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# Be patient. Some things take time.

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Which state received the 1st inland shipping cargo from Bangladesh under Protocol for Inland Water Trade & Transit (PIWTT)?

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Assam
- 3) Arunachal Pradesh

4) Tripura

Answer – Tripura



The Daukandi (Bangladesh) – Sonamura (Tripura) Inland Waterway Protocol route has been operationalized giving further boost to bilateral trade between India-Bangladesh relations under Protocol for Inland Water Trade & Transit (PIWTT).



'The Young Minds', the first children's newspaper was launched in which state?

- A.Tamil Nadu
- B. West Bengal
- Assam
- D. Maharashtra

Answer – Assam



The Reserve Bank of India has increased the Held to Maturity (HTM) limit or the amount that banks invest in G-secs from 19.5% to A. 22% **B.** 21.25% **C. 19.75**% **D.** 20.5%

**Answer – 22%** 



As per the revised Priority Sector Lending (PSL) guidelines released by RBI, the loan limit was doubled for which sector?

A. Renewable Energy B. Health Infrastructure C. Education

D. Both A and B

Answer – Both A and B

# Question No: 5, ffnancial tech.



Which fintech company's subsidiary LazyPay launched a first of its kind digital credit card named 'LazyUPI'?

- A. ETMoney
- B. Mobikwik
- C. Paytm D. PayU

Answer – PayU



Which private sector bank in partnership with Empays Payment Systems launched a cardless cash withdrawal facility from ATMs through the Instant Money Transfer (IMT) system?

- A. Yes Bank
- C. Axis Bank
- **D. HDFC Bank**
- Answer RBL Bank



Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC) requested RBI to review new current account rules recently. Where is the HQ of FIDC located?

A. Lucknow

**B.** Bhopal

C. Kolkata D. Mumbai

Answer – Mumbai



Name the company which signed MoU with India-Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre (ISIC). Herd Imment

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A. H-Lab



D. None of the Above

Answer – C-CAMP



Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with India Sweden Healthcare Innovation Centre (ISIC) to identify and find innovations to make quality healthcare affordable and accessible for all.



Find the person who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company.

- A. Aditya Roy Kapur
- **B.** Raj Kumar
- C. Ayushmann Khurrana
- D. Parineeti Chopra

Answer – Ayushmann Khurrana



Who has been appointed as the first cricket ambassador of SBOTOP?

- A. Virat Kohli
- **B.** Chris Gayle
- C. MS Dhoni
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- Answer Dwayne Bravo

# Kesavananda Bharati, a saviour of Constitution

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The seer's petition helped preserve the Basic Structure of the statute

### KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL

NEW DELHI

Kesavananda Bharati Swamiji, who passed away on Sunday, was the sole unwitting petitioner in the historic Fundamental Rights case which prevented the nation from slipping into a totalitarian regime.

Though the judgment is a landmark case, he did not win any relief in the case. The amendments in the Kerala land reforms law, which he had challenged, were upheld by the Supreme Court in 1973.

It was senior advocate Nani Palkhivala, representing Swamiji, who extended the ambit of the case. Mr. Palkhivala saw an opportunity through Swamiji's case to challenge a series of constitutional amendments introduced by the Indira Gandhi



Kesavananda Bharati

government, granting unlimited power to Parliament to alter the Constitution.

"Courtroom Genius", a biography of Mr. Palkhivala co-authored by senior advocates Soli Sorabjee and Arvind Datar, said the seer never met or spoke with the great lawyer. In fact, the book said, Swamiji was quite surprised at the time to see his name in the newspapers every day and wondered why his case, challenging only certain land reforms in Kerala, was taking so long.

### Unique case

By sheer statistics, leave alone the law it laid down, the "Kesavananda Bharati versus State of Kerala" case is unique. The case was heard by a Bench of 13 judges – the largest formed in the Supreme Court. It was heard over 68 working days from October 1972 to March 1973. The judgment was a mammoth 703 pages.

