

KEEP WATCH ON DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES IN BORDER AREAS: SHAH

In News:

- Union home minister Amit Shah asked the directors general of police (DGPs) of border states to keep special vigil on demographic changes taking place in their regions.
- He was speaking at the concluding session of a two-day National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference.
- The NSS Conference brings a unique mix of top leadership addressing national security challenges alongside cutting edge Police officers/Security practitioners and experts from specialized fields.

Demography change in border areas

Statistics

- As per the reports, the population of Muslims in border districts has increased by approx. 32% since 2011.
- On the contrary, the population change across the country has been somewhere between 10% and 15%.
- Based on the latest records of gram panchayats, Uttar Pradesh and Assam police forces have sent separate reports to the home ministry.
- These reports have depicted the said change in the last 10 years in border areas of Nepal and Bangladesh.

Cause of concern

- **Threat to internal security**
 - Security agencies believe that demographic change is not just the increase in population but it could be a new design of infiltration in India.
 - Not only that these areas are also witnessing increase in radicalisation. Recently, five terror modules were busted in Assam.
- **Discontentment among local population**

- Analysts believe that the current change indicates that demographic balance has changed in Bengal and Assam leading to revolt among the people.
- These changes can lead to change in voting pattern thereby distorting the actual representation of people from the region.

News Summary: Key highlights

- **Demography of border area is changing**
 - During the conference, the Intelligence Bureau (IB) made a presentation on the rising Muslim population in the border districts of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.
- **Inauguration of National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS)**
 - NAFIS has been developed by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).
 - NCRB, under the Ministry of Home Affairs, collects and analyses crime data in accordance with the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Special and Local Laws.
 - The system will help in the quick and easy disposal of cases with the help of a centralized fingerprint database.
- **Emphasized the importance of human intelligence** towards countering terrorism
 - He also underscored the crucial role of District Level Police officers in identifying emerging terror hotspots.
- **Intelligence agencies should change the approach**
 - The basic principle of a modern intelligence agency should not be ‘need to know’, but ‘need to share’ and ‘duty to share’.
 - He also asked officers to use the newly launched 5G technology to bolster security systems.

[SUPREME COURT ORDERS STATUS QUO ON MOVE TO PUT PANEL IN CHARGE OF INDIAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION](#)

In News:

- The Supreme Court recently stayed a Delhi High Court order to hand over the affairs of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to a Committee of Administrators (CoA) and directed that the status quo be maintained.
- The High Court justified the order by citing the IOA's persistent reluctance to comply with the Sports Code.

The Sports Code or the National Sports Development Code of India:

- It was notified by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, in **2011**.
 - At that time, most sports federations had become personal kingdoms of specific individuals (mostly politicians), who had remained in power for long periods of time.
 - Against this backdrop, the government notified the National Sports Development Code of India.
- It is a set of regulations, enunciating the basic universal principles of good governance, ethics and fair play in the management of sports without interfering in the autonomy of the national sports bodies.
- The Sports Code seeks to put restrictions on the age and tenure of the office-bearers of federations apart from envisaging transparent functioning along with free and fair elections.

Enforcement of the Code:

- In 2014, a Delhi High Court bench ruled that the Central government can compel obedience to these rules (sports code) without the use of legislation and that the sports code provisions were neither arbitrary nor violate any constitutional freedom.
- The court also ruled that non-compliance with the code is considered to be against the public interest.

What happens when the Sports Code is violated?

- The Delhi HC court has said that a federation that does not follow the guidelines should be suspended.
- Additionally, it has also suggested that grants given to the federations should be stopped.
- The respective federations can be put under a Committee of Administrators (CoA). For example,
 - The Supreme Court had appointed a three-member CoA (in May, 2021) to run the All-India Football Federation (AIFF).

- In an affidavit, the Sports Ministry stated that the president of AIFF (Praful Patel) has been president for more than 12 years, in contravention of the Sports Code.

News Summary:

The case file

Nov. 30: Lawyer Rahul Mehra files petition in the Delhi HC seeking a stay on the IOA elections pending amendment to its constitution in accordance with the National Sports Code 2011.

