operators**”.
- Meanwhile, in **Goa**, the tourism stakeholders were trying to decipher Chief Minister Pramod Sawant’s statement that **re-opening of tourism** would be considered after its entire population is vaccinated with at least one dose.

- Similarly, in **Kerala**, the tourism sector is in peril as the State has lost three consecutive seasons for the first time.
- The **two consecutive floods** in 2018 and 2019, and now the **COVID-19 pandemic** have flattened the tourism sector.
- The tour operators are **clueless** as to when they will see a return to the good old days.

- In **Kashmir**, too, the sector has been hit two successive years.
- In March this year, tourist arrivals had picked up to 1,25,000 from about 19,000 in January before the second wave of COVID-19 hit home.
- Here's hoping that the **lives and livelihood** of all of them, as well as of their families, get back on track as early as possible.



# Ans

- Name the Covid-19 vaccine produced by Hyderabad-based Biological E.

A. Corbevax

B. Sputnik V

C. Covovax

D. Novavax

# MCQ

- Which university maintained its position as the top Indian institution for the fourth consecutive year in the QS World University rankings?
- A. IISc, Bangalore
  - B. IIT Delhi
  - C. IIT Bombay
  - D. IIT Madras

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