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Germany
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✓ Removing the snow leopard from the Red List must not affect conservation efforts.
✓ International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) -> Q-?
✓ Worry among wildlife biologists -> Working to protect it.
✓ India has worked to protect these animals, and even launched a programme on the lines of Project Tiger for its conservation, covering 128,757 sq. km of habitat in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh.
✓ Trafficking in live animals in Central Asia
Targeted: “Like Gauri Lankesh, Santanu Bhowmik too had angered fanatical forces who have powerful backers.”  • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT
Surgical strikes to destroy terror launch pads in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir on September 29, 2016

A year after the surgical strikes across the Line of Control—> India must recover its role as a regional stabiliser

Line of Control is not a line that cannot be breached.

When we want to, we will be able to breach it, go across and strike when we need.

This was the message we wanted to convey and we did—> Lt. Gen. Devraj Anbu

It is important to take stock at this point on how India-Pakistan bilateral relations and the regional security situation have evolved over the past year since the strikes.

1) Limited their interactions to ringing across the borders in Jammu and Kashmir

2) Calling each other names in global forums.

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj termed Pakistan a “pre-eminent exporter of terror”

Maleeha Lodhi, responded: “India is the mother of terrorism” in South Asia

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SAARC-> remains unclear after India dropped out of the 2016 Islamabad summit in the wake of the Uri terror attack.

Thanks to confused American policies in South Asia, continuing turmoil in Afghanistan, heightening India China rivalry, and the India Pakistan hostility.

Regional stability

Do not seem to have had much of an adverse impact.

Fact that Pakistan neither acknowledged the attacks nor responded

Operation has made ceasefire violations more worrisome in at least two ways:

1)-First, Pakistan has been retaliating ever since the surgical strikes by increasing the pressure on the frontlines; and

2)-Second, surgical strikes have reduced the critical distance between ceasefire violations.
Have the surgical strikes helped the country’s overall national security environment?

Two reasons why the strategy of punishment may not have worked.

1) A strategy of punishment requires consistency and commitment. The momentum achieved by the surgical strikes was not followed up (despite several attacks thereafter), nor was the government committed to its declared determination to respond.

2) More importantly, Pakistan’s responses thereafter of supporting insurgency in Kashmir, aiding infiltration across the border, and allegedly supporting attacks on the Indian army convoys and bases continued without much reaction from New Delhi.

The events since September last year have further contributed to South Asia’s regional ‘insecurity complex’.

For a country that has traditionally been the regional stabiliser
Waiting for a signal

- Railway Minister must put a safety upgrade above plans
- New Railway Minister, Piyush Goyal—> Expectations are raised -New minister
- For decades the lack of consistent political direction has affected the Railways.

Safety concerns
- Puri-Haridwar Utkal Express derailment in Uttar Pradesh in August, where over 20 passengers lost their lives.
- Safety is not something that can be separated from the normal functioning of the Railways and is a window that reveals the underlying health of the system.
- Three inconsistent goals at the organisational level. These are:
  ✓ 1)-Moving more people by continuously adding trains even when sections are saturated;
  ✓ 2)-Focussing on increasing speed and punctuality; and
  ✓ 3)-Diverting freight earnings to subsidise passenger fares.
- Unless the numbers of trains can be brought down to what the system can handle
- There is really no way to make the system both safe and punctual.

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Problem is further exacerbated by a lack of money to replace old assets-Utkal train accident

The task before Mr. Goyal may be politically challenging but is doable technically.

1) Time has to be allotted for maintenance systems to stabilise even at the cost of delaying trains.
2) There is also a need to restore the well-established practice of field inspections at all levels to grasp what is happening in the field.
3) He needs to ensure money for maintenance and replacement of aged assets

Which path will Mr. Goyal choose?
Solving food challenges with more research

- Linking agricultural and nutritional outcomes is crucial.
- World’s population is booming.
- According to estimates-> 9 billion by 2050, with 5 billion people in Asia alone.
- The capacity to produce enough quality food is falling behind human numbers.
- Food production in the region must keep pace, even as environment sustainability and economic development are ensured.
- The answer to these challenges lies in research for sustainable development.
- As the second goal of the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals says:
  1) End hunger,
  2) Achieve food security and
  3) Improved nutrition, and
  4) Promote sustainable agriculture.

