

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 26, 2023

STATE

- **India's First AI City in Lucknow**
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh, India's biggest state is going to make Lucknow the country's first AI city. This is a big step forward.



- ✓ The goal of this project is to make a successful center for artificial intelligence by combining cutting-edge technology, research centers, and educational institutions. A study by Grand View Research says that the global AI market was worth \$137 billion in 2022.
- ✓ It is expected to keep growing at a rate of 37.3% per year from 2023 to 2030.
- ✓ The decision by Uttar Pradesh to build an AI city is in line with how important AI is becoming around the world.

NATIONAL

- **Three Criminal Code Bills**

- ✓ On December 25, President Draupadi Murmu granted her assent to three groundbreaking criminal code bills, marking a significant shift in India's legal landscape.

Three bills introduced in Lok Sabha

Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860
TO BE REPLACED BY
Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Bill, 2023

- It will have 356 sections (instead of 511 sections in IPC)
- 175 sections have been amended
- 8 sections have been added, and 22 sections have been repealed

Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), 1973
TO BE REPLACED BY
Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023

- It will have 533 sections (instead of 478 sections in CrPC)
- 160 sections have been changed
- 9 sections have been added, and 9 sections have been repealed

Indian Evidence Act, 1872
TO BE REPLACED BY
Bharatiya Sakshya Bill, 2023

- It will have 170 sections (instead of 167 sections in IEA)
- 23 sections have been changed
- 1 section has been added, and 5 sections have been repealed

"From 1860 to 2023, the country's criminal justice system functioned as per the laws made by the British. I can assure the House that these bills will transform our criminal justice system. The aim will not be to punish, it will be to provide justice."
— AMIT SHAH

WHAT NEXT
The three bills will be studied by the standing committee on home affairs, which is chaired by BJP MP Brjilal (who is a ret'd IPS officer).

- ✓ These bills, namely the **Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita**, the **Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita**, and the **Bharatiya Sakshya Act**, received parliamentary approval and are poised to replace the age-old Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure, and the Indian Evidence Act of 1872.
- ✓ The trio of bills aims to redefine various offenses and their corresponding punishments.
- ✓ Notably, the legislation provides a clear definition of terrorism and introduces a novel section titled "Offences Against the State."

INTERNATIONAL

- **Gelephu Project**
- ✓ Gelephu Smart City Project is expected to be an "economic corridor connecting South Asia with Southeast Asia via India's northeastern States".



- ✓ The city is expected to follow environmental standards and sustainability as a goal, and will aim to attract “quality investment” from “specially screened” international companies.
- ✓ The project is expected to include “zero emission” industries, a “mindfulness city” that plays to Bhutan’s strength in tourism and wellness, as well as infrastructure companies.
- ✓ The Government of India agrees to construct the first India-Bhutan railway line to Gelephu.

DEFENCE

➤ 8th Edition Of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium

- ✓ The ‘Indian Ocean Naval Symposium’ (IONS) is a voluntary initiative that seeks to increase maritime cooperation among navies of the littoral states of the Indian Ocean Region by providing an open and inclusive forum for discussion of regionally relevant maritime issues.



- ✓ It was conceived by the Indian Navy in 2008 as a forum which seeks to enhance maritime cooperation among Navies of the littoral states of the Indian Ocean Region.
- ✓ The inaugural edition of IONS was held in Feb. 2008 at New Delhi, with the Indian Navy as the Chair for two years (2008 – 2010).

BOOKS & AUTHORS

➤ Breaking The Mould: Reimagining India’s Economic Future

- ✓ Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor, Raghuram Rajan, in collaboration with economist Rohit Lamba, has released a groundbreaking book titled ‘Breaking the Mould: Reimagining India’s Economic Future.’



- ✓ This latest addition to Rajan's literary contributions marks a significant exploration into the potential and challenges of India's economic trajectory.
- ✓ 'Breaking the Mould' seeks to elucidate strategies for accelerating India's economic development.

