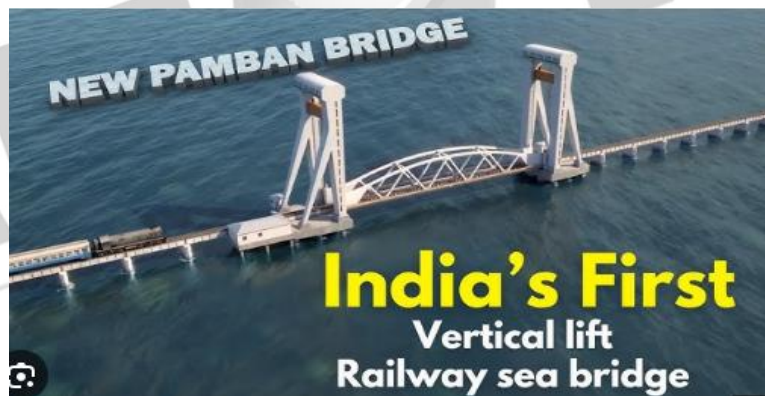




EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 01, 2024

TAMIL NADU

- **India's First Vertical Lift Rail Bridge, Pamban 2.0**
- ✓ The new Pamban rail bridge is likely to be operational within a fortnight, after inspection by Southern Circle Railway Safety Commissioner A M Chaudhari on November 13 and 14.



- ✓ The first of its kind in India, this vertical lift bridge is inspired by the dynamic rail bridges of Germany and Spain.
- ✓ The new bridge, which will replace the 110-year-old iconic cantilever bridge, has 100 spans of which 99 spans are 18.3 metres long and a 72.5-metre-long navigational span across the sea.
- ✓ To be built at an estimated cost of Rs 280 crore, the bridge will rise vertically, allowing even large ships to pass through the Rameswaram coast.

INTERNATIONAL

- **Australia Bars Under-16s From Social Media**

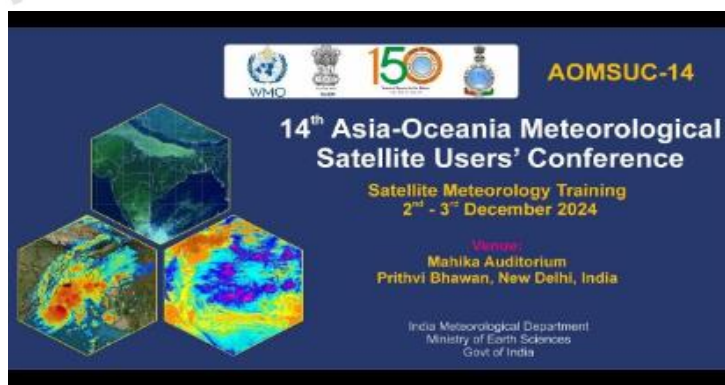
- ✓ Australia has enacted a world-first legislation to ban children under 16 from social media platforms, such as TikTok, Facebook, and Instagram, as part of its effort to protect minors from online harm.



- ✓ The law imposes hefty fines of up to **AUD 50 million for non-compliance**, with social media companies given a year to implement the changes.
- ✓ **While proponents laud** the move as essential for child safety, **critics argue the legislation is rushed**, may pose privacy risks, and could unintentionally harm vulnerable youth.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **Asia-Oceania Meteorological Satellite Users' Conference**
- ✓ The 14th Asia-Oceania Meteorological Satellite Users' Conference (AOMSUC-14) is scheduled to be held from December 4-6, 2024, in New Delhi.



- ✓ The conference will be hosted by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), and the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- ✓ The main aim of the conference is to promote the significance of satellite observations. About 150 participants from different countries will participate in this event. The first AOMSUC was held in Beijing, China, in 2010. The conference has been hosted annually in various locations across the Asia-Oceania

DEFENCE

➤ Exercise CINBAX

- ✓ The 1st edition of Joint Table Top Exercise, CINBAX, between the Indian Army and the Cambodian Army commenced at the Foreign Training Node, Pune.



- ✓ It will be conducted from 1st to 8th December 2024.
- ✓ The Cambodian Army contingent comprising 20 personnel will take part in this exercise with an Indian Army contingent from an Infantry Brigade.
- ✓ The exercise will focus on discussions pertaining to the establishment of a Joint Training Task Force for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance besides planning operations in Counter terrorism environment.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ World AIDS Day 2024: December 01

- ✓ Every year on 1 December, World AIDS Day is celebrated worldwide.



- ✓ It is celebrated to raise awareness, and celebrate positive achievements in dealing with AIDS.

- ✓ The theme of World AIDS Day 2024 is “Take the Rights Path: My Health, My Right!.” The theme is a call for accessible, rights-based healthcare that empowers people affected by HIV/AIDS to lead vibrant and fulfilling lives.
- ✓ In 1988, the first World AIDS Day was celebrated.

