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International Relations and Issues

Palestine Action

- US designates UK-based Palestine Action as a foreign terrorist group, already banned by British government.
- **Other Groups** - Italy-based Autistici/Inventati (A/I Collective) and pro-Palestinian Masar Badil also declared terrorist organisations.



**U.S. sanctions Palestine
Action designating it
“Specially Global
Terrorist”**

Africa Health Workforce Agenda 2026-2035

African health ministers have adopted the Africa Health Workforce Agenda 2026-2035.

- **Target** - Educate, employ and retain 3 million additional health workers by 2035.
- **Goals** - Raise density from 27 to 47 per 10,000; reduce unemployment from 27% to 13%.
- **Strategy** - “Plan, Train, Retain”: data-driven planning, competency-based training, improved retention.
- **Quality** - Address diagnostic gaps (62% correct diagnosis, 40% proper treatment).
- **Country Targets** - 80% adopt strategies and education reforms; 70% staffing norms; 100% report via workforce accounts.
- **Impact** - Raise Universal Health Coverage service index from 51 (2024) to 60 (2035).



**African Countries
Commit to Train 3 Million
More Health Workers by
2035 and Curb Migration
Abroad**

World's Fastest-Growing Container Port

Jawaharlal Nehru Port emerges as world's fastest-growing container port.

- **Ranking** - Rises to 21st position globally.
- **Growth** - Records 13.6% increase in container throughput in first half of 2026.
- **Comparison** - Outpaces all other ports in world's top 30 for growth.
- **Significance** - From absent in global rankings to leading port; milestone for India's maritime sector.



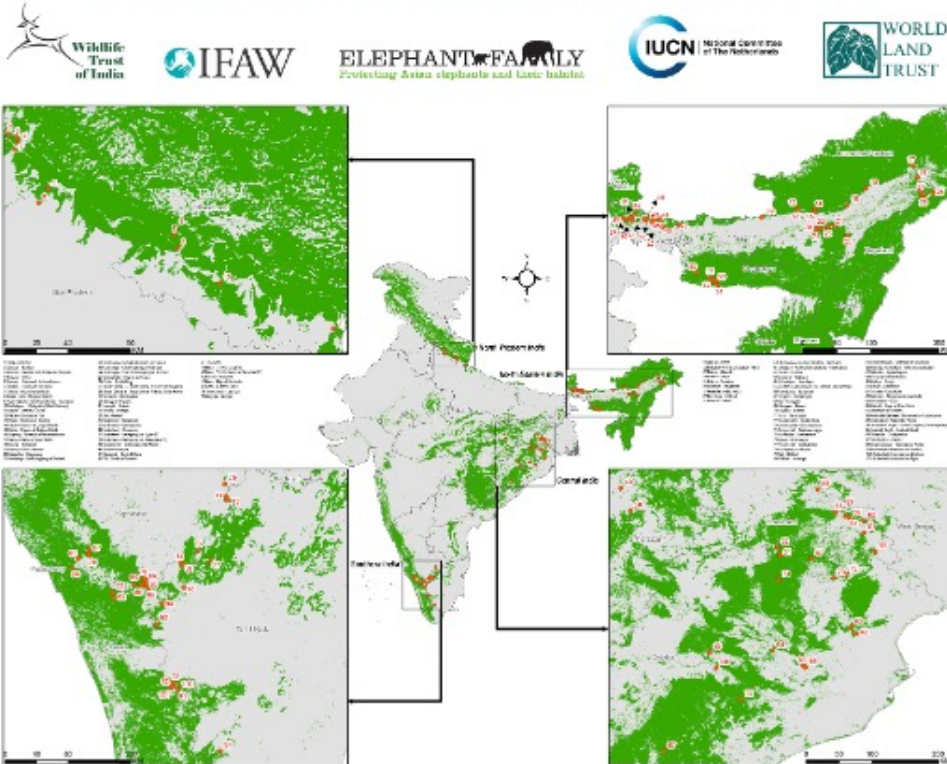
Environment

3 new elephant corridors in Tamilnadu

Three elephant corridors in the Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary (Hosur Forest Division) have been submitted for recognition.

- **Jawalagiri - Ulbanda - Thaggatti** corridor (18.50 km)
- **Jawalagiri - Panai - Anchetty** corridor (20.90 km)
- **Bilikkal - Jawalagiri** corridor (2.20 km)
- These corridors fall into two landscapes divided by the Palghat gap and serve as a vital, viable connection for elephant movement.

