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## **NATIONAL**

⇒	2006	1411
⇒	2010	1706
⇒	2014	2236
⇒	2018	2967
⇒	2022	3167

- ⇒ India's tiger population tops 3,000 shows census.  
Tiger data released by PM show an increase in 200 in past 4 years.  
Year    No of Tigers

On Sunday, PM Modi made public data of Tiger Census in Mysuru.  
In an event to mark 50th Anniversary of Project Tiger.

The tiger population has grown the most in shivalik hills and Gangetic flood plains, followed by central India and the north eastern hills the Brahmaputra flood plains and Sunderbans. There was decline in the western Ghats number, though "Major populations" were said to be stable. Project Tiger was started in 1973, No. of Tiger reserves has increased from 9 to 53 since 1973.

Initial reserves initially covered - 18,278 Km<sup>2</sup> area.

53 Tiger reserves now cover - 75,796 km (2.3% of India's land area)

### Concerns

- Most of the country's tigers are placed in handful of reserves, which are reaching their peak carrying capacity.
- Unless new regions are developed for growth it will be hard to increase their numbers.

India is looking for translocation of tigers in other regions of world. It is in talks with Cambodia, tigers had gone extinct there due to poaching.

- ⇒ Telecom authorities block 120 sender IDs for bulk messaging over China link.

Telecom authorities have blocked 120 headers operated by a group linked to Chinese entity in past 2 months based on information provided by Home ministry.

A header, also known as sender ID, where number and character represents company's name and brand. It is generally used by banks, marketing companies, utility providers and even govt. offices to send bulk messages (SMS) to consumers and customers for example, West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Ltd. – WBSEDCL Header name

This header was misused by Chinese to dupe consumers who received messages regarding their electricity bill. The SMS contained malicious link which when clicked could lead to financial loss to consumers. Consumer generally falls for it as header generally belongs to power distribution Company.

The IP addresses of all the headers that were blocked traced back to China.

- ⇒ India to bridge language gap with neighbours

Looking to expand cultural footprint in nations with which it has historical ties. India is planning to create a pool of experts in languages spoken in countries of Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, Indonesia to facilitate better people-to-people exchange.

The ICCR (Indian Council of Cultural Relations) has envisaged a special project called "The Language Friend Shift Bridge" under which it plans to train few individuals under languages of these countries.

ICCR has zeroed on 10 languages Kazakh, Uzbek, Bhutanese, Ghoti (spoken in Tibet), Burmese, Khmer (spoken in Cambodia), Thai, Sinhalese and Bhashal Spoken in Both Indonesia and Myanmar (Malaysia). India requires translators, interpreters in the languages of these countries with which it shares cultural history.

It will also enable India to publish its epics, contemporary literature in these languages so that people can read them.

Currently lots of Indians learn French, German, Russian, Latin etc. but the languages of these neighbouring countries lack candidates.

- ⇒ Centre plans revamp of livestock insurance scheme to raise coverage.

Centre was pulled by Parliamentary Standing Committee for review for insurance coverage of livestock in 2022-23.

Centre is considering a comprehensive livestock insurance scheme modelled in fast growing aayojha. Union ministry on Animal Husbandry

move is to roll out scheme before 2024 general election. There are initial proposals to waive off Premium for SC and STs. Presently only 1% of Countries livestock's are insured.

The animal husbandry department recently held a meeting with insurance Companies and other stakeholders on the matter. "Our effort is to reduce the premium so that more farmers. Enrol in scheme".

The premium in this is quite high and govt is trying to bring it down so that farmers be enthused to apply for insurances.

Livestock ⇒ Animals that are kept in farm such as cow, pigs, sheep For India its is cow mainly. In India about 2 lacks cattles have dies due to Lumpy skin diseases, it has increased importance of livestock insurance.

- ⇒ One Pak intruder killed, two held with narcotics, 'near Loc in J&K: army.

