

NATIONAL

1. Disaster management ministers meeting

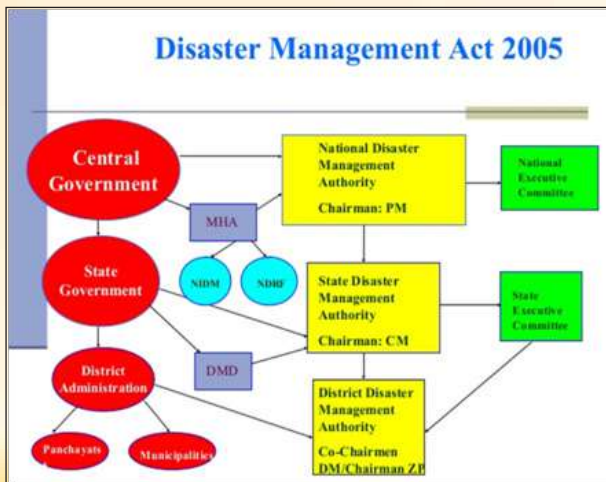
Why in news – Union Home Minister Amit Shah attended a meeting with the ministers of disaster management of states and Union Territories.

Key Points –

- He announced 3 major schemes worth over Rs 8,000 crore for –
 - a) Rs 5,000 crores - modernisation of fire brigade services in all states
 - b) Rs 2,500 crores - flood mitigation in 7 major cities
 - c) Rs 825 crores - prevention of landslides in 17 states.
- 7 major cities - Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad and Pune.
- “Aapda Mitra” scheme - One lakh youth volunteers are being prepared in 350 disaster-prone districts to deal with disasters.

National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) –

- India's apex disaster management statutory authority.
- Formation - September 27, 2006 under Disaster Management Act 2005.
- Chairperson - Prime Minister.
- Union Home Secretary is the ex-officio chairperson of National Executive Committee to assist the National Authority in carrying out its duties.

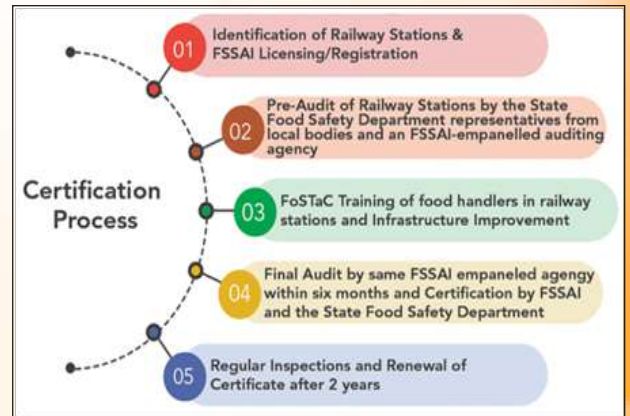


2. 'Eat Right Station' tag

Why in news – The Guwahati Railway Station has been awarded ‘Eat Right Station’ certification by the FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India).

Key Points –

- Zone - Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR).
- It became the first railway station in NF Railway to get this status.
- Awarded for 2-year period (June 2, 2023 to June 2, 2025).
- The certification is a part of the ‘Eat Right India’ movement.
- Eat Right India’ movement - A large-scale effort by FSSAI to transform the country’s food system to ensure safe, healthy and sustainable food for all Indians.



3. Monthly pension to Padma awardees

Why in news – Haryana announced a monthly pension of Rs 10,000 for the Padma awardees from the state.

Key Points –

- It also announced a free travel facility in the “Volvo bus” service of the state government for Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan awardees from Haryana.

INTERNATIONAL

1. New Zealand in recession

Why in news – New Zealand economy slipped into recession as GDP falls for the second quarter in 2023.

Key Points –

- The last time New Zealand's economy entered a technical recession was in 2020.
- Recession – Drop (contract) in the gross domestic product (GDP) for two or more quarters in a row.

2. Cormac McCarthy

Why in news – Celebrated author Cormac McCarthy has died at 89.

