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Decoding the Complex Delivering the Essentials

PROJECT PRAHIAAR

A new shield against terror on three fronts.



The 3 Fronts: Water, Land, Air



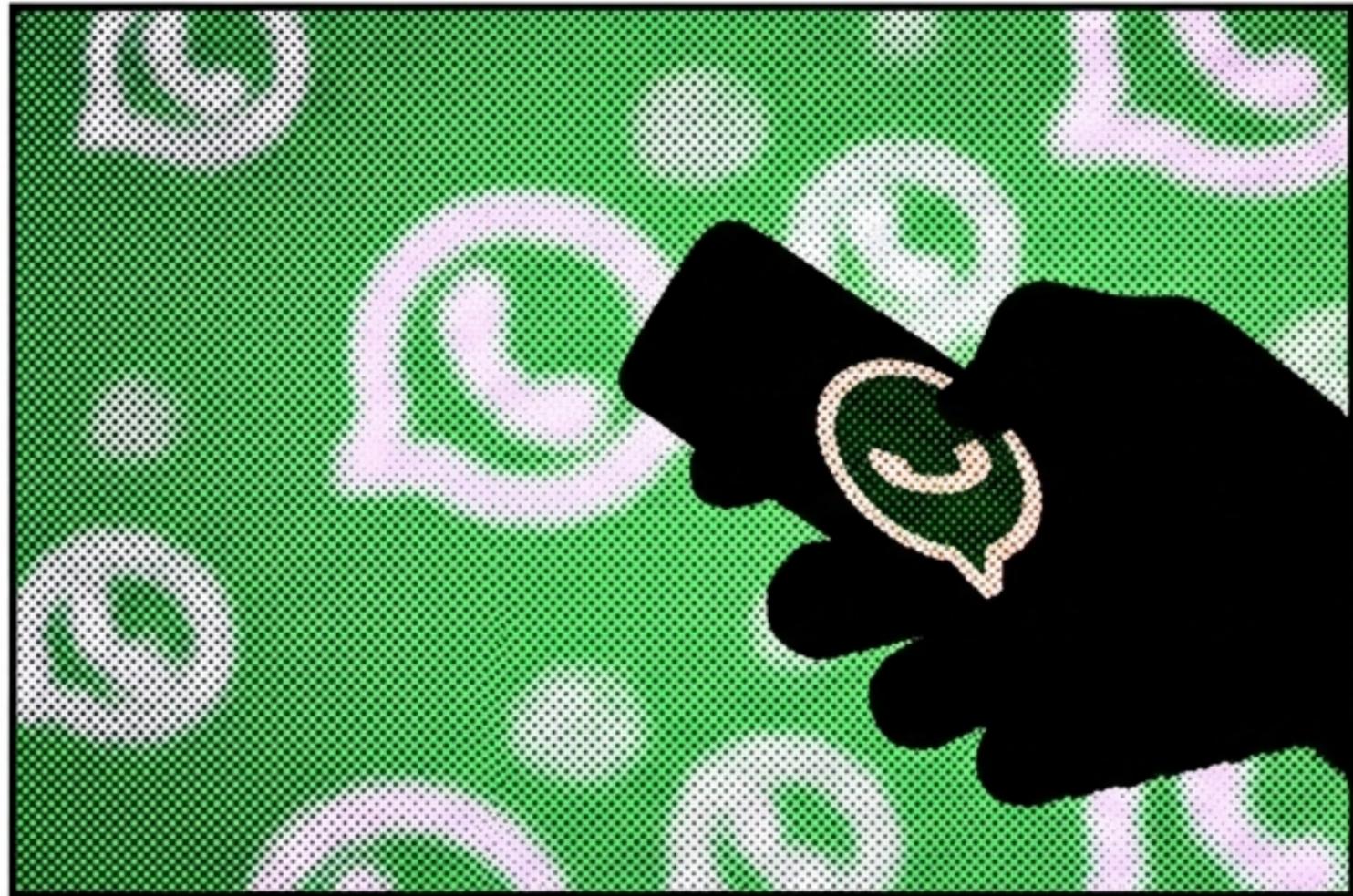
New Threats: Cyber-attacks, Criminal Hackers, & Drones



The Stance: Terrorism has no religion.

Goal: Stop funding, block weapons, and deny safe havens.

TECH WATCH: WHATSAPP VS. SUPREME COURT



The Defense: Messages are encrypted.

‘A decent way of committing theft.’

The Supreme Court questions data sharing with Meta without clear consent.

The Core Issue: Is the “Opt-Out” choice clear enough for silent users?

