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# TODAY'S ANALYSIS

## (19 November 2024)

### TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- PM MODI'S VISIT TO NIGERIA
- SNAP POLLS IN GERMANY
- BODOLAND MAHOTSAV
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## PM MODI'S VISIT TO NIGERIA



### Why is this Visit Significant?

- **First Visit in 17 Years:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Nigeria is the **first visit by an Indian Prime Minister in 17 years.**
- This shows the importance of **renewing and enhancing India-Nigeria ties**, given Nigeria's status as **Africa's largest democracy and economy.**

### KEY BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS

- **India-Nigeria Strategic Partnership:** The discussions between **PM Modi and President Bola Ahmed Tinubu** focused on strengthening the India-Nigeria **Strategic Partnership**, which is critical for addressing global and regional challenges in various sectors:

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- **Defense and Security:** The leaders addressed security issues, particularly counter-terrorism, maritime piracy, and separatism.
- Nigeria faces significant challenges in the Gulf of Guinea, where piracy has been a major concern. Both sides agreed to enhance defense and security cooperation.
- **Technology and Innovation:** India offered assistance for Nigeria's digital transformation, particularly in Information and Communication Technology (ICT).
- **Health and Education:** India expressed willingness to support Nigeria in healthcare, including medicine supply and capacity-building for Nigerian healthcare professionals.
- Both sides also agreed to facilitate student exchanges and academic collaborations.
- **Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs):** After their discussions, PM Modi and President Tinubu signed three MoUs:
  - **Cultural Exchange:** To promote mutual understanding and strengthen people-to-people ties.
  - **Cooperation in Customs:** To streamline customs procedures, making trade more efficient between the two countries.

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- **Survey Cooperation:** To improve cooperation in surveying and geographical data, assisting in infrastructure development and planning.
- **Humanitarian Aid:** In light of the severe flooding in Nigeria, PM Modi announced that India would send 20 tons of humanitarian aid to assist with flood relief efforts.
- PM Modi also expressed condolences for the loss of life and devastation caused by the floods, underscoring India's solidarity with Nigeria.

### Economic Cooperation and Trade

- **Bilateral Trade:** In 2022, the trade between India and Nigeria amounted to USD 15 billion.
- India's key exports to Nigeria include pharmaceuticals, automobiles, machinery, and chemicals, while Nigeria exports oil and gas products to India.
- **Energy Cooperation:** Nigeria, as Africa's largest oil producer, and India, with its substantial energy needs, are natural partners for energy cooperation.
- India has shown interest in investing in Nigeria's oil and gas sectors and has been a key partner in oil exploration in the country.
- **Investment Opportunities:** India is exploring investment opportunities in Nigeria, especially in sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, and renewable energy. Indian companies are well-positioned to bring technology and investment to these sectors.

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## Global and Regional Issues Discussed

- **ECOWAS:** PM Modi acknowledged the **important role of President Tinubu as Chair of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)**.
- He praised Nigeria's contribution to **regional stability** and cooperation in West Africa.
- **Climate Change and Green Initiatives:** PM Modi invited Nigeria to join India's **climate action** initiatives, such as the International Solar Alliance (**ISA**) and the **International Big Cat Alliance**, which focus on renewable energy and biodiversity conservation.
- **G20 Summit:** The leaders also discussed the **significance of the African Union's permanent membership in the G20**, a key outcome of India's 2023 G20 presidency. PM Modi emphasized the importance of empowering **developing countries in global decision-making forums**.

## Recognition and Diplomatic Engagement

- **Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger (GCON):** In recognition of **PM Modi's efforts to strengthen bilateral relations**, Nigeria conferred its highest national honor, the **Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger (GCON)**, on PM Modi.
- This is the **first time the honor has been awarded to a foreign leader since 1969**.

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- PM Modi **dedicated this honor to the 140 crore people of India** and the enduring friendship between the two countries.
- **Indian Diaspora in Nigeria:** PM Modi addressed the **Indian community in Abuja, emphasizing the shared democratic values between India and Nigeria.**
- The Indian diaspora in Nigeria, around 60,000 strong, plays a crucial role in strengthening bilateral ties and fostering people-to-people connections.

### India's Development Assistance to Nigeria

- **Concessional Loans:** India has **extended a concessional loan worth USD 100 million to Nigeria**, aimed at supporting key infrastructure and development projects.
- **Capacity-Building:** India has been providing training programs to Nigerian professionals to help build local capacities, contributing to Nigeria's development in sectors such as healthcare, education, and technology.

