

Decoding The Hindu Article

IMD forecasts 'normal' monsoon

Met Dept. updates long period average rainfall to 87 cm

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The India Meteorological Department (IMD), while forecasting a "normal" southwest monsoon for this year also, revised downwards the definition of what constitutes average rainfall.

At a press briefing on Thursday, the agency said India would get 99% of the long period average (LPA) rainfall – changed from 89 cm to 88 cm in 2018, and in the periodic update in 2022, again revised to 87 cm.

A monsoon is considered

"normal" when rainfall falls between 96% and 104% of the LPA. IMD does not expect an El Nino, a phenomenon associated with a warming of the Central Pacific and drying up of the rains over northwest India, the coming monsoon. "Currently La Niña conditions are prevailing over equatorial Pacific. The latest forecasts indicates it will continue during the monsoon," the IMD stated.

Current indications suggest "normal" to "above normal" rainfall in northern parts of peninsular India,

central India and Himalayan foothills. Many parts of NE India and southern parts of South India are expected to see a subdued monsoon.

IMD DG M. Mohapatra said the definition of the LPA was meant to be updated every decade. The 89-cm average was computed based on a 50-year average from 1951 to 2000; the 88 cm based on average for the period from 1961 to 2010; and the latest is based on the average for the period from 1971 to 2020.

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Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Subdued	(Adjective): quiet and rather reflective or depressed.	वशीभूत

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During normal conditions in the Pacific ocean, trade winds blow west along the equator, taking warm water from South America towards Asia. To replace that warm water, cold water rises from the depths — a process called upwelling. El Niño and La Niña are two opposing climate patterns that break these normal conditions

The India Meteorological Department is an agency of the Ministry of Earth Sciences of the Government of India.

Headquarters: Mausam Bhavan, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

Founder: Government of India

Founded: 1875

Agency executive Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General of Meteorology

Grammar

Consider the verb to bring: The verb will not make sense if the action of the verb is not acting on something, i.e. you have to bring something or someone. Simply saying I bring will not make sense on its own, you must bring something, an object or a person or a feeling. That something or someone – Joe, a book, your brother, a good mood – is the direct object of the sentence, i.e. the thing that the verb is acting upon.

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Growth pangs

Some headline indicators may be shining, but the recovery is still **ragged** and vulnerable

The World Bank pared its 2022 growth projections for South Asian economies to 6.6% on Wednesday, from an estimate of 7.6% released in January, emphasising that post-pandemic growth was already uneven and fragile before the Russia-Ukraine conflict triggered fresh challenges. The ripple effect of high oil and food prices that prevailed even before the war and were **exacerbated** since February 24, are key factors worrying the Bank as people's real incomes take a hit. India's GDP, the Bank reckons, may now grow by 8% in 2022-23, not 8.7% as it had earlier forecast, before dropping further to 7.1% in 2023-24. The Bank's chief economist has said that their overall assessment is that GDP growth could actually be 1.3 percentage points lower, or 7.4%, but they refrained from making an adjustment of that magnitude in their headline projection due to some positive surprises in recent data such as strong digital services exports. The **tepid** post-COVID recovery in India's household consumption will be further **hemmed** in by high inflation and the incomplete labour market revival. More importantly, a nowcast of high frequency indicators by the Bank's mandarins suggests India's growth was already experiencing a relative slowdown in the January to March 2022 quarter, compared to previous quarters. **India's recovery varies widely across sectors and manufacturing remains troubled due to weak demand and increasing input costs.** This is borne out by the latest industrial output data.

Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Ragged	(Adjective): having an irregular or uneven surface, edge, or outline.	फटा पुराना
Exacerbated	(Verb): make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse. .	बिगाड़ देना.
Tepid	(Adjective): showing little enthusiasm.	गुनगुना
Hemmed	(Verb): surround and restrict the space or movement of someone or something.	घेरे

Static News

The World Bank is an international financial institution that provides loans and grants to the governments of low- and middle-income countries for the purpose of pursuing capital projects. Wikipedia

Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States

President: David Malpass

Founded: July 1944, Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, United States

Grammar

The Function of Relative Pronouns

A Relative pronoun introduces an adjective clause. An adjective clause follows a noun:

(1) To identify it.

For example: The man **who stole the purse** is outside. (The adjective clause (highlighted) identifies the man.)