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Investing in research

India’s fivefold increase in grain production over the past 50 years is largely the result of strong scientific research that has focussed on

✓ 1)-High-yielding crop varieties,
✓ 2)-Better agronomic practices, and
✓ 3)-Pro-farmer policies.

However, India continues to face challenges such as

➢ 1)-Food insecurity and
➢ 2)-Malnutrition (कुपोषण), particularly in rural areas.

Integrating agricultural production, nutrition, and health is emerging as a key focal point throughout Asia, with policymakers shifting their attention to the role of biodiversity and the power of local farming systems to improve nutritional status.
Food Security Act of 2013 was welcome, as was the inclusion of millets (बाजरा) in the Public Distribution System as millets are superior to common grains in many ways and are also climate-resilient.

Bio-fortification is also important in overcoming hidden hunger caused by micronutrient deficiencies such as iron, iodine, zinc, vitamin A, and vitamin B12.

Bio-fortification:
Greek word “bios” means “life” and Latin word “fortificare” means “make strong”. Food fortification or enrichment is the process of adding micronutrients (essential trace elements and vitamins) to food.
Empowering women

Studies show that women make up nearly half of agricultural labourers, yet they carry out approximately 70% of all farm work. Women are among the most disadvantaged. Our research shows that empowering women is one of the best ways to improve nutrition.

Taking a multisectoral approach that links agricultural and nutritional outcomes will help:

1) India sustainably grow,
2) Feed its people, and
3) Maintain the agricultural sector over the coming decades.

India’s research community is poised to be a leader in meeting new food challenges by increasing food quantity and quality to improve food security and nutrition.

The world needs to tap into India’s research excellence to experiment, innovate, share knowledge, and scale up effective solutions.
Page-1- PM launches ‘Saubhagya’ plan for household electrification
He was speaking at the launch of a ₹16,000 crore scheme, Saubhagya, under which households across the country that have no access to electricity, will be given power connections free of cost.
Page-1- Economic panel to be revived

NITI Aayog member Bibek Debroy has been picked as the Chairman of the Council, which will include NITI Aayog’s Principal Adviser and former Finance Secretary Ratan Watal as its member-secretary.

The last chairperson of the PM’s Economic Advisory Council, when Manmohan Singh was the PM, was former Reserve Bank of India Governor C. Rangarajan.
DATA POINT

Literacy matters

India’s literacy rate has risen from 12% in 1947 to about 80% now, according to the latest official estimates. The UNESCO Institute for Statistics, in a recent publication, said south Asia is home to almost half the global illiterate population.

Adult literacy rate by region and sex, 2016

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SOURCE: UNESCO Institute for Statistics
Page-10- India counters Pakistani narrative

- Official displays photo of soldier tortured and murdered in Kashmir
- The photograph was of Rawya Abu Jom’a, a girl from Palestine.
- “The picture was taken on July 22, 2014 by an American photographer Heidi Levine.
- This photograph was published by New York Times on 24 March 2015 under the caption ‘Conflict, Courage and Healing in Gaza’,” the Indian official said
Jim Mattis likely to push for Indian troops in Afghanistan

U.S. Defence Secretary Jim Mattis landed in India on Monday for his maiden three-day visit, the first by a Cabinet member of the Trump administration.

First Cabinet-level visit from Trump administration to enhance bilateral ties

Donald Trump’s renewed engagement in Afghanistan and call for a greater Indian role, Mr. Mattis could be expected to push for Indian troops in Afghanistan.
Page-13- India, S. Korea to upgrade FTA at ‘earliest’

New Delhi wants its English, yoga teachers to get opportunities to offer services

Even as the India-South Korea Free Trade Agreement (FTA) will be expanded soon to boost bilateral trade and investment, New Delhi has voiced concerns about the low utilisation of the FTA by India due to the ‘complicated’ provisions in the pact as well as South Korea’s regulations.

Since the implementation of the FTA in 2010, India’s trade deficit with South Korea has increased from about $5 billion to more than $8 billion.
Olympic silver medallist shuttler P.V. Sindhu has been recommended for the prestigious Padma Bhushan, the country’s third highest civilian award, by the Sports Ministry here on Monday.
Last Day- Q’s- Ans...

**Right to equality** -> Artical 14-18, Part III

**Suresh Prabhu** -> Minister of commerce and industry of India

**Founder of BHU** - Madan Mohan Malviya

Director of ‘**Newton Movie**'- Amit Masurka

"Learning is priceless"

Green city, clean city, My dream city.

"A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle"

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