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## GS Paper 2-Governance

# Two granted citizenship under CAA in Assam

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Two applicants in Assam have been granted citizen-



## KEY POINTS

- In Assam, two applicants were granted citizenship under the CAA, which offers citizenship to certain religious minorities from Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Afghanistan who entered India before December 31, 2014. However, it excludes tribal areas in Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura, and regions requiring an Inner Line Permit (ILP).







## GS Paper 1-Culture

### *Jumbo spectacle*





## KEY POINTS

The Guruvayur Aanayottam is a unique elephant race held at the Guruvayur Sree Krishna Temple in Kerala, marking the start of the annual Guruvayur Festival, celebrated in the Malayalam month of Kumbham (February–March). The tradition dates back to the era of the Zamorin.







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## GS Paper 3-Defence

### India second-largest arms importer after Ukraine in 2020-24, says SIPRI

At 36%, imports from Russia made up largest share of Indian imports, down from 55% in 2015-19; India received the largest share of French arms exports at 28%; China dropped out of the list of top 10 arms importers for the first time since 1990-94

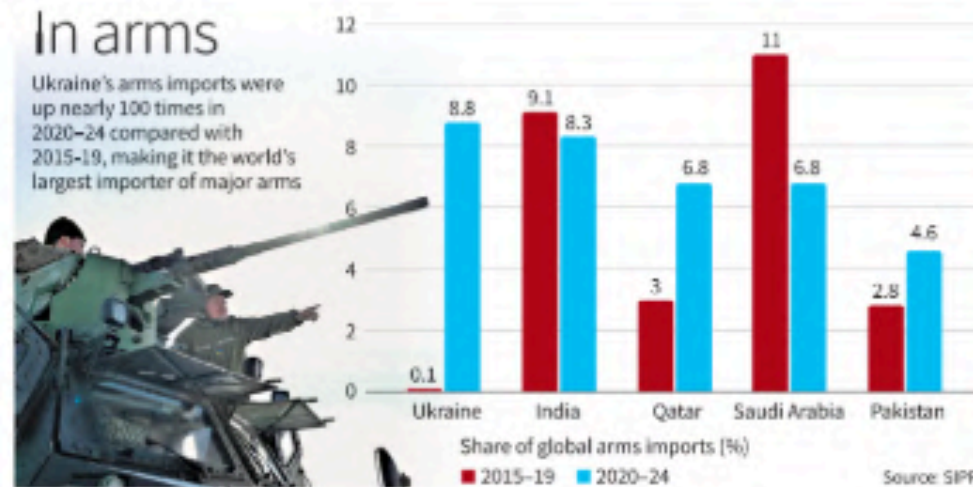
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Ukraine, involved in a war with Russia for the past four years, became the largest importer of major arms in the world during the period between 2020 and 2024, clocking a nearly 100-fold rise in imports compared with the figures for 2015-2019.

India was the second-largest arms importer, though the trade figures decreased by 9.3% between 2015-19 and 2020-24, show data from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

The country was the biggest arms export destination for both Russia and France, though the volume with Moscow has significantly reduced.

China dropped out of the list of top 10 arms importers for the first time since 1990-94, showcasing



2015-19 and 2020-24. China became even more dominant as its supplier, accounting for 81% of Pakistan's arms imports in 2020-24, compared with 74% in 2015-19," the SIPRI report released on Monday said.

While European arms imports overall grew by 155% between the same periods as the continent rearms itself, the U.S.

Asia and Oceania – India, Pakistan, Japan, and Australia – ranked among the 10 largest arms importers globally in 2020-24.

Russia delivered major arms to 33 countries in 2020-24, of which two-thirds went to three countries – India (38%), China (17%), and Kazakhstan (11%).

**French exports**

craft to Greece and Croatia, and arms supplies to Ukraine after Russia's full-scale invasion in 2022."

Nevertheless, India received by far the largest share of French arms exports (28%) – almost twice the share that went to all European recipients combined (15%).

The second largest recipient of major arms from France was Qatar (9.7%).

submarines are set to be concluded very soon.

#### Global transfer volume

The overall volume of arms transfers globally remained at roughly the same level as in 2015-19 and 2010-14 (but was 18% higher than in 2005-2009), as increasing imports in Europe and the Americas were offset by decreases in other regions, data show.

Italy, with a 4.8% share of arms sales, jumped from 10th to sixth place on the exporters' list.

The report stated that at least 35 countries sent weapons to Ukraine since the war began in 2022, and a substantial number of deliveries are in the pipeline. The country received 8.8% of global arms imports in 2020-24.

"The new arms transfers figures clearly reflect the rearmament taking place among states in Eu-





## KEY POINTS

- From 2020–2024, Ukraine became the largest arms importer, followed by India. China dropped out of the top 10. Russia's arms exports fell, while France became the second-largest exporter. India was the top recipient of French arms. Global arms transfers remained stable, with Europe increasing imports due to Russia.





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## GS Paper 3-Science and Tech

### HOW A GENE-EDITED BANANA MAY HELP REDUCE FOOD WASTE

BROWN, OVER-RIPE bananas often end up in dustbins, even when they are perfectly edible. This has led to scientists developing a new genetically-engineered banana which has a longer shelf-life, and does not brown as much.

Tropic, the UK-based biotech company which has developed these bananas, claims that their fruit remains fresh and yellow for 12 hours after being peeled, and is also less likely to turn brown when bumped during harvesting and transportation.

#### Why do bananas turn brown?

Bananas boast a colourful life cycle — they start at a deep green, change to a delicious yellow, and end (if not consumed beforehand) at an unappetising brown. These changes are a product of their ripening process, which is caused by a



It is natural for bananas to turn brown. [Wikimedia Commons](#)

cally engineered fruits to be approved for commercial sale in the US, and have been

## KEY POINTS

Scientists at UK-based Tropic have developed a genetically-engineered banana that resists browning and stays fresh for 12 hours after being peeled. By disabling the enzyme polyphenol oxidase (PPO), the banana prevents browning without affecting ripening. This innovation helps reduce food waste, which could lower greenhouse gas emissions.

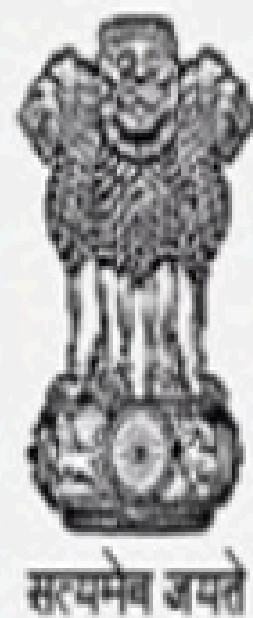






## GS Paper 3-Economy

**Over 30 Crore Unorganised Workers Registered On E-Shram Portal**



श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
**MINISTRY OF LABOUR &  
EMPLOYMENT**

**e-Shram**



## KEY POINTS

1. Over 30.68 crore unorganised workers, with over 53% women, have registered on the e-Shram Portal, launched in 2021. The portal integrates 13 schemes from various Central Ministries, including PM-SVANidhi and Ayushman Bharat.







## GS Paper 3-Economy

**India Signs MoU With Armenia For Cooperation In Field Of Medical Products Regulation**







**ALL INDIA RADIO**  
VOICE OF THE NATION



## KEY POINTS

India and Armenia signed an MoU on medical products regulation and discussed cooperation in digital tech, pharmaceuticals, trade, and culture. They also signed an MoU between the Sushma Swaraj Institute and Armenia's Diplomatic School, aiming to strengthen bilateral ties in politics, trade, and defense.

