









Chinese Ambassador to India Sun Weidong.





India's ambassador to China Vikram Misri





Who was the Lieutenant-Governor of Punjab when the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre took place?

- A. Michael O'Dwyer
 - **B.** Reginald Dyer
 - C. Louis William Dane
 - D. Edward Douglas Maclagan

Ans: A



Consider the following statements with respect to Shyok

River:

- 1. It originates in the Rimo Glacier.
- 2. It is called the "River of Death".



Which of the given statement/s is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both

D. None

Ans: D







Memba Tribe belongs to which of the following regions?

A Arunachal Pradesh

B. Kerala

C. Nagaland

D. Gujarat

Ans: A

Hubei (china)



Which of the following committee/s is/are associated with the National Education Policy?

- 1. T.S.R. Subramanian Committee
- 2. K. Kasturirangan Committee



Choose the correct option:

A. 1 only

B. 2 only

C. Both

D. None

Ans: C



Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) is an initiative of:

- A. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- B. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- C(NITI Ayog

D. Ministry of Human Resource Development

Ans: C



When the school goes to the students' doorstep

In Andhra Pradesh, mobile classrooms are being used to impart lessons to those with no access to computers and the Internet

Called 'Vidya Varadhi', the mobile classrooms equipped with audio-visual gadgets will reach pockets where students have no access to computers and Internet connectivity.



'COVID-19 will lead to rise in child wasting'

- The Lancet study titled 'Impacts of COVID-19 on childhood malnutrition and nutrition-related mortality' has been published.
- According to the study, the global prevalence of child wasting in 2020 could rise by 14.3%, translating into an additional 6.7 million children under the age of five suffering from it.



Child Wasting and Stunting:

Wasting alludes to low weight for height, in children.

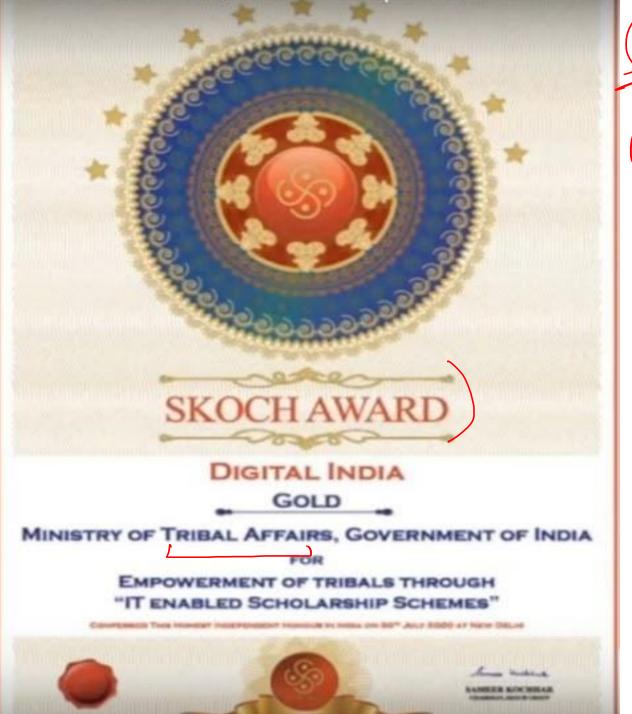
It is a strong predictor of mortality among children under five.

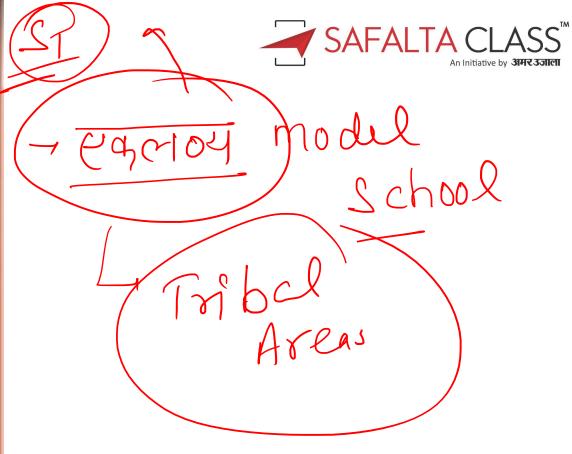
Stunting, or low height for age is caused by long-term insufficient nutrient intake and frequent infections



China halts HK extradition pacts with Canada, Australia and U.K.

