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Water woes



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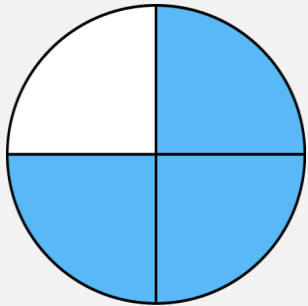
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- 600 million people face **acute water shortage**
- 200,000 **die** each year because they have **no access** to **clean water**.
- By 2020, **21 cities** will run out of **groundwater**.
- Just over a decade from now, water woes could cause a **6% loss in GDP**.

- Water scarcity is a **clear** and **present danger**, **not a distant threat**, and global warming heightens this threat.

- **Woodrow Wilson Center**, Washington: findings reveal that **snowmelt** accounts for nearly **three-quarters** of the water in two of India's key basins — the **Brahmaputra** and **Indus** — and nearly half of the water in the **Ganga**, the country's largest river basin.





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Ganges

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BURMA
(MYANMAR)

Salween

Mekong

VIETNAM

LAOS

THAILAND

CAMBODIA

SOUTH
CHINA SEA

ANDAMAN SEA

MAJOR RIVERS
SOURCED IN TIBET

INDIAN OCEAN

- Today, with **India** in **campaign mode** in anticipation of the **Lok Sabha election**, water is generally seen as one of the reasons for the **critical farmer constituency** being so unhappy.
- Hot-button topics like **demonetisation** and the **Ram temple** are talk of the town.



Failure of justice



- The **trial judge** himself appeared to be saddened by the outcome, but it is **difficult to agree** with his observation that one could not fault the **CBI** for witnesses going back on their statements.
- It is the **prosecution's duty** to ensure the **safety of witnesses** and give them the **confidence** and **courage** to **speak the truth** under oath.
- **CBI** has shown that it **continues to struggle** when it comes to handling cases with **political overtones**.
- Mr. Vanzara also claimed that such '**pre-emptive encounters**' were needed to save Mr. Modi.



Capital idea?



- The Centre has sought Parliament's approval to infuse an additional **₹41,000 crore** in PSBs.
- Along with another **₹42,000 crore** that is already budgeted for infusion, this tranche will take the **total planned funds infusion** into banks this year to **₹83,000 crore**
- It will help **11 public sector banks** who are under **PCA**
- **Support those** that are struggling to get up.
 - government has said that priority will be given to performers
- It all depends on **how** and **to which banks** this money is distributed



Allahabad Bank
Bank of India
Corporation Bank
Bank of Maharashtra

When Gandhi's statue is removed in Ghana



- One of the **recurrent themes** in nationalist **self-representation** is the greatness of **ancient India** and **consequent decline**.
- **Hegel's** views on India are of some significance because philosophy departments established in Indian universities in the **19th century** were heavily influenced by **Hegelian** and **Kantian** intellectual traditions.
- These departments **trained students** who went on to become **leaders** of the **freedom struggle**.
- Gandhi's **thought** and **attitude** were also the **product** of his **age**, and as **imperfect** as our **past** and **current philosophies** are.

Africa



- **September 2016:** academics at the university launched a petition that the statue should be removed.
- They cited two reasons: one, **Gandhi was racist**; and two, the government of **Ghana should privilege African heroes and heroines over foreigners.**
- **Lenin's** and **Gandhi's** thought will continue to inspire the poor and the marginalised whether or not there are statues in their name, as our Munna Bhai suggested.
- When it comes to **racism**, Indians, **regrettably**, are **second to none.**

What is altruistic surrogacy?

- According to the **new Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill**, approved by the Lok Sabha last week, it includes **contracting** a '**close relative**' as a surrogate by a heterosexual married couple who have been childless for **five years** of their marriage.
- **U.K.**, laws on surrogacy allow only altruistic arrangements
- **Australia**, altruistic surrogacy entails restricted pre-approved payments to the surrogate.
- **Europe**, the act of gestation defines motherhood
- **Surrogacy Bill of 2016: *motherhood did not belong to the surrogate***; she was trained to think of herself as a **gestate**, as research by Amrita Pande suggests, and the relinquishment of the child was an absolutely essential clause within the draft bills on commercial surrogacy, and in practice in the surrogacy contract.

- Much of the criticism against the **Surrogacy Bill in Parliament** points toward the lack of definition that the category of the '**close relative**' carries.
- Transplantation of Human Organs Act (**THOA**) 1994
- The Act prescribes that organ donors are allowed to donate their organs before death only to 'near relatives'. Donating organs to '**strangers**' or not near relatives before death is not allowed, and may be approved of only through the authorisation committee.
- Just like in the case of organ donation, wherein '**strangers**' were **dressed up** as '**near relatives**', in altruistic surrogacy too, similar negotiations may be entered into.

- Despite exempting gay couples, single men and women, and live-in couples from seeking surrogacy, not clearly defining the regulative mechanisms within altruistic surrogacy, and the very regressive approval for couples with differently-abled children to opt for surrogacy, the Bill does seek certain important changes.



