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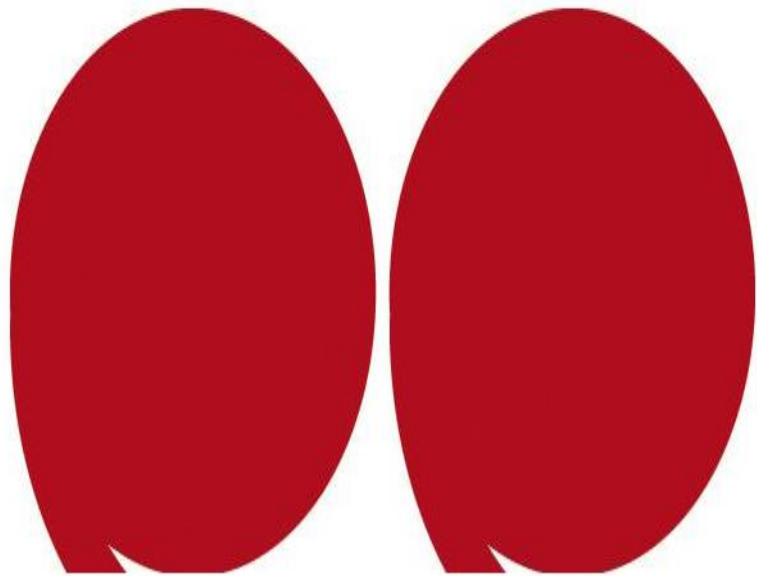


HEADLINES OF THE DAY



The Hindu: GS 3 / Internal Security (Page 10)

Centre extends UAPA ban on eight Meitei extremist organisations



- The Union Home Ministry extended the ban under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) against eight “Meitei extremist organisations” for advocating secession of Manipur from India through armed struggle.
- Under the Act, the central government may designate an organisation as a terrorist organisation if it: (i) commits or participates in acts of terrorism, (ii) prepares for terrorism, (iii) promotes terrorism, or (iv) is otherwise involved in terrorism.
 - the Central Government amended the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in August 2019 to include the provision of designating an individual as terrorist. Prior to this amendment, only organizations could be designated as terrorist organization.

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The Hindu: GS 2_Polity and Governance (Page 12)

Centre asks States to use tracking devices on prison inmates released on parole



The Union Home Ministry has said States may use tracking devices on prison inmates when they are released on parole.

- It also called for segregation of hardened criminals from other category of criminals.
- The State may use electronic monitoring technology on prisoners under temporary release/leave from prison, by making use of inmate tracking devices,” the suggestion which is part of the **Model Prisons and Correctional Services Act, 2023** that was circulated to all States in May
- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has prepared the ‘Model Prisons Act 2023’ that will replace a British-era law to overhaul the prison administration that will focus on the reformation and rehabilitation of inmates,
 - Prisons in the country and ‘persons detained therein’ are a State subject and the existing law in this context, the Prisons Act of 1894 is a pre-independence era Act and is almost 130-years-old, it said.

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The Hindu: GS2/IR/GS 3/Defence (Page 13)

Pakistan and China Navies to carry out joint sea patrol

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- China and Pakistan are conducting the third edition of the Sea Guardian-3 bilateral naval exercise in the northern Arabian Sea with Chinese media reporting that the two sides will also hold their maiden joint maritime patrol. The exercise is scheduled from November 11 to 17.
- The exercise comes just a day after the 2+2 Ministerial dialogue between India and the U.S. where maritime security in the Indo-Pacific was in focus and New Delhi announced its decision to become a full-member of the Bahrain-based U.S.-led multilateral grouping Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), of which Pakistan is also a member.

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The Hindu: Economy-GSIII (Page 14)

GeM procurement crosses ₹2 lakh crore on buying activity

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In 2021-22, total procurement stood at ₹1.06 lakh cr. and is expected to cross ₹3 lakh cr. this year

The procurement of goods and services from the government portal GeM has crossed ₹2 lakh crore so far this fiscal due to higher buying activity by different ministries and departments.

- Government e Marketplace (GeM) is an online platform for public procurement in India that was envisaged by the Prime Minister. The initiative was launched on August 9, 2016 by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry with the objective of creating an inclusive, efficient, and transparent platform for the buyers and sellers to carry out procurement activities in a fair and competitive manner.

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Indian Express: Defence -GSIII (Page 1)

Talks on in Armed Forces on possible entry of transgenders, study group formed

According to sources, most of the directorates have already submitted their comments and suggestions, deliberations on which are at a preliminary stage.

- The Indian Armed Forces are looking at possible employment opportunities for transgenders and the roles they could perform, while examining the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019, and its implications, The Indian Express has learnt.
 - a joint study group was constituted by the Principal Personnel Officers Committee (PPOC) after it met in August.
 - The group, headed by a senior officer in the Directorate General of Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS), was tasked with deliberating on the implications of the Act and suggesting a way forward for its implementation in the defence forces. The PPOC comprises top officers of the three services and the AFMS is the tri-service medical organisation of the Armed Forces.
- The **Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019**, was brought in January 2020 to protect the rights of transgenders and prevent their marginalisation and discrimination in healthcare, education, employment, public services and benefits, among others.
- The Armed Forces, at present, don't recruit transgenders or people identifying as homosexuals.