(2) To tell us something interesting about it.

For example: Inspector Krishna, **who solved the case**, is outside. (The adjective clause (highlighted) tells us something interesting about Inspector Krishna.)

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Govt. capex to spur jobs, manufacturing, says FinMin

'Impact to boost tax contribution to the exchequer'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The focus on capital expenditure in the recently announced Budget for the current fiscal year will boost manufacturing and tax revenue collections, thereby keeping India on track to becoming a \$5 trillion economy, the Finance Ministry said on Thursday.

Tax revenues in the last fiscal year grew by a record 34% to ₹27.07 lakh crore, which the Ministry said was "a remarkable testimony to the rapid recovery" of the economy following successive waves of COVID-19.

"The central government's focus on making India a global economic po-



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werhouse and the host of measures adopted towards this commitment has directly reflected in India's GDP growth in recent years."

"This has translated into increased revenue collection for the exchequer while keeping India well on track towards achieving a \$5-trillion economy," the Ministry said in a statement.

India's GDP is estimated to have touched about \$3 trillion in FY22.

The Ministry said apart from a brief setback owing to COVID-19, the govern-

ment has maintained the nominal GDP growth above 10% in recent years. GST has been a 'revolutionary step propelling India's GDP'.

"With a big push to capex in the Union Budget of 2022-23, the coming years are going to see a surge in domestic manufacturing as well as growth in employment. These, in turn, will directly boost tax contribution to the exchequer," the Ministry said. Gross corporate taxes in FY22 were ₹8.6 lakh crore compared with ₹6.5 lakh crore in the previous year.

In the last fiscal, direct tax collection rose by a record 49% to ₹14.10 lakh crore, while indirect taxes grew 20% to ₹12.90 lakh crore.

Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Impetus	(Noun): something that makes a process or activity happen or happen more quickly.	प्रोत्साहन, प्रेरणा
Contentious	(Adjective): causing or likely to cause an argument; controversial.	विवाद-ग्रस्त
Anonymiy	(Noun): lack of outstanding, individual, or unusual features; impersonality.	अनामिता

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The reform of India's indirect tax regime was started in 1986 by Vishwanath Pratap Singh, Finance Minister in Rajiv Gandhi's government, with the introduction of the Modified Value Added Tax (MODVAT). Subsequently, Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao and his Finance Minister Manmohan Singh, initiated early discussions on a Value Added Tax (VAT) at the state level.[5] A single common "Goods and Services Tax (GST)" was proposed and given a go-ahead in 1999 during a meeting between the Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and his economic advisory panel, which included three former RBI governors IG Patel, Bimal Jalan and C Rangarajan. Vajpayee set up a committee headed by the Finance Minister of West Bengal, Asim Dasgupta to design a GST model. The GST was launched at midnight on 1 July 2017 by the President of India, and the Government of India.

Grammar

It is mandatory to use an article before a common noun when it is in singular form. But it is not mandatory to use an article before a common noun when it is in plural form. A plural common noun can have the article 'the' if we want to make the noun specific or particular.

Examples:

I saw a tiger. (Refers to a random tiger)

I saw tigers in a zoo. (No article is required)

I have seen the tiger again. (Refers to the tiger I have already seen earlier)



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Govt. approves 61 projects under PLI plan for textiles

'Projects have two years' time to invest, start production'

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As many as 61 applications, for projects entailing investment of ₹19,077 crore, have been approved under the **Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for textiles**, Secretary of the Union Ministry of Textiles U.P. Singh, told reporters on Thursday.

The projected turnover from the approved projects is ₹1.84 lakh crore over five years. **Of the 67 applications received, six were pending approval for want of more details**, he said.

The **PLI Scheme** for textiles was notified on September 24. The projects that have been approved have



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two years' time to invest and start production.

Of the projects approved so far, 13 applications were made with a minimum investment commitment of ₹300 crore each, and 48

with a minimum investment of ₹100 crore each.

The government approved the PLI Scheme for textile products with an aim to enhance manufacturing capabilities and exports from the country of select manmade fibre products.

'Eyeing Phase II'

The approved financial outlay for the scheme is ₹10,683 crore over five years.

The total outgo for the **approved projects is expected to be ₹6,600 crore and the Ministry is looking at Phase II of the PLI scheme**. It depends, however, on approvals from the authorities concerned, Mr. Singh said.

Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Watershed moment	(Idiom): A watershed moment is a turning point, the exact moment that changes the direction of an activity or situation	ऐतिहासिक क्षण
Resilience	(Noun): the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness	पलटाव

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The scheme was first introduced in March 2020 and in her 2021-2022 Budget speech Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced an outlay of Rs 1.97 lakh crore for the PLI scheme. The scheme is aimed at boosting domestic manufacturing under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative of the government. According to the Commerce Ministry, the PLI scheme is expected to boost production worth an estimated \$500 billion in five years since its introduction.

Grammar

“Who” vs “Whom”.

you can only use "who" when it is the subject of a verb. "I," "he," "she," "we," and "they" are just like "who" because they are also used as the subjects of verbs. "Me," "him," "her," "us," and "them" are just like "whom" because they are not used as the subjects of verb.



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India gets past Iran, moves into last four

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NEW DELHI

India rose to the challenge in the climax to register a thrilling 2-1 victory over Iran in the quarterfinals of the Asia-Oceania Junior Davis Cup under-16 boys' tennis tournament at the DLTA Complex on Thursday.

Rushil Khosla and Bushan Haobam won the decisive doubles 4-6, 6-4, [10-6] against Amirali Ghavam and Kasra Rahmani, much to the relief of the sparse gathering. The Iran pair played well but was erratic in the end even as the Indian combination played a robust

game with Rushil showing impeccable volleying skills.

Earlier, Bushan gave India a rousing start before Iran fought back through Kasra Rahmani, who beat Debasis Sahoo in the second rubber.

In the semifinals, India will play Kazakhstan while Australia will meet Japan.

The results (quarterfinals):

Australia bt Singapore 2-1 (Charlie Camus bt Luke Koh 6-4, 6-2; Hayden Jones bt Michael Jimenez 7-5, 6-3; Charlie & Hayden w.o. Michael & Luke).

Japan bt Vietnam 2-0 (Naoya Honda bt Phat Nguyen Minh 6-0, 6-0; Yuta Tomida bt Anh Pham La Hoang 6-2, 6-1).

Kazakhstan bt Korea 2-1 (Amir Omarkhanov bt Ko Min Ho 6-3, 6-4; Danir Kaldybekov



Wow! Rushil and Bushan did it for India. • KAMESH SRINIVASAN

lost to Kim Se Hyun 1-6, 1-6; Amir Omarkhanov & Vitaliy Zatssepil bt Kim Se Hyun & Ko Min Ho 7-6(6), 6-2).

India bt Iran 2-1 (Bushan

Haobam bt Amirali Ghavam 6-4, 6-4; Debasis Sahoo lost to Kasra Rahmani 4-6, 4-6; Bushan & Rushil bt Sam Pazoki & Kasra Rahmani 4-6, 6-4, [10-6]).

Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Erratic	(Adjective): not even or regular in pattern or movement; unpredictable:	अस्थिर

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The All India Tennis Association (AITA) (Hindi: अखिल भारतीय टेनिस संघ), is the governing body of tennis in India. It was established in 1920 and affiliated by International Tennis Federation and Asian Tennis Federation.

Headquarters R.K. Khanna Tennis Complex

Location African Avenue, Delhi

President Anil Jain

Ramkumar Ramanathan: He is the first Indian player to reach an ATP world tour singles final since Somdev Devvarman. He achieved his highest singles ranking of 111 on 30 July 2018, and represents India in the Davis Cup.

Grammar

Types of uncountable nouns:

Material Noun: A material noun is simply the names of various raw materials or elements which exist in nature or the environment. These nouns are not countable means we cannot count them because they are in the forms of liquid, semi-liquid or solid.

Example: Joey bought a diamond ring to propose Rachael. ('Diamond' here refers to a material that is found naturally in our environment which makes it a material noun.)

Abstract Noun: An abstract noun is a noun that indicates an intangible thing such as an emotion, a feeling, a quality, or an idea. In other words, an abstract noun does not refer to a physical object. you cannot see, hear, touch, smell, or taste such things.

Example: Leonardo Di Caprio displays love at an excellent level in all of his movies. (Here 'love' is an emotion which makes it an abstract noun.)



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