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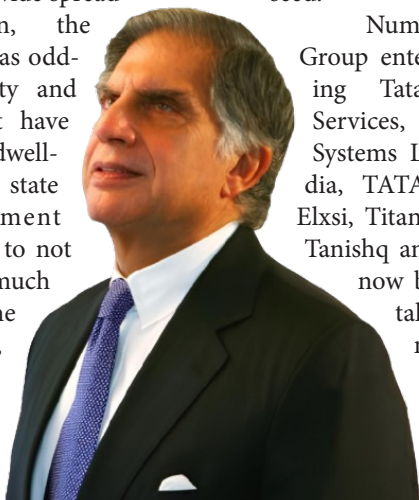
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## Ratan Tata and His Influence on the Tech Landscape of Bengaluru

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A partnership between Ratan Tata's company and a Singaporean group was established in 1998 in Whitefield which came to be known as International Technology Park which became to be among the first in the city. The last time Tata visited Bengaluru was in February 2016, as an attendee of the Invest Karnataka-2016 event which took place at Palace Grounds. Ratan Tata during his address, referred to Karnataka as continuing to be at the centre of continuing to come up with innovations in line with the current requirements of society, especially in fields of biotechnology, aviation, IT and electronics among others. Even though the establishment of The International Technology Park (ITPL) gained wide spread

attention, the space was oddly empty and did not have much dwellers. The state government seemed to not care much about the park, leading to the space never



being used and the construction of the roads never being completed. B. V. Naidu, the former director of the STPI-Bengaluru, who played a very important role in the development of the tech sector of Karnataka said that this negligence made Tata very disappointed, as it was among his major investments at the time.

The state government started an annual IT event in the year 1998 which was called BangaloreIT.com. The event underwent several changes in its name throughout the years and at present is known as Bengaluru Technology Summit. Mr. Naidu presently presides over KDEM as the chairman and functions as the managing partner of a company known as StartupXseed.

Numerous Tata Group enterprises, including Tata Consultancy Services, Tata Advanced Systems Limited, Air India, TATA Motors, Tata Elxsi, Titan Company, and Tanishq among others are now based in Karnataka. An agreement between Air India and Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL)

was signed recently for an investment in Karnataka for around ₹2300 crores. The Industries Department of Karnataka recently reported that the Tata group manufactures Marcopolo buses in Dharwad at a plant. The plant has a capacity to generate 30,000 units annually, with an area spanning to around 123 acres.

Tata Power Solar (TPS) has the largest solar installation in Karnataka, providing clean energy to more than 70,000 families across the state. This facility began in 2013, running in Chitradurga with a 10 MW solar power facility. Ratan tata is an inspiration to millions across the world through his tremendous impact.

## President Warns How Scammers and Quacks are Offering Fake Ayurvedic Remedies

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At the 8th foundation anniversary of the All-India Institute of Ayurveda in New Delhi, President Droupadi Murmu was asked several questions related to the state of medicine and healthcare in our country. One of these questions was regarding the constant tussle between the different schools of medicine, particularly modern medicine and AYUSH.

Murmu responded by saying that competition is healthy as long as there is no real enmity or ill will between the sides, as they share a common aim: the betterment and welfare of the Indian people. She then went on to state that recent medical discoveries over the past few years have shown that these conflicting systems can be quite complimentary, and goes on to say that though access to modern medicine and healthcare

is steadily going up, so is the demand for more traditional forms of medication.

On a more negative note, however, she remarks that the rise of Ayurveda at the national and global stage as a proper form of medicine has also led to the rise of so-called 'experts' whose only aim is to dupe people into using their faux remedies and concoctions, scamming sick, helpless. She warns against believing anyone who claims they are an Ayurvedic expert and encourages people to only approach certified Ayurvedic clinics and institutions.



President Droupadi Murmu at AIIA, New Delhi

## NCP Leader Shot Dead in Mumbai

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Baba Siddique, a famous politician of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and former Maharashtra minister, was shot dead with 6 bullets, of which 4 hit his chest on Saturday night in the Bandra West neighbourhood of Mumbai.

