

## National Security Act

### ❖ Context

- Recently, Punjab Advocate said that the **National Security Act** has been invoked in the case of self-styled Sikh preacher e-run Waris Punjab De chief Amritpal Singh.



### ❖ National Security Act, 1980:

- The National Security Act was **passed by the Parliament in 1980** and has been amended several times since then.
- NSA “empowers the state to **detain a person without a formal charge and without trial**”.
- Under the Act, a person is taken into custody to **prevent them from acting in any manner prejudicial to “the security of the state”** or for “maintenance of the public order”.
- It is an administrative order passed either by the Divisional Commissioner or the District Magistrate (DM).
- It is not detention ordered by police based on specific allegations or for a specific violation of the law.
- Even if a person is in police custody, the District Magistrate can slap NSA against them.
- Or, if a person has been granted bail by a trial court, they can be immediately detained under the NSA.
- If the person has been acquitted by the court, the same person can be detained under the NSA.
- The law **takes away an individual’s constitutional right to be produced before the magistrate within 24 hours**, as is the case when the accused is in police custody.
- The detained person also **does not have the right to move a bail application** before a criminal court.

- **Grounds for Detention** : NSA can be invoked to prevent a person from acting in any manner prejudicial to the **defence of India, relations of India with foreign powers or the security of India**.
  - Among others, it can also be applied to prevent a person from acting in any manner prejudicial to the **maintenance of supply and services essential to the community**.
  - An individual can be detained without a charge for a maximum period of 12 months.
  - The detained person can be held for 10 to 12 days in special circumstances without being told the charges against them.
- **Protection Available Under the Act** :
  - One crucial procedural safeguard under the NSA is granted under Article 22(5).
    - All the detained persons have the **right to make an effective representation before an independent advisory board**.
    - The board consists of three members; and the board is chaired by a member who is, or has been, a judge of a high court.
  - **The DM who passes the detention order is protected under the Act** - no prosecution or any legal proceeding can be initiated against the official who carries out the orders.

## Strategic Petroleum Reserves Facilities

### ❖ Context

- Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas has said recently that the current capacity of **Strategic Petroleum Reserves SPR facilities** established in the country is 5.33 Million Metric Tonnes.



### ❖ Key Highlights:

- It is estimated to provide for about **9.5 days** of crude oil requirement.
- In addition, the storage capacity of crude oil and petroleum product available with Oil Marketing Companies can provide an estimated stock of 77 days including the capacity of SPR based on the net oil imports from April-December 2022.
- Various long-term and short-term policy initiatives have been undertaken to increase the production of **oil and gas and to reduce import dependency**.
- It includes Discovered Small Field Policy-2015, Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy 2016, Policy Framework for Exploration and exploitation of Coal Bed Methane, Early Monetization of existing Discoveries, **Revival of sick wells**, Redevelopment of existing matured fields and development of new fields or marginal fields, etc.
- A National Data Repository for strengthening geo-scientific database of the country and facilitating exploration and production data access to investors or institutions has also been established.

### ❖ What is Sick well?

- In the context of the oil and gas industry, a "sick well" refers to a well that is experiencing some form of **operational or technical problem**.
- This could include issues such as **drilling difficulties, production problems**, equipment malfunctions, or other challenges that can impact the performance and output of the well.
- When a well becomes "sick," it may require additional attention and resources from the operators to resolve the **issue and restore its productivity**.
- This can involve various interventions such as **maintenance work**, equipment repairs or replacement, or changes in the drilling or production processes.

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## Interpol

### ❖ Context

- After the Red Corner Notice (RCN) against fugitive diamantaire Mehul Choksi was withdrawn, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has appealed to the Commission for Control of Interpol's Files (CCF) to restore it.



- **About** : The Interpol, or **International Criminal Police Organization**, is an inter-governmental organization.
  - It was **established in 1923**.
  - **Headquarter**- in Lyon, France.
- **Members** : It comprises **195 member countries**, which helps police forces in all these countries to better coordinate their actions.
  - **India** has been a **member since 1956**.
- **Objectives** : The organization enables member countries to **share and access data on crimes and criminals** and offers a range of **technical and operational support**.
- **Functioning** : The **Interpol general secretariat** coordinates the organisation's day-to-day activities.
  - Interpol has a **National Central Bureau (NCB)** in each member country.
  - NCB is the **central point of contact** for both the general secretariat and the other NCBs around the world.
  - The Interpol **colour-coded 'notices'** in four languages – English, Spanish, French, and Arabic.
  - The Interpol **doesn't have law enforcement powers** such as arrest.

