

Canada PM resigns; Iran-Israel Issue; Common Facility: Panama Canal

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www.DiGiNews360.com finds the New Year celebrations for 2025 of more interest than usual. We shall continue to report these events.

www.DiGiNews360.com also requests feedback, from its Readers, from all over the world, about why there are Reports about momentous events at Christmas of 2024 and the New Year of 2025 from all over the world.

Is it the Trump Effect or is it because the world is becoming a better place, as it becomes more integrated?

NEWS-ITEM 7 OF 7: January 6, 2025: PM Justin Trudeau resigned from the PMship of Canada. (*Please see the remainder of the news on page 11.*)

NEWS-ITEM 1 OF 7: January 6, 2025: **Seoul**, South Korea: Thousands braved heavy snow in **Seoul** on Sunday (January 5, 2025) to rally for and against arresting impeached **President Yoon Suk Yeol**, as **South Korea's** political crisis appeared to head toward another high-stakes confrontation.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS by www.DiGiNews360.com: TOWARDS a SOLUTION of SOUTH KOREAN ISSUES:

BACKGROUND: The **South Korean society** is highly educated. But its neighbor, **North Korea** is a dictatorial regime, whose people are poor and are supposed to be unaware about the developments in the rest of the world.

*A **section of the South Korean society** believes that the Communist Party's Government in North Korea has stealthily purchased a number of 'South Korean newspapers, TV Channels and journalists' and a conspiracy is being hatched to destabilize and take over South Korea.*

Since 1950, there has been not even a whisper about democracy or freedom in North Korea. There has been no agitation because the dictatorial regime of father-son has effective tools of oppression and control.

*So, the **section of the South Korean society** believes that once North Korea gains the upper hand, the South Koreans would lose their democratic South Korea and personal freedom forever.*

*POLITICAL PARTIES: There are two main parties: **People Power Party (PPP)** and the **Democratic Party (DP)**. Both the parties suffer from infighting and factionalism. So, both the candidates at a General Election face opposition from other factions of their own party also. As a result, **the approval ratings of all the candidates are low.***

PRESIDENT for only ONE TERM: The Constitution permits only one term. So, there are no Senior Politicians, who are widely respected and who can bring stability to the system and can bring some peace of mind to the people, being bombarded with conspiracy theories.

FINDING A SOLUTION: www.DiGiNews360.com calls on Philosophers and Sociologists at the South Korean Universities to conduct studies on the ground and to build narratives, which can help the society develop platforms and protocols of dialog within the society.

HELP: A collaboration with an Indian University can help a critical study of the ancient Indian traditions for peaceful dialog. In India, the tradition of dialog has been continuously adapted and used for a critical study and synthesis of two different strands of philosophical ideas for thousands of years. It has been used effectively by Buddha, Shankaracharya, Swami Dayanand Saraswati (19th century) and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar (20th century).

*Shastrartha (Sanskrit: शास्त्रार्थ) is a type of intellectual debate prevalent in India. It is a kind of **critical philosophical discourse and contest** in which scholars participate*

to reveal the inner meaning (अर्थ) of philosophical descant, expressed in a written text, known as the shastras (शास्त्र).

This शास्त्रार्थ has been used by scholars and researchers for many millennia. There were three types of Shastrartha prevalent in India, namely, the Vadakatha (healthy discussions which targeted the truth), the Jalpakatha (where two contradictory interpretations contested with each other) and the Vitandakatha (which attacked the other views without establishing their own view). The Vada katha was done among the Guru and Shishya or among the people belonging to the same philosophical school. While the latter two were done among the people of different schools or with the antagonistic sects. People vied with each other for winning the contest by showing their language of the ancient scriptures.

---- A Brief BACKGROUND on THEORY of DEBATES for LEARNERS ----

(Reference: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Debates_in_ancient_India)

The earliest available treatises in Sanskrit in which the principles of debates are systematically explored are, strangely, two texts on **Ayurveda** (in Sanskrit: “*Medical Science*”), namely **Charaka Samhitā** and **Sushruta Samhitā**.

Charaka Samhita is a voluminous work containing 120 chapters divided into eight parts. In the 3rd part, called **Vimanasthana**, along with other topics such as, training of a physician, ethics of medical practice, pathology, diet and nourishment, taste of medicines, etc., there is also a discussion on the **principles of debate**. The related doctrines are treated in Caraka-samhita under three heads, namely, 1) Karyabhinirvrtti, the aggregate of resources for the accomplishment of an action (2) Pariksa, the standard of examination, and (3) Sambhasha-vidhi, or vada-vidhi, the method of debate. This is followed by detailed discussions on these three topics. For example, there is a discussion on the various resources that are to be examined to accomplish an action. These resources include Karana (the actor, or agent who accomplishes an action), Karya (the action), Karya-phala (the effect), Desa (the place of the action), Kala (the time of the action), Pravrtti (the activity or exertion put forth for achieving the action), etc. The second head, Pariksa, deals with the standard of examination. These standards are aptopadesa (reliable assertion) pratyaksa (perception), anumana (inference), yukti (reasoning). The discussion under the third head is much more elaborate.