Two suspects were arrested by the Mumbai police named Gurmel Singh and Dharamraj Kashyap. The third suspect is recognized as Pravin Lonkar. Police officials further added he was the main conspirator who paid the attackers to attack Baba Siddique. The crime occurred despite the police being on high alert on the eve of Dusshera. As reported by the police officials, Siddique was

taken to Lilavati Hospital immediately after the incident and was later declared dead.

The Mumbai crime branch official said that the Mumbai Police have sent 15 teams across the state of Maharashtra as part of their murder investigation into Baba Siddique's death. In turn, the inquiry is targeting the gullies responsible for the murder of people who helped the gunmen during their operation. The party head Rashid Alvi and his party members have demanded the court to hand over the case to the crime branch so that the investigation into the murder of Nationalist Congress Party leader will be inquired soon.

## Prominent Malayalam Actor T.P Madhavan Dies at the Age of 88

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Late actor T.P Madhavan

Malayalam film actor and first general secretary of AMMA (Association of Malayalam Movie Artists), T.P Madhavan, died at the age of 88 in the Kollam district of Kerala on Wednesday (October 9, 2024). He was admitted to the hospital on Tuesday after his health deteriorated and was later put on ventilator support after which he suffered a cardiac arrest.

Madhavan's body was kept at Gandhi Bhavan on Thursday and his funeral was held at Shanthi Kavadam, Thiruvananthapuram. T.P Madhavan's son and Bollywood director Raja Krishna Menon paid respect to his father. Actor Mo-

hanlal said T.P Madhavan had always loved him like a son, and he was able to share the screen with him in films, including his first notable film, Manjil Virinja Pookkal (1980), Nadodikkattu (1987) and many more.

"A painful adieu to Madhavettan who conquered everyone's hearts with a lovely smile," said Mohanlal. T.P. Madhavan was a veteran actor who has acted in more than 600 films over a span of forty-one years and proved his versatility by playing villainous roles and comedic roles and then easily transitioning to character roles later in his career with ease.

## NATS 2.0: Improved and Upgraded

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Apprenticeship has been the traditional form of learning a craft or trade under the guidance of an expert and experienced master over the years. Simultaneously, learning and earning money is a dual treat. Some of the most prestigious Indian organizations where such apprentices are taught the latest applications, procedures, and techniques for their respective working specializations are for students in school or college, this would be a transitional phase from the classroom environment to the space of work.

The training also comprises lessons on organizational behaviour, work culture, ethics, and other soft skills. In the near future, it will ensure that one finds full-time employment. One of the Government of India's initiatives for talented young people in trade disciplines is the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme.

The Apprentices Act, 1961, as amended in 1973, provides the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme, which offers practical, hands-on -the-job training (OJT)-based skilling opportunities to graduates, diploma students, and vocational certificate holders for a duration of six months to a year.

The National Apprenticeship and Training Scheme (NATS) 2.0 portal has been launched by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, who has also awarded apprentices stipends of Rs. 100 cr. through Direct Benefits Transfer (DBT).

Certain apprentices receive on-the-job training during their apprenticeship term, and establishments list-

ed on the NATS 2.0 Portal provide specialized training managers, extensive training modules, and training facilities. The apprentices receive a Certificate of Proficiency from the Government of India at the conclusion of their program, which can be used as work experience at any job exchange in the country.

NATS 2.0 lacks year-wise and gender-specific data features present in the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) portal, but it provides real-time data tracking and integrates comprehensive life-cycle management when compared to NATS 1.0, which mainly handled job postings, application processing, apprentice selection, and certificate of proficiency verification. The Board of Apprenticeship Training (BOAT) regional offices host and arrange apprenticeship fairs on a frequent basis to facilitate the implementation of the NATS Scheme.

These events offer excellent opportunities for employers and students to satisfy their training and manpower requirements. Ramesh Alluri Reddy, chief executive officer, Team Lease Degree Apprenticeship, says, "For example, the IT/ITES sector currently hosts 18,412 apprentices, the automobile and auto components sector has 9,414 apprentices, and other sectors have approximately 9,007 apprentices, with a total of around 2,61,703 individuals undergoing training in the present year." Making use of this data can enhance skill development by altering the training programs and identifying the loopholes, ultimately improving workforce efficiency.



