



# DAILY PT POINTERS

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# HEADLINES OF THE DAY

The Hindu: GS2-IR (Page 1)

Free Movement Regime at Myanmar border to end soon, entry into India will need visa



The Union government is all set to scrap the Free Movement Regime (FMR) along the Myanmar border

## What is the Free Movement Regime on the IMB?

- The border between India and Myanmar runs for 1,643 km in the four states of Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, and Arunachal Pradesh.
- The FMR is a mutually agreed arrangement between the two countries that allows tribes living along the border on either side to travel up to 16 km inside the other country without a visa.

The Hindu: GSII-Polity and Governance (Page 10)

## Women staff can now nominate children over spouse for pension

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

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this. The Centre also held consultations with the Ministry of Women and Child Development, following which it was decided to allow this.

In a statement issued by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension on Tuesday, the government said, "This amendment is progressive in nature and would empower women employees/pensioners significantly."

The Ministry issued an Office Memorandum notifying this amendment on January 1. The provision in the Rules can be applicable

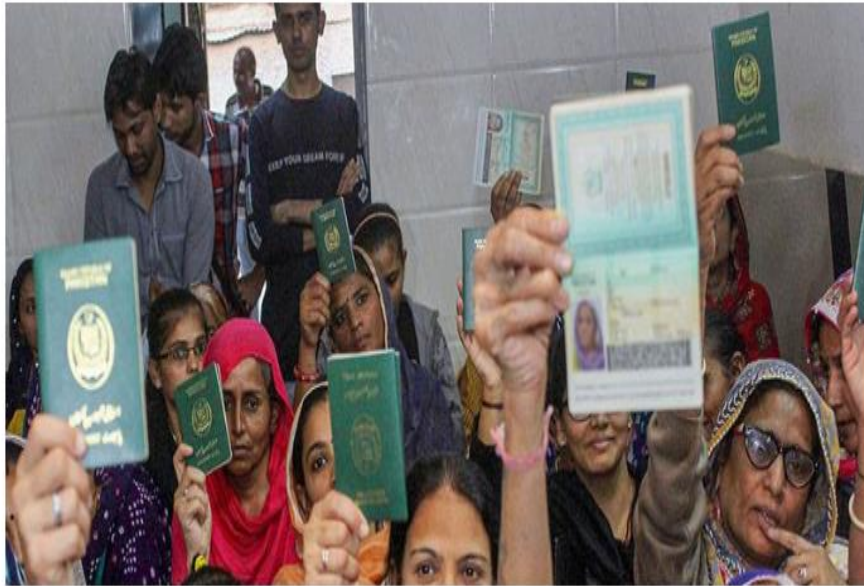
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- Till now, the rules provided for the family pension to first go to the surviving spouse and the children became eligible to receive it only after the death of the spouse.
- As a result, several women officials and pensioners were asking if it was possible to nominate children before the spouse in cases where divorce proceedings are under way or domestic violence cases are pending against the spouse.

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The Hindu: GSII-Polity and Governance (Page 12)

## 'CAA rules may be notified before Lok Sabha election'

The citizenship Act was passed in 2019; Hindus from Pakistan who entered India legally but their documents expired while waiting for citizenship will also be eligible to apply online, says official



- The CAA facilitates citizenship to undocumented people, who entered illegally without visas and passports, belonging to six non-Muslim communities from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan.
- The CAA fast-tracks citizenship to people belonging to the Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Parsi, Christian, and Jain communities from the three neighbouring countries who entered India on or before December 31, 2014.
- The Act reduces the requirement of aggregate stay in India for applicants from the six communities seeking citizenship from 11 years to six years.

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Indian Express: GSIII-S&T (Page 1)

## Another eye in sky, on ground: India is now part of world's largest radio telescope project

India, through the Pune-based National Centre for Radio Astrophysics and some other institutions, has been involved in the development of Square Kilometre Array Observatory since its inception in the 1990s



- The SKA Observatory, or SKAO for short, is an intergovernmental organisation bringing together nations from around the world.
- Its mission is to build and operate cutting-edge radio telescopes to transform our understanding of the Universe, and deliver benefits to society through global collaboration and innovation
- Some of the countries taking part in building the SKA include the UK, Australia, South Africa, Canada, China, France, India, Italy and Germany.
- the Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO) will function as the world's largest radio telescope.

Indian Express: GSIII-Economy (Page 13)

## Inoperative & unclaimed accounts: How will the RBI's revised guidelines benefit customers?

The RBI has asked banks to undertake at least an annual review in respect of accounts, where there are no customer induced transactions for more than a year.

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has revised guidelines for classifying accounts and deposits as inoperative accounts and unclaimed deposits by banks.
  - As per the norms, account holders can reactivate their inoperative accounts/ unclaimed deposits by submitting know your customer (KYC) documents afresh at all branches, including non-home branches, of banks in which they have an account.

### **What is an inoperative account?**

A savings or current account is treated as inoperative, if there are no 'customer induced transactions' in the account for a period of over two years.

### **What are unclaimed deposits?**

Balances in savings / current accounts which are not operated for 10 years, or term deposits not claimed within 10 years from date of maturity are classified as 'unclaimed deposits'

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Indian Express: GSIII-Internal Security (Page 14)

## Sidhu Moosewala murder mastermind Goldy Brar declared a designated terrorist by Centre

Goldy Brar had claimed that he killed Sidhu Moosewala to avenge the death of Youth Akali Dal leader Vicky Middukhera.