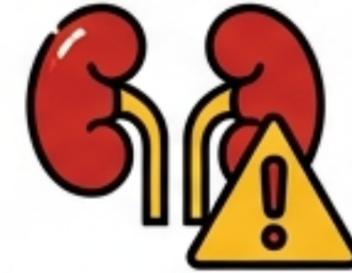
PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT: THE MILK TRAGEDY



Health officials collect samples for forensic analysis.



Adulterated Milk Consumed



Acute Renal Failure (Anuria)



4 Elderly Deaths & Critical Illness in Children

Action Taken: Vendor arrested. Forensic teams testing fodder and blood samples.

WORLD VIEW: TURMOIL IN MEXICO



THE FLASHPOINT

Army kills Cartel Leader Nemesio 'El Mencho' Oseguera.

THE REACTION

'Jalisco New Generation Cartel' rampages.

THE COST

25 troops killed, vehicles torched, schools closed.



GLOBAL SNAPSHOTS



HISTORIC FIRST

Rob Jetten sworn in as youngest & first openly gay PM.



DIPLOMATIC VISIT

PM Modi to visit Israel for the first time in 9 years.



RISING TENSIONS

US sets 'Red Lines': Zero nuclear enrichment for Iran.

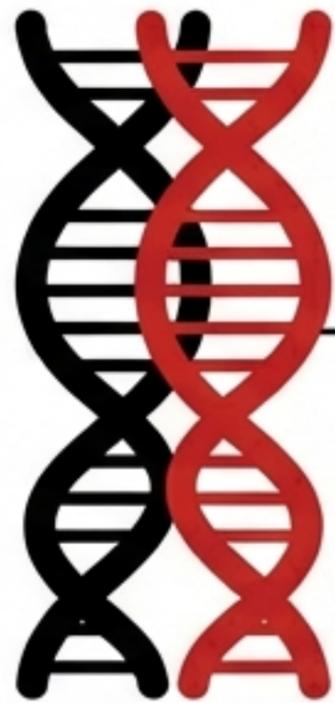


NUCLEAR FOCUS

Kim Jong-un re-elected; vows to strengthen arsenal.

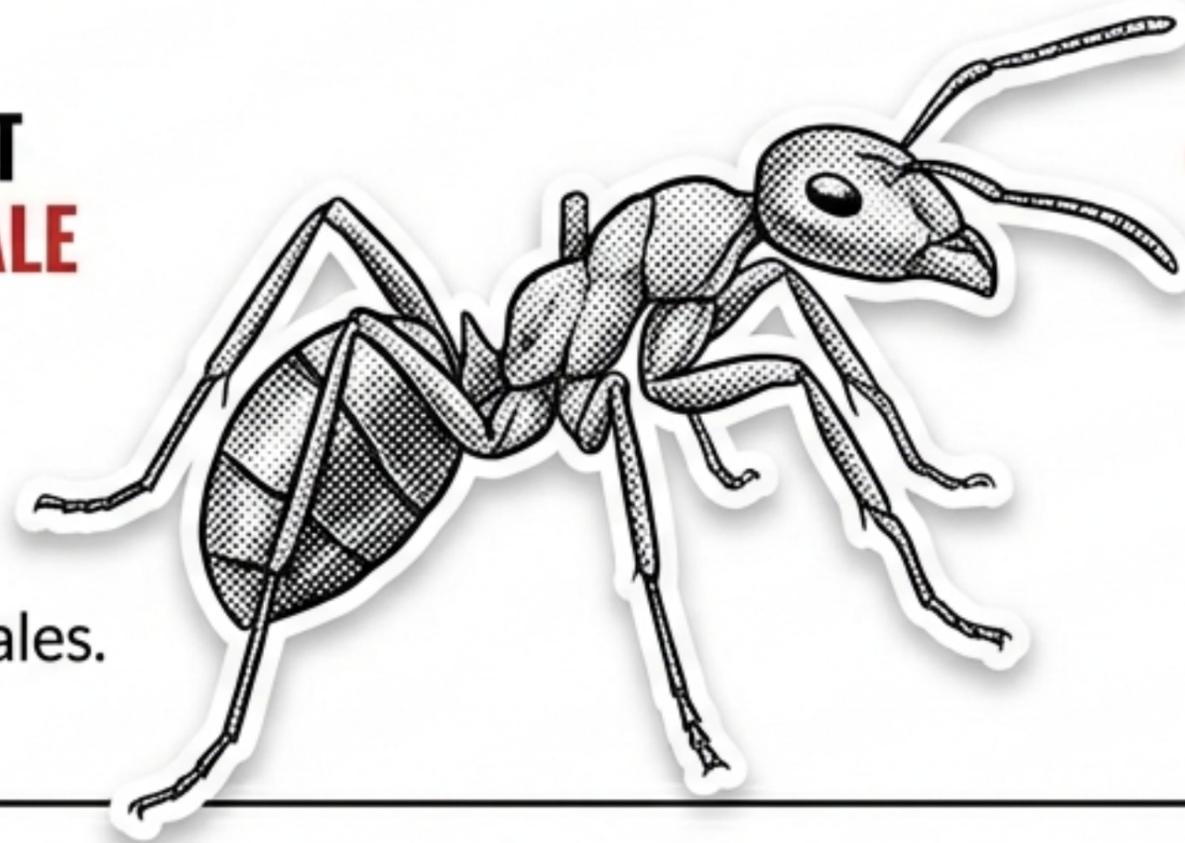
SCIENCE SIMPLIFIED: THE 'SEX' OF INSECTS

