



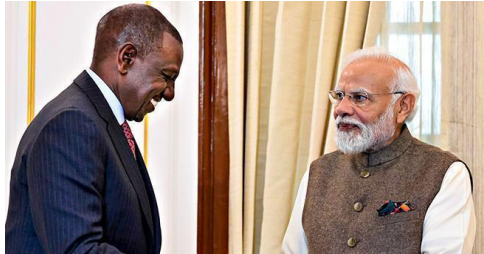
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India provides a \$250 mn Line of Credit to Kenya



Context

- India extended a **\$250 million Line of Credit** for the modernization of agriculture in Kenya.
- Both sides will carry out **joint military exercises** and will collaborate on **counter-terror projects**.

Think:

Have a look at the Bordering countries of Kenya

Nov. services PMI signals slowdown

Context

- India's services sector momentum faltered to a one-year low in November, as per the seasonally adjusted **S&P Global India Services Business Activity Index**
- Taken together with the manufacturing **Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)**, November marked the weakest rise in private sector activity in the country in a year.

About Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)

- Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) is an **economic indicator**, which is derived after monthly surveys of different companies.
- It measures activity at the purchasing or input stage.
- In this sense, it is very different from industrial production which is indicative of actual production.
- E.g., **the Index of Industrial Production (IIP)** measures output.
- There are two types of PMI — **Manufacturing PMI and Services PMI**.
- The index shows trends in both the manufacturing and services sectors.
- **PMI does not capture informal sector activity.**

114 seats, migrant quota cleared for J&K Assembly

Context

The Lok Sabha passed the **Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2023**, and the **Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2023**, the former seeking to reserve seats for "**Kashmiri migrants**, people displaced from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir [PoK] and Scheduled Tribes" in the yet-to-be constituted **114-seat J&K Assembly**.

Key points


- The **reservation of seats for Kashmiri migrants**, who were displaced from their own homes in the 1990s, will ensure that the voice of the community is heard "loud and clear in the J&K Assembly".



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Reorganisation Bill increases the total number of seats in the J&K Assembly from 107 to 114, with the reservation of nine seats for the Scheduled Tribes for the first time. • It also empowers the Lieutenant-Governor to nominate three members in the Assembly — two from the Kashmiri migrant community including one woman, and the third member being a representative of people from PoK who took refuge in India following the wars with Pakistan in 1947, 1965 and 1971.
<p>India reminds Myanmar to return to 'federal democracy'</p>	<p>Context As conflict intensifies between armed resistance groups and the Myanmar military in the Chin, Shan and Sagaing provinces, India reminds Myanmar to return to the path of federal democracy.</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India and Myanmar held discussions on a wide range of issues covering the situation along the border, security, trade, commerce, connectivity, status of bilateral development projects in Myanmar and concerns related to transnational crimes. • India reiterated its support to Myanmar for a transition towards a federal democracy • India continued to support people-centric socio-economic developmental projects, including connectivity projects and projects under the Rakhine State Development Programme and Border Area Development Programme for the benefit of the people of Myanmar
<p>Garba dance of Gujarat makes it to UNESCO list</p> 	<p>Context Gujarat's traditional dance form 'Garba' was included in the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The popular dance form is the 15th cultural item from India to make it to the UNESCO list. • Kolkata's Durga Puja was the last one added two years ago. • The inclusion has been made under the provisions of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage. • The international cultural body described the 'Garba' as a ritualistic and devotional dance performed in India.

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