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Indian Express: Defence -GSIII (Page 1)

2020 Amshipora 'encounter': Tribunal suspends Captain's life term, grants bail

In its order on November 9, the tribunal also granted conditional bail to Captain Bhoopendra Singh and directed him to appear before its principal registrar at regular intervals starting from January next year.



- The AFT was established in terms of Armed Forces Tribunal Act, 2007. It was inaugurated by the President of India on August 08, 2009.
- Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) has been set up to provide for the adjudication or trial of disputes and complaints with respect to commission, appointments, enrolment and conditions of service in respect of persons subject to the Army Act, 1950, the Navy Act, 1957 and the Air Force Act, 1950 and also to provide for appeals arising out of orders, findings or sentences of courts-martial held under the said Acts and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.
- Armed Forces Tribunal has its Principal Bench at New Delhi
- The Judicial Members are retired High Court Judges and Administrative Members are retired Members of the Armed Forces who have held rank of Major General/ equivalent or above for a period of three years or more, Judge Advocate General (JAG), who have held the appointment for at least one year are also entitled to be appointed as the Administrative Member.

Indian Express: Welfare Schemes (GSII) - Page 8

PM Modi to launch Rs 24,000-crore scheme for vulnerable tribal groups tomorrow

The mission was first announced during the budget 2023-24 and is being launched ahead of the Assembly elections in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch a Rs 24,000-crore scheme aimed at holistic development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) on the occasion of 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' on November 15 in Jharkhand.

- The scheme will focus on the delivery of 11 interventions under nine ministries for 75 PVTGs.
- The mission was first announced during the budget 2023-24
- The PVTGs are the more vulnerable groups among tribal communities and they usually have distinctive culture, live in geographical isolation, and are shy of contact with other communities.

The scheme is meant to saturate the scattered, remote and inaccessible habitations of the PVTGs with facilities such as roads, telecom connectivity, electricity, safe housing, clean drinking water and sanitation, improved access to education, health and nutrition, and sustainable livelihood opportunities.

The 75 PVTGs, with a population of about 28 lakh, live in 22,544 villages across 18 states and Union Territories in India.

On bail, tracked by satellite: How GPS anklets work

For the first time in India, a prisoner in J&K has been given bail on condition that his movements are monitored constantly. Where else does this happen, and are questions of human rights involved?

- Earlier this month, a prisoner in Jammu and Kashmir was released on bail after he was tagged with a Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking device to monitor his movements.
 - **This is the first time in the country that a GPS tracker has been put to such use.**

what is a GPS tracker

A GPS tracker is a small, wearable device like the GPS collars that have long been used to monitor the movements of animals. The device provides the exact location of the wearer at all times, and allows law enforcement and security agencies to monitor his/ her movement in real time.

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Indian Express: Economy (Page 19)

India, ADB sign \$400-million
loan pact to build
high-quality urban infra



- India signed a \$400 million policy-based loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to create high-quality urban infrastructure, improve service delivery, and promote efficient governance systems
- The programme also envisages integrated planning reforms to control urban sprawls and foster systemic and planned urbanisation through enhancing the entire ecosystem of legal, regulatory, and institutional reforms.

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PIB: Defence (GSIII)

INS SUMEDHA MISSION DEPLOYED AT WALVIS BAY, NAMIBIA

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- INS Sumedha in continuation with Indian Navy's mission-based deployment to West Africa and Atlantic made a port call at Walvis Bay, Namibia from 10-13 November 23
- INS Sumedha is the third of the indigenously developed Naval Offshore Patrol Vessel (NOPV) of Saryu class deployed for multiple roles independently and in support of Fleet Operations.

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PIB: Environment (GSIII)

Shri Bhupender Yadav says based on compliance and reporting India has been removed from the Review of Significant Trade process for Red Sanders

Shri Yadav says this development is a major boost for the farmers who grow Red Sanders

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- The Red sanders (*Pterocarpus santalinus*) is a high market value tree, endemic to few districts in Andhra Pradesh.
- The species is listed as Appendix II under CITES since 1994.
- The species has been subjected to threats of illegal harvesting and smuggling leading to their depletion from natural forest. However, red sanders wood sourced from artificially propagation (plantations) comprise a major part of legal export.
- The Red sanders species was listed for Review of Significant Trade (RST) process more or less since 2004.
- It is under '**endangered list**' in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List.

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PIB: Polity and Governance (GSII)

'AANA Dashboard for Cities' portal launched

Urban Local Bodies invited to participate in this pioneering initiative

Portal aims to create a robust database of key performance metrics of ULBs

To be accessed by all stakeholders

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- The 'AANA Dashboard for Cities' portal has been made live by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) on 13th November, 2023 where Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) across the country can participate in this pioneering initiative to voluntarily submit their key data on a regular basis, through a simple, easy-to-fill, data entry form on the portal.
- The primary objectives of the AANA Dashboard are to help cities to (i) see how they are faring vis-à-vis other cities, (ii) inspire them by pointing to possibilities and areas of improvement and (iii) providing opportunity to learn and engage with frontrunners.
- While not ranking the ULBs, the AANA dashboard would serve as a tool for comparing similarly placed cities and promoting peer learning among cities.