

## Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chairs fourth National Conference of Chief Secretaries in Delhi

**Narendra Modi** ✓  
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Attended the Chief Secretaries Conference, a vital platform for collaboration between the Centre and states to boost good governance. Discussions focused on furthering growth, ensuring effective governance, and enhancing service delivery to citizens.

We also focused on how to... [Show more](#)

The tweet includes four photographs: 1) A wide shot of the conference stage with a banner in Hindi and English: 'मुख्य सचिवों का चतुर्थ राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन / Fourth National Conference of Chief Secretaries'. 2) Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaking at a red podium with the conference logo. 3) A group of officials seated at a long table on the stage. 4) Prime Minister Modi seated in the audience, listening attentively.

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar met H.E. Mr. Gordan Grlic Radman, Foreign Minister of Croatia on the sidelines of Rome Mediterranean Dialogue 2024



**Dr. S. Jaishankar** ✓ @DrSJaishankar · Nov 25

Appreciate seeing FM @grlicradman of Croatia at the @RomeMEDialogues.

His sentiments for our ties are always positive.



Emerging opportunities: Sunrise sectors to invest in India

# G20's Green Leader

## India has the Lowest per capita emissions among the G20!

Per Capita CO2 Emission (In Million Tonnes)



Source: IEA CO2 Emission Rankings, 2022

## Indian Economy on the Transformational Paths

**India's business activity reaches three-month high in November.** India's business activity surged in November, reaching a three-month high of 59.5 on the HSBC Flash India Composite Purchasing Managers Index (PMI), compiled by S&P Global. This marked an increase from October's 59.1 and stayed above the long-term average, driven by rising new orders and export sales. The services sector saw a notable uptick in activity, with its PMI climbing to 59.2, the highest in three months. While slightly down from October's 57.5 to 57.3, manufacturing exceeded expectations, bolstered by robust expansion in new orders and international sales. Gains were reported across Asia, Europe, and the Americas.



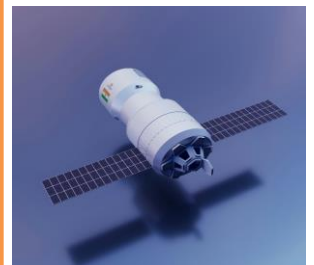
**India will become one of the top 10 global shipbuilders by 2030.** Union Ports, Shipping, and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal announced India's ambitious maritime aspirations at the 'Sagarmanthan—The Great Oceans Dialogue'. Addressing the event, he revealed that India is poised to become one of the top 10 shipbuilding nations by 2030 and to ascend to the top 5 by 2047. "With its abundant talent pool and resources, India is well-equipped to emerge as a leading shipbuilding nation," he remarked. India's maritime industry handles approximately 95% of the nation's trade by volume and 70% by value. The infrastructure includes 12 major ports and over 200 notified minor and intermediate ports, pivotal in sustaining the country's economic growth.



**Gen AI to add up to US\$438 billion to GDP.** Speaking at the DEPR Conference on 'Digital Technology, Productivity and Economic Growth in India' held in Jaipur, RBI Deputy Governor Michael Debabrata Patra projected that generative AI could inject between US\$359 billion and US\$438 billion into India's GDP by 2029-30. This economic lift is attributed to India's expanding digital public infrastructure, a leading IT sector, and one of the largest AI talent pools worldwide. The adoption of AI by Indian firms has sharply increased, from 8% in 2023 to 25% in 2024, showcasing the country's rapid digital integration into production processes.



**India to launch European Space Agency's Proba-3 mission.** India will launch the European Space Agency's (ESA) Proba-3 mission in December, marking a significant step in international space collaboration. The mission will deploy two satellites, launched aboard ISRO's PSLV-XL, into a high elliptical orbit that will reach 60,000 km from Earth. Proba-3's twin satellites will maintain an autonomous formation to allow uninterrupted observation of the Sun's corona, achievable only through precise, millimetre-level alignment. The launch is scheduled for December 4 from Sriharikota. This is ESA's first launch from India since the Proba-1 mission in 2001, highlighting the growth in space cooperation between India and Europe.



