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

SC notes Tamil Nadu's contention that Governor has no 'discretion' to withhold repassed Bills

The court seemed to prima facie agree with T.N.'s argument that the first proviso of Article 200 states: 'if the Bill is passed again by the House or Houses with or without amendment and presented to the Governor for assent, the Governor shall not withhold assent therefrom'

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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.
 - 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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'China is the biggest security anxiety for India and Australia'



- India and Australia held 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue to step up defence cooperation and deepen the strategic relationship in sectors such as critical minerals and trade and investment.
- The talks centered around deepening military cooperation in critical areas including anti-submarine warfare and air-to-air refuelling, security in the vast Indo-Pacific region amid China's rising influence, hydrography cooperation and strengthening ties in sectors such as critical minerals, space, education, and science and technology.

Do you know?

India has 2+2 ministerial dialogues with only a handful of countries, including the US, Japan and Russia. The latest edition of India-US 2+2 dialogue was held in New Delhi on November 10.

The inaugural India-Australia 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue was held on 11 September 2021

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Draft National Pharmacy Commission Bill released

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- The Union Health Ministry invited comments from the public and stakeholders on the proposed National Pharmacy Commission Bill, 2023.
 - The Ministry proposes to finalise the Bill for setting up the National Pharmacy Commission and repealing the Pharmacy Act, 1948. For this, a draft National Pharmacy Commission Bill has been prepared and uploaded on the website of the Ministry for comments.
 - The Bill aims to improve access to affordable and high-quality pharmacy education and ensure the availability of pharmacy professionals nationwide. It seeks to promote equitable healthcare by making pharmacy services accessible to all citizens. It also calls for a periodic and transparent assessment of pharmacy institutions and facilitating maintenance of a pharmacy register for India. The Bill encourages professionals to integrate the latest research into their work, contribute to research, and uphold high ethical standards.

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China keen to extend Myanmar economic corridor to Sri Lanka

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- China is "prioritising" the extension of the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC) to Sri Lanka
 - The CMEC is the newest of the six land corridors under the BRI, and has assumed prominence in place of the Bangladesh China India Myanmar (BCIM) corridor which has largely been stalled.

Do you know?

 India and Bhutan are the only countries in South Asia that have stayed out of the BRI and China's more recent Global Development Initiative.



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Meet the Langlands Program, the world's biggest maths project

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 Langlands, then 30 and at Princeton University, wrote a 17-page letter to the French mathematician André Weil with a series of tentative ideas.
- Program is an attempt to find connections between two far-flung areas of mathematics: number theory and harmonic analysis.
 - Number theory is the arithmetic study of numbers and the relationships between them. A famous example of such a relationship is the Pythagoras theorem: $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$.
 - Harmonic analysis is interested in the study of periodic phenomena.
 - Unlike number theorists, who deal with discrete arithmetics (like integers), harmonic analysts deal with mathematical objects more continuous in nature (like waves).

The Langlands Program seeks to connect every Galois group with automorphic functions, allowing mathematicians to investigate polynomial equations using tools from calculus, and build a bridge from harmonic analysis to number theory.

Indian Express: Polity and Governance (Page 8)

Courts can give limited pre-arrest bail in FIRs from outside state: Supreme Court

The ruling came in a petition in a matrimonial dispute in which the husband was granted anticipatory bail by a sessions court in Karnataka though the FIR was registered in Rajasthan.

- The Supreme Court ruled that a Sessions Court or the High Court in a state can grant "limited" anticipatory bail to an accused though the FIR is registered outside their jurisdiction.
- Anticipatory bail: This is a direct order of Sessions or High Court to provide pre-arrest bail to an accused of a crime.
 - When the person has an apprehension of being arrested, the person can apply for anticipatory bail.
- Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) enables the accused to approach a Sessions court or High Court seeking a direction to release him on bail in case he is arrested on a non-bailable offence,

Indian Express: Environment-GSIII – (Page 9)

World set to get warmer by nearly 3°C by end of century, UN report warns before COP28

The Emissions Gap Report noted that in 2023, 86 days have breached the 1.5 degree Celsius temperature threshold

- The Emissions Gap Report is UNEP's spotlight report launched annually in advance of the annual Climate negotiations. The EGR tracks the gap between where global emissions are heading with current country commitments and where they ought to be to limit warming to 1.5°C.
- It finds that the world is heading for a temperature rise far above the Paris Agreement goals unless countries deliver more than they have promised.
- The report finds that there has been progress since the Paris Agreement was signed in 2015. Greenhouse gas emissions in 2030, based on policies in place, were projected to increase by 16 per cent at the time of the agreement's adoption. Today, the projected increase is 3 per cent. However, predicted 2030 greenhouse gas emissions still must fall by 28 per cent for the Paris Agreement 2°C pathway and 42 per cent for the 1.5°C pathway.

PIB: Defence (GSIII)

United Service Institution of India to organise Annual UN Forum 2023 on 'International Humanitarian Law & Peacekeeping' in New Delhi

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- United Service Institution of India (USI), the country's oldest think-tank established in 1870 for research and debate on national security and military affairs, is organising its Annual UN Forum 2023 in New Delhi in November 21-22, 2023.
- The forum on 'International Humanitarian Law and Peacekeeping' is being organised in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Centre for UN Peacekeeping Operations.

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I & B Minister Shri Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurates 17th edition of Film Bazaar at IFFI, Goa

Film Bazaar, a confluence of creativity and commerce, ideas and inspirations: I&B Minister

Indian Media & Entertainment industry, with an annual growth rate of 20%, is hailed as the fifth-largest and most globalized industry in the world: I&B Minister

- The Film Bazaar showcases the official selection of the feature-length projects of the Co-Production Market from India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, USA, UK, Singapore, Germany, France, Poland, Luxembourg and Israel.
- The selected filmmakers will be pitching their projects to International and Indian producers, distributors, festival programmers, financiers, and sales agents at the open Pitch.
- Initiated by National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), Film Bazaar has evolved into South Asia's largest film market, connecting local film makers to the global producers and distributors.

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ASEAN- India Media Exchange: Strengthening Ties and Exploring Future Collaborations

ASEAN-India Media Exchange Programme involves visits
by Indian journalists to ASEAN countries and reciprocal
visits by ASEAN journalists to India, fostering a deeper
understanding of the socio-economic and cultural ethos
between ASEAN and India among the journalists from
both regions.