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The Hindu: GS 2-IR/GS 3-Defense (Page 1)

Securing the seas



Deepening ties: A helicopter prepares to land during the first joint naval exercise by India and the European Union in the Gulf of Guinea this week. Indian Navy's *INS Sumedha*, an offshore patrol vessel, was joined by ships from three EU member states: *ITS Foscari* (Italy), *FS Ventose* (France), and *Tornado* (Spain). - Photo: ANI

- the European Union (EU) and India conducted their first joint naval exercise in the Gulf of Guinea.
- The exercise followed the third meeting of the EU-India Maritime Security Dialogue on 5 Oct 23 in Brussels.

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Why are the China-Bhutan boundary talks significant?

How can Bhutan ensure that its decisions consider both India's interests and its own sovereignty? What is the significance of the Doklam plateau in the context of regional geopolitics?

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- China and Bhutan held their 25th round of boundary talks and signed a Cooperation Agreement related to the demarcation of the Bhutan-China border.
- Bhutan-China border dispute primarily concerns the Doklam plateau and the India-China-Bhutan trijunction, as well as the Jakarlung and Pasamlung valleys.
 - The 3-Step Roadmap involves first, agreeing to the border “on the table”; then visiting the sites on the ground; and then formally demarcating the boundary.

Impact on India : For India, given the breakdown in its ties with China over the standoff at the Line of Actual Control from 2020, any hint of closer ties between China and one of its closest neighbours is a cause for worry. More specifically, New Delhi is watching the demarcation discussions over Doklam.

The Doklam trijunction cuts very close to India’s Siliguri corridor a narrow area that connects the North Eastern States to the rest of India and India would not like to see China gain access to any area closer to it.

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The Hindu: GS 3-Environment (Page 14)

ATR panel assesses progress of tiger rewilding project



The tiger, which was rescued from a tea estate near Valparai in September 2021, is about 30 months old now. - Photo: Special Arrangement

- Tasked by the Chief Wildlife Warden, a committee on visited the enclosure in the core area of the Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR) to assess the progress of the Forest Department's first ever attempt at rewilding a tiger that was rescued as an abandoned cub in 2021.
 - Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR) is located on the southern side of the South Western Ghat landscape.

Do you know ?

- In 1973, the Government of India launched Project Tiger, an ambitious, holistic conservation project, aimed at safeguarding the nation's tiger population and preserving biodiversity.
- Over the past fifty years, Project Tiger has achieved commendable success, making significant strides in tiger conservation.
- Initially covering nine tiger reserves spanning 18,278 km², the project has flourished into a remarkable accomplishment with 53 reserves spread across 75,796 km², effectively covering 2.3% of India's total land area.
- India currently harbors almost 75% of the world's wild tiger population.

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The Hindu : GS 3/Environment (Page 16)

India's green hydrogen move may worsen pollution if steps are not in place, says study

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- India's plans to produce so-called 'green hydrogen' — where the gas is produced without resulting in fossil fuel emissions — may end up worsening pollution if proper checks and balances are not in place, according to a study by environmental and energy think-tank, Climate Risk Horizons (CRH).
- The National Green Hydrogen Mission, piloted by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), expects to manufacture five million tonnes by 2030.
- This would require the installation of renewable energy capacity worth 125 GW and the use of 250,000 gigawatt-hour units of power, equivalent to about 13% of India's present electricity generation.
- The MNRE has defined green hydrogen as hydrogen produced in a way that emits no more than two kg of carbon dioxide per kg of such hydrogen.
- As of August 2023, India's total renewable energy (RE) capacity stood at 131 GW. The 2030 green hydrogen plan thus envisages adding an equivalent RE capacity by 2030. This is over and above the 500 GW of RE capacity that India has committed to install by 2030 as part of the Paris Agreement

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US President Joe Biden links India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor to Hamas attack

Israel has launched a massive counter-offensive against Hamas after unprecedented attacks by the militant group on October 7 killed more than 1,400 people.

- During the Delhi G20 Summit held in September 2023, India, USA, UAE, Saudi Arabia, France, Germany, Italy and the **European Union** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor.
- The corridor will encourage and provide impetus to economic development through enhanced connectivity and economic integration between Asia, West Asia, the Middle East and Europe.

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Indian Express: GS III/Economy (Page 11)

New co-op society BBSSL to provide scientifically produced certified seeds to farmers

Increasing seed production through cooperatives will help India boost its global market share: Shah

- the “National Symposium on Production of Improved and Traditional Seed through Cooperative Sector”, organised by Bharatiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited (BBSSL).
- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit the share of India’s domestic seed trade in the global market is only 4.5 per cent, leaving a vast scope for improvement.
- India’s share in the world seed export to be only 0.6 per cent

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Indian Express: Polity and Governance –GS II (Page 15)

What is the ‘One nation, One Student ID’ initiative of the Union govt?

APAAR, which stands for Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry, is envisioned as a special ID system for all students in India, starting from childhood. What would its implementation look like and why have some concerns been raised around it?



- Several state governments requested schools to seek parental consent for the creation of a **new student identity card known as the Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR)**. This is part of the ‘One nation, One Student ID’ initiative of the Union government, stemming from the new National Education Policy of 2020.

purpose of APAAR, the ID for students

APAAR, which stands for Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry, is envisioned as a special ID system for all students in India, starting from childhood.

- Under the initiative, each student would get a lifelong APAAR ID, making it easy for the learners, schools, and governments to track academic progress from pre-primary education to higher education.
- APAAR would also serve as a gateway to Digilocker, a digital system where students can store their important documents and achievements, such as exam results and report cards, digitally, making it easier to access and use them in the future for, say, pursuing higher education or finding a job.