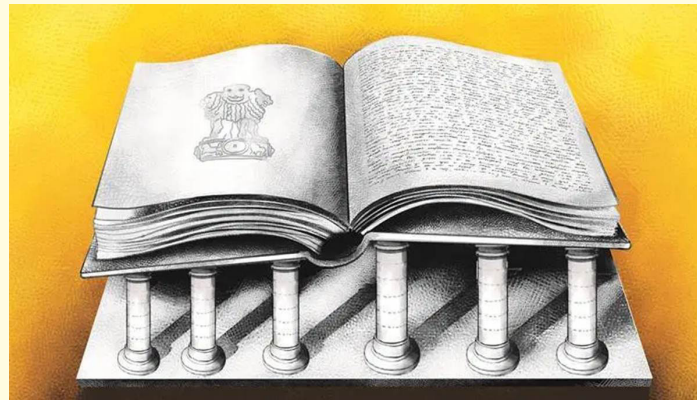
## Secularism in India: A Reality or a Myth?

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India has always boasted its diverse culture, heritage, religion and beliefs and has always been regarded as a secular country. In fact, the very concept of secularism is enshrined in India's constitution, the largest in the world. It promises rights and protection to all citizens equally without any bias of their religion, cultural or background affiliations. However, it is not mindless to question if secularism in India exists only on paper.

India's secularism can be seen in its democracy where citizens of different faiths come together to live and take part in the democratic political process. India also features a legal system that promises to keep the rights of minorities based on the constitution's guarantee of freedom of religion. With the rise of far right-wing "nationalism", India now struggles with its secular identity. The massive influence of a certain political party along with the parent organization of its Parivar has led to the decomposition and marginalization of minority religions in India. Crimes related to hate, mob lynching and even forced conversions have become

common. Acts such as these give rise to the question of whether India's secularism is now a myth. The Indian judiciary has historically played a crucial role in upholding secular values and protecting minority rights. Landmark judgments, such as those regarding religious freedoms and personal laws, have reinforced the idea of a



secular state. However, there are growing concerns about the independence of the judiciary and its ability to act impartially amidst increasing political pressure.

The chief of the ruling party parivar's parent organization stated that their way of spreading nationalism includes opposing foreign religions (hinting at Islam and Christianity).

According to a re-

port published by 'The Open Doors', the persecution of Christians has 'sharply increased' since the year 2016, two years after the ruling government came to power. While India is not the safest for religious minorities even during the tenure of the previous party, India has now been ranked 15th in the world in terms of danger to religious

minorities. The problem for India's secularism doesn't end there.

In the 740-page World Report 2024 published by the HRW, Tirina Hasan, the Executive Director, wrote that "2023 was a consequential year for...selective government outrage". The HRW's report covered the harassment done by Indian authorities on journalists and activists who stood up for the

religious minorities and the raid carried out in the BBC's New Delhi and Mumbai offices following their documentary that highlighted the current Prime Minister's failure to provide security for Muslims.

The 2023 Haryana riot which started after a man, affiliated to the ruling party, accused of murdering two Muslim men issued a video encouraging people to join the 'parade' is an example of how the ruling party and the people in it see secularism as a joke. The government's handling of sensitive issues such as the Ayodhya Dispute, the Citizenship Amendment Act and the National Register of Citizens is also argued by critics to have emboldened majoritarianism. The interplay between politics, government, society, and institutional integrity will ultimately determine whether secularism remains a living principle or devolves into a mere myth. Secularism in India can be complex but it cannot and should not be a myth. However, with hate beliefs spreading like wildfire in India, Secularism may just be on its way to become a myth in the near future of our country.

## 10-12 Year Timeline for India's first Nuclear Submarine

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The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has given permission to build six nuclear-powered attack submarines (SSNs) for the Indian Navy. The first SSN is expected to be ready within the coming 10 to 12 years with a displacement of nearly 10,000 tonnes and powered by a 190 MW pressurized light-water reactor.

The project is part of

India's effort to strengthen its naval capabilities, especially given China's growing presence in the Indian Ocean Region.

The main objective of this plan involves six SSNs which are designed for conventional warfare with the ability to operate stealthily in enemy waters. The submarines will be around 95% indige-

nous along with the foreign assistance limited to design consultancy.

