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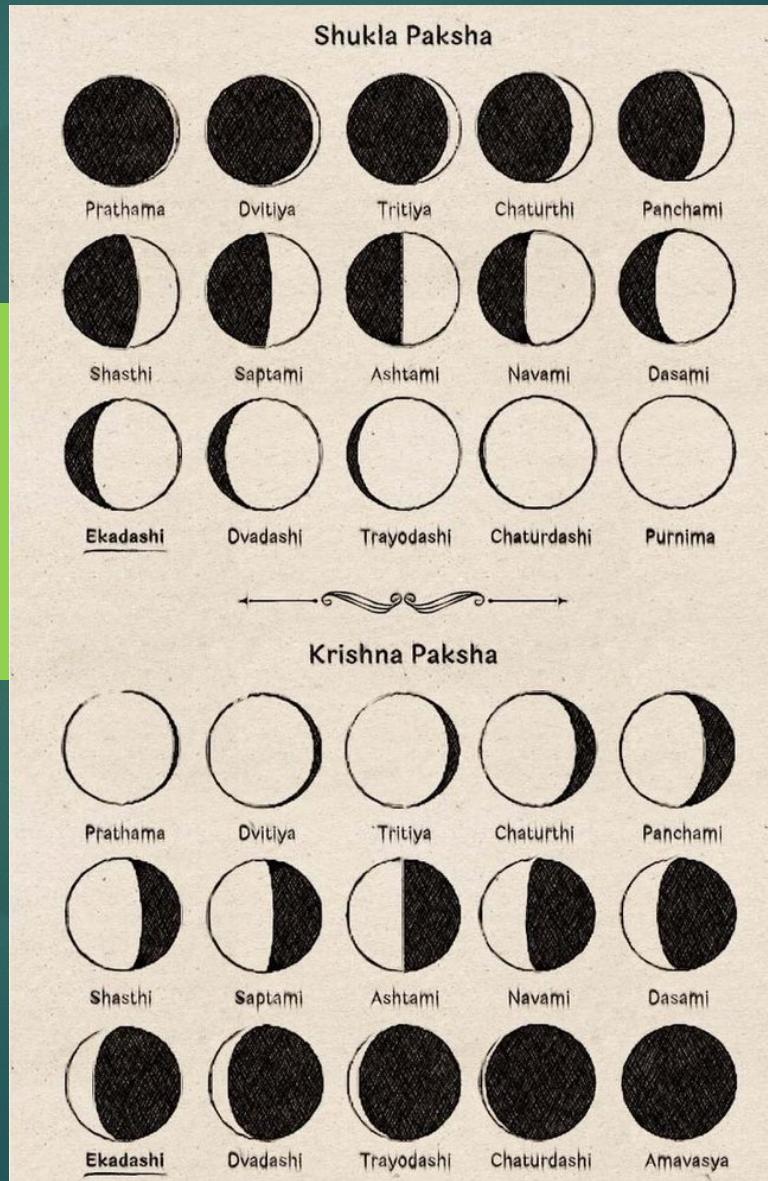
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Government to observe June 25 as 'Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas' to commemorate Emergency/सरकार आपातकाल की याद में  
25 जून को 'संविधान हत्या दिवस' के रूप में मनाएगी



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Centre declares June 25  
as 'Samvidhaan Hatya  
Diwas'

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## **Exciting News for Ex-Agniveers !**

-  **Age relaxations**
-  **10% reservation**
-  **No Physical Efficiency Tests**

# Central Armed Police Forces To Provide 10 % Reservation To Former Agniveers In Recruitments/केंद्रीय सशस्त्र पुलिस बल भर्ती में पूर्व अग्निवीरों को 10% आरक्षण प्रदान करेगा

- Chiefs of Border Security Force (BSF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Seema Suraksha Bal (SSB) issued individual statements that former Agniveers are welcome to join their respective forces.
- 10 per cent of jobs will be reserved for ex-Agniveers in all future appointments of constables.

- ▶ In physical tests also, they will be given exemption along with the relaxation on the age.
- ▶ In the first year, the age relaxation is for five years and in the subsequent year, the age relaxation will be three years
- ▶ Director General, CISF, Nina Singh
- ▶ Director General, Border Security Force, Nitin Agrawal
- ▶ Director General, Railway Protection Force, Manoj Yadava
- ▶ Director General, SSB Daljit Singh
- ▶ Director General, CRPF Anish Dayal Singh

- **Agnipath scheme was announced in June 2022.**
- Candidates between the age of 17.5 years to 21 years will be eligible for enrolling in the Agnipath scheme.
- Under the Agnipath scheme, soldiers known as Agniveers are recruited in the army, air force and navy for four years and are not entitled to gratuity and pension benefits.
- After the completion of four years of service, 75 per cent of them will be demobilised and the rest will be retained in the regular cadre, based on merit and organisational requirement.
- Before this scheme, a fit general-duty soldier had to serve 15-18 years.

