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Social Issues

Women in Indian judiciary

- **Cornelia Sorabji** - First Indian Women lawyer (1924).
- **14.27%** - Women judges in high court.
- Out of 25 high courts, only the Gujarat High Court has a woman Chief Justice.

International Relations and Issues

DOGE (Department of Government Efficiency)

- It is a newly established U.S. government committee focused on enhancing federal operations.
- **Led by** - Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy.
- Aims to cut wasteful expenditure from the U.S. federal budget.
- It adopts **Silicon Valley strategies** to streamline operations and reduce inefficiencies, similar to **Margaret Thatcher's 1980s reforms**, targeting workforce reductions and government spending cuts.

Convention on Cluster Munitions

Lithuania recently withdrew from the convention due to security concerns over Russia.

- **International treaty** - Prohibits the use, production, transfer and stockpiling of cluster bombs, which cause indiscriminate harm to civilians.
- It was adopted in **2008** and came into force in **2010**.
- **Members** - 120 countries have joined the convention,
- Major military powers like the **USA, Russia, and China** have not signed it.
- India is **NOT a member of the Convention** on Cluster Munitions (CCM).

Economy

GRIDCON 2025

- **Organized by** - Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID).
- **Significance** - GRIDCON 2025 is a premier event in the power sector, for industry, utilities, professionals, researchers, and academicians across the global.
- To shape the future of renewable integration, grid resilience, asset management and digital transformation.

Climate Friendly Green Freight Transport in India (Green Freight Project)

- **Launched in** - 2019.
- It is an initiative under the Indo-German Development Cooperation.
- **Aim** - To enhance the efficiency and environmental sustainability of India's freight and logistics sector.
- The project focuses on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting sustainable economic development by increasing sector efficiency.

Ponzi Scheme

- **Fraudulent Investment Scheme** - It lures investors with high returns and low risk that pays early investors using money from new investors instead of legitimate profits.
- **Named After Charles Ponzi** - The scheme is named after Charles Ponzi, who conducted a major investment fraud in **1920**.
- Saradha Scam (2013) is a notable ponzi scam in India which is a multi-crore chit fund scam in West Bengal that defrauded lakhs of investors.

Environment

Rusty-Spotted Cat

- The Rusty-Spotted Cat (*Prionailurus rubiginosus*).
- **One of the Smallest Wild Cats** - Measuring 35-48 cm in length and weighing 0.9-1.6 kg.
- **Habitat and Distribution** - It is found in India, Sri Lanka and Nepal, inhabiting dry forests, grasslands and scrublands, often *near human settlements*.
- **IUCN Status** - Near Threatened (NT) its population is declining due to habitat loss, poaching and road accidents.

Security

KHANJAR-XII

- **Joint Special Forces Exercise - 12th edition** of the India-Kyrgyzstan KHANJAR-XII is set to take place in Kyrgyzstan.
- **Frequency** - Held annually in alternating venues between India and Kyrgyzstan.
- **Aim** - To exchange experiences and best practices in *Counter Terrorism* and Special Forces Operations in urban and mountainous high altitude terrain scenarios.
- Focus on developing advanced Special Forces skills of sniping, complex building intervention and mountain craft.

T-72 Tank Engines

India signs deal with Russia to upgrade T-72 tanks from 780 HP to 1000 HP.

- The T-72 is the mainstay of the tank fleet of the Indian Army which is at present fitted with a 780 HP Engine.
- The T-72 tank, first introduced in India in the 1970s, is the mainstay of the Indian Army's fleet.
- India has about 2,500 such tanks.

TROPEX

- **TROPEX** - Theatre Level Operational Exercise.
- **Goal** - Evaluate Indian Navy's ability to respond to multifarious challenges in a synchronised and integrated manner.
- To defend national maritime security interests.
- **Held in** - Indian Ocean, including the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal.