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Infant Protection Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every year, Infant Protection Day is celebrated on November 7 • The theme for Infant Protection Day 2023 is 'Ensuring Every Child's Right to Thrive.' • This annual observance is focused on raising awareness on the sensitive topic of infant mortality.
National Cancer Awareness Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Cancer Awareness Day is observed on the 7th of November in India every year since 2014 to create public awareness about early detection, prevention, and treatment of cancer. • The theme for World Cancer Day 2022-2024 is Close the Care Gap.
All India Football Federation (AIFF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The All India Football Federation (AIFF) is the national governing body of football in India. • President: Kalyan Chaubey • Headquarters: New Delhi • Founded: 23 June 1937 • Subsidiaries: Indian Football Association, MORE • Parent organization: South Asian Football Federation. • It is a member of FIFA, the international governing body of football and affiliated to the Asian Football Confederation and South Asian Football Federation. • It is affiliated to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. • The AIFF manages, sanctions, conducts, schedules and runs all national level football tournaments and leagues in India.
About 80% funds for semiconductor PLI remain unused	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About \$8 billion of the \$10 billion allocated by the Centre for the production of semiconductors under the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme remains untapped. • Govt has allocated \$26 billion in 14 economic sectors to expand domestic manufacturing <p>About PLI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme is a government programme that offers subsidies to companies based on a percentage of their incremental sales. • The goal of the PLI scheme is to boost domestic manufacturing and make Indian industries more competitive in the global market.
7.5 million new cases of TB in 2022, shows WHO Global report	<p>Context</p> <p>TB remains the world's second leading cause of death from a single infectious agent, and global TB targets have either been missed or remain off track</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reported global number of people newly diagnosed with TB was



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7.5 million in 2022.

- This is the highest number since WHO began global TB monitoring in 1995, above the pre-COVID baseline (and previous historical peak) of 7.1 million in 2019, and up from 5.8 million in 2020 and 6.4 million in 2021.
- **India, Indonesia and the Philippines**, which collectively accounted for nearly 60% of the reduction in the number of people newly diagnosed with TB in 2020 and 2021, recovered to above 2019 levels in 2022.

India has taken several measures to reduce tuberculosis (TB):

- **National Strategic Plan for TB Elimination:** Launched to end TB by 2025
- **Universal Drug Susceptibility Testing (UDST):** Ensures every diagnosed TB patient is tested for drug resistance before or at the start of treatment
- **Ni-kshay Mitra initiative:** Provides community support to patients and their families to improve treatment outcome
- **Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana:** Provides nutritional support to TB patients
- **Tuberculosis (TB) Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan:** Launched in 2021 under the NSP India 2020–25 for TB Elimination.

Aditya-L1 captures first glimpse of solar flares



Context

The **High Energy L1 Orbiting X-ray Spectrometer (HEL1OS)** payload, onboard the Aditya-L1 spacecraft, has captured the first glimpse of solar flares.

About Aditya L1

- The objective of Aditya L1 mission is to study the Sun's **Corona, Chromosphere and Photosphere**.
- In addition, it will study the particle flux emanating from Sun, and the variation of magnetic field strength.

Massive displacement in Congo



Context

- The **UN International Organization of Migration (IOM)** reported that the number of people who have been internally displaced in the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has risen to 6.9 million**.
- In the eastern province of North Kivu, nearly a million people have been displaced due to the ongoing conflict with the rebel group, **Mouvement du 23 Mars (M23)**.

Reasons for displacement

1. ethnic intolerance and insurgency.
2. the political uncertainty and lack of inclusive governance
3. regional tensions.

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