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HEADLINES OF THE DAY

The Hindu: Page 1_Polity and Governance- (GSII)

MLAs return as Champai govt. faces floor test today

Govt. needs 41 votes; 39 ruling alliance legislators arrive from Hyderabad; Congress leader says no MLA is in touch with the BJP; rebel JMM MLA Lobin Hembrom offers conditional support to govt.



- A **floor test** is primarily taken to know whether the government still enjoys the confidence of the legislature. It is a constitutional mechanism under which a Chief Minister can be asked to prove majority on the floor of the Legislative Assembly of the state by the Governor.
- This happens both in the parliament and the state legislative assemblies.

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On Uttarakhand's uniform civil code

What was the debate surrounding the UCC in the Constituent Assembly? Can a State government implement a State-wide UCC? Why has the Supreme Court not given a definite order regarding the implementation of a UCC?



- A UCC seeks to create a uniform set of laws to replace the distinct personal laws of every religion pertaining to subjects such as marriage, divorce, adoption, and inheritance.
- This stems from Article 44 of the Constitution which mandates that the state “shall endeavour to secure for the citizens a uniform civil code throughout the territory of India.”
- The provision is a part of the Directive Principles of State Policy, which although not enforceable, play a pivotal role in governance.
- Over the years, the Supreme Court has deliberated upon the UCC in several judgments, but refused to issue any directive to the government since law-making falls within the exclusive domain of Parliament. In its 1985 judgment in the *Shah Bano Begum* case, the Court observed that “it is a matter of regret that Article 44 has remained a dead letter” and called for its implementation. Such a demand was reiterated in subsequent cases such as *Sarla Mudgal versus Union of India* (1995), and *John Vallamattom versus Union of India* (2003) among others.

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Indian Express: Page 4_Environment (GSIII)

15 km from Jewar airport, a wetland awaits protection

The DFO also said acting on its letter, the UP State Wetland Authority has written to the UP Ministry of Environment to clarify the position of the proponent department for declaring Dhanauri Wetland as a Ramsar site.

- **Dhanauri** is a natural **wetland** which is located in UP
- It has been recognised as an important birding area by Bird Life International.

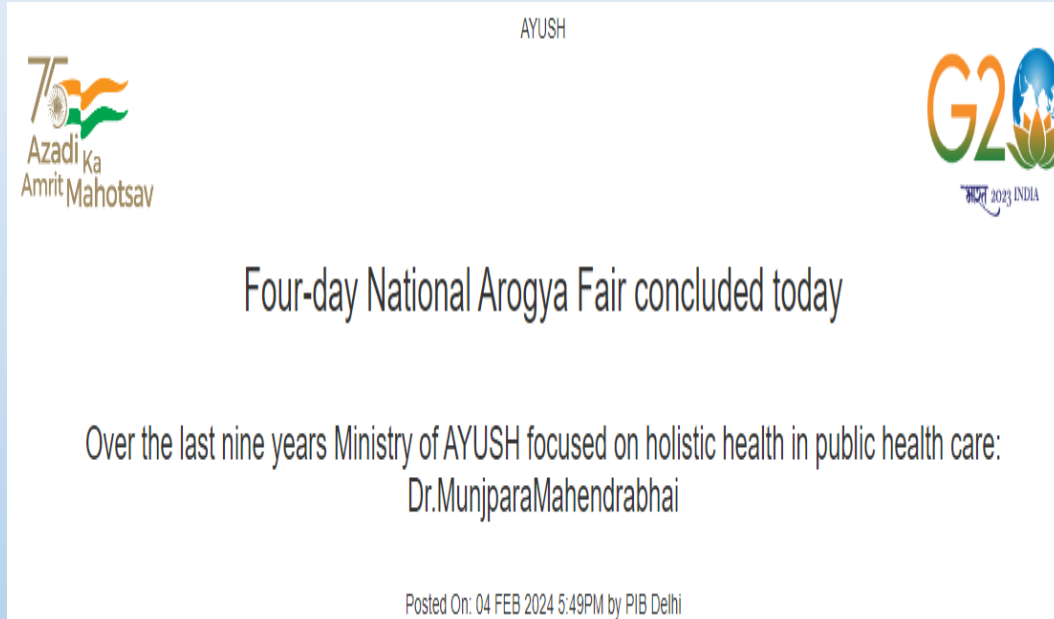
Do you know ?

