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White Paper in Parliament	Context: Recently, the government presented a White Paper on the Indian economy in Parliament.
<ul> <li>Key Claims:</li> <li>UPA mismanaged a once robust economy over a decade.</li> <li>Neglected economic reforms caused macroeconomic instability.</li> <li>Post-2008, high economic growth led to inflation and fiscal deficit.</li> <li>Unproductive borrowing led to decreased capital expenditure and neglected infrastructure.</li> <li>Capital expenditure as a percent of total expenditure (excluding interest payments) halved from 31% in FY04 to 16% in FY14 (this ratio stands at 28% in the current year).</li> <li>Health expenditure minimally improved during UPA's tenure.</li> <li>Policy paralysis caused defense preparedness shortages by 2012.</li> <li>UPA's tenure was marred by scandals and policy missteps.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Modi government, during the Union Interim Budget on February 1, 2024, announced its intention to release a 'White Paper.'</li> <li>This document aims to compare the economic performances of the Congress-led UPA government over ten years with that of the BJP-led NDA government.</li> </ul>
Dayananda Saraswati	<ul> <li>Context: <ul> <li>The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, delivered a message via video at an event commemorating the 200th birth anniversary of Swami Dayananda Saraswati.</li> <li>The event was held at Swami Dayananda's birthplace in Tankara, Morbi, Gujarat.</li> </ul> </li> <li>About: <ul> <li>Dayanand Saraswati, an Indian philosopher and social reformer, founded the Arya Samaj, a movement aimed at reforming Hinduism.</li> <li>His influential work, "Satyarth Prakash," elucidates Vedic philosophy and human responsibilities.</li> <li>In 1876, he advocated for "India for Indians," a precursor to the Swaraj movement championed by Lokmanya Tilak.</li> <li>He vehemently opposed idolatry and ritualistic practices, striving to revive Vedic principles.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>











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	<ul> <li>Key points:</li> <li>Renowned figures such as S. Radhakrishnan and Sri Aurobindo hailed him as a key figure in shaping modern India.</li> <li>Dayanand Saraswati campaigned against social injustices like the caste system, Sati practice, child marriage, and idol worship, aligning his teachings with the principles of the Vedas.</li> <li>He championed the slogan "Go Back to Vedas," emphasizing the importance of Vedas as repositories of essential knowledge and spiritual truths for society.</li> <li>Swami Dayanand Saraswati's ascetic lifestyle underscored his deep reverence for the Vedas and his commitment to their teachings.</li> </ul>
Brumation	<ul> <li>Alligators and other reptiles may appear dormant during colder months, leading to confusion about whether they are alive or dead.</li> <li>This state is called brumation, akin to hibernation in mammals, which allows reptiles to conserve energy and endure harsh environmental conditions.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Examples Across Species</li> <li>Box Turtles and Painted Turtles: These turtles burrow into mud at the bottom of ponds or lakes.</li> <li>Snakes: Seek refuge in underground dens or caves.</li> <li>Lizards: Hide under rocks or within vagetation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Characteristics of Brumation         <ul> <li>Dormancy: Reptiles experience a period of dormancy or slowed activity.</li> <li>Environmental Triggers: Brumation is prompted by colder temperatures and limited food availability.</li> <li>Metabolic Slowdown: Reptiles' metabolism significantly decreases, enabling them to go without food for weeks or even months.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul> <li>vegetation.</li> <li>Importance of Brumation <ul> <li>Survival: It is crucial for reptiles to endure cold climates and challenging environmental conditions.</li> <li>Reproduction: Allows them to reemerge in more favorable conditions for feeding and reproduction.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Behavior During Brumation <ul> <li>Seeking Shelter: Reptiles retreat to underground burrows, rock crevices, or other sheltered areas with stable temperatures.</li> <li>Reduced Activity: Activity levels decrease to conserve energy.</li> <li>Resource Conservation: Reptiles minimize resource requirements during this period.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Understanding Global Warming Patterns</li> <li>Assessment of 2023 <ul> <li>Many warming records were broken in 2023, accompanied by climate disasters like wildfires, cyclones, droughts, and floods.</li> <li>Public focus often centers on whether</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Context:         <ul> <li>Global warming's impact is influenced by its patterns, not just its overall levels.</li> <li>Local conditions can moderate or amplify global warming effects.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Role of El Niño         <ul> <li>El Niño events impact global warming patterns, influencing phenomena like monsoons.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>





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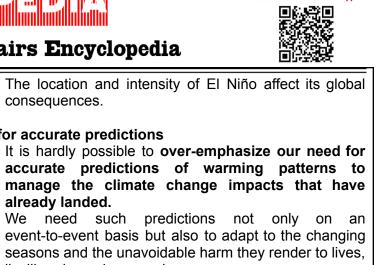
the 1.5 degrees C warming threshold





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	<ul> <li>Need for accurate predictions <ul> <li>It is hardly possible to over-emphasize our need for accurate predictions of warming patterns to manage the climate change impacts that have already landed.</li> <li>We need such predictions not only on an event-to-event basis but also to adapt to the changing seasons and the unavoidable harm they render to lives, livelihoods, and economies.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<image/>	<ul> <li>Context: <ul> <li>PM-SVANidhi boosted the annual income of street vendors by Rs 23,000.</li> <li>Study was commissioned by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>About: <ul> <li>Central Sector Scheme</li> <li>Provides affordable working capital loans to street vendors affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>Implementation until March 2022.</li> <li>Initial working capital of up to Rs. 10,000 for vendors.</li> <li>Interest subsidy of 7% for early or timely loan repayment.</li> <li>Monthly cash-back incentives for digital payments, ranging from Rs. 50-100.</li> <li>Higher loan eligibility upon timely repayment of the first loan.</li> <li>No requirement for collateral security.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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