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Social Issues

Women in Indian judiciary

• **Cornelia Sorabji** – First Indian Women lawyer (1924).
• **14.27%** – Women judges in high court.
• Out of 25 high courts, only the Gujarat High Court has a woman Chief Justice.

International Relations and Issues

DOGE (Department of Government Efficiency)

• It is a newly established U.S. government committee focused on enhancing federal operations.
• **Led by –** Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy.
• Aims to cut wasteful expenditure from the U.S. federal budget.
• It adopts **Silicon Valley strategies** to streamline operations and reduce inefficiencies, similar to **Margaret Thatcher's 1980s reforms**, targeting workforce reductions and government spending cuts.

Convention on Cluster Munitions

Lithuania recently withdrew from the convention due to security concerns over Russia.
• **International treaty –** Prohibits the use, production, transfer and stockpiling of cluster bombs, which cause indiscriminate harm to civilians.
• It was adopted in **2008** and came into force in **2010**.
• **Members** - 120 countries have joined the convention,
• Major military powers like the **USA, Russia, and China** have not signed it.
• India is **NOT a member of the Convention** on Cluster Munitions (CCM).

Economy

GRIDCON 2025

• **Organized by** – Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID).
• **Significance** – GRIDCON 2025 is a premier event in the power sector, for industry, utilities, professionals, researchers, and academicians across the global.
• To shape the future of renewable integration, grid resilience, asset management and digital transformation.

Climate Friendly Green Freight Transport in India (Green Freight Project)

• **Launched in** – 2019.
• It is an initiative under the Indo-German Development Cooperation.
• **Aim** - To enhance the efficiency and environmental sustainability of India's freight and logistics sector.
• The project focuses on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting sustainable economic development by increasing sector efficiency.

Ponzi Scheme

• **Fraudulent Investment Scheme** – It lures investors with high returns and low risk that pays early investors using money from new investors instead of legitimate profits.
• **Named After Charles Ponzi** – The scheme is named after Charles Ponzi, who conducted a major investment fraud in **1920**.
• Saradha Scam (2013) is a notable ponzi scams in India which is a multi-crore chit fund scam in West Bengal that defrauded lakhs of investors.

Environment

Rusty-Spotted Cat

• The Rusty-Spotted Cat (*Prionailurus rubiginosus*).
• **One of the Smallest Wild Cats** – Measuring 35-48 cm in length and weighing 0.9-1.6 kg.
• **Habitat and Distribution** – It is found in India, Sri Lanka and Nepal, inhabiting dry forests, grasslands and scrublands, often *near human settlements*.
• **IUCN Status** – Near Threatened (NT) its population is declining due to habitat loss, poaching and road accidents.

Security

KHANJAR-XII

• **Joint Special Forces Exercise** – **12th edition** of the India-Kyrgyzstan KHANJAR-XII is set to take place in Kyrgyzstan.
• **Frequency** – Held annually in alternating venues between India and Kyrgyzstan.
• **Aim** – To exchange experiences and best practices in *Counter Terrorism* and Special Forces Operations in urban and mountainous high altitude terrain scenarios.
• Focus on developing advanced Special Forces skills of sniping, complex building intervention and mountain craft.

T-72 Tank Engines

India signs deal with Russia to upgrade T-72 tanks from 780 HP to 1000 HP.
• The T-72 is the mainstay of the tank fleet of the Indian Army which is at present fitted with a 780 HP Engine.
• The T-72 tank, first introduced in India in the 1970s, is the mainstay of the Indian Army's fleet.
• India has about 2,500 such tanks.

TROPEX

• **TROPEX –** Theatre Level Operational Exercise.
• **Goal** – Evaluate Indian Navy’s ability to respond to multifarious challenges in a synchronised and integrated manner.
• To defend national maritime security interests.
• **Held in** – Indian Ocean, including the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal.

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