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Indian Express: Economy-GS 3 (Page 19)

India launches reference fuel, to cut import dependency

12% ethanol blending target achieved in 2022-23: Puri



- India began producing 'reference' petrol and diesel, joining a select league of nations that produce the highly specialised fuel which is used for testing automobiles. the start of production of 'reference' fuel is another step towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India) as it will end imports.
- These fuels, which have higher specifications, are critical for calibrating and testing by automobile manufacturers and testing agencies like the International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) and the Automotive Research Association of India.
 - For decades, India has relied on imports to meet the demand for these specialised fuels.

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PIB : Governance (GS 2)

PM to inaugurate the 7th Edition of the India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2023 on 27th
October



- India Mobile Congress (IMC) is the largest telecom, media, and technology forum in Asia and will be held from 27th to 29th October, 2023. The event will act as a platform to highlight India's incredible advancements in telecommunications and technology, bring forth significant announcements and provide an opportunity to start-ups to display their innovative products and solutions.
- With the theme 'Global Digital Innovation,' the IMC 2023 aims to strengthen India's position as a developer, manufacturer, and exporter of key cutting-edge technologies. The three day congress will highlight technologies such as 5G, 6G, Artificial intelligence (AI) and discuss issues pertaining to semiconductor industry, green technology, cybersecurity etc.
- This year, IMC is introducing a startup program - 'Aspire'. It will foster connections between startups, investors, and established businesses with an aim to catalyse fresh entrepreneurial initiatives and collaborations.

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PIB: Governance

Actor Rajkummar Rao Steps onto the stage as ECI's latest National Icon for Voter Awareness

From On-Screen Elections in 'Newton' to Off-Screen Voter Awareness Hero, it is "Lights, Camera, Vote!" for Rajkummar Rao all the way

CEC Rajiv Kumar appeals to influencers from all walks of life to promote value of vote for pushing up voter turnout in elections

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- ECI associates itself with renowned Indians from various fields and designates them as ECI's National Icons to motivate voters for participation in the festival of democracy. Last year, the Commission recognised famous actor Mr. Pankaj Tripathi as the National Icon.

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PIB: infrastructure (GS 3)

RCS- UDAN Completes 6 Successful Years



- The Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik), a government-backed initiative to improve infrastructure and connectivity in India, especially in remote and underserved regions, completes six years.
- It is a vital component of India's National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) 2016, launched by the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) on October 21, 2016, with a 10-year vision.
- The first RCS-UDAN flight was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on April 27, 2017, connecting Shimla to Delhi. The scheme focuses on improving unserved air routes in underserved regions of the country and fulfilling the aspirations of the common citizens.

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PIB: Governance (GS II) / Cyber Security (GS 3)

Centre launches 'Dark Patterns Buster Hackathon 2023' to design & prototype innovative app or software that can detect dark patterns on e-Commerce platforms

Department of Consumer Affairs published draft Guidelines on 07.09.2023 on Prevention and Regulation of Dark Patterns seeking public comments/feedback until 05.10.2023



- The Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) on Thursday launched the Dark Patterns Buster Hackathon 2023 in collaboration with IIT-BHU to help develop a design and prototype innovative app or software-based solutions that can identify if an e-commerce website is using one or more dark patterns.

Dark patterns : are defined as practices or deceptive design patterns using user interface/user experience interactions on any platform, designed to mislead or trick users to do something they originally did not intend to do.

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PIB: Defense (GS 3)

CURTAIN RAISER UNVEILS CHANAKYA DEFENCE DIALOGUE: SETTING THE COURSE FOR COLLABORATIVE SECURITY IN SOUTH ASIA AND THE INDO-PACIFIC

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- The event, 'Chanakya Defence Dialogue 2023' is being organised by the Indian Army in partnership with Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS). The first edition of Chanakya Defence Dialogue will be held on 3rd & 4th November 2023 in Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.
- This is the first event of its kind being organised by the Indian Army.
- This Dialogue will carry out a comprehensive analysis of security challenges in South Asia and the Indo-Pacific. It will focus on crafting a roadmap for collaborative security measures in the region to fortify India's position as a ready, resurgent, and relevant stakeholder among the nations of this region.

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PIB: Governance (GS 2)

Divya Kala Mela 2023 to be inaugurated in Bengaluru tomorrow

Mela will be organized from 27th to 5th November



- The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) regularly organizes Divya Kala Mela unique event showcasing the products and craftsmanship of Divyang entrepreneurs/artisans from across the country.
- The event would present an enthralling experience to the visitors, as vibrant products from various parts of the country including Jammu and Kashmir, North Eastern states will be seen together. Around 100 Divyang artisans/artists and entrepreneurs from about 20 states/UTs will be showcasing their products and skills in Bengaluru.
- This is a unique initiative of DEPwD towards the economic empowerment of PwD/Divyangjan.

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PIB: Governance (GS II)

National Event on Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana to be held tomorrow in
Mumbai



The primary objective of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) launched on 1st January 2017 and revised and incorporated as a component of Mission Shakti from 1st April 2022, as PMMVY 2.0 is to provide cash incentive for partial compensation of the wage loss during pregnancy so that women can take adequate rest before and after delivery of the child; and to improve health seeking behaviour amongst the Pregnant Women & Lactating Mothers (PW&LM).

Do you know ?

Women and Children collectively constitute over 70% population of our country.

Ensuring their empowerment, protection, and holistic development is essential for fostering sustainable and equitable national progress.