



# DAILY PT POINTERS

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# HEADLINES OF THE DAY



**The Hindu: GS 2\_Polity and Governance (Page 1)**

## Governors cannot sit on Bills passed by House: SC

The real power vests with elected representatives of people in a parliamentary democracy, the Bench said as it settled the law in a writ petition filed by Punjab government against Governor

- The Supreme Court laid down that a Governor cannot sit on key Bills passed by a State Legislature after casting doubts on the validity of the Assembly session in which the proposed laws were passed with overwhelming majority by the elected representatives of the people.
- ,” the court held ,Real power vests with the elected representatives of the people in a parliamentary form of democracy.

**Article 155. Appointment of Governor :** The Governor of a State shall be appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal.

The Governor acts on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers save in areas where the Constitution gives him discretion. **(Article 163)**

- The power to take decisions affecting the governance of the State or the nation is essentially entrusted to the elected arm of the state.

**Article 153. The Governor :** There shall be a Governor for each State. Provided that nothing in this Article shall prevent the appointment of the same person as Governor for two or more States

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Modi may attend COP-28 summit in Dubai; to host G-20 summit virtually



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will likely be present at the 28th edition of the United Nations Conference of Parties (COP-28), which will begin in Dubai on November 30,

- The last time he visited a COP summit was the 26th edition, held in Scotland, where he committed to India achieving net zero – or no net emissions of carbon dioxide - by 2070.
- The annual climate conference is the most high-profile summit to discuss the challenges from climate change and the roles and responsibilities of the world's governments in addressing it.
  - The major themes expected to resonate at COP-28 are the Global Stocktake, where countries are expected to present the steps they have undertaken to meet commitments towards achieving goals of the Paris Agreement. Countries are also expected to deliberate on the Loss and Damages Fund, to compensate countries already bearing the brunt of climate change.

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## I&B Ministry releases draft Broadcasting Services Bill

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- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting released the draft Broadcasting Services (Regulation) Bill, 2023, which aims to bring in a new regulatory framework in keeping with technological advancements in the sector.
- This pivotal legislation modernises our broadcasting sector's regulatory framework, replacing outdated Acts, Rules, and Guidelines with a unified, future-focused approach.
- It adapts to the dynamic world of OTT, Digital Media, DTH, IPTV, and more, promoting technological advancement and service evolution
- The draft Bill provides for a framework to regulate the broadcasting services in the country and seeks to replace the existing Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, and other policy guidelines currently governing the broadcasting sector in the country.
- The Bill comprises six Chapters, 48 Sections and three Schedules.

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Indian Express: Polity and Governance - GSII (Page 1)

## Public interest to orders ignored: Govt gets power to dissolve IIM boards

The Board of Governors is the highest decision-making body in an IIM, and the government acts through the Visitor of the IIMs, who is the President of India.

- THE GROUNDS under which the Government of India will get to invoke powers to dissolve the board of any Indian Institute of Management are likely to be:
  - persistent disobeying of its orders,
  - public interest and
  - inability of the board to perform its duties.

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## Centre approves digital ad policy

The CBC will now be able to empanel agencies working in the digital media space in order to reach out to podcast listeners, YouTube and OTT viewers and other social media users.



- The government announced that it had approved a new policy allowing its advertising wing, the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), to undertake advertisement campaigns on social media, OTT platforms and other digital media.
- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting approved the “Digital Advertisement Policy, 2023 to enable and empower the [CBC]... to undertake campaigns in the digital media space.
- The CBC will now be able to empanel agencies working in the digital media space in order to reach out to podcast listeners, YouTube and OTT viewers and other social media users.
- The policy will also encompass campaigns to be run on mobile applications, apart from websites. It mandates that the websites, mobile apps, OTT platforms and digital audio platforms need to be at least a year old to be eligible to apply under the scheme.

