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FTP 2023

(Syllabus: GS Paper 3 - Economy)

New FTP seeks to spur rupee trade, e-com exports

- TARGETS $2 TRN IN GOODS AND SERVICES EXPORTS BY 2030
- POLICY, EFFECTIVE FROM APR1, DOESN'T HAVE SUNSET CLAUSE

WHAT'S NEW

- Shift from incentives to tax remission regime
- Focus on emerging areas – e-commerce exports, developing districts as export hubs
- Reduction in user charges for MSMEs under advance authorisation, EPCG scheme
- Battery EVs, green hydrogen to be eligible for reduced export obligation under the scheme
- Dak Ghar Niryat Kendras to facilitate cross-border e-commerce and enable artisans and MSMEs to reach international markets
- Special one-time amnesty scheme for default in export obligations



Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal releases Foreign Trade Policy 2023

SHREYA NANDI
New Delhi, 31 March

Marking a significant change from the previous one, the Centre on Friday unveiled the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023 without a sunset clause, with a focus on boosting e-commerce exports to at least 10 per cent of the $2-trillion goods and services exports target by 2030.

The new policy blends into the government's priority of moving from an "incentive-based regime" to a "remission and entitlement-based regime", thereby making it compliant with World Trade Organization (WTO) rules.

The long-anticipated FTP, which comes after several extensions to the earlier FTP, originally for the 2015-20 period, also focuses on making districts export hubs, ease of doing business, and a special one-time amnesty scheme for default in export obligations.

"We have to meet our export targets. We will achieve $2 trillion in exports by 2030, but we should ensure merchandise exports don't fall behind services exports," said Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, while unveiling the FTP on Friday.

For the first time adding a separate chapter on digital commerce in the FTP, the commerce ministry said all policy benefits would be extended to e-commerce exports. The value limit for exports through courier service has now been increased from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh per consignment.

"Necessary enablement of IT systems in Department of Commerce, Post, CBIC (Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs) to be completed in six months. To streamline e-commerce export facilitation, guidelines are being formulated in consultation with other ministries to facilitate further exports under e-commerce," the FTP said.

E-commerce exports are set to grow to $200-300 billion by 2030 from $2-5 billion now.

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Key Points

- For the first time adding a separate chapter on **digital commerce in the FTP.**
  - All policy benefits would be extended to **e-commerce exports.**
  - The **value limit for exports** through courier service has now been **increased from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh per consignment.**
  - **Designated e-commerce export hubs,** with warehousing facilities, will be notified to help ecommerce aggregators in easy stocking, customs clearance, and returns processing.
- In line with the **Vivaad se Vishwas scheme**, the government will launch a **one-time amnesty measure** for default in export obligations under Advance Authorisation and Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG).
  - This is set to benefit 2,500-3,000 exporters and will be available till September. **Cases under investigation for fraud, however, will not be applicable.**
- The **merchanting trade** that does not touch Indian ports, but has an Indian intermediary, will be allowed under the new FTP.
  - It will be subject to compliance with RBI guidelines except for certain categories of goods.
- The policy for exporting dual-use items under **Special Chemicals, Organisms, Materials, Equipment and Technologies (SCOMET)** will be consolidated at one place.

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SAGAR-SETU

(Syllabus: GS Paper 3 - Infrastructure)

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal launches Sagar Setu Mobile App of National Logistics Portal Marine

Context: Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways launched the App Version of **National Logistics Portal (Marine) 'Sagar-Setu'.**

National Logistics Portal Marine

- **About**: The National Logistic Portal (marine) (NLP) is a project of national importance, as envisaged by the **Ministry of Ports Shipping Waterways and the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.**
- **Aim**: To use IT to connect all logistics community stakeholders, to **improve efficiency and transparency by reducing cost**s and time delays and achieving easier, faster, and more competitive service offerings.
- **Key features of the Portal**
  - NLP will serve as **a single point of contact for all logistics trade processes** across the country, including all modes of transportation via waterways, roads, and airways.
  - The **activities** of NLP Marine are categorized into four distinct verticals
    - Carrier
    - Cargo
    - Banking and Finance
    - Regulatory Bodies and Participating Government Agencies (PGAs).
  - The **Latch On feature facilitates** the trade in providing the required features that are not directly embedded into NLP Marine, by linking through systems developed by other agencies seamlessly without duplication of efforts.
  - It is envisaged that many **standalone applications,** developed by multiple vendors, users, and other stakeholders will integrate with NLP Marine through appropriate curation.
  - It also **enables digital transactions for payments** required for the clearance processes such as Port charges, CFS charges, shipping line charges, transportation charges.
- **Benefits**:
  - **For Traders**
    - **Improve convenience** with reduced turnaround time for approval and compliances.
    - **Increase visibility** of operations and tracking.
  - **For Service Providers**
    - Help in **tracking of records** and transactions offered
    - Receive **notification of service requests.**