- **Red Corner Notice** :
  - Criminals or suspects often flee to other countries to evade facing justice.
  - A Red Corner Notice, or Red Notice (RN) alerts police forces across the world about fugitives who are wanted internationally.
  - RNs contain information that helps identify wanted persons, such as their **names, dates of birth, nationality, and physical attributes** such as the colour of their hair and eyes, as well as pictures and biometric data such as fingerprints, if they are available.
  - RNs also **mention the crime(s) they are wanted for**.
  - An RN is only an international wanted persons' notice; it is **not an international arrest warrant**.

## News in Between the Lines

### Rule 357, Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha



#### ❖ Context

- Recently, a political party leader wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker seeking permission to speak in the Lower House on allegations levelled at him by the Government and the ruling party.
- He said that **Rule 357** of the Rules and Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha allows him to respond to the allegations in Parliament.

#### ❖ Rule 357:

- In the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, under the section 'Rules to be observed by the members', there is rule 357 for 'personal explanation'.
- It states, "A member may, with the permission of the Speaker, make a personal explanation although there is no question before the House, but in this case no debatable matter may be brought forward, and no debate shall arise."

### Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary



#### ❖ Context

- The Tamil Nadu Government has recently announced the notification of Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, which will be the **18th wildlife sanctuary** in the state.

#### ❖ Key Highlights:

- It is spread across 80,567 hectares in the forest areas of Anthiyur and Gobichettipalayam taluks in Erode district.
- The sanctuary is home to **21 species of mammals, 136 species of birds and 118 species of butterflies**, including elephants, leopards, wild boars, gaurs, and deer.
- The notification of the new wildlife sanctuary will not hinder the works of tribal communities in the region, and the tribals living in these protected areas are not expected to lose their rights given under the **Forest Rights Act**.
- The notification will provide a better ecosystem for wildlife, boost conservation efforts, and help mitigate human-wildlife conflict in the Bargur hills area.
- The notification of the Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary will be a big boost for **Asian elephant conservation** and the protection of flora and fauna in the region.

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## International Monetary Fund (IMF)



### ❖ Context

- Recently, Sri Lanka's request for a \$2.9-billion bailout was approved by the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**.
- Sri Lanka's economy shrank by a record 7.8% last year as it grappled with its worst foreign exchange crisis since independence from Britain in 1948.

### ❖ International Monetary Fund (IMF)

- **About** : The IMF is an **international financial institution**, It was set up along with the World Bank at the Bretton Woods Conference in 1944.
  - **Headquarter** - Washington, D.C.
  - It consists of **190 countries**.
  - It works to foster **global monetary cooperation**, secure financial stability and facilitate **international trade**.
- **Areas Of Involvement** :
  - Exchange rate, currency, liquid asset, Special Drawing Right
  - Plays a **central role in the management of balance of payments difficulties** and international financial crises.
- **Publications** : Global Financial Stability Report ,World Economic Outlook, Regional Economic Outlook , Managing Director's Global Policy Agenda.

## Global Terrorism Index 2023



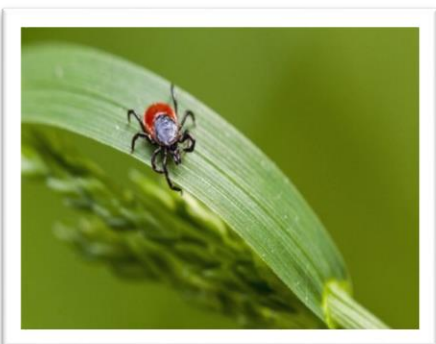
### ❖ Context

- Recently, **Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2023 was released**.

