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- It is the Pakistan vessel intercepted by the Indian Coast Guard and seized 200kg heroin near Gujarat seacoast.
- The Coast Guard ships continued to chase the ship and managed to apprehend it within Indian territorial waters despite encountering rough seas in the darkness under its hot pursuit strategy.

About Hot Pursuit:

- Hot pursuit (also known as fresh or immediate pursuit) refers to the urgent and direct pursuit of a criminal suspect by law enforcement officers, or by belligerents under international rules of engagement for military forces.
- Such a situation grants the officers in command powers they otherwise would not have.
- Earlier in 2015, the Indian army was engaged in Hot pursuit strategy to destroy the insurgent group Nationalist Socialist Council of Nagaland - Khaplang (NSCN-K) hiding in Myanmar.

IMCOR-2019

- IMCOR stands for India Myanmar Coordinated Patrol.
- In IMCOR both Indian and Myanmar navies undergo coordinated patrol along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) between the two countries.
- The patrol seeks to address issues of terrorism, human trafficking, poaching, illegal fishing, drug trafficking and other illegal activities harmful to interest of both nations.
- The 2019 IMCOR which is taking place between 20 May to 28 May 2019 is the eighth edition.
- It will be undertaken by Myanmar ships viz. UMS Inlay and UMS King TabinShweHtee with Indian Naval Ship, INS Saryu.
- It is important to note that the Indian and Myanmar army participates in the bilateral IMBEX (India Myanmar Bilateral Exercis

IBSA DIALOGUE FORUM

THE INDIA-BRAZIL-SOUTH AFRICA DIALOGUE FORUM Established in June 2003, IBSA is a coordinating mechanism amongst three emerging countries, three multi ethnic and multicultural democracies, which are determined to

- Contribute to the construction of a new international architecture
- Bring their voice together on global issues
- Deepen their ties in various areas

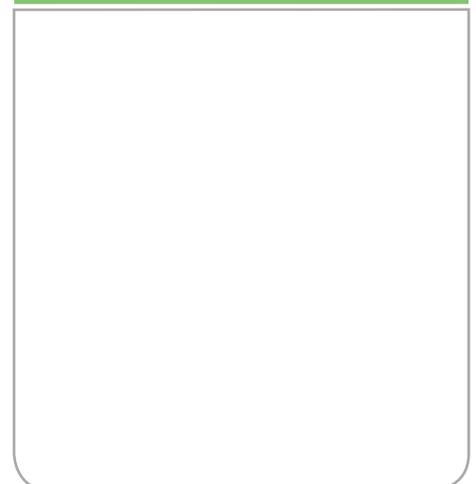
IBSA is a unique Forum which brings together India, Brazil and South Africa, three large democracies and major economies from three different continents, facing similar challenges. All three partners are developing, pluralistic, multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, multi-lingual and multi-religious nations.

IBSA FUND

- The India, Brazil and South Africa Facility for Poverty and Hunger Alleviation are a unique initiative to enhance South-South cooperation for the benefit of the neediest nations of the South.



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- This fund facilitates the execution of human development projects to advance the fight against poverty and hunger in developing countries.

COMPETITION COMMISSION OF INDIA (CCI)

In news

India's antitrust regulator is looking into allegations that Maruti Suzuki, the country's biggest car maker, resorted to anti-competitive practices by controlling how its dealers discounted cars, three people aware of the matter said.

In brief

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) is looking into allegations that Maruti forces its dealers to limit the discounts they offer, effectively stifling competition among them, and harming consumers who could have benefited from lower prices if dealers operated freely, the people told Reuters.

Competition Commission of India

"Competition is the best means of ensuring that the 'Common Man' or 'AamAadmi' has access to the broadest range of goods and services at the most competitive prices"

- Competition Commission of India is a statutory body of the Government of India responsible for enforcing The Competition Act, 2002 throughout India and to prevent activities that have an appreciable adverse effect on competition in India.
- It was established on 14 October 2003.
- It became fully functional in May 2009 with Dhanendra Kumar as its first Chairman.

ANDHRA PRADESH ISSUES HEATWAVE WARNING

In news:

Andhra Pradesh Weather Forecasting & Early Disaster Warning (AWARE) centre has issued a five-day heatwave warning, where temperatures would be between 45° Celsius and 48° Celsius in various districts.

About Heat Wave:

- A Heat Wave is a period of abnormally high temperatures, more than the normal maximum temperature that occurs during the summer season
- Heat Waves typically occur between March and June, and in some rare cases even extend till July.
- The extreme temperatures and resultant atmospheric conditions adversely affect people living in these regions as they cause physiological stress, sometimes resulting in death.
- The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has given the following criteria for Heat Waves:
 - » Heat Wave need not be considered till maximum temperature of a station reaches atleast 40°C for Plains and atleast 30°C for Hilly regions
 - » When normal maximum temperature of a station is less than or equal to 40°C Heat Wave Departure from normal is 5°C to 6°C Severe Heat Wave Departure from normal is 7°C or more



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- » When normal maximum temperature of a station is more than 40°C Heat Wave Departure from normal is 4°C to 5°C
Severe Heat Wave Departure from normal is 6°C or more
- » When actual maximum temperature remains 45°C or more irrespective of normal maximum temperature, heat waves should be declared.
- The health impacts of Heat Waves typically involve dehydration, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and/or heat stroke.

VAYOSHRESHTHASAMMAN 2019

In news:

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has invited nomination for VayoshreshthaSamman 2019.

About VayoshreshthaSamman:

- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment instituted the award in the year 2005.
- Conferred to eminent senior citizens and Institutions in recognition for their service to elderly persons, especially indigent senior citizens.
- It was elevated to the level of national awards in 2013 under 13 categories.
- The recipients of the Sammans shall be declared every year on the 1st September and will be conferred by the President of India on the 1st October on the occasion of International Day of Older Persons (IDOP).
- The Sammans are open to all Indian Institutions, organisations and individuals without any distinction or discrimination on grounds of race, sex, caste or creed.
- Self-nominations for the Sammans shall not be considered by the Screening Committee and the Selection Committee.

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