

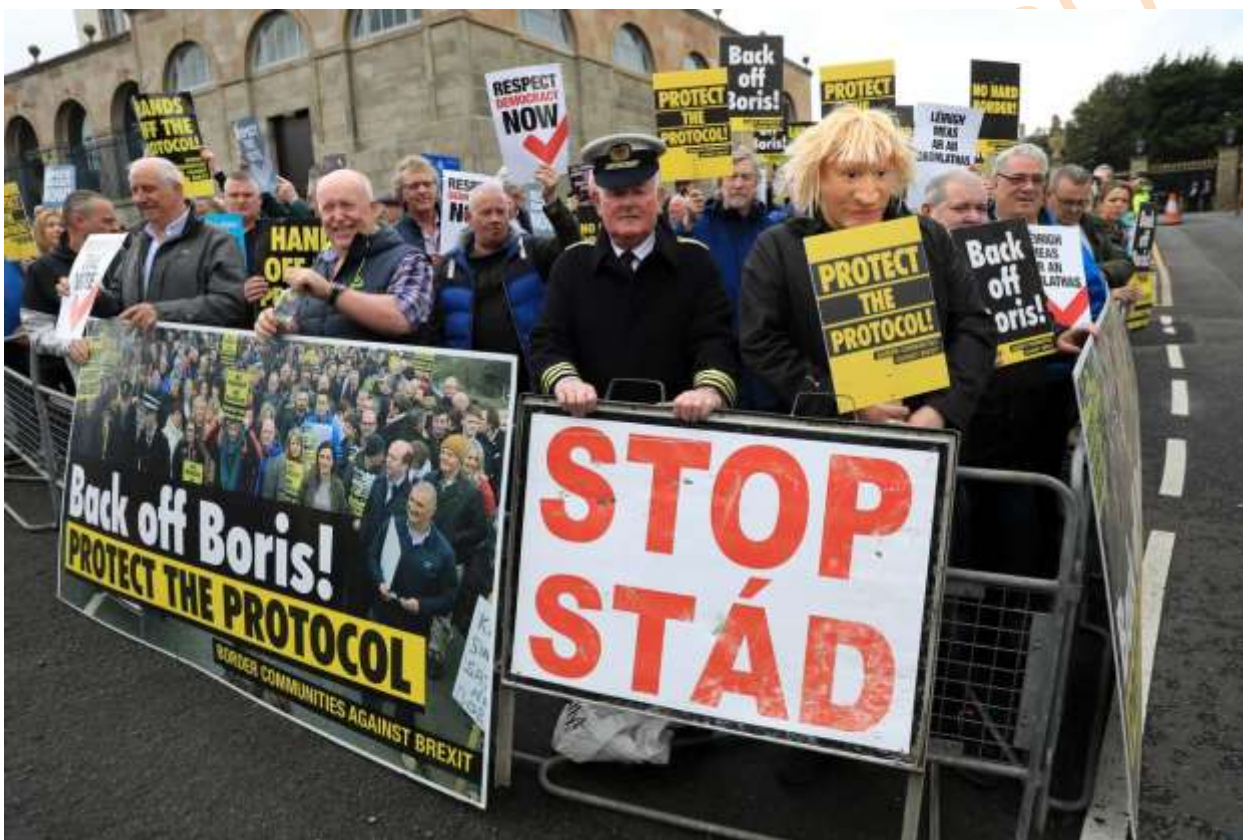
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Important News: International

Northern Ireland Protocol (NIP)

Why in News:

- A new law, the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill, has been introduced by the Boris Johnson administration aimed at enabling Britain to override the provisions of the Brexit deal relating to the trade arrangement in Northern Ireland.



key points:

- In accordance with the Northern Ireland Protocol, goods arriving in Northern Ireland will be checked at this 'sea border' before entering the island and will continue to comply with EU regulations in the Northern Ireland Product Standards.
- The main impediment to the UK in the current version of the Northern Ireland Protocol was the creation of "unacceptable barriers" to trade between Great Britain and Northern Ireland within the UK's internal market, which the Protocol seeks to reduce.

