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The Hindu: GS1-Geography (Page 1)

Cyclone-triggered rain brings Chennai to a halt, claims 6 lives

Many areas cut off and over 9,600 people moved to relief camps as the storm revives memories of the devastating 2015 floods; airport closed till 9 a.m. today, nearly 300 flights cancelled; Southern Railway cancels many long-distance trains

- Cyclones are caused by atmospheric disturbances around a low-pressure area distinguished by swift and often destructive air circulation.
- The air circulates inward in an anticlockwise direction in the Northern hemisphere and clockwise in the Southern hemisphere. Cyclones are classified as: (i) extra tropical cyclones (also called temperate cyclones); and (ii) tropical cyclones.
- Tropical cyclones are named according to the rules at the regional level. There are 6 Regional Specialised Meteorological Centres in the world and 4 regional Tropical Cyclone Warning Centres.
- The India Meteorological Department is one of the six regional centres.
  - It gives a name to a cyclone that forms over the northern Indian Ocean and reaches a maximum sustained surface wind speed of 62 km/h.
  - The names must be new and should not be repeated again. The word can have a maximum of eight letters. It should not be offensive to any member country or hurt the sentiments of any group of population.
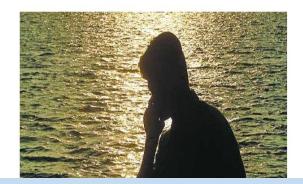
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Cybercrime cases nearly double; fraudsters using novel ways, say city police

Delhi reported 685 incidents of cybercrime in 2022, as per NCRB's report; number of cases rising as more people are using online payment platforms, say police; deepfake content also sees a spike

One-third of all 2022 suicides were of daily wage earners, farmers, says NCRB report

- The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) **released its annual report on crime in India** for the year 2022
- The report is a compilation of data on reported crime from across the country, and provides the big picture of broad trends in crime registration.The data cover overall crimes, and separately note crimes against women, Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs), cyber crimes, etc.
- The **crime rate**, or crimes registered per lakh population, has **declined** from 445.9 in 2021 to 422.2 in 2022
- 4,45,256 cases of **crime against women** were registered in 2022. This was an **increase of 4%** over the 2021 numbers. The largest share of crimes against women under IPC sections was registered under 'Cruelty by Husband or His Relatives' (31.4%)
- **Reporting of cyber crime increased significantly by 24.4 percentage points** compared to 2021, to 65,893 cases.

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RS passes Post Office Bill; parties oppose 'free hand' to officers

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Opposition says it empowers any officer to open or detain any postal item citing security of state

- The Rajya Sabha passed the Post Office Bill which repeals and replaces the Post Office Act of 1898.
- The Bill will ensure the effective functioning of the postal department as a messenger service and as a provider of banking facilities.
- The Post Office Bill will allow central government officials to intercept, open or detain any item and deliver them to the customs authority.

HEADLINES OF THE DAY

Aspirational districts, among India's poorest, boost BJP's poll victory

Of the 112 aspirational districts identified by the government, 26 are spread across the four states and account for 81 Assembly seats — Madhya Pradesh (35 seats), Chhattisgarh (21), Rajasthan (17) and Telangana (8).

- NITI Aayog implements the Aspirational District (AD) Programme for improvement of socio-economic indicators in the selected districts.
- Launched by PM Narendra Modi in 2018, the Aspirational District Programme identified 112 districts, where the NITI Aayog monitors the progress under five broad socio-economic themes — health & nutrition, education, agriculture & water resources, financial inclusion & skill development, and infrastructure.
- The Aspirational District Program, the ambitious district campaign, has transformed the lives of more than 25 crore people in 112 districts of the country.

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Centre open to policy on transfer of High Court judges, says Law Minister

Responding to an issue raised by TMC MP Kalyan Banerjee, Meghwal said that after 1993, when the Collegium system came into place, the Supreme Court Collegium recommends transfer and appointment of judges.

- Advocates (Amendment) Bill, 2023 was passed in the Lok Sabha
- The Bill amends the Advocates Act, 1961. The legislation repeals certain sections related to touts under the Legal Practitioners Act, 1879.
- It provides that every High Court, district judge, sessions judge, district magistrate, and revenue officer not below the rank of a district collector, can frame and publish lists of touts.
  - Tout refers to a person who either proposes to procure or procures the employment of a legal practitioner in a legal business in return for any payment.
- Under the legislation, the Court or judge may exclude from the premises of the Court any person whose name is included in the list of touts.

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Indonesia's Mount Marapi erupts, 11 dead, 12 missing

- Marapi is one of the most active volcanoes on Sumatra island and its most deadly eruption was in April 1979, when 60 people were killed.
  - Indonesia sits on the Pacific's so-called "Ring of Fire" and has 127 active volcanoes

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PIB: Personalities

President of India pays floral tributes to Shri R. Venkataraman on his birth anniversary

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- Ramasamy Venkataraman, widely known as R. Venkataraman, served as the eighth President of India from July 25, 1987, to July 25, 1992. Born on December 4, 1910, in Rajamadam, Tamil Nadu, Venkataraman made significant contributions to Indian politics and constitutional law during his illustrious career.
- He was jailed for two years for participating in the Quit India Movement in 1942. After his release from jail in 1944, he established many labor unions for the welfare of the labor force.
- In 1947, he became the secretary of the Madras Provincial Bar Federation. In 1951, he became a member of the Supreme Court. Because of his skills and social activism, he became a member of the Constituent Assembly, which drafted the Constitution of India. In 1952, he was elected to the first Parliament and served till 1957. After serving in several ministries, he was made the Vice President of India, and later the President of India. He received Tamra Patra for his participation in the freedom movement. In 2009, at the age of 98, he passed away due to multiple organ failures.

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PIB: Defence (GSIII)

FIRST SHIP OF SURVEY VESSEL (LARGE) SANDHAYAK DELIVERED TO INDIAN NAVY

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- Sandhayak (Yard 3025), the first of four Survey Vessel (Large) ships, being built at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata, was delivered to the Indian Navy on 04 Dec 23. The Contract for four Survey Vessel (Large) was signed on 30 Oct 18.
- The SVL ships are designed and built to the rules of Indian Register of Shipping Classification society by M/s Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.
- The primary role of the ship would be full scale coastal and deep-water Hydrographic Survey of Port/ Harbour approaches and determination of navigational channels/ routes.
- Zone of operation includes maritime limits upto EEZ/ extended continental shelf.
- Sandhayak has an indigenous content of over 80% by cost.

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PIB: Polity and Governance (GSII)

India Internet Governance Forum IIGF'23 to be held in New Delhi tomorrow

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- India Internet Governance Forum 2023 (IIGF-2023) is a hybrid event, being convened on 5th December from 09:00 – 18:30 (IST).
- The India Internet Governance Forum is an initiative associated with the UN Internet Governance Forum (UN IGF).
- The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) is a multi-stakeholder platform bringing representatives together from various groups, all at par to discuss public policy issues related to the Internet.
- The IGF facilitates a common understanding of how to maximise Internet opportunities and address risks and challenges that may arise.
- The Indian chapter of the United Nations IGF, called India IGF or IIGF, was created in 2021, and is supported by a 14-member multi-stakeholder Committee(s) representing Government, Civil Society, Industries, Technical community, Think Tanks, Industry Associations, etc.