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### DELIMITATION COMMISSION OF J&K

#### What is delimitation

The process of redrawing boundaries of Lok Sabha and state Assembly seats to represent changes in the population.

The main task of the Delimitation Commission is redrawing the boundaries of the various assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies based on a recent census.



The Delimitation Commission headed by Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, (a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India) released the Delimitation Order for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

As per the final Delimitation Order, the following will come into effect from the date to be notified by the Central Government: Out of the 90 Assembly Constituencies (ACs) in the region, 43 will be part of Jammu region and 47 for Kashmir region keeping in view the provisions of Section 9(1)(a) of the Delimitation Act, 2002 and Section 60(2)(b) of Jammu & Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019. 9 ACs have been reserved for STs, out

of which, 6 are in Jammu region and 3 ACs in the Valley. There are five Parliamentary Constituencies in the region. Each Parliamentary Constituency will have equal number of 18 Assembly Constituencies each. Names of some ACs have also been changed keeping in view the demand of local representatives.

**Do you know?** - The Delimitation Commission was entrusted with the work of delimiting the Assembly and Parliamentary Constituencies in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir on the basis of 2011 Census and in accordance with the provisions of Part-V of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 (34 of 2019) and the provisions of Delimitation Act, 2002 (33 of 2002).

### NATIONAL FAMILY HEALTH SURVEY (NFHS-5)

Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya released the National Report of the fifth round of National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5).

#### Key results from NFHS-5 National Report:

The Total Fertility Rates (TFR), an average number of children per women, has further declined from 2.2 to 2.0 at the national level between NFHS-4 & 5. There are only five States in India, which are above replacement level of fertility of 2.1. They are Bihar (2.98), Meghalaya (2.91), Uttar Pradesh (2.35), Jharkhand (2.26) Manipur (2.17). Overall Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR) has increased substantially from 54% to 67% in the country. Institutional Births have increased substantially from 79 percent to 89 percent in India. The level of stunting among children under 5 years has marginally declined from 38 to 36 percent for India since the last four years.

### FLOATING BORDER OUTPOSTS (BOP)



The Union Home and Cooperation Minister on his visit to West Bengal inaugurated the Narmada, Sutlej and Cauvery Floating Border Outposts (BOP) on the Indo-Bangladesh border to protect the inaccessible areas of the Sundarbans.

#### About:

Kochi Shipyard has built them. The cost of one BOP is Rs. 38 crore and it weighs around 53,000 metric tonnes. These floating BOPs are equipped with modern facilities and safety equipment, the front section of these BOPs are bullet proof, as well as

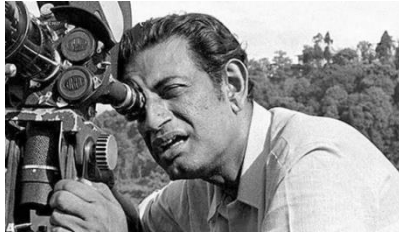
arrangements have been made for plenty of food supplies and these BOPs can float with a DG set without refueling for a month. A BOP is accompanied by 6 small boats and it has adequate arrangements to prevent both infiltration and smuggling.

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## FILM RESTORATION PROJECT

Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting announced that the World's largest film restoration project under National Film Heritage Mission (NFHM) with a budget of Rs. 363 crores is awarded on 4th May 2022 by the Ministry.



**About:** The restoration project now awarded is set to commence in full swing at National Film Archive of India (NFAI). The Minister was in Pune to attend the review meeting of the organization. Under National Film Heritage Mission, approximately 2,200 films will undergo restoration. The titles have been shortlisted by language wise committees consisting of filmmakers, documentary filmmakers, film historians, producers etc. Eminent film personalities such as Aparna

Sen, Shriram Raghavan, Anjali Menon and Vetrimaaran were part of the committees.

### Restoration Process

The process involves frame-to-frame digital and semi-automated manual picture and sound restoration from the best surviving source material. The source negative/print will be scanned at 4K to .dpx files, which will be then digitally restored. The damages including scratches, dirt and abrasions in every frame of the picture negative will be cleaned during the restoration process.

## REPO RATE INCREASED

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) raised the repo rate by 40 basis points (bps) to 4.4% citing inflation that was globally "rising alarmingly and spreading fast".



**About:** Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) had in an off-cycle meeting reviewed the latest economic developments including the impact of the war in Ukraine and decided to increase the policy interest rates in a bid to curb accelerating inflation. The MPC, however, retained its 'accommodative' policy stance even as it focuses on withdrawal of accommodation to keep inflation within the target range while supporting growth. As part of the withdrawal of accommodation, the RBI also raised the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) by 50 basis points to 4.5% with effect from May 21 so as to drain surplus liquidity of about ₹87,000 crore. As part of the increases, the standing deposit facility (SDF) rate would become 4.15% and the marginal standing facility (MSF) and bank rate would be 4.65%. These decisions are in consonance with the objective of achieving the medium-term target for consumer price index (CPI) inflation of 4% within a band of +/- 2%.

## RECORDED DEATHS

The number of registered deaths increased from 76.4 lakh in 2019 to 81.2 lakh in 2020 and out of the total registered deaths, the share of men and women is 60.2% and 39.8%, respectively, noted a report on "Vital statistics of India based on the civil registration system" for 2020.

### About-

Of course all the deaths reported are not COVID deaths. The COVID deaths have been systematically collected and released by the Health Ministry regularly. The report added that based on information provided from 34 States and Union Territories, the share of institutional deaths in total registered deaths is 28%. India faced its first COVID wave during 2020 and this information is vital in terms of giving India and all agencies which wants to use these figures for analysis on how health systems need to be best worked with to minimise human tragedy during a pandemic.

**WHO estimates-** The World Health Organization (WHO) is set to release an estimate of COVID deaths, from across the world, during the pandemic period and indicates excess deaths in India.



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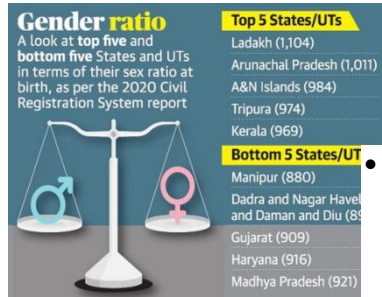
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The Indian government responded to this earlier saying that it has objection to the report centred on the “methodology adopted for the same”.

## SEX RATIO AT BIRTH



Ladakh recorded the highest sex ratio at birth in the country in 2020, followed by Arunachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Tripura and Kerala, according to the annual report on Vital Statistics based on 2020 Civil Registration System report.

### About:

Highest Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) based on registered events has been reported by Ladakh (1,104) followed by Arunachal Pradesh (1,011), A&N Islands (984), Tripura (974), and Kerala (969), the report released by the Registrar-General of India said.

The lowest sex ratio was reported by Manipur (880), followed by Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (898), Gujarat (909), Haryana (916) and Madhya Pradesh (921).

- In 2019, the highest sex ratio at birth was reported by Arunachal Pradesh (1,024), followed by Nagaland (1,001), Mizoram (975) and A&N Islands (965), and the lowest sex ratio was reported by Gujarat (901), Assam (903), Madhya Pradesh (905) and Jammu & Kashmir (909).
- None of the States or UTs have recorded sex ratio at birth below 880.
- The report said that the requisite information from Maharashtra, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi on sex ratio was “not available.” They had not provided the said data in 2019 as well.
- Sex ratio at birth is the number of females per thousand males.
- The sex ratio at birth of registered events is an important indicator to map the sex differential of the population at the beginning of their life. The sex ratio at birth has been calculated after deducting the delayed registration of more than one year for the year 2020.