INDIAN AIR FORCE REACHES AUSTRALIA WITH

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FOR PITCH BLACK EXERCISE



# Exercise Pitch Black

- An Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent landed at Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin, Australia to participate in the biennial, multinational exercise Pitch Black.
- The exercise which focuses on night time flying will take place from 12th July to 2nd August.
- The largest edition in its 43-year history, the exercise will include participation from 20 countries, over One hundred forty aircraft, and 4 thousand 4 hundred military personnel of various air forces.

- The IAF contingent comprises over 150 skilled Air Warriors including pilots, engineers, technicians, and experts, who will be operating Su-30 MKI multirole fighters, along with C-17 Globemaster and IL-78 Air-to-Air Refuelling aircraft in combat enabling roles.
- The IAF previously took part in the 2018 and 2022 editions of this exercise.

## CABINET APPROVAL

### Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement

**Union Cabinet** approves India's signing of the BBNJ Agreement, also referred to as the '**High Seas Treaty**'

➤ An international treaty under the United Nations Convention on the law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

➤ Aims at long-term protection and sustainable utilisation of marine biological diversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction

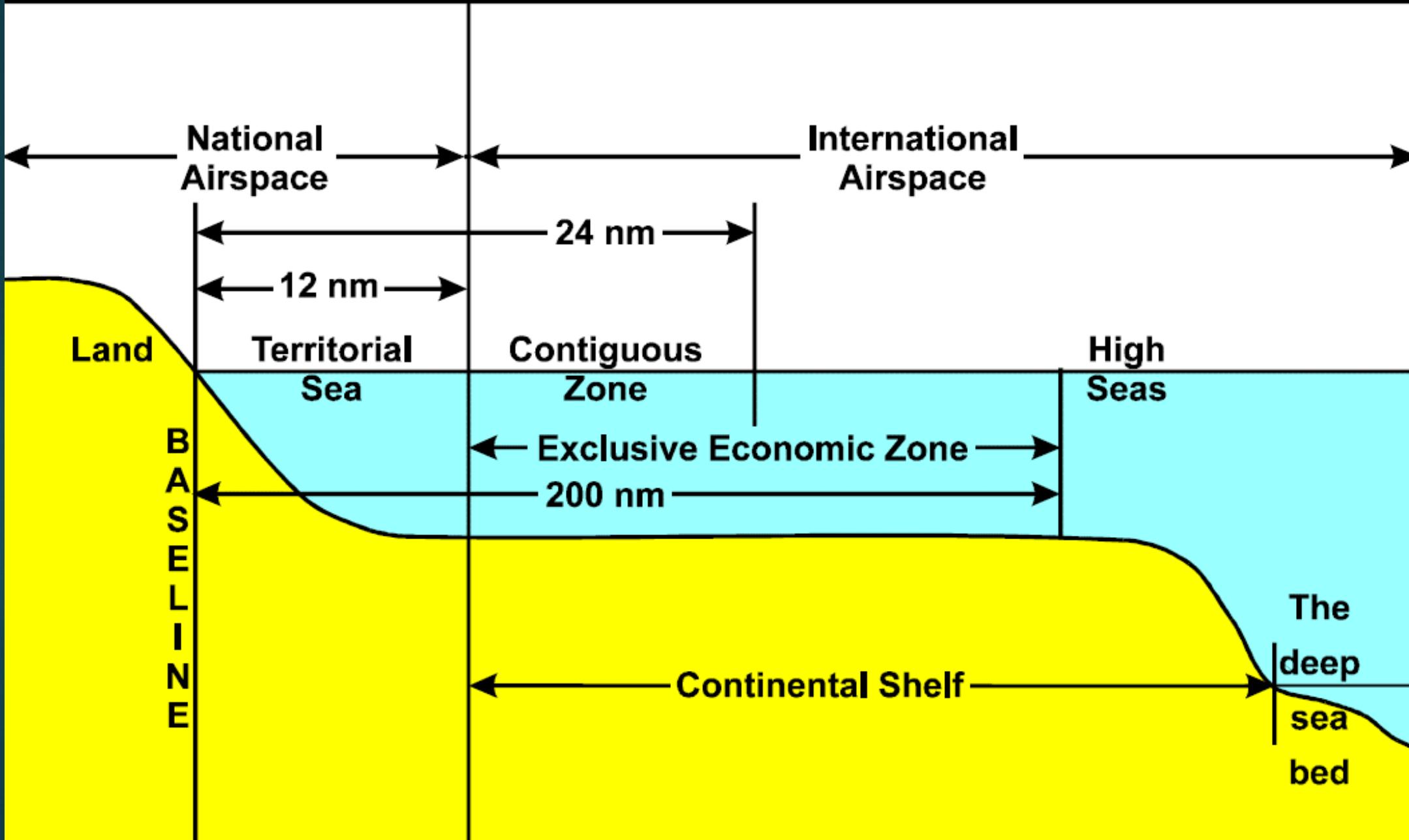


# India to Sign and Ratify High Seas Treaty on Marine Conservation/भारत समुद्री संरक्षण पर उच्च सागर संधि पर हस्ताक्षर और अनुसमर्थन करेगा

- The Indian government would soon sign and ratify the High Seas Treaty.
- This international treaty, under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), aims to protect marine biodiversity in the high seas through international cooperation.
- High seas are areas outside the national jurisdiction of any country because of which the treaty is also known as the agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdictions (BBNJ).
