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1. Withdrawing AFSPA

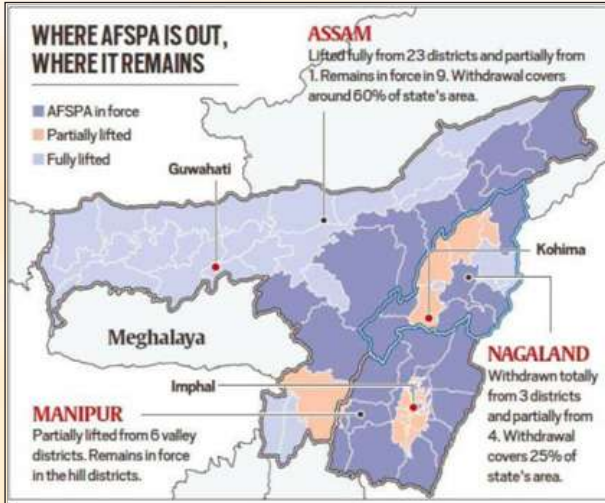
Why in news – Assam aims to withdraw Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, (AFSPA) completely from the state by November 2023.

Key Points –

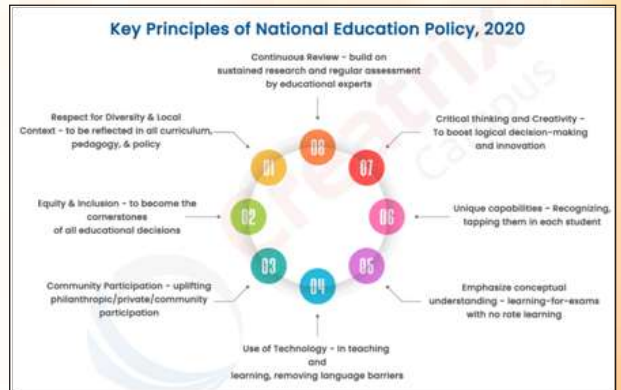
- Disturbed Areas (Section 3 of AFSPA) notification was removed by the Centre from the entire state of Assam in 2022.
- However, AFSPA is still in force in 8 districts of Assam.

About AFSPA 1958–

- Gives sweeping powers to the armed forces.
- Allows them to open fire, even causing death, against any person in contravention to the law or carrying arms and ammunition.
- Arrest individuals without warrants, on the basis of “reasonable suspicion”, and also search premises without warrants.



- Aim - to involve students in the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to nominate 3 students from their institutions to be considered as NEP SAARTHIs.
- At least 300 students from higher education institutes from across the country would be selected as "NEP Saarthis".



ECONOMY

1. Adani-Hindenburg report

Why in news – The Supreme Court made public the report of the Sapre Committee in the Hindenburg-Adani row case.

Key Points –

- Minimum public shareholding - SEBI regulations require a publicly listed company to have a minimum of 25% of its shares to be held by the public.
- Related Party Transaction (Indian Accounting Standard 24) –



GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

1. NEP SAARTHI

Why in news – The University Grants Commission (UGC) has announced a new initiative titled “NEP SAARTHI”.

Key Points –

- SAARTHI- Student Ambassador for Academic Reforms in Transforming Higher Education in India.

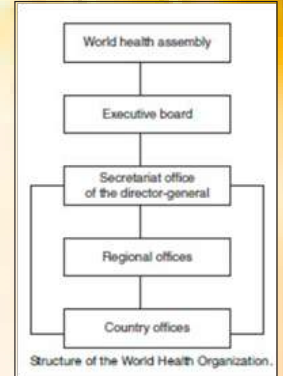
- a) A transfer of resources, services or obligations between a reporting entity and a related party, regardless of whether a price is charged.

- b) RPT transactions involve company's directors, their relatives and their related companies.
- c) May lead to crony capitalism.

CAPITALISM	CORPORATISM or CRONY CAPITALISM
An individual has an idea.	An individual has an idea.
That individual forms a company and makes a product from that idea.	That individual forms a company and makes a product from that idea.
Consumers give the company money for the product.	Consumers give the company money for the product.
The company becomes successful.	The company becomes successful.
Someone else has a better idea and creates a better product.	The company uses its wealth to manipulate the government into giving it more power through tax breaks, regulations, etc..
Consumers give their money to the new company to get the better product.	Someone else has a better idea and creates a better product.
The new company becomes more successful	Consumers are forced to continue buying the old product
The most innovative corporations make the most money.	The most corrupt and manipulative corporations make the most money.

About WHO (1948) –

- Its constitution came into effect on April 7, 1948.
- Specialized agency of the United Nations.
- Headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, it has six regional offices and 150 field offices worldwide.
- WHO is also an arbiter of norms and best practices.
- Total member states – 194.



2. Car export

Why in news – China became the world's biggest exporter of cars after overtaking Japan in the first 3 months of 2023.

