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# CURRENT AFFAIRS

## NEWS OF 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY

**Date - 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020**

**Time - 8:30 am to 9:15 am**

**By Sujeet sir**



# Question No: 1

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**Baghjan oil field** is located in –

- A. Tamilnadu
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Assam
- D. Orissa

Ans. C

# Question No: 2

Kayapo Tribes are belongs to –

- A. Japan
- B. Taiwan
- C. China
- D. Brazil

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Ans. D

# Question No: 3

Recently C.S. Seshadri was died , he belongs to which field ?

- A. Agriculture
- B. Mathematics
- C. Physics
- D. Philosophy

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Ans. B

# Question No: 4

Movie **'The man who knew infinity'** is based on the life of –

- A. Srinivasa Ramanujan**
- B. Dev Patel**
- C. Jeremy Northam**
- D. Stephen Hawkins**

Ans. A

# Question No: 5

What is **BlackRock** ?

- A. Black hole
- B. Hardware
- C. New mountain
- D. Android Malware

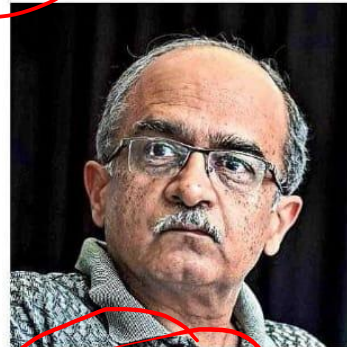
Ans. D

# SC issues notice to lawyer Prashant Bhushan over tweets

Court initiates *suo motu* contempt proceedings against him

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday initiated *suo motu* contempt proceedings against noted civil rights lawyer Prashant Bhushan, saying his tweets on its “role” in the “last six years” and a photograph of Chief Justice of India Sharad A. Bobde on a motorbike undermines its dignity and the office of the Chief Justice of India (CJI) in the public eye.



Prashant Bhushan

“We are, *prima facie*, of the view that the aforesaid statements on Twitter have brought the administration of justice in disrepute and are capable of undermining the dignity and authority of the institution of Supreme Court in general and the office of the Chief Justice of India in particular, in the eyes of public at large. We take *suo motu* cognisance of the aforesaid tweet also apart from the tweet quoted above

and *suo motu* register the proceedings”, a three-judge Bench led by Justice Arun Mishra recorded in a written order.

The court issued contempt notice to Mr. Bhushan. It also issued notice to Attorney General K.K. Venugopal to assist the court in the proceedings. The case is scheduled for hearing on August 5.