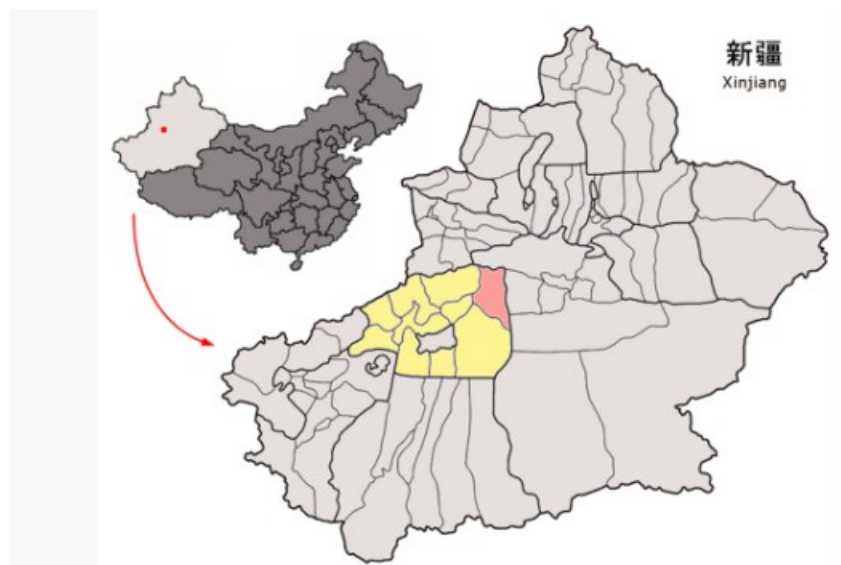
---- A BACKGROUNDER on ANCIENT INDIAN LITERATURE on MEDICAL SCIENCE ----
Ancient literature on **Ayurveda** is available as follows:

Two large compendia of **Charaka Saṃhitā** and **Sushruta Saṃhitā**.

Bhela Saṃhitā (in Sanskrit: "Compendium of Bhela") is a [Sanskrit](#)-language medical text from ancient India. It is in the form of a dialogue between **sage Atreya** and his **pupil Bhela**, the author of the text.

Only some parts of **Bhela Saṃhitā** are available. The first part was found in an incomplete circa 1650 CE manuscript, kept at the [Sarasvati Mahal Library](#) in [Thanjavur](#), and a circa 9th century fragment found at the oasis of **Tuyoq** in **Uttar Kuru** (Xinjiang). Quotations in other works suggest that an older version of the text, possibly composed during 400-750 CE, existed.

Tuyoq or **Tuyugou** or **Tuyuk** is an ancient oasis-village in the Taklamakan Desert, 70 Km East of Turpan in Shanshan County, in a lush valley cutting into the Flaming Mountains, with a well-preserved old Uyghur style village, and few tourists. It is famous for its seedless grapes and a number of ancient Buddhist grottoes meditation caves nearby containing Buddhist murals and frescos. (Please see the MAP.1. on the location of Kucha within UTTARA KURU ("Xinjiang").)

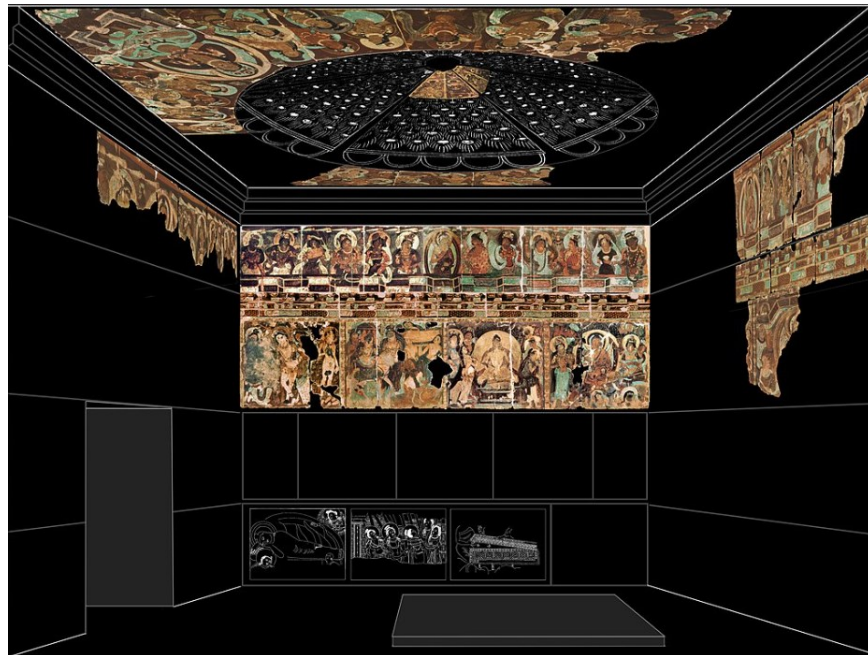


The MAP.1.: Location of Kucha within UTTARA KURU ("Xinjiang") with the county of Kucha in pink and the prefecture of Aksu in yellow.

Much of the text of **Bhela Samhitā** is in form of a dialogue between sage **Atreya** and his pupil **Bhela**, the author of the text. It shows many similarities with the **Charaka Samhita**, another text of the **Atreya school**, but it also shows some similarities with the **Sushruta Samhita** of the **Dhanvantri school**.

