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HEADLINES OF THE DAY

PIB: Governance

Government notifies the Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 2024 to comprehensively improve the film certification process

Adoption of Online Certification processes for enhanced transparency, efficiency & ease of doing business for the Film Industry

System for Priority Screening of Films for enhancing transparency and eliminating all discretions

Reduction in time-lines for the processing of film certification and adopting complete digital processes for eliminating all transactional time

Provision of Accessibility features for certification to make watching films inclusive for disabled persons

Greater representation of women in the CBFC Board & CBFC's Advisory Panels



News

- Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, has notified the Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 2024, in supersession of the Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 1983.

Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 2024

- Age-Based Certification:** Introduction of age based categories of certification by further sub-dividing the existing UA category into three age-based categories, viz. seven years (UA 7+), thirteen years (UA 13+), and sixteen years (UA 16+), instead of twelve years.
- Greater representation of women** in the CBFC Board & CBFC's Advisory Panels, where it is stipulated that one-third of the members in the Board shall be women and preferably half shall be women.
- System for Priority Screening** of Films for enhancing transparency and eliminating all discretions.

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PIB: Environment

ETHANOL 100 fuel launched by Petroleum Minister Hardeep S Puri

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Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Housing and Urban Affairs, launched 'ETHANOL 100, a revolutionary automotive fuel at IndianOil Retail Outlet M/s. Irwin Road Service Station, here today. Starting from today, customers can avail ETHANOL 100 at select 183 retail outlets across five states –



News

- The Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, launched **Ethanol100**, an alternate auto fuel in New Delhi.

About

- Ethanol100, a cleaner and greener alternative to gasoline, is a blend of 92 to 94 percent ethanol, 4 to 5 percent motor spirit to provide colour to flame and 1.5 percent Co-solvent higher saturated alcohol.
- With its **high-octane rating**, typically between 100-105, ETHANOL100 proves ideal for high-performance engines, ensuring improved efficiency and power output.
- It can be used in a wide array of vehicles, including flex-fuel vehicles (FFVs).

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Lok Sabha election 2024 updates | Election Commission to announce poll dates on March 16

The Election Commission will hold a press conference at 3 p.m. on March 16 to announce the schedule for General Elections and some State Assemblies

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News

- The Election Commission of India will announce the schedule for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections today.

About

- The **Model Code of Conduct** comes into effect immediately after the announcement of the poll dates and remains effective until the announcement of results.

What is the Model Code of Conduct (MCC)?

- It is a **set of guidelines/norms** for political parties and candidates, **issued** by the Election Commission, to create a "level playing field".
- It aims to avert practices that are deemed corrupt under the model code such as politicians making hate speeches or promises about new projects that may sway voters.
- The MCC is **not enforceable by law**. However, certain provisions of the MCC may be enforced through invoking corresponding provisions in other statutes such as the Indian Penal Code, 1860, Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, and Representation of the People Act, 1951.

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IE: Environment

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Bengaluru's woes are a crisis foretold. Other Indian cities must learn lessons from it



News

- Bengaluru is facing **its worst drought** in 30-40 years, leading to an acute water shortage.

Bengaluru's Water Crisis

- Bengaluru experienced a **rainfall deficit in 2023** led to declining groundwater levels.
- Historically, Bengaluru relied on a network of lakes and tanks for water supply. However, rapid urbanization has led to the encroachment and drying out of these water bodies.
- The **Arkavathi Reservoir**, once a vital water source, is severely depleted and polluted due to uncontrolled development and encroachments.

Water stress in India

- India has **18 percent** of the world's population, but only **4 percent** of its water resources, making it among the most water-stressed in the world.
- A NITI Aayog report, '**Composite Water Management Index' (2018)** has said that India is facing its 'worst' water crisis in history, with more than **600 million** people facing acute water shortages.

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IE: Science and Technology

Why has India developed an atmospheric testbed near Bhopal?



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- The first phase of India's **Atmospheric Research Testbed in Central India (ART-CI)** was inaugurated at Silkheda in Madhya Pradesh.

What is the Atmospheric Research Testbed (ART)?

- The ART is an open-field, focused observational and analytical research programme.
- It aims to conduct **ground-based observations** of weather parameters like temperature, wind speeds, etc. and in-situ (on-site) observations of the transient synoptic systems – like **low-pressure areas and depressions** that form in the Bay of Bengal – during the southwest monsoon season.

Application

- Studying these systems and their associated cloud parameters will be used to generate high volumes of data over a long period.
- It can then be compared with the existing weather models so that improvements can be made to obtain accurate rainfall predictions.