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Moitra, other Opposition MPs walk out of Ethics Committee meeting

About Lok Sabha Ethics Committee

Establishment: The Speaker constituted an **ad hoc Ethics Committee in 2000**, which became a permanent part of the House only in **2015**.

Members: It consists of **15 members** appointed by the **speaker** for a period of **one year**.

Functioning: Any individual can file a complaint against a Member of Parliament (MP) by going through another Lok Sabha MP.

This complaint should include supporting evidence of the alleged misconduct and an affidavit confirming that the complaint is not “false, frivolous, or vexatious.

The Committee submits its report to the Speaker, who then seeks the House’s opinion on whether the report should be deliberated.

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Biosphere reserves are evolving as pockets of hope

- UNESCO has declared November 3rd as International Day for Biosphere Reserves.
- World Biosphere Reserve Day is celebrated on November 3 each year to raise awareness of the importance of biosphere reserves and to promote their conservation and sustainable use
- Designated by UNESCO to promote the conservation of biodiversity, sustainable development, and research, biosphere reserves are also supported by other United Nations agencies, for example the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, as well as the International Union for Conservation of Nature.
- According to UNESCO, there are currently 748 biosphere reserves across 134 countries, including 22 transboundary sites, enhancing the friendly cooperation between neighbouring countries. They impact the lives of more than 250 million people in 134 countries; 12 sites can be found in India alone.
- Biospheres promote sustainable development, conservation and learning.

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SC Collegium proposes new Chief Justices for three HCs

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- The collegium of the CJI and four senior-most judges of the Supreme Court make recommendations for appointments to the apex court and High Courts.
- The collegium can veto the government if the names are sent back by the latter for reconsideration.
- The basic tenet behind the collegium system is that the judiciary should have primacy over the government in matters of appointments and transfers in order to remain independent.

Do you know?

The appointment of the CJI and judges of the apex court is governed by a Memorandum of Procedure. The CJI and the judges of the Supreme Court are appointed by the President under clause (2) of Article 124 of the Constitution. The appointment to the office of the CJI should be of the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court considered fit to hold the office. The Union Law Minister would, at an “appropriate time”, seek the recommendation of the outgoing CJI on his successor. Once the CJI recommends, the Law Minister forwards the communication to the Prime Minister who would advise the President on the appointment.

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NCERT to introduce electoral literacy content in textbooks

The measures are part of a memorandum of understanding signed between the poll panel and the Education Ministry, aiming to address issues such as voter apathy among young Indians



- the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) will introduce and update textbooks to include content on electoral literacy and will advise the State Education Boards and other Boards to follow suit.
- Beginning with Classes 6 to 12 in all schools, this integration will also extend to the curricular framework for all colleges and universities and it will be tailored to suit different disciplines and credited accordingly.
- The measures are part of a memorandum of understanding signed on Thursday between the Election Commission of India (EC) and the Education Ministry.
- It is aimed at extending the EC's flagship Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) in schools and colleges.

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'CBAM will kill manufacturing in EU; India to levy carbon tax'

EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) is unfair, says Commerce Minister Goyal, stressing that carbon cannot be priced same in India and Europe; assures industry of support

- 1 October, the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) entered into application in its transitional phase.
- CBAM is the EU's landmark tool to fight carbon leakage and one of the central pillars of the EU's ambitious Fit for 55 Agenda.
 - In its transitional phase, CBAM will only apply to imports of **cement, iron and steel, aluminium, fertilisers, electricity and hydrogen.**
- It will equalise the price of carbon between domestic products and imports
- It refers to a phenomenon where a EU manufacturer moves carbon-intensive production to countries outside the region with less stringent climate policies.
- In other words, replace EU-manufactured products with more carbon-intensive imports.
- From 2026, once the CBAM is fully implemented, importers in the EU would have to buy carbon certificates corresponding to the payable carbon price of the import had the product been produced in the continent, under its carbon pricing rules.

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Little money being made available to developing nations for climate adaptation, need at least ten times more: UN report

In 2021, just about \$21 billion went to developing countries for adaptation projects, which was down about 15 per cent from the previous years

- The Adaptation Gap Report 2023 issued by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP),
- It says the world is underprepared, under invested and lacking the necessary planning, leaving us all exposed.
- It warns that instead of speeding up, progress on adapting to climate change is stalling.
- report shows the gap in adaptation funding is the highest ever. The world must take action to close the adaptation gap and deliver climate justice
- The updated adaptation costs for developing countries are estimated at \$215 billion to \$387 billion annually this decade, reflecting higher estimates than previous studies which are bound to increase significantly by 2050.
- And the needs of developing countries are 10-18 times higher than the flow of public financing – over 50 per cent higher than the previous estimated range.
- the panel found that public finance to developing countries fell 15% to around \$21 billion in 2021.