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SECTION 8 OF THE RTI ACT

(Syllabus: GS Paper 2 - Governance)

Gujarat HC sets aside CIC order on PM degree, fines Kejriwal

SOHINI GHOSH
AHMEDABAD, MARCH 31

UNDERLINING THAT "educational documents including degrees fall within the ambit of personal information of a citizen, disclosure of which is exempted under Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act", the Gujarat High Court Friday set aside a 2016 order of the Central Information Commission (CIC) asking the Gujarat University to provide information on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's degree to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.



Doesn't the country have the right to know, he asks

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AN ATTACK, UNEDUCATED

Calling the PM 'illiterate' betrays flailing — and a failing of AAP's politics
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Justice Biren Vaishnav also imposed a cost of Rs 25,000 on Kejriwal, who had sought the information under the RTI Act, and directed him to deposit the amount with the Gujarat State Legal Services Authority within four weeks.

Soon after the order, Kejriwal, in a Twitter post in Hindi, said: "Doesn't the country even have the right to know how much the PM has studied? ... Illiterate or less educated PM is very dangerous for the country."

The BJP hit back. In a statement, party spokesperson Sambit Patra
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- In 2016, the **CIC directed the "PIOs of Delhi University and Gujarat University,** Ahmadabad to make best possible search for the information regarding the degrees in the name of 'Mr Narendra Damodar Modi' in the year 1978 (Graduation in DU) and 1983 (Post Graduation in GU) and provide it to the appellant as soon as possible".
- This order was then **challenged in the Gujarat High Court** by the Gujarat University after it received the CIC's order on May 4, 2016.

Central Information Commission

- **About**: The Central Information Commission was established by the Central Government in 2005, under the provisions of the Right to Information Act (2005). It is **not a constitutional body.**
- **Members**: The Commission consists of **a Chief Information Commissioner and not more than ten Information Commissioners.**
- **Appointment**: They are **appointed by the President** on the recommendation of a **committee** consisting of the Prime Minister as Chairperson, the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha and a Union Cabinet Minister nominated by the Prime Minister.
- **Tenure**: The Chief Information Commissioner and an Information Commissioner shall hold office for such term as **prescribed by the Central Government or until they attain the age of 65 years**, whichever is earlier.
    - They are **not eligible for reappointment.**

Section 8(1)(j) of the RTI Act

- Section 8 (1) mentions **exemptions against furnishing information under RTI Act.**
- Section 8(1) (j) of the RTI Act, 2005 **encapsulates that information which relates to personal information the disclosure** of which has no relationship to any public activity or interest, or which would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual, unless the CPIO or SPIO or the Appellate Authority is satisfied that the larger public interest justifies the disclosure of such information should be exempted from disclosure.
- Further, the information which **cannot be denied to the Parliament or the State Legislature** shall not be denied to any person.
- So, Section 8(1)(j) of the Act **allows officials to refuse access to information** if it intrudes on the privacy of an individual, but permits disclosure of information if there is an overriding public interest.

