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The Hindu: GS 2-Polity and Governance (Page 1)

'Simple touch is not penetrative sexual assault'

THE HINDU BUREAU

NEW DELHI

- The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 was enacted by Govt. of India to safeguard children from sexual abuse and sexual offences. The Act clearly defines a child as any person below the age of 18 years. The POCSO Act provides punishment as per the gravity of offence.
- The Act was further reviewed and amended in 2019 to Introduce more stringent punishment including the death penalty for Committing sexual crimes on children, with a view to deter the perpetrators & prevent such crimes against children.

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States in Court against their Governors

Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Punjab have approached the Supreme Court to decide a time-frame for which Governors have to either return or grant assent to Bills passed by Legislatures. Some of these Bills have been sitting with the Governors for years

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. Article 163 makes it clear the Governor is not expected to act independently

- 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.
- While it is true that Article 200 does not lay down any time frame for the Governor to take action under this Article, it is imperative on the part of the Governor to exercise one of the options contained therein.

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India, Bhutan to discuss new routes of regional connectivity

King Jigme Khesar holds talks with PM; the two sides agree to go ahead with the final survey for the 58-km crossborder rail link between Gelephu and Kokrajhar in Assam; they will also explore a second rail link between Bhutan and West Bengal



- India and Bhutan agreed to discuss new routes of regional connectivity and upgrade border and immigration posts to support Bhutan's fifth King's plans for a smart city at Gelephu on the border between Bhutan and Assam.
- Apart from a decision to go ahead with the final survey for the 58-km crossborder rail link between Gelephu and Kokrajhar in Assam to be built by India, the two sides agreed to explore a second rail link for about 18 km between Samtse in Bhutan and Banarhat in West Bengal tea gardens area. India also agreed to allow Bhutanese trade items to be carried further on from Haldibari in West Bengal to Chilahati in Bangladesh. The rail connectivity could in the future assist air connectivity for Indians in the northeast as well, as Bhutan plans to build an international airport at Gelephu as part of the larger Sarpang district Special Economic Zone

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'Quad's IPMDA initiative proof of our commitment to a free Indo-Pacific'



- The Indo-Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA) initiative, announced by the Quad grouping
- IPMDA is a technology and training initiative to enhance maritime domain awareness in the Indo-Pacific region and to bring increased transparency to its critical waterways. IPMDA harnesses innovative technology, such as commercial satellite radio frequency data collection, to provide partners across Southeast Asia, the Indian Ocean region and the Pacific with near real-time information on activities occurring in their maritime zones.

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Heeralal Samariya is Chief Information Commissioner



- Under the provision of Section-12 of RTI Act 2005 the Central Government shall, by notification in the Official Gazette, constitute a body to be known as the Central Information Commission.
- The Central Information Commission shall consist of the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) and such number of Central Information Commissioners not exceeding 10 as may be deemed necessary.
- The Chief Information Commissioner, or Information Commissioners, as the case may be, shall hold office for a period of three years from the date on which he enters upon his office.

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Indian Express: Economy(GSIII)-Page 12

Govt launches 'Bharat
Atta' at subsidised rate
to support consumers



- Centre formally launched the sale of wheat flour at a subsidised rate of Rs 27.50 per kg under the brand name 'Bharat Atta' across the country to provide relief to consumers from high prices.
- 'Bharat Atta' will be sold through cooperatives NAFED, NCCF and Kendriya Bhandar via 800 mobile vans and 2,000-odd outlets spread across the country.

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Indian Express: Environment(Page 21)

Odd-even scheme back in Delhi: Has it helped bring down air pollution in the past?

The scheme will be implemented for the fourth time in Delhi. Here are the facts, and what the past experience shows.



- When odd-even is in force, cars can ply only on alternate days, based on their registration number.
- So, cars with numbers ending in an odd digit will be allowed on the street on odd dates (November 13, 15, 17, and 19), and those with numbers ending in an even digit will be allowed on even dates (November 14, 16, 18, and 20). The idea is to cut the number of cars on the road by roughly half which, the Delhi government hopes, will bring down AQI levels somewhat.

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Indian Express: Miscellaneous (Page 21)

Sri Lanka's batter Angelo Mathews timed out: What is the rule?

Mathews was unhappy with the strap on his helmet and not ready to face his first delivery after coming in at No 6 for Sri Lanka during the match.



- Sri Lanka's Angelo Mathews was timed out in a first for international cricket during the World Cup clash against Bangladesh in Delhi

What is the timed out rule?

- According to the men's cricket World Cup 2023 playing conditions, "After the fall of a wicket or the retirement of a batter, the incoming batter must, unless Time has been called, be ready to receive the ball or for the other batter to be ready to receive the next ball within 2 minutes of the dismissal or retirement."
- If the batsman fails to do so, he will be considered out.
- No, the bowler doesn't get credit, according to the playing conditions.

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PIB: Agriculture / S&T (GSIII)

Krishi 24/7, the first-ever AI-powered solution for automated agricultural news monitoring and analysis

- Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) in collaboration with Wadhvani Institute for Artificial Intelligence (Wadhvani AI) developed Krishi 24/7, the first-ever AI-powered solution for automated agricultural news monitoring and analysis, with support from Google.org.
- Krishi 24/7 will aid DA&FW to identify relevant news, generate timely alerts, and take prompt action to protect farmers' interests and promote sustainable agricultural growth through improved decision-making.
- The introduction of Krishi 24/7 addresses the need for an efficient mechanism to identify and manage agricultural news articles of interest to aid timely decision-making. The tool scans news articles in multiple languages and translates them into English

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PIB: Polity and Governance/Economy

STPI launches LEAP AHEAD initiative for startups to get access to investment, mentorship & global connect

Meity Secretary S Krishnan launches the initiative



- Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (Meity) Secretary Shri S Krishnan launched the LEAP AHEAD initiative, a joint collaboration of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) and The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) Delhi-NCR,
- This initiative will be a game-changer for tech Startups that are in the scaling stage, growth stage, product diversification or planning expansion into new geographical locations.
- They can benefit through funding support of up to ₹ 1 Crore and a comprehensive three-month mentorship program that combines virtual and in-person sessions for a well-rounded learning experience.
- Furthermore, the initiative will provide start-ups with access to an extensive network and personalized guidance through one-on-one mentorship sessions with seasoned investors and industry experts.

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PIB: Welfare Schemes

Launch of Training of Master Trainers & Assessors Program under the PM
Vishwakarma Yojana



- the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) today announced the commencement of the Training of Master Trainers & Assessors Program under PM Vishwakarma scheme, to empower artisans and craftsmen community in identified trades.
- **PM Vishwakarma**, a Central Sector Scheme, was launched on September 17th, 2023, by the Prime Minister of India to provide end-to-end support to artisans and craftspeople who work with their hands and tools.