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National and International News

United Nations'	Global Stocktake
Report	

Context: The United Nations' Global Stocktake report was released just ahead of the G-20 meeting.

Key points:

 The United Nations' Global Stocktake report serves as a blueprint for discussions during the Conference of Parties and aims to assess countries' progress in curbing greenhouse gas emissions since 2015.

Global Stocktake Report

Key takeaways from the report:	
Details	
The Paris Agreement has encouraged widespread climate action worldwide.	
Global temperature rise is now expected to be between 2.4-2.6°C, a significant improvement from the earlier projection of 3.7-4.8°C in 2010.	
Despite some progress, global emissions are to exceed the limits set in the Paris Agreement	
Achieving net-zero CO2 emissions requires an 84% reduction in global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions below 2019 levels by 2050	
There are shortfalls in various aspects of climate action, including mitigation, adaptation, and finance, indicating the need for more comprehensive efforts.	
Inclusive and equitable system transformation for transitioning from fossil fuel-based energy systems to renewable energy sources like solar and wind	
Integrate climate change risks into all aspects of planning and implementation. Ensure transparent reporting on adaptation efforts.	
Enhance access to climate finance in developing countries.	

Centre plans new indicators to rank states for good governance

Context

The Union government's Department of Administration Reforms and Public Grievances is planning to come out with new indicators for good governance to gauge the performance of states and union territories

Key points

- The opinion of the state is being sought on indicators in seven
- Indicators in these areas have been proposed by other states and union territories
- The index, a uniform tool to assess the status of governance and the impact of various interventions taken up by state governments and union territories, took up 50 indicators before deciding on the rankings for the state in 10 sectors.





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List of gift hampers given to G20 representatives of countries



Context

For the G20 Leaders' two-day summit, held under India's presidency, Heads of States & Leaders representing their countries, got special gift hampers.

Key points

- Gift hampers consisted of a curated compilation of handcrafted artefacts and products, which speak volumes about Bharat's rich cultural traditions.
- Some of the products are the product of centuries of tradition & cherished across the world for their unparalleled workmanship and quality.
- These were meticulously created by the hands of Master Craftsmen. Some products are the result of the unique bio-diversity of our country.

The hamper had the following products:

- 1. Sheeshamwood Sandook with Brass Patti
- 2. Red Gold: The Saffron from Kashmir
- 3. Pekoe Darjeeling and Nilgiri Tea
- 4. Araku Coffee
- 5. Sundarbans Multiflora Mangrove Honey
- 6. Kashmiri Pashmina
- Zighrana Ittar

Special Session to discuss Parliament's 75-year journey, take up Bills on CEC, the Press

Context

Ending the suspense on the agenda of the Special Session of Parliament the two Houses will begin discussion on Parliament's 75-year journey on the first day.

Key points

- There will be a discussion on "Parliamentary journey of 75 years starting from Samvidhan Sabha — achievements, experiences, memories and learnings".
- The agenda indicates a plan to shift to the new Parliament building.
- Three Bills will be taken up:
 - a) the Post Office Bill, 2023 to "consolidate and amend the law relating to Post Office in India";
 - b) the Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Bill, to "regulate the appointment, conditions of service and term of office of the Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners"; and
 - c) the Repealing and Amending Bill, 2023 to "repeal certain enactments and to amend an enactment".
- In addition to these, the Lok Sabha will take up the Advocates (Amendment) Bill, 2023, and the Press and Registration of Periodicals Bill, 2023.





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We do not recognise buffer zones
in Manipur, says Meitei women's
group

Context

Leaders of the Meira Paibi, a Meitei women's collective in Manipur, do not recognise the legitimacy of buffer zones in the State, created by the Union and Manipur governments separating the Kuki-Zo population in the hills from the Meitei community in the valley.

Key points

About Meitei community

- The Meitei people, also known as the Manipuri people, are the predominant ethnic group of Manipur State.
- They speak the Meitei language (officially called Manipuri), one of the 22 official languages of India and the sole official language of Manipur State.
- The Meiteis primarily settled in the Imphal Valley region in modernday Manipur, though a sizable population has settled in the other Indian states of Assam, Tripura, Nagaland, Meghalaya, and Mizoram.
- There is also a notable presence of Meitei in the neighbouring countries of Myanmar and Bangladesh.
- The Meitei ethnic group represents about 53% of Manipur's population.
- They are divided into clans, the members of which do not intermarry.
- Rice cultivation on irrigated fields is the basis of their economy.
- A majority follow Hinduism, while more than 8% are Muslims.

Kuki Tribe

Key points:

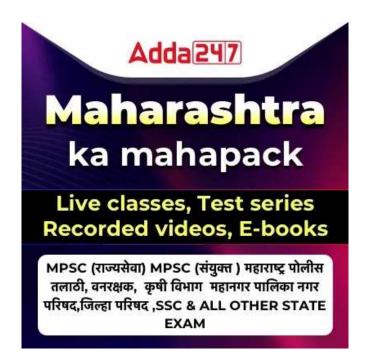
- It is one of the ethnic groups that inhabit the northeastern regions of India, Myanmar and Bangladesh.
- They are mainly found in the states of Manipur and Mizoram in India, Chin State in Myanmar, and Chittagong Hill Tracts in Bangladesh.
- They are also known as Chin or Mizo people, and they share a common ancestry and culture.
- They are part of the larger Zo people, along with the Chin and Mizo tribes.
- The Kuki tribe has a rich and diverse history, culture and tradition that reflect their adaptation to the hilly and forested terrain they live in
- They speak various dialects of the Chin-Kuki-Mizo language family, which belong to the Tibeto-Burman branch of the Sino-Tibetan languages.





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Hindi Diwas: Sept 14	Key points:
-	 September 14 is celebrated in India as Hindi Diwas.
	The Eighth Schedule of the Constitution lists 22 languages, which
	includes Hindi. A quiz on these languages.
	Hindi is written in the Devanagari script.



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