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<p>Green Tug Transition Program</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Union Minister of Port Shipping and Waterways recently launched the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the Green Tug Transition Program (GTTP). <p>About Green Tug Transition Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Launch Date: GTTP (Green Tug Transition Programme) was launched on May 22, 2023, under the 'Panch Karma Sankalp' initiative.Objective: To phase out conventional fuel-based harbour tugs operating in Indian Major Ports and replace them with green tugs powered by cleaner and more sustainable alternative fuels.Nodal Agency: National Centre of Excellence in Green Port & Shipping (NCoEGPS) will act as the nodal entity for the programme.Long-term Vision: India aims to become a 'Global Hub for Green Ship' building by 2030 with the launch of GTTP.Technology: 'Green Hybrid Tugs' will be powered by Green Hybrid Propulsion systems, which will eventually transition to non-fossil fuel solutions like Methanol, Ammonia, and Hydrogen.
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Aarogya Maitri Health Cube	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Indian Army and Air Force recently conducted a first-of-its-kind paradrop of the Aarogya Maitri Health Cube, the world's first indigenously-made portable hospital, at an elevation of 15,000 feet. <p>About Aarogya Maitri Health Cube:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• World's First Portable Hospital:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Designed indigenously under Project BHISHM (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita and Maitri).○ Includes essential medical equipment and supplies such as a mini-ICU, operation theatre, X-ray machine, blood test equipment, cooking station, food, water, and a power generator.• Aarogya Maitri Cube Cage Design:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Total of 36 mini-cubes in a single cage, providing survival supplies for 48 hours for 100 survivors.○ Two cages can be joined (master cube one and master cube two) to include 72 cubes in total, capable of assisting 200 survivors.
Gross Environment Product Index	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uttarakhand has become the first state in India and the world to launch a Gross Environment Product Index, focusing not just on ecosystem services but also on ecosystem growth. <p>About Gross Environment Product Index:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GEP Index: A novel, integrative metric designed to evaluate ecological development caused by human interventions.• Constituents: The index is determined by the condition of four main environmental constituents:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Air quality○ Water quality



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Number of trees planted in a year ○ Measure of the area of organic soil ● Formula: GEP index = (Air-GEP index + Water-GEP index + Soil-GEP index + Forest-GEP index) ● Purpose: Provides quantifiable assessments of improvements in air, water, soil, and forest quality.
Hakki Pikki Tribe	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Members of the Hakki Pikki tribal community have successfully ventured into the hair oil industry as entrepreneurs. <p>About Hakki Pikki Tribe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tribe Name: Hakki Pikki (Hakki means 'bird' and Pikki means 'catchers' in Kannada). ● Traditional Occupation: Semi-nomadic tribe, traditionally involved in bird catching and hunting. ● Location: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Primarily reside in Karnataka. ○ Also found in Western and Southern states of India, mostly near forest areas. ● Migration History: Migrated from Northern India, mainly from Gujarat and Rajasthan. ● Language: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speak an Indo-Aryan language called 'Vaagri' at home. ○ Use Kannada for daily business interactions. ○ Endangered Status: UNESCO has listed 'Vaagri' as one of the endangered languages.



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National Coal Index (NCI)

Why in the news?

- The **National Coal Index (NCI)** witnessed a significant **decline of 3.48% in June 2024**, dropping to 142.13 points provisionally, compared to 147.25 points in June 2023.

About National Coal Index (NCI):

- **National Coal Index (NCI):** A price index **reflecting changes in coal prices each month relative to a fixed base year.**
- **Base Year:** FY 2017-18.
- **Purpose:** To provide an **index that accurately reflects the market price of coal.**
- **Release:** Issued monthly by the **Ministry of Coal.**
- **Exclusions:** Washed coal and coal products are not included in the index.

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(अराजपत्रित)
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