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<p>Good governance Day</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good governance is observed annually on December 25. • The day aims to let the citizens, the students, who are the future of the country know about the government's responsibilities and duties that it needs to fulfill. • The day is also celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of India's former Prime Minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
<p>Veer Baal Divas</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prime Minister will participate in a programme to pay homage to the courage and martyrdom of the sons of Guru Gobind Singh, the 10th and last Sikh 'Guru'. • The Union government has organized many participative programmes across the country to mark the day which has been named "Veer Baal Divas". • A digital exhibition detailing the life story and sacrifice of the 'Sahibzades' (martyred sons of Guru Gobind Singh) will also be displayed in schools and childcare institutions across the country. <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Prime Minister announced the observation of "Veer Baal Divas", to mark the martyrdom of Guru Gobind Singh's sons Sahibzadas Baba Zorawar Singh Ji and Baba Fateh Singh Ji. • Veer Baal Divas tells us what is India and its identity and every year, Veer Bal Divas will inspire us to recognize our past and make our future. • This will also remind everyone about the strength of our young generation
<p>United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)</p>	<p>Context</p> <p>The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) expressed gratitude to Indian authorities on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands for taking care of 142 Rohingya refugees, whose boat was intercepted by coastal security agencies near Shaheed Dweep</p>



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About UNHCR

- The **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)** is a **United Nations agency** mandated to aid and protect refugees, forcibly displaced communities, and stateless people, and to assist in their voluntary repatriation, local integration or resettlement to a third country.
- It is **headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland**.
- **UNHCR was created in 1950** to address the refugee crisis that resulted from World War II.
- The **1951 Refugee Convention** established the scope and legal framework of the agency's work, which initially focused on Europeans uprooted by the war.

India-ASEAN to rejig 15-year trade pact in early 2024



Context

- India and the ten-member **Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)** will begin negotiations to “modernize” their decade-and-a-half-old free trade agreement (FTA) to bring more balance to the pact currently weighed against New Delhi.
- New areas like labour, environment, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and gender, are likely to be kept out.
- India has long been pressing for a review of the **ASEAN India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITGA)**, which was signed in August 2009, as the pact resulted in disproportionate benefits for the ASEAN.

Did you know?

The 10-member ASEAN region accounted for **11.3% of India's global trade in 2022-23**

About ASEAN

- The Association of Southeast Asian Nations is a **regional organization** that was established to promote political and social stability amid rising tensions among the Asia-Pacific's post-colonial states.
- The motto of ASEAN is “**One Vision, One Identity, One Community**”.
- **August 8th** is observed as ASEAN Day.
- ASEAN Secretariat – **Indonesia, Jakarta**.
- The 10-member ASEAN includes **Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar, and Cambodia**



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Tea Board issues orders to growers on pesticide use

Context

The Tea Board has asked tea estates and small tea growers across India to avoid using on their plantations chemicals or pesticides that have no label claim.

About Tea Board of India

- It is a **statutory body** under the **Ministry of Commerce** that was **set up in 1953** for the development of tea industry in India. It started functioning in 1954.
- Its vision and mission is to make the country a leading producer of tea across the globe for which it established several programmes and schemes.
- The Board is **constituted of 31 members (including the Chairman)** drawn from Members of Parliament, tea producers, tea traders, tea brokers, consumers, and representatives of Governments from the principal tea-producing states, and trade unions
- The Board is **reconstituted every three years**.
- The board has its headquarters located in **Kolkata**

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