The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands is an intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for the conservation of wetlands and their resources. India is a signatory.

The convention was adopted in the Iranian city of Ramsar in 1971 and came into force in 1975.

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PIB: Health (GSII)



- The four-day National Arogya Fair at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Delhi concluded
- National Arogya Fair organized by Shri Puran Chandra Gupta Smarak Trust with the support of Ministry of Ayush from February 1, 2024 to February 4, 2024 at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi saw a dynamic convergence of India's rich healing traditions, encompassing Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy

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PIB: Space (GSIII)



- Woman Robot Astronaut "Vyommitra" will fly into Space ahead of ISRO's ambitious "Gaganyaan" mission, which will be India's first human manned Space Flight carrying Indian Astronauts into Space.
- "Vyommitra" is a name derived from two Sanskrit words namely, "Vyoma" (meaning Space) and "Mitra" (meaning Friend). This Female Robot Astronaut is equipped with the capability to monitor Module Parameters, issue Alerts and execute Life Support operations.
- It can perform tasks such as operating six panels and responding to the queries.
- Vyommitra" Astronaut is designed in such a manner so as to simulate human functions in the Space environment and interact with the Life Support System.

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PIB:Defence (GSIII)



Ministry of Defence



INS Sandhayak, first Survey Vessel Large ship, commissioned into Indian Navy in the presence of Raksha Mantri in Visakhapatnam

- INS Sandhayak (Yard 3025), the first Survey Vessel Large (SVL) ship, was commissioned into the Indian Navy
- INS Sandhayak is equipped with state-of-the-art hydrographic equipment including Deep & Shallow Water Multi-Beam Echo-Sounders, Autonomous Underwater Vehicle, Remotely Operated Vehicle, Side scan sonars, Data Acquisition and Processing System, satellite-based positioning systems and terrestrial survey equipment.
- The ship is propelled by two Diesel Engines and is capable of achieving speeds in excess of 18 knots.
- It has an indigenous content of over 80% by cost and is a tribute to the collaborative efforts between the Indian Navy and Industry, including MSMEs.
- Its induction underscores the growing maritime interests and capabilities of the nation.
- 'Sandhayak' means the one who carries out a special search.

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Air:Economy (GSIII)

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India formally launches UPI at iconic Eiffel Tower in Paris

- India formally launched the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) at the iconic Eiffel Tower in Paris.
- The UPI was formally launched at the Republic Day reception held in France.

Do you know?

- The UPI is India's mobile-based payment system developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPIL) in 2016.
- It allows people to make round-the-clock payments through a virtual payment address created by the customer. UPI is a system that powers multiple bank accounts into a single mobile application of any participating bank, merging several banking features, seamless fund routing and merchant payments into one hood.

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Air:Health (GSII)

World Cancer Day: AIIMS Delhi Gynecologist Dr. Neerja Bhatla emphasises the need to ensure regular checkups for early detection of breast & cervical cancer

- World Cancer Day is being observed on 4 October
- The Day aims to save millions of preventable deaths each year through education, raising awareness and pressing governments and individuals across the world to take action against the deadly disease.
- Cancer is a large group of diseases that can start in almost any organ or tissue of the body when abnormal cells grow uncontrollably, go beyond their usual boundaries to invade adjoining parts of the body and/or spread to other organs.
- Cancer is a major contributor to global mortality, causing about 1 in every 6 deaths and affecting nearly every household. Globally, there were an estimated 20 million new cases of cancer and 9.7 million deaths from cancer as of 2022.
- Globally, the most common cancers are breast, lung, colon, rectum, and prostate cancer. In 2020, breast cancer was the most prevalent cancer globally, while lung cancer led to the highest number of deaths.