

## 1. FIFA Suspension

Topic: Governance



**In News:** Supreme court has dissolved football committee of administrators and paved way for FIFA to lift suspension.

**More on the Topic:**

- **Context:**
- FIFA the apex body of football has suspended the country's top administrative organisation, the All India Football Federation, for "undue influence from third parties" recently.
- The Bureau of the FIFA council, which passed the judgment, also took away the country's rights to hold the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022, which was scheduled to be held from October 11-30.

**What events led to the ban?:**

- The current set of troubles for Indian football began after the erstwhile AIFF president, Praful Patel, who was also a FIFA council member, **refused to relinquish his post as the head of football in the country.**
- His excuse for not exiting the stage was the long-drawn out pandemic, coupled with a court case regarding the AIFF constitution.
- But in May 2022, the Supreme Court intervened, and removed Patel from his post. The SC also appointed a Committee of Administrators (COA) to run the AIFF. The setting up of this COA is where the contentious relationship with FIFA began, which eventually led to the ban.

**Effects of the Suspension:**

- The suspension meant, firstly, no international football and this applies to all national teams, across all age groups.
- It also applied to both men's and women's football, and to all club teams in India.
- The suspension also impacted international transfers, as well as any courses or developmental programs that AIFF officials could, or were taking part in.

**India - Sports Governance Troubles:**

- Unclear roles and responsibilities among governance bodies and office bearers.
- Quality coaching staff is not available.
- Politicians or businessmen are interfering in sports and leads to lack of professionalism.

- Elections are not happening regularly.
- Poor Accountability and Transparency.

Source: Indian Express

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## 2. Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure

Topic: Disaster Management



**In News:** The Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) and the Government of India had (GoI) signed a headquarters agreement recently. The agreement will enable the status of an 'Independent and International Legal Entity' for CDRI.

### More on the Topic:

- Agreement will enable CDRI to pursue functions internationally with all rights, immunities, and privileges, as per United Nations (Privileges & Immunities) Act 1947.
- India enacted UN (Privileges & Immunities) Act, 1947 **to give effect to Convention on Privileges and Immunities of United Nations**, adopted by UN General Assembly in 1946.
- Headquarter Agreement is **an agreement between an international organisation and host state to determine the privileges and immunities necessary for its good functioning.**

### The Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI):

- The Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) is an international coalition of countries, United Nations (UN) agencies, multilateral development banks, the private sector, and academic institutions, that aims to promote disaster-resilient infrastructure.
- Its objective is **to promote research and knowledge sharing** in the fields of infrastructure risk management, standards, financing, and recovery mechanisms.
- It was **launched by the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 2019 UN Climate Action Summit** in September 2019.

- Since its inception, 31 countries, 6 international organisations and 2 private sector organisations have joined CDRI as members.

**Objectives:**

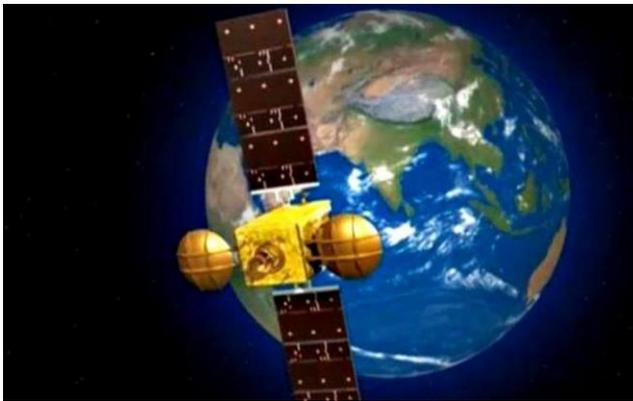
- CDRI's initial focus is on **developing disaster-resilience in ecological, social, and economic infrastructure.**
- It aims **to achieve substantial changes in member countries' policy frameworks and future infrastructure investments,** along with a major decrease in the economic losses suffered due to disasters.

