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1 Birsa Munda (Source: PIB)

He was an Indian tribal freedom fighter, reformer, and religious leader in the Deccan region.

- Also called 'Dharti Abba' or Father of the Earth
- Leader of Munda Rebellion ('Ulgulan' or the 'Great Tumult' (1899-1900))

Religious

- He renounced Christianity and protested against the conversion of Tribals by Christian missionaries.
- He created a new religion called "Birsait", which worshipped only one god and was used to spread strong anti-British feelings.

Reformer

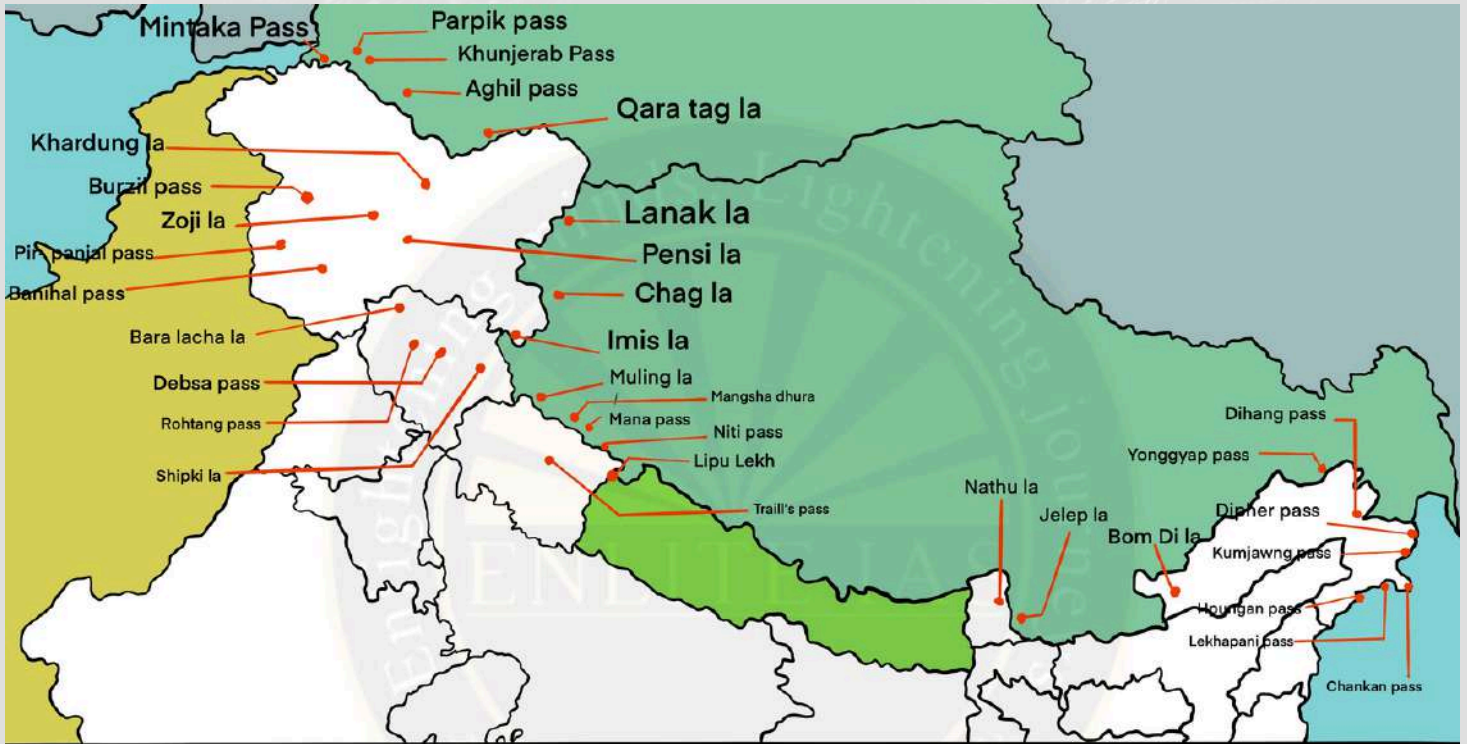
- He stressed the need for the tribals to study their religion and not forget their cultural roots.
- He convinced people to give up superstition, alcohol, theft, lying, murder, and begging under his new religion.

Death: Birsa died of cholera in the jail in 1900



2 Zoji La (Source: The Hindu)

- Zoji La is a high mountain pass located in the Kargil district of Ladakh (Western Himalayas).
- The pass links Leh and Srinagar.
- Zoji La is known as the “Mountain Pass of Blizzards”.



Mountain passes in Himalayas



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3 Chandrayaan-3 Mission (Source: The Indian Express)

Chandrayaan-3 is a follow-on mission to Chandrayaan-2, and it was launched in 2023 by ISRO.

- *It was launched using the LVM3-M4 rocket.*

Core Objectives


- **Safe Soft-Landing:** To demonstrate a safe and soft landing of the Lander Module (Vikram) near the unexplored lunar South Pole (Shiv Shakti Point).
- **Rover Mobility:** To demonstrate the movement and operational capabilities of the Rover (Pragyan) on the rugged lunar terrain.
- **In-Situ Scientific Experiments:** To conduct on-site chemical, physical, and thermal observations of the lunar surface material.




Recent Development

- Data collected by Chandrayaan-3 has established a close chemical relationship between the soil found at Shiv Shakti Point and a lunar meteorite that had hit Antarctica's Allan Hills region of Victoria Land about a million years ago.


4 Allocation of Election Symbols (Source: The Indian Express)



ALLOCATION OF ELECTION SYMBOLS IN INDIA




WHAT IS AN ELECTION SYMBOL?




An election symbol is a pictorial representation allotted to a political party or candidate, printed on the Ballot Unit/EVM and ballot paper, to help voters identify their choice easily.

LEGAL BASIS




The allocation of election symbols is governed by the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968 issued under the Representation of the People Act, 1951.




PROCESS OF ALLOCATION OF ELECTION SYMBOLS

1




RECOGNITION / REGISTRATION

2




CLAIM / REQUEST

3




AVAILABILITY CHECK

4




ALLOTMENT

5







PUBLICATION

6







LOCKING




BASIS OF ALLOCATION (ORDER OF PRIORITY)

- 1**  Recognized National Political Parties (Exclusively reserved symbols)
- 2**  Recognized State Political Parties (Exclusively from the State list)
- 3**  Registered Unrecognized Parties (Free symbols on first-come, first-served basis)
- 4**  Independent Candidates (Free symbols on first-come, first-served basis)

KEY FACTS & FIGURES (As on May 2024)


	Total Recognized National Parties	7
	Total Recognized State Parties	67
	Total Free Symbols available	2,357+
	Symbols help in voter recognition and reduce invalid votes.	


TYPES OF SYMBOLS

-  **Reserved Symbols**
Reserved exclusively for recognized National and State Political Parties.
-  **Free Symbols**
Available for allotment to other registered parties and independent candidates.
-  **Restricted Symbols**
Not allotted as they are reserved for ECI (see below).

RESTRICTED SYMBOLS (NOT ALLOTTED)

- National symbols (Flag, Emblem, Map of India, etc.)
- Religious symbols
- Symbols likely to create enmity or offend any class
- Matters related to public order, morality, etc.
- Anything resembling a registered trademark
- Other symbols as decided by the Election Commission



 **ELECTION SYMBOLS ENSURE FREE, FAIR AND INFORMED CHOICE BY MAKING THE ELECTORAL PROCESS SIMPLE AND INCLUSIVE.**

Source: Election Commission of India (eci.gov.in)