



## Rapid Fire Current Affairs

### Raising Day of Indo-Tibetan Border Police

The [Indo-Tibetan Border Police \(ITBP\)](#), is a dedicated force responsible for safeguarding India's borders with Tibet (China). The Prime Minister praised their unwavering determination and courage on their **raising day (24<sup>th</sup> October)**, acknowledging their vital role in protecting the nation's border security and integrity.

- The ITBP is a specialized mountain force of India, which was established on **24<sup>th</sup> October 1962**, soon after the India-China war which was initially meant for deployment **along the [India-China border](#)**.
- ITBP was initially raised under the **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Act, 1949**. However, **in 1992**, parliament enacted the ITBP Act and the rules were framed in 1994.
- However, over the years, ITBP has **also been deployed for various internal security duties, including [anti-Naxal operations](#)**. The force is known for its expertise in **high-altitude rescue and mountaineering operations**.

Read More: [Central Armed Police Forces](#)

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### ICT Labs for PM Shri Schools

[Information and Communication Technology \(ICT\)](#) labs and Smart Classrooms for [PM Shri schools](#) are to be introduced in Haryana for adopting modern technology in the classrooms which will enhance the quality of education and provide a better learning experience to the students.

- ICT labs and Smart Classrooms bridge [urban-rural digital gap](#), providing equal education opportunities.
- **PM Shri** is a [centrally sponsored scheme](#) for upgradation and development of more than **14500 Schools** across the country which aims at strengthening the selected existing schools from amongst schools managed by **Central Government/ State/UT Government/ local bodies**.
- It will showcase all components of the [National Education Policy 2020](#) and act as exemplar schools and also offer mentorship to other schools in their vicinity.

Read More: [Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing \(DIKSHA\)](#), [Digital India Mission](#)

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### Ball Lightning

**Ball lightning**, a rare natural event, is a **luminous sphere** that typically **appears near [lightning strikes](#)**.

- It can penetrate **closed windows** and is usually **accompanied by a hissing sound**, and has a lifetime of several seconds.
  - The color is quite variable and the **ball often ends with an explosion**. However, it is **not usually destructive**.
- Also, it is sometimes called **globe lightning**, these spheres are **thought to be composed of plasma**, an ionized state of matter with freely moving ions.

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## Supreme Court Rectifies Long-standing Employment Issue

In a recent landmark decision, the [Supreme Court](#) has rectified a **30-year-old injustice in a public employment case**.

- The Court invoked its powers under **Article 142 of the Constitution**, ordering the concerned department to appoint an individual to a probationary position for 10 years.
  - **Article 142** of the Constitution grants the Supreme Court the unique authority to deliver "**complete justice**" in situations where the law or statutes may not offer a remedy.
- SC held that a **public employer**, which falls under the '**state**' category as per **Article 12 of the Constitution**, cannot dismiss a candidate from job consideration without a valid and justifiable reason.
- The ruling underscores the **importance of clear and fair eligibility criteria** from the outset of a selection process and reaffirms the **principle of non-discrimination in public employment**.

**Read more:** [Supreme Court](#)

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