

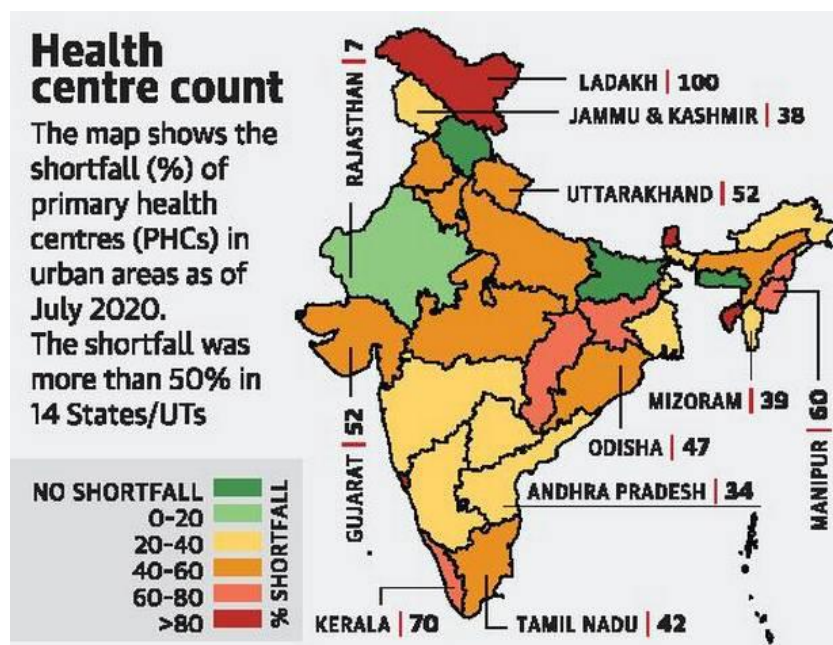
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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has granted permission for the mass production of AK-203 rifles.
 - DAC has also approved an independent satellite for Indian Air Force (IAF).

NATIONAL

Health Care Equity in Urban India



- ❖ Azim Premji University recently published this report in collaboration with 17 regional NGOs in India.
- ❖ The report explores health vulnerabilities and inequalities in cities across India.
- ❖ The report highlights that Life expectancy among the poorest is lower by 9.1 years among men and 6.2 years among women as against richest in urban areas.
- ❖ One-third of India's people are now living in urban areas.
- ❖ This segment is observing a rapid growth from about 18% in 1960 to 28.53% in 2001 and reaching 34% in 2019.
- ❖ Around 30% of people living in urban areas are poor.

Virtual Science Lab



- ❖ The Union Minister of Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh launched India's first Virtual Science Lab for Children.
- ❖ The Virtual Science Lab was launched under CSIR Jigyasa Programme.
- ❖ This program will connect students with scientists across India.
- ❖ This Lab will provide a virtual tour of CSIR laboratories as well as expose students to research infrastructure.

World Investor Week 2021



- ❖ The Stock exchanges, BSE and NSE launched the celebrations of the globally popular event “World Investor Week 2021”
- ❖ The Central Depository Services (India) Ltd (CDSL) is also celebrating World Investor Week (WIW) during November 21-28, 2021.
- ❖ WIW is a week-long global celebration, promoted by the International Organisation of Securities Commissions.

- ❖ It is observed to raise awareness of the importance of investor education and protection across India.

Bharat Gaurav Scheme



- ❖ Indian Railways has launched a new scheme called the “Bharat Gaurav Scheme”.
- ❖ Under this scheme, private tour operators can take trains on lease from railways and run these trains on any circuit of their choice.
- ❖ For this purpose, the railways have earmarked 3033 ICF coaches, roughly equal to 150 trains.

INTERNATIONAL

US, Australia and UK

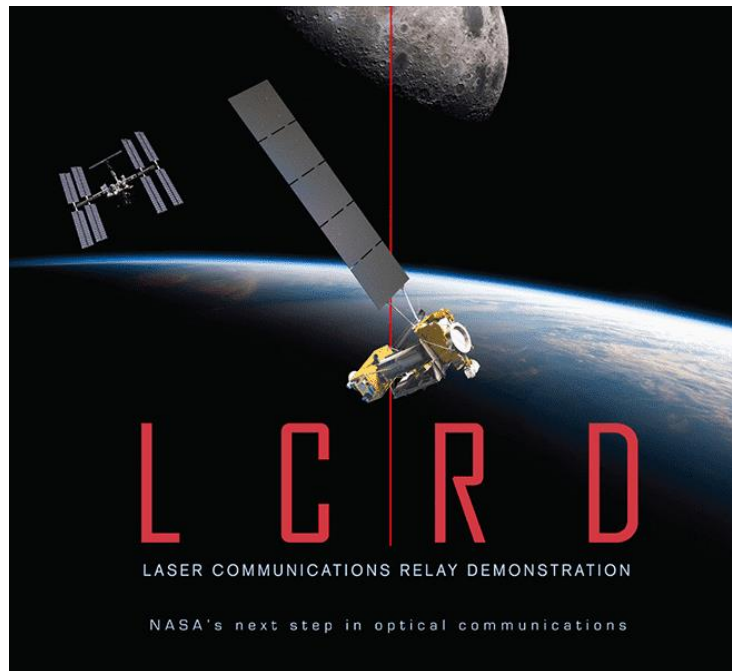


- ❖ Australia officially became a part of the new Nuclear-powered Submarine defence alliance with the United Kingdom and the United States after signing a deal with the countries in Canberra, Australia.