Canada, Britain and Australia are part of the "Five Eyes" intelligence alliance. The other members are New Zealand, which suspended its extradition treaty with Hong Kong and the United States, which has signalled it is preparing to do the same.







Muslim Women Rights Day

केंद्रीय अल्पसंख्यक मामलों के मंत्री (Union Minister for Minority Affairs) ने कहा कि 1 अगस्त, 2019 को मुस्लिम महिलाओं को 'तीन तलाक' नामक सामाजिक बुराई से मुक्ति मिली थी इसलिये 1 अगस्त को भारत के इतिहास में 'मुस्लिम महिला अधिकार दिवस' (Muslim Women Rights Day) के रूप में दर्ज किया गया है।





'मिस्न' पहला मुस्लिम राष्ट्र था जिसने वर्ष 1929 में तीन तलाक नामक सामाजिक बुराई को समाप्त किया था। जबिक पाकिस्तान ने वर्ष 1956 और बांग्लादेश ने वर्ष 1972 में इस सामाजिक बुराई को समाप्त कर दिया था। Hay 941 - 1829







2114(1 017) Case (2017)

- Equality before law- Article 14.
- Prohibition of discrimination- Article 15.
- Equality of opportunity- Article 16.
- Abolition of Untouchability- Article 17.
- Abolition of Titles- Article 18.

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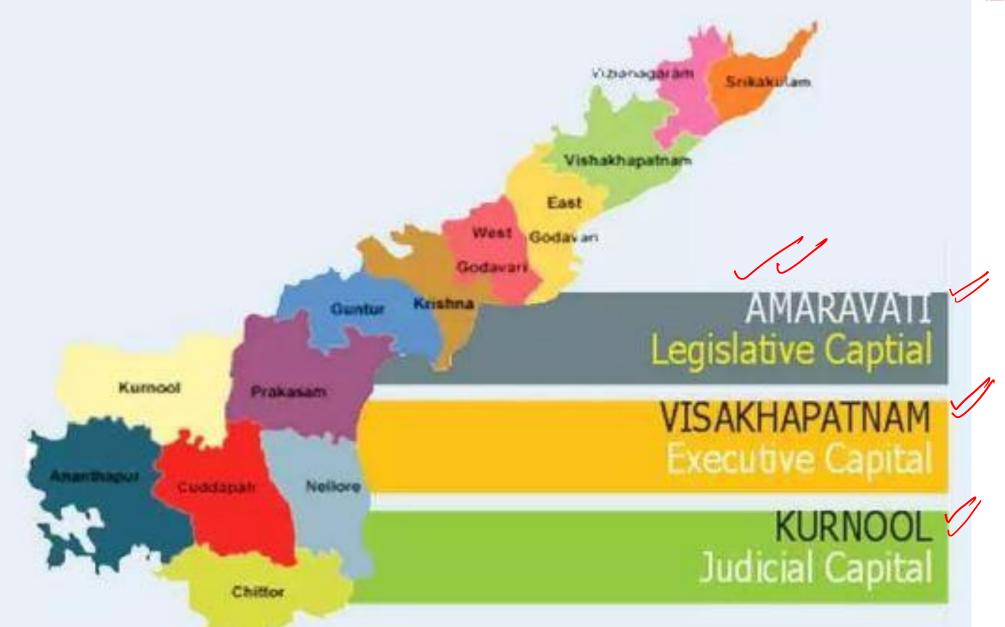
आंध्रप्रदेश की तीन राजधानियों को राज्यपाल की मंज़्री

आंध्रप्रदेश की तीन राजधानियों से संबंधित योजना को राज्य के राज्यपाल विश्व भूषण हरिचंदन ने मंज़्री दे दी है।

आंध्रप्रदेश सरकार की योजना के अनुसार, राज्य में निर्माणाधीन अमरावती को विधायी राजधानी, तटवर्ती विशाखापत्तनम को कार्यकारी राजधानी और कर्नूल को न्यायिक राजधानी के रूप में स्थापित किया जाएगा।



An Initiative by **अमर उजाला**



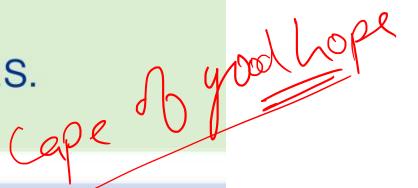


ध्यातव्य है कि यह निर्णय रिटायर्ड IAS अधिकारी जी. एन. राव की अध्यक्षता में बनी समिति के सुझावों के आधार पर लिया गया। 17 दिसंबर, 2019 की आंध्रप्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री ने राज्य में दक्षिण अफ्रीका मॉडल के आधार पर तीन राजधानियाँ बनाई जाएगी।



