



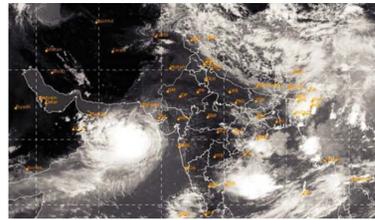
## World Food Day

World Food Day is not only about celebrating the amazing food that people have the privilege of indulging in, but it is about raising awareness for people who do not have such privilege. People all over the world who suffer from hunger, starvation is a massive problem in a number of countries, and we need to do more to raise awareness and combat this problem. In recent times, education has grown about healthy diets and which foods are healthy or unhealthy. World Food Day offers a great opportunity to further education and awareness in this area.

### #CLIMATE-CHANGE

## More frequent & intense cyclones on India's western coast

Human-induced climate change is causing more frequent and intense cyclones on India's west coast, finds a new study.



Changes in the patterns of ocean and atmosphere warming are causing more frequent and severe tropical cyclones in the Eastern Arabian Sea, next to India's west coast, according to a new study.

Typically, tropical cyclones usually happen in the Arabian Sea at the start of the southwestern monsoon between March and June, as well as after the season, between October and December. "In 2019, the Arabian Sea witnessed five cyclones as compared to its normal count of three, and the year 2019 corresponds to a positive IOD (Indian Ocean dipole) phase. Hence, under favourable natural climate modes, warming of Arabian Sea can increase the frequency and intensity of tropical cyclones in the North Indian Ocean," said S Abhilash, co-author of the study published in Scientific Reports. He is an associate professor in the Department of Atmospheric Science at the Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT).

The IOD is similar to the El Niño, where one part of the ocean gets warmer than the other. During its positive phase, sea surface temperatures get warmer, and there is more precipitation (rain) in the western Indian Ocean region. This corresponds to more rain in the eastern Indian Ocean.

The recent increasing frequency of extremely severe cyclonic storms over the ARB during the post-monsoon season is due to anthropogenic influence rather than natural variability," explained Abhilash, emphasising that human-caused climate change is responsible for the intensification and increase in the frequency of cyclones. As the eastern Arabian



## ITS SECURITY FAILURE HAS ROOTS IN ISRAEL'S INTERNAL UNREST

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At the end of September, the US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan had listed out an inventory of positive developments in West Asia and said, "the Middle East region is quieter today than it has been in two decades.

On 07 October, a shocking multi-dimensional attack in South Israel by the Hamas who are reportedly funded by Iran has shattered the fragile peace that existed by launching Operation Al-Aqsa Flood.

Though war has been a perpetual concern in Israel, but it has been decades since Israelis have had to wonder whether this would be the day that their borders would be overrun and their enemies would roam the streets with slaughter as their aim.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned his citizens that "they are at war"; civil reservists have been called up and videos are showing hand battles on the streets. The country is in lockdown, with the potential for future strikes in the South by Hamas and new ones by Hezbollah in the North. The country has been torn apart by domestic divisions. Death and destruction are following as Israel has its artillery and precision guided weapons on the Gaza Strip.

Current Conflict We can take a stand on the conflict from two sides one is based on the current episode and the other based on a continuum of events that took place nearly 76 years ago and the events that have followed with alarming regularity. While bids have been made for peaceful resolutions unfortunately as the ground beneath the feet is not firm these have only led to an uneasy peace and not to an enduring and lasting peace.

While both sides have resorted to force and violence over the decades as a means to settling the past five years. The project brings together a multi-disciplinary research team that includes social scientists, physical geographers, atmospheric and marine scientists, and communication and media experts from CUSAT and the University of Sussex. The project aims to improve safety at sea for small-scale traditional fishers by producing and communicating localised weather forecasts.

Palestinian anger and Israeli aggression can be debated endlessly with both sides having strong arguments to support their cause and case.

Can one draw parallels with the drawn-out conflict in Ukraine, the issue remains the extent of the Hamas arsenal in terms of rockets and the ability to replenish them. Firing four thousand rockets in a matter of hours will be difficult to sustain in the long run and building up a coalition of open support as is being done by NATO is not feasible or likely in the current geo-political context.

Need to Focus on Localising the Conflict The earlier wars were fought in a larger context described as Arab-Israeli Wars with conventional forces dominating. The 'Intifada' saw the Israeli troops in Lebanon though they finally had to withdraw but Lebanon continues to remain at the precipice bitterly divided with its economy in dire straits. Will the Hezbollah now risk retribution by directly supporting the Hamas?

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### #GEOPOLITICS



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would not have been developed overnight and being able to discern the intent is what intelligence is all about, eliminating the threat from the base from where it originates comes next.