- ❖ Under the AUKUS deal, Australia will be provided with 8 nuclear-powered submarines capable of stealthy and long-range missions.
- ❖ It is the first agreement on technology signed by the three countries after the formation of the defence alliance AUKUS (Australia-UK-US).

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

NASA's Laser Communications Relay Demonstration (LCRD)



- ❖ NASA is set to test a “Laser Communications Relay Demonstration (LCRD) technology” in space.
- ❖ This is to be done with the aim of speeding up space communications.
- ❖ The mission will be launched from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida of the USA.

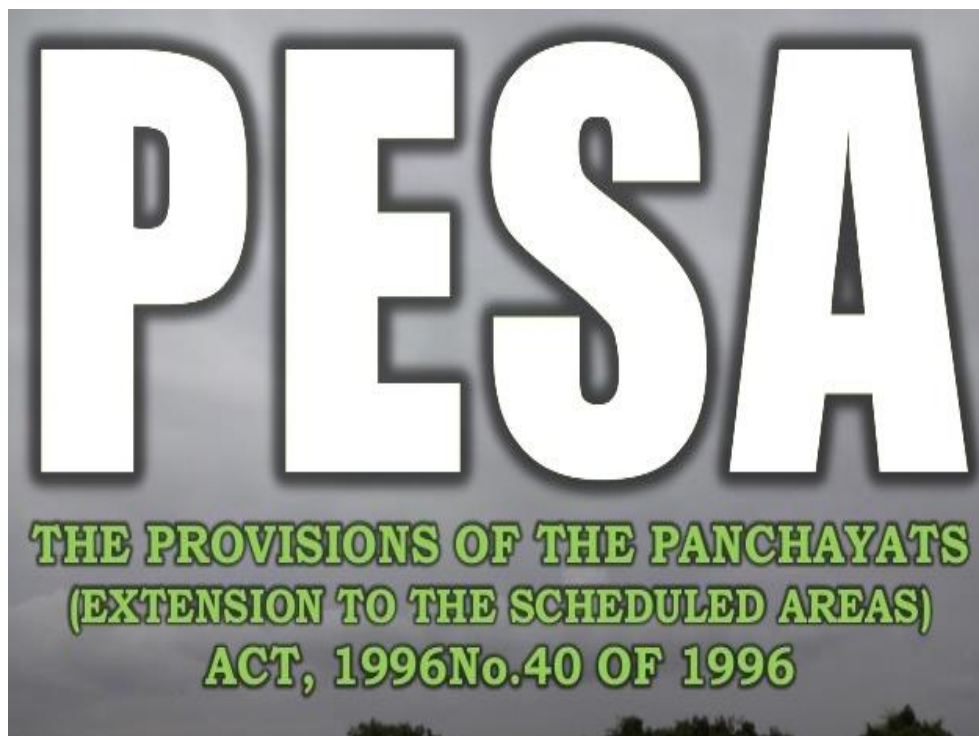
STATES

PESA Laws - Chhattisgarh

- ❖ The government of Chhattisgarh has formulated draft rules called “Chhattisgarh Panchayat Provisions (Extension of the Scheduled) Rules, 2021”, under the PESA Act, 1996.
- ❖ PESA Act stands for “Panchayat (Extension of the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996”.



- ❖ This act was enacted by the Central government to ensure self-governance through gram sabhas for people in scheduled areas.
- ❖ The act recognizes the right of tribal communities & residents of scheduled areas, legally in order to govern themselves through their own systems of self-government.
- ❖ It also acknowledges the traditional rights of tribals over natural resources.
- ❖ Chhattisgarh will become the seventh state to have PESA Laws if the rules are enacted.
- ❖ Six states (Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra) have formed the PESA laws.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

ABU – UNESCO Peace Media Awards 2021

- ❖ Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU)-UNESCO Peace Media Awards 2021 were presented at Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia.
- ❖ Programme 'DEAFinitely Leading the Way' of Doordarshan won the award under the 'Living Well with Super Diversity' category.
- ❖ All India Radio's program called 'Living on the edge – The coastal lives' won the award in the 'Ethical & Sustainable Relationship with Nature' category.



