

# CURRENT AFFAIRS

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## AFSPA areas further reduced owing to improved security situation: Shah

Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), 1958

- It is an act of the Parliament of India that grants special powers to the Indian Armed Forces to maintain public order in "disturbed areas".
- According to the Disturbed Areas (Special Courts) Act, 1976 once declared 'disturbed', the area has to maintain status quo for a minimum of 6 months.
- One such act passed on 11 September 1958 was applicable to the Naga Hills, then part of Assam. In the following decades it spread, one by one, to the other Seven Sister States in India's northeast (at present, it is in force in the States of Assam, Nagaland, Manipur {excluding Imphal Municipal Council Area}, Changlang, Longding and Tirap districts of Arunachal Pradesh, and areas falling within the jurisdiction of the eight police stations of districts in Arunachal Pradesh bordering the State of Assam.

## Oxytocin plays a key role in basic empathy in zebrafish

### ► What is Oxytocin?

- Oxytocin is a natural hormone that causes the uterus to contract.
- Oxytocin is used to induce labor or strengthen labor contractions during childbirth, and to control bleeding after childbirth.

### ► Widespread Misuse

- The move to ban has been necessitated by its widespread misuse in the dairy and poultry sector, where it was used to increase milk secretion and production.
- It is misused on young girls to induce puberty.

## Stalin seeks Supreme Court Bench in Chennai

### Seat of Supreme Court

- The Constitution declares Delhi as the seat of the Supreme Court.
- It also authorises the CJI to appoint other place or places as seat of the Supreme Court.
- He can take decision in this regard only with the approval of the President. This provision is only optional and not compulsory. This means that no court can give any direction either to the President or to the Chief Justice to appoint any other place as the seat of the Supreme Court.

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