ODF+ AND ODF++

(Syllabus: GS Paper 2 - Health)

40% Villages Have Achieved ODF+ Status Till Now: Jal Shakti Minister

New Delhi: About 40% villages in the country have been declared ODF-plus till now, with 33 % villages achieving the status in the last one year, Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said on Friday. In the next financial year, the target is to bring more than 50,000 villages in the ODF-plus category, he told reporters. The top performing states are Telangana (100%), Tamil Nadu (95%) and Karnataka (93.5 %), the minister said. The ODF-plus status is given to states that sustain their open defecation free status, ensure solid and liquid waste management, and are visually clean.—PTI

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Key Points

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- In the next financial year, the target is to bring more than **50,000 villages in the ODF-plus category.**

ODF+ and ODF++

- **About**: ODF+ and ODF++ were **launched in August 2018** to further scale up and sustain the work undertaken by the cities after achieving the ODF status under Phase I of the Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban (SBM-Urban).
  - ODF+ and ODF++ are **aimed towards proper maintenance of toilet facilities** and safe collection, conveyance, treatment/disposal of all faecal sludge and sewage.
  - While **ODF+ focuses on toilets** with water, maintenance and hygiene, **ODF++ focuses on toilets with sludge and septage management.**
- **Eligibility**: Cities that **had been certified ODF at least once**, on the basis of the ODF protocols, are eligible to declare themselves as SBM-ODF+ & SBM-ODF++.

CERTIFICATION CRITERIA FOR ODF, ODF+ AND ODF++

ODF

A city/ward can be notified/declared as an ODF city if, at any point of the day, not a single person is found defecating in the open.

1) City/town ODF Declaration from Mayor/ Chairperson

2) Ward ODF Declaration from Ward Councillors, with the following sub-declarations:

a. Every school in a ward provides self-declaration that all students enrolled in it have access to, and are routinely using toilets at home and school.

b. Every self-help group active in a ward gives a declaration that all residents of that ward have access to, and are routinely using, toilets at home.

ODF+ CERTIFICATION

A city can be notified/declared as ODF+ if, at any point of the day, not a single person is found defecating and/or urinating in the open, and all community and public toilets are functional and well maintained.

Cities that have been certified ODF at least once based on the ODF Protocol laid down by MOHUA shall be eligible to declare themselves as ODF+ and apply for certification of ODF+ status, as per the conditions laid down in the protocol document.

ODF++ CERTIFICATION

A city can be notified/declared as an ODF++ city if, at any point of the day, not a single person is found defecating and/or urinating in the open, all community and public toilets are functional and well maintained and faecal sludge/septage and sewage are safely managed and treated, with no discharging and/or dumping of untreated faecal sludge/septage and sewage in drains, water bodies or open areas.

Cities that have been certified ODF+ at least once based on the ODF+ Protocol laid down by MoHUA shall thereafter be eligible to declare themselves as SBM ODF++ and apply for certification of SBM ODF++ status, as per the conditions laid down in the protocol document.

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SCHEME FOR REFUGEES

(Syllabus: GS Paper 2 - Social Justice)

Scheme for refugees from Pakistan hits rough patch

Financial aid was announced by the Centre in 2018; Hindu and Sikh families who migrated from West Punjab after Partition say scheme is mired in corruption and officials are demanding bribe

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

A Union government scheme to provide financial assistance of ₹5.5 lakh per family to over 5,000 Hindu and Sikh families who migrated to India from Pakistan's West Punjab after the 1947 partition, has hit rough weather. The scheme sanctioned in 2018, has been extended till March 31, 2024, amid several issues, ranging from lack of documents to tepid response from families. Of the 5,764 eligible families, 70% of them are Dalits. The claims have been settled for only 903 families so far.

A senior J&K government official told *The Hindu* that several claims could not be processed, as the individuals were not able to produce original documents such as refugee cards, when they entered India from Pakistan's Sialkot in 1947. The administration conducted special camps a year ago to help the families apply for the Union government grant.

In the 2023-24 budget, ₹25 crore has been allotted for the scheme. The total outlay for the scheme after it was implemented stood at ₹317 crore.

However, Labha Ram Gandhi, president, West Pakistan Refugees Action Committee, said, "We have made several pleas before the tehsildar (revenue officials), but they do not initiate any action. Of the over 5,000 eligible families, only 900 have got the money so far."

Another resident added that the entire scheme was mired in corruption and the revenue officials were demanding bribes.

The J&K official said that in some cases, the claimants did not show enthusiasm as families had expanded in the past 75 years, and the total amount when divided among all members came out to be very low.

"In the cases where the original claimant who came to India in 1947 is still alive, the process is smooth. But when it comes to dividing the amount among several members of the family, it takes time. Many do not apply as they settled in other parts of India, and the amount is too small," the official said.

