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Social Issues

Operation Crystal Break

Recently, illegal drug factory busted on outskirts of Bhopal.

• **Conducted by –** Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI).
• **Aim –** To curb *mephedrone and other illegal drugs* manufacturing factories.

Mephedrone (4-methylmethcathinone)

• It is a *new psychoactive substance*, a drug that has been designed to produce effects similar to those of established illicit drugs.
• **Empathogen-Stimulant Drug –** It speeds up the messages travelling between the brain and body.
• **Effects –** It increases an individual's feeling of empathy and kindness and it enhances feelings of being socially accepted and connected to others.

Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)

• It is the *apex anti-smuggling agency* of India.
• **Nodal ministry –** Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, Ministry of Finance.
• **Objectives –** To detect and curb smuggling of contraband, including drug trafficking, illicit trade in wildlife & environmentally sensitive items.
• To combat commercial frauds related to international trade and evasion of Customs duty.

Polity & Governance

FIR

• **First Information Report (FIR) –** It is the first document filed when a crime is reported under *Section 154 CrPC.*
• It records the complainant's narrative of the alleged offense.
• It preserves crucial *first-hand details* that shape evidence collection and prosecution strategy.

Supreme Court's FIR Quashing Power

• **Constitutional power –** *Article 136 & 142*, Supreme Court uses its inherent jurisdiction to quash an FIR for justice.
• **Article 136 -** Allows *special leave petitions* to correct legal errors.
• **Article 142** - Ensures *"complete justice"* when lower courts cannot.

High Court's FIR Quashing power

• **Power under –** Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS).
• **Section 528 of BNSS –** High Courts can dismiss criminal proceedings *that are malicious and legally unsustainable*.
• **Significance –** To prevent abuse of process and to safeguard fundamental rights as enshrined in the Indian constitution.

Disaster Management

Operation Fire Trail

35cr worth banned Chinese firecrackers were seized across Indian ports.

• **Conducted by –** Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI).
• **Aim –** To *trace, intercept, and seize banned Chinese firecrackers.*

Economy

Import of Firecrackers

• **Restricted under –** Indian Trade Clarification (ITC) based on the Harmonized System (HS) Classification of the Foreign Trade Policy.
• **Licences from –** Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) and Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) under the *Explosive Rules 2008.*
• **Banned chemicals –** *Red lead, copper oxide, lithium*, etc.

Environment

Selenium

• It is a naturally occurring *metalloid* found in the earth's crust.
• **Source –** Sulfur-containing minerals and sedimentary rocks, such as carbonates and coal beds, and volcanic (igneous) rocks.
• **Health benefits –** Helps to improve reproductive, cognitive, and immune system.
• **Used as a raw material in making –** Glass, pigments, photovoltaic cells, energy-efficient windows, semiconductors, rubber, steel alloys, and electronic devices.

Science

Grok Imagine

• It is an advanced AI-powered tool for *generating images and videos* from *text prompts or uploaded images.*
• **Developed by –** Elon Musk-owned xAI.
• **4 video styles –** Normal, Fun, Custom, and Spicy mode.

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