Source: Indian Express

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### 3. India's first Space situational awareness observatory

**Topic: Science and Technology**



**In News:** Digantara, a space sector start-up of India, is going to set-up India's first commercial space situational awareness observatory in the Garhwal region of Uttarakhand, to track objects as small as 10 cm in size orbiting the earth.

**More on the Topic:**

- The space situational awareness (SSA) observatory will assist in **tracking any activity in space including that of space debris and military satellites** hovering over the region.
- The observatory will help to monitor events occurring in deep space, especially in the geostationary, medium-Earth, and high-Earth orbits. The high-quality observations made will be complemented by observations of its partner ground-based sensor network.
- With this data, it would be able to reduce the potential for collisions between satellites and other spacecraft by making more accurate predictions of their location, speed, and trajectory.
- Ahead of the war in Ukraine, several Russian satellites were seen hovering over the region. Thus, the observatory will give India indigenous capabilities to monitor space activity over the subcontinent providing a strategic advantage.

**Main Areas Covered by SSA:**

- Space Surveillance and Tracking (SST) of man-made objects.

- Space Weather (SWE) monitoring and forecast.
- Near-Earth Objects (NEO) monitoring (only natural space objects)

Source: Hindu

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## 4. Amrit Grants For Biotech Startups

**Topic: Government Programmes**



**In News:** Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) has announced 75 Amrit Grants for Biotech Initiatives.

### **More on the Topic:**

- Under this initiative, ambitious research ideas, high-risk, milestone-driven collaborative research for knowledge-based discoveries with broad demonstrable application from both academia and industry will be considered for support.
- It also aims to propel India to a position of global leadership.
- The following themes would be supported. Health, agribiotech, climate change, synthetic biology and sustainable bioresource management.

Source: Indian Express

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## 5. GI Tagged Mithila Makhana

**Topic: Agriculture**



**In News:** Bihar's Mithila Makhana has been awarded the GI Tag. Mithila Makhana or Makhan is a special variety of aquatic fox nut cultivated in Mithila region of Bihar and Nepal

**More on the Topic:**

- A geographical indication or GI is a sign used on products that **have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin.**
- Geographical Indications are part of the intellectual property rights that comes under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property.
- In India, Geographical Indications registration is administered by **the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act of 1999.**
- Geographical indications are **typically used for agricultural products, foodstuffs, wine and spirit drinks, handicrafts, and industrial products.**
- This tag is **valid for a period of 10 years** following which it can be renewed.
- GI tags are covered under **World Trade Organization.**

**Source: Business Standard**

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## 6. Legal Aid Defense Counsel System (LADCS)

**Topic: Polity and Governance**



**In News:** Chief Justice of India recently launched Legal Aid Defense Counsel System (LADCS) system.

**More on the Topic:**

- It intends to provide free legal aid to poor people facing criminal cases to defend themselves during trial.
- It will have full-time legal aid lawyers in 365 district legal services authorities across India.
- It is funded by National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).
- It is in line with the 'Public Defender System'. A public defender is a lawyer appointed by the government to represent and advise those who cannot afford to hire a private advocate.

**National Legal Services Authority of India:**

- National Legal Services Authority of India was formed in 1995 under the authority of the **Legal Services Authorities Act 1987**.
- Its purpose is to provide free legal services to eligible candidates, and to organize Lok Adalats for speedy resolution of cases.
- It monitors and reviews the effectiveness of legal aid programs and to develop rules and principles for providing legal services under the Act.

**Source: Business Standard**

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## 7. Tomato fever

**Topic: Health**



**In News:** Tomato fever is spreading among children younger than five.

**More on the Topic:**

- The 'tomato flu' is caused by **Coxsackie virus A 16**.
- It belongs to Enterovirus family. Hand, foot, and mouth disease (HFMD) is a frequent febrile rash illness of childhood caused by enteroviruses (EV).
- The illness is rare in adults as they usually have immune systems strong enough to defend them from the virus.
- Tomato flu is **very contagious and children are at an increased risk of exposure** as viral infections are common in this age group and the spread is likely to be through close contact.
- The Tomato Flu or Tomato Fever is a self-limiting one and there are no specific drugs for it.

**Source: Business Standard**

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