Demanding their due

The scheme for West Pakistan refugees has hit a roadblock as they claim that J&K officials are delaying the process



Long battle: Members of the PoK Refugee Front raise slogans during a protest, in Jammu. PTI

- **5,764:** Eligible families
- **70%:** Dalit families
- **903:** Claims settled
- **₹5.5 lakh:** Assistance per family
- **₹25 crore:** Allocation in Union Budget for FY 2023-24
- **₹317 crore:** Scheme outlay

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Key Points

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- Several claims could not be processed, as the individuals were not able to produce original documents such as refugee cards, when they **entered India from Pakistan's Sialkot in 1947.**
- The **J&K administration conducted special camps** a year ago to help the families apply for the Central government grant. Most families are settled in the Jammu region.
- The **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) reimburses the funds** to the J&K administration based on the verification of records done by the latter. In the 2023-24 budget, ₹25 crore has been allotted for the scheme.

TIGER CONSERVATION IN INDIA

(Syllabus: GS Paper 3 - Env & Eco)

Tiger Zinda Hai. Thank You, India

A Big Cat Looks Back With Gratitude — And Ahead With Concern

Ek Tha Tiger – that almost became our story after years of trophy hunting and shikar. But fortunately, Tiger Zinda Hai. We owe that largely to Project Tiger, a national project dedicated entirely to the protection and conservation of my tribe, which is turning 50 today.

50 YRS OF PROJECT TIGER
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It's good to celebrate anniversaries. Baby steps of 1973 have got consolidated over the years. There are many we would like to thank and the list is long. So, I will just say, 'Thank you, India'.

But there's a worrying part, too. To be honest, we are being looked after well but don't have enough space to live. Our green highways are being hacked, leaving us abandoned in little forest-islands.

We are getting in your way, and you are getting in ours. And no one wants that. Things could get worse. There may just not be enough of us in the wild in the future. One day, the zoo might be our permanent residence.

If you love us, take positive steps to create more wild space for us. If you are not aware of what the future holds for us, read what experts have to say in **TOI** in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely, Sheru

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LITTLE CHEER IN ODISHA

Bhubaneswar: Even as the tiger census brought in good news for nature lovers in the country as the number of big cats more than doubled in India, their population in Odisha remained the same. There were 28 tigers in Odisha in 2014 which remained as it is in 2018. Odisha had 45 tigers in 2006 which came down to 32 in 2010. The survey is carried out every four years.

THE BIG ROAR IS BACK

- In 2014, the number of protected areas was 692. It rose to more than 860 in 2019
- The number of tigers in Chhattisgarh has come down **from 46 in 2014 to 19 in 2018**
- In Andhra Pradesh, the tiger population has come down **to 48 in 2018 from 68 in 2014.**
- In Madhya Pradesh, the number has increased **from 308 in 2014 to 526 in 2018**
- In Maharashtra, the tiger population has gone **up from 190 in 2014 to 312 in 2018**

Context: Project Tiger, launched on April 1, 1973, to promote tiger conservation in India, has completed 50 years, and the country, which has over 70% global wild tiger population, will get the latest data on number of big cats on April 9, when Prime Minister releases the 2022 tiger census data in Mysuru, Karnataka.

Key facts related to tiger

- **Population**: As per the **World Wide Fund for Nature**, the number of tigers dropped by 95 per cent over the past 150 years.
  - India is the land of royal tigers and current tiger population stands at 2967 which is **70 percent of the global tiger population.**
  - **Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of tigers at 526,** closely followed by Karnataka (524) and Uttarakhand (442).
  - **Kanha Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh** is the first tiger reserve in India to officially introduce a mascot, Bhoorsingh the Barasingha.
- **Protection Status:**
  - **Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**: Schedule I.
  - **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List:** Endangered.
  - **Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)**: Appendix I.
- **Conservation efforts**
  - The **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** has launched the M-STrIPES (Monitoring System for Tigers – Intensive Protection and Ecological Status), a mobile monitoring system for forest guards.
  - The **Project Tiger,** launched way back in 1973, has grown to more than 50 reserves amounting to almost 2.2% of the country's geographical area.
- **Global Efforts**
  - At the **Petersburg Tiger Summit in 2010**, leaders of 13 tiger range countries resolved to do more for the tiger and embarked on efforts to double its number in the wild, with a popular slogan 'T X 2'.
  - The **Global Tiger Initiative (GTI) program** of the World Bank, using its presence and convening ability, brought global partners together to strengthen the tiger agenda.
  - Over the years, the initiative has institutionalised itself as a separate entity in the form of the **Global Tiger Initiative Council (GTIC)**, with its two arms –the Global Tiger Forum and the Global Snow Leopard Ecosystem Protect