The SSNs have the capability to travel at speeds over 30 and possess long endurance along with the ability to operate discreetly in enemy waters, making them suitable for non-nuclear warfare and tracking enemy ships.

The CCS also gave a

green light to Rs 28,000 crore (\$3.3 billion) for the deal of 31 MQ-9B remotely piloted drones. The drones are seen as assets for the target destruction and intelligence gathering over the ranges. The approval for the SSNs follows India's authorization of its second nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, INS Arighaat, on August 29, 2024.

## Climate Change Fuelling Anxiety in Gen-Z

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The contemporary context of climate change is denial. Worse are those who think climate change is a hoax. But we are watching our planet unfold into chaos in real time.

Floods and famines, droughts and disasters—the world is not deprived of its fair share of destruction; when traced down to its roots, it all points the same way: climate change and global warming. According to a recent study conducted at an Australian university, the only ones concerned seem to be the Gen Z population.

The report suggests that Gen Z feels betrayed by the older generations, governments, and institutions, whose efforts in addressing the crisis are disappointing and less than adequate. Added to this is the negligence in cooperating in their fight to establish more sustainable policies. They are experiencing what is now termed Eco-Anxiety, psychological distress caused by concerns about environmental issues.

It is triggered when they come across news that describes natural disasters, growing pollution, loss of biodiversity, etc. Other effects include climate grief, a state of sorrow, hopelessness, and grief over the inability to help the planet. These psychological effects are accompanied by everyday problems that lead to 'poly-crisis'.

The parallel effects of these psychological issues are the disintegrating worldview of a traditional future. The previous generations' plan on life being family, a house, and a stable income job. The growing environmental crisis has led to uncertainty in jobs and the availability of habitable land. Those who pursue this traditional lifestyle often seem to become susceptible to feelings of guilt and shame.

These growing challenges have led to a new wave of advocacy against policies that affect the environment and propagate climate change. Climate activism is helping the new generation cope with these psychological issues. It is establishing a new sense of control over these challenges. While activism helps them cope with their psychological distress, keeping up with activism can be exhausting.

Hence, today there is a significant growth in the number of individuals engaged in therapy. They are also forming communities among themselves to discuss these rising challenges. These communities help them cope with these issues by providing solidarity and support. The need to acknowledge and address these concerns is overdue, but not too late. Therefore, we need to urge our peers and authorities to work to pave the way for a better future.



## French PM Faces No Confidence Vote Amid Political Tensions

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Michel Barnier- Prime Minister of France.

Michel Barnier, the new Prime Minister of France, is set to face a motion of no-confidence on October 8, 2024. This has been brought by the left-wing New Popular Front (NFP), who highlighted his government's fragile position despite the low chances of motion passing. It has been claimed by the left's motion, led by Socialist Party leader Oliver Faure that Barnier's right-leaning government contradicted the election results.

He accused Macron of ignoring calls to appoint a

leftist Prime Minister. Adding to tensions, Interior Minister Bruno Retailleau's hardline stance on immigration has further angered the left. The motion is not likely to succeed as Marine Le Pen's National Rally refuses to back it despite the NFP's opposition. They aim to avoid further political instability.

However, Barnier could still be embarrassed in his early tenure due to support from independents and dissenting centrists. The situation reveals vulnerabilities even if the motion fails.

## Delays in Metro Construction Frustrate Commuters

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In spite of safety approval, the deviated Nagasandra to Madavara metro extensions on Bengaluru Tumkuru road is closed, leaving daily commuters frustrated.

Even after the commissioner of the metro railway station explained the situation of the 3 kilometre extension on October 4, 2024 The Bengaluru metro rail corporation limited (BMRL) is waiting for a formal inauguration which has to be done by the Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar whose availability is not confirmed.

The green line extension includes few newly built or added stations, which are Manjunath Nagar, and Madavara which promised the travellers to make travel easy on most congested routes of Bengaluru. The frustrated who are the travellers and the residents of the area claim that the delay of construction is resulting in heavy traffic, especially during the heavy rains. A resident of Nagasandra said "If the metro was open, our lives would have been easier. Instead, the station stands unused, which is frustrating".