

# DAILY PT POINTERS

1<sup>st</sup> November, 2023



# HEADLINES OF THE DAY

**The Hindu: GS 2-IR/GS 3-Infrastructure (Page 1)**

**Akhaura-Agartala rail link to be inaugurated virtually by PM Modi, Sheikh Hasina today**



- The Akhaura-Agartala Cross-Border Rail Link project was supported by a grant aid of ₹392.52 crore extended to Bangladesh by the Indian government.
- The rail link is 12.24 km, with a 6.78-km dual gauge line in Bangladesh and 5.46 km in Tripura.
  - The Akhaura junction, located in Bangladesh's Brahmanbaria district and has a rich history of commercial and cultural ties with India's north-eastern region since the colonial era.
- Bangladesh and northeast India will re-establish rail connectivity through Tripura, after a gap of nearly seven and a half decades.
- This rail link is being seen as a first step to connect Tripura to Kolkata through Bangladesh
- The link will significantly reduce the time and distance needed to reach Tripura, southern Assam, and Mizoram from Kolkata.
- It will also help boost India-Bangladesh trade in agriculture products, tea, sugar, construction items, iron and steel, consumer items, besides people-to-people ties.



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**The Hindu :Miscellaneous (Page 3)**

## Social worker from Bastar wins Rohini Nayyar Prize



- The Rohini Nayyar Prize for outstanding contribution to Rural Development in India has been instituted in the memory of the life and work of eminent economist-administrator, Dr. Rohini Nayyar.
- The Rohini Nayyar Prize, conferred annually, will recognise an individual's outstanding contribution to rural development whether in civil society, government, enterprise or academia.

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## The Hindu: GS 2-Polity and Governance (Page 4)

### State govt. accepts Shinde panel report on procedure to grant Kunbi certificates to Marathas

Backward Commission to undertake survey, recommends Maharashtra Cabinet; will give up water from today, says Jarange-Patil in fresh ultimatum to seek immediate reservation for the community; Chief Minister calls all-party meet



- The Maharashtra government accepted the first report of a committee headed by retired high court judge Sandeep Shinde, appointed to decide the procedure for granting Kunbi caste certificates to the Marathas in the Marathwada region.
- The process of the issuance of Kunbi certificates has begun.
  - Kunbi, a community associated with agriculture, is grouped under the Other Backward Classes (OBC) category in Maharashtra and enjoys reservation benefits in education and government jobs.

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## The Hindu : GS 1-Significant Personalities (Page 4)

### PM Modi pays tribute to Sardar Patel at Statue of Unity in Gujarat

The birth anniversary of India's first Home Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, is celebrated as National Unity Day.

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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, October 31, paid floral tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at the Statue of Unity in Gujarat on the birth anniversary of India's first Home Minister, which is celebrated as National Unity Day.
- The Prime Minister launched multiple development projects worth Rs 160 crore.
- The 5th edition of the Aarambh programme was held on the theme of 'Harnessing the Power of Disruption.'
- Aarambh was launched in 2019 by bringing together all trainees of the All India Civil Services and Group-A Central Services.
- The course provides a first-hand introduction to the ideas, challenges and responsibilities of governance in a large and diverse country,

#### Do you know?

- The Statue of Unity, dedicated to Sardar Patel, was inaugurated here by PM Modi on October 31, 2018.
- It is the world's tallest statue with a height of 182 metres.

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The Hindu : GS 2/Governance(Page 6)

## Union Minister booked for remarks on blasts

Kerala Police file FIR against Rajeev Chandrasekhar after he allegedly placed the blame on a particular community for the multiple blasts at a convention centre

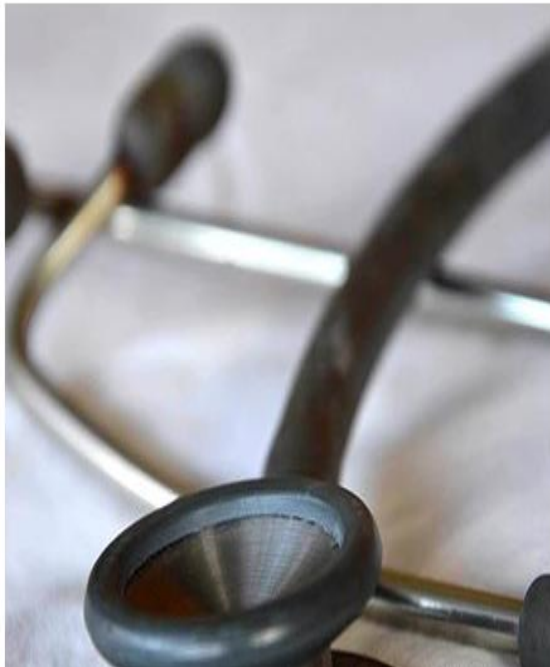


- **Section 153** (wantonly giving provocation with an intent to cause riot) and **153-A** (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion) of the IPC .
- **Section 120 (o)** (causing nuisance and violation of public order through any means of communication)

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

**NMC to launch 'one nation, one registration platform' for unified info on doctors**



- The National Medical Commission (NMC), the regulatory body for medical education and medical professionals, is all set to launch its “one nation, one registration platform” for doctors across the country to eliminate duplication and red tape and allow the public to access information on any physician working in India.
- The NMC will unveil a patch pilot of the National Medical Register (NMR) in the next six months where doctors will be allotted a unique identification number and then can also apply for their licence to work in any State depending on where they are.



