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➔ Global coal demand likely to decline by 2.3% by 2036 : IEA

A recent report on Coal by International Energy Agency (IEA) has said that despite production of coal reaching a record high this year , the production of coal is going to decline by 2026 .

The report has following main points

- Global demand of coal rising by 1.4% in 2023 , surpassing 8.5 billion tonnes
- Demand in EU and USA is expected to fall by 20% in 2023 , while it is expected to rise 8% in India and 5% in China .

Fossil fuel emission is one of the main reasons behind global warming , Developing countries like India and China has to increase their coal production because of increasing demand of power .

➔ ‘ Kashi Tamil Sangamam is strengthening the idea of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat

PM Modi inaugurated second Kashi Tamil Sangamam in Varanasi on Sunday . On this occasion PM Modi said that with this Samgam , the idea of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat is getting strengthened .PM Modi in his speech highlighted how saints from Southern India like Adi Sankaracharya and Ramanujacharya visited Kashi .

The programme is organized by Ministry of Education , celebrates , reaffirms and rediscovers age old link between Varanasi and TamilNadu . BHU and IIT Madras has joined hands for success of Samgam.



➔ PM inaugurates Surat Diamond Bourse in Gujarat , says it will add 1.5 lakh more jobs

PM Narendra Modi on Sunday inaugurated Surat Diamond Bourse (SDB) , the world's largest and international center for Diamond business , and Jewellery business .

SDB is made in an area of 67 lakh square feet . It has nine buildings of 15 floors each . With offices ranging from 300 square feet to 75000 square feet , it is aimed at shifting diamond business from Mumbai to Surat .

Inaugurating SDB PM Modi said “ Surat Diamond business provides employment to eight lakh people and with coming of new diamond bourse , 1.5 lakh more jobs will be added . “

Surat is hub of diamond cutting and Polishing in India . But the industry currently is facing crisis due to Global economic slowdown and G7 tough stance on Russian Diamonds .

PM Modi also inaugurated new terminal building of Surat Airport . Surat Airport has recently been given international Airport status . With this Gujrat has now 3 working International Airports in the name of Ahmedabad , Rajkot , Surat . Dholera International Airport is still in construction stage

➔ **Indigenously built Unit 4 at Kakrapar attains critically**

The fourth unit of Kakrapar Atomic Power project (KAPP) project in Gujrat started controlled fission chain reaction and thus became critical on Sunday . Kakrapar is about 80 km from Surat .

Unit four of Kakrapar plant has capacity of 700 MWe each and are among the largest nuclear power reactors ever built . The previous highest capacity of indigenously built reactor was 540 MWe

➔ **Cyberthreats : Center sets up secure email Network for staff of critical department**

In the wake up of cyberattacks , government has set up a secure email Network for 10,000 users in critical ministries and department , a senior govt officials has said , The email service has been designed by NIC (National Informatics Center) and will be managed by Zoho , a India based software maker .

In these emails along with User name and password , facial recognition of biometrics will be required .

➔ **SCs were never counted in Andaman : now a house committee sits up and takes notice**

The Parliamentary Committee on Welfare of SCs and STs has headed by BJP MP Kirit Prem Bhai Solanki has noted that there is a “ significance presence of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe in the Andman and Nicobar islands “ suggesting that they should be considered for welfare schemes and services matters .

Dalits in Andman and Nicobar has been clubbed into Othee Backward Class (OBC) , category by Union territory administration .

Decades after Parliamentary panel has called for a special panel to sort out the issue faced by SCs here

World

➔ **Over 60 feared dead as migrant vessel capsizes off the coast of Libya, says UN**

A boat carrying 86 migrants capsized near Zuwara town in western Libya. 61 migrants died because of drowning. The figures were released by the UN Human Rights Commission. The Mediterranean route through Libya is one of the major routes for migrants from Africa trying to enter Europe.

Problem with Migrants

Many times, because of lack of good boats and overcrowding on the boats, the ships capsize, leaving many dead.

More than 2250 have died on the central Europe route this year. About 14,900 migrants have been intercepted and returned to Libya this year.



➔ **Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Nawaf laid to rest in low key ceremony**

Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Nawaf who died on Sunday has been buried in a low key affair. Representatives from around the world have arrived. From India, Petroleum Minister, Hardeep Singh Puri arrived in Kuwait. Mr. Puri will deliver a letter of condolences from the Prime Minister's side.

Text and Context

➔ On selecting Election Commissioner

On December 12 Rajya Sabha passes the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioner (EC) appointment bill , 2023 . It provides procedure for appointment of CEC and EC

➔ What does the constitution say?

Article 324 talks about appointment of CEC and EC . Constitution says that appointment will be subject to law made by Parliament .

The appointment till now was made by government .

Ruling of SC ?

A PIL was filed which was concerned about the independence of EC and CEC . SC held directed govt to make any law about the appointment of EC and CEC , and till the law is made a committee of PM , Leader of Opposition and Chief Justice of India .

➔ What does proposed law provide

The law proposes CEC and EC to be appointed by President on recommendation of a selection committee , committee consists of PM , Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and A Union Minister appointed by PM .

Leaving CJI from selection committee is one of the reasons it is being criticized . Two members from govt is other point of criticism

➔ An Overview to European Union's Artificial Intelligence Act

EU has implemented its own act on AI , to promote innovation and tackle ethical issues with AI , so that AI use be responsible .

Strength and Limitations of the Act

- AI application has been categorised into different risk levels from , ranging from unacceptable to low
- AI practices that were deemed unacceptable are : social credit scoring system for government purposes. , Predictive Policing applications , and AI systems that manipulative individuals such as emotional recognition system at work or education ,
- It require developers to give clear instructions about transparency and accountability of AI
- Higher risk AI applications like Medical devices , biometric identification and access to justice and Services must undergo assessment processes conducted by a third party entities ,