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<p>El-Nino</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has "ruled out" the likelihood of an El Nino during this year's upcoming southwest monsoon season. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The term El-Nino, meaning "Christ Child," was introduced by fishermen from Ecuador and Peru to describe the warming of the central and eastern Pacific Ocean. It refers to the periodic rise in sea surface temperatures along the coasts of Ecuador and Peru. El-Nino events are irregular, occurring every 2 to 7 years, with an average frequency of about once every 3 to 4 years. When this warming occurs, the typical upwelling of cold, nutrient-rich deep ocean water is greatly diminished. El Nino typically begins around Christmas and persists for a few weeks to a few months. <p>Discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> About southwest monsoon
<p>Person in news: Shyamji Krishna Verma</p> 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid tribute to the great freedom fighter Shyamji Krishna Verma on the occasion of his death anniversary. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shyamji Krishna Varma (1857 – 1930) was an Indian freedom fighter, lawyer and journalist. Indian Home Rule Society (IHRS): It was an Indian organisation founded in London in 1905 that sought to promote the cause of self-rule in British India. The organisation was founded by Shyamji Krishna Varma, with support from Bhikaji Cama, Dadabhai Naoroji and S.R. Rana. India House: He founded India House in London. It was a student residence that existed between 1905 and 1910 which was opened to promote nationalist views among Indian students in Britain. Indian Sociologist: He founded Indian Sociologist in London. The monthly Indian Sociologist became an outlet for nationalist ideas.
<p>Waqf Amendment Bill 2024</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amid nationwide protests against the Waqf (Amendment) Bill,



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	<p>2024, Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju criticized the Opposition parties on Monday for allegedly misleading the Muslim community about the Bill.</p> <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2024, introduced in the Lok Sabha on August 8, 2024, proposes significant changes to the governance and management of Waqf properties in India. • This legislation seeks to amend the Waqf Act of 1995, aiming to enhance transparency, accountability, and efficiency in the administration of Waqf properties while addressing long-standing issues within the system. • A Waqf is a property donated by Muslims for a specific religious, charitable, or private purpose. • Key Changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Waqf Amendment (Bill) 2024 proposes changing the name of the parent Act from the Waqf Act of 1995 to the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency, and Development Act of 1995. ○ Government Property: Government properties identified as waqf will revert to state ownership. The District Collector will determine ownership in disputed cases. ○ Waqf Property Determination: The Waqf Board's power to determine waqf properties is removed. ○ Waqf Survey: Collectors will conduct waqf surveys under state revenue laws. ○ Tribunal Composition: Muslim law experts are removed. Tribunals will include a District Court judge and a state officer of joint secretary rank.
<p>Exercise Tiger Triumph</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fourth edition of Exercise Tiger Triumph, the bilateral Tri-Service India-US Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise, is scheduled on the Eastern Seaboard from 01 to 13 Apr 25. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a bilateral tri-Service Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise between India and the US. • The exercise is aimed at developing interoperability for conducting HADR operations and refine Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to enable rapid and smooth coordination between forces of both countries. • Personnel from both navies would participate in Training Visits, Subject Matter Expert Exchanges, Sports Events and Social interactions. • Indian Navy Ships with integral helicopters and landing crafts embarked, Indian Navy aircraft, Indian Army personnel and vehicles and Indian Air Force aircraft and helicopters along



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	with the Rapid Action Medical Team (RAMT) would be participating in the exercise.
Western Ghats	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A study reveals a significant increase in monsoon rainfall in the Western Ghats over the past 800 years. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Western Ghats, also known as the Sahyadri Hills, are well known for their rich and unique assemblage of flora and fauna. • The northern portion of the narrow coastal plain between the Western Ghats and the Arabian Sea is known as the Konkan Coast. • The central portion is called Kanara and the southern portion is called Malabar region or the Malabar Coast. • It is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. • It is one of the eight hotspots of biological diversity in the world due to its high level of biological diversity and endemism.
INIOCHOS 2025	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Indian Air Force (IAF) will participate in the multinational air exercise INIOCHOS-25, beginning in Greece on Monday. • The 12-day exercise, hosted by Greece's Hellenic Air Force, will take place at Andravida Air Base in a historic region of Elis. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a biennial multinational air exercise hosted by Greece's Hellenic Air Force. • It serves as a platform for air forces to hone their skills, exchange tactical knowledge, and strengthen military ties. • The IAF contingent will include Su-30 MKI fighters, along with combat-enabling IL-78 and C-17 aircraft. • Apart from the Hellenic Air Force and the IAF, the participants include France with the M-2000, Israel with G-550, Italy with Tornado, Montenegro with B-412, Poland with F-16, Qatar with F-15, Slovenia with 2 PC-9, Spain with F-18, the UAE with M-2000/9, and the US with F-16, KC-46, and KC-135. • It will provide an opportunity to train in planning and executing combined air operations, refine tactics in complex air warfare scenarios, and gain insights into operational best practices.

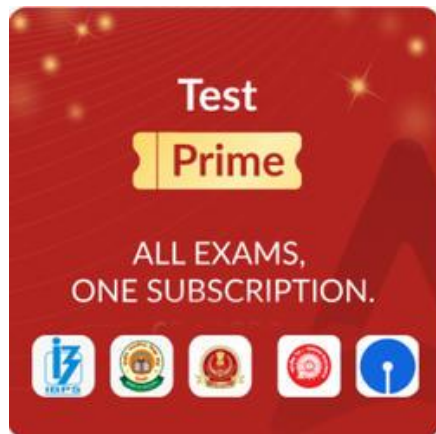


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