Due to similarities in the data as well as in method of presentation, the **Charaka Samhitā** and the **Bhela Samhitā** are said to belong to the **Atreya School of Medical Science**.

The **Sushruta Samhitā** is said to belong to the **Dhanvantri School of Medical Science**.



BUDDHIST CAVES: The "Peacock Cave",
in the Kizil Caves **near Kucha**, built circa 400 CE

The Buddha statues and busts, wall paintings etc, probably made in India, were found from the oasis of **Tuyoq**, at the edge of a desert in **Uttara Kuru ("Xinjiang")**. These are now preserved in **Paris** in the **Guimet National Museum of Asian Arts**.

Indian culture and History are intimately entwined with the culture and history of the entire world described by Sugriva in Valmiki's Ramayan. Unless Indian Historians and archaeologists learn Sanskrit, Tamil, Pali and ancient Indian scripts of Brahmi, Devnagari , Tamil-Brahmi, Telegu and Kannada Lipis, Brahmic for ancient Kannada,

Brahmic scripts of Malayāḷa lipi and Odia and the languages spoken and written in Nepal, Afghanistan fast, the world may lose information about Uday mountains (“Andes”) and Anant cities in South America and about Brahmi in Shinto temples.



Bust of a **bodhisattva** from Kucha, 6th–7th century, displayed at the **Guimet National Museum of Asian Arts** (Founded by **Émile Étienne Guimet**, an industrialist, in Lyon in 1879 and moved to Paris in 1889).



(Reference: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guimet_Museum)

The **Guimet Museum** has one of the largest collections of Asian art outside of Asia that includes items from **Cambodia, Thailand, Viet Nam, Tibet, India** and **Nepal**, among other countries.

---- **Buddha's Sermon in the Deer Park**: Sarnath, Varanasi: 528 BCE ----

The Buddha's **1st Sermon, after Enlightenment in Bodh Gaya**, is said to have taken place in **Sarnath**, a village in **India**, sometime during the 6th century BCE. This sermon is also known as the "**Sermon in the Deer Park**". In it, the Buddha set out **the Four Noble Truths** and the **Middle Way**, which are key Buddhist doctrines.



2007: **Sarnath**, near Varanasi, India: **Venerable Chao Khun Fa Zhao**, the chief Abbott of Buddha Tooth Relic Temple (Singapore), on a pilgrimage.

The five ascetics, who were the first to listen to the Sermon from Buddha, in person, were: The five disciples were **Kaundinya, Assaji, Bhaddiya, Vappa** and **Mahanama**, all of them had known **Siddharth** in the past.

Buddha ordained the five ascetics as the first Buddhist monks, establishing the **Sangha** ("*an Order of Buddhist monks*") in the process.

The **Sangha** has formed an end-less chain, which has continued to bring Buddha's message to his 1.5 billion followers today.

Both **Bodh Gaya** and **Sarnath** are sacred sites for Buddhists and a large number of pilgrims from India and other countries in East and Central Asia visit these places.

The **Bodh Gaya temple** has the famous **Bodhi Tree**, under which Buddha meditated.

The **Sarnath site** includes an archaeological park with ancient religious structures, including stupas and pieces of a pillar erected by Emperor Ashoka in the 3rd century BCE. The Lion Capital of Ashoka, a replica of which is India's national emblem, is located in Sarnath



Sarnath: Buddha's Tooth Relic Stupa: The 4th floor Inner Chamber is the repository of the Sacred Buddha Tooth.

Alexander Cunningham excavated the Sarnath Stupa from December 1834 to January 1836.

He dug a vertical shaft down through the centre of the stupa to the foundation layers. At a depth of over 90m he found a slab with the Buddhist creed in script attributable to the 6th-7th century A.D. which must have been inserted at a later date.

His excavations also revealed an earlier brick-built core to the stupa, indicating that this stupa was also enlarged over the centuries and was originally much smaller.

He studied both the Stupas and prepared drawings of the underground paths in the monasteries. This has systematized use of new technologies for study in a non-invasive manner.

---- A Brief BACKGROUNDER on the LAST SERMON of BUDDHA ----

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1653937®=3&lang=1>

SERMON between TWO SAL trees: Gautama Buddha's **last sermon was delivered in Vaishali**, where he also announced his Nirvana in 483 BC.

The sermon was given to his disciples, who were gathered around his resting place **between two sal trees**. In the sermon, the Buddha urged his disciples to:

1. Practice the teachings he taught them;
2. Strive for enlightenment through monastic discipline;
3. Avoid seeking material wealth and influence;
4. Discourage monks from earning a living through fortune telling or healing;
5. Be a lamp unto themselves, a refuge to themselves, and take no external refuge;
6. Find the truth for themselves and within themselves.



The Buddha's last sermon is also known as the **Bequathed Teachings Sutra**, which is used as a **liturgical text in Japan and Taiwan**.

The Buddha's cremation took place at Rambhar Stupa, where a portion of his ashes was used to build the Ramabhar Stupa.

Kushinagar, the district where the Buddha gave his last sermon, is now a popular pilgrimage site for Buddhists.

NEWS-ITEM 2 OF 7: January 5, 2025: Jerusalem, Israel: After a **hypersonic ballistic missile** and **drones** were used by **Houthis** to attack the central parts of Israel, the

Iron Dome defense system, operated by Israel and its allies, was able to intercept the missile and reduce the damage to negligible levels.