The Kesavananda Bharati judgment innovated the Basic Structure doctrine which limited Parliament's power to make drastic amendments that may affect the core values enshrined in the Constitution, like secularism and federalism.

The verdict upheld the

power of the Supreme Court to judicially review laws of Parliament. It evolved the concept of separation of powers among the three branches of governance - legislative, executive and the judiciary. But democracy won that day on a wafer-thin 7:6 majority. The judges were split down the middle until the 13th judge, Justice H.R. Khanna, supported the view that constitutional amendments should not alter the "basic structure" of the Constitution.

The Emergency was proclaimed shortly after the judgment was delivered on April 24, 1973.

The Kesavananda Bharati judgment proved timely and thwarted many an attempt on democracy and dignity of individual during those dark years.

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उन्होंने 29वें संविधान संशोधन को भी चुनौती दी थी जिसमें संविधान की नौवीं अनुसूची में केरल भूमि सुधार अधिनियम, 1963 शामिल था.

इसकी वजह से इस क़ानून को चुनौती नहीं दी जा सकती थी क्योंकि इससे संवैधानिक अधिकारों का हनन होता.

भट कहते हैं कि "भूमि सुभार कानून के ज़रिए धार्मिक संस्थानों के (संविधान के अनुच्छेद 25 के तहत दिये गए) अधिकार छीन लिए गए थे."

लेकिन स्वामी जी, जिन्हें केरल का शंकराचार्य भी कहा जाता है, वे संवैधानिक अधिकारों के मसले को क़ानूनी चुनौती देने वाला चेहरा बने. हालांकि उस मामले में कुछ और भी याचिकाकर्ता थे.

इस मामले के ज़रिए 1973 में सुप्रीम कोर्ट के सामने ये सवाल आया कि क्या संसद को यह अधिकार है कि वो संविधान की मूल प्रस्तावना को बदल सके?



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### 'मठ का नहीं, लोगों का फ़ायदा हुआ'

इस मामले में भारती को व्यक्तिगत राहत तो नहीं मिली लेकिन 'केशवानंद भारती बनाम स्टेट ऑफ़ केरल' मामले की वजह से एक महत्वपूर्ण संवैधानिक सिद्धांत का निर्माण हुआ जिसने संसद की संशोधन करने की शक्ति को सीमित कर दिया.

इस मामले की सुनवा<del>ई 68</del> दिनों तक चली थी और मुख्य न्यायाधीश एस एम सिकरी की अध्यक्षता वाली 13 जजों की बेंच ने यह ऐतिहासिक फ<del>़ेसला</del> सुनाया था.







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Arvind P Datas







### IN REVIEW

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### Edneer Math seer passes away at 80

### He was a promoter of Yakshagana

#### SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MANGALURU

Kesavananda Bharati Swamiji, seer of the Edneer Math in Kasaragod district of Kerala and petitioner in the landmark judgment of the Supreme Court on Fundamental Rights, passed away in the math in the early hours of Sunday.

He was 80.

Soon after completion of his 60th Chaturmasya programme in the math on September 1, the seer was admitted for a couple of days at a private hospital in Mangaluru after he had cardiac and breathing problems. On Saturday, he performed puja at the math and slept after having fruits.

The last rites of the Swamiji were performed on the math's premises in the presence of a large number of devotees on Sunday.

The seer, known as Srimad Jagadguru Sri Sri Sankaracharya Thotakacharya Kesavananda Bharati Sripadaganlavaru, was the head of the math since 1961.

A proponent of Advaita philosophy, the seer belonged to the lineage of Thotakacharya, one of the first four disciples of reformer Adi Sankaracharya.

The Swamiji was a good singer and a popular 'Bhaga-

vata' (singer and director) in Yakshagana, where he rendered compositions in the Carnatic music style. He promoted a Yakshagana Mela for nearly 15 years, and this troupe performed programmes in Karnataka and Kerala.

"His patronage removed the inhibition with Yakshagana artists and brought them to prominence," said T. Sham Bhatt, former Karnataka Public Service Commission Chairman and a devotee.