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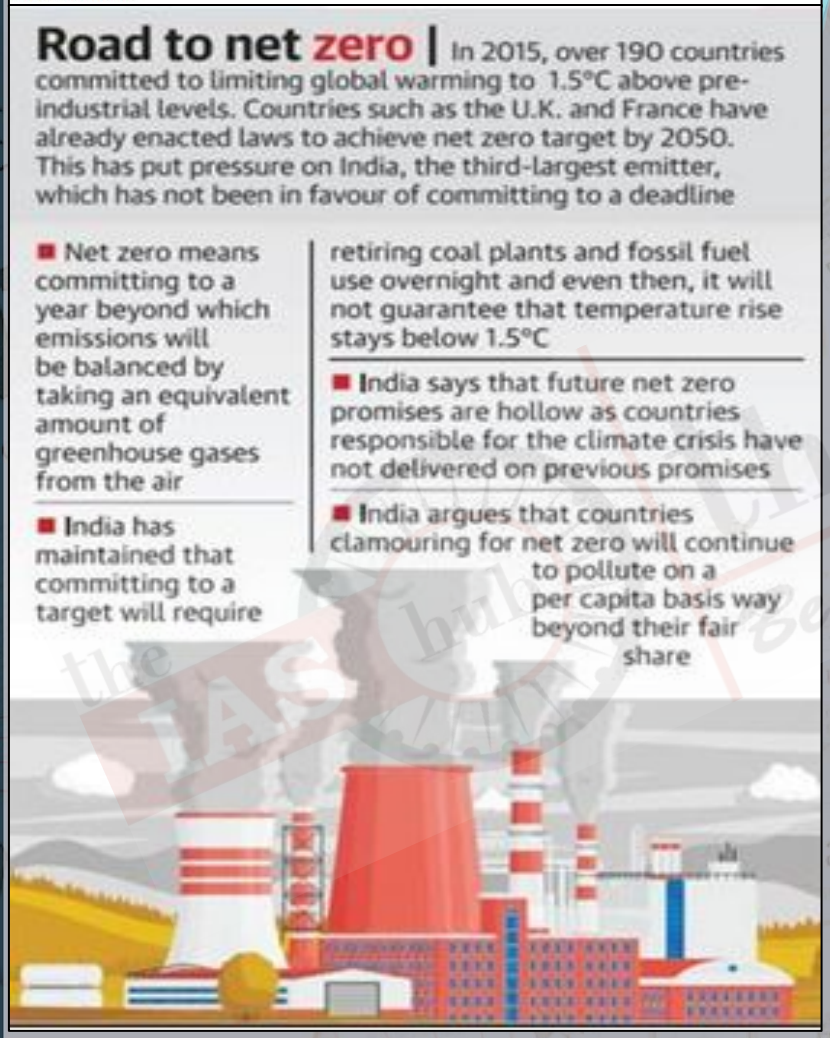
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ZERO WASTE

(Syllabus: GS Paper 3 - Env & Eco)

The first International Day of Zero Waste: UN draws focus on myriad impacts of garbage

By treating nature like a dumping ground, we are digging our own graves, says UN chief António Guterres

By DTE Staff
Published: Friday 31 March 2023



Context: The world marked the **first-ever International Day of Zero Waste** on March 30, 2023, encouraging everyone to prevent and minimise waste and promoting a societal shift towards a circular economy.

Key Points

- The **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)** established the day in response to the worsening impacts of waste on human health, the economy and the environment.
- The day **calls upon all stakeholders** - including governments, civil society, businesses, academia, communities, women and youth - to engage in activities that raise **awareness of zero-waste initiatives.**
- The day was established through a **UN General Assembly resolution** that followed other resolutions on waste, including the March 2, 2022 **UN Environment Assembly** commitment to advance a global agreement to end plastic pollution.
- The International Day of Zero Waste aims to bring these myriad impacts of waste to the **world's attention and encourage global action** at all levels to reduce pollution and waste.
- Promoting zero-waste initiatives can help advance all the goals and targets in the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, including Sustainable Development **Goal 11** on making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable and UN-mandated Sustainable Development **Goal 12** on ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns, the press briefing added.