### The Role of India and Nigeria in the Global South

- **Voice of the Global South:** PM Modi and President Tinubu discussed their shared vision to advocate for the **Global South in international forums such as the United Nations and World Trade Organization (WTO).** India's leadership in promoting the concerns of

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developing nations, **particularly through initiatives like the Voice of the Global South Summit, received strong support from Nigeria.**

- **Common Development Agenda:** Both countries emphasized the need for **sustainable development, poverty reduction, and climate change mitigation**, with a focus on inclusive and equitable development for the Global South.



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## SNAP POLLS IN GERMANY



- On November 6, 2024, Germany's ruling coalition, made up of the **Social Democrats (SPD), Greens, and Free Democrats (FDP)**, fell apart after Chancellor **Olaf Scholz** fired his **Finance Minister, Christian Lindner (FDP)**.
- After this, a **no-confidence vote** will take place on **December 16, 2024**.
- Since Scholz is **expected to lose without support from the FDP**, snap elections are planned for **February 23, 2025**, earlier than the original election date in **September 2025**.

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## THE CURRENT COALITION

Germany's coalition government, formed after the 2021 federal elections, was a three-party alliance:

1. **Social Democratic Party (SPD)** – Center-left.
2. **The Greens** – Left-wing.
3. **Free Democratic Party (FDP)** – Center-right, fiscally conservative.

## WHAT CAUSED THE COLLAPSE OF THE COALITION?

The current coalition has been struggling due to **conflicts over important issues**, especially on money matters:

- **Disagreements Over Money and Spending:**
  - The **SPD (Social Democrats)** and **Greens** wanted to increase **government spending** to help with things like **climate change and defense**.
  - However, **Christian Lindner (FDP)** opposed this, pushing for strict rules on **borrowing money to keep government debt low**.
- **Tax Cuts and Budget Cuts:**
  - The FDP also wanted **tax cuts** for the rich and **spending cuts** in other areas, **which the SPD and Greens didn't agree with**.

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- These **disagreements over money** created tension within the coalition.
- **Big Budget Problems:**
  - The government was **already facing a multi-billion euro gap** in the national budget, which **made the situation even worse.**

## WHAT IS GERMANY'S DEBT BRAKE RULE?

Germany has a **debt brake rule** that limits how much money the government can borrow. The government can only borrow up to **0.35% of GDP** (the total value of goods and services in the country). This rule is in the **German Constitution** and was created to avoid too much borrowing, which could lead to large debts in the future.

- **Exceptions to the Debt Brake:** In cases of emergencies, like **natural disasters** or major crises, the **German Parliament (Bundestag)** can temporarily suspend the debt brake.
- **For example,** it was used during the **COVID-19 pandemic** and **Ukraine war**, which caused an **energy crisis** in Germany.

## THE BUDGET CRISIS

To get around the debt brake rule, the government used some special **off-budget funds** to finance important projects. These include:

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- **Climate and transformation fund**
- **Economic stabilization fund**
- **Federal armed forces fund**

These funds helped pay for things like climate change programs and defense spending. But a **court ruling** in November 2023 said that it was **unconstitutional** to move **60 billion euros** of **unused pandemic debt** into one of these funds. This decision created a **big budget problem** and made the coalition even more unstable.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- **No-Confidence Vote and Snap Elections:**
  - The **no-confidence vote** will happen on **December 16, 2024**.
  - Chancellor **Olaf Scholz** is **expected to lose this vote** without the support of the **FDP, which has left the coalition**.
  - As a result, **snap elections** will be held on **February 23, 2025, earlier than the original elections planned for September 2025**.
- **Rising Opposition:**
  - The **Christian Democratic Union (CDU)** and the **Christian Social Union (CSU)**, which are **part of the main opposition, are now leading in the polls**.

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- A recent survey shows that the **CDU/CSU** alliance has **33%** of the vote, while the SPD is at only **16%**.
- **The Far-Right Party (AfD):**
  - The **AfD (Alternative for Germany)**, a far-right party, has also been growing in popularity.
  - It is now at **17%** in the polls, **higher than the SPD**.
  - The AfD recently won a state election in **Thuringia**, marking its **first win since the Nazi era**.
  - The **AfD** has been criticized for having links to **neo-Nazi groups** and for pushing anti-immigrant policies.
  - There are **debates in Germany about whether** the AfD should be **banned, but no action has been taken so far**.