THE GENETIC SWITCH



- **TWO DIFFERENT COPIES = FEMALE**

Ants, bees, and wasps are haplodiploid. Fertilized eggs develop into females.



- **TWO MATCHING COPIES = MALE**

Unfertilized eggs develop into males.



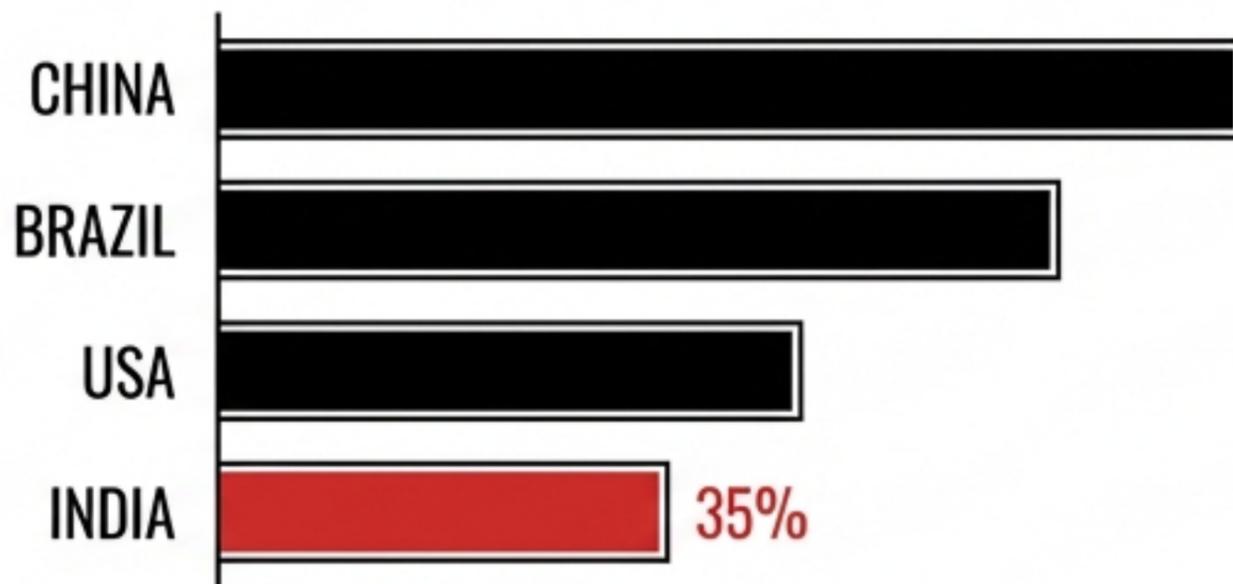
DISCOVERY

In ants, bees, and wasps, sex is determined by “non-coding” DNA—genetic material that acts as a switch rather than making proteins.

ENVIRONMENT: THE TOXIC TRUTH



TOP 4 CONTRIBUTORS TO PESTICIDE TOXICITY



“Chemicals are entering the marrow of our bones.” — Rachel Carson, Silent Spring

EDITORIAL: THE QUIET CRISIS

Why are we sadder when we are more connected?



LOW BATTERY



The Driver: Unregulated digital environment & Internet Addiction.