It cannot just be seen as an intelligence failure but is a monumental failure of a system. How were the Hamas able to accumulate and fire five thousand rockets in less than an hour without triggering alarms? The Gaza border reportedly has sensors, cameras and thermal imaging to detect movement and is patrolled regularly and this is backed by quick reaction teams who can then arrive at the point within minutes. Was there some sort of cyber-attack that that preceded the attack resulting in immobilizing these assets and rendering the surveillance grid virtually ineffective? What about space-based surveillance systems? There is always redundancy built in as far as these networked systems and other monitoring mechanisms are concerned.

Images show tank crews being pulled out of cupola's, women being trampled upon and innocent civilians being shot in their cars. The path the returning pickup trucks could have been tracked and targeted to prevent hostages being taken. The murderous spree continued for over four hours and military garrisons were overrun but there seemed to be no

response. Thousands of rockets, which must have been obtained and hidden, were launched by Hamas. Hamas used drones to strike at Israeli targets. It sent its fighters on foot, by boat, and by air on motorized paragliders on the streets of Israeli towns unleashing barbaric acts against innocent citizens. As such a physical attack as a performative one delivering a sinister message.

Though images may suggest a spontaneous action on the part of Hamas it was without doubt a pre-planned and well-coordinated and executed operation. The Israelis were confident they knew exactly what the Palestinians were doing by their sophisticated means of spying. They built a wall between Gaza and the communities on the Israeli side of the border. They felt that Hamas wouldn't dare launching an attack because they would get crushed, and that the Palestinians would turn against the Hamas for causing another war. They believed that Hamas was focused on a long-term ceasefire in which each side benefited from a live-and-let-live arrangement with nearly 20,000 Palestinian workers were going into Israel every day from Gaza, that was benefiting the economy and was generating tax revenues. But it turns out that was a lull before the storm. As per the Atlantic, commentators are already describing this as Israel's 9/11, but that comparison is a crutch—9/11 was about, in the words of the commission that reviewed it, a "failure of imagination" to understand what could happen in America, a nation that had not encountered foreign terror threats of any significant magnitude. Israel has existed, still exists, with that very imaginable prospect as part of its national being.

What is more important is the reasons that have led to this counter terrorism failure. Internal bitterness, political instability and acrimony within Israel. In July this year serious cracks were visible in the IDF. The IDF comprises mainly of reservists. Military service is compulsory for all Jewish males and females of certain ethnicities for up to three years after which they are absorbed as reservists. They form a critical pool of manpower and report every year for training in order to maintain the operational readiness of the IDF. However, a large number of them refused to serve or be mobilized in wake of the nation-wide protests against the judicial reforms initiated by Prime Minister Netanyahu. Some of them even participated in street demonstra-

### Disturbing Images

Hamas fighters targeted the main settlements and communities close to the Gaza Strip border with the aim of holding them as hostage for releasing Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails and to use as human shields to prevent a retaliation.

There are images showing old women at a bus stop, their possessions still next to them, and their blood leaking from their corpses. Others—were even worse, gunmen going from door-to-door killing indiscriminately while residents are huddled in fear. More and more videos are emerging of civilians beaten and sometimes soaked in blood, either their own or others'. They appear to have been transported to Gaza as hostages. The dead are not spared this fate. Two videos also suggest that Hamas took corpses of Israeli soldiers to Gaza and encouraged crowds to desecrate them. A woman's body is stripped partly naked and spat upon.

The tactics of taking and parading hostages the spectrum of which extends from the Chief of Israel's 'Depth Strike Force' Major General Nimrod Eloni to women who have been stripped has no doubt enraged millions around the world.

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Israel's counterterrorism efforts are extensive, they infiltrate terrorist groups and pay off members for intelligence. They destroy infrastructure as a deterrence. Israel has long utilized assassination against its enemies in Iran and elsewhere. Their Signal intelligence and technology in gathering is renowned. Bombing raids and military excursions against Hamas are part of Israel's counterterrorism mission. However, there is no doubt that the tools at their disposal failed them.

Israel regularly tests its response and evacuation systems. It recently built an extensive technology wall—including radar, cameras, and sensors—on 65 kilometers of the Gaza barrier. Its emergency-management capabilities are mature. Still, Hamas seems to have control over several populated areas in Southern Israel. Hamas's drones seem to have penetrated parts of Israel without reports of counter-drone efforts. Iron Dome, Israel's famous counter-weapons system, seems to have been no match for this multi-faceted attack.

There is no doubt that the current political gridlock has resulted in damaging Israel's security. It has to introspect and place national security above its internal political bickering.