When Yemen's attacks targeted at central Israel were unable to do much of a damage, **Houthis** warned that they would continue to attack ships in and around Red Sea, to support the attacks by **Hamas** and **Hezbollah** on Israel.

The bombers, operated from the aircraft carriers of the Navies of USA and UK, attacked and destroyed the **Houthis'** Weapon Production Facility.



Attack on **Houthis'** Weapon Production Facility by USA and UK

NEWS-ITEM 3 OF 7: January 5, 2025: COMMON FACILITIES (*Example: Panama Canal*) and **SOVEREIGNTY** of countries: 'World leaders are flocking to the table because President Trump is already delivering on his promise to **Make America Great Again** (MAGA). When he officially takes office, foreign nations will think twice before ripping off our country, America will be respected again, and the whole world will be safer,' 47th **President-Elect Trump's** spokesperson **Anna Kelly** said in a statement.

"The sovereignty and independence of our country are not negotiable," Panamanian President **Jose Raul Mulino** declared, reaffirming Panama's ownership and management of the canal.

Mulino firmly refuted US President-elect Donald Trump's assertion that Chinese soldiers are controlling the Panama Canal, calling the claim "nonsense."

“There are no Chinese soldiers in the canal. You are free, the whole world is free to visit the canal if you please,” **Mulino** said at a news conference, last week.

President **Jose Raul Mulino** reiterated, “There are no Chinese on the canal. As simple as that. Neither the Chinese nor any other power are in the channel.” He added that any Chinese presence in the area would likely be limited to tourists or passengers aboard cruise ships.



*Istanbul: Panamanian President **Jose Raul Mulino***

The Panama Canal, a vital trade route connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, is today owned by Panama.

While a Hong Kong-based firm manages two ports near the canal’s entrances, **Mulino** emphasized that it does not equate to Chinese influence over its operations.

“I reiterate, there is absolutely no Chinese interference or participation in anything that has to do with the Panama Canal,” **Mulino** said.

BACKGROUND: The controversy began on the Christmas Day of 2024, when **Trump** posted on Truth Social, sarcastically wishing a merry Christmas to “the wonderful soldiers of China, who are lovingly, but illegally, operating the Panama Canal.”

He accused Panama of “ripping off” the US and suggested **the US was being forced to spend “billions of dollars in ‘repair’ money” with no say about the canal’s operations.**

EDITORIAL COMMENT: India can serve the world if more **companies like Adanis** could come up in India, for managing the facilities like Panama Canal, which may be owned by one country, but, which are used by all in today’s inter-connected world. www.DiGiNews360.com *finds that there is an acute need for such companies, which provide the finest service and are as cost-efficient as Adanis.* The companies must not belong to countries like **China** which have the **philosophy** or the **ideal** of representing the MIDDLE KINGDOM in their DNA. The Companies, which have this **philosophy** as the organizational culture, and, an Officer, who has this **ideal** built in the ‘bones’ of his/ her mind, will never be able to provide the service, which is required in facilities like that of Panama Canal, which are used by the whole of the inter-connected world of today.

The word ‘bones’, when used for understanding an idea or a protocol, means ‘all the parts of a personality – whether physical or emotional, working both separately as well as jointly’.

An incompatibility between a facility like Panama Canal ‘being available to all’ and ‘its being owned by a sovereign entity like the country of Panama’ is sorted out by CEOs of companies by using words like stakeholders for share-holders, customers, personnel of the company etc.



Donald J. Trump

@realDonaldTrump · 41m

Merry Christmas to all, including to the wonderful soldiers of China, who are lovingly, but illegally, operating the Panama Canal (where we lost 38,000 people in its building 110 years ago), always making certain that the United States puts in Billions of Dollars in "repair" money, but will have absolutely nothing to say about "anything." Also, to Governor Justin Trudeau of Canada, whose Citizens' Taxes are far too high, but if Canada was to become our 51st State, their Taxes would be cut by more than 60%, their businesses would immediately double in size, and they would be militarily protected like no other Country anywhere in the World. Likewise, to the people of Greenland, which is needed by the United States for National Security purposes and, who want the U.S. to be there, and we will!...

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NEWS-ITEM 4 OF 7: January 4, 2025: Berlin, Germany: Threats of terrorism against Political Opponents: **Helge Lindh** is a German member of Parliament from the **Social Democrats Party (SPD)**.

Lindh has received a threatening letter from **National Socialist Underground (NSU) 3.0**. The letter says:

"We will get you, you can count on that. You are not safe anywhere."

The letter accused **Lindh** of "hatred of Germans". and was signed "NSU 3.0".

EDITORIAL COMMENT: As the world ushers in the New Year 2025 and as we have been happily celebrating Christmas 2024 along with the Christian world, www.DiGiNews360.com notes that the world is too diverse to know about all the **good things happening in different parts of the world**.

But, bad things, that should not happen, also happen in some parts of the world. During the Christmas days, www.DiGiNews360.com came to know that **Helge Lindh** had experienced many threats and acts of hostility since his election to the Bundestag, Germany's Lower House of Parliament, in 2017, "but the recent letter is a direct threat and it **marks a new low**."

www.DiGiNews360.com appeals to the entire spectrum of Political Parties, Society and Government to jointly eradicate the evil and hidden terrorism in the democracy of Germany. Version 3.0 of the **National**

Socialist Underground must not be given any quarter so that the society can get rid of the insidious terrorism, within the democratic system.