### India's export grows, driven by gems, semiconductors

According to recent data from the Commerce Ministry, India's export competitiveness has witnessed notable advancements over the last five years, particularly in petroleum, precious stones, agrochemicals, and sugar. This growth has been marked by a surge in the country's share in global trade across these sectors, alongside other segments like electrical goods, tyres, and semiconductor devices. Petroleum exports saw a significant increase, reaching US\$84.96 billion in 2023. This positioned India as the second-largest exporter globally, a leap from its fifth rank in 2018, with market share swelling from 6.45% to 12.59%. India has claimed the top spot in the precious and semi-precious stones category by expanding its share from 16.27% to 36.53% between 2018 and 2023, driven by an export value boost from US\$0.26 billion to US\$1.52 billion. Semiconductor and photosensitive device exports surged to US\$1.91 billion in 2023, propelling India's rank from 25th to 9th globally.



## Commemorating the Constitution Day of India



Ambassador Arun Goel and Mission officials read out the Preamble of the Constitution of India during the celebrations of the Constitution Day on the 26th November & reaffirmed the commitment to uphold the ideals of Justice, Liberty, Equality & Fraternity.



# Samvidhan Diwas



Constitution Day also known as 'Samvidhan Divas', is celebrated in our country on 26th November every year to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. On 26th November 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the Constitution of India, which came into effect from 26th January 1950. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on 19th November 2015 notified the decision of Government of India to celebrate the 26th day of November every year as 'Constitution Day' to promote Constitution values among citizens.

Publication:  
**INDIA – HISTORY AND CULTURE**

With the luxuriously illustrated monograph by Ivan Andrijanić, PhD, Assoc. Prof. Department of Indology and Far Eastern Studies, University of Zagreb, the study of Indology has become one of the essential university textbooks in Croatian, and Croatian science and culture has an excellent handbook for the history and culture of the Indian subcontinent. In the richly illustrated scientific monograph India – History and Culture, Ivan Andrijanić presents a comprehensive history of the Indian subcontinent (or South Asia) from the earliest days to the present day. The monograph India – History and Culture, in addition to presenting a chronological overview of the history of the Indian subcontinent (or South Asia), is largely designed as an introduction to understanding the phenomenon of contemporary India, and its economic and political growth. The publication of the first comprehensive synthesis of Indian history, based on historical sources and contemporary literature and enriched by the author's judgments



Reviews:

The publication of a clear and reliable history of the Indian subcontinent in Croatian is an important cultural event for university studies, science, and culture in Croatia, where there is great interest in Asian traditions. – Academician Mislav Ježić.

A large part of the monograph is dedicated to presenting the cultural phenomena of the Indian subcontinent – literature, religion and art, as well as cultural influences and interpenetrations. – Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sc. Tomislav Galović

Read the full article at the following [link](#).

## About Fit India Campaign



FIT India Movement was launched on 29th August, 2019 by Honourable Prime Minister with a view to make fitness an integral part of our daily lives. The mission of the Movement is to bring about behavioural changes and move towards a more physically active lifestyle. Towards achieving this mission, Fit India proposes to undertake various initiatives and conduct events to achieve the following objectives:

- To promote fitness as easy, fun and free.
- To spread awareness on fitness and various physical activities that promote fitness through focused campaigns.
- To encourage indigenous sports.
- To make fitness reach every school, college/university, panchayat/village, etc
- To create a platform for citizens of India to share information, drive awareness and encourage sharing of personal fitness stories.



