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## 11 January 2024 **National and International News**

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day	Context:
National         HUMAN         Awareness Day         January II	<ul> <li>National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed annually on January 11th</li> <li>In 2007, National Human Trafficking Awareness Day was declared by the United States Senate to be celebrated on January 11</li> <li>It aims to raise awareness about the horrific crime of human trafficking and the millions of people impacted by it worldwide.</li> <li>This day serves as a crucial reminder to stay vigilant, educate ourselves, and take action to combat this modern-day slavery.</li> <li>Human trafficking is the illegal trade of people for various purposes, including forced labor, sexual exploitation, organ harvesting, and domestic servitude.</li> </ul>
	Did you Know?
	<ul> <li>Blue is internationally recognized as the universal color for human trafficking prevention</li> </ul>
Rapid decline in India-Maldives ties	Context:
	<ul> <li>Ties between India and the Maldives have witnessed a worrying downward spiral in recent months.</li> <li>This sudden shift, marked by diplomatic tensions and public animosity, raises concerns about the future of regional stability and cooperation.</li> </ul>
	Triggering factors:
	<ol> <li>Anti-India remarks by Maldivian officials</li> <li>Change in Maldivian government.</li> </ol>









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	3. Geopolitical influences
Black fluid blankets Manipur rivulet, alert sounded	<ul> <li>Context:</li> <li>The Manipur Government on January 11 sounded an alert after a gooey black fluid blanketed a rivulet on Jan 10 night.</li> <li>About:</li> <li>A thick, viscous black fluid has mysteriously covered a rivulet in Manipur, raising concerns about environmental contamination and potential health risks.</li> <li>The incident occurred near the Loktak Lake which is a Ramsar wetland of international importance.</li> </ul>
Swachh Survekshan Awards 2023	<ul> <li>Context:</li> <li>As per Central Government's annual cleanliness survey, Indore and Surat were adjudged the 'cleanest cities' in the country</li> <li>Navi Mumbai retained the third position i.</li> <li>In the category of 'best performing States' in 'Swachh Survekshan Awards 2023', Maharashtra bagged the top rank, followed by Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.</li> </ul>
Direct tax collections cross 80% of 2023-24 target	<ul> <li>Context:</li> <li>India's net direct tax collections have touched ₹14.7 lakh crore, meeting over four-fifths of this year's target and reflecting a growth of 19.4% over the same period of 2022-23.</li> <li>The provisional direct tax collections continue to register 'steady growth' with gross collections rising 16.77% to ₹17.18 lakh crore, led by a 26.11% rise in Personal Income Tax (PIT) inflows.</li> <li>Corporate Income Tax or CIT collections grew at a relatively muted pace of 8.32%.</li> </ul>











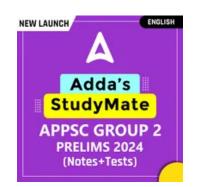
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EU's carbon border tax



#### Context:

- The EU's Carbon Border Adjustment • Mechanism (CBAM), also known as the carbon border tax, is a policy that aims to level the playing field for European industries facing stricter carbon emission regulations compared to their non-EU counterparts.
- It essentially puts a price on the carbon emissions embedded in certain imported goods, such as cement, steel, aluminum, fertilizers, electricity, and hydrogen.
- The EU's ambitious goal is to achieve climate neutrality by 2050 requires significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.



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