- It is formally called the Agreement on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.

- The High Seas Treaty will be critical to achieving the objectives of the '30x30' project, which aims to safeguard 30 percent of marine habitats by 2030 for which it plans to establish several new mechanisms.
- The BBNJ Agreement will become legally binding 120 days after 60 countries ratify it.
- As of June 2024, 91 countries have signed the agreement, and 8 have ratified it.
- Typically, national jurisdictions extend up to 200 nautical miles (370 km) from the coastline, an area that is called exclusive economic zones or EEZs.
- Areas outside of EEZs of every country are known as high seas or international waters.

# Outer Space



- Around 67 percent of the world's oceans lie beyond national boundaries. This area is referred to as the “high seas” or “areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ)
- As a result, many of these areas suffer from overexploitation of resources, biodiversity loss, pollution, including dumping of plastics, ocean acidification, and many other problems.
- According to UN estimates, about 17 million tonnes of plastics were dumped in the oceans in 2021, and this was only expected to increase in the coming years.

The High Seas Treaty seeks to achieve three substantive objectives:

1. conservation and protection of marine ecology;
  2. fair and equitable sharing of benefits from marine genetic resources;
  3. create new regulations for environmental impact evaluation of commercial activity in the high seas.
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- The treaty also aims at capacity building and transfer of marine technologies to developing countries.

## UNCLOS

- UN Convention on Laws of the Seas, or UNCLOS, adopted in 1982 and **effective from 1994**, is vital for environmental protection, maritime boundaries, marine resource rights, and dispute resolution.
- It has been ratified by over 160 countries and maintains order and fairness in using the world's oceans.
- Demarcations of territorial waters, and EEZs are a result of 1982 UNCLOS