Key Points –

- His first novel – “The Orchard Keeper”.
- His novels - No Country for Old Men, Blood Meridian and The Road.
- He received the prestigious Pulitzer Prize in 2007 for “The Road”.

ECONOMY

1. MRF shares

Why in news – MRF became first Indian stock to touch the Rs One lakh mark per share (Rs 1,00,039 per share).

Key Points –

- It has gained 4346% in 30 years.
- MRF Ltd is one of the top 20 biggest tyre makers in the world.
- MRF hq– Chennai.

RANKS & INDICES

1. Community Spirit Index

Why in news – It ranks the top friendliest cities in the world.

Key Points –

- Released by – Preply.
- It ranked 53 cities on 6 metrics.
- Top 5 friendliest countries – Toronto, Sydney, Edinburgh, Manchester and New York.
- Top 5 unfriendliest countries – Accra (worst), Morocco, Mumbai (score - 3.78).

2. Forbes’ Global 2000 list

Why in news – Forbes’ latest Global 2000 list of public companies worldwide was released.

Key Points –

- It ranks the largest companies in the world using 4 metrics: sales, profits, assets, and market value.

• Top 5 –

RANK ^	NAME	COUNTRY
1.	JPMorgan Chase	United States
2.	Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Saudi Aramco)	Saudi Arabia
3.	ICBC	China
4.	China Construction Bank	China
5.	Agricultural Bank of China	China

• From India –

- Reliance Industries Ltd (45th)
 - State Bank of India (77th)
 - HDFC Bank (128th)
- In all, 55 Indian firms figured on the list.

AWARDS & HONOURS

1. “Governor of the Year” award

Why in news – RBI governor named “Governor of The Year” at London's Central Banking Awards 2023.

Key Points –

- Central Bank of the Year 2023 - National Bank of Ukraine.
- Opening plenary session of Summer Meetings was organised by Central Banking, London, UK.

Value Addition –

- Shaktikanta Das assumed charge as the 25th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India on December 12, 2018.
- Before RBI head he was acting as a member of the 15th Finance Commission and G20 Sherpa of India.

2. Iqbal Masih Award 2023

Why in news – Lalitha Natarajan has been awarded the 2023 Iqbal Masih Award for the Elimination of Child Labour.

Key Points –

- She is Chennai-based lawyer-activist.
- The award established by the US Secretary of



Labor in 2008.

- Iqbal Masih was a Pakistani child sold into slavery as a carpet weaver at age 4.

SPORTS

1. Tribal Sports Festival

Why in news – The first tribal sports festival concluded in Bhubaneswar.

Key Points –

- Odisha emerged as overall champions in both men's and women's categories.
- Jointly hosted by - Ministry of Culture (GoI), Government of Odisha and KIIT University.

- Top 3 – Odisha (1st), Karnataka (2nd) and Jharkhand (3rd).

BIHAR

1. Abhay Kumar Singh

Why in news – IAS Abhay Kumar Singh has been made MD of Bihar Rajya PulNirman Nigam Limited.

Key Points –

- Former MD Neeraj Saxena of Bihar State Bridge Construction Corporation was removed following collapse of Aguvani Ganga bridge.



➤ CURRENT AFFAIRS ONE LINERS ◀

- Geetanjali Iyer has passed away recently, who was she—**Anchor.**
- Who has recently been appointed as the new Director General of Geological Survey of India - **Janardan Prasad.**
- Who has been appointed as the Director General of BSF - **Nitin Agarwal.**
- In which state the sub-office of Reserve Bank has been opened recently – **Nagaland**
- Who has resigned from the post of chairman of the selection committee of the Athletics Federation of India - **Gurbachan Singh Randhawa.**
- Which state's Ahmednagar will be renamed as 'Ahilyanagar' – **Maharashtra.**
- Who has become the new CEO of Unique Identification Authority of India - **Amit Agarwal.**
- Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Board of Governors of International Air Transport Association (IATA) - **Peter Albers.**
- Which state government has canceled all traffic challans from 2017 to 2021 - **Uttar Pradesh.**
- Who has become the youngest software developer in SpaceX - **Karen Kazi.**