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HEADLINES OF THE DAY



The Hindu: GS2-Polity and Governance (Page 1)

Tamil Nadu government plans to 're-enact' Bills as Governor R.N. Ravi withholds assent

CM M.K. Stalin likely to move resolution in special session of the legislature on the need for re-enacting Bills, sources say; State government's only option may be to move the SC, says former LS Secy General

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- Article 200 of the Constitution provides for four alternative courses of action for a Governor when a Bill after being passed by the legislature is presented to him for his assent.
 - Assent of the Governor or the President is necessary for a Bill to become law.
 - The Governor can give his assent straightaway or withhold his assent.
 - He may also reserve it for the consideration of the President, in which case the assent is given or withheld by the President.
 - The fourth option is to return the Bill to the legislature with the request that it may reconsider the Bill or any particular provision of the Bill.
 - The Governor can also suggest any new amendment to the Bill. When such a message is received from the Governor, the legislature is required to reconsider his recommendations quickly. However, if the legislature again passes the Bill without accepting any of the amendments suggested by the Governor he is constitutionally bound to give assent to the Bill.

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The Hindu: GS3-Economy (Page 7)

Uncertain future in a sea of poppies

Three districts in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan together contribute to 80% of India's opium production. Already facing the problem of stagnant procurement rates and rising input prices, farmers are now angry with the Union government for opening opium production and processing to private players. A.M. Jigeesh talks to farmers in the Mewar region about their concerns



- The opium poppy can be cultivated only in such tracts as are notified by the Government.
 - At present these tracts are confined to three States, viz. Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.
 - Mandsaur, Neemuch, and Chittorgarh.
 - Three districts in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan together contribute to 80% of India's opium production
- Opium farmers have been agitated ever since the sector was opened up to private players through a Union government policy in 2021.
 - The farmers increasingly worry that this move will threaten their livelihood, affect their profits and family businesses, and also have a bearing on “national security” by potentially increasing the problem of drug abuse.

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The Hindu: GSII-IR (Page 8)



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the second Voice of Global South Summit on November 17.
 - This will be the second Voice of Global South Summit in less than a year hosted by India.
 - The first virtual summit witnessed participation by 125 countries of the Global South
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday “strongly condemned” the civilian casualties in the ongoing violence in Gaza Strip.
- PM virtually **inaugurated DAKSHIN - Global South Centre of Excellence**.
 - Development and Knowledge Sharing Initiative (DAKSHIN) Centre will undertake research on developmental challenges being faced by Global South and finding practical solutions to these challenges.

Indian Express: Health-GSII (Page 9)

11 lakh children in India missed 1st measles shot in 2022: Report

India is also among the 37 countries that witnessed large or disruptive outbreaks, reporting 40,967 measles cases in 2022, according to the report.

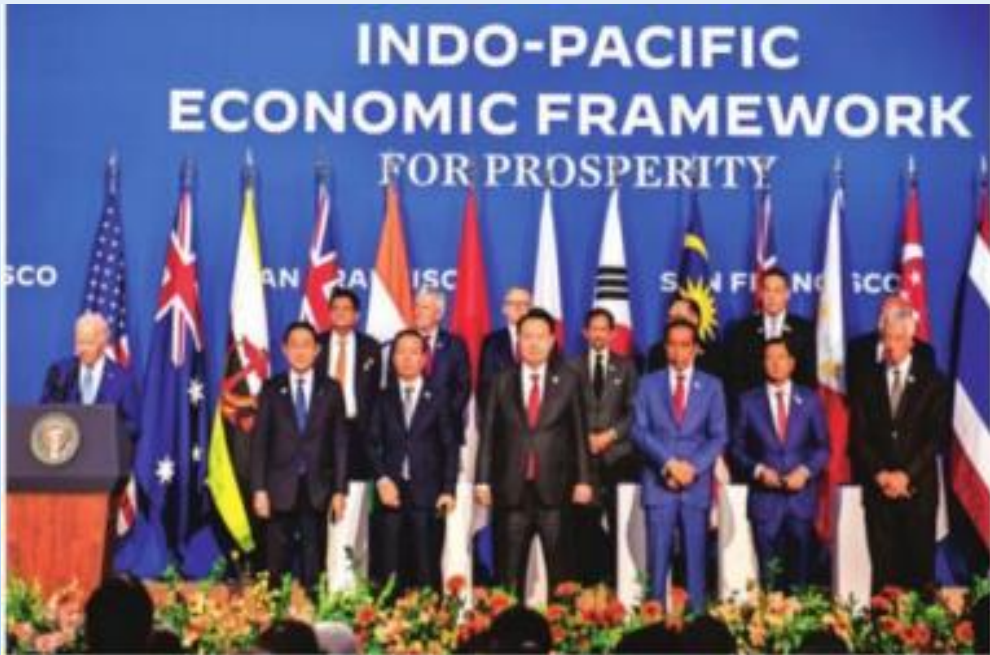
- Progress Toward Measles Elimination — Worldwide, 2000–2022’
 - a report by the World Health Organization and US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 - Globally, immunisation against measles dropped to lowest levels since 2008 during the pandemic, leading to an 18% rise in cases and 43% increase in deaths in 2022,
 - An estimated 11 lakh children in India missed their crucial first dose of measles vaccine in 2022.
 - This puts India among 10 countries with the highest number of children who did not receive the first shot.
 - India is also among the 37 countries that witnessed large or disruptive outbreaks, reporting 40,967 measles cases in 2022