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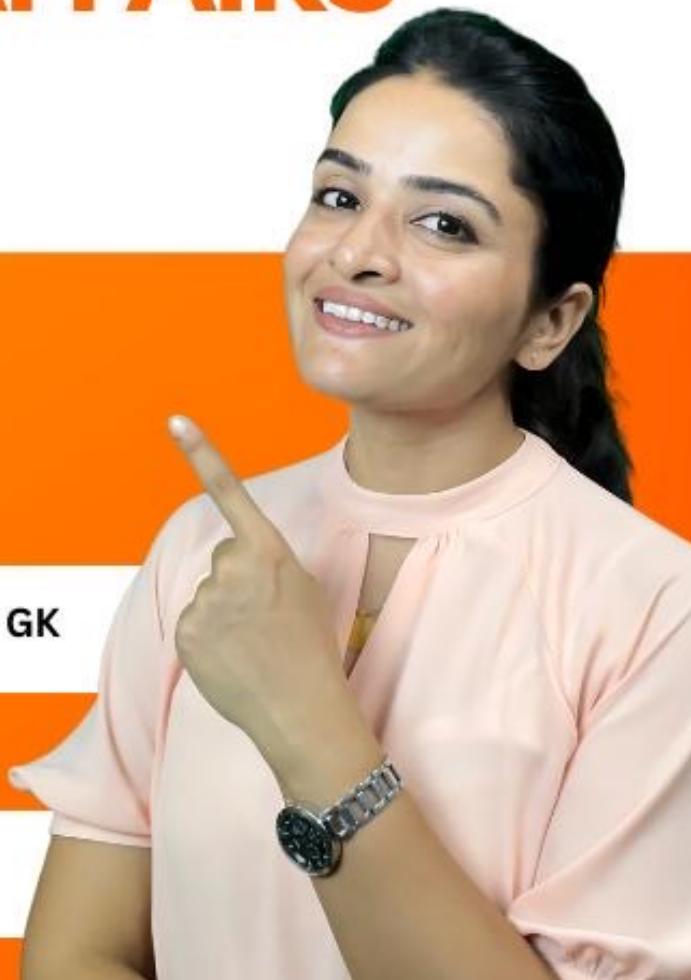
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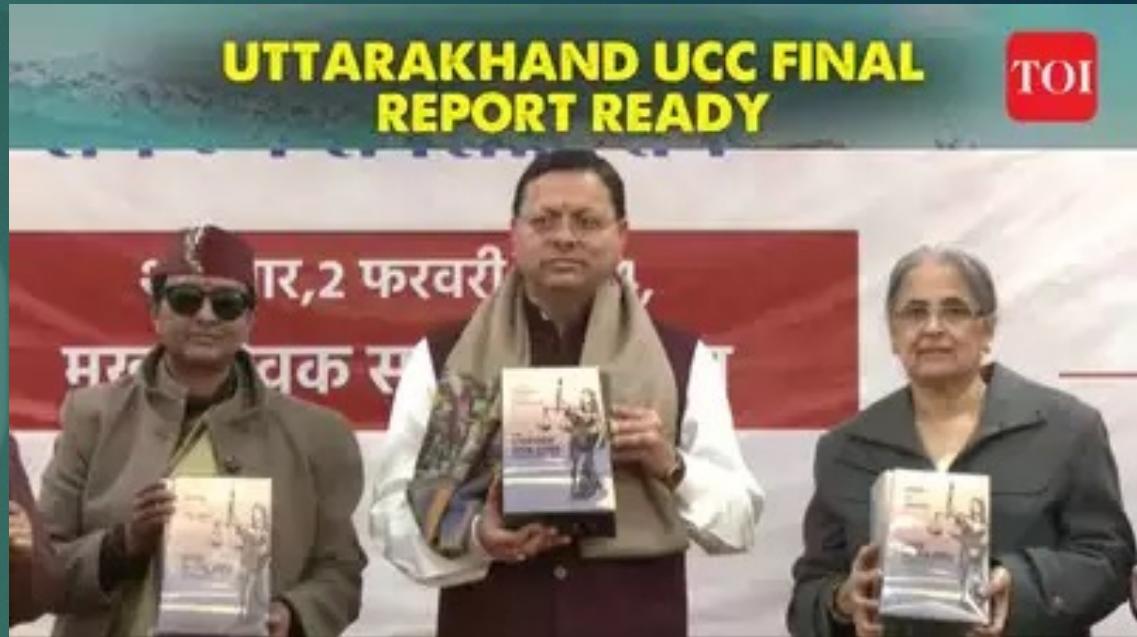
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# Uttarakhand Releases Uniform Civil Code Report/उत्तराखण्ड ने समान नागरिक संहिता रिपोर्ट जारी की

- The report of the Uniform Civil Code in Uttarakhand is available to the general public.
- The full report of 1700 pages of the Uttarakhand Civil Code is available in 4 volumes.
- Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami's government had constituted a five-member committee headed by Supreme Court Justice Ranjana Desai to prepare the UCC draft on May 27, 2022.



- The Uttarakhand government passed the Uniform Civil Code Bill on the 7th of February, 2024 and the UCC bill was approved by the president on the 12th of March, 2024.
- The UCC is mentioned in Article 44 of the Constitution as part of the Directive Principles of State Policy, that the state should work to establish a uniform civil code for all citizens across India.
- However, the Constitution's framers left it to the government's discretion to implement the UCC.

# The Key Highlights of Uttarakhand's UCC Bill, 2024

- The UCC aims to replace distinct personal laws of every religion, focusing on marriage, divorce, adoption, and inheritance, guided by Article 44 of the Constitution.
- This code would be a single set of personal laws that would apply to all citizens, regardless of religion.
- Some of the key proposals put forth by the committee include the prohibition of **polygamy**, nikah halala, iddat (a mandatory period of waiting to be observed by women following the dissolution of a Muslim marriage), triple talaq, and child marriage, uniform age for girls' marriage across all religions, and mandatory registration of live-in relationships.

