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International Relations

India-Japan Defence Cooperation

India and Japan's agreement for co-developing UNICORN masts for naval stealth capabilities underlines India's focus on Defence Technology and ties with Japan.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper



International Relations

G-20 Summit and CARICOM Engagement

PM Modi's visit to Brazil for the G-20 summit and engagement with CARICOM nations highlights India's Multilateral Diplomacy and Global South Leadership.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper

How Paid Parking Can Transform Urban Mobility and Reduce Emissions

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has proposed increased parking fees in Delhi's Lutyens area to curb emissions from private vehicles. This policy sparks debate over the need for paid parking in Indian cities. Experts argue that free parking consumes valuable urban land, encourages vehicle dependency, and discourages public transport, cycling, and walking.

Cities like Pune and Ahmedabad have introduced tiered and dynamic pricing for parking, ensuring efficient land use and promoting sustainable transport. Dynamic pricing, digital payments, and private parking lots are also being explored in cities like Mumbai and Bengaluru to manage parking demand and reduce congestion.

This approach aligns with sustainable urban mobility goals by nudging citizens towards alternative modes of transport, making cities less vehicle-centric and environmentally sustainable.

Source: The Indian Express



Polity and Governance

Supreme Court on Bulldozing Property

The Supreme Court's rulings on the legality and constitutional aspects of bulldozing private property without due process are discussed. This links to the Rule of Law, Fundamental Rights, and Judicial Review.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper



Governance & Public Administration

Jhansi Hospital Fire Kills 10 Newborns

A fire at the Maharani Laxmi Bai Medical College NICU claimed the lives of 10 newborns. Initial reports point to an electrical short circuit as the cause. The Uttar Pradesh government launched a multi-level investigation and announced compensation for the victims. PM Narendra Modi also extended financial aid.

Source: The Indian Express

Pilot Programs for Undertrial Tracking

Easing prison overcrowding in India
The correctional system can leverage technological advancements to improve its overall efficiency and bring about prison reforms

3 out of 4 prisoners are undertrials

Convicts	23%
Detenues & others	1%
Undertrials	76%

Prison capacity vs. Inmate population (as on Dec 31, 2022)

Capacity inmates	4,36,266	Total inmates	5,73,220	Occupancy rate	131%
					(Overcrowded by 31%)

LEGAL PRECEDENTS

Nov. 2023 and July 2024: The Supreme Court had said bail can be granted with conditions to monitor movement, but cautioned against constant surveillance

July 2022: The Delhi High Court had said accused must provide weekly location updates via Google maps

COUNTRIES USING ELECTRONIC TRACKING
United States | Canada | U.K. | Malaysia | Australia

THE PROS AND CONS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eases prison overcrowding Reduces mental stress of prisoners due to isolation Curbs detention costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are risks of misuse Tracking without clear guidelines can infringe on civil liberties
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4,34,302 Number of undertrials among inmates

Source: Prisons in India: Mapping Prison Manuals and Measures for Reformation and Decongestion

A Supreme Court report recommended pilot projects to track undertrial prisoners using electronic devices to reduce overcrowding in prisons. This aligns with efforts to improve prison conditions and expedite judicial processes.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper

AFSPA Reimposed in Six Police Station Areas of Manipur

MHA also highlighted instances of the "active participation of insurgent groups in heinous acts of violence"



The Centre has reinstated the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) in six police station areas of Manipur, citing a "volatile" security situation. The areas include Sekmai, Lamsang, Lamlai, Moirang, Leimakhong, and Jiribam.

The move comes amidst ongoing ethnic violence and increased insurgent activity. AFSPA allows armed forces special powers, including immunity from prosecution during operations. The reimposition aims to strengthen security and control unrest in the state.

This decision highlights the ongoing challenges in maintaining stability in Manipur.

Source: The Indian Express

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