(Reference: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Socialist_Underground)

-- NEWS ABOUT IRAN-ISRAEL THEATER --

NEWS-ITEM 5(a) OF 6: January 6, 2025: Tehran, Iran: **Brigadier General Mohammad-Nazar Azimi** of the **Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)** showed the deployment of new weapons and equipment to **Ayatollah Khamenei**, the **Supreme Leader**.

IRGC organized the drills, in the western regions of **Iran**, to showcase **Iran's military advancements**. Iran has informed through a Press-Note that It has new weaponry, which will strengthen its armed forces.

The local **Basij Volunteer Force** also participated in the maneuvers during the drill. If **Ayatollah Khamenei** focusses on strengthening his Armed Forces, after the drubbing it received on October 24, 2024, it would be good for re-creating morale among the soldiers.

Basij means a "*Volunteer Force*" in Persian language. A **Basiji** means a "*Member of Basij*".

IRAN'S ARMED FORCES: After WW II, Iran was experiencing relative prosperity and was going through profound change, at great speed, particularly after 1971. Iran had a pro-Western secular Government, with a popular monarchy till **an Islamic Republic** replaced it **on April 1, 1979**, when Iranians overwhelmingly approved a national referendum to make it so.

Before **April 1, 1979**, Iran was progressing and modernizing at a fast rate, particularly after March 1971, under a monarch, who was setting up modern Universities, Hospitals and who was developing modern infra-structure. In 1952, he set up an elected **Majlis** ("*Parliament*"). The Prime Minister, who was required to have the confidence of a majority of the **Majlis**, was head of the executive. Members of the be app with an anti-Western Islamic republic[6][19][20][27] based on the concept of Velâyat-e Faqih (Guardianship of the Islamic Jurist), straddling between authoritarianism and totalitarianism.[28] In addition to declaring the

destruction of Israel as a core objective,[29][30] post-revolutionary Iran aimed to undermine the influence of Sunni leaders in the region by supporting Shi'ite political ascendancy and exporting Khomeinist doctrines abroad.[31] In the aftermath of the revolution, Iran began to back Shia militancy across the region, to combat Sunni influence and establish Iranian dominance in the Arab world, ultimately aiming to achieve an Iranian-led Shia political order.[32]

NEWS-ITEM 5(b) OF 7: January 5, 2025: Beijing, China: Another Israeli attack on Iran will lead to a "widespread war," **Abbas Aragchi**, the Iranian Foreign Minister told the host of China's state broadcaster CCTV. The Interview was published on Saturday, January 4, 2025.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS: www.DiGiNews360.com agrees with the International Observers that **Iran is in a much weaker situation today than it was, when it attacked Israel's Nevatim and Ramon Airbases as well as Israel's Golan Heights with hundreds of Ballistic missiles and drones from its own soil on April 13, 2024.** Hence, www.DiGiNews360.com would advise **Abbas Aragchi** not to indulge in meaningless warnings, which could deteriorate to attacks on the ground. Iran's is an ancient civilization. We would remind leaders of Iran about the advice from **Kautilya**:

A KING MUST NEVER OVER-ESTIMATE HIS OWN STRENGTH.

A KING MUST NOT UNDER-ESTIMATE THE STRENGTH OF HIS ADVERSARIES.

A KING MUST BE ALWAYS AWARE OF THE CAPABILITIES AND POLITICAL ALIGNMENTS OF ALL HIS NEIGHBORS.

(Reference for the above advice: A BACKGROUNDER on the HISTORY of BUDDHA's RELICS, ASHOKA, the GREAT **in later pages of this document**)

- **Kautilya's Arthashastra** (in Devnagari script: **अर्थशास्त्रम्**).
- Name of the book in Sanskrit: **Kautiliyam Arthaśāstram**; translation of the name of the book: **Kautilya's compendium on worldly affairs**).