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**The Hindu : Defense (GSIII)Page 14**

## Navy chief calls for a plan among GMC countries

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- GMC is the Indian Navy's outreach Initiative providing a multinational platform to harness the collective wisdom of practitioners of maritime security and the academia towards garnering outcome oriented maritime thought.
- Previous editions of the biennial event were held in 2017, 2019, and 2021 and it provides a forum for exchange of views by the Chiefs of Navy/ Heads of Maritime Agencies on dealing with contemporary and future maritime challenges, as well as presenting cooperative strategies for enhancing interoperability amongst partner maritime agencies.



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The Hindu:GS 3(S&T)(Page 24)

## A Gaganyaan for the seas: inside India's 'Deep Ocean Mission'

The Mission – a priority area for India – is an ambitious programme to explore and harness the depths of the ocean. Approved by the Union Cabinet in 2021, it has six pillars, including the development of technologies for deep-sea mining and a crewed submersible to reach a depth of 6,000 metres



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- It is chiefly implemented by the MoES and approved by the Union Cabinet in 2021. The mission has six pillars:
  - (i) Development of technologies for deep-sea mining and a manned submersible to carry three people to a depth of 6,000 metres in the ocean.
  - (ii) Development of ocean climate change advisory services, involving an array of ocean observations and models to understand and provide future climate projections;
  - (iii) Technological innovations for the exploration and conservation of deep-sea biodiversity;
  - (iv) Deep-ocean survey and exploration aimed at identifying potential sites of multi-metal hydrothermal sulphides mineralisation along the Indian Ocean mid-oceanic ridges;
  - (v) Harnessing energy and freshwater from the ocean; and
  - (vi) Establishing an advanced Marine Station for Ocean Biology, as a hub for nurturing talent and driving new opportunities in ocean biology and blue biotechnology.

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**Indian Express: Polity and Governance –GS  
II/Defense –GS III(Page 1)**

# President terminates services of Army Major posted with Strategic Forces Command unit

*The Army Major had been under investigation since March 2022.*



- President Draupadi Murmu has terminated the services of an Indian Army Major posted with a Strategic Forces Command (SFC) unit. An Army inquiry had earlier found that the Major was involved in several lapses which comprised national security.
- The President, exercising powers conferred by Section 18 of the Army Act, 1950, read with Article 310 of the Constitution and all other powers enabling in this behalf, ordered that the services of the Major be terminated with immediate effect.

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**Indian Express: Polity and Governance(Page 7)**

## PM launches 'MY Bharat' platform for youth

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said, "Today, at the culmination of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, marks the beginning of Amrit-kaal."



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid launched the Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) platform, designed for the country's youth,
- Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), an autonomous body will benefit the youth in the age group of 15-29 years, in line with the definition of 'Youth' in the National Youth Policy.
- Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) is 'Phygital Platform' (physical + digital) comprising physical activity along with an opportunity to connect digitally.
- It envisions a framework where the youth of our country can seamlessly connect with programs, mentors, and their local communities.

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## PIB: Defense

CCI approves proposed combination relating to minority investment by India Business Excellence Fund – IV in SK Finance Limited

Posted On: 31 OCT 2023 8:32PM by PIB Delhi



- India Business Excellence Fund – IV (**Acquirer**) is a Category II Alternative Investment Fund registered with the Securities and Exchange Board of India. It primarily invests in equity and equity-linked instruments and/or debt and/or mezzanine or other instruments of Indian or India related companies. It is a sector-agnostic fund, providing growth capital to mid-sized companies.



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**PIB : Economy(GS 3)**

Open Seminar held to comprehend outlooks and requirements of realtors as regards to Project-SMART



- Project-SMART envisages developing surrounding areas of Mumbai - Ahmedabad High Speed Railway (MAHSR) Stations to enhance accessibility and convenience of commuters & other stakeholders and to promote economic activities in the vicinity of station areas. The project would facilitate and enhance institutional capacity of State Governments, Municipal Corporations and Urban Development Authorities to plan, develop and manage surrounding areas of MAHSR stations.

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**PIB : Defense(GS 3)**

Union Home Minister's "Special Operation Medal" for the year 2023 awarded for 4 Special Operations

Posted On: 31 OCT 2023 11:26AM by PIB Delhi



- The “Union Home Minister’s Special Operation Medal” for the year 2023 have been awarded for 4 Special Operations. The medal was constituted in 2018 with the objective to recognize those operations, which have high degree of planning, high significance for the security of the country/State/UT and have significant impact on the security of larger sections of the society. The award shall be conferred for Special Operation in the areas such as counter terrorism, border action, arms control, prevention of narcotics smuggling and rescue operations. It is announced on 31<sup>st</sup> of October every year. In a year, normally 3 Special Operations are considered for the award and in extra ordinary circumstances, the award may be given up to 5 Special Operations to encourage State/UT Police.

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**PIB : Environment(GS 3)**

International Solar Alliance's Global Solar Facility set to receive a capital contribution of \$35 million dollars



- The International Solar Alliance (ISA) today announced that the Global Solar Facility (GSF), a payment guarantee fund formed by ISA to stimulate investments into solar power projects, is set to receive a capital contribution of \$35 million dollars.
- The Global Solar Facility (GSF) is designed to catalyze solar investments in underserved segments and geographies across Africa, unlocking commercial capital in the process.

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## PIB : Women Empowerment(GS 1)

All women bike expedition 'Yashasvini' celebrating Nari Shakti across the country culminates its journey at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat on National Unity Day

Ministry of Women and Child Development under the banner, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, in conjunction with CRPF organized events across 22 districts



- Yashaswini', the bike expedition of women bikers of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) held in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Child Development culminated its journey at Ekta nagar, Gujarat on the occasion of National Unity Day.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development collaborated with the Central Reserve Police Force for organizing a bike expedition, "Yashaswini", a group of 150 CRPF women bikers to celebrate women power or Nari Shakti across the country.