SPORTS

Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy



- ❖ In cricket, Tamil Nadu has lifted the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy.
- ❖ The team defeated Karnataka after chasing 152 runs in the finals.
- ❖ Batsman M. Shahrulkh Khan smashed a dramatic last-ball six to help Tamil Nadu defend the T-20 title.
- ❖ The tournament was held at Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi.
- ❖ This is the third time that Tamil Nadu has won the Syed Mushtaq Ali tournament.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Antimicrobial Awareness Week - November 18 to 24

- ❖ The purpose of the week is to increase awareness of global antimicrobial resistance.

- ❖ It also encourages best practices among the general public, health workers, and policymakers to avoid the further emergence and spread of drug-resistant infections.
- ❖ The theme for this year is ‘Spread Awareness, Stop Resistance’.



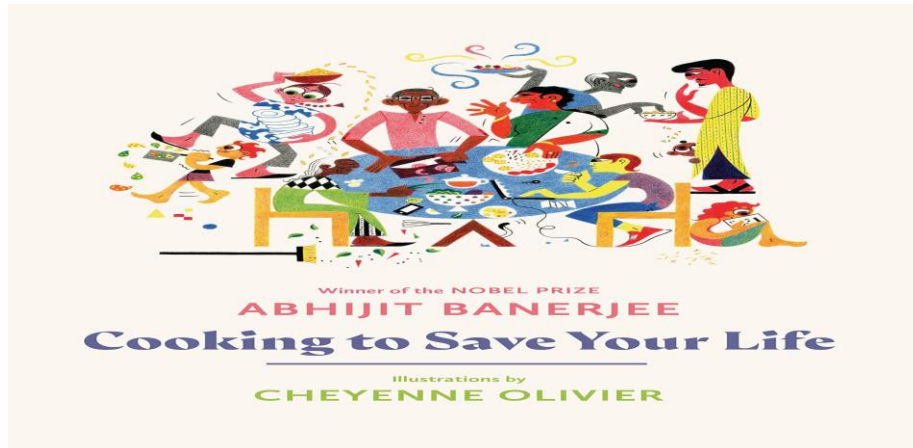
World Heritage Week - November 19th to 25th

- ❖ The week-long celebration aims to create awareness about the importance of culture and traditions and the need to protect them.
- ❖ In India, around 3691 monuments are protected by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
- ❖ At present, Uttar Pradesh has the highest number (745) of ASI-protected monuments.
- ❖ 40 heritage sites across India are listed as UNESCO World Heritage sites which include 32 cultural, 7 Natural, and 1 Mixed site.
- ❖ At present Maharashtra has 5 UNESCO World Heritage sites, the highest among all the Indian states and UTs.

MISCELLANEOUS

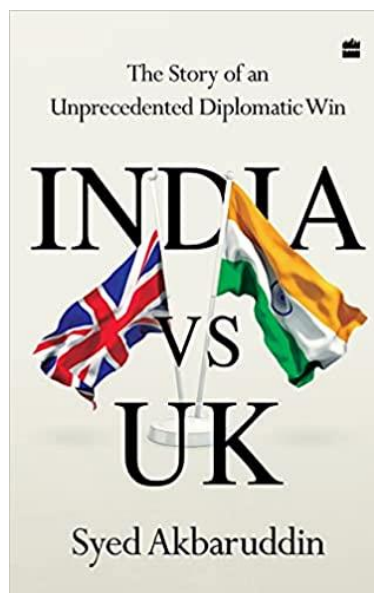
Abhijit Banerjee - book release

- ❖ Abhijit Banerjee has authored a new book (cookbook) titled “Cooking to Save your Life”.
- ❖ He is an Indian-born American economist & Nobel laureate,
- ❖ This book illustrated by France-based illustrator Cheyenne Oliver is published by Juggernaut Books.



Syed Akbaruddin - book release

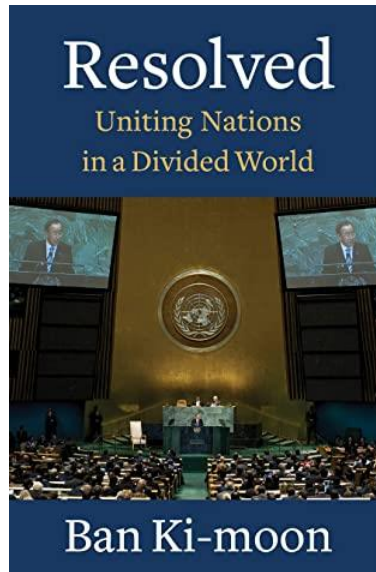
- ❖ Senior Indian diplomat, Syed Akbaruddin has authored a new book titled “India vs UK: The Story of an Unprecedented Diplomatic Win”.
- ❖ The book features the behind-the-scenes details on India’s victory against the United Kingdom in the elections to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in 2017.



Autobiography of Ban Ki-moon

- ❖ A book titled ‘Resolved: Uniting Nations in a Divided World’ is an autobiography of the Former United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.
- ❖ It consists of life experiences and challenges that the author faced in his life & elaborates his tenure in the United Nations (UN).

- ❖ He served as the 8th Secretary-General of the United Nations for a two 5-year term (2007-2016).
- ❖ The book was published by HarperCollins India.



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