







25 September 2023 National and International News		
Book: Fiction and Beyond Person in news: Sahitya Akademi winner Ashokamitran	 Why in the news? Recently the book called 'Fiction and beyond' was launched to mark the 92nd birth anniversary of Ashokamitran. Fiction and Beyond, a collection of fiction and non-fiction works of the prominent Tamil writer and Sahitya Akademi winner Ashokamitran was launched recently. About Ashokamitran Ashokamitran was the pen name of Jagadisa Thyagarajan. He was an Indian writer regarded as one of the most influential figures in post-independent Tamil literature. He has written over 200 short stories, nine novels, and some 15 novellas besides other prose writings. 	
	 Did you know? Ashokamitran was a sahitya academy award winner which is the most prestigious award in the field of literature. 	
National Population Register (NPR) & Census	 National Population Register (NPR) The National Population Register (NPR) is a register of usual residents of the country. It includes both Indian citizens as well as a foreign citizen. The categorisation of residents done According to the Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003'. A usual resident is a person who has resided in a local area for the past 6 months or more or a person who intends to reside in that area for the next 6 months or more. 	
	 Census Population Census provides basic statistics of state on various elements It includes the data on human resources, demography, culture and economic structure at all levels. The responsibility of conducting the decadal census rests with the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India. It comes under the Ministry of Home Affairs. 	
	Did you know? The first synchronous census was taken under British rule in 1881, by W.C. Plowden, Census Commissioner of India.	









Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2023	Why in news? Recently the government has passed the bill in Lok sabha as well Rajya sabha.
	 Key features of the bill The amendment bill seeks to amend the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 which provides for registration and regulation of birth and death. The Bill adds that the Registrar General will maintain a national database of registered births and deaths. The Bill amends the provision of obtaining extract to provide for obtaining a birth or death certificate (electronically or otherwise) instead of extracts. The Bill adds that, in cases of births, the specified persons shall provide the Aadhaar number of the parents and the informant District registrar is the appealing authority It introduces a significant shift towards digital birth certificates.
International North–South Transport Corridor (INSTC) Did you know? The INSTC project was initiated by Russia, India, and Iran in September 2000 . These are the founding members of the project.	 About INSTC: The International North–South Transport Corridor (INSTC) is the multimodal freight transportation corridor among India, Russia, Iran, Europe, and Central Asia. The corridor spans around 7200 km. The primary goal of INSTC is to enhance connectivity and promote trade and economic cooperation among these regions The INSTC is designed to provide an alternative and shorter trade route between South Asia and Northern Europe. It connects the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf to the Caspian Sea and further extends to Northern and Western Europe. The route begins in mumbai and goes to bandar abbas in iran and reached to petersburg by crossing caspian sea .