Key Points –

- China's car export - 1.07 million. (Japan - 954,185).
- In 2022, China overtook Germany to become the world's 2nd largest car exporter.

SCIENCE – TECH

1. India – Israel Center of Water Technology

Why in news - IIT Madras and Israel government joined hands to establish "India – Israel Center of Water Technology" for Water Resources Management.

Managing Water for Growing Populations

- By 2050, there will be an 80% increase in water demand in cities.
- Demand for food will also increase 50-60% due to an increase in global population.
- Out of the world's 500 largest cities, 19% are predicted to have conflicts with rural areas over water in the future due to this competition.

This will mostly be driven by people living in cities.

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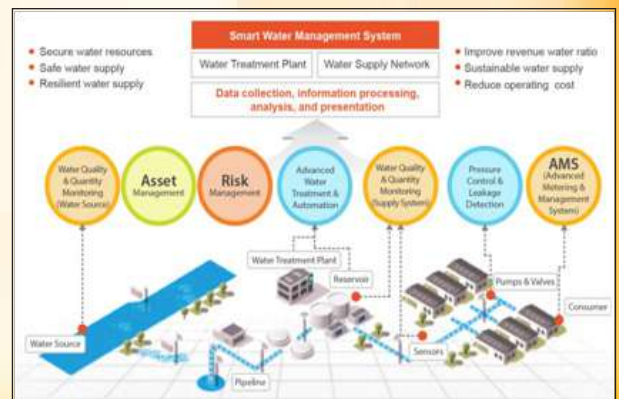
SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

1. 76th World Health Assembly (WHA)

Why in news – PM Narendra Modi addressed the 76th session of the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland via video message.

Key Points –

- He commended the WHO on 75 years of efforts in advancing Health for All.
- WHA is the legislative and supreme body of WHO.
- It appoints the director-general every 5 years and votes on matters of policy and finance of WHO.



Key Points –

- Location - IIT Madras campus.
- M/o Housing and Urban Affairs would collaborate with MASHAV, Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation, to establish the centre.
- Sustainable Development Goal 14 - Life Below Water.

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. Companion of the order of Logohu

Why in news - Papua New Guinea conferred their highest award "order of Logohu" to PM Modi.

Key Points –

- Reason - for championing the cause of unity of Pacific Island countries and spearheading the cause of Global South.
- Earlier, he was conferred the highest honor of Fiji, the Companion of the Order of Fiji.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. Commonwealth Day 2023

Why in news – India observes it on May 24.

Key Points –

- Theme - Forging a Sustainable and Peaceful Common Future.
- It is observed annually on March 13.
- It is also known as Empire Day.
- It was established in 1902 to pay tribute to Queen Victoria following her death on January 22, 1901.

Value Addition –

- Commonwealth - A union in which all countries once under British rule pledging allegiance to the British king or queen.
- Balfour Declaration (1926) - Commonwealth was officially formed.
- Total commonwealth nations – 56.
- Countries – Africa (21) >Caribbean and American (13) >Pacific Island countries (11) >Asia (8) >Europe (3).
- Population–Largest :India (1.4 billion), Smallest : Nauru (10,000).



SPORTS

1. Cricket kit sponsor

Why in news – Adidas appointed kit sponsor for Indian cricket team till March 2028

Key Points –

- In 2019, Byju's took over BCCI sponsorship from Oppo.



BIHAR

1. Cycle scheme

Why in news – The Bihar government's famed cycle scheme has been adopted in 6 African countries including Zambia.

Key Points –

- It was launched in 2006-07 and became successful in reducing gender disparity at the level of secondary education.
- A study was carried out in Zambia a year after the model was introduced there in 2015-16.
- Study shown that absenteeism of girls in schools reduced by 27%, late arrivals by 66% and average commuting time to schools by 35%.



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- Which body from India is among 13 international regulators taking part in first-ever Greenwashing TechSprint organised by Global Financial Innovation Network – **RBI**.
- The 2023 edition of South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship will be held in which city – **Bengaluru**.
- Which state high court directed state and its authorities to ensure that not a single Baobabs tree is cut for any purpose whatsoever by any authority until further orders of this court - **Madhya Pradesh high court**.
- Which body has issued a roadmap outlining solutions to cut global plastic pollution by 80 per cent globally by 2040 - **UNEP**.
- Recently, which two countries eliminated trachoma as a public health problem - **Benin and Mali**.
- As per a recent study by the ASI, which Shiva hastited by 6-10 degree - **Tungnath temple**.
- NIA, along with Haryana Police and Punjab Police, conducted a joint crackdown across 8 states on terrorist-gangster-drugs nexus case under which operation - **Operation Dhvast**.
- Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav participated in G20 Mega Beach Clean Up campaign at which beach - **Juhu Beach**.
- Which body revived 1000-yr old Monpahandmade paper-making art of Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh - **Khadi and Village Industries Commission**.
- Iranian President warndwhich country against violating water rights over Helmand river – **Afghanistan**.