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WHO MALARIA-FREE CERTIFICATION

(Syllabus: GS Paper 3 - Sci & Tech)



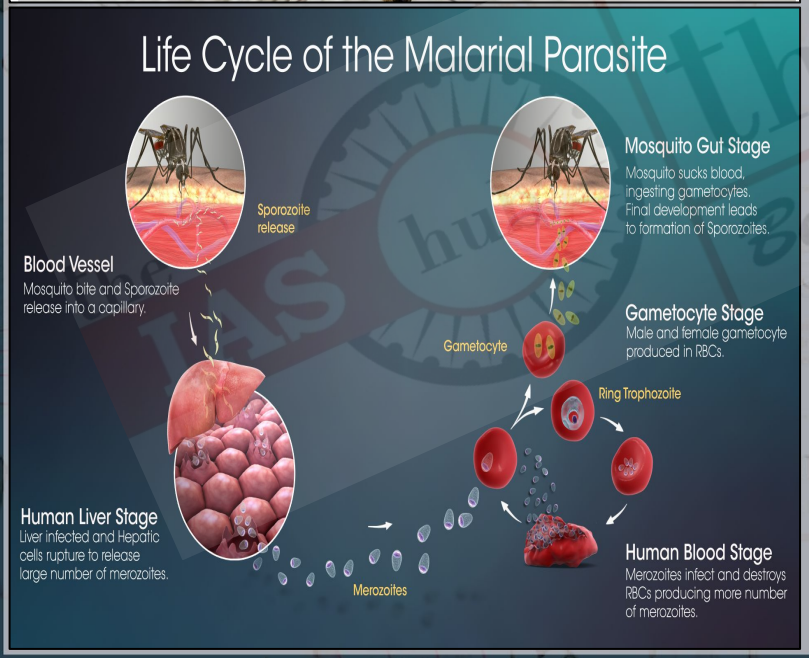
Azerbaijan, Tajikistan reach malaria-free milestone

In Tajikistan and Azerbaijan, the last cases of regional spread of Plasmodium vivax malaria were discovered in 2012 and 2014

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By Arya Rohini

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Context: The World Health Organization (WHO) has **certified Azerbaijan and Tajikistan as malaria-free** for eliminating the Anopheles mosquito-borne disease in their territories.

- With the latest announcement, the **WHO officially declared 41 countries** and one territory, including 21 countries in the European Region, malaria-free.
- **India is not yet certified** as malaria-free country by WHO.

Key Points

- In Tajikistan and Azerbaijan, the last cases of regional spread of **Plasmodium vivax malaria** were discovered in 2012 and 2014, respectively.
- Both Azerbaijan and Tajikistan use **national electronic malaria monitoring systems** to establish whether an infection is indigenous or imported and provide real-time case data.
- They also employed **biological larval control strategies,** like mosquito-eating fish and water management practices to lessen malaria carriers.

WHO malaria-free certification

- WHO grants the certification when a **country has demonstrated** that the chain of indigenous malaria transmission by Anopheles mosquitoes has been interrupted nationwide for at least the past three consecutive years.
- A country must also demonstrate the **capacity to prevent the re-establishment of transmission.**
- The final decision on awarding a malaria-free certification rests with the WHO Director-General, based on a **recommendation by the independent Malaria Elimination Certification Panel (MECP).**