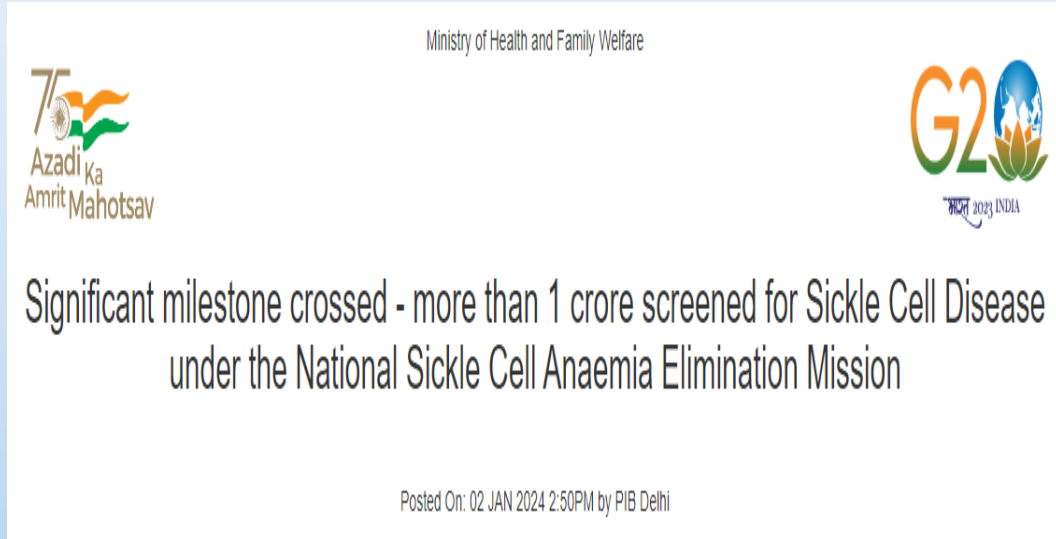
- the mastermind behind the murder of Punjabi singer was **declared a designated terrorist by the Centre** under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).
- The words “terror” or “terrorist” are not defined, but the UAPA defines a “terrorist act” as any act committed with intent to threaten or likely to threaten the unity, integrity, security, economic security, or sovereignty of India or with intent to strike terror or likely to strike terror in the people or any section of the people in India or in any foreign country.

### Do you know ?

the Central Government amended the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in August 2019 to include the provision of designating an individual as terrorist. Prior to this amendment, only organizations could be designated as terrorist organization.

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## PIB (Health-GSII)



- Sickle cell disease (SCD) is a group of inherited red blood cell disorders. Red blood cells contain hemoglobin, a protein that carries oxygen. Healthy red blood cells are round, and they move through small blood vessels to carry oxygen to all parts of the body. In someone who has SCD, the hemoglobin is abnormal, which causes the red blood cells to become hard and sticky and look like a C-shaped farm tool called a “sickle.”
- It is more common in the tribal population of India but occurs in non-tribals too.
- The National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 1st July 2023 at Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh.
- The program is being carried out in a mission mode for screening, prevention, and management of sickle cell anemia in all tribal and other high prevalent areas States/UTs of India.



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Air: GS2-IR

Saudi Arabia officially becomes a full member  
of BRICS group of emerging economies



- The leaders of the five BRICS nations - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa - approved the group's expansion in August by adding Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates.
- The grouping took shape in September 2006 and it originally comprised Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRIC).
- It was renamed as BRICS after South Africa was accepted as a full member in September 2010.
- BRICS is an important grouping bringing together the major emerging economies from the world, comprising:
  - 41% of the world population,
  - 24% of the world GDP
  - over 16% share in world trade.
- Over a period of time, BRICS countries have come together to deliberate on important issues under the **three pillars** of:
  - political and security,
  - economic and financial and
  - cultural and people-to-people exchanges.

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Air: History

PM Modi pays tributes to social reformer Savitri Bai Phule & Rani Velu Nachiyar on their Jayanti

## The First Woman Teacher of Modern India



1831-1897

- 1831** - Born in Naigaon, Satara district in poor peasant family.
- 1840** - Married to Jotiba Phule.
- 1841** - Jotiba began to educate her.
- 1848** - Became the first female teacher in the first school for girls in Pune.
- 1848** - Started school for adult learners in Usman Shaikh's *wada*.
- 1849** - 18 more schools started for girls, *Shudras* and *Anti-shudras*.
- 1852** - Awarded the Ideal Teacher Award by the School Inspection Committee.
- 1853** - Started Foundling home for children of widows.
- 1854** - Published first collection of poems *Kavyaphule*, making her the first modern poetess of Marathi.
- 1855** - Began teaching in a school for peasants and workers.
- 1868** - Opened their well for untouchables.
- 1877** - Provided famine relief through fifty-two food centres.
- 1890** - Jotiba Phule died; opposition to his last rites by adopted son, Savtribai with son led the funeral.
- 1897** - Nursed patients during the plague epidemic.
- 1897** - 19th March - Savitribai died of plague.

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