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GS Paper 3-Defence



DRDO does release trials  
of long-range glide bomb



## KEY POINTS

- DRDO successfully tested the 1,000-kg 'Gaurav' glide bomb from a Su-30 MKI, achieving ~100 km range with high accuracy.
- The trials pave the way for its induction into the Indian Air Force.







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GS Paper 1-Places

# Children subjected to rape, sexual violence in DR Congo, says UN

Agence France-Presse

GENEVA

The UN condemned on Friday the widespread rape of children in conflict-torn eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, where thou-

Children make up between 35 to 45% of the nearly 10,000 cases of rape and sexual violence



## KEY POINTS

- The UN condemned the widespread rape of children in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), where conflict escalated in early 2025. The DRC, located in Central Africa, is the second-largest African country by land area, with a population of over 80 million.
- The country shares borders with nine nations and is known for its rich natural resources, including copper, cobalt, and diamonds.





## GS 2-Governance

**FORMS PART OF TN BILLS CASE RULING**

### SC sets timeframe for President on referred Bills: Decide in 3 months

**'Courts won't be powerless if... not done in reasonable time'**

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 11

IN SETTING timelines for Governors to act on Bills presented to them by the state legislatures, the Supreme Court has, for the first time, prescribed that the President should take a decision on the Bills reserved for

consideration by the Governor within a period of three months from the date on which such reference is received.

It said "in case of any delay beyond this period, appropriate reasons would have to be recorded and conveyed" to the state concerned.

Calling for a decision within three months is significant be-

cause under Article 201 of the Constitution no timeframe has been set for a Presidential decision.

Making available Friday its April 8 ruling that declared as illegal and erroneous the action of Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi in reserving 10 Bills for considera-

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- The Supreme Court of India ruled that the President must decide on bills reserved by a Governor within three months, following a case where Tamil Nadu's Governor reserved bills already reconsidered by the state legislature. It also clarified that the President, like Governors, cannot exercise an "absolute veto" and must provide specific reasons for withholding assent.





## GS 2 -Governance

### Vaishnaw announces Kavach 5.0 system to increase Mumbai local services by 30%

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NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, APRIL 11

IN A major step to upgrade Mumbai's suburban train travel, Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw on Friday announced that Kavach 5.0, the latest in the series of Automatic Train Protection (ATP) systems, will be implemented to increase the number of trains by 30 percent. Currently, Kavach 4.0 version is under implementation in the different parts of Indian Railways.

Kavach aids the Loco Pilot in running of trains within specified speed limits by automatic application of brakes in case Loco

ongoing with a Mumbai specific aim. Its development will be completed by the end of December. This means that if we can reduce the gap of 180 seconds between two trains by 30 percent, it means we can run 30 percent more trains. The more frequently you can run trains, it means you will be able to provide more services. So due to Kavach 5.0, we will be able to add 30 percent more trains," said Vaishnaw in Mumbai, while addressing the media on progress of a major Railways project in Maharashtra, along with Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

There are around 3,500 train services every day in Mumbai local and about 80 lakh people



## KEY POINTS

- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced that the Kavach 5.0 system will be implemented in Mumbai to increase train frequency by 30%. Set for completion by December, it aims to reduce the gap between trains and enhance safety. This initiative is part of a ₹17,000 crore infrastructure upgrade to improve services for Mumbai's 80 lakh daily commuters.







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## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



# GS3-Environment

Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers



## Plastic Parks in India

Accelerating Growth of the Polymer-Based Industrial Ecosystem

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## KEY POINTS

- The Government of India is setting up Plastic Parks to boost the plastic processing industry by providing modern infrastructure and common facilities through a cluster development approach.
- These parks aim to increase investment, production, exports, and employment, while promoting sustainable practices like recycling







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## GS3-Economy

Ministry of Textiles



### The Magic of Indian Silk

### From Sericulture to Masterpiece

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## KEY POINTS

- Silk is vital to India's culture and economy, being the second-largest producer and top consumer.
- It supports rural livelihoods and exports. The Silk Samagra Scheme boosts quality, productivity, and empowers poor families in the sericulture sector.







## GS Paper 2-IR

**India, Italy Seek To Deepen Ties With Comprehensive Strategic Partnership: Piyush Goyal**





## KEY POINTS

- India and Italy are strengthening ties through a comprehensive strategic partnership to boost trade beyond \$15 billion. Key collaboration areas include technology, defense, and education.
- They are also working on the India–Middle East–Europe Corridor and an India–EU Free Trade Agreement.







## GS Paper 3-Environment

**Mauritius Becomes First African Country To Sign ISA's Country Partnership Framework**



## KEY POINTS

- Mauritius has become the first African country to sign a Country Partnership Framework (CPF) with the International Solar Alliance (ISA), focusing on solar energy projects like floating and rooftop solar.
- The ISA, launched in 2015 by India and France, aims to promote solar energy for sustainable development and climate action, with a goal to mobilize \$1 trillion in solar investments by 2030.