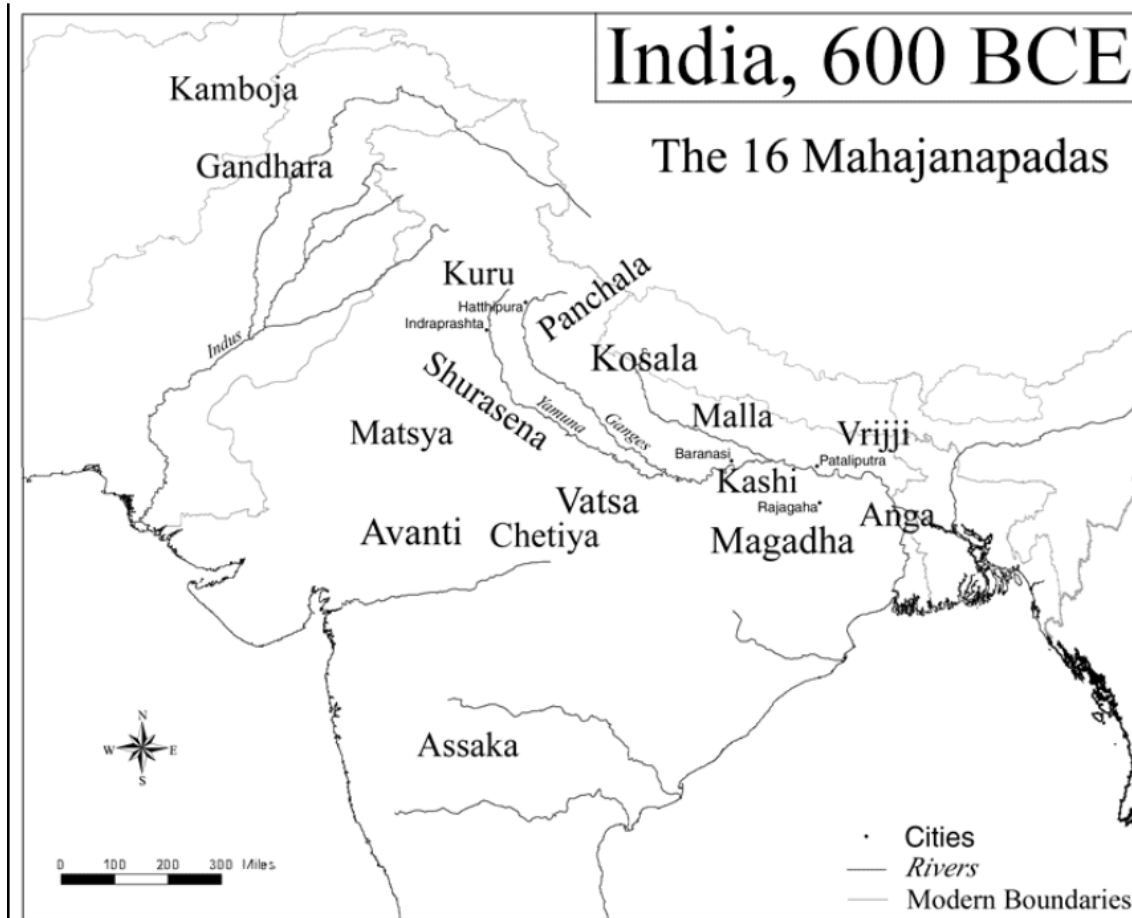
- The book is an Ancient Indian Sanskrit treatise on statecraft, politics, economic policy and military strategy.)

---- A Brief NOTE on **Kautilya Chankya** ----

Before becoming the Prime Minister of **Chandragupta Maurya**, **Kautilya Chankya** was a Professor of Political Science at Takshshila University, India from about 320-330 BCE. **He wrote the world's first book on Political Economics.**

Chankya has reported on Alexander's battle of 326 BCE at Jhelum river with King Puru.

Chandragupta Maurya, the founder of the Mauryan dynasty, ruled over Magadha and most of India from approximately 321–297 BCE. **Kautilya Chankya**, as the 'Prime Minister', helped Chandragupta Maurya establish and strengthen the largest empire of its time.



Chandragupta, with Kautilya Chankya as his Prime Minister, built the largest empire of his time. It covered a large part of today's India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangla Desh and Nepal. **The huge empire was sustained through a strong and carefully-run administration**, even when Internet and communication facility of today were not available.

---- NEWS from ARGENTINA and VENZUELA ----

NEWS-ITEM 6 OF 7: January 4, 2025: Buenos Aires, Argentina:



January 4, 2025: Buenos Aires, Argentina:

Argentine President Javier Milei (left) and Edmundo González, considered to be President-Elect of Venezuela by some.

The result of 2024 Elections in Venezuela have been controversial. The incumbent President **Nicolás Maduro** claims to have won the vote and is not ready for a transfer of power to the Opposition.

The elections took place on Sunday, July 28, 2024. The **National Electoral Council**, which is controlled by Maduro loyalists, earlier said Maduro had secured 51% of the vote to 44% for González. But it didn't release the tallies from each of the 30,000 polling booths nationwide. Edmundo

González's election agents in booths have painstakingly compiled the data. They claim an overwhelming victory for Edmundo González.

The new President will be sworn in on January 10, 2025.

Edmundo González had been living as an exile in Madrid. He claims to have won the election against Nicolás Maduro and is recognized by some countries as the legitimate President-Elect of Venezuela, González appeared publicly in Buenos Aires on Saturday in front of hundreds of supporters following a meeting at the Casa Rosada with Argentine President Javier Milei, his ally. This marks the beginning of what he called a Latin American tour.

---- A Brief Note on the PINK HOUSE of ARGENTINA ----

The Casa Rosada, or "**Pink House**," is the executive mansion and office of the President of Argentina. Located in Buenos Aires, it is one of the most iconic buildings in the country, known for its distinctive pink color and historical significance.

The Casa Rosada was built, in the 19th century, on the site of a former fort and has served as the seat of the Argentine government since its completion. The interior of the Casa Rosada features grand halls, ornate decorations, and historical artifacts.

In addition to being the President's office, the Casa Rosada houses a museum that showcases Argentina's political history. The museum includes exhibits on former presidents, historical documents, and artifacts. Guided tours of the Casa Rosada are available to the public, offering a glimpse into the country's political heritage and the building's architectural splendor.

