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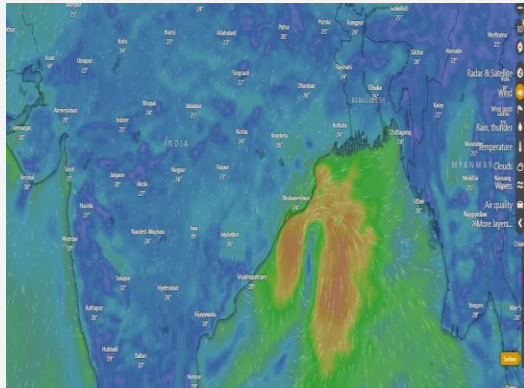
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### 'Mithili' storm forms in the Bay of Bengal



#### Context:

- **Cyclone Mithili** formed over the Bay of Bengal and made landfall near Khepupara, Bangladesh
- It brought heavy rain and strong winds to the coastal areas of Odisha, West Bengal, and Bangladesh.

#### Key Points:

- The low pressure area that had formed over the **south Andaman Sea** on November 14 quickly intensified into a depression the next day and into a deep depression on November 16.
- In the early hours of November 16, the system lay as a **deep depression over west-central Bay of Bengal**, 380 kilometres east-southeast of Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh and 380 km south of Paradip in Odisha.
- The deep depression would move **north-northeastwards and further intensify into a cyclone**, the IMD predicted. The cyclone would be named '**Midhili**' once it forms, a name **contributed by the Maldives**.
- Cyclone Midhili will be the **second cyclone of the season in the Bay of Bengal after cyclone Hamoon in late October**.
- Cyclone Hamoon made landfall along the **Myanmar coast** on the intervening night of October 24-25. It had changed its categories four times in day and kept the IMD on its toes.

#### Think:

- Read about cyclones, their naming and their formation.

### TN engg students to participate in govt projects

#### Context:


- The TN government has decided to **involve engineering students to take up real time projects** to find technological solutions in order to solve and rectify various issues and challenges faced by state government departments.
- This new initiative will be monitored by **state-owned Tamil Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC)** and Entrepreneurship Development



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<p><b>Mini textile parks soon in all districts</b></p>	<p><b>and Innovation Institute (EDII).</b></p> <p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister for Handlooms and Textiles R Gandhi said <b>mini textile parks</b> would be established in all districts across the state.</li> <li>These mini textile parks are developed at a cost of Rs 2.5 crore and will have facilities to accommodate three textile units.</li> <li>Also, synthetic fiber manufacturers will be promoted by the state government under the new textile policy.</li> </ul>
<p><b>National Press Day</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Press Day is observed in India on <b>November 16th</b> every year.</li> <li>It was established as an autonomous and statutory body to regulate and oversee the functioning of the press in India.</li> <li>Its primary objective is to safeguard and promote the freedom of the press, uphold ethical standards, and ensure accountability in journalism.</li> <li>It emphasizes the role of the media in promoting transparency, accountability, and good governance.</li> <li>The freedom of the press is vital for the dissemination of information, public awareness, and holding those in power accountable.</li> <li>It also emphasizes the importance of maintaining ethical standards in journalism.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Chief Minister Breakfast Scheme (CMBFS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<p><b>Context:</b> Attendance of students in primary schools increased by <b>4.28% in the past three months since the Chief Minister Breakfast Scheme (CMBFS) was implemented.</b></p> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Announcement has been made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 07.05.2022 under Rule110 that <b>Breakfast will be provided to primary school children from 1st to 5th standard studying in Government schools</b> on all school working days and the scheme has been launched on 15.09.2022 at <b>Madurai by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.</b></li> </ul>



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- In the first phase, Corporations, Municipalities and Panchayats were selected based on high prevalence of Anemia as per NHFS-5 data, economically backward blocks as per SBGF, habitations of Tribal population and inaccessibility of the areas, will be covered under this scheme.
- At present 1,14,095 primary school children studying in 1545 Government schools will be covered under the scheme at a total cost of Rs.33.56 crores which will be extended to remaining schools in phased manner.



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