

# DAILY PT POINTERS

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# HEADLINES OF THE DAY



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### CAA will come to the rescue of Sikhs: Shah

THE HINDU BUREAU

NEW DELHI

- The Citizenship (Amendment) Act 2019 grants Indian Citizenship to persons belonging to Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian communities on ground of religious persecution in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh who had arrived in India before 31 December 2014.
  - It also relaxes the provisions for "Citizenship by naturalisation". The law reduces duration of residency from existing 11 years to just five years.
- **Do you know ?**
- The Constitution **does not define the term 'citizen' but details of various categories** of persons who are entitled to citizenship are given in **Part II (Articles 5 to 11)**.
- In India, citizenship is regulated by the Citizenship Act, 1955.
- The Act specifies that citizenship may be acquired in India through five methods – by birth in India, by descent, through registration, by naturalisation (extended residence in India), and by incorporation of territory into India.
- It was amended in 2019

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### SC raps Maharashtra Speaker for 'disregarding' court order

Top court says anti-defection proceedings against CM Shinde and other MLAs reduced to a 'charade'; it slams Narwekar for defeating orders to prepare a time schedule, warns that he will be held accountable; directs to take action before election



- the Tenth Schedule was added by the 52nd Amendment. Passed by Parliament in 1985 to prevent political defections, it is commonly referred to as the anti-defection law.
- **Disqualification on ground of defection:** A legislator belonging to a political party will be disqualified if he:
  - voluntarily gives up his party membership, or
  - votes/abstains to vote in the House contrary to the direction issued by his political party.
  - Independent members will be disqualified if they join a political party after getting elected to the House. Nominated members will be disqualified if they join any political party six months after getting nominated.
  - Exemptions in cases of merger: Members are exempted from such disqualification when at least two-thirds of the original political party merges with another political party. Further: (i) the members must have become members of the party they have merged with/into, or (ii) they should have not accepted the merger and choose to function as a separate group.

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# Military supplies from Israel unlikely to be affected: Govt

A senior official told The Indian Express that the Indian defence establishment is closely watching the situation in Israel.

- The ongoing **Israel-Hamas war** is unlikely to have an immediate impact on Indian military hardware and spares supplies, unless it turns out to be a long conflict stretching for several months.
  - India was **the biggest arms export market** to **Russia, France and Israel** between 2018 and 2022 and as per the latest report by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) released in March this year.
  - Around 37 per cent of Israel's arms exports went to India during this period.
    - Over the last decade, India has purchased a range of weapons and military equipment from Israel—from missiles, UAVs, sensors and radars, air defence systems and small arms.

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# In SC, questions of foetal viability and rights of unborn child

*The case has travelled to two different Benches of the SC, raising crucial questions on the decisional autonomy of a woman to abort, and the legislative framework.*

- Under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act, 2021, abortion is permitted after medical opinion under stipulated circumstances.
- The 2021 Act increased the upper limit of the gestation period to which a woman can seek a medical abortion to 24 weeks from 20 weeks permitted in the 1971 Act. But this renewed upper limit can only be exercised in specific cases.
- The Act allows termination of pregnancy in three stages.
  - Termination of pregnancy up to 20 weeks is allowed on the advice of one doctor.
  - If a pregnancy is 20-24 weeks, the right to seek abortion is determined by two registered medical practitioners as an exception, but only under certain categories.
  - After 24 weeks, a medical board must be set up in “approved facilities”, which may “allow or deny termination of pregnancy” only if there is substantial foetal abnormality.

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## PIB : Environment

### Notification issued for Green Credit Program (GCP) and Ecomark scheme Under LiFE Initiative to Promote Sustainable Lifestyle and Environmental Conservation

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- the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has introduced two pioneering initiatives that indicate the country's pro-active approach to climate change, sustainability and promotion eco-conscious practices.
  - **the Green Credit Program (GCP)** : is an innovative market-based mechanism designed to incentivize voluntary environmental actions across diverse sectors, by various stakeholders like individuals, communities, private sector industries, and companies
    - In its initial phase, the GCP focuses on two key activities: water conservation and afforestation
  - **the Ecomark Scheme:** It provides accreditation and labelling for household and consumer products that meet specific environmental criteria while maintaining quality standards as per Indian norms.
    - The Central Pollution Control Board administers the Ecomark Scheme in partnership with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), which is the national body for standards and certification.

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PIB : Economy



Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala to start Sagar Parikrama Phase X today

- Sagar Parikrama is an evolutionary journey envisaged across the coastal belt demonstrating solidarity amongst all fisher folk, fish farmers and other stakeholders while also understand the on-ground challenges and problems of the fishers.
  - The first part of Sagar Parikrama was launched in March 2022 from Gujarat.
  - The nine phases of Sagar Parikrama have been completed and has covered 4,115 km in 9 Coastal states/UTs including Gujarat, Diu & Daman, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

## Do you know ?

- India is the **third largest fish producer** and the **second largest aquaculture producer** in the world, with a total fish production of 14.16 million tonnes in 2020-21.
- The Government of India has launched various schemes and initiatives to boost the growth and development of the fisheries sector, such as the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) schemes.

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**PIB : Miscellaneous**

Hollywood Actor and Producer Michael Douglas to attend 54th International Film Festival of India To Receive Prestigious Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award

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- The Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award, instituted in the 30th IFFI in 1999
- It is presented to individuals whose exceptional contributions have significantly enriched and elevated the world of cinema.





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## PIB : Women Empowerment

### Nari Shakti Surges Ahead!

Female Labour Force Participation Rate Jumps to 37.0%

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- Periodic Labour Force Survey Report 2022-23 released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- It shows that the Female Labour Force Participation Rate in the country has improved significantly by 4.2 percentage points to 37.0% in 2023, as per 'usual status' concept of measuring labour force participation.