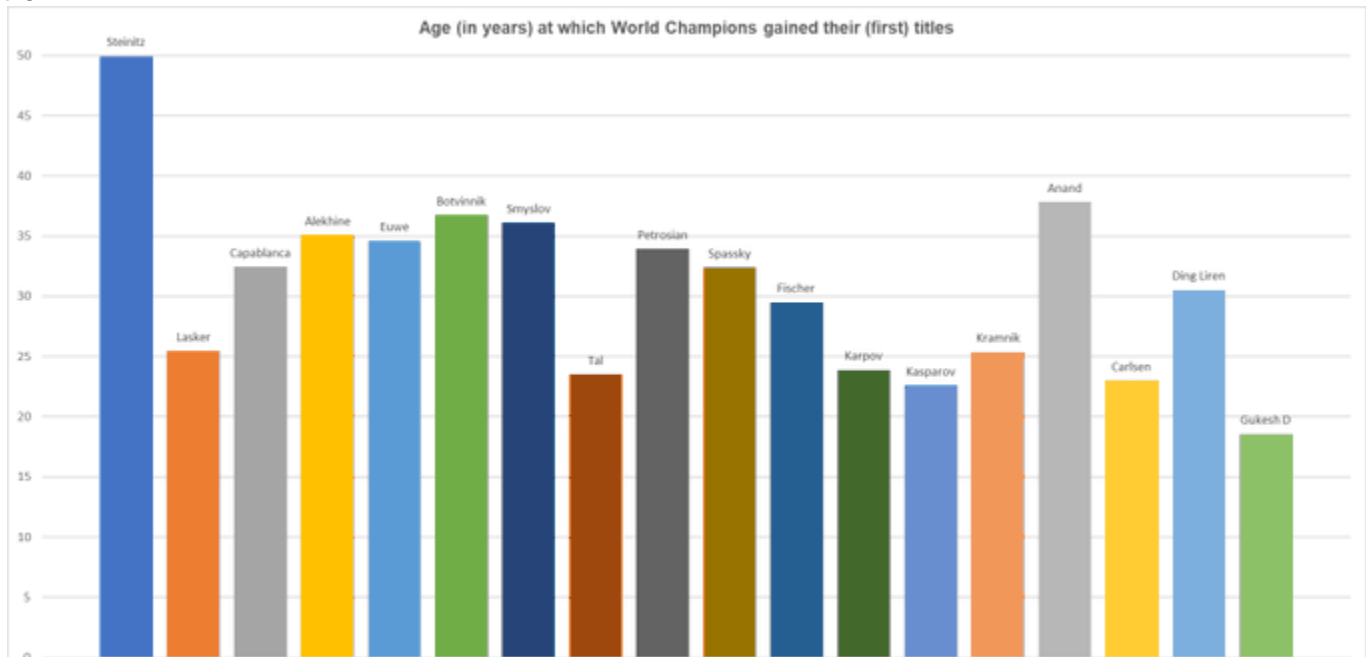
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## Chess has the youngest world champion in history, and he is from India



The era of India's GM Gukesh Dommaraju as chess world champion began, after an incredibly hard-fought 2024 FIDE World Championship in Singapore suddenly ended when the Chinese reigning champion GM Ding Liren blundered in the final classical game. We look at some of the conclusions we can draw from an event that may prove to be a turning point in chess history. The 2024 FIDE World Championship came to an end in Singapore on Friday with the closing ceremony, which you can rewatch [here](#). He's four years younger than the legendary GM Garry Kasparov was when he took the title from GM Anatoly Karpov in 1985, with Kasparov in turn a few months younger than another candidate for the greatest of all time, GM Magnus Carlsen, who won the title in 2013 from India's first world champion, GM Viswanathan Anand.

Here is a graphical representation of the age at which each of the 18 World Champions first gained the title.





## Mahakumbh Mela 2025

Get ready for the spiritually enriching experience of the Mahakumbh Mela 2025 in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, from January 13 to February 26, 2025. A celebration of devotion, culture, and spirituality! For more details, visit: <http://kumbh.gov.in>

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Plan your travel dates today and embark on an extraordinary journey of new experiences

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### EXPERIENCES TO EXPLORE AT THE MAHAKUMBH



