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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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