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L-PBF TECHNIQUE

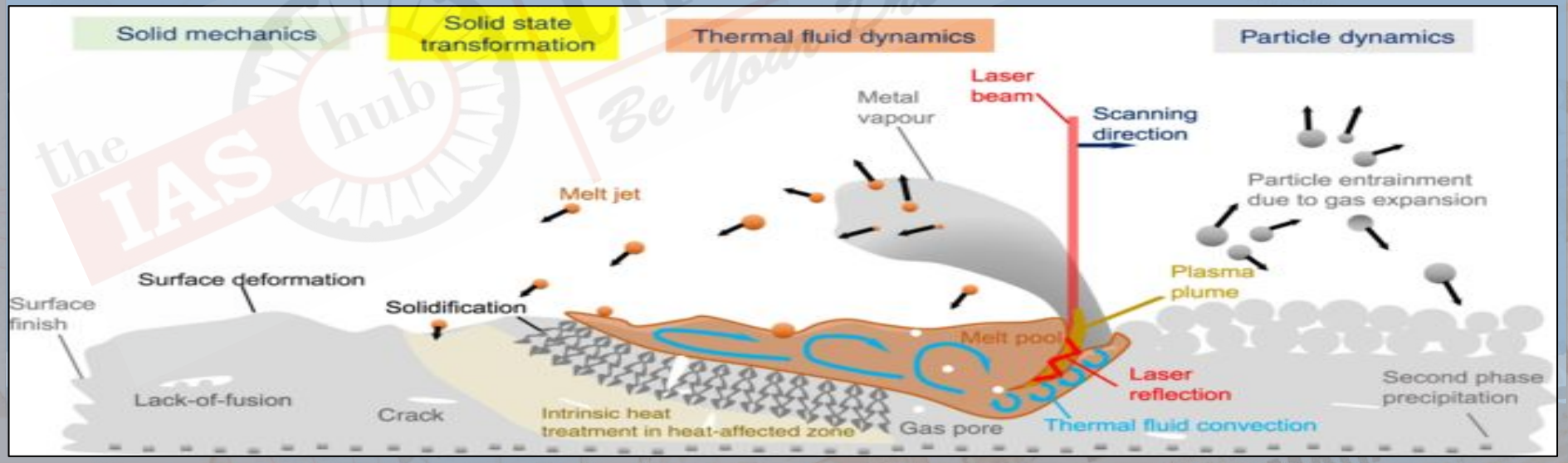
(Syllabus: GS Paper 3 - Sci & Tech)

Novel bi-metallic joining process can create a composite from copper and steel for engineering applications which need high thermal & electrical conductivity

Context: Researchers have developed a **novel bi-metallic joining process** to create a bimetallic composite made from copper and steel, which has **high thermal and electrical conductivity** for engineering applications, such as heat exchangers, hydraulic pump components, cooling staves, guide plates, and hot-work tooling applications.

Key Points

- **Welding copper and steel together** can be challenging due to the differences in their melting points, thermal conductivity, and thermal expansion properties. ‘
  - This has made it **difficult to join copper and stainless steel** bimetallic structures without defects.
- To address this challenge, researchers have developed a novel bi-metallic joining process using a technique called **laser powder bed fusion (L-PBF) or selective laser melting (SLM) technique** of metal 3D printing.
  - This technique involves layer deposition by metal powder melting, which creates a small melt pool of stainless steel powder with subsequent high cooling rates, limiting the intermixing of the stainless steel melt on copper surface.



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BODOFA DAY

(Syllabus: GS Paper 1 - Personalities)

PM remembers Bodofa Upendranath Brahma on his birth anniversary

Context: The Prime Minister has paid tributes to **Bodofa Upendranath Brahma** on his birth anniversary.

- The **Government of India and Assam Government** are making numerous efforts to realise his dreams and work for the empowerment of the wonderful Bodo people.

Upendra Nath Brahma

- **About**: Upendranath Brahma (31 March 1956 – 1 May 1990) was an Indian **Bodo social activis**t and the former **president of All Bodo Students' Union.**
- **Guardian of Bodos:** The **title of Bodofa (Guardian of Bodos)** was posthumously conferred upon Brahma on 8 May 1990 in recognition of his vision and leadership.
- **Bodofa Day:** His life is celebrated **each year on the anniversary of his death**, which is now called Bodofa Day.

Bodos

- The Bodo is the **largest ethnolinguistic group** in the Assam.
- They are concentrated mainly in the **Bodoland Territorial Region of Assam.**
- The Bodo are a **Tibeto-Burmese-speaking ethnic group.**
- The Bodo people speak the **Bodo language,** a Tibeto-Burman language recognized as one of twenty-two **scheduled languages in the Indian Constitution.**
- The Bodo people are recognized as a plains tribe in the **Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution.**

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