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## National and International News

<p><b>Turkiye ratifies Sweden's NATO membership</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Turkiye's Parliament ratified Sweden's NATO membership after more than a year of delay.</li> <li>It has become the <b>32nd member of the security alliance</b></li> </ul> <p><b>About NATO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Formed in 1949</b> with the signing of the <b>Washington Treaty</b>, NATO is a security alliance of 30 countries from North America and Europe.</li> <li>Recently, <b>Finland joined the alliance as 31st member.</b></li> <li>NATO's fundamental goal is to safeguard the Allies' freedom and security by political and military means.</li> <li>It is a <b>system of collective defence</b> where independent member states agree for mutual defence in case of any attack by external party.</li> <li><b>Article 5 of the Washington Treaty</b> states that an attack against one Ally is an attack against all.</li> <li>This article forms the core of the Alliance, a promise of collective defense.</li> <li><b>Headquarter - Brussels, Belgium.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>French President to attend 'shobha yatra' in Jaipur</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A 'shobha yatra', or public procession, in Jaipur is expected to be the high point of <b>French President Emmanuel Macron's visit to the pink city.</b></li> <li>Jaipur has been chosen by the Indian hosts as the first stopover for the French President</li> <li>He will be the chief guest at the Republic Day parade in New Delhi.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Centre releases three-drug regimen for treating leprosy</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Union government has approved a new treatment regimen for leprosy, aiming at stopping its transmission at the <b>sub-national level by 2027.</b></li> </ul>



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- The WHO says leprosy is a chronic infectious disease caused by **Mycobacterium leprae**.
- The bacteria are transmitted via droplets from the nose and mouth during close and frequent contact with untreated cases.
- Leprosy, reported from all the six WHO regions, is curable with multi-drug therapy (MDT).
- The WHO's recommended treatment regimen consists of three drugs — **dapsone, rifampicin and clofazimine**. The combination is referred to as MDT. The duration of treatment is **six months for PB and 12 months for MB cases**. MDT kills the pathogen and cures the infection.
- The majority of new cases detected are from Southeast Asia.

U.S. officials to come to India to discuss bilateral ties



Context

Top U.S. diplomats will travel to Delhi to discuss bilateral issues, energy cooperation and possible dates for the Quad Summit with U.S.-Australia-Japan-India leaders

About QUAD

- The Quad is aimed at promoting **regional security and economic cooperation** in the Indo-Pacific region.
- The four countries share a common interest in **maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific**, promoting democracy, human rights, and the rule of law, and countering China's expanding influence in the region.
- The Quad has held several meetings at the ministerial and leaders' level to discuss issues such as maritime security, infrastructure development, and supply chain resilience.
- The Quad is seen as a **mechanism for balancing China's influence** in the region, although its members have stressed that it is not a military alliance and is open to other countries who share their values and interests.

National Voters' Day

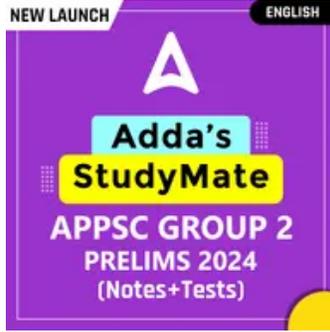
Context



- The **National Voters' Day** is celebrated every year in India on **January 25** to encourage the country's voters to participate in the electoral process.
- It not only encourages the youth to participate in the electoral process but also focuses on the fact that the right to vote is a basic right.
- This day also marks the **foundation day of the Election Commission of India, i.e. 25th January 1950.**
- This year, it is the **14th edition** which is being celebrated.
- **Theme 2024 - 'Nothing Like Voting, I Vote For sure'**

### Did you Know?

- The **first-ever National Voters' Day** was celebrated on **January 25, 2011**



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