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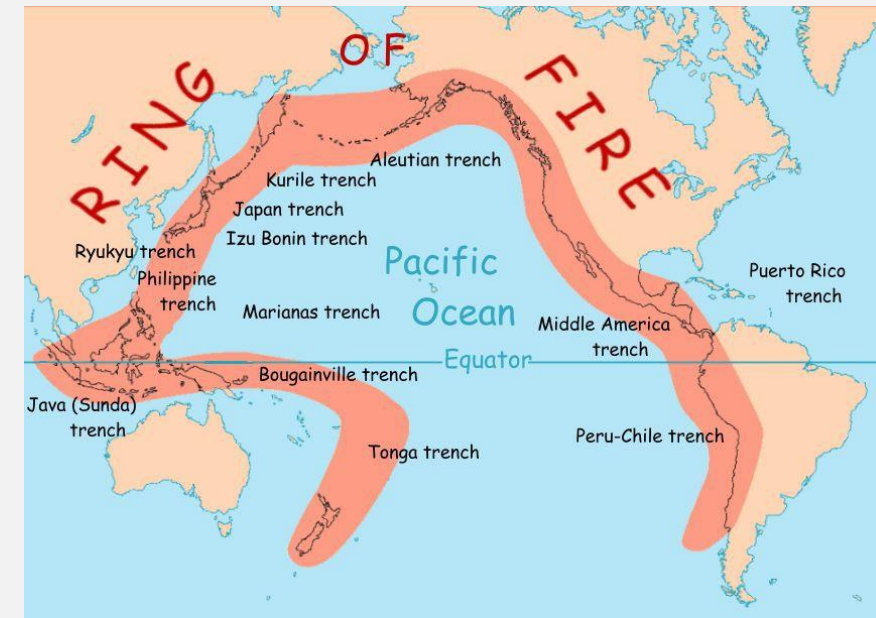
- 222 dead in Indonesia as volcano triggers tsunami

Tragic holiday weekend

A tsunami killed at least 222 people and injured hundreds on the Indonesian islands of Java and Sumatra following an underwater landslide believed to have been caused by eruption of Anak Krakatoa volcano