1. Tent City



2. Mahakumbh Akhara Tour



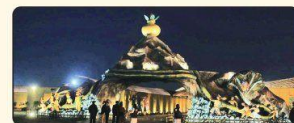
3. Helicopter Rides/Water Activity



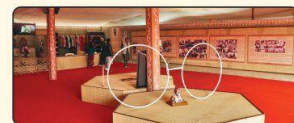
4. Water Laser Show



5. Cultural Performances



6. Sanskriti Gram



7. Kala Gram



8. Exhibitions of ODOP, NMCG & Handicraft



9. Shivalay Park



10. Heritage Walk

### Point of Attractions



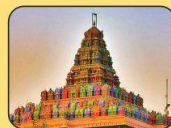
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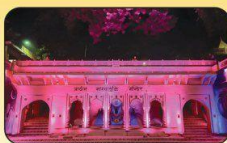
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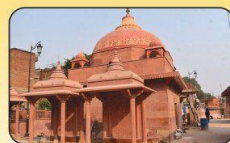
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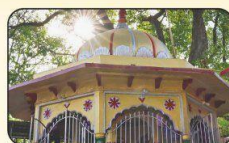
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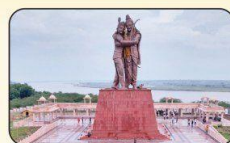
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## Ambassador Arun Goel Visit to Istria

Ambassador Arun Goel visited the Muzej-Museo Lapidarium in the City of Novigrad on the 1st of December and met with Ms. Jerica Zihelr, Director of the Museum Lapidarium, where the 3-month-long celebration "Indian Summer in Istria" took place from 15th June until 2nd September 2024. The Ambassador was pleased to see the increasing cultural connections between India and Croatia in general and with Novigrad in particular.



Ambassador Arun Goel was received by Morena Smoljan Makragić, Director of Tourism Office Vodnjan, while visiting Olive growers from the Oleum Maris company who won several gold medals for the varietal oils. The City of Vodnjan is a partner of the Embassy at the annual IDY celebrations.



## Ambassador Arun Goel visit to the City of Pula and Poreč

Mayor of the City of Pula, Filip Zoričić hosted a reception in the Communal Palace for Ambassador Arun Goel on Friday, 29th November. In the continuation of the meeting, both officials also discussed the possibilities of future cooperation in the field of culture and ways of exchanging experiences and examples of good practice in areas of mutual interest. "It is a great honor for me to receive you today on your inaugural visit, and I am especially pleased that you chose Pula among the first cities to visit. After the reception, Ambassador Goel met with the Director of the Tourist Board of the City of Pula, Sanja Cinkopan Korotaj, after which, he visited the Roman amphitheatre, built over 2000 years ago, and other historical sights of Pula.



Ambassador Arun Goel was welcomed by The Deputy Mayor of the City of Poreč, Ugo Musizza on the 30<sup>th</sup> November. After the meeting, the Ambassador visited the complex of the Euphrasian Basilica in Poreč which represents a significant global monument acknowledged by UNESCO organisation in the year 1997.



## Ambassador Arun Goel visit to the RACVIAC headquarters in Rakitje

On Friday, November 22, 2024, H.E. Ambassador Constantin-Mihail Grigorie received the Ambassador of the Republic of India to the Republic of Croatia, H.E. Arun Goel, on his inaugural visit.

- During the visit to the RACVIAC headquarters in Rakitje Ambassador Goel became more familiar with the Organization's operations and personnel.
- Ambassador Goel thanked RACVIAC-Centre for Security Cooperation for its contributions and praised the Organization's efforts to strengthen resilience and promote efficient security cooperation among Southeast European countries.



### Ambassador Arun Goel met with Mrs. Iva Bencun, Director of the Zadar City Tourist Board

Ambassador Arun Goel met with Mrs. Iva Bencun, Director of the Zadar City Tourist Board and discussed a wide range of topics, including the annual gathering during the IDY celebration at the Monument to the Sun, in Zadar. The Ambassador also presented to the Tourist Board a Traditional Indian scarf.