- Northern Ireland is the only part of the UK that shares a land border with the European Union.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: National

Superfoods of the future for India

Why in News:

- National Millet Conference on the theme 'Super Food of the Future for India' inaugurated by Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, Minister of State for Food Processing Industries.



key points:

- The conference, organized by industry body ASSOCHAM in collaboration with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, aims to deliberate on the opportunities and challenges of ensuring food and nutritional security.
- India is the 5th largest exporter of millet in the world and the major millet-producing states in India are Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana.

- The production of coarse cereals in India has increased to 17.96 million tons in the year 2020-21 from 14.52 million tons in 2015-16 and the production of millet (pearl millet) also increased to 10.86 million tons in the same period.

Source: PIB

Important News: Economy

National Logistics Excellence Awards

Why in News:

- The winners of its first National Logistics Excellence Awards were announced by the Government of India in New Delhi.



key points:

- The awards in 12 different categories are presented by the Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal along with the Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, Shri Som Prakash Sharma.
- The National Logistics Excellence Awards aims to promote those logistics service providers in the country who are capable of displaying innovation, diversity, and efficiency.

- The winners were selected by an expert screening committee consisting of 18 diverse experts and a national jury of 9 senior dignitaries.

Source: Indian Express

Important News: Polity

Floor test law

Why in News:

- The powers of the Governor under the Constitution call for a floor test to prove the party's majority in Parliament, possibly if the Shiv Sena loses its majority as chief minister in Maharashtra.



key points:

- Article 174(2)(b) of the Constitution empowers the Governor to dissolve the Assembly on the aid and advice of the Cabinet.
- Article 174 provides that the Governor shall from time to time summon the House or each House of the State Legislature to meet at such time and place as he thinks fit.
- However, Article 163 requires the Governor to act on the "aid and advice" of the Cabinet.

- An exception has also been included in the Constitution for summoning the House, which provides that when it appears that the Chief Minister has lost the majority and the legislative members of the House move a motion of no-confidence against the Chief Minister, The Governor himself can decide on the summoning of the House.
- In the exercise of his discretionary powers, the actions of the Governor can be challenged in court.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: Defense

Capstone Seminar

Why in News:

- The first War and Aerospace Strategy Program (WASP) was organized by the Indian Air Force with a capstone seminar at the Air Force Auditorium, New Delhi.



key points:

- The capstone seminar will be organized under the aegis of the College of Air Warfare and Center for Air Power Studies.

- The goal of the Capstone Seminar is to demonstrate the teaching objectives of the Aerospace Strategy Program and to assist IAF leadership to validate the desired outcomes achieved from this program.
- The Aerospace Strategy Program was conceptualized by the Indian Air Force with the objective of building a group of mid-career Vayu Shakti personnel with strategic skills and a deep understanding of the history and theory of warfare.
- The objective of the Aerospace Strategy program is to enhance the theoretical thinking of the participants and develop their aptitude for effective reasoning on strategy.

Source: Indian Express

Important News: Science & Technology

BRATA Trojan Malware

Why in News:

- BRATA is a remote access Trojan malware, which first made headlines in the year 2019, currently, an updated variant of this malware, called BRATA (Brazilian Remote Access Tool), is making headlines.



key points:



- The BRATA Trojan malware was used to record people's phone screens without seeing them.
- This new variant of BRATA uses advanced technology (APT) and allows hackers to stay on infected networks for a long time.
- The BRATA Trojan malware allows cybercriminals to monitor a smartphone, triggering the Trojan as soon as a person logs into the banking app and copies the banking credentials to hackers.

Source: Indian Express

Important News: Environment

Four new corals recovered from Indian waters



- Four species of Azoxanthellate corals were recorded for the first time from the waters of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- All four groups of corals belong to the same family Flabellidae.

- Azooxanthellate corals are a group of corals that do not contain zooxanthellae and obtain nutrition from the capture of various forms of plankton, not from the sun.
- These groups of corals are found in the deep sea, with most species between 200 m and 1000 m, and they also get a lot of nutrition from shallow coastal waters.

Source: Livemint

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