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The Supreme Court Collegium headed by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna recommended Justice Manmohan, the Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court, for appointment as apex court judge.

About Justice Manmohan:

- ❖ Justice Manmohan's is the first recommendation to the Supreme Court Bench from the Chief Justice Khanna Collegium.
- ❖ Justice Manmohan ranks second in the combined all-India seniority of High Court judges. He is also the senior-most judge serving in the Delhi High Court.

International Relations

India re-elected to UN Peacebuilding Commission

Why in the news?

India has been re-elected to the UN Peacebuilding Commission for 2025-2026.

- ❖ India's current term on the Commission was expiring on 31 December 2024.



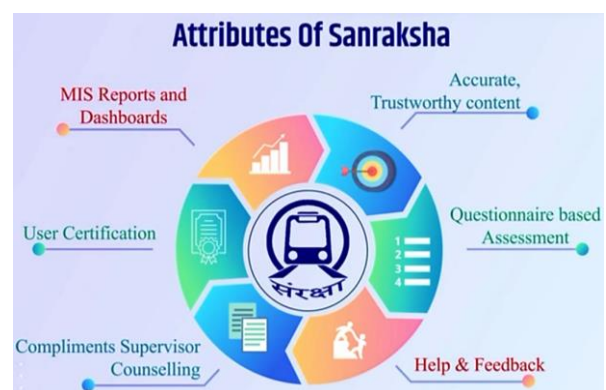
About Peacebuilding Commission

- ❖ The Peacebuilding Commission is an intergovernmental advisory body that supports peace efforts in conflict-affected countries and is a key addition to the capacity of the International Community in the broad peace agenda, according to its website.
- ❖ The PBC is composed of 31 Member States, elected from the General Assembly, the Security Council, and the Economic and Social Council. The top financial contributing countries and the top troop-contributing countries to the United Nations system are also members.
- ❖ India is among the largest contributors of uniformed personnel to UN Peacekeeping.

Miscellaneous

Sanraksha App

Why in the news?



Recently Indian Railways launched a mobile application 'Sanraksha' for the purpose of the safety of passengers across the country.

- ❖ The mobile application aims at improving railway safety through capacity building of the Railway's frontline safety category staff.
- ❖ The application has been designed by **2013** batch IRTS Officer Dilip Singh, who is currently working as Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Nagpur, South East Central Railway.
- ❖ The Railway Board has decided to launch the app in all railway zones with **16 divisions** selected initially for rollout.

Plast Nepal 2024 and GeoMandu 2024

Why in the news?

Recently Kathmandu witnessed two significant international events, underscoring the country's growing focus on economic development and sustainability.

- ❖ The **4th Edition of Plast Nepal 2024** and the second edition of GeoMandu 2024 brought together professionals, businesses, and policymakers to explore advancements in their respective fields.

Plast Nepal 2024: Promoting Regional Business Growth

- ❖ The three-day Plast Nepal 2024 exhibition, held at Bhrikutimandap and organized under India's Plastic Export Promotion Council, showcased 45 stalls from Indian companies alongside more than 150 participants from five countries—the event aimed to foster business-to-business connections across South Asia's plastic sector.

GeoMandu 2024: Exploring Sustainable Infrastructure Amid Climate Change

- ❖ The second edition of GeoMandu 2024, organized by the Nepal Geotechnical Society, brought together geotechnical engineers, geoscientists, researchers, and professionals from across the globe.
- ❖ The two-day international conference focused on "Geotechniques for Sustainable Infrastructure," addressing the urgent need for resilient, environmentally conscious infrastructure in the face of climate change.



Important Days/ Dates

International Jaguar Day

Why in the news?

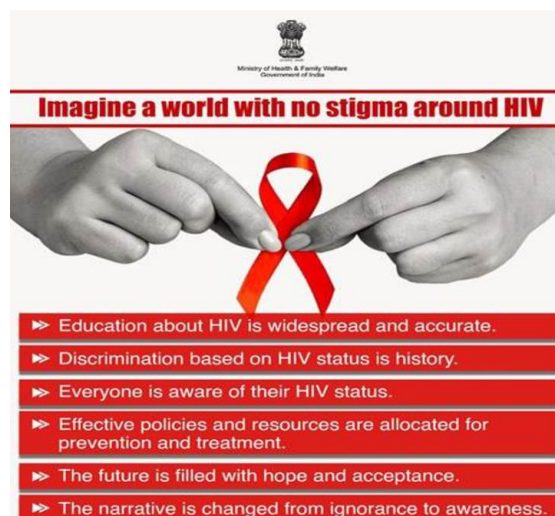
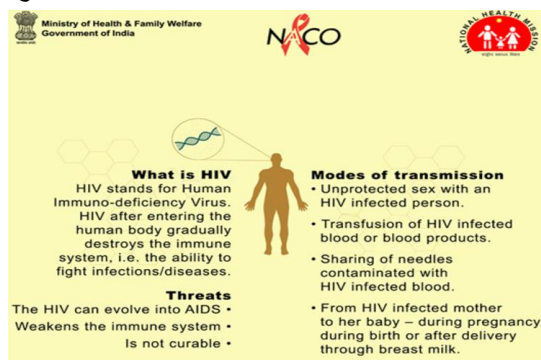


International Jaguar Day was created to raise awareness about the increasing threats facing the jaguar and the critical conservation efforts ensuring its survival from Mexico to Argentina.

- ❖ Observed annually on **November 29**, International Jaguar Day celebrates the Americas' largest wild cat as an umbrella species for biodiversity conservation and an icon for sustainable development and the centuries-old cultural heritage of Central and South America.

World AIDS Day 2024

Why in the news?



- ❖ World AIDS Day, observed annually on December 1 since 1988, serves as a global platform to unite people in raising awareness about HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) /AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) and demonstrating solidarity against the pandemic.
- ❖ The theme for World AIDS Day 2024, "Take the rights path: My health, my right!" emphasizes the importance of healthcare access and the empowerment of individuals in managing their health.

News in Short

- ❖ Professor **Amiya Kumar Bagchi**, who passed away was one of the most outstanding economists, scholars, and public intellectuals.

- ❖ Fast bowler Siddarth Kaul has announced his decision to retire from Indian cricket.
- ❖ The 18th NCB International Conference & Exhibition on Cement, Concrete, and Building Materials, concluded successfully on 29th November 2024 at Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, IICC Dwarka, New Delhi.

- ❖ Bihar will develop as a textile-leather industry hub.
- ❖ Dubai Police plans to launch the world's first floating smart police station by 2026.



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