Do you know ?

Measles is a highly contagious, serious airborne disease caused by a virus that can lead to severe complications and death.

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Indian Express: IR-GSII / Economy-GSIII (Page 15)



IPEF TALKS ON CLEAN ECONOMY CONCLUDE

US President Joe Biden and leaders including India's Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal at the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) meeting in San Francisco. PTI

■ IPEF members including India and the US have concluded talks on the clean and fair economy pact to strengthen anti-graft measures and promote sustainable trade

■ US and its IPEF partners will regroup trade pillar talks early next year after three rounds in two months fell short of substantial pacts, the Deputy US Trade Representative said.

■ The failure to complete at least some chapters in the IPEF pillar is a setback for President Joe Biden, who had aimed to showcase the initiative at the APEC summit.

- The IPEF member countries, including India and the US, have concluded negotiations on the clean and fair economy agreement to strengthen the implementation of effective anti-corruption and tax measures and promote sustainable trade,
- **Do you know ?**
IPEF was launched jointly by the USA and other partner countries of the Indo-Pacific region on May 23, 2022 at Tokyo.
 - IPEF has 14 partner countries including Australia, Brunei, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam & USA.
 - It seeks to strengthen economic engagement among partner countries with the goal of advancing growth, peace and prosperity in the region.
 - The framework is structured around four pillars relating to Trade (Pillar I); Supply Chains (Pillar II); Clean Economy (Pillar III); and Fair Economy (Pillar IV).
 - India had joined Pillars II to IV of IPEF while it has an observer status in Pillar-I.

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PIB: IR-GSII / Defence-GSIII

2023 EDITION OF THE INDO-PACIFIC REGIONAL DIALOGUE (IPRD-2023)

CONCLUDING DAY OF INDO-PACIFIC REGIONAL DIALOGUE (IPRD-2023)



- The three-day long Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2023 (IPRD-2023) concluded today in New Delhi.
- This annual apex-level regional strategic dialogue of the Indian Navy, conducted from 15 to 17 November 2023, engaged globally renowned experts from India and abroad, senior officers from the Indian Armed Forces and the Government of India, scholars and the public-at-large in intensive deliberations in several sub-topics under the overarching theme of “Geopolitical Impacts upon Indo-Pacific Maritime Trade and Connectivity”.
- The IPRD-2023 was organised by the National Maritime Foundation (NMF), New Delhi, as the Indian Navy’s knowledge partner.
- During the course of the three-day conference, the NMF signed MoUs of cooperation with four prominent think-tanks in the Indo-Pacific, namely: the Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement (NIICE), Nepal; the Global Centre for Policy and Strategy (GLOCEPS), Kenya; the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV), Vietnam; and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi.

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PIB: S&T-GSIII

President Smt Droupadi Murmu to inaugurate two-day International Conference-cum-Exhibition on 'Aerospace & Aviation in 2047' in New Delhi on November 18, 2023

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- The AeSI was established in 1948 with the Prime Minister as Patron-in-chief to promote aerospace and aviation in the country.
- The objective of the society is to promote the advancement and nationwide diffusion of the knowledge of aeronautical sciences and aircraft engineering among various streams including industry, academia and research laboratories.