There are many analysts who are saying that one of the reasons

for the Hamas to carry out this attack was the Abrahams Accord. They felt abandoned by the fact that Saudi Arabia and Israel were improving ties and thereby abandoning their cause while a rapprochement between Iran and Saudi Arabia would have led to stability in West Asia leading to greater irrelevance as far as the Palestinian cause was concerned. The Arab world coming to terms with Israel, the US was also pressing Israel to make concessions to the Palestinian Authority, Hamas's enemy. So this was an opportunity for Hamas to disrupt the whole process.

Hamas also has its backers' Iran and Syria being foremost among them and they would have had plenty of time to think through how the war will unfold. It's unlikely that Hamas would have jeopardised its sponsorship by launching the attack without consultation.

Israel's response maybe disproportionate in a bid to divert attention away from their failure to gauge such an attack. But an uncalibrated retaliation also has its pitfalls as it may lead to becoming a rallying point for transnationalist jihadis creating turmoil and aggravating security challenges in the years ahead.

While they do hold the moral high ground this time given the brutality of attacks on innocents. Resolving a centuries old issue is challenging but this escalation in violence will have far reaching regional and global implications. While the immediate priority is to counter the attack but, Israel will have to answer its citizens as to how, in the modern era, it has suffered a massive security failure. Finding the answer is essential to its future security.

The parties led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, have long argued that they were responsible for the relative peace that has prevailed for the past decade or so. That peace now seems to be over. They thought the problem was under control. But now all their assumptions have cast aside, and they are going to have to come to terms with that. While one of the lessons that emerged from the Ukrainian War is the need to build deterrence in the form of hard power and that violence still remains the currency for settling disputes, the current conflict in Israel not only reinforces that but also shows the impact on a country where its internal issues have been all consuming as far as its people and polity are concerned resulting in their inability to prepare adequately against external challenges.

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### #J'ADORE

## Glam It Up!

### 9 Days, 9 Looks With The Best Navratri Outfit Ideas

The most awaited season is here. This is the season of dance, this is the season of Navratri. With each day comes the new energy to dance more. So, to add spark to this event, here are some of the Navratri outfit ideas which will bring light to the night. Choose a different dress for a different day for making each day count.

**Navratri Ke Nau Colour Saree** The feel of Navratri is with the lights, the groups, dance, and the ultimate Navratri outfit ideas. One such idea is with the Navratri KeNaucolour saree. This saree signifies 9 colours and 9 feels of the 9 days. Such blooming Garba outfit ideas will make your event way more happening. The best part comes with the accessories that will let the ladies dive into awesomeness.



**Navratri Lehenga Choli** Navratri lehenga choli is a must for at least 2 days because the flair of lehengas during the turn arounds is simply bringing the vibes of Navratri. Do 'Nagada sang dhol' with this traditional Garba dress and get all set for sweating and dancing your heart out.

### Indo Western Navratri Outfits

Indo western styles are being new, especially today. All thanks to the level of comfort with the Indo western Navratri Outfits, which makes it comfortable to dance in. The Navratri outfit ideas are all about taking your comfort to the peak so that you can roll in dance without any other thoughts. Moreover, this modern Garba dress will also give you so many fashion innovations and the latest looks, according to the trends of 2023.



### Traditional Denim Jacket



Wondering why a denim jacket for Navratri? This is because it is not just a jacket but a traditional denim jacket with traditional prints enhanced on fine denim. You can choose out of sleeveless jackets and those with sleeves. Believe it or not, but the Navratri outfit ideas like these will make you totally out of the box. A jacket on traditional attire, and you are all good to go for an iconic look which no one else has tried before.

### Navratri Kurti

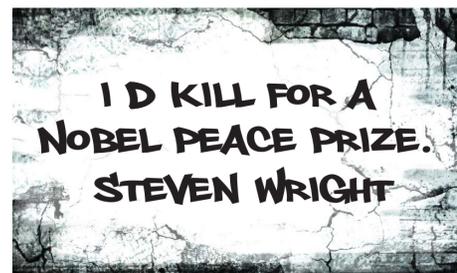
A kurti is the quickest solution for those who have got late while getting ready for the dance. The best part is that Navratri Kurti comes with an all different feel. With so much work, embroideries, and colours, this apparel is a one set go.



**Garba Chaniya Choli** One of the Navratri outfit ideas which will never fail you even in most situations is a GarbaChaniya choli. Chaniya cholis get you the traditional vibe and make you feel like you do not need anything more. The GarbaChaniya choli brings you all the more Gujrati fashion with the mirror work, sequins work, and dark colours. Choose the best match for you.



### THE WALL



### BABY BLUES



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