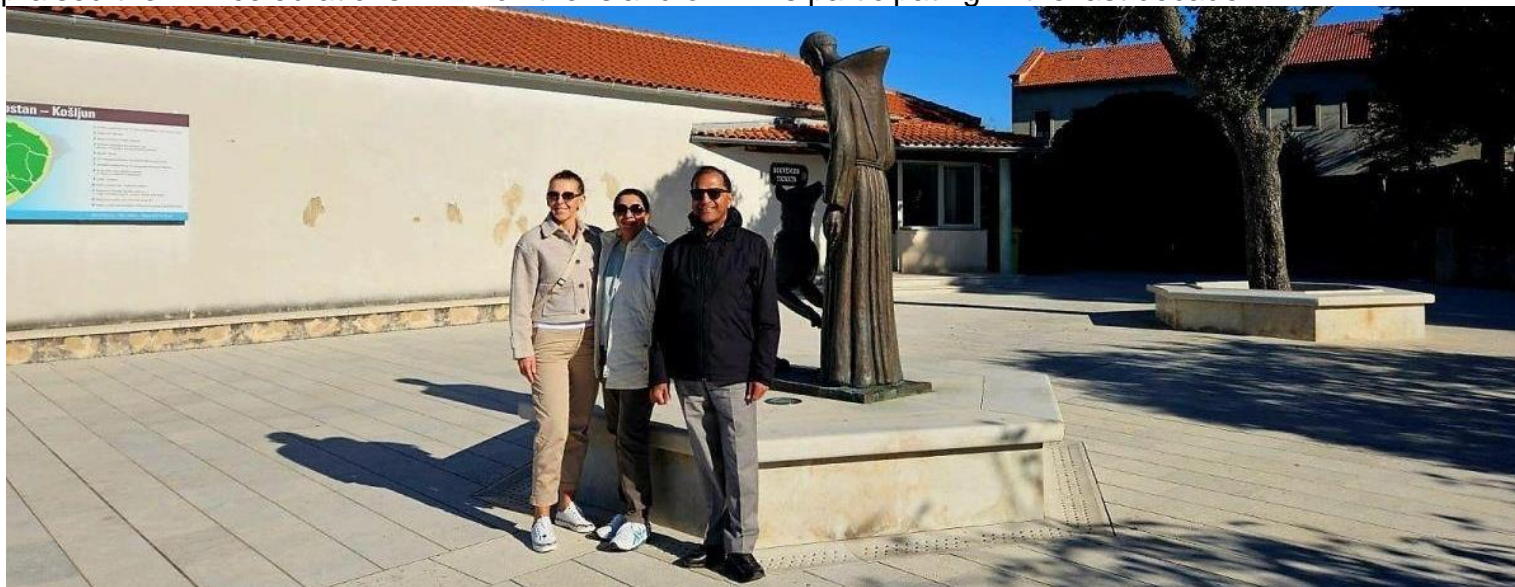


Ambassador Arun Goel visited the City of Senj on the 9th of November. During his stay in Senj, the Ambassador visited the Nehaj fortress with his hosts, under the expert guidance of Prof. Blaženka Ljubović, director of the Senj City Museum. On that occasion, he was introduced to the permanent setting of the fortress and the rich and famous history of the City of Senj.



## Ambassador Goel visited the Island of Krk

Ambassador Arun Goel visited the island of Krk on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November and met the Friend of India, Mrs. Svjetlana Vrkljan Radovčić (Svjetlana Surya), a Yoga and Ayurveda teacher. The Ambassador emphasized the beauty of Krk, especially while exploring the islet of Košljun, the warmth & friendliness of the people, and praised the IDY celebrations in which the Island of Krk is participating in the last decade.



## Invitation: INDIAN MATHEMATICS DAY IN CROATIA

On Friday, December 20th at the Mathematics Department of the Faculty of Science

The poster features logos at the top: the Indian Embassy in Zagreb, the PMF (Mathematics Department of the Faculty of Science), the 75th anniversary of the Hrvatsko matematičko društvo, and the Hrvatsko-indijsko društvo. Below the logos, it lists the organizers: Veleposlanstvo Republike Indije u Zagrebu, PMF-Matematički odsjek, Hrvatsko matematičko društvo, and Hrvatsko-indijsko društvo. On the left is a black and white portrait of a man. To the right of the portrait, the text reads 'INDIJSKI DAN MATEMATIKE U HRVATSKOJ'. Below this, the program is listed: Prof. Dr. Zvonimir Šikić: Long proofs of short theorems; Prof. Dr. Mirko Primc: New Rogers-Ramanujan type identities. At the bottom, it says '20. PROSINCA 2024. U 18 SATI' and 'PMF-MATEMATIČKI ODSJEK, BIJENIČKA C. 30'.

