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National and International News

<p>Operation Indravati</p>  <p>Operation Indravati' to Evacuate Indian Nationals from Haiti Begins</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In response to the recent turmoil in Haiti, the Indian government has launched Operation Indravati to evacuate its citizens from the violence-stricken country to the neighboring Dominican Republic. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Haiti has been grappling with a state of emergency triggered by recent violent attacks. Haiti, a Caribbean country, has plunged into chaos due to gang warfare. Gang control in Haiti's capital has reached 80%, according to the UN, with fighting ongoing in the remaining areas. Capital: Port-au-Prince
<p>PUSHPAK Viman</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Pushpak, also known as the Reusable Launch Vehicle Technology Demonstrator (RLV-TD), is India's first uncrewed flying testbed for this ambitious project that aims to significantly reduce payload delivery costs to low Earth orbit. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has announced a successful landing experiment as part of its ongoing efforts to develop reusable space launch vehicles. <p>Project Cost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The total cost of the Pushpak (RLV-TD) project was approximately ₹95 crore. <p>Objectives of the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Objective: Develop a TSTO reusable launch vehicle to achieve an 80% reduction in payload delivery costs to low Earth orbit. Testing Objectives: Evaluate key technologies such as hypersonic flight, autonomous landing, powered cruise flight, and air-breathing engine propulsion.
<p>Exchange-traded funds</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Securities and Exchange Board of India



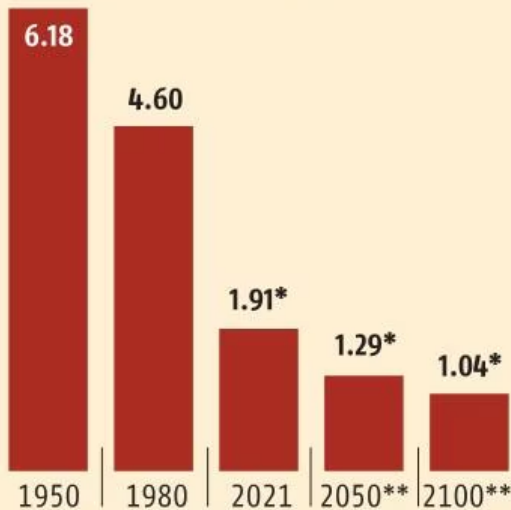
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	<p>(SEBI) has instructed mutual fund companies to halt new investments in schemes that invest in overseas exchange-traded funds (ETFs) from April 1, 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEBI's decision stems from the fact that investments in these foreign ETFs are nearing the mandated limit of \$1 billion. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An exchange-traded fund (ETF) is a type of security that tracks an index, commodity, bonds, or a basket of assets, similar to an index fund. Unlike regular mutual funds, ETFs are traded like common stocks on stock exchanges. The price of an ETF changes throughout the day as it is bought and sold on the stock exchange. The trading value of an ETF is based on the net asset value of the underlying stocks it represents. ETFs are known for their high daily liquidity and low fees compared to mutual fund schemes, making them appealing to individual investors. They are also considered more tax efficient. There are five main types of ETFs: equity ETFs, bond ETFs, commodity ETFs, international ETFs, and sectoral/thematic ETFs.
<p>1.29 by 2050: Impact of India's falling fertility rate</p>	<p>Context: India is facing a concerning birth rate decline, as indicated by the Lancet's forecast of a fertility rate drop to 1.29 by 2050.</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By 2050, one in five Indians will be a senior citizen, posing challenges as there will be fewer younger individuals to care for the aging population. The declining total fertility rate (TFR) in India, currently at 1.29, well below the replacement rate of 2.1, is a major factor driving this trend. Globally, the TFR has decreased significantly over the last 70 years, from around five children per woman in 1950 to 2.2 children in 2021. In India specifically, the TFR has dropped from 6.18 in 1950 to 1.91 in 2021, reflecting a diminishing working-age population. Factors contributing to this decline in fertility rates include family planning programs, behavioral changes promoting smaller families, economic



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Total fertility rate (TFR) is the average number of children born per woman



**Projection; * indicates that TFR is below the mandated replacement level of 2.1
Source: Lancet

factors influencing family size decisions, increased female literacy and workforce participation, and urban influences on rural trends.

The declining trend in fertility rates is not unique to India, as it is a global phenomenon:

- Worldwide, researchers estimate that by 2050, about 76% of countries (155 out of 204) will have fertility rates below replacement level.
- Looking ahead to 2100, this trend is expected to continue, with 97% of countries and territories (198 out of 204) projected to have fertility rates below replacement level.
- Without intervention, populations in these locations are predicted to shrink, highlighting the need for measures such as ethical and effective immigration to offset the decline.

Enforcement directorate

Context:

Arvind Kejriwal has been detained by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

ED:

- The ED is a government agency in India tasked with enforcing economic laws and combating economic crimes.
- It operates under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India.
- The ED's focus includes investigating and prosecuting cases involving money laundering, foreign exchange violations, corruption, and economic offenses.
- Its primary goal is to reduce the generation and circulation of black money and ensure compliance with laws related to foreign exchange and prevention of money laundering.
- The agency was originally established as an "enforcement unit" within the Department of Economic Affairs on May 1, 1956, to handle violations under the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1947.
- In 1957, this unit was officially renamed the Enforcement Directorate.


