

SHORTNEWS:

1.AMCA FIGHTER JET EXECUTION MODEL

NEWS: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved the execution model for India's **Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) project**.

About AMCA Fighter Jet Project

- It is India's **first indigenous fifth-generation fighter jet project**.
- Designed to perform deep penetration missions, close combat, swing-role, and **precision strikes**.
- **Project Highlights**
 - **Stealth Technology:** Incorporates **an internal weapons bay and Diverterless Supersonic Intake (DSI)** for reduced radar visibility.
 - **Twin-Engine Power:** The MK1 version will use the General Electric F-414 engine, while the MK2 version will feature a more powerful engine co-developed **with Saran of France**.
 - The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), **under the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**, will lead the project in partnership with both public and private Indian industry players
- **Strategic Importance**
 - India's entry into the fifth-generation fighter club—currently limited to the US, Russia, and China—strengthens India's defence capabilities and self-reliance (Aatmanirbharta) in aerospace technology.
 - **Helps maintain India's air superiority** against growing threats **in the Indo-Pacific region**.

What is Stealth Technology?

- It is an advanced technique and materials which is used to make vehicles or **any object less detectable by detection methods like radar, infrared, sonar, and electromagnetic surveillance tools**.
- **Also known as:** low-observable technology.
- **Application:** Used in missiles, military aircrafts, and ships.

2.SUMY REGION

NEWS: Russian forces have captured four villages (Novenke, Basivka, Veselivka, and Zhuravka) in the Sumy region of **northeastern Ukraine**.

About Sumy Region

- It is located in **northeastern Ukraine, bordering Russia's Kursk, Bryansk, and Belgorod oblasts.**
- Situated on the banks of the **Psel River.**
- **Bordered by**
 - It is **adjacent to Ukraine's Chernihiv and Kharkiv regions.**
- **Strategic importance of the Sumy region:**
 - **Border Proximity:** Directly adjacent to Russia, making it crucial for military operations.
 - **Military Access:** Key entry point for cross-border strikes **between Ukraine and Russia.**
- **Desna River** – The largest river flowing through the region.

3.INTERPOL SILVER NOTICES

NEWS: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) recently **published Interpol Silver Notices against two fugitives.**

- **India's first Silver Notice was issued** against the Personnel Visas & Local Law Officer at the French Embassy in Delhi, allegedly committing visa fraud.

About Silver Notice

- They are the **new colour-coded notice, which enables identifying, locating, obtaining, and monitoring** the assets of a subject worldwide.
 - It is the **latest addition to Interpol's colour-coded alert system.**
- Aim: The Silver Notice is **aimed at enhancing global cooperation in combating financial crimes.**
- **Purpose:** The notice assists member countries in **identifying, locating, and recovering criminally obtained assets** like, **Properties; Vehicles; Financial accounts; Businesses.**
- **Scope of Criminal Activities:** Silver Notices are particularly useful in cases linked to,
 - **Fraud; Corruption; Drug Trafficking; Environmental Crimes**

About Interpol Notices

- These are **international alerts used by police forces to share information about crimes, criminals, and threats** with other nations

4.LADAKH DOMICILE POLICY

NEWS: The Union Government is considering a **new domicile policy for Ladakh** which will determine the domicile status of the residents of Ladakh.

Proposed Policy

- Citizens who have **resided continuously in Ladakh since 2019 for 15 years** will be considered domiciles starting in 2034.
- Those **settling in Ladakh after 2019** will only be eligible for **domicile after 15 years of stay (i.e., post-2034)**.
- The policy defines **eligibility for 5% of gazetted government posts**.

Background & Demands

- Ladakh became a **Union Territory in 2019 after Article 370 was revoked**.
- Protests erupted in 2020, with demands including:
 - **Statehood for Ladakh**
 - **Sixth Schedule inclusion (tribal safeguards)**
 - **Job reservation for locals**
 - **Separate parliamentary seats for Leh and Kargil**

Comparison with J&K Policy

- **J&K's 2020 policy allows 15-year residents or students who studied for 7 years** and appeared for Class 10/12 exams to qualify as domiciles.
- Children of **central government officials posted for 10 years in J&K** are also eligible.
- No cut-off date in J&K's policy, unlike Ladakh's 2019 base year.

5.MT. KHANGCHENDZONGA

NEWS: The **Chief Minister of Sikkim** in a letter addressed to the Union Home Minister has **urged the Centre to ensure the sanctity of Mt. Khangchendzonga** by urging the **Nepal government to ban all mountaineering activities**.

- A team from the **National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS)** has recently ascended the peak from the Nepal side.

About Mt. Khangchendzonga

- **Meaning:** The name Mt. Khangchendzonga means, “**five treasures of the high snows**” in **Tsangpa Tibetan**.
- **Height:** Mount Kanchenjunga is the **third highest mountain in the world** and **India’s tallest peak** standing at **8,568 metres above sea level** (28,169 feet).
- **Location:** It is located on the border between **Nepal (Taplejung District)** and **Sikkim (India)**, in the eastern Himalayas.
- **Appearance:** The entire Mt. Khangchendzonga range is popularly **referred to as the “Sleeping Buddha”** as its various peaks appear to be **forming different parts of the Buddha**.
- **Kanchenjunga Massif:** It is in the **form of a gigantic cross with four main peaks** (Kanchenjunga Main, Yalung Kang, Kangchenjunga Central, and others) connected by ridges.
- **Religious Significance:** The mountain is **revered as the abode of the principal guardian** and protector-deity of Sikkim, **known as Dzoë-Nga**.
 - **Dzoë-Nga** is **worshipped as the Pho-lha**, or the chief of the entire assemblage of supernatural entities of Sikkim.
- **Untrodden Peak:** The mountain was **scaled for the first time in 1955** by a British Expedition, however **the peak was not touched**.
 - The **Sikkim government has banned all climbing activities on Mt. Khangchendzonga** through notifications in 1998 and 2001 **under the Sacred Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991**.
- **World Heritage Site:** **Khangchendzonga National Park** including Mt. Khangchendzonga is a **UNESCO Mixed World Heritage Site, officiated in 2016**.