It also made other religious heads extend patronage to it, Mr. Bhatt said. The Swamiji conducted annual Yakshagana *Saptaha* (weeklong Yakshagana shows) and Yakshagana *Talamaddale* programmes at the math. On September 1, he was the Bhagavata in a 'Talamaddale' programme.

The Swamiji was a strong proponent of Kannada in Kasaragod and lent his support to Kannada activists.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi remembered him for his community service and empowering the downtrodden. In a tweet, Mr. Modi said the spiritual leader was deeply attached to India's rich culture and great Constitution.

(With PTI inputs)



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# Germany threatens Russia with sanctions

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Britain says Russia has 'very serious questions to answer' and that it was 'clear' Navalny was poisoned

#### AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE BERLIN

Tensions deepened between Germany and Russia over the alleged poisoning of opposition figure Alexei Navalny on Sunday, with Germany threatening sanctions and Russia accusing Berlin of delaying the investigation it demanded.

The Russian opposition leader and anti-corruption campaigner fell ill on a flight last month and was treated in a Siberian hospital before being evacuated to Berlin.

Germany said last week there was "unequivocal evidence" that President Vladimir Putin's top foe had been poisoned using the Sovietera nerve agent Novichok.

Germany will discuss possible sanctions against Russia if the Kremlin does not provide an explanation soon, Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said on Sunday.

"We have high expectations of the Russian government to solve this serious crime," Mr. Maas told German daily *Bild*. "If the government has nothing to do with the attack, then it is in its own interest to back this up with facts."

### 'Russis needs to clarify'

If Russia does not help clarify what happened "in the coming days", Germany will be compelled to "discuss a response with our allies," Mr. Maas said.

Any sanctions decided should be "targeted", he added.

Britain said on Sunday that Russia had "a very serious set of questions to



Heiko Maas

answer" and it was "clear" the Kremlin critic was poisoned with Novichok.

The Kremlin has denied responsibility for the attack and Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov has said that Germany is yet to share any findings with Moscow's prosecutors.

Foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova on Sunday accused Germany of stalling efforts to probe the case.

German authorities had failed to respond to a request by Russian prosecutors sent on August 27, she said in a Facebook post.

"Dear Mr. Maas, if the German government is sincere in its statements then it should be interested in preparing a response to a request of the Russian Prosecutor General's Office as soon as possible," Ms. Zakharova said.

#### 'Double game'

"So far we are not certain that Germany is not playing a double game," she added. "Where is the 'urgency' you are insisting upon?

"By not sending its answer, Berlin is stalling the process of investigation for which it's calling. On purpose?"

Mr. Maas said on Sunday there were "several indications" that Russia was behind the poisoning, in the strongest accusations yet from Germany. "The deadly substance with which Navalny was poisoned has in the past been found in the hands of Russian authorities."

On the subject of which sanctions could be discussed by the EU, Maas did not rule out action relating to Nord Stream 2, a multi-billion-euro Russian-German gas pipeline nearing completion that has drawn the ire of US and European partners alike.

"I hope... that the Russians do not force us to change our position on Nord Stream," Mr. Maas said.





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### WHAT ARE NOVICHOK NERVE AGENTS?

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### WHAT ARE NOVICHOK AGENTS?

Novichok agents are organophosphate nerve agents. They were reportedly developed in Russia from the 1970s onwards. Novichok agents are supposedly 5 to 8 times more deadly than VX, another deadly nerve agent.



Novichok agents can be delivered as a liquid, fine powder, or gas. It has been claimed that safer precursors can be mixed to make them on demand, though this has been refuted by other sources.

### **POTENTIAL STRUCTURES OF NOVICHOK AGENTS**



Exact structures of Novichok agents are unknown. The structures above are those suggested by Vil Mirzayanov, the Russian chemical weapons scientist who exposed their development. Nerve agent exposure is usually treated with atropine and pralidoxime.



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