

SHORTNEWS:

1.1267 SANCTIONS COMMITTEE

NEWS: An Indian technical team is in New York interacting with the Monitoring Team of the 1267 Sanctions Committee.

- India has accused The Resistance Front (TRF) of carrying out the deadly April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam, and is working towards getting the TRF banned under the 1267 Committee.

About 1267 Sanctions Committee/ Daesh and Al Qaeda Sanctions Committee

- Establishment: Set up in 1999 through UN Security Council Resolution 1267.
- Composition: The Committee comprises all 15 members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and makes its decision by consensus.
- The 1267 List: The 1267 list is a global list of terrorists with a UNSC stamp.
 - It discusses UN efforts to limit the movement of terrorists, especially those related to travel bans, the freezing of assets and arms embargoes for terrorism.
- Chair and Vice Chair of Committee: The Chair of the Committee, for the period ending 31 December 2024, is Her Excellency Mrs. Vanessa Frazier (Malta).
 - The two Vice-Chairs for 2024 are the Russian Federation and Sierra Leone.

2.SUPREME COURT DIRECTS STATES TO ENSURE PROPER FOOTPATHS FOR PEDESTRIANS

NEWS: The Supreme Court observed that lack of footpaths forces pedestrians on roads, raising accident risk.

- The Bench was hearing a case over the delay in the implementation of the cashless scheme for treating road accident victims.

Key Points Mentioned By The Supreme Court

- Right Of Pedestrians: This court has recognised that the right of pedestrians to use footpaths is guaranteed under Article 21 (right to life and dignity) of the Constitution.

- Support In the Golden Hour: The Supreme Court emphasized the importance of Golden Hour Treatment.
 - Golden hour' is the 60 minutes following a traumatic injury during which there is the highest likelihood of preventing death by providing prompt medical care.

3.ISRO TO LAUNCH EARTH IMAGING SATELLITE

NEWS: Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch an Earth Observation Satellite (EOS) on May 18, 2025 from the spaceport at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

About Earth Observation Satellites

- Earth Observation or Earth Remote Sensing Satellites are designed for observing the Earth from orbit.
- They serve both military (e.g., spy satellites) and non-military purposes like environmental monitoring, meteorology, and cartography.

About EOS-09

- EOS-09 or Earth Observation Satellite – 09 (formerly known as RISAT-1B) is a Radar Imaging Satellite.
- Purpose: To provide high-quality images under all weather conditions, round-the-clock imaging for applications such as Agriculture, Forestry & Plantations, Soil Moisture & Hydrology and Flood mapping.
- Launch Site: Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- Launch Vehicle: Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) C 61.
- Weight: Approximately 1,710 kg.
- Technical Features: Equipped with a C-band Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR).
- Applications: Useful for agriculture and forestry monitoring, disaster management, urban planning, and national security.

4.PROTESTS IN GOA OVER NIO REPORT

NEWS: A scientific report by National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) and the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services claiming limited impact of Mahadayi river diversion on Goa has sparked protests in the state.

- The report is accused of favouring Karnataka.

About Mahadayi River

- Origin: River Mahadayi originates from the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary of Karnataka and flows into the Arabian Sea in Goa.
 - It is known as River Mandovi in Goa.
- Tributaries: Kalasa and Banduri streams.
- Names: Known as Mahadayi in Karnataka and Mhadei in Goa.
- Basin Spread: Goa – 1,580 sq km (78%), Karnataka – 380 sq km (18%), Maharashtra – 72 sq km (4%)
- River Length: 36 km in Karnataka and 74 km in Goa.
- Ecological Importance: Flows through the Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary, supporting critical biodiversity.
- Human Dependence: Vital for north Goa's drinking water, agriculture, and navigation.
- Dispute Context: Subject of a long-standing inter-State water-sharing dispute between Goa and Karnataka.

About Mahadayi Water Disputes Tribunal (MWDT)

- Established: In 2010, by the Government of India under the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956, to resolve disputes between Goa, Karnataka, and Maharashtra over the Mahadayi River's waters.
- Final Award (August 2018): Tribunal granted Karnataka a total of 13.42 tmcft (380 Mcum) of Mahadayi water.
- Both the States have challenged the tribunal's verdict before the Supreme Court.

5.EXERCISE TEESTA PRAHAR

NEWS: The Indian Army conducted a comprehensive integrated field training named 'Teesta Prahar' at the Teesta field firing range near the strategic Siliguri Corridor in West Bengal.

About Teesta Prahar

- It was a three-day field training exercise showcasing operational capabilities and coordination in river-based terrain, incorporating advanced weaponry and technology.

- Objective: It aimed at validating combat readiness, joint force integration, and operational synergy in riverine terrain.

About Siliguri Corridor: The Siliguri Corridor, often referred to as the “Chicken’s Neck”, is a narrow stretch of land in West Bengal that connects mainland India to its northeastern states.

- It borders Nepal, Bangladesh and the Kingdom of Bhutan.
- At its narrowest, the corridor is just 17 Km wide
- The corridor extends from the Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri and Terai areas of West Bengal towards the North East.