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History, Art and Culture

India's UNESCO Nomination for Maratha Military Landscapes

• **Nominated**- 12 sites demonstrating the military strength of the Maratha empire.
• **Proposal submitted to UNESCO is titled** - 'Maratha Military Landscape of India. '
• **Maratha Military Landscapes** - Consist of a network of forts from the 17th-19th centuries.
• The 12 sites include Salher Fort, Shivneri Fort, Lohgad, Khanderi Fort, Raigad, Rajgad, Pratapgad, Suvarnadurg, Panhala Fort, Vijay durg, Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, and Gingee Fort in Tamil Nadu.

Ibn Batuta 14th century Traveller

• **Origin** - From Tangier, modern Morocco
• **Visited -** India during reign of Muhammad bin Tughlaq.
• **Author of -** Safarnama Rihala', a significant historical reference.
• **Soil Fertility -** Described Indian soil as fertile, producing two crops yearly
• **Token Currency** - Noted effect of the token currency failure in Delhi, 1333 CE.

Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR)

• **BTR-** Government in Assam has recently recognized Bathouism as an official religion choice in multiple application forms.
• **Bathouism** – It is the traditional religion of the Bodos, Assam's largest plains tribe, who live along the Brahmaputra River.
• **Belief** - Faith revolves around the worship of Bathoubwrai, the supreme god of the Bodos.
• **The term Bathou -** Translates to 5 deep philosophical thoughts'.
• These thoughts are represented by 5 elements – Air, Sun, Earth, Fire, and Sky.
• This concept is akin to the Panchatatva in Hinduism, emphasising the connection between nature and spirituality.

Geography

Iraq's Sinking North

• **Northern Iraq** - Near the Zagros Mountains, is slowly sinking.
• **Tectonic Pull** - A subducting oceanic slab is pulling the region down, a result of long-term tectonic activity.
• **Plate Interactions** - This is driven by the Arabian and Eurasian plates colliding, a core concept of plate tectonics.
• **Plate movement** - Causes earthquakes, volcanoes, and mountain building, also impacting Iraq's geology.

Polity & Governance

Information Technology Act, 2000

• **Modeled** - After the United Nations Model Law on Electronic Commerce 1996.
• **Addresses-** Cybercrime and E-Commerce in India.
• **Objective**- To facilitate secure electronic transactions and reduce cybercrimes.

Provision Section 69 of the IT Act

• Allows government content blocking orders to online intermediaries.
• Applies to ISPs, telecom providers, web hosting services, search engines & online marketplaces.
• Content must be considered a threat to India's national security, sovereignty, or public order.
• Government can block content if deemed “necessary” and “expedient” for these reasons.

International Relations and Issues

Women in Peacekeeping Conference

• **Titled** - Women in Peacekeeping: A Global South Perspective.
• **Venue-** New Delhi.
• **Nodal Agency**- Ministry of External Affairs, in collaboration with the Ministry of Defence and the Centre for UN Peacekeeping.
• **Objective** – To discuss role of women in peacekeeping efforts.
• **Assembly of** - Women peacekeepers from 35 troop-contributing countries in the Global South.

Environment

Haryana Witness Protection Scheme 2025

• **Objective –** It aims to ensure better security for witnesses in Haryana.
• **Witnesses are categorized by threat level.**
  - **Category A** - Life-threatening situations.
  - **Category B** - Threats to safety, reputation, or property.
  - **Category C** - Moderate threats like harassment.
• **Protective Measures**
  - Ensure witnesses do not encounter the accused
  - Monitoring of communications
  - Close protection services

Science

Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML) Health Challenges

• **Vulnerable -** Countries in low and middle income countries for e.g. India.
• **AML** – It is the most common type of leukaemia in adults.
• **Characterized by** - Rapid growth of abnormal blood cells, known as blasts.
• **Affects** - Blood and bone marrow, causing severe complications if untreated.

Nayanamritham 2.0 AI-Powered Vision

• **Launched by –** Kerala.
• **The world’s 1st** - Government-led AI eye screening program, building on Nayanamritham 1.0.
• **Nayanamritham 1.0** - focused on diabetic retinopathy (DR) screening at Family Health Centers.
• **Human Expertise** - Initial screenings relied on ophthalmologist interpretation at specialized centers.
• **AI-Enhanced Detection** - Nayanamritham 2.0 introduces AI for chronic eye disease screening.
• **Improved Accessibility** - It aims to make quality eye care more accessible across Kerala.
• **Early Intervention** - Enhanced detection capabilities will lead to earlier treatment and better outcomes.



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