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<p>Index of Industrial Production(IIP)</p> 	<p>Context India's industrial output growth slid to a three-month low of 5.8% in September from a 14-month high of 10.3% in August</p> <p>About Index of Industrial Production(IIP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is one of the Prime indicators of economic development for the measurement of trends in the behavior of Industrial Production over a period of time with reference to a chosen base year. • It indicates the relative change of physical production in the field of industries during a specified year as compared to the previous year. • It is computed and published by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) on a monthly basis. • The base year is always given a value of 100. • The current base year for the IIP series in India is 2011-12.
<p>Biden, Xi to hold talks in San Francisco</p> 	<p>Context U.S. President Joe Biden will meet Chinese President Xi Jinping face-to-face for the first time in a year, in high-stakes diplomacy aimed at curbing tensions between the world's two superpowers.</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They will meet on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in San Francisco. • It is expected to cover global issues from the Israel-Hamas war to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, North Korea's ties with Russia, Taiwan, the Indo-Pacific, human rights, fentanyl, Artificial Intelligence, as well as "fair" trade and economic relations.
<p>Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICI measures the collective and individual performance of production in selected eight core industries viz. Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Petroleum Refinery Products, Fertilizers, Steel, Cement and Electricity. • The objective of the ICI is to provide an advance



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indication of production performance of industries of 'core' nature before the release of IIP by the **Central Statistics Office**.

- These industries are likely to impact general economic activities as well as industrial activities.
- The Index is compiled and released by the **Office of the Economic Adviser (OEA), Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP)**, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India.

Self Sustainable Energy Buildings (SSEB)



Context
Shri Amit Shah virtually inaugurated **Self Sustainable Energy Buildings (SSEB)** for soldiers and drones for supply of vegetables, medicines and other essential commodities at **BOPs (Border Observation Posts)** located at difficult areas. He also launched a flip book on **147 martyrs of ITBP**.

About

- Self Sustainable Energy Building (SSEB) is built at an **altitude of 17,000 feet in the cold desert**
- This building will become a symbol of self-reliant India.

Headline Inflation

Context
Even though CPI inflation has been projected at **5.4% for 2023-24** by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), a moderation from 6.7% in 2022-23, headline inflation remains vulnerable to recurring and overlapping food price shocks

About Headline inflation

- Headline inflation is the raw inflation figure reported through the **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** that is released monthly by the **Bureau of Labor Statistics**.
- Headline inflation is **not adjusted** to remove highly volatile figures, including those that can shift regardless of economic conditions.

e-FIR

Context
The **Law Commission of India, in Report No. 282**, recommended that "in cases where the accused is not known, registration of an e-FIR should be allowed for all cognisable offences"

About e-FIR

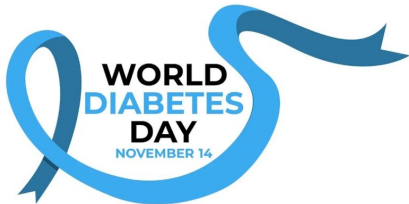
- It is **obtaining information/complaint through electronic means** using a common national portal



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- getting the information/complaint signed by the complainant physically within three days to convert the complaint into an actual FIR.
- 'e-FIR' is not an automatically registered FIR using electronic means, including electronic signature of the complainant.
- The online facility will have only **limited efficacy**.
- Any investigation done prior to the actual registration of the FIR shall not be an investigation undertaken in the true spirit of the Code of Criminal Procedure.
- In e-FIR, the complainant does not have to visit the police station; rather they can register their complaint through a mobile app or the police's online network.
- Once an FIR is filed, **designated investigating officers** will contact the complainant.
- This initiative is being implemented partially in Delhi, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.

Kerala Regional News

<p>Vayo Santhwanam</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kerala government has decided to initiate a pilot project 'Vayo Santhwanam' to set up aided centres for the caring of the indigent and bedridden elderly people. • The Social Justice Department's move comes in the context of an increasing number of ailing elderly persons in the state being abandoned by their children. • 'Vayo Santhwanam' is being launched for bedridden patients over 60 years of age.
<p>World Diabetes Day</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a unique initiative to raise awareness about diabetes, a 'sugar hartal' or 'sugar strike' was observed in a village in the Thrissur district of Kerala, India, on the occasion of World Diabetes Day <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every November 14, World Diabetes Day is commemorated. • This is an opportunity to raise awareness about the impact of diabetes on the health of people and to highlight the opportunities to strengthen the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diabetes.



COPD second leading cause of death



- World Diabetes Day this year focuses on access to diabetes care – and chiefly on prevention of type 2 diabetes and diabetes-related complications.
- The 2023 theme for WDD is "Education to Protect Tomorrow"

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- Context:**
- Doctors warn of a surge in lung diseases that can render breathing difficult, particularly **Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)**
 - It is the second leading cause of death in the country.
 - A study has revealed the **disease afflicts 6-7%** of the state's adult population.
- About COPD:**
- COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) is a chronic inflammatory lung disease that causes obstructed airflow from the lungs.
 - In India, COPD is estimated to affect 100 million people, making it the second leading cause of death after heart disease.
 - Despite its high prevalence, COPD is often underdiagnosed and undertreated.
 - This is because the symptoms of COPD, such as shortness of breath, cough, and wheezing, are often mistaken for other conditions, such as asthma or chronic bronchitis.

Snehapoorvam Scheme



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- Context:**
- **Snehapoorvam** is a noble initiative launched by the Kerala government to provide financial assistance and social security to orphaned children in the state.
 - The scheme aims to bring these children into the mainstream of society by ensuring they have access to education and other essential needs.
- Eligibility for Snehapoorvam:**
- Children who have lost either father or mother or both
 - Students from first standard to degree classes
 - Children below 5 years
 - Children who belong to BPL category
 - For children belonging to **APL category, annual income should be below Rs. 20,000 in rural areas** (Local body / Grama Panchayat) and **Rs. 22,375 in urban areas (Corporation / Municipality)**



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	<p>Benefits of Snehapoorvam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial assistance for education: The scheme provides financial assistance to orphaned children to cover their educational expenses, including tuition fees, examination fees, and hostel fees. • Financial assistance for other essential needs: The scheme also provides financial assistance to orphaned children to cover their other essential needs, such as food, clothing, and medical care. • Social security: The scheme aims to provide social security to orphaned children by ensuring they have access to counseling, guidance, and other support services.
<p>Prathyasha Initiative</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prathyasha is a women's empowerment program in India that aims to provide women with the skills, knowledge, and resources they need to become financially independent and achieve their full potential. <p>The program offers a range of activities, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneurship training: This training helps women develop the skills and knowledge they need to start and run their own businesses. • Financial literacy training: This training helps women understand and manage their finances, so they can make informed decisions about their money. • Vocational training: This training provides women with the skills they need to get a job or start a career. • Mentorship and networking opportunities: These opportunities help women connect with other women who can provide them with support and guidance.

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