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Assassination attempt on Slovakia

Prime Minister

- Central European country Slovakia has long taken a pro-Western stance.
- The country is a member of NATO and the European Union.
- However, the pro-Russia left-wing party also has influence in the country.
- The leader of that party, Robert Fico, was elected as the Prime Minister of the country for the 3rd time in 2023.
- Robert Fico is known as one of the most active supporters of Russia in Europe. He spoke out against providing arms aid to Ukraine in the war.
- All the plans he announced when he came to power were feared to lead Slovakia from a pro-European to a pro-Russian trend.
- Prime Minister Robert Fico was addressing his supporters in the remote town of Handlova when Juraj Cintula fired several shots at him.

Chabahar Port

- India has signed a 10-year deal with Iran to develop Chabahar Port.
- India has defied US warnings that countries doing business deals with Iran will face US sanctions.
- There are two ports Shahid Qalantari and Shahid Behasti in Chabahar city on the Gulf of Oman in southeast Iran.
- Among them, India Ports Global Corporation (IPGL) is under contract with Iranian port and Maritime Authority to develop the Shahid Behashi port.
- The deal came into effect when Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Iran in 2016.
- Accordingly, India took over the operational work of only one terminal at Chabahar port by the end of 2016.
- The 2016 contract has been extended by now executing the contract for the development of Chabahar Port.
- The total value of this contract will be 37 crores.
- Located at a geographically significant location, Chabahar Port is considered to be India's gateway to Central Asia
- The railway line connecting Chabahar city to Shahidan city of Iran (630 km) is underway. Once the railway line is ready, it will connect with Iran's central railway system and into Central Asia which will help India access Central Asia and Russia.
- Also, it will provide access to Afghanistan from Chabahar port to India without going through Pakistan.

- Landlocked Central Asian countries like Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan are keen to access the Indian Ocean region and the Indian market through the Chabahar port.
- India has signed the Chabahar Port Agreement with Pakistan; It is also seen as retaliation against China, which is developing its Gwadar port.

Opposition to Myanmar border fencing

- More than a thousand people took part in a peaceful rally in Mizoram state against the central government's decision to erect a fence along the India-Myanmar border.
- Our neighboring country Myanmar is under military rule. A section is engaged in armed struggle against it.

Opposition:

- The four northeastern states of our country, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram, share a 1,643 km border with Myanmar.
- In this context, like the Indo-Bangladesh border barrier fences will also be erected along the Indo-Myanmar border.
- In the first phase, barbed wire has been erected along the 10 km border in Manipur's Moore area and work is underway.
- In this case, due to the construction of this fence, the existing practice of traveling between the two countries without a visa will be prohibited and the tribal organizations are protesting.

BHISHM Hospital was parachuted by the Air Force

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) has achieved the first successful landing of a small emergency hospital in Agra, Uttar Pradesh.
- A small hospital weighing around 720 kg under the Bishm program was successfully tested and landed for the first time from a height of 1,500 feet by a specially made parachute in Agra, Uttar Pradesh.
- For this, C-130 aircraft belonging to the Indian Air Force were used.
- These parachutes are designed by Air Delivery Research and Development Establishment in Agra.
- This small hospital has been built to save the lives of those trapped and unable to get out during calamities.

Treatment:

- With this, 200 critically ill people can be treated.
- The hospital will include Operation Theatre, X-ray machine, blood test equipment, ventilators, instruments for treatment of gunshot wounds, fractures, severe bleeding and burns.