## **Exemptions:**

- ▶ Scheduled tribes (STs) have been exempted from the purview of the bill.
- ▶ The tribal population in the state, which is around 3%

# Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity



# Andhra Pradesh's natural farming model wins Gulbenkian Prize/आंध्र प्रदेश के प्राकृतिक कृषि मॉडल को गुलबेंकियन पुरस्कार मिला

- The Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF), a State government's initiative launched through Rythu Sadhikara Samstha (RySS) seven years ago, has won the 2024 Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity, an award instituted by Portugal-based Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (CGF) and presented annually to individuals and organisations contributing to global food security, climate resilience and ecosystem protection.

- The APCNF is a Statewide programme supporting smallholder farmers to switch from chemically intensive agriculture to ‘natural farming’



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# PNB Launches 'Safety Ring' to Enhance Internet and Mobile Banking Security/पीएनबी ने इंटरनेट और मोबाइल बैंकिंग सुरक्षा बढ़ाने के लिए 'सेफ्टी रिंग' लॉन्च किया

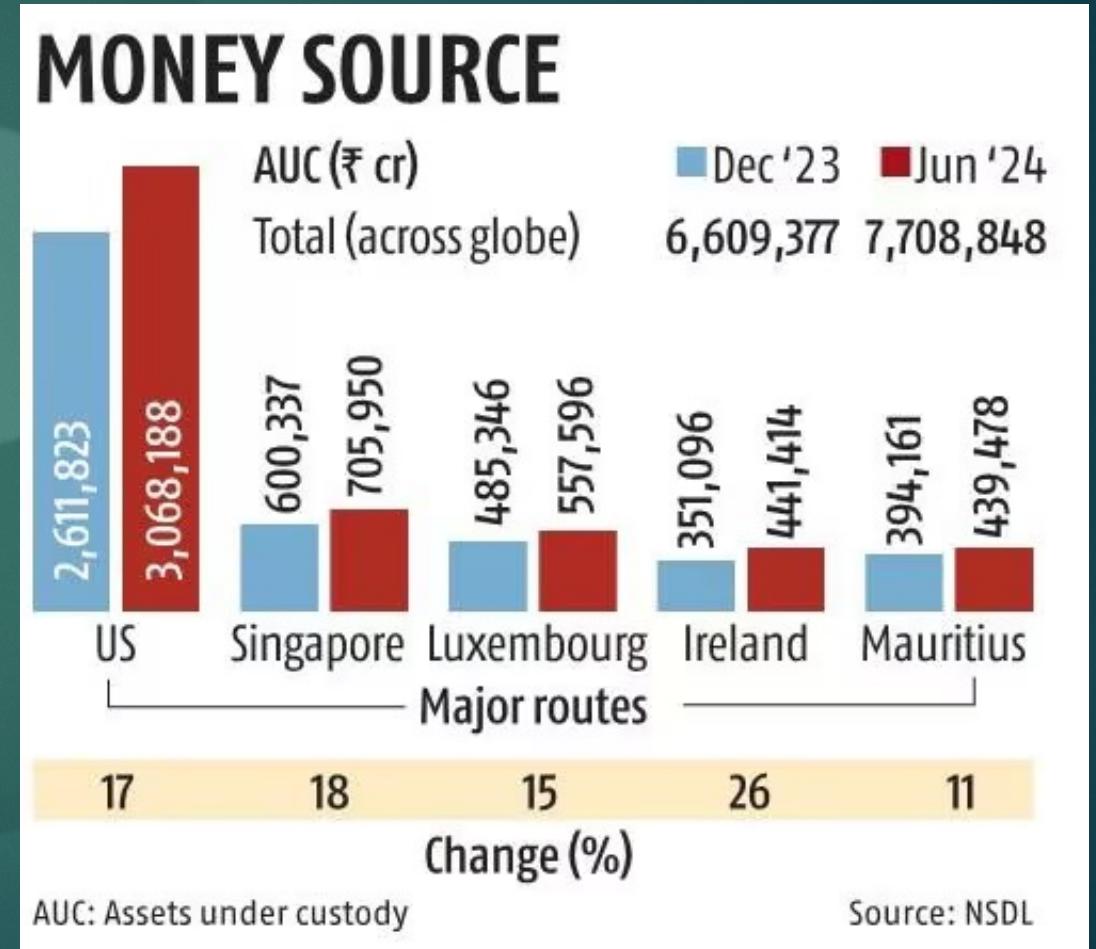
- State-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB) introduced a new security feature 'Safety Ring' within its internet banking system and mobile banking system in response to the increasing number of cyber frauds.
- This mechanism provides an additional safety layer to minimise potential losses in case of unauthorised access by fraudsters

- Safety Ring is an optional feature that allows customers to set a daily transaction limit with respect to term deposits (TDs) on online closure or availing overdraft facility on TDs up to the set limit amount
- The safety feature Safety Ring' ensures that TD cannot be closed, withdrawn, or used for loans (overdraft) beyond the customer-defined limit through any digital channels.