---- NEWS about INDIA-CANADA RELATIONS ----

NEWS-ITEM 7 OF 7: January 3, 2025: **Delhi**, India and **British Columbia**, Canada: Diljit Dosanjh, is a popular singer and actor. But his songs seemed to be casteist and against **Narendra Modi's** efforts for unifying the society by taking care of the fissures in the society.

The general impression was that Diljit stood with the opponents of the Prime Minister and **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)**.

But, 2025 began with notes of harmony from **Diljit Dosanjh** and with blessings and encouragement by **Narendra Modi**.



DILJIT DOSANJH  @diljitdosanjh · Jan 1



A fantastic start to 2025

A very memorable meeting with PM [@narendramodi](#) Ji.

We talked about a lot of things including music of course!



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SOME EARLIER POSITIVE SIGNS: In June 2024, PM Justin Trudeau was pictured shaking hands with recently re-elected Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In Canada, PM Trudeau's government depended on Khalistani support. Jagmeet Singh Dhaliwal supported the Liberal government. The only thing he wanted in return for this support was some verbal support to the Khalistanis. The damage to Hindu temples, attacking the Diwali **Celebrations at Milton were the games, which Khalistanis wanted to play.** Jagmeet Singh's only wanted that no Sikh, who was involved in these games should be arrested.



*June 14, 2024: G7 Summit, Italy: Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** briefly met **Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi** (Narendra Modi / X)*

Both the Liberal Government and Jagmeet Singh were doing their part of the bargain. In May 2024, the four persons who killed Nijjar were arrested. A fast investigation would have sorted out the Indo-Canadian issue. But the nation has not been informed about the progress of the investigation!

It suits both Jagmeet Singh Dhaliwal and Justin Trudeau to keep the investigation inconclusive.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS: British Columbia and Punjab have been the drivers of deteriorating relationship between Canada and India.

*The most serious attack on Indo-Canadian relation was the 1985 bombing of **Air India Flight 182**, which resulted in the deaths of 329 people, making it the worst terrorist attack in Canadian history. In spite of a prior warning, with names of the Canadian Sikhs, who were planning the bombing, the Government of Pierre Trudeau (Prime Minister of Canada from 1968 to 1979 and from 1980 to 1984) could not prevent the bombing. The conspirators put a bomb in the luggage compartment of **Kanishka**, the airplane of **Air India Flight 182** at the airport of Montreal. Near Ireland, over the ocean, the bomb in Kanishka exploded and all aboard the airplane perished.*

*www.DiGiNews360.com wonders about the quality of spiritual leadership that can be provided to those, who pray at the **Guru Nanak Sikh Gurudwara** in Surrey, British Columbia, by a leadership, involved in such nefarious conspiracies.*

***Ripudaman Singh Malik** and **Ajaib Singh Bagri** were arrested in 2000 and faced trial for their alleged role in the bombing. However, after a lengthy trial, both men were **acquitted in 2005 due to insufficient evidence**. The only person convicted in relation to the bombing was **Inderjit Singh Reyat**, who admitted to assembling the bombs and was sentenced to 15 years in prison.*

***Malik's** acquittal did not end the controversy surrounding his involvement. He continued to be a prominent figure in the Sikh community until his assassination in Surrey, BC, in July 2022.*

*Personalities like **Ripudaman Singh Malik** and Jagmeet Singh Dhaliwal are important for Indo-Canadian relationships for some time. But, in the long run, **India** and **Canada** are bound together as members of the Commonwealth. Both the countries share systems and values, developed by United Kingdom's democracy. Hence, the considered opinion of www.DiGiNews360.com is that, sooner rather than later, the two countries will normalize their relationship.*

---- A Brief BACKGROUND on the OWNERSHIP of PANAMA CANAL ----

(Reference with thanks to WIKIPEDIA at <https://tinyurl.com/3uzn29zh>)

After building the canal and after its inauguration on August 15, 1914, politically, the canal remained a territory of the United States until 1977, when the **Torrijos–Carter Treaties** began the process of transferring territorial control of the Panama Canal Zone to Panama, a process which was finally completed on 31 December 1999.

The Panama Canal was turned over to Panama on December 31, 1999. The transfer <https://tinyurl.com/3uzn29zh> was the result of the Torrijos-Carter Treaties, which were signed in 1977 by President Jimmy Carter and Omar Torrijos, the de facto leader of Panama. The treaties included two agreements:

- **The Neutrality Treaty:** Guaranteed the permanent neutrality of the canal and allowed the United States to use its military to defend the canal. The treaty also stated that all nations would have nondiscriminatory access and tolls to the canal, but that U.S. and Panamanian warships would have expedited passage.
- **The Panama Canal Treaty:** Stated that the Panama Canal Zone would cease to exist on October 1, 1979, and the canal would be turned over to Panama on December 31, 1999.



Panama Canal: Pacific Side Entrance

The **Panama Canal Authority** (ACP) took over the Canal's administration on December 31, 1999. The ACP is an independent entity of the Panamanian government that is responsible for the canal's maintenance and security.