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Indian Express: Economy (GSIII) - Page 19

## Govt relaxes norms for some small savings schemes

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- The government has relaxed the norms for various small savings schemes, including the Public Provident Fund (PPF) and Senior Citizen's Savings Scheme.
- For the Senior Citizen's Savings Scheme, the new norms provide three months to open an account against one month's time at present.
- In the case of the Public Provident Fund, the notification has made some changes with regard to the premature closure of accounts.
- some changes have been made for premature withdrawal under the National Savings Time Deposit scheme.

Small savings schemes are investment avenues managed by the Department of Economic Affairs under the finance ministry.

Currently, the government offers nine types of small saving schemes, including Recurring Deposit (RD), Public Provident Fund (PPF), Sukanya Samridhi Yojana (SSY), Mahila Samman Saving Certificate, Kisan Vikas Patra, National Savings Certificate (NSC) and Senior Citizen Savings Scheme (SCSS).

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Indian Express: S&T / Environment (Page 20)

## Delhi govt plans 'cloud seeding' to induce rains amid pollution: What is this process?

Cloud seeding has only been done earlier with the purpose of bringing rainfall to drought-prone areas, and not to mitigate pollution. What exactly is the mechanism and how is it expected to help bring down the concentration of pollutants?



- Cloud seeding is a weather modification technique to enhance precipitation by dispersing substances into the air that help to saturate the clouds.
- The process starts with identifying suitable clouds through weather analysis using aircraft or ground-based generators. Following this, seeding agents are released into the targeted clouds. The seeding particles help in the formation of larger water droplets, which leads to increased rainfall.
- To initiate cloud seeding, clouds are injected with salts such as silver iodide, potassium iodide, sodium chloride, or dry ice (solid carbon dioxide), which acts as the "seed". These salts are dispersed to provide additional nuclei around which more cloud droplets can form.



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Indian Express: Art and Culture / infrastructure

## Can go all the way to Amarnath shrine by car, says BRO — here's how

On November 2, the BRO posted on X (formerly Twitter) that after upgradation of the Baltal road to the shrine, motor vehicles drove all the way to the holy cave for the first time ever.



- the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) clarified that the ongoing road project to the Amarnath cave shrine was to widen the tracks for pedestrian traffic and keeping in view the environmental concerns.
  - Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari announced a road project to the Amarnath shrine in Pahalgam earlier this year.
  - A 110 km-long Amarnath Marg, leading to the holy Amarnath cave, will come up at a cost of around ₹5,300 crore for the convenience of the pilgrims.

Do you know?

Amarnath Shrine stands at 3,888m, 46 Km from Pahalgam and 14 Kms from Baltal.

Amarnath is considered to be one of the major Hindu Dhams.

The holy cave is the abode of Lord Shiva.

Lord Shiva is enshrined in the form of an ice-lingam in this cave. This lingam is formed naturally, which is believed to wax and wane with the moon.

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Indian Express: Agriculture (GSIII)

### Baler: a machine for off-site management of farm stubble

Balers compress cut crop residue into transportable bales. But not enough machines are available in Punjab currently



- ‘Baler’ machines have been around for a decade, and currently around 2,000 of them operate in Punjab. Of these 1,268 are highly subsidised (50-80%) under the Centre’s Crop Residue Management (CRM) scheme.
- Balers compress agricultural residue into manageable and transportable bales. Before using a baler machine, farmers cut the crop residue with a tractor-mounted cutter. After two days of drying, a rake arranges the stubble in straight lines. A tractor-mounted baler machine then compresses the stubble into compact bales using netting. These bales are transported to factories or dumping sites.

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**PIB: Defence (GSIII)**

INDIA & BANGLADESH NAVIES UNDERTAKE CORPAT & EX-BONGOSAGAR

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- The 4th edition of Bilateral Exercise between Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy, BONGOSAGAR-23, and the 5th edition of Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) by the two navies was conducted in the Northern Bay of Bengal from 07 - 09 Nov 2023.
- Ships and aircraft from both navies undertook joint patrolling along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL), and subsequently conducted maritime exercises to enhance interoperability.