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# 1 What is *Tree Sena*?

It is an initiative launched in December 2019 by Indian **YouTuber Saiman Says**, which aims to plant over 4000 trees in and around **Aarey Colony, Mumbai**.

This is to honour the 2000 trees which were cut down in October 2019.



- Last week, Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray, announced the **removal of the construction of the Metro car shed** in the Aarey Colony. The move comes days after state govt withdrew cases against activists who protested the cutting of trees under the previous govt in 2019.
- The land in Aarey would also be categorized as “**reserve forest**”, increasing it from the previous 600 acres to 800 acres, while linking it to the **Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP)**.

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## 2 What is 'Shikhandi: and Other Tales They Don't Tell You'?

It is Indian author, **Devdutt Pattanaik's** book that deals with how queerness is not a modern concept in Hindu Mythology. It covers tales of **Shikhandi**, a male figure but born female.

- In his recent address to the UN General Assembly, **PM Modi** became one of the few leaders worldwide, to acknowledge **Transgender rights** on international forums.
- '**Ardhanarishvara**', a composite avatar (form) of Shiva and Parvati, has been worshipped since ancient times in India.
- In fact, in ~200 BC, Indian linguist **Patanjali** claimed that 3 grammatical genders in the Sanskrit language are derived from three natural genders.



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### 3 What's the connection between *Emergency and Quit India Movement?*

Jayaprakash Narayan, who is remembered for leading the mid-1970s opposition against PM **Indira Gandhi**, also played a critical role during 1942's Quit India Movement.

India celebrated his 118th birth anniversary on 11th October.



- The Total Revolution was soon converted into a **national movement**, which united opposition parties of several states.
- In **1977**, JP delivered his famous speech to 1 lakh people at **Ramlila ground**, Delhi after the end of Emergency, asking people to vote for “freedom”.
- Janata alliance, formed under his direction, defeated Indira Gandhi in the election. However, JP continued to keep his **distance from electoral politics**.

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## 4 Which nation has a *Blue Sky with a White Sun* as their emblem?

The **Republic of China**. The 12 rays of the white Sun represent 12 months and the 12 traditional Chinese hours.

Recently China found themselves in another controversy for their interference in Indian media's coverage of **Taiwan National Day**.



- Several Indian newspapers featured an ad by the Taiwanese government, which featured President Tsai Ing-wen with a slogan “**Taiwan and India are natural partners**”.
- Chinese embassy in India issued a letter to Indian media, to not violate the One-China principle”, as it considers Taiwan its territory. Taiwanese foreign ministry tweeted that “Taiwan’s Indian friends will have one reply: **GET LOST!**” (to China).

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