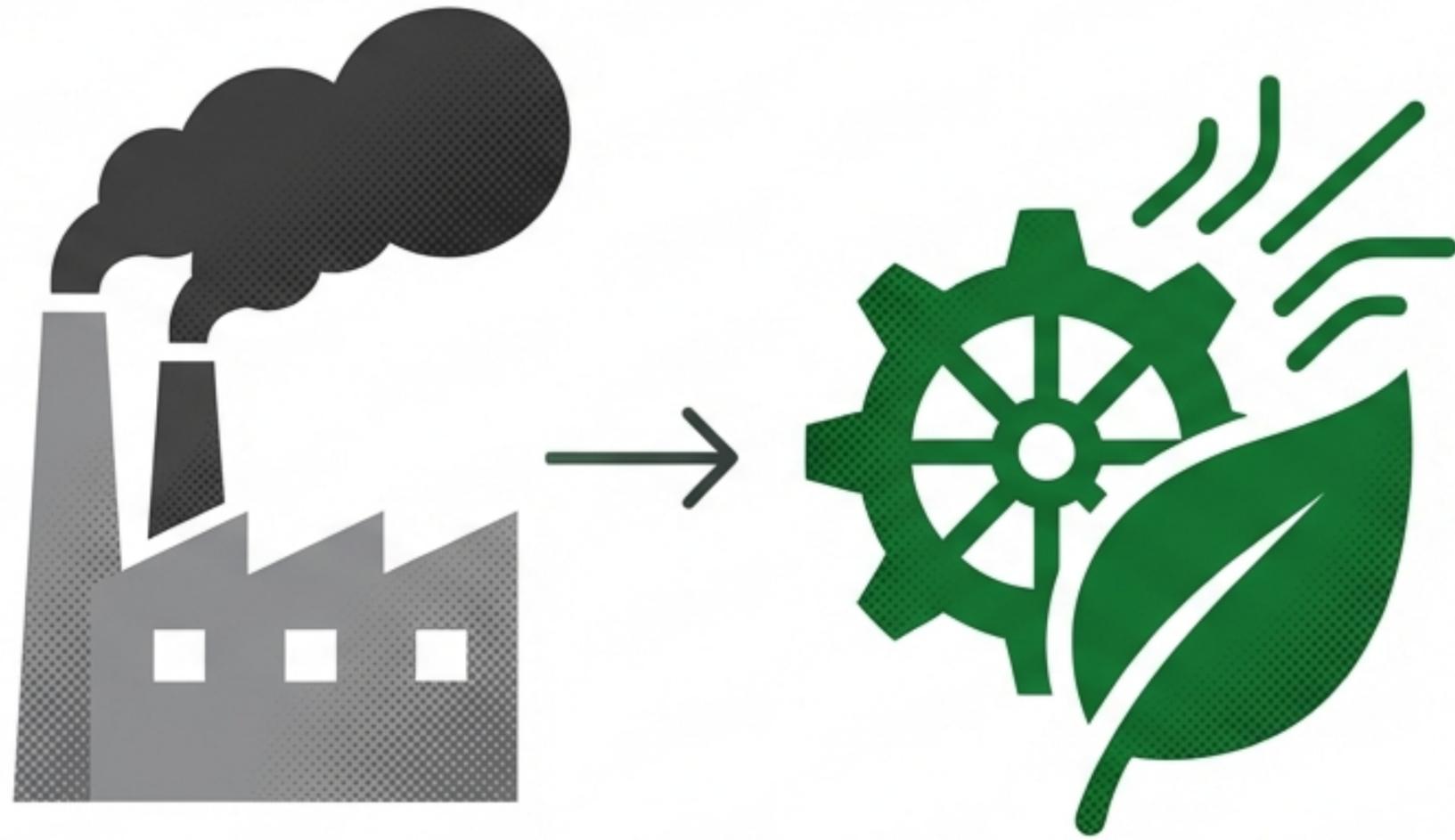


The Symptoms: Sleep disruption, anxiety, and isolation.



The Solution: Digital Hygiene. Prioritize well-being over competition.

FUTURE TECH: GREEN AMMONIA



What is it?

A shift toward green energy fuels.

The Ambition:

India's auction model can set Global Standards for clean energy.

The Goal:

Reducing fossil fuel dependence.

FINANCE WATCH: BANKING & ETHICS



The Finance Minister's Warning:

- ◀ Focus on core banking business.
- ◀ STOP mis-selling insurance products.
- ◀ Protect customer interests.

SPORTS ARENA: THE RISE OF J&K



RANJI TROPHY: J&K HISTORIC HISTERIC RUN

From Unfancied to
Finalists.

Quote: "We will be
sticking to the basics."
– Paras Dogra



INTERNATIONAL: WEST INDIES FORM

Motie's wrist spin
leads the charge.

QUICK BYTES: NEWS IN BRIEF



Jharkhand: Air ambulance crash likely due to bad weather.



Security: Two Maoists neutralized in Odisha operations.



Environment: SC suggests banning thermal plants within 300km of Delhi.



Politics: Rahul Gandhi joins 'Unite Humanity March' against hate crimes.

KNOWLEDGE NOOK: VOCABULARY & TRIVIA



Word: Roller Coaster Ride

Meaning: A situation with unexpected ups and downs.



Word: Vertically Challenged

Meaning: A polite term for someone who is short.



Did You Know?

Ants use 'Non-coding RNA' to determine sex, not X/Y chromosomes.



Stay Curious. Stay Informed.

To Do: _____

- Review the 'PRAHAAR' 3-front strategy.
- Check your own 'Digital Hygiene' today.