Basic Facts

- Official Name: Republic of South Africa
- Total area: 470,462 square miles
 - About 1/8th the size of the U.S.
- Population: 47.9 million (2007)
 - About 1/6th the population of the U.S.
- 3 capitals:
 - Administrative-Pretoria
 - Legislative-Cape Town
 - Judicial-Bloemfontein









SC looks to save both animals and crops

The Supreme Court has underlined the urgent need to find an alternative to killing marauding wild animals as vermin even while protecting crops from them.



 Vermin refers to pests or animals which spread diseases or destroy crops or livestock.

• In India, Section 62 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 empowers the states to send a list of wild animals to the Centre requesting it to declare them vermin for selective slaughter.



 The Centre is empowered to declare wild animals other than those listed in Schedules I & II to be vermin for a specified area and period.

 The Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 divides species into 'schedules' I to V. Schedule I members are the best protected.



Gandhi-King initiative passes U.S. House committee

A Bill, authored by American civil rights leader and lawmaker John Lewis, that seeks to establish an exchange programme between India and the U.S. to study the work and legacies of Mahatma Gandhi and civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. has passed an important committee in the U.S. House of Representatives.





- It will establish annual scholar and student exchange programmes for Indians and Americans to study the leaders' legacies.
- Students would visit historic sites in India and the U.S., relevant to India's freedom struggle and the U.S.'s civil rights movement.
- It seeks to establish the Gandhi-King Global Academy, a conflict resolution initiative based on the principles of non-violence.



- The establishment of the U.S.-India Gandhi-King Development Foundation is proposed.
- It would be tasked with administering grants to NGOs that work in health, pollution and climate change, education and empowerment of women.
- The Bill will need to be voted through the House and Senate before it becomes law.



1947 pact on Gurkha soldiers redundant: Nepal Minister

Foreign Minister of Nepal has said that the 1947
agreement among India, Nepal and the United
Kingdom that deals with the military service of Gurkha

soldiers has become redundant.

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• Nepal has proposed to the UK to review the 73-year-old tripartite agreement with India and Britain over the recruitment and deployment of Gurkha soldiers and their perks and facilities.

• Impressed by the discipline and ferocity of the Gurkha soldiers, following the Anglo-Nepalese War of 1814-16, the British decided to recruit Gurkha soldiers in 1815.



• Ever since, the Gurkhas have fought on the side of the British Empire in almost every war, including both World Wars.

 The Gurkhas are recruited every year at the British Gurkha camp at Pokhara in Nepal.



• After India's Independence in 1947, the question of allotting the 10 regiments of Gurkha soldiers was settled by the Britain-India-Nepal Tripartite Agreement.

• In 1948, the 11th Gurkha Rifles regiment was created in India in order to accommodate the Gurkhas who refused to depart with the now-British regiments.



Diluting the EIA process spells a path of no return

- Environmental Impact Assessment or EIA is the process or study which predicts the effect of a proposed industrial/infrastructural project on the environment.
- It prevents the proposed activity/project from being approved without proper oversight or taking adverse consequences into account.



• A signatory to the Stockholm Declaration (1972) on Environment, India enacted laws to control water (1974) and air (1981) pollution soon after.

• But it was only after the Bhopal gas leak disaster in 1984 that the country legislated an umbrella act for environmental protection in 1986.



• Under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, India notified its first EIA norms in 1994, setting in place a legal framework for regulating activities that access, utilise, and affect (pollute) natural resources.

