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NAGORNO-KARABAKH REGION

Clashes erupted between Armenia and Azerbaijan over the volatile Nagorno-Karabakh region, reigniting concern about instability in the South Caucasus, a corridor for pipelines transporting oil and gas to world markets.



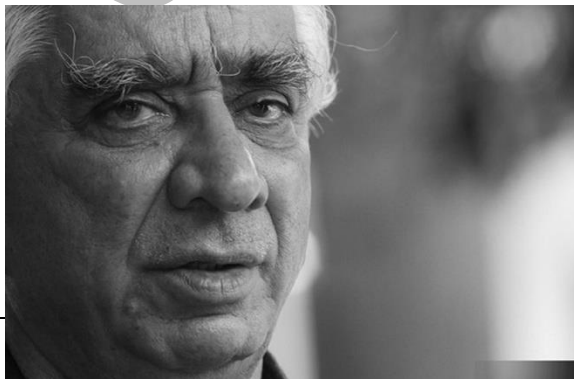
About:

Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh, a breakaway region that is inside Azerbaijan but is run by ethnic Armenians, declared martial law and mobilised their male populations.

- Armenia said Azerbaijan had carried out an air and artillery attack on Nagorno-Karabakh.
- This is a decades-old conflict between majority Christian Armenia and mainly Muslim Azerbaijan.
- Nagorno-Karabakh broke away from Azerbaijan in a conflict that broke out as the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.
- Though a ceasefire was agreed in 1994, after thousands of people were killed and many more displaced, Azerbaijan and Armenia frequently accuse each other of attacks around Nagorno-Karabakh and along the separate Azeri-Armenian frontier.

JASWANT SINGH

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has condoled the demise of former Union Minister Shri Jaswant Singh.



About:

Major Jaswant Singh Jasol (1938 –2020) was an officer of the Indian Army and an Indian Cabinet Minister.

- He was one of the founding members of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). In 2009, he was expelled from BJP after criticism over his remarks in his book - Jinnah – India, Partition, Independence - which allegedly praised the founder of Pakistan.
- During the Vajpayee administration between 1998 and 2004, he held multiple cabinet portfolios including Finance, External Affairs and Defence. He also served as the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission between 1998 and 1999. He served as Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha from 2004 to 2009.

HEALTH IN INDIA

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has released the report of a survey titled ‘Health in India’, whose main objective was to gather basic quantitative information on India’s health sector.

Religion	Male	Female	Person
Hindu	65	79	72
Muslim	70	93	81
Christian	89	122	105
Sikh	94	127	110
Jain	109	115	112
Buddhist	45	113	80
Zoroastrian	257	359	311
Others	83	54	69
All	67	83	75

Number per 1,000 persons reporting ailments (PAP) during the last 15 days by religion (Source: Survey report)

Findings of the report:

Around 7.5 % of Indians reported that they were suffering from ailments. While in rural India only 6.8 % said that they were suffering from an ailment, this number in urban India was 9.1 %.

- **Religion based classification:**
 - The Zoroastrian community remains the most susceptible to ailments. Results from the National Sample Survey (NSS)’s 75th Round released in July show that 31.1 % of Zoroastrians reported that they were suffering from an ailment at the time the survey was conducted. This number for other communities is: Jains, 11.2 %; Sikhs 11 %; Christians 10.5 %; Muslims 8.1 %; Buddhists 8 %; and Hindus 7.2 %.
- **Sex based classification:**
 - The survey shows that women remain more susceptible to suffering from ailments than men. In rural India 6.1 % of males said that they were suffering from ailments, while 7.6 % of rural women said the same. While 8.2 % of urban males said that they were sick, 10 % urban females said the same.

DESTINATION NORTH EAST-2020

Union Home Minister inaugurated the "Destination North East -2020".
The Union Home Minister is also the Chairman of the North-East Council.



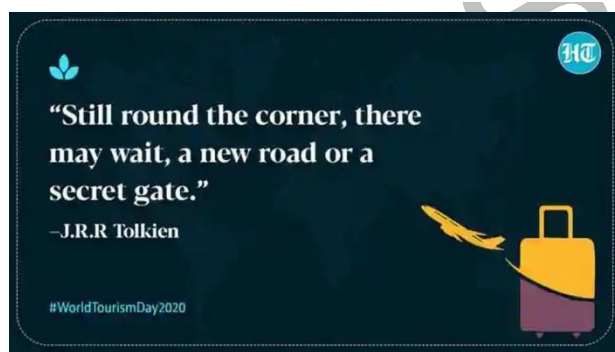
About:

Destination North East is a calendar event of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region. It has been conceptualized with the objective of taking the North East Region to other parts of the country.

- “The ‘Destination North East-2020’, which runs till 30 September, aims to introduce various cultures of the country to each other along with the tourist destinations of the North East.
- For Destination North East 2020, the theme is “The Emerging Delightful Destinations” which speaks of the tourism destinations emerging stronger and more attractive when the Sector picks up momentum.

WORLD TOURISM DAY

World Tourism Day 2020 was observed on 27 September.



Since 1980, the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) has celebrated World Tourism Day on September 27.

This date was chosen as on that day in 1970, the Statutes of the UNWTO were adopted. The adoption of these Statutes

is considered a milestone in global tourism.

- The 2020 edition of World Tourism Day, with the theme of “**Tourism and Rural Development**”, will celebrate the unique role that tourism plays in providing opportunities outside of big cities and preserving cultural and natural heritage all around the world.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE TOTAL ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

**International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons 2020
was observed on 26 September.**



About:

The UN General Assembly commemorates 26 September as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. This Day provides an occasion for the world community to reaffirm its commitment to global nuclear disarmament as a priority.

- The Day has been observed annually since 2014.
- This was the latest in a series of efforts by the General Assembly to raise public awareness and to seek deeper engagement on nuclear disarmament matters. In 2009, the General Assembly had declared 29 August as the International Day against Nuclear Tests.

Important Info :

On 7 July, 2017 the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was adopted. It is the first multilateral legally binding instrument for nuclear disarmament to have been negotiated in 20 years.