



Current Affairs of the Day

Centre sets up a task force to promote animation, and gaming

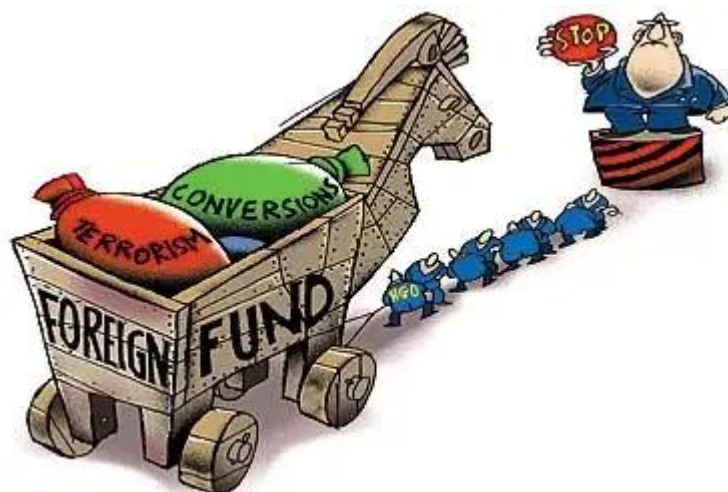
1. The Information and Broadcasting Ministry has constituted an Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics (AVGC) promotion task force.
2. The task force will submit its first action plan within 90 days. It has representation from the industry, academia and state governments.
3. The body will frame a national AVGC policy; recommend a national curriculum framework for graduation, post-graduation and doctoral courses in AVGC-related sectors; and facilitate skilling initiatives in collaboration with academic institutions, vocational training centres and industry.
4. It will boost employment opportunities and help in the promotion and market development activities to extend global reach. of the Indian industry; enhance exports and recommend incentives to attract foreign direct investment in the sector.
5. The I&B Ministry said the AVGC sector in the country had the potential to become the torchbearer of “Create in India” and “Brand India”.
6. “India has the potential to capture 5% of the global market share by 2025, with an annual growth of around 25-30% and creating over 1,60,000 new jobs annually,” it said.





SC: Parliament can stop NGOs from receiving foreign funds

1. Parliament can prevent non-governmental organisations (NGOs) from receiving foreign donations as “no right inheres in the citizen to receive foreign contributions”, the Supreme Court said.
2. Upholding the amendments in the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), 2010, the court said foreign aid ought to be kept at the minimum level as it can have a material impact on matters of the socio-economic structure and polity of the country.
3. Foreign aid can create the presence of a foreign contributor and influence the policies of the country. It may tend to influence or impose a political ideology.
4. Such being the expanse of the effect of foreign contribution coupled with the tenet of constitutional morality of the nation, the presence or inflow of foreign contribution in the country ought to be at the minimum level, if not completely eschewed,” the bench said.
5. There is no dearth of donors in the country, the court said. “The charitable associations may instead focus on donors within the country, to obviate influence of foreign countries owing to foreign contribution.”



Amendment proposed last year:

1. Parliament passed a bill on September 23 last year to amend the FCRA to make furnishing of Aadhaar numbers by office-bearers of NGOs mandatory for registration, with the government asserting that the proposed legislation is aimed at transparency and not against any NGO.



2. The amendments also required all foreign contributions to be received in a bank account opened with the State Bank of India's main branch in the national capital.
3. The money received by an outfit cannot be transferred to any other person or organisation (Section 7) and has to be spent for the specified purpose for which it was sent.
4. While NGOs earlier could use up to 50% of funds for administrative use, the new amendment restricted this use to 20%.

MAINS DAWP	Q1. Discuss the nature of the Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics (AVGC) sector in India. Discuss measures needed to promote the sector.
MCQs	Q1. What is considered the primary purpose of the Monetary policy in India? a. Maintain price stability while keeping in mind the objective of growth b. Promoting growth c. Bringing recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic d. Managing exchange rate