Dec. 17: Delhi HC orders moving AGM scheduled for December 19 from Guwahati to Delhi, stays elections; approves six-member

ad-hoc committee

April 22: Delhi HC stays Special General Body Meeting (GBM) called by Narinder Batra on April 25



August 17: The Delhi HC orders forming a Committee of Administrators for IOA, directs holding election within 16 weeks

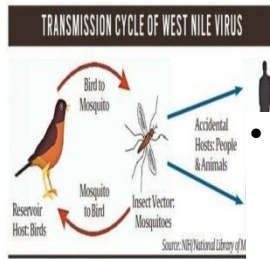
August 18: Supreme Court stays the Delhi HC order on forming CoA, maintains status quo

- After the Centre and the IOA informed the SC that the charge had not yet been transferred to the three-member CoA, a three-judge Bench issued an order to maintain the status quo.

- The Delhi HC recently directed the formation of a CoA composed of former SC judge Justice Anil R. Dave, former Chief Election Commissioner S.Y. Quraishi and former Secretary of the External Affairs Ministry Vikas Swarup.
- It has asked the IOA's Executive Committee to immediately hand over the task to the CoA.
 - CoA would be assisted by three famous athletes, Olympians Abhinav Bindra, Anju Bobby George and Bombayla Devi Laishram.
- The SC issued its order in response to the Centre and the IOA's urgent warning that the Delhi HC's decision to create a CoA risked excluding India from participating in international events such as the Olympics.
- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) rules state that representation of a national level body, such as the IOA, by a non-elected body is considered third-party interference.
- As a result, there is a high probability that India will be banned from competing in any Olympic event.
- **Eq.,** the recent suspension of AIFF by FIFA has placed doubt on India's hosting of the Under-17 Women's World Cup in October.
 - The SC had similarly transferred AIFF authority to a CoA.

WEST NILE VIRUS

The New York City Health Department announced that the West Nile virus had been detected in two people, one in Brooklyn and another in Queens, as well as in a “record number” of infected mosquitoes throughout the city.



About:

- West Nile Virus (WNV) can cause neurological disease and death in people. WNV is commonly found in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, North America and West Asia.
- WNV is maintained in nature in a cycle involving transmission between birds and mosquitoes. Humans, horses and other mammals can be infected.
- West Nile Virus (WNV) is a member of the flavivirus genus and belongs to the Japanese encephalitis antigenic complex of the family Flaviviridae.

MUDHOL HOUNDS

Mudhol hounds, a breed of hunting dogs native to north Karnataka, could be inducted into the Special Protection Group (SPG), the elite force protecting the Prime Minister of India.



About:

- The dogs already serve with the Indian armed forces and some paramilitary forces and could become the first indigenous breed to be part of the SPG.
- The Mudhol hounds are believed to have been bred first by Raja Malojirao Ghorpade of the erstwhile Deccan kingdom of Mudhol.
- Known for their hunting and guarding skills, the characteristically lanky Mudhol hounds get their name from the erstwhile kingdom of Mudhol (in present-day Bagalkot), whose rulers first began to breed them. The dogs are fast runners, with excellent stamina and agility, and have a sharp vision and a keen sense of smell.

TASMANIAN TIGER

Scientists in the US and Australia have embarked on a \$15-million project to resurrect the thylacine or Tasmanian Tiger, a marsupial that went extinct in the 1930s, using gene-editing technology.



About:

- The ambitious project aims to reintroduce the animal to its native place Tasmania to revive the region's lost ecological balance.
- Tasmanian Tiger (*Thylacinus cynocephalus*), the only animal in the Thylacinidae family to survive in modern times, was a marsupial mammal that raises young ones in a pouch.
- Even though the species earned its nickname Tasmanian Tiger because of the stripes along its back, it was a slow-paced carnivorous that usually hunted alone or in pairs at night.
- The sharply clawed animal had a dog-like head and ate kangaroos, other marsupials, small rodents, and birds.
- Once widespread in the grass and woodlands of continental Australia extending north to New Guinea and south to Tasmania, the animal's fate changed after the European Colonisation of Australia.
- The animals were reported to have eaten poultry of farmers, and were killed following official authorisation.

INDIA'S FIRST E-DOUBLE DECKER AIR CONDITIONED BUS

Highways and Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari unveiled India's first E-Double Decker air-conditioned bus in Mumbai.



About:

- Switch mobility limited a subsidiary of Ashok Leyland has manufactured this unique electric double-decker bus called as Switch EiV 22.



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- The bus is equipped with the latest technology, ultra-modern design and highest safety and best in class comfort features.
 - Stressing on prioritising pollution-free country, he said 35 percent pollution in the country takes place because of petrol and diesel. He underlined that the size of the automobile industry is 7.5 lakh crore, and it is an important industry for the country as it has huge employment potential.
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