One Pak intruder was killed and two was arrested after they crossed Loc at Panchh and Pir Panjal

- ⇒ Indian-American C.R.Rao wins Nobel Prize equivalent in statistics at the age of 102.

The Indian American statistician. Calym pudi Radhakrishna Rao has been awarded 2023 international prize in statistics. It is awarded once every two years to an individual and tea. "for major achievement using (statistics to advance science, technology and human welfare"

- ⇒ No scientific data to propose sam-sex marriage 1 say bsychiatrists' body Indian Psychiatrist Society (IPS) has gathered scientific data from countries where same-sex marriages and adoption have been legalised proves that there is no scientific basis in belief that same - sex couples are not-fit to be parents.

The matter of same sex marriage is with se. Govt. of India had given several reasons to not allow same sex marriage in India.

## **STATES**

- ⇒ Visitors rue the absence of Gynaecologist in City's Mahila Mohalla clinics.

Delhi CM had inaugurated 4 such clinics last year and 100 more has been promised in Budget However, visitors has claimed that it lacks proper facility.

- ⇒ Modi Fulfilled dream of Balasaheb Thakrey, Shinde says in Ayodhya. Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde visited Ayodhya.

- ⇒ AAP's poll plan whatsapp groups till booth level, stronger organisation. Party devised strategies for Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh elections.

- ⇒ BJP Central election Panel to announce first list soon for Karnataka assembly polls.
- ⇒ Pilot raises Gehlot's hackles again, to fast for probe into Raje govt. deals.

With just months to go for assembly elections, he says that while an enquiry was promised, no action was taken ;

"The fault lines in state congress has deepened.

- ⇒ Assam CM vows to sue Rahul Gandhi for Adani link charge  
Assam -CM Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday said against Rahul Gandhi for accusing him of investing unaccounted money in industrialist Gautan Adani's firms. Earlier Rahul Gandhi in his tweets had named Assam CM and Jyotiraditya Scindia and 3 others of putting 20,000 crore benami' money in Adani Companies.

### **WORLD**

- ⇒ China stimulates strikes on Taiwan on day two of drills.  
On 2nd day of drills around Taiwan by Chinese Army precision strikes multiple air force sorties were the focus.  
"Under the unified, command of the theatre Joint operations command centre, multiple types of war carried out stimulated Joint precision air strikes on key targets on Taiwan island and surrounding seas areas and continue to maintain offensive posture around the island' Taiwan officials have said.  
Taiwan's defence ministry said that as of Sunday midday they had spotted 58 Chinese aircraft, including Su-30 fighters, and H-6 bombers as well as 9 ships around Taiwan. The de facto U.S. embassy in Taiwan said the U.S. was monitoring China's drills around Taiwan closely and is "comfortable and confident" it has sufficient resources and capability to ensure peace and stability.
- ⇒ Israel attacks Syrian targets in response to rocket fire.  
Israel launched artillery strikes on Syria on Sunday morning, the Israeli Army announced. This was done after several rockets were fired from Syria and few of it landed in Israeli controlled Golan Heights. "In response to the rockets fired from Syria at Israel, IDF Artillery is striking Syrian territory" the military said on twitter.  
IDF → Israeli Defence Forces Golan Heights → 1200 sq km region was seized from Syria in the 1967 war. It is under Israeli control now. Syria is also headquarters of Hamas, a militant organization fighting against Israel  
The current surge of violence has occurred during Muslim holy month of Ramadan.
- ⇒ Saudi officials visit Yemen for talks with rebels.

Saudi officials were in Yemen's capital on Sunday with the Iran-backed Houthi rebels, to end war in Yemen.

An Omani delegation also arrived in Yemen's capital Sanaa on Saturday. Oman is mediating talks b/w Saudi Arabia and Houthi rebels of Yemen.

Yemen Civil war → In 2014 Houthi rebels seized capital Sanaa and threw away the elected govt. Saudi Arabia along with U.S. then launched attacks on Houthi-controlled areas. Houthis were supported by Iran.

