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National and International News

Wagner Group	Why in the news? • The Wagner mercenary group from Russia reported severe losses, including a commander, in recent
	battles with separatist forces in northeast Mali.
	About Wagner Group:
	 Official Name: PMC Wagner, a Russian paramilitary organization.
	Nature: A private military company and a network of mercenaries.
	Origin:
	 Emerged in 2014 during Russia's annexation of Crimea.
	 Operated in Syria and several African countries including Libya, Sudan, Mozambique, Mali, and the Central African Republic.
	• Founders:
	 Yevgeny Prigozhin. Dmitry Utkin, a former special forces officer in Russia's GRU military intelligence.
	Legal Status:
	 Mercenary forces are technically illegal in Russia.
	 Wagner registered as a "private military company" in 2022.
	Operations:
	 Closely tied to the Russian military and intelligence community.
	 Services vary based on client needs, including



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		rebel groups and regimes. Funding ranges from direct payment to resource concessions. 		
Defence Ac Council (DAC)	quisition	Why in the news? ■ The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) recently approved amendments to the deal for 31 MQ-9B High Altitude Long Endurance (HALE) UAVs from General Atomics, USA.		
	,	About Defence Acquisition Council (DAC): • Formation: Formed in 2001 following the Group of Minister's recommendations on 'Reforming the National Security System' post-Kargil War (1999). • Objective:		
		 Ensure expeditious procurement of the armed forces' approved requirements in terms of capabilities and prescribed time frames. Optimize utilization of allocated budgetary resources. 		
		Composition:		
		 Chaired by the Defence Minister. 		
		 Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Chiefs of the Army, Navy, and Air Force 		
		• Functions:		
		Approve a 15-year Long Term Integrated Portugue (LTIPR) for defence forces		
		 Perspective Plan (LTIPP) for defence forces. Accord acceptance of necessity for acquisition proposals. 		
		 Categorize acquisition proposals as 'Buy', 		
		'Buy & Make', and 'Make'. ○ Address issues related to single vendor		
		clearance.		
		 Decide on 'offset' provisions for acquisition proposals above Rs 300 crore. 		
		 Make decisions regarding the Transfer of 		
		Technology under the 'Buy & Make' category.		
		Conduct field trial evaluations.		



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International	
Organization	(ILO)

Labour

Why in the news?

India, a founding member of the International Labour Organization (ILO), is likely to file a complaint against the UN agency regarding its India **Employment Report 2024.**

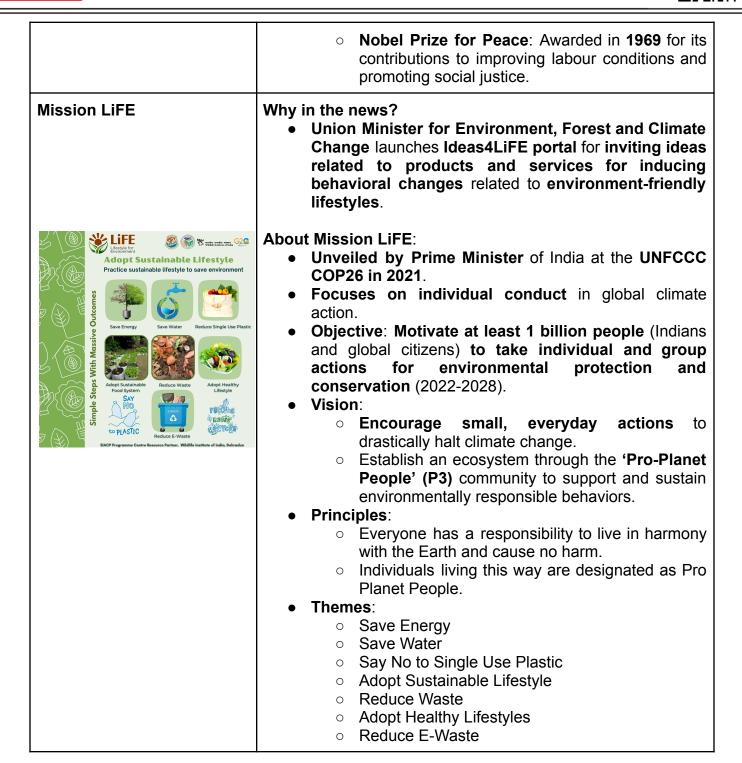
About International Labour Organization (ILO):

- Specialized Agency of the UN: Dedicated to improving labour conditions and living standards worldwide.
- History:
 - Creation: Established in 1919 as part of the Treaty of Versailles after World War I.
 - UN Agency: Became a specialized agency of the UN in 1946.
- **Headquarters**: Geneva, Switzerland.
- Membership: 187 members (186 UN member states plus the Cook Islands).
- Structure:
 - Tripartite Agency: Includes governments, employers, and workers' representatives from 187 member states.
 - UNDP Membership: Part of the United **Nations Development Group** aimed achieving Sustainable Development Goals.
- Functions:
 - **Policy Formulation**: Develops international policies to promote human rights, improve working conditions, and enhance employment opportunities.
 - Labour Standards: Creates and supervises the application of international labour standards.
 - Technical Cooperation: **Implements** international technical cooperation programs in partnership with its constituents.
 - Training and Education: Conducts training, education, and research activities to support its initiatives.
- Recognition:



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Digital Arrest

Why in the news?

 The "Digital Arrest" scam, a new form of online fraud, involves perpetrators impersonating official authorities to extort money from victims via video calls.

About Digital Arrest:

- The term "Digital Arrest" refers to a sophisticated cyber scam where fraudsters impersonate law enforcement or government officials to extort money from unsuspecting victims.
- This scam typically involves video calls where the scammers falsely accuse the victim of illegal activities, creating a sense of urgency and fear to compel the victim to transfer money immediately.
- How It Works:
 - **Initial Contact**: Victims receive a video call from scammers posing as authorities.
 - Creating Fear: Scammers use intimidating tactics, such as false accusations of criminal activities.
 - Demand for Payment: Victims are pressured to pay a large sum to avoid supposed legal consequences.







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