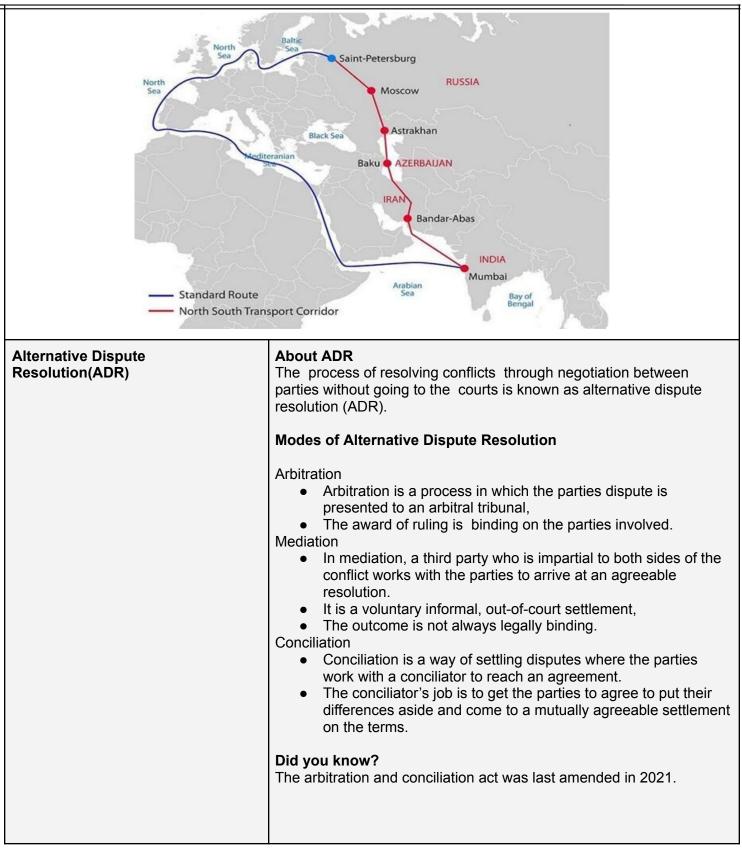












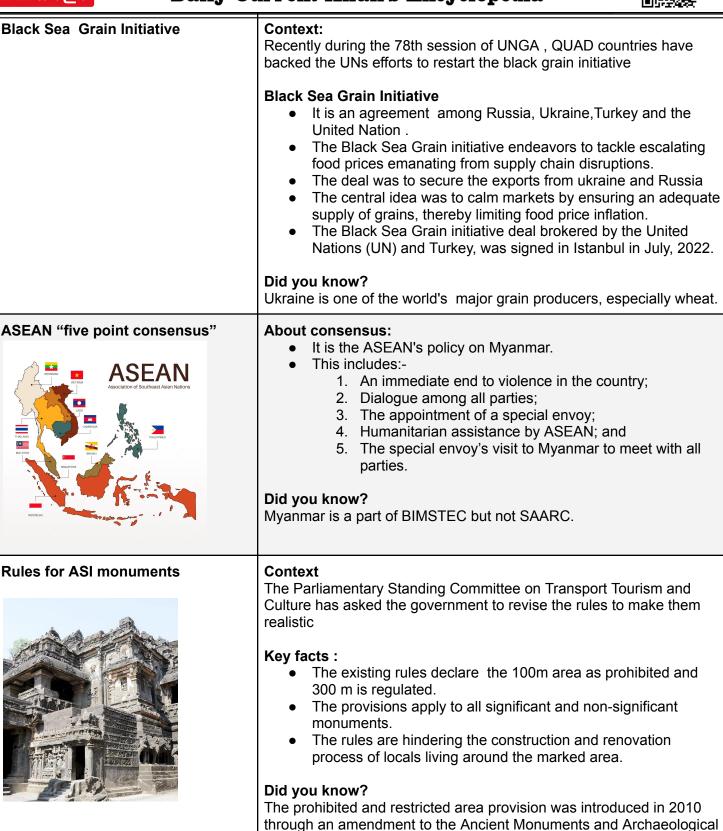












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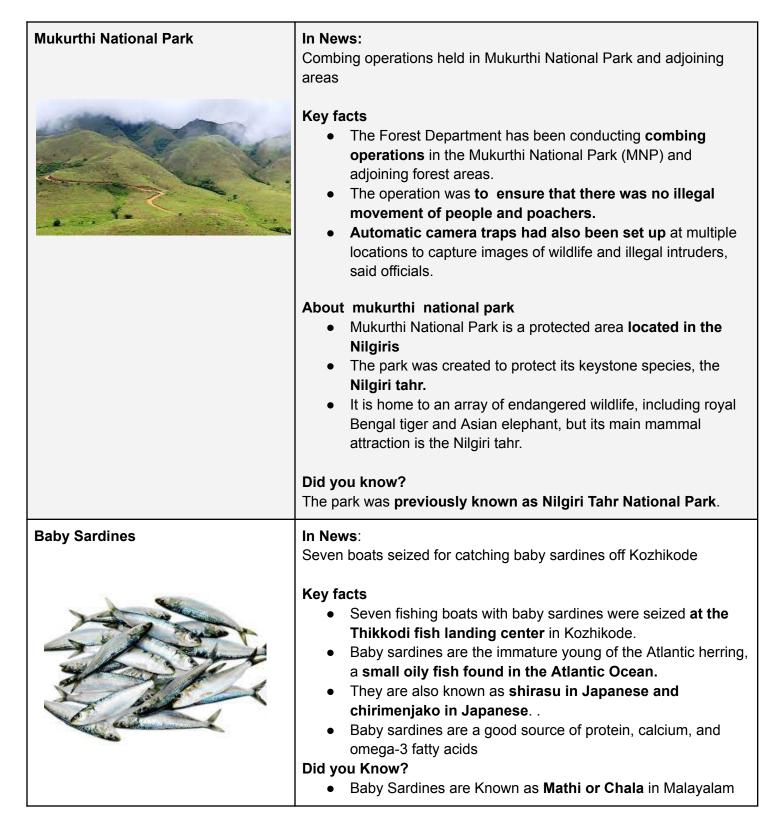
Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act, 1958.







Kerala Regional News













New WhatsApp number to tackle loan app threats	 In News: Kerala Police establish new WhatsApp number to tackle loan app threats Key facts The app is established for helping people facing threats and blackmail after obtaining loans through unauthorized loan apps. Information could be passed on to the number 94979 80900 around the clock. Complaints could be filed as a text, photo, video, or voice file. The system is based at the police headquarters in Thiruvananthapuram.
Kerala Government Land Assignment (Amendment) Bill	 In News: New Kerala law pardon eco violations in Western Ghats Key facts Kerala passed the Kerala Government Land Assignment (Amendment) Bill, 2023, on September 14. The Act seeks to legalize all the violations done on government land during the last half century and more It also decriminalized activities that were prohibited till now. In 2010, the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) declared the entire Western Ghats as an Ecologically Sensitive Area (ESA). Under ESA certain activities are prohibited such as mining, quarrying, and construction of large dams. Did you know ? Gadgil panel and kasturirangan panel were formed to study the ecological sensitivity of western ghat











<section-header></section-header>	 In News: Veteran Malayalam filmmaker K.G. George died on 24th september. Key facts He was an Indian filmmaker and screenwriter who worked in Malayalam cinema. He was awarded the J. C. Daniel Award, Government of Kerala's highest honor for contributions to Malayalam cinema. In 1984 the measurement of representation of women in cinema was first devised, K.G. George made Adaminte Variyellu, which ended with a group of women breaking the fourth wall, toppling the camera, effacing the filmmaker and running free. Did you Know? K.G George was the founder of a new school of film making in Malayalam cinema, along with Bharathan and P. Padmarajan, in the 1980s.
Adaminte Variyellu	 Key Points: K.G. George's Adaminte Variyellu is a Malayalam novel published in 1973. It is considered to be one of the most important novels in Malayalam literature. The novel tells the story of a group of people in a small village in Kerala who are struggling to survive in the face of poverty and oppression. The main protagonist is a young man named Vasu.

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