### ❖ Key Highlights:

- **Afghanistan** retains the top spot in the list of country impacted by terrorism.
- **India** was listed among countries with a "high" impact of terrorism and ranked **13th**.
- **India was among the 25 worst terror-hit countries** and among 56 of the 120 nations surveyed with no respondents selecting war and terror as the biggest threat to their daily safety.
- **Pakistan** saw the second-largest increase in terror-related fatalities globally last year, with a total of 643 dead.
- **Military** people made up at least 55% of all casualties of terrorism.
- South Asia remains the region with the worst average GTI score.
- Globally, deaths from terrorism fell by 9% to 6,701 deaths, marking a 38% decrease from its peak in 2015.
- **About the Report** :
  - The GTI report is produced by the **Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP) annually** using data from TerrorismTracker and other sources.
  - This is the **tenth edition** of the Global Terrorism Index (GTI).
  - This report provides a comprehensive summary of the key global trends and patterns in terrorism over the last decade.
  - The calculation of the GTI score considers not only deaths but also incidents, hostages and injuries from terrorism, weighted over a five-year period.
  - The report **ranks 163 countries** (99.7% of the world's population) on the impact of terrorism.

## Babesiosis



### ❖ Context

- Babesiosis, a deadly disease caused by a parasitic infection of red blood cells and primarily transmitted through the bite **of infected ticks**, has been a concern in some US states for many years.

### ❖ Key Highlights:

- Recent research shows a significant increase in the number of cases in the northeastern states, **with Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont being the latest to report cases**.
- **Common symptoms** include fever, chills, headache, and fatigue, and the disease can be life-threatening, particularly in people with weakened immune systems.
- **Prevention**, including using tick repellent and wearing protective clothing, is crucial, and treatment typically involves a course of antibiotics.

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## India-Gulf Cooperation Council



### ❖ Context

➤ The first round of India-Gulf Cooperation Council GCC Senior Officers Meeting was held in Riyadh recently.

### ❖ Key Highlights:

- External Affairs Ministry said, both sides conveyed happiness over the progress in trade and investment between India-GCC countries.
- Both sides agreed for an early finalisation of India-GCC **Free Trade Agreement**.
- Both sides proposed formation of **Joint Working Groups** to cater to particular areas of cooperation between India and GCC countries.
- These joint working groups would be headed by experts and would ensure regular and **continuous progress across priority sectors**.
- GCC as a trade bloc is **the largest trade partner** to India with a total trade of 154 Billion dollars in Financial Year 2021-22

### ❖ About Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC):

- The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) is a regional political and economic organization comprising of six **Arab states in the Persian Gulf: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)**.
- It was established in 1981 with the aim of promoting cooperation and integration among its member countries.
- The GCC's main objectives include enhancing economic cooperation, improving political coordination, and strengthening security in the region.
- It has been instrumental in promoting the development of infrastructure, free trade agreements, and regional monetary unions among its member states.

## LVM3



### ❖ Context

➤ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch its largest rocket, LVM3, on March 26th 2023 for its second commercial mission.

### ❖ Key Highlights:

- It will carry 36 OneWeb Gen-1 satellites with a total mass of 5,805 kg, into a 450 km circular Low Earth Orbit with an inclination of 87.4°.
- OneWeb aims to offer high-speed, **low-latency internet connectivity** from space via its constellation of satellites in Low Earth Orbit.
- The LVM3 rocket is a 3-stage vehicle with **two S200 solid motors** as the first stage, L110 twin liquid engines as the 2nd stage & a final C25 **cryogenic upper stage**.
- Its cryogenic stage is uniquely designed to **orient and re-orient** in an orthogonal direction to meet customer requirements of injecting satellites precisely and with a gap to avoid a collision.
- This upcoming mission will be carried out through ISRO's commercial arm NSIL (**NewSpace India Limited**), and it aims to meet the timelines of the customer whose satellites are being launched.
- **Revenue Generation:** OneWeb's agreement with NSIL and ISRO to place 72 satellites in orbit has generated over Rs. 1000 crore in revenue for ISRO.

## Right to Health Bill 2022



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### ❖ Context

➤ The **Rajasthan Right to Health Bill 2022** has been recently passed by the state assembly, making it the first state to bring such a law.

### ❖ Key Highlights:

- The bill entitles the people of Rajasthan to emergency care in private hospitals without any prepayment, and if they are unable to pay the bill, the government will reimburse the hospitals.
- However, private hospitals and doctors have been protesting against the bill, claiming that it is "draconian" and violates their rights.
- The bill has levied fines on doctors & hospitals violating its provisions, and a delegation of private doctors also met the governor demanding the withdrawal of the bill.
- Despite their protests, the bill was passed by a voice vote in the assembly.

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