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National River Conservation Plan

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- Under the National River Conservation Plan the river Sal project in Goa was sanctioned by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
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- The aim of the plan isto prevent pollution of rivers and improving water quality**.**
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- The activities under National River Conservation Plan include following
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1. Sewage treatment plants for treating the diverted sewage.
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2. Low cost sanitation works to prevent the open defecation on riverbanks.
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3. Public awareness and public participation.
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4. Electric crematoria to ensure proper cremation of the bodies brought to burning Ghats.
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Task force on artificial intelligence

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- The Department of Defense Production constituted a task force headed by Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran to study use of artificial intelligence.
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- It has potential to provide military superiority apart from driving technology-driven economic growth.
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- Similarly, in 2017, the then Commerce and Industry minister constituted the ‘Task force on AI for India’s Economic Transformation’ chaired by V.

Kamakoti of IIT Madras
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Maldives

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- Maldives is facing a constitutional and political crisis with is government is against the judiciary, polity and a section bureaucracy.
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- It is a south Asian island country located in the Arabian sea part of Indian ocean.
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- The Maldives archipelago is located atop **the Chagos-Maldives-Laccadive** Ridge, a vast submarine mountain range in the Indian Ocean.
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- Maldives is a founding member of the SAARC. It is also a part of the United Nations and Organization of Islamic Cooperation.
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Global Terrorism Index

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- The Global Terrorism Index (GTI) is a report published annually by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP)
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- Two third of the countries experienced a terrorist attack in 2016
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- India is one among the ten most impacted countries by terrorism
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- Five countries account for three quarters of all deaths from terrorism: Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Nigeria and Pakistan.
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- The major reason for terrorism in most impacted countries is internal conflict.
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Source: The Hindu, BusinessLine, Business Standard

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