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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHT

- **The recomposition in the Union government was intended to enhance governance, rev up the economy and fuel the political march ahead of crucial State elections and the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. All these would be possible only if all hands are on the deck. Assembling a team is indeed a crucial task of a captain; allowing them to flourish as individuals while playing as a team is equally critical.**
- **The entire gamut of activities pertaining to fugitives, from investigation to extradition, needs to be incorporated into a specialised setup with an Integrated International Cooperation Division (IICD) at the top. The IICD should have linkages with proposed fugitive tracking units at the State level. This would ensure that requisite expertise and forward and backward linkages are created. Making systems watertight would deter criminals from hoodwinking the law.**
- **The Cairn Energy dispute with India over the settlement of a \$1.2 billion award from The Hague took a dramatic turn on Thursday, with the company saying it had secured a French court order allowing it to freeze at least 20 Indian properties in central Paris.**
- **The Supreme Court upheld the authority of Delhi Assembly's Peace and Harmony Committee to summon Facebook India's senior official Ajit Mohan in connection with the February 2020 communal violence, saying the Capital can illafford another riot, and the role of Facebook "must be looked into" in this context.**
- **The Union Cabinet on Thursday approved a ₹23,123 crore package to boost emergency response and healthcare systems, including funding for 20,000 additional ICU (intensive care unit) beds and the setting up of paediatric units in all districts, ahead of a potential third wave of COVID19 in the country.**

AUTHORISED ECONOMIC OPERATORS PROGRAMME

- 1.The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) has inaugurated the online filing of Authorised Economic Operators (AEO) applications.
- 2.**AEO is a programme (2007) under the aegis of the World Customs Organization (WCO) SAFE Framework of Standards to secure and facilitate global trade.**
- 3.It aims to enhance international supply chain security and facilitate the movement of goods. Under this, an entity engaged in international trade is approved by WCO as compliant with supply chain security standards and granted AEO status.An entity with an AEO status is considered a 'secure' trader and a reliable trading partner.
- 4.Benefits of AEO status include expedited clearance times, fewer examinations, improved security and communication between supply chain partners. AEO is a voluntary programme.

SILAMBAM

- 1.An Indian named Ganesan Sandhirakasan has won the top prize in a government-initiated competition for migrant workers in Singapore for his performance of Silambam.
- 2.**Silambam is an ancient weapon-based martial art that emerged in Tamilakam, which is now Tamil Nadu region of India.** It is one of the oldest martial arts in the world.
- 3.The term Silambam contains a meaning which itself reveals about the sport, silam stands for a 'mountain' and bam stands for bamboo which is the main weapon used in this form of martial arts.
- 4.Foot movement are key elements to silambam and kutta varisai (empty hand version). There are sixteen movements needed to master the movement of the foot to keep pace with the movement of the stick.

INDIA-EU MEET ON AGRICULTURE

- 1.A Virtual meeting between India's Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and a Member of the European Commission (EC), Agriculture was held.
- 2.India's Stand: Dominance of Small Farmers: 70% of its rural households still depend primarily on agriculture for their livelihood, with 82% of farmers being small and marginal.Highlighted the recent initiatives to Increase Farmers Income:Agriculture Infrastructure Fund,Scheme of formation of 10000 Farmer Produce Organizations (FPOs).
- 3.**India and the European Union have been negotiating a free trade deal, but it is pending since 2007. Therefore, for closer convergence between India and the EU, both should engage in finalisation of the trade deal as soon as possible.**

PLACES IN NEWS

- 1.**Haiti**-Country in Caribbean sea with capital Port-au-prince. Bordered to the east by Dominican Republic, to the south and west by Caribbean, and to the North by Atlantic Ocean. On the west is Cuba, and between Cuba and Haiti is Windward Passage, a strait connecting Atlantic to Caribbean.
- 2.In the world history it is famous for Haitian Revolution (1791 to 1804) which made it the second country in Americas, after United States. To free itself from colonial rule.
- 3.**Buxwaha diamond mining** project will make Bundelkhand's water scarcity worse-About Bundelkhand-Part of central India, comprising 13 districts in Uttar Pradesh and six in Madhya Pradesh. Comprises of good quality but small size are found in Panna. Jhansi is largest town.
- 4.**Lemru elephant reserve**-Proposed in Chhattisgarh-Aim is to minimize human-elephant conflict and to providing a permanent habitat for the elephants.