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HEADLINES OF THE DAY

The Hindu: Governance / Internal Security (Page 1)

Manipur government extends AFSPA in hill districts for 6 months



Armed Forces (Special) Powers Act (AFSPA)

- The Act in its original form was promulgated by the British in response to the **Quit India movement in 1942**.
- After Independence, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru decided to retain the Act, which was first brought in as **an ordinance** and then **notified as an Act in 1958**.
- It grants **extraordinary powers and immunity** to the armed forces to bring back order in the “disturbed areas”.
- **Disturbed area**: A disturbed area is one which is declared by notification under Section 3 of the AFSPA.
 - An area can be disturbed due to differences or disputes between members of different religious, racial, language or regional groups or castes or communities.
 - The Central Government, or the Governor of the State or administrator of the Union Territory can declare the whole or part of the State or Union Territory as a disturbed area.
 - A suitable notification would have to be made in the Official Gazette.

The Hindu : Indian Society (Page 4)

Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren writes to PM Modi, seeks recognition of Sarna religious code for tribals

Soren said that decline in the population would have an adverse effect on the policies of tribal development under the Fifth and Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

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'Sarna' code

Followers of 'Sarna' are usually nature worshippers.

- A large population of Jharkhand follows Sarna religion.
- The culture, worship method, ideals and beliefs of Sarna religion are different from all the prevalent religions
- Believers of Sarna faith do not practice idol worship, nor do they adhere to the concept of the Varna system, heaven-hell, etc.
- The followers are largely concentrated in the tribal belt states of Odisha, Jharkhand, Bihar, West Bengal, and Assam.

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The Hindu : Population and Associated Issues(Page 12)

India ageing, elderly to make up 20% of population by 2050: UNFPA report

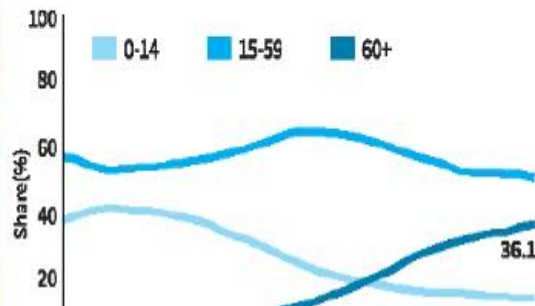
Study says challenges facing India's ageing population are the feminisation and 'ruralisation' of older population, and policies must be framed accordingly; data show that women, on an average, have a higher life expectancy at the age of 60 and 80 when compared with men

Turning grey

The chart shows the share of age groups in India's total population from 1950 to 2100. The share of the population over the age of 60 years is projected to increase from 10.5% in 2022 to 20.8% in 2050. The elderly will form over 36% of the total population of the country by the end of the century



- A sharp growth in the elderly population from 2010 onwards accompanied a decline in those aged below 15
- The population size of elderly in India will be higher than that of children aged 0-14 four years before 2050



- UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund) India, in collaboration with the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), unveiled the highly anticipated "**India Ageing Report 2023**."
- The "**India Ageing Report 2023**" represents an extensive examination of the living conditions and welfare of older individuals in India.
- It leverages the latest data available from sources such as the Longitudinal Ageing Survey in India (LASI) 2017–18, Census of India, Population Projections by the Government of India (2011–2036), and World Population Prospects 2022 by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs to provide an up-to-date perspective.
- Elderly population share in total population projected to double to over 20% by 2050.

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Indian Express :Health (Page 15)

Cancer's gender problem

A new Lancet report highlights how lack of awareness, financial and decision-making powers hurts women's chances of timely diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

- a new Lancet Commission report on gender inequity in cancer care said around 63% premature deaths due to cancers in Indian women could have been prevented by reducing risk factors, screening, and diagnosis, while 37% could have been averted with timely and optimal treatment.
 - The report said around 6.9 million cancer deaths among women in India were preventable and 4.03 million were treatable.
- The report highlighted that even though men are at a higher risk of cancers that affect both genders, cancer incidence and mortality in women remains high.
 - Globally, women account for 48% of the new cancer cases and 44% of cancer deaths

Cancer

- It is a generic term for a large group of diseases that can affect any part of the body
- One defining feature of cancer is the rapid creation of abnormal cells that grow beyond their usual boundaries, and which can then invade adjoining parts of the body and spread to other organs.

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PIB : Environment

Travel for LiFE for Cleanliness Campaign
Launched in Convergence with Swachhata Hi
Sewa Pakhwada to Mark World Tourism Day

SHS Pakhwada Witnesses Participation of Over 22.4 Crore
People In Just 12 days

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- Ministry of Tourism has **developed Travel for LiFE program** under **Mission LiFE** to bring large scale behavioural change amongst tourists and tourism businesses, which will have significant impact on environment protection and climate action.

Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment)

- It was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 20 October 2022 at Kevadia, Gujarat.
- Mission LiFE focuses on bringing about behaviour changes in individuals for combatting climate change.
- The objective is a global movement for transitioning from a model of destructive and mindless consumption to deliberate and mindful utilization of resources.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is the nodal ministry for national-level coordination and implementation of Mission LiFE.
- India is the first country to include LiFE in its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

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PIB : Polity and Governance

Geological Survey of India to organize Swachhata Campaign at Fifteen Geo-heritage Sites across the Country

GSI to launch Special Campaign 3.0 from 2nd to 31st October 2023

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- Geodiversity is the variety of rocks, fossils, minerals, and natural processes that shape our landscapes while geoheritage refers to sites that offer insights into the evolution of the earth and can be used for research, reference, and awareness.
- Geological Survey of India (GSI) declares geo-heritage sites/ national geological monuments for protection and maintenance.
- Till date, GSI has identified a total 92 such Geo-heritage sites and some of these are also recognized as UNESCO world heritage sites


Geological Survey of India (GSI) Established in 1851, started its voyage to investigate for and assess coal and other mineral resources of the country with regional level exploration.

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Possible government shutdown in the US may disrupt government services, including certain immigration services.



- The H-1B program allows companies and other employers in the United States to temporarily employ foreign workers in occupations that require the theoretical and practical application of a body of highly specialized knowledge and a bachelor's degree or higher in the specific specialty, or its equivalent.
- H-1B specialty occupations may include fields such as architecture, engineering, mathematics, physical sciences, social sciences, medicine and health, education, business specialties, accounting, law, theology, and the arts

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Live Mint : History

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Shaheed Bhagat Singh's birth anniversary is celebrated across the country with high spirits



- Bhagat Singh was an Indian revolutionary freedom fighter .
- Born on 28 September 1907 at Banga in Punjab, British India in a Sikh family.
- In 1926, Bhagat Singh established the 'Naujawan Bharat Sabha (Youth Society of India) and joined the Hindustan Republican Association (later known as Hindustan Socialist Republican Association).
- On 8 April, 1929, Bhagat Singh and B.K. Dutt threw a bomb in the Central Legislative Assembly.
 - The aim, as their leaflet explained, was not to kill but “to make the deaf hear”, and to remind the foreign government of its callous exploitation
- At the young age of 23, he was sentenced to death by the British government in the Lahore conspiracy case on 23 March 1931.