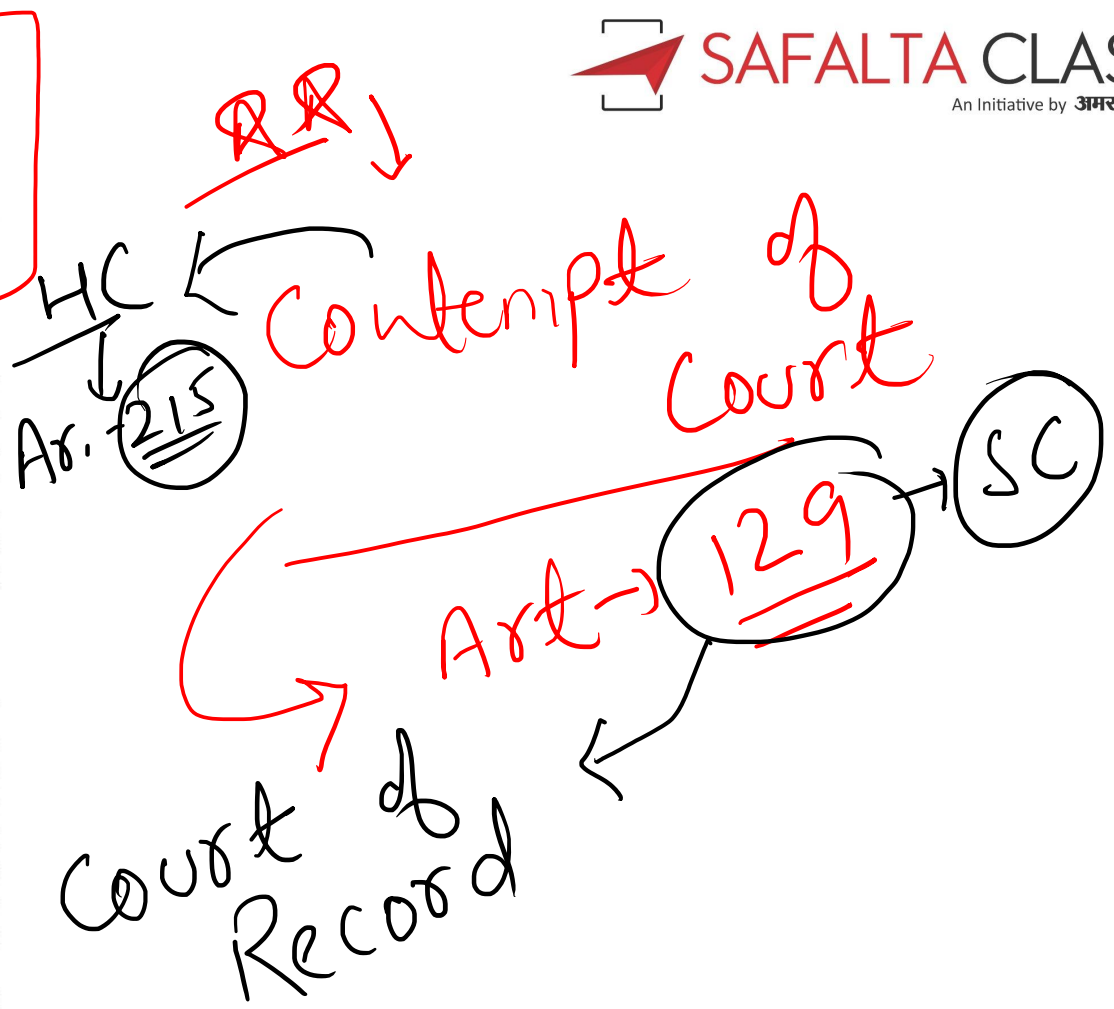
Senior advocate Sajan Poovayya, appearing for social media platform Twitter, said the cause title of the

case showed ‘Twitter Communications India Pvt Limited’ as the respondent party. He said the correct description is ‘Twitter Incorporated, California, USA’. The court asked the social media platform to file a reply.

### 2009 case

Meanwhile, another *suo motu* contempt case against Mr. Bhushan, dating back to 2009, is listed on July 24 before the same combination of judges. Former *Tehelka* magazine editor Tarun Tejpal is a respondent party in the case with Mr. Bhushan.

The case was initiated on the basis of an interview given by Mr. Bhushan, in which he made remarks about the presence of former CJI S.H. Kapadia on the Forest Bench of the apex court that decided the Niyamgiri mining lease case in Odisha in favour of Sterlite Industries.





# 11 Rajasthan policemen get life term for ex-royal's killing

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State told to compensate families of victims and the injured

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
LUCKNOW/ JAIPUR

A Mathura court on Wednesday sentenced 11 policemen, including the then Deputy Superintendent of Police, to life imprisonment for the murder of 'Raja' Man Singh, the titular head of the Bharatpur erstwhile princely state in Rajasthan and seven-time legislator, and his two associates in 1985.

## Guilty of rioting

Sessions judge Sadhna Rani Thakur also found the accused, all retired members of the Rajasthan police and the Rajasthan Armed Constabulary, guilty of rioting armed with deadly weapons and unlawful assembly.