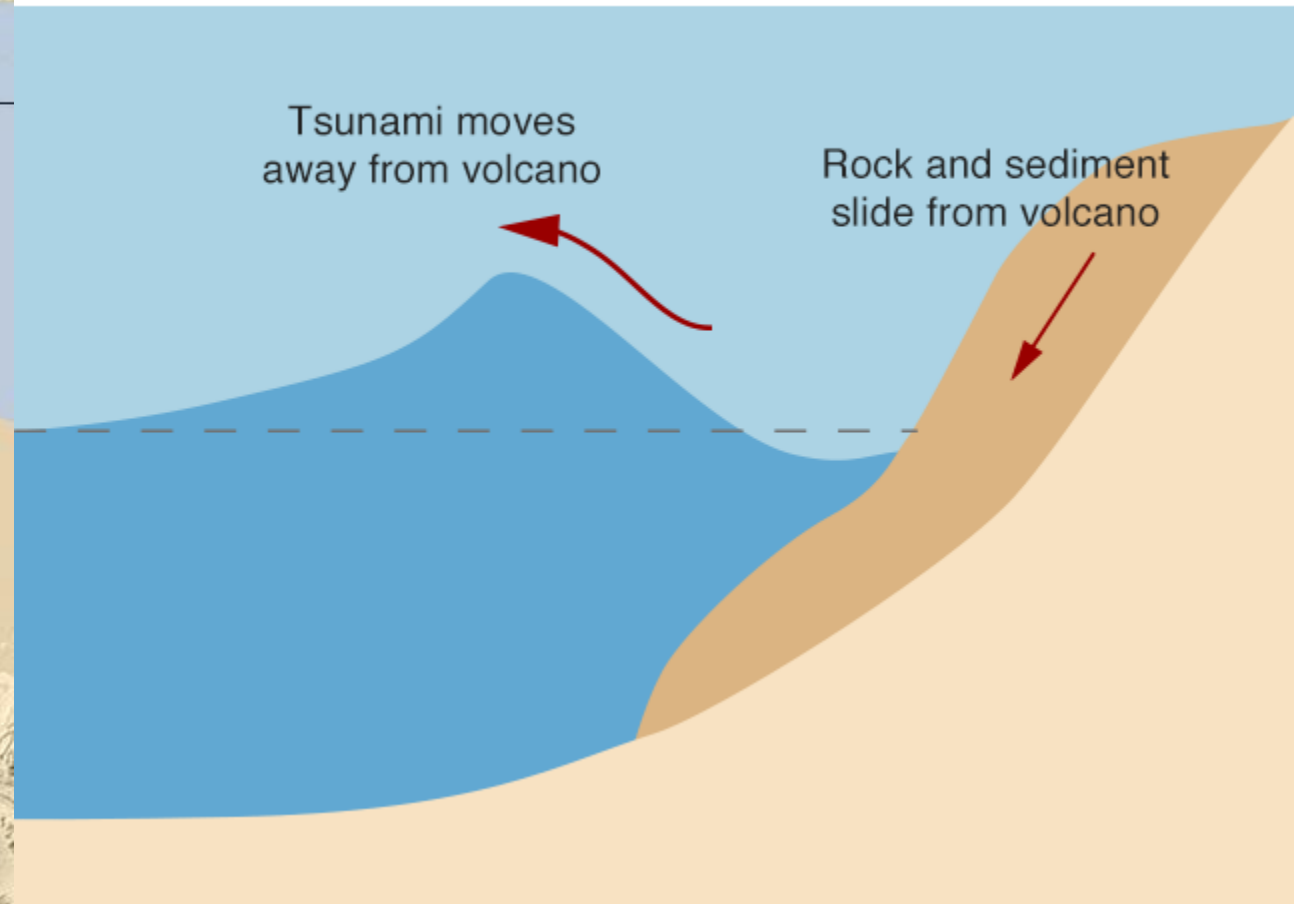


Reduced to rubble: A building badly damaged by the tsunami in Carita, Indonesia, on Sunday. ■ AP





Possible cause of the tsunami



- **India to limit pilgrim flow to Kartarpur**
 - India will invite Pakistan to discuss the blueprint of the Kartarpur corridor finalised by it.
 - Under the plans drawn up for pilgrims visiting Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Pakistan, India is likely to cap the number of visitors per day and fix the number of hours a pilgrim can spend at the shrine, which is four kilometres from the Gurdaspur border.
- **‘No rise in working women despite high literacy levels’**
 - A study authored by Surbhi Ghai and published by the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) has cited the Labour Bureau’s employment figures to show that there is a rise in the percentage of women out of labour force between 2011-2012 and 2015-2016 across all levels of education and age-cohorts.
- **PM to open Buddhist site museum at Lalitgiri in Odisha**
 - One of the earliest Buddhist settlements in Odisha, Lalitgiri, where excavations have yielded ancient seals and inscriptions, has been converted into a museum.
- **GST Council loses its aura of consensus**
 - At this, Assam Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma intervened and said that in such a scenario, it would be better if the remarks were minuted and members be allowed to brief the press fully. This ended the discussion and both sides backed off.

Laborious task

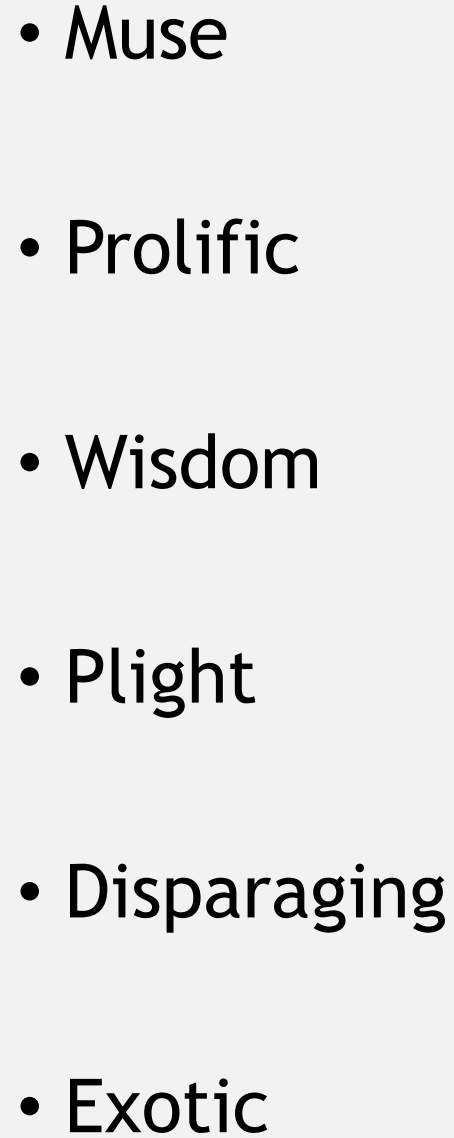
Rise in literacy has not translated into jobs for women. The tables show percentage of women out of the labour force in various education levels in the age group of 30 and above; and the gross enrolment ratio

Education	2013-14	2015-16
Not literate	67.6	70.1
Below primary	72.9	74
Primary	72.4	74.2
Middle/Secondary/HS	77	77
Graduate and above	62.7	62.7

Gross enrolment ratio (2014-15)	Male	Female
Higher education (18-23) years	25.3	23.2
IX-XII (14-17) years	64.9	65.8
XI-XII (16-17) years	54.6	53.8
IX-X (14-15) years	78.1	78.9

Source: Working Paper 368, The Anomaly of Women's Work and Education in India, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations





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