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Indian Express: IR (GSII) / Nuclear Technology (GSIII)
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Putin signs law revoking Russian ratification of nuclear test ban treaty

Russia says the aim is to restore parity with the United States, which has signed but never ratified the 1996 treaty, and that it will not resume testing unless Washington does



- The CTBT is a multilateral treaty that bans all nuclear explosions, whether for military or peaceful purposes. Although it was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1996, it's still in the ratification stage.
- **India, China, the USA, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Iran, Pakistan, Israel, and Egypt** have not ratified CTBT.

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Indian Express: IR/Culture (Page 15)

UNESCO names Kozhikode 'city of literature': What this tag means

What is UNESCO's Creative Cities Network? Which other Indian cities are part of it? What does inclusion in the network mean for a city? We explain



The city of Kozhikode in Kerala was added in UNESCO's Creative Cities Network (UCCN) . Gwalior from Madhya Pradesh was also among the 55 new cities to join the network.

The UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)

The UCCN was created in 2004 to promote cooperation among cities that have identified creativity as a strategic factor for sustainable urban development. It now includes 350 cities in over a hundred countries.

The network is aimed at leveraging the creative, social, and economic potential of cultural industries

Apart from Kozhikode and Gwalior, Varanasi (music), Srinagar (crafts and folk arts) and [Chennai](#) (music) are part of the network.

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Bletchley Park: Where 'computers' helped the Allies win WWII, now hosting the world's first AI summit

Holding the Artificial Intelligence Safety Summit, 2023 at Bletchley Park is an apt tribute to its history during World War II. A look at Bletchley Park's role in the War, and how it ushered in the computer age.

- Bletchley Park Located about 80-odd km north of London, it is considered by many to be the birthplace of modern computing.
- Advances made there in cryptographic and intelligence processes during World War II contributed greatly to the Allied effort, and may have shortened the War by a couple of years.

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Indian Express : IR/Internal Security (Page 19)

'Violent extremist organisation' in India collected funds through well-structured networks: FATF report

India's onsite assessment by FATF is slated for November, while the assessment is likely to come up for discussion in the plenary discussion in June 2024.

- A “violent extremist organisation under investigation” in India collected funds through “well-structured networks” including offline and online fundraising mechanisms such as circulating QR codes and account details, a latest report by the **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** has stated
 - The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is the global money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog.
 - It sets international standards that aim to prevent these illegal activities and the harm they cause to society.
 - The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is an inter-governmental body established in 1989 by the Ministers of its Member jurisdictions.
- The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) was **established** in 1989 by the **G7** to examine and develop measures to **combat money laundering**.
- The objectives of the FATF are to set standards and promote effective implementation of legal, regulatory and operational measures for combating money laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system.

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PIB: Economy/Environment

National Efficient Cooking Programme launched, to promote affordable and energy-efficient induction cookers



- Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a joint venture of Public Sector Undertakings under Ministry of Power, launched its groundbreaking National Efficient Cooking Programme (NECP) and Energy Efficient Fans Programme (EEFP)
- The National Efficient Cooking Programme (NECP) introduces induction-based cook-stoves, offering a cost advantage of 25-30% over traditional cooking methods, promising both energy savings and cost-effective cooking solutions.
- The Energy Efficient Fans Programme (EEFP) focuses on deploying energy-efficient BLDC fans, with the goal of distributing 1 crore ceiling fans. These initiatives not only reduce energy consumption and environmental impact, but also enhances consumer comfort while lowering electricity bills, creating a win-win situation for all.

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PIB: Economy

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal to flag off domestic sailing of the first International Cruise Liner 'COSTA SERENA' tomorrow



- The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal will launch the domestic sailing of the first International Cruise Liner 'COSTA SERENA' in India at Mumbai.
 - The 'Dekho Apna Desh', an initiative launched as an appeal by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi to the middle class to prefer the domestic tourism over the international tourism, drives such cruise initiatives.
 - Costa Cruises is expected to carry approximately 45,000 passengers in its next 2 months voyages. These passengers would have otherwise booked from international destinations. The biggest advantage is an International Cruising experience for Indians in Indian waters.