Iran.

- ⇒ Europe must not be a 'follower' of U.S. China on Taiwan: Macron  
French President Emmanuel Macron in an interview published on "Sunday said that Europe must not be a 'follower' of either U.S. or China on Taiwan.. Telling that the bloc risks entanglement in 'crises that aren't ours' may risk creating division among EU (European Union) countries, over how to approach China. Many EU countries support us in this.

"The worst thing would be to think we Europeans must be followers and adapt ourselves to the American rhythm and a Chinese overreaction citing EU 'strategic autonomy' he further added "We don't want to get caught in block logic" Europe should not be caught up in disordering of the world and crises that aren't ours

EU is a group of 27 European countries.

HQ → Brussels.

President → Ursula von der Leyen France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Poland are some important

EU countries

Recently French President Emmanuel Macron along with EU President Ursula von der Leyen had visited China.

- ⇒ Two killed in Russian strike on Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia. Zaporizhzhia is home of Europe's largest nuclear power plant.
- ⇒ Ben Ferencz., last living Nuremberg prosecutor of Nazis, dies at 103. 'He was among the first witnesses to document atrocities of Nazi trials.
- ⇒ Russia charges WSJ reporter Gershtovich with espionage  
"WSJ → Wall Street Journal is an American news paper.
- ⇒ British PM Rishi Sunak to meet U.S. President in Northern Ireland.
- ⇒ Roadside bomb kills two soldiers in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. Pakistan Taliban has claimed responsibility over this. Northern Ireland Capital is Belfast. It comes under U.K.  
Ireland, is a sovereign nation. with capital Dublin.

### **Editorial-1**

### **Draconian Rules**

New amendment rules on intermediary guidelines amount to Censorship.

⇒ What the editorial is all about?

The editorial is regarding Amended IT rules 2021. Under which govt can take action on those Social Networking companies, if they don't take down "fake news" flagged by PIB (Press Information Bureau).

The editorial has criticised it as it will curb median freedom.

⇒ What is the newly amended law?

IT( Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code), Amended rules 2023.

Under this govt. has added a fact check Unit (PIB in this case) to identify fake, false or misleading online content related to govt. Intermediaries such as social media companies will have to take action. and drop such post-once flagged by fact checking agency, or these companies will have to face action or risk losing their "safe harbour" protection in section 79 of the IT act.

⇒ What are issues with the amended IT act?

- Govt can not decide on its own which news is "fake" or "false". It will give power to government where it can suppress media.
- The act will have chilling effect on Media's freedom and independence.

### **Editorial-2**

#### **Race to the Bottom**

Restricting Journalist does not serve the interests of China or India

⇒ What the editorial is all about?

The editorial is regarding recent decision of china to "freeze" visas of two Indian Journalist in a retaliatory move. The editorial says that Journalist are losing when the two countries are playing with each other diplomatically.

⇒ What was recent decision of China over Journalists ?

China froze visas of two Indian Journalist, one from 'The Hindu' and other from "Prasar Bharti" India in a move it called retaliatory action as India was not good with Chinese Journalist.

⇒ The incident b/w Indian Govt. and Chinese Journalist reporting in India.

- In 2017, India had shortened Visa for Chinese Journalist from 1 year to 3 months. Both countries had norm for 1 year visa.

- A Xinhua reporter was told to leave. India, as he was reporting for last 6 years.

Xinhua and CGTN are two main Chinese channels that report from India.

⇒ Way ahead

Though china told the incident was a retaliatory move, Indian Journalist doesn't enjoy the freedom chinese Journalist enjoy in India. Journalist are barred from working with Foreign Media channels in china. Though they can work as an assistant However, there is no such restriction on chinese Journalist in India.

Chinese Journalist are indepent to collaborate with Indian channels Both sides should show some softness in this regard.