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National Nutrition Strategy

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- To address the slow pace of decline in the under nutrition and to bring nutrition to the centre-stage of the National Development Agenda, NITI Aayog has drafted the National Nutrition Strategy.

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- The Strategy lays down a roadmap for effective action, among both implementers and practitioners, in achieving our nutrition objectives.

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- It envisages a framework wherein the following four determinants of nutrition work together to accelerate decline of under nutrition in India -\n

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1. Uptake of health services,

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2. Food,

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3. Drinking water & sanitation and

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4. Income & livelihoods.

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- Currently, there is a lack of real time measurement of these determinants, which reduces our capacity for targeted action.

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- The framework envisages a Kuposhan Mukh Bharat - linked to Swachh Bharat and Swasth Bharat.

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- It enables states to make strategic choices, through decentralized planning and local innovation, with accountability for nutrition outcomes.

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Surya Kiran

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- India and Nepal began their 12th edition of joint military exercise with around 300 troops each side in Rupandehi district in the western part of Nepal.
- It focuses on counter-terrorism and forest fighting operations.
- According to the Indian Army officials, the Surya Kiran is the largest joint exercise in terms of troop participation.
- Disaster management and joint operations for disaster relief will also be a part of the exercise.
- The exercise will provide the two armies a platform to exchange experiences, ideas and skills.
- Surya Kiran series of exercises are held alternately in India and Nepal.

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Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)

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- Following the global financial crisis of 2008, it was observed that problems faced by certain large and highly interconnected financial institutions hampered the functioning of the financial system.
- This in turn negatively impacted the real economy.
- It was decided to identify such institutions and prescribe them higher capital requirements.
- Following this, RBI had started listing D-SIBs from August 2015.
- The banking regulator prescribes higher capital requirements for such entities.
- HDFC Bank is the second largest private sector lender of the country
- RBI has added HDFC in the list of D-SIBs.

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- State Bank of India and ICICI Bank are also in this category.
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Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)

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- CVC is the chief of the country's top anti-corruption body- Central Vigilance Commission.
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- Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) is an autonomous apex Indian governmental body created to address governmental corruption.
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- It is free of control from any executive authority, charged with monitoring all vigilance activity under the Central Government of India.
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- The Commission shall consist of\n
 1. A Central Vigilance Commissioner - Chairperson;
 2. Not more than two Vigilance Commissioners - Members;
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- Recently allegations were raised in a PIL, challenging the appointments as “arbitrary, illegal and in violation of the principle of institutional integrity.”
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- The Centre told the Supreme Court that K.V. Chowdary was appointed Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC), with the “unanimous consensus” of a high-profile committee led by the Prime Minister in June 2015.
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Advance Pricing Agreement

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- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has entered into Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs) between Indian Company and UK based Company.
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- An APA is a contract, usually for multiple years, between a taxpayer and at least one tax authority specifying the pricing method that the taxpayer will

apply to its related-company transactions.

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- It was introduced in IT act, 2012.

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- It helps taxpayers voluntarily resolve transfer pricing disputes in a cooperative manner reducing the incidence of double taxation.

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- It also involves resolving both the future and existing transfer pricing audits and adjustments.

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- It fosters a non-adversarial tax regime.

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- Unilateral APA - It involve agreements between only the taxpayer and one government.

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- Bilateral APA - Tax payer enter into APA with more than one tax authority.

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- Transfer Pricing - A transfer price is the price at which different divisions of a same company transact good or services with each other.

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- Transfer pricing are used when individual entities of a large multi-entity firm are treated as separately run entities.

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