Man Singh, then 64, and his two associates were shot



Police taking away those convicted in Mathura on Wednesday. ■PTI

dead by the police on February 21, 1985, a day after he drove his vehicle into a stage set up for an election rally of then Rajasthan Chief Minister Shiv Charan Mathur, causing it to topple. The vehicle also damaged a chopper

kept at the site for the CM. The Independent legislator, seeking an eighth term, was furious after Congress workers tore his posters.

Narayan Singh, lawyer for Man Singh's family, said the 11 policemen sentenced included then DSP Kan Singh Bhati and Station House Officer Virendra Singh.

The court also directed the Rajasthan government to compensate the families of the three victims and the four injured with ₹30,000 and ₹2,000 each, respectively. Man Singh's daughter and former Bharatpur MP Krishnendra Kaur 'Deepa' said justice had finally been delivered.

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# Salt-loving bacteria turned Lonar lake pink: report

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
PUNE

The colour of water in Lonar lake in Maharashtra's Buldhana district turned pink due to a large presence of the salt-loving Haloarchaea microbes, according to a study by a Pune-based institute.

"Haloarchaea or halophilic archaea is a bacteria culture, which produces pink pigment, and found in water saturated with salt," Dr. Prashant Dhakephalkar, director of Agharkar Research Institute, said. Last month, the State forest department informed the Bombay High Court it had collected water samples and sent them for testing to Agharkar Research Institute and the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute in Nagpur.

Dr. Dhakephalkar said, "Initially, we thought it was because of the red-pigmented Dunaliella algae. But while studying the samples, we found a large Haloarchaea population in the lake.

Since it [Haloarchaea] produces a pink pigment, it formed a pink colour mat on the water surface."

Dr. Dhakephalkar and other researchers have prepared a detailed report of their findings and sent it to the forest department, which will submit it before the Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court. Dr. Dhakephalkar said the absence of rain, less human interference and high temperature could have resulted in the evaporation of water, increasing salinity and pH levels in the lake.

The report also concluded that the change in colour was not permanent. "We allowed the sample water to stand still for some time and found the biomass settle at the bottom. The water then became clear and transparent. So, it was the biomass of these microbes that turned the surface of the water red or pink," Dr. Dhakephalkar said.

Bacteria  
 [Haloarchaea]

Crater Lake

Lonar Lake



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## 'Close to limited trade deal with U.S.'

As an intermediate step between the imminent limited deal and the comprehensive deal, the minister proposed a preferential trade agreement that would cover 50 to 100 goods and services, at a virtual conference organised by the U.S.-India Business Council's India Ideas Summit.

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## India's demands:

India has wanted Washington to restore its access to the U.S. preferential trading system of Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), an end to the steel and aluminium tariffs, increased market access for some categories of Indian agricultural products among others.

## U.S Concerns:

U.S. concerns during the negotiations have included market access for American dairy and agricultural products, medical devices and a cut in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) import tariffs.

## About the India Ideas Summit:

The Summit is being hosted by the US-India Business Council.

This year marks the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Council.

The theme for this year's Summit is **'Building a Better Future'**.

## About the US-India Business Council (USIBC):

The USIBC was formed in 1975 as a business advocacy organization to enlighten and encourage the private sectors of both India and the United States to enhance investment flows.

The organization serves as a direct link between business and Government leaders, resulting in increased trade and investment to strengthen ties between the two nations.

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## Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM)

Social  
Justice

Founded in 2002, GFATM, also known as Global Fund, is an international financing organization.

The Global Fund was formed as an independent, non-profit foundation under Swiss law and hosted by the World Health Organization in January 2002.

In January 2009, the organization became an administratively autonomous organization, terminating its administrative services agreement with the World Health Organization.

It aims to “attract, leverage and invest additional resources to end the epidemics of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria to support attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals established by the United Nations.”

It is a partnership between governments, civil society, the private sector and people affected by the diseases.

Its secretariat is in Geneva, Switzerland.

## U.S. sanctions **11 Chinese firms** over **Uighur rights**

The U.S. Commerce Department announced that it blacklisted 11 Chinese businesses for involvement in human rights violations against the Uighur minority.

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