

# DAILY PT POINTERS

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# HEADLINES OF THE DAY

## The Hindu: Geography (Page 1)

### Southwest monsoon withdraws from India



The northeast monsoon is likely to set in "in the next 72 hours", the IMD has said. - Photo: Thulasi Kakkat

- The **southwest monsoon** has ended and the northeast monsoon is likely to set in "in the next 72 hours: **India Meteorological Department (IMD)**.
  - The Northeast monsoon is the counterpart of the southwest monsoon and usually occurs between October to December.

### South-west monsoon

- 'Monsoon' refers to the seasonal reversal in the wind direction during a year.
- By early June, the low-pressure condition over the northern plains intensifies.
- It attracts, the trade winds of the southern hemisphere. These south-east trade winds originate over the warm subtropical areas of the southern oceans.
- They cross the equator and blow in a southwesterly direction entering the Indian peninsula as the **south-west monsoon**

### Do you know ?

- There are six major controls of the climate of any place. They are: latitude, altitude, pressure and wind system, distance from the sea (continentality), ocean currents and relief features.

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## The Hindu : Art and Culture (Page 11)

### A colourful start to the paddy season



- Theyyam is the popular ritual art form of Kolathunadu (Kingdom of Cannanore).
- It originated in North Kerala
- The Theyyam dance is performed in front of the village shrine, groves, and in the houses as ancestor worship.
- Man assumes the form of God and dances propitiating and appeasing them and in return, the Gods assure prosperity and peace to society and is the belief behind the Theyyam performance.
- The Theyyam is performed annually during the start of the Malayalam month of Thulam (mid-October-mid-November).
- Theyyam is believed to be Dravidian.

## The Hindu: Geography (Page 12)

### Why are earthquakes frequent in Afghanistan?

How many earthquakes have hit Afghanistan over the recent past? What is the anatomy of an earthquake? What is the hypocentre and epicentre?

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#### THE GIST

- An earthquake of magnitude 6.3 struck western Afghanistan on October 15, barely a few days after multiple earthquakes of similar strength killed at least a thousand people in the Herat province.
- The earth is made up of chunks of solid rocks called tectonic plates. Discontinuities in these rock masses, along which they have moved, are called fault lines.
- Afghanistan is located over multiple fault lines in the region where the Indian and the Eurasian tectonic plates meet. These plates collide often, leading to significant tectonic activity.

- An earthquake is caused by a sudden slip on a fault.
- The tectonic plates are always slowly moving, but they get stuck at their edges due to friction.
- When the stress on the edge overcomes the friction, there is an earthquake that releases energy in waves that travel through the earth's crust and cause the shaking.
  - All natural earthquakes take place in the lithosphere.
- The point within the earth where the fault rupture starts and produces an earthquake is called the focus or the hypocentre. The point on the surface of the earth directly above it is called the epicentre.

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**The Hindu : Polity and Governance (Page 16)**

## SC asks States to appoint officers under POSH Act

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- The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 was enacted to ensure safe working spaces for women and to build enabling work environments that respect women's right to equality of status and opportunity.
- The Act defines sexual harassment to include unwelcome acts such as physical contact and sexual advances, a demand or request for sexual favours, making sexually coloured remarks, showing pornography, and any other unwelcome physical, verbal, or non-verbal conduct of a sexual nature.
- All women employees, whether employed regularly, temporarily, contractually, on an ad hoc or daily wage basis, as apprentices or interns or even employed without the knowledge of the principal employer, can seek redressal to sexual harassment in the workplace.
- The law expands the definition of 'workplace' beyond traditional offices to include all kinds of organisations across sectors, even non-traditional workplaces (for example those that involve telecommuting) and places visited by employees for work. It applies to all public and private sector organisations throughout India.

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Indian Express: Economy (Page 1)

## Centre rolls back its plan to licence laptop, PC imports

Under the proposed system, IT hardware companies will be required to register and disclose data related to their imports, and countries from which they import, among other things.

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- Government rolled out an **‘import management system’ for IT hardware, including laptops and computers**, modifying its initial stance of imposing physical restrictions.
- The notification comes just days after concerns were raised by US, China, South Korea and Taiwan at a recent World Trade Organisation meeting.
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**PIB : Miscellaneous**

REC Limited honoured with Golden Peacock Award in Risk Management

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- The Golden Peacock Awards, established by the Institute of Directors (IOD), India in 1991, has emerged as an internationally acclaimed standard for corporate excellence.
- The objective is to create a competition for raising overall quality & standards, and recognise the achievements of the best performing organisations
- The selection of Award winners is an elaborate process, executed by a team of professional independent assessors. The Jury comprises some of the most eminent public figures, known for their independence and impartiality.

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Live Mint : Geography

## How was Cyclone Tej named? All you need to know as storm bears down on Mumbai

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*Cyclone Tej may intensify into a depression by 21st October, uncertainty remains*



- Weather forecasters give each tropical cyclone a name to avoid confusion.
- The name is taken from a list which contains suggestions categorised alphabetically and country-wise.
- The names must be new and should not be repeated again. The word can have a maximum of eight letters. It should not be offensive to any member country or hurt the sentiments of any group of population.
- In general, tropical cyclones are named according to the rules at regional level.
  - The common rule is that the name list is proposed by the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) of WMO Members of a specific region, and approved by the respective tropical cyclone regional bodies at their annual/biennial sessions.
  - These centres issue advisories and are responsible for the naming of cyclonic storms. The India Meteorological Department is one of the six regional centres.



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## Live Mint: Governance / Internal Security

### Operation Chakra 2: CBI searches 76 locations in crackdown against cyber criminals

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*CBI conducts searches across India in cyber fraud cases including ₹100-cr crypto scam. CBI registers cases of cyber-enabled financial fraud, including ₹100-cr crypto scam CBI conducts searches at 76 locations in Operation Chakra-2, including call centres*



- The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) launched search operation in seventy six locations across India in a major crackdown against cyber criminals.
- The crackdown, termed '**Operation Chakra-2**' was conducted after registering five separate cases of cyber-enabled financial fraud, including a ₹100-crore crypto scam.
- The CBI is working closely in the spirit of international police cooperation with its international counterparts, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation of U.S.A., Cybercrime Directorate and IFCACC of Interpol, the National Crime Agency in the United Kingdom, the Singapore Police Force and the BKA (Bundeskriminalamt) of Germany to notify further leads,

### Do you know ?

- **Chakra-1** was conducted nearly a year ago by the CBI in coordination with the Interpol, the FBI and police forces of multiple countries.