RIGHT OF PASSAGE ELEPHANT CORRIDORS OF INDIA

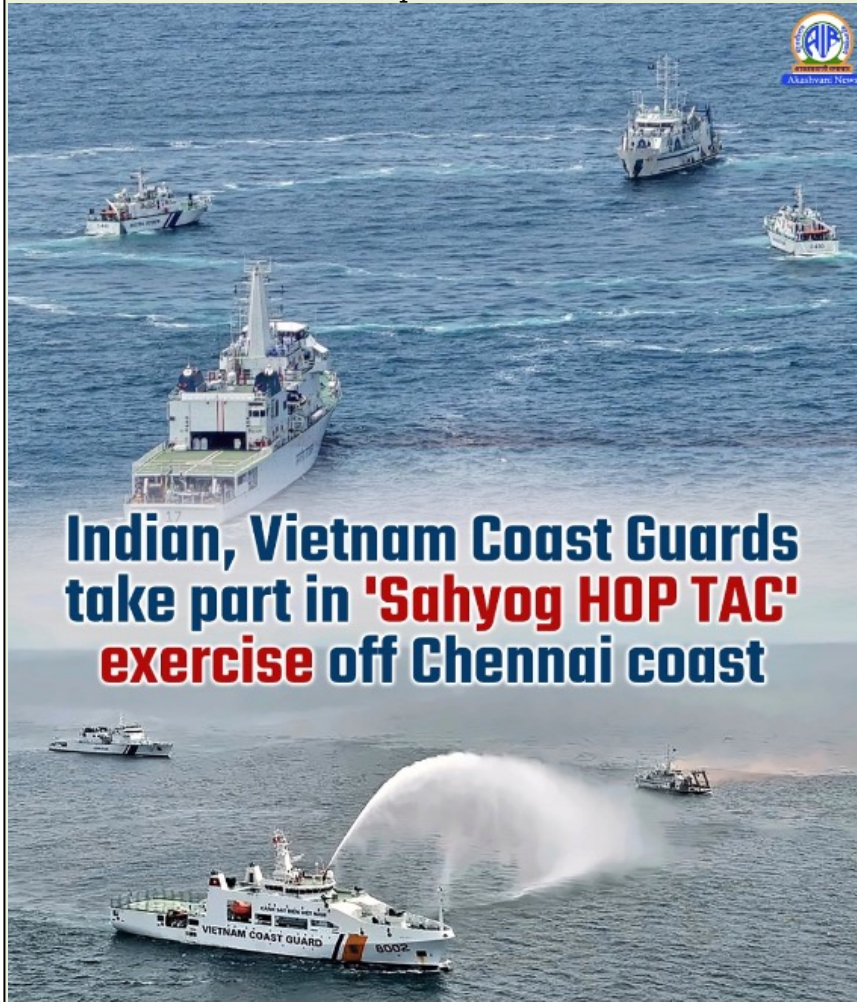


Security

Sahyog Hop-Tac 2026

2nd edition of joint maritime exercise 'Sahyog Hop-Tac' concluded off Chennai coast.

- **Deployment** - 8 Indian Coast Guard ships, 6 aircraft and Vietnam Coast Guard ship CSB 8002 participated.
- **Objective** - Refine tactical interoperability, streamline search-and-rescue operations, standardise emergency protocols.
- **Leadership** - Overseen jointly by DG, ICG and Vice Commandant, VCG.
- **Significance** - Strengthens bilateral maritime security, enhances operational expertise, reinforces Indo-Pacific cooperation.



Delivery of Samarthak

Indian Navy receives first indigenous Multi-Purpose Vessel (MPV) 'Samarthak', delivered by LandT Kattupalli.

- **Role** - Versatile trial and evaluation platform; capable of maritime surveillance, reconnaissance, offshore patrolling, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.
- **Name** - 'Samarthak' means The Proponent; signifies dependable enabler of multiple missions.
- **Indigenous Content** - Built with over 75% indigenous material, reflecting Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision.



World's First Pinhole Pupilloplasty Centre

Tamil Nadu CM inaugurates dedicated PPP centre at Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital, Chennai.

- **Technique** - Pinhole Pupilloplasty (PPP) developed by Amar Agarwal; bypasses corneal scars by creating small pinhole in clear cornea.
- **Benefit** - Blocks scattered light, improves focus on retina; enhances vision in corneal scars, irregular corneas, high aberrations.
- **Need** - 2-5 crore people await donor corneas globally; PPP offers alternative to transplant, avoids lifelong medication.
- **Significance** - Milestone in eye care, expands access to advanced microsurgical vision restoration.

A MILESTONE MOMENT

**HON. CM VIJAY INAUGURATES THE
WORLD'S 1ST PINHOLE PUPILLOPLASTY CENTRE IN CHENNAI**



AstraZeneca-Amgen Asthma Drug

AstraZeneca said Tezspire met main goals in late-stage trial for eosinophilic esophagitis.

- **Tezspire** - A monoclonal antibody that blocks a protein known as TSLP, which can trigger inflammation in conditions driven by eosinophils,
- **Eosinophils** - A type of white blood cell, as well as severe asthma.
- **Result** - Tezspire, developed with Amgen, significantly reduced inflammation in the oesophagus.
- Eased difficulty in swallowing compared with a placebo in patients suffering with eosinophilic esophagitis.
- The drug is already approved in the United States, European Union and other countries as an add-on treatment for severe asthma



Miscellaneous

First Certificate for 15-Metre Sleeper Bus

The International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) issues first compliance certificate for 15-metre multi-axle sleeper bus.

- **Standards** - Certified under Central Motor Vehicles Rules (CMVR), AIS-119 and AIS-153 provisions.
- **Testing** - Evaluated for safety, structural integrity, passenger accommodation and comfort.
- **Significance** - Marks milestone in certification of long-format passenger vehicles in India.

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PIB

Safety Standards: Complies with AIS-119 and AIS-052 codes, ensuring roll-over strength, emergency exits, and advanced fire suppression.

Operational Efficiency: Accommodates higher passenger capacity, reducing fleet congestion and lowering per-passenger carbon emissions on highways.

Institutional Role: ICAT Manesar operates under NATRiP and Ministry of Heavy Industries for automotive homologation and certification.



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