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## BODOLAND MAHOTSAV



### PM Modi inaugurates **Bodoland Mohotsov** in New Delhi



#### Key Details:

- **Event:** 1st Bodoland Mahotsav (Festival)
- **Inauguration by:** Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi
- **Date:** 15th November 2024 (6:30 PM)
- **Venue:** SAI Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, New Delhi
- **Duration:** Two-day event (15th & 16th November 2024)
- **Theme:** "Peace and Harmony for Prosperous Bharat"

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## PURPOSE OF THE EVENT

- The **Bodoland Mahotsav** is a **cultural, linguistic, and literary festival** aimed at **promoting peace, harmony,** and prosperity through the celebration of Bodo culture and heritage.
- It is a **major step towards promoting unity among the Bodo people and other indigenous communities of the North Eastern region** of India, particularly in **Assam, West Bengal, Nepal, and bordering areas.**
- The festival highlights the role of **cultural and linguistic diversity in the development** of a vibrant Bodo society.

## OBJECTIVES

- **Promoting Peace and Unity:** The event marks the ongoing journey of peace in the Bodoland region, particularly after the **Bodo Peace Accord of 2020**, which resolved decades of conflict and violence.
- The agreement, achieved under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, is evidence of the commitment **towards peacebuilding in the region and serves as a model for resolving similar** issues in other areas.

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- **Cultural and Linguistic Integration:** The festival will emphasize the **importance of preserving and promoting the Bodo language, traditions, and customs**, while also focusing on the cultural contributions of other communities from the **Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR)**.
- It is an opportunity for the Bodo people, **spread across Assam, West Bengal, Nepal**, and other international border areas, to showcase their rich heritage.
- **Promoting Bodo Society's Development:** The Mahotsov aims to create a more integrated Bodo society by celebrating cultural diversity, fostering educational advancements, and promoting tourism, particularly through themes such as **ecological biodiversity** and the **tourism potential** of the Bodoland region.

## SIGNIFICANCE

- **Cultural Revival:** The event will showcase Bodo literature, language, traditions, and customs through various sessions and discussions.
- Special focus will be on how Bodo culture contributes to India's overall heritage.
- **Education Focus:** One of the key discussions will address the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** and its role in promoting mother-tongue instruction, particularly in Bodo and other indigenous languages.

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- **Tourism Development:** The festival will also explore opportunities for promoting tourism in the Bodoland region, which is known for its scenic beauty, cultural richness, and ecological diversity.

## THE BODO TRIBE

- **Historical Background:** The Bodo tribe is one of the **earliest known ethnic groups to inhabit Assam**, historically linked to the **Indo-Mongoloid** or **Indo-Tibetan** family.
- The Bodos have distinctive linguistic and cultural traits that differentiate them from other ethnic groups in India.
- **Geographic Distribution:** **Bodo-speaking** communities are found across Assam (especially in the **Brahmaputra Valley**), **West Bengal**, and **Nepal**.
- In Assam, they are known as the **Bodos** or **Boros**, and in Lower Assam and West Bengal, they are referred to as **Meches**.
- **Language:** The Bodo language belongs to the **Tibeto-Burman** family, which is spoken by a large number of people in the northeastern region, including in **parts of Assam, West Bengal, and Myanmar (Burma)**.

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## IMPLICATIONS FOR THE REGION

- **Socio-political Impact:** The **Bodo Peace Accord (2020)** was a landmark agreement that addressed the long-standing demands of the **Bodo people**, which included autonomy, recognition of the Bodo language, and a separate administrative body.
- The **successful implementation of the peace agreement has played a crucial role in reducing insurgency and fostering** a stable political environment in the region.
- **Economic Development:** The festival can also have significant economic benefits for the region by boosting **cultural tourism**, enhancing the region's profile, and bringing attention to its untapped potential in terms of biodiversity, natural resources, and cultural heritage.

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## MCQs

1. Consider the following statements wrt India & Nigeria and mark the correct one:

1. India & Nigeria established Strategic Partnership in 2024.
2. Nigeria is Africa's largest economy.

- (A) Only 1  
(B) Only 2  
(C) Both 1 & 2  
(D) Neither 1 nor 2

**Ans. (B)**

2. Which of these statements about Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger (GCON) is/are true?

1. It is the highest national honour of Nigeria.
2. Queen Elizabeth was the first foreign national to receive this award.

- (A) Only 1  
(B) Only 2  
(C) Both 1 & 2  
(D) Neither 1 nor 2

**Ans. (C)**

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3. Recently the debt brake rule of Germany was in news. What does it mean?

- (A) It means the government cannot take loan during emergency years.
- (B) It means the government cannot take loans beyond 0.35% of the GDP.
- (C) It means the govt. Cannot take loans beyond 35% of the GDP.
- (D) None of the above.

**Ans. (B)**

4. Consider the following statements wrt Bodoland Mahotsav and mark the correct one:

1. In 2024, the first ever Bodoland Mahotsav was celebrated.
2. It aims to promote peace & harmony on one side and cultural & linguistic integration on the other side.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Both 1 & 2
- (D) Neither 1 nor 2

**Ans. (C)**

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