### INDIAN MATHEMATICS DAY IN CROATIA

is planned for Friday, December 20th at 6 pm at the Mathematics Department of the Faculty of Science, Bijenička cesta 30.

Organizers:

Embassy of the Republic of India, Croatian-Indian Society, Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Science and Croatian Academy of Sciences

Program content:

- Prof. Dr. Luka Grubišić, Head of the Faculty of Science, Moderator
- Prof. Dr. Mirko Planinić, Dean of the Faculty of Science
- Prof. Dr. Vesna Županović, Croatian Academy of Sciences, Prof. Dr. Darko Žubrinić, on behalf of the Croatian-Indian Society,
- Academician Andrej Dujella: Croatian and Indian collaborations and contributions to Diophantine m-tuples,
- Prof. Dr. Zvonimir Šikić: Long proofs of short theorems,
- Prof. Dr. Mirko Primc: New Rogers-Ramanujan type identities,

## World Meditation Day in Zagreb on December 21, starting at 3 PM at Hotel Academia

United Nations declared 21st December as World Meditation Day to highlight its benefits for health and wellbeing. The Embassy of India, in association with Art of Living Croatia, invites you to a special program in Zagreb on December 21, starting at 3 PM at Hotel Academia, Tkalčićeva Street 88, Zagreb, to mark this event. The event is entirely free and open to everyone. All you need to do is register online and join this unique experience. For additional information and to reserve your spot, visit:

<https://www.events-artofliving.eu/worldmeditationday-croatia-hr>

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## Explore Opportunities Across Diverse Indian States

### **Indusfood 2025**

**Date & Venue:** India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida, 8-10 Jan. 2025

**Website:** <https://indusfood.co.in/>

Indusfood offers an exclusive platform for global businesses to connect with India's dynamic food economy, widely recognized as the food economy of the future. With over 1,800 exhibitors, 180+ international exhibitors, and 20+ country pavilions, Indusfood addresses the underutilized potential of India's processed food exports. The event spans over 80,000 square meters, attracting more than 5,000 global buyers and 100+ supermarket chains and e-retailers. Indusfood aims to bridge gaps by offering an international stage for companies to connect with global buyers, explore new markets, and expand their reach. It not only highlights India's unique food offerings but also facilitates cross-border partnerships and investment opportunities.



### **Printpack India**

**Date and Venue:** India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida, 1-5 Feb. 2025

**Website:** [www.printpackipama.com](http://www.printpackipama.com)

The 16th edition of PRINTPACK INDIA is set to be a landmark event in the printing and packaging industry, hosted by the Indian Printing Packaging & Allied Machinery Manufacturers' Association (IPAMA). As one of Asia's largest expositions in this sector, the event will bring together industry decision-makers and enthusiasts from around the globe. Attendees can expect to see a comprehensive showcase of products, including in-press, post-press, finishing, converting, digital and signage, packaging machines, packaging materials, printing and publishing solutions, paper products, logistics, and transportation industries.



### **Bharat Tex 2025**

**Date & Venue:** Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi and India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida, 14-17 February 2025

**Website:** [www.bharat-tex.com](http://www.bharat-tex.com)

BHARAT TEX 2025 is positioned as a global scale textile trade fair and knowledge platform. Over 5,000 Exhibitors, 6,000 international buyers from over 110 countries and over 120,000 visitors are expected to participate in the event. Building on the success of Bharat Tex's first edition, Bharat Tex-2025 aims to establish itself as a premier international industry platform. The event will feature exhibitions, knowledge sessions, thematic discussions, G2G meetings, B2B networks, MoUs, product launches, and interactive pavilions.



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