-- A BACKGROUNDER on the NATIONAL PARLIAMENT of GERMANY (**Bundestag**) –
(Reference: <https://www.bundestag.de/en/teasertext-startteaserbildtext-692028>)

The **Bundestag** is the national parliament of the Federal Republic of Germany. The Bundestag is the only directly elected constitutional organ and therefore enjoys a much higher democratic legitimacy than may be the case in USA, where the President and members of both the House of Representatives and Senate are elected with a wide participation of people.

The current office-holder is **Bärbel Bas** (SPD), who was elected during the 1st session of the 20th Bundestag on **26 October 2021**.



*The **Reichstag Building**, the seat of the German **Bundestag***

This is the 20th electoral term of the Federal Parliament since the establishment of the Federal Republic in 1949. The President of the Bundestag holds the 2nd highest office of State in Germany, after the Federal President.



Bärbel Bas**, the incumbent President of **Bundestag

The President of **Bundestag** has seven Deputies, elected by a majority vote. The **convention** is to have at least one Deputy from a major Political Party.

-- A BACKGROUNDER on the FEDERAL ARMED FORCES (**Bundeswehr**) –
(Reference: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bundeswehr>)

The ***Bundeswehr*** (literally: “*Federal Defense*”) is the armed forces of the [Federal Republic of Germany](#). The *Bundeswehr* is divided into a military part (Armed Forces or “*Streitkräfte*”) and a civil part. The military part consists of the German Army, German Navy, German Air Force, Joint Support Service, Joint Medical Service, and Cyber and Information Domain Service.

As of 31 May 2024, the *Bundeswehr* had a strength of 180,215 active-duty military personnel and 80,761 civilians, placing it among the 30 largest military forces in the world, and making it the 2nd largest in the European Union, behind France. In addition, the *Bundeswehr* has approximately 34,600 reserve personnel (2024). With German military expenditures at \$66.8 Bn (2023), the *Bundeswehr* is the 7th highest-funded military in the world, though military expenditures have until recently remained low at an average at 1.5% of national GDP, well below the non-binding NATO target of 2%. In 2024, Germany fulfilled NATO obligations of spending 2% of its GDP on its armed forces. Germany is aiming to expand the *Bundeswehr* to around 203,000 soldiers by 2025 to better cope with increasing responsibilities.

Learning from the Russia-Ukraine war, Germany announced a major shift in policy, pledging a €100 billion special fund for the *Bundeswehr* – to remedy years of underinvestment – along with raising the budget to above 2% GDP.

Chancellor Olaf Scholz is the Commander-in-Chief during war. However, during peacetime, **Boris Pistorius**, the Federal Minister of Defense, works as the Commander-in-Chief.

Carsten Breuer is the Inspector General, the senior-most Officer of **Bundeswehr**.

---- A Brief BACKGROUNDER on IRAN's TWO MILITARIES ----

CONVENTIONAL MILITARY

Army 350,000 (including conscripts)	Navy 18,000	Air Force 37,000	Air Defense Force 15,000
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ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS

Ground Forces 150,000	Navy 20,000+	Aerospace Force 15,000	Basij paramilitary 600,000 on mobilization
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Source: International Institute for Strategic Studies.

COUNCIL ON FOREIGN

#	Item	IRAN	ISRAEL	REMARKS
1	Population	70 Mn	10 Mn	
2	Active Military Personnel	600,000 + 220,000 soldiers in paramilitary forces	170,000	
3	Reservists	350,000	465,000	
4	Air Force	37,000 personnel, a squadron of F4 and F5 + some F7 and F 14s + a squadron of Sukhoi-24s + some MiG-29s	Hundreds of F-15, F-16 and F-35 multipurpose jet fighters.	Outdated Air Force of Iran Vs a Modern Air Force of Israel
5	Militias as proxies	Hamas in Gaza, Hezbollah in south Lebanon and the Houthis in Yemen.	none	

---- A NOTE on the 10 Largest PRODUCERS & CONSUMERS of OIL ----

(References: <https://www.eia.gov/tools/faqs/faq.php?id=709&t=6> , <https://www.rff.org/>)

The top 10 oil¹ producers and share of total world oil production² in 2023³

Country	Million barrels per day	Share of world total
United States	21.91	22%

Saudi Arabia	11.13	11%
Russia	10.75	11%
Canada	5.76	6%
China	5.26	5%
Iraq	4.42	4%
Brazil	4.28	4%
United Arab Emirates	4.16	4%
Iran	3.99	4%
Kuwait	2.91	3%
Total top 10	74.59	73%
World total	101.81	

¹ *Oil* includes crude oil, all other petroleum liquids, and biofuels.

² Production includes domestic production of crude oil, all other petroleum liquids, and biofuels and refinery processing gain.

³ Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, International Energy Statistics, at <https://tinyurl.com/ms4pipy7> , as of April 11, 2024

The top 10 oil¹ consumers and share of total world oil consumption in 2022²

Country	Million barrels per day	Share of world total
United States	20.01	20%
China	15.15	15%
India	5.05	5%
Russia	3.68	4%
Saudi Arabia	3.65	4%
Japan	3.38	3%
Brazil	3.03	3%
South Korea	2.55	3%
Canada	2.41	2%
Germany	2.18	2%
Total top 10	61.08	61%
World total	99.95	

¹ *Oil* includes crude oil, all other petroleum liquids, and biofuels.

² Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, International Energy Statistics, at <https://tinyurl.com/ms4pipy7> , as of April 11, 2024