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Drug Mafia: Mexico's Path

First woman President

- Women in Mexico were given the right to vote in 1953, after many elections without voting rights.
- A constitutional amendment was introduced in Mexico in 2019 to provide 50% reservation for women in all government positions, especially in state and municipal elections.
- In Mexico Roman Catholics are a majority (78%) of residents, Claudia Sheinbaum, an ethnic minority, has become the first female president.
- Sheinbaum, an environmental scientist, won with two-thirds of the vote.

Promises made

- Rapid action will be taken against the rampant sexual assaults, femicides, violent acts of international mafias involved in drug trafficking, and the prevailing culture of subservience among government officials.
- Her election promises have earned her the trust of the majority of voters.

Drug mafias

- The people realized that the dominance of the drug mafias was the reason for one-third of Mexico's population to live below the poverty line, high crime rates, and a dysfunctional police/judiciary system to maintain law and order.
- As a result, the PRI, which continued to rule Mexico for over 70 years was ignored and the people elected Sheinbaum.
- More than 150 mafia groups operate in Mexico, one of the countries where drug mafias dominate.
- Not only narcotic drugs such as cannabis, but also synthetic drugs such as methamphetamines, Cocaine and Fentanyl are also sold in the counterfeit market.

Caution to India

- Drug use in India is increasing. 1.58 crore children aged 10 to 17 years use drugs in India. Drugs worth crores of rupees are being seized in many areas including Chennai.
- They reveal that the culture of drug use is spreading rapidly in our country.
- These are the risks. This is the time to wake up so that our country doesn't end up in a complicated situation like Mexico!

Draft Education Policy - Tamil Nadu

- Education should be brought under the state list. Tamil medium education should be established from primary education to university. Tamil University should be raised internationally.
- Anganwadi Centres should be renamed as “Thai Sei Nala Kavanipu Maiyangal”, Nursery and Play Schools should be renamed as Child Development Centres. These centers should come under the Ministry of Social Welfare.
- Schools should enroll students only from class 1 onwards: Curriculum should be made vocationally oriented.
- Ranking and comparing one with another on the basis of score should be abolished. Rather, it should be to praise the outstanding progress of the students. Students should be encouraged to take up new endeavors.
- Tests should be based on what students have learned in the teaching, what students have understood from the lessons etc. Physical Education teachers should be appointed in primary schools.
- There needs to be a change in public examinations. Have they understood the subjects and written the answers instead of the memorization method of education? This should be tested.
- For students upto ninth standard school level examination is sufficient; There should be no state level examination.
- Appropriate education should be made available to students from urban poor families. . The Urban Local Government Department should provide adequate facilities for the education of the children of inmates and destitute children.
- Children who have lost their parents, society and relations should not be abandoned and should be given 1 percent reservation in higher education.
- The 'TET' exam should not be based on mere book concepts. Are teachers aware of educational, artistic, scientific, social and democratic principles; culture, local language, gender equality, religion, caste should be tested in TET exam.

President of the Sri Lankan Tamil National Federation Sambandan passed away

- From 2004 Sampanthan was the chairman of Tamil National Federation.
- In 2015, he became the second Tamilian to hold the post of Leader of the Opposition in Sri Lankan Parliament. He is a lawyer and became a member of the Sri Lankan Parliament in 1977 from Trincomalee.

World's largest museum will be opened in India

- The central government offices will be relocated in 2025 after the completion of the Central Vista redevelopment project in Delhi.
- After this relocation, the North Block and South Block of the Raisina Hills campus will be converted into a museum.
- It will be the largest museum in the world. It is almost twice the size of the Louvre Museum in Paris, France.
- An agreement has been signed between India and France in this regard.