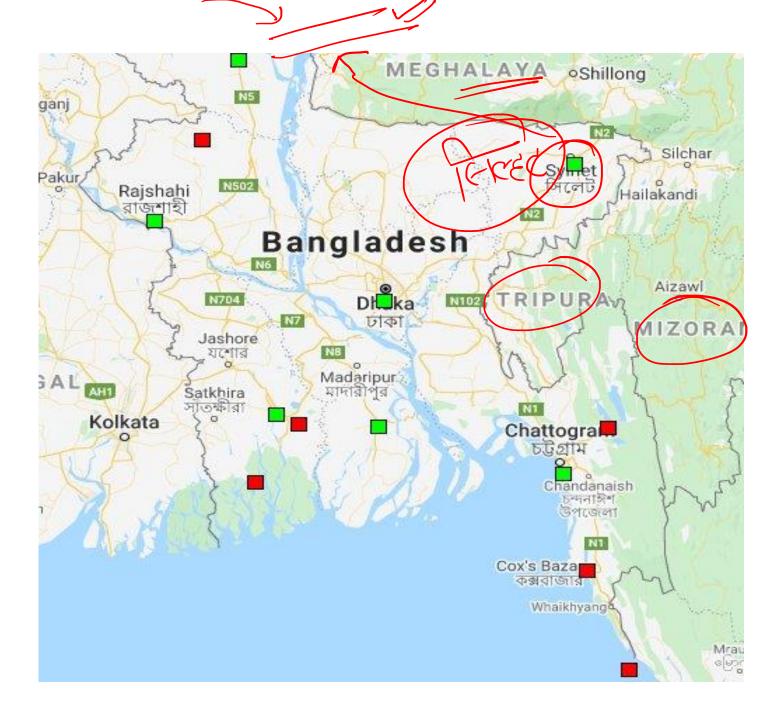


- Every development project has been required to go through the EIA process for obtaining prior environmental clearance ever since.
- The 1994 EIA notification was replaced with a modified draft in 2006.





A Chinese firm, Beijing Urban Construction Group (BUCG) has been awarded the contract for construction of a new terminal at MAG Osmani International Airport at Sylhet, Bangladesh.







 The proximity of Sylhet to India's northeast and a possible concentration of Chinese workers in the area has given rise to security concerns.

 Bangladesh Foreign Minister quoted financial reasons for choosing the Chinese firm over India's Larsen & Toubro that had submitted its bid for the same project.



One ration card facility in 24 States now

The Union Food Minister has announced that three more States—Manipur, Nagaland and Uttarakhand— and the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir will now offer the 'one nation one ration card' facility.

With this, the facility is available in 24 States.





Samsung, Foxconn, 20 others apply under (incentive scheme

The government has said that a total of 22 companies, have filed applications under the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme that aims to boost local manufacturing of mobile phones and components.

This is expected to bring in additional investment of about ₹11,000 crore in electronics manufacturing, while leading to total production worth ₹11.5 lakh crore over the next five years.



Three States rank high in dhole conservation





- A study has pointed out that Karnataka, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh rank high in the conservation of the endangered dhole, in India.
- Also known as Asiatic wild dog, Dhole (*Cuon alpinus*) is native to Central, South, East Asia, and Southeast Asia.
- Dholes play an important role as apex predators in forest ecosystems.



- Dholes hunt in packs and tend to venture into forested landscapes adjoining protected areas.
- Besides the tiger, the dhole is the only large carnivore in India to be classified in the 'endangered' category by the IUCN.
- It is protected under Schedule II of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972





The National Education Policy (NEP) has dropped Mandarin (Chinese) from its list of foreign languages that can be taught in schools.

The language was included in the draft policy released in May 2019, but is missing from the final document approved by the Cabinet.



However, Higher Education Secretary has pointed that Schools are free to offer other languages.

The plan for teaching Mandarin in Indian schools and Hindi language instruction in Chinese schools was part of an Education Exchange Programme signed by both countries in 2006, which was renewed by Prime Minister Modi during his visit to China in 2015.



Chief of U.S.-based 'terror group' arrested, says Iran

Iran has declared that it has arrested Jamshid Sharmahd, – the head of a US-based terrorist group.

He is the leader of the opposition royalist group known as the Kingdom Assembly of Iran, or Tondar (Farsi for Thunder).



Iran alleges that the "Thunder terrorist group" operates in the United States.

He is accused of being behind a deadly 2008 bombing in the southern city of Shiraz and of other, abortive attacks.

He is also accused of leading armed and sabotage operations inside Iran.



Arab world's first nuclear plant achieves criticality

United Arab Emirates has announced the start-up of its Barakah nuclear power plant.

Barakah was built by a consortium led by the Korea Electric Power Corporation.



The plant is located on a sparsely populated strip of desert on the Persian Gulf coast. It has 4 nuclear reactors.

It will have a total capacity of 5,600 megawatts, which is almost a fifth of the country's current installed generating capacity.

Its first nuclear reactor has achieved first criticality.
This has opened the way for commercial operations.