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UNION CABINET



As many as 15 Cabinet ministers, including some new faces, were sworn-in at the swearing in ceremony. The word “cabinet” is mentioned only in the Article 352 of the Indian Constitution. Actually, in the original constitution, there was no word like cabinet. It has been constituted in the above Article by 44th Constitution Act, 1978.

(amendment)

Article 352 {Proclamation of Emergency}

(1) If the President is satisfied that a grave emergency exists whereby the security of India or of any part of the territory thereof is threatened, whether by war or external aggression or armed rebellion, he may, by proclamation, make a declaration to that effect in respect of the whole of India or of such part of the territory thereof as may be specified in the proclamation.

(3) The President shall not issue a Proclamation under clause (1) or a Proclamation varying such Proclamation unless the decision of the Union cabinet (that is to say, the Council consisting of the Prime Minister and other Ministers of Cabinet rank appointed under article 75) that such a Proclamation may be issued has been communicated to him in writing.

Bhalia Wheat

In a major boost to wheat exports, the first shipment of Geographical Indication (GI) certified Bhalia variety of wheat was exported to Kenya and Sri Lanka from Gujarat.

About Bhalia Wheat

- The wheat has high protein content
- It is sweet in taste.
- The crop is grown mostly across Bhal region of Gujarat which includes Ahmadabad, Anand, Kheda, Bhavanagar, Surendranagar, Bharuch districts.

What is Geographical Indication (GI)?

- It is a sign on products having a unique geographical origin and evolution over centuries with regard to its special quality or reputed attributes.

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- It is a **mark of authenticity** and ensures that registered authorized users or at least those residing inside the geographic territory are allowed to use the popular product names.
- GI tag in India is **governed by Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act, 1999**.
- It is issued by the Geographical Indications Registry (Chennai).

What are the Benefits of GI Tag?

- It provides **legal protection** to Indian Geographical Indications thus preventing unauthorized use of the registered GIs by others.
- It **promotes economic prosperity of producers** of goods produced in a geographical territory.
- It leads to recognition of the product in other countries thus **boosting exports**.

INS Tabar Exercises

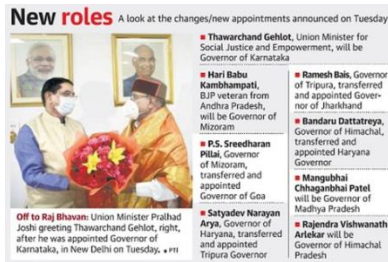
INS Tabar Exercises were held recently with Italian navy off Naples, Italy as part of an ongoing deployment to the Mediterranean

- The exercise covered a wide range of naval operations including air defence procedures, communication drills etc.
- The exercise was **mutually beneficial** in enhancing interoperability and towards consolidating combined operations against maritime threats.

Major Indian Maritime Exercises

Name of the Exercise	Name of the Country
SLINEX	Sri Lanka
Bongosagar and IN-BN CORPAT	Bangladesh
JIMEX	Japan
Naseem-Al-Bahr	Oman
Indra	Russia
Za'ir-Al-Bahr	Qatar
Samudra Shakti	Indonesia
Indo-Thai CORPAT	Thailand
IMCOR	Malaysia
SIMBEX	Singapore
AUSINDEX	Australia
Malabar Exercise	Japan, and the USA

APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS



The Rashtrapati Bhavan announced a slew of gubernatorial appointments, including that of Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Thawarchand Gehlot as the Governor of Karnataka, replacing Vajubhai Vala. Governor is the head of the executive of the state. He/she is appointed by President of India.

Qualifications and conditions for appointment:

- Should be a **citizen of India**. Should have completed **35 years** of age. Should not hold any **office of profit** under the union govt. or state govt. or any local Authority or any other public authority. Should not be a **member of either house of arliament or a house of the state legislature**.
- **Tenure:**
 - Governor holds office for a term of 5 years from the date on which he assumes office. This term of 5 years is subject to the **pleasure of president**. He/she can resign anytime by addressing a resignation letter to the president.
- **Oath:** The oath of office to the governor is administered by the chief justice of concerned HC and in his absence by the senior-most judge of the HC available.
- By 7th Constitution Amendment Act of 1956, **same person can be appointed as governor of 2 or more states**.

Malaria Free China

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared China as “malaria-free”.

- It is a result of a **seven decade-long, multi-pronged health strategy** that was able to entirely eliminate indigenous cases for four straight years.
- [40 countries and territories](#) have been granted a malaria-free certification from WHO – including, most recently, El Salvador (2021), Algeria (2019), Argentina (2019), Paraguay (2018) and Uzbekistan (2018) [**India is not yet Malaria free**]

China’s Malaria Strategy

- The efforts began in the early 1950s starting with a multi-pronged approach of providing anti-malarial medicines while targeting mosquito breeding grounds and using insecticide spraying.
- **The 523 Project:** It led to the discovery of artemisinin in the 1970s. Artemisinin is the core compound of antimalarial drugs available today.
- **Insecticide-treated Nets:** In the 1980s, China began using insecticide-treated nets widely, distributing 2.4 million nets by 1988.

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1-3-7 Strategy: The strategy refers to:

- A one-day deadline to report a malaria diagnosis,
- Confirming a case and determining the spread by the third day, and
- Measures taken to stop the spread by the seventh day, along with continued surveillance in high-risk areas.