# Ireland Surpasses Mauritius in Preferred FPI

## Destinations/पसंदीदा एफपीआई गंतव्यों में आयरलैंड ने मॉरीशस को पीछे छोड़ा

- According to data from the National Securities Depository (NSDL)
- Mauritius, once among the leading destinations for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) routing funds into India, has now slipped to the fifth position, behind Ireland, in terms of assets under custody (AUC)



# What is Medical Devices Information System (MeDevIS)?/चिकित्सा उपकरण सूचना प्रणाली (MeDevIS) क्या है?

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched MeDevIS (Medical Devices Information System), an online platform designed to be the first global open access clearing house for information on medical devices.
- It aims to support governments, regulators, and users in making informed decisions about the selection, procurement, and use of medical devices for diagnostics, testing, and treatment of various health conditions.

- MeDevIS includes information on 2301 types of medical devices addressing a wide range of health issues such as reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health, noncommunicable diseases like cancer, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, and infectious diseases like COVID-19.
- MeDevIS allows users to search for required devices by type, level of healthcare system, scope, and infrastructure needs, among other categories.



- ▶ *MeDevIS includes info on 2,301 types of medical devices*
- ▶ *It aids in selection, procurement, use of medical devices*
- ▶ *It can support govts, regulators, users in decision-making*

# 200TH TEST WICKET FOR BEN STOKES

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ONLY THE THIRD PLAYER TO DO THE  
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# Ben Stokes achieved Historic Doubles in Test and International Cricket/बेन स्टोक्स ने टेस्ट और अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट में ऐतिहासिक डबल्स हासिल किए

- Ben Stokes became the third player and first England cricketer to achieve over 6,000 runs and 200 wickets in Test cricket, joining Garry Sobers and Jacques Kallis.

# Sourav Ganguly bought Kolkata Royal Tigers Racing Team/সৌরভ গাংগুলী নে কোলকাতা রোয়েল টাইগার্স রেসিং টীম খরিদী

- Former Indian cricket captain Sourav Ganguly becomes the owner of the Kolkata Royal Tigers Racing team
- Indian Racing Festival (IRF) third season will feature eight city-based teams competing from August to November in the Indian Racing League (IRL) and Formula 4 Indian Championship (F4IC).



# REVISION QUESTIONS



In which country is the exercise Pitch Black conducted?

पिच ब्लैक अभ्यास किस देश में आयोजित किया जाता है?

- A) United States
- B) United Kingdom
- C) Australia
- D) Canada

**Answer:** C

Which organization launched the MeDeVIIS platform?

किस संगठन ने MeDeVIIS प्लेटफॉर्म लॉन्च किया?

- A) World Health Organization (WHO)
- B) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- C) United Nations (UN)
- D) International Red Cross

**Answer:** a

What percentage of reservation has been announced for former Agniveers in the CISF, BSF, and RPF for posts of constables?

सीआईएसएफ, बीएसएफ और आरपीएफ में कांस्टेबल के पदों के लिए पूर्व अग्निवीरों के लिए कितने प्रतिशत आरक्षण की घोषणा की गई है?

- A) 5 percent
- B) 10 percent
- C) 15 percent
- D) 20 percent

**Answer:** B

On which date will 'Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas' be observed annually?

- A) 15th August
- B) 26th January
- C) 25th June
- D) 2nd October

Answer: C

What is the name of the new security feature introduced by Punjab National Bank (PNB) to combat cyber frauds?

- A) Secure Lock
- B) Safety Shield
- C) Safety Ring
- D) Fraud Guard

**Answer:** C

What initiative has won the 2024 Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity?

किस पहल ने मानवता के लिए 2024 गुलबेंकियन पुरस्कार जीता है?

- A) Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF)
- B) Tamil Nadu Organic Farming Project
- C) Karnataka Sustainable Agriculture Program
- D) Maharashtra Green Farming Initiative

**Answer:** A