The main objective of the Enforcement Directorate is to enforce three key Acts of the Government of India:



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA); the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA); and the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018 (FEOA). • The Enforcement Directorate is headquartered in New Delhi and is headed by the Director of Enforcement. • It has regional offices in Mumbai, Chennai, Chandigarh, Kolkata, and Delhi, each headed by a Special Director of Enforcement.
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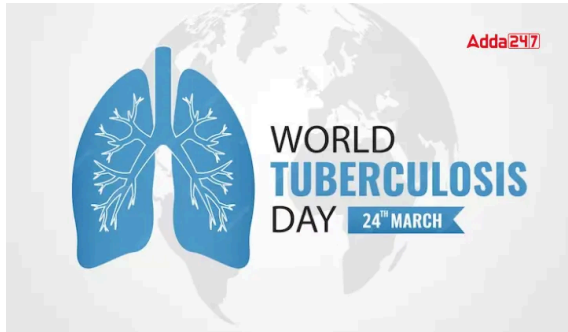
Kerala Regional News

<p>3.88L young voters in Kerala</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for enrolment in electoral roll for upcoming Lok Sabha elections ends. • 3.88 lakh young voters aged 18-19 registered in the state. • Significant increase of 3.11 lakh young voters since draft electoral roll published on October 27. • Kerala leads in enrolment rate of first-time voters nationwide. • Chief Electoral Officer (Kerala) Sanjay Kaul credits success to Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiatives.
<p>Kerala Withdraws Ban on Social Media Activity for Health Workers</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kerala government reversed a controversial decision that prohibited health department employees from creating content on social media platforms. • The initial circular, issued by the Directorate of Health Services (DHS) on March 13th, 2024, raised concerns about potential violations of the code of conduct and interference with official duties. • The revised notice cites "administrative reasons" for withdrawing the ban. • This reversal comes after health officials sought clarification on using social media responsibly while adhering to government employee regulations



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World Tuberculosis day



Context:

- Every year on March 24th, **World Tuberculosis (TB) Day** is observed worldwide to raise awareness about the devastating health, social, and economic consequences of TB, and to step up efforts to end the global TB epidemic.
- This day commemorates the date in 1882 when **Dr. Robert Koch** announced his discovery of **Mycobacterium tuberculosis**, the bacteria that causes tuberculosis, a disease that still affects millions globally.

It aims to:

- Raise Awareness:**
 - a. World TB Day serves as a platform to educate individuals, communities, policymakers, and healthcare professionals about the signs, symptoms, transmission, prevention, and treatment of tuberculosis.
- Mobilize Resources:**
 - a. World TB Day mobilises resources from governments, international organisations, civil society, the private sector, and other stakeholders to support TB research, innovation, and implementation of evidence-based interventions aimed at ending the TB epidemic.
- Empower Communities:**
 - a. Empowering communities and engaging affected individuals as advocates and agents of change are key components of TB control efforts. World TB Day encourages community involvement, active participation,
- Promote Partnerships:**
 - a. Collaboration and partnerships among governments, non-governmental organisations, academia, communities, and affected individuals are essential to achieve the ambitious targets set for ending TB.

Theme:

- The theme for World Tuberculosis (TB) Day 2024 is "Yes! We can end TB!"



Renowned Artist A Ramachandran's Works to be Displayed in New Kerala Museum



Context:

A special museum will be set up at the district cultural centre in Kollam to display the **paintings of renowned artist A Ramachandran. It will be handed over to Kerala soon.**

About:

- **Museum Dedicated to Ramachandran:** A special museum will be established at the Kollam district cultural centre to showcase the paintings of internationally acclaimed artist A. Ramachandran.
- **Generous Donation:** The artist's family is donating 48 paintings valued at Rs 300 crore to the state of Kerala. Additionally, 12 paintings by Ramachandran's wife, Tan Yuan Chameli, will also be included in the collection.
- **Fulfilling a Wish:** This donation fulfils Ramachandran's lifelong dream of establishing a museum in his home state. The late artist, originally from Attingal, had expressed his desire in a letter to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan before his passing in February 2024.
- **Extensive Collection:** The donated collection encompasses paintings dating back to 1957, including large pieces measuring 12 feet wide by 6 feet tall.
- **Preparation Underway:** Discussions regarding the transfer of the artworks have taken place between Ramachandran's son, Rahul, and Kerala's chief secretary. The proposed museum site in Kollam has also been visited by Rahul.
- **Preserving Legacy:** A collection of Ramachandran's personal art books will be preserved in the library of the Durbar Hall Art Centre at the Kerala Lalithakala Akademi.

VAAN Electric Moto Partners with Kerala Blasters FC

Context:

- VAAN Electric Moto partners with Kerala Blasters Football Club, pioneering sustainable mobility in sports

About:

Historic Partnership: VAAN Electric Moto becomes the official E-Mobility Partner of Kerala Blasters Football Club, marking a collaboration between green technology and sports.

Sustainable Ride: To celebrate the alliance, VAAN launches the innovative electric mountain bike 'Stelvio' with Ivan Vukomanović, Kerala Blasters FC coach, as



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Limited Edition Bike: A special Kerala Blasters 10th Anniversary edition "Blasters Edition" mountain bike is unveiled by prominent players Milos Drinic, Danish Farooq, and Daisuke Sakai.

Fan Engagement Boost: Popular film actress Samskruthy Shenoy reveals the Kerala Blasters video launch.

Shared Vision: Jithu Sukumaran Nair, VAAN CEO, highlights the collaboration's aim to promote sustainable mobility and their alignment with the Blasters' focus on young talent.

Greener Future: Ivan Vukomanović expresses enthusiasm about the partnership's potential to transform fan engagement and advocate for a sustainable future.

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