

NATIONAL

1. 'Sub-categorisation' of OBCs

Why in news - Rohini panel submitted the report on 'sub-categorization' of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) to President Draupadi Murmu.

Key Points –

- The 4-member commission was appointed on October 2, 2017.
- It was set up in recognition of the perceived distortions in the affirmative action policy.
- It led to a situation in which a few castes cornered the bulk of benefits available under the 27% quota for OBCs.
- The contents of the report have not been made public as yet.

Value Addition -

- E V Chinniah vs State of Andhra Pradesh 2005 - Supreme Court ruled that no special sub-quota can be introduced within the quota for SCs and STs for the benefit of castes or tribes that were more backward than the others on these lists.
- State of Punjab vs Davinder Singh 2020 - Supreme Court examined the validity of a 2006 Punjab law that created sub-classification within the SCs, and sought to reserve half the SC quota for certain identified castes.

Reservation Category	Reservation Quota (%)
ST	7.5
SC	15
OBC	27
EWS	10
Total	59.50%

2. Overhauling criminal justice laws

Why in news - Amit Shah introduced 3 new bills in the Lok Sabha on August 11 to replace major sections of criminal laws.

Key Points –

- 3 bills are –

- The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Bill, 2023 (to replace Indian Penal Code)
- The Bharatiya Sakshya Bill, 2023 (to replace The Indian Evidence Act, 1872)
- The Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita Bill, 2023 (to replace The Code Of Criminal Procedure, 1973).

- The bills have been sent to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs for detailed scrutiny.
- In total, 313 changes have been proposed in the 3 criminal laws.

Value Addition -

- The IPC was first enacted in 1860, the CrPC in 1882 and the Evidence Act in 1872.
- IPC 1860 came into force on January 1, 1862. It is the longest surviving code in the common law world.
- IPC was drafted by the first Law Commission chaired by Thomas Babington Macaulay.

3. National Syllabus and Teaching Learning Material Committee (NSTC)

Why in news - NCERT has unveiled its 19-member NSTC.

Key Points –

- Chairman- MC Pant, the chancellor of the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA).
- Co-Chairperson - Prof. Manjul Bhargava, Princeton University.
- Aim - overhauling NCERT textbooks in accordance with the new curriculum.
- It includes luminaries like Sudha Murthy and Shankar Mahadevan.

4. 'SuSwagatam' initiative

Why in news - The Supreme Court launched "SuSwagatam" initiative to generate entry passes online.

Key Points –

- Aim - to help those who need to visit the court premises for official or case-related purposes.
- It was used as a pilot project since July 25, 2023.

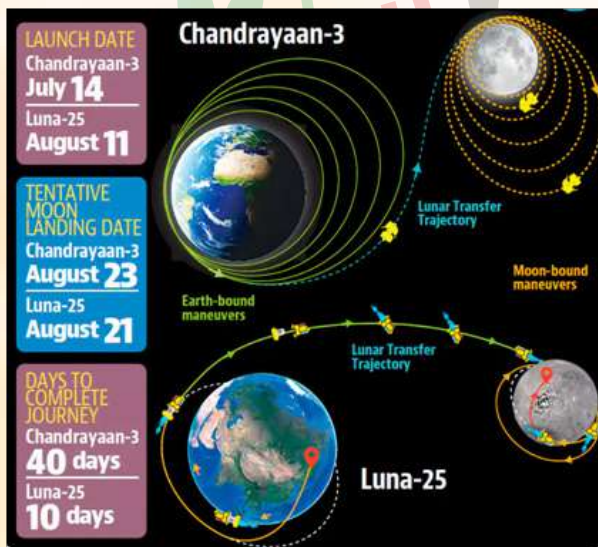
INTERNATIONAL

1. Luna-25 moon mission

Why in news - Russia launched the Luna-25 moon mission on August 11.

Key Points –

- Luna-25 aims to be the first spacecraft ever to land on the South Pole of Moon around August 21-23, 2023.
- Rocket used - Soyuz 2.1b.
- Landing target - Boguslawsky crater.
- Luna-25 is the first Russian Moon mission in 47 years (last - 1976).
- India's Chandrayaan-3 is expected to land on Moon on August 23-24, 2023.
- Artemis-III (NASA's crewed mission) would also land on the South Pole.
- The South Pole of the Moon is known to have ice and that's why all agencies are focussed on that unexplored part of the Moon.



2. Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar

Why in news - Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar has been named as caretaker premier Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Key Points –

- PMShehbaz Sharif dissolved the country's

Parliament on August 9.

- Under Pakistan's constitution, a neutral caretaker government oversees the national elections.

SCIENCE – TECH

1. New spaceport

Why in news - The government has approved the establishment of India's 2nd spaceport in Kulasekarapattinam.

Key Points –

- Aim - for carrying out the launches of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLV) developed by ISRO.
- Kulasekarapattinam – Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu.
- It would be ready for launch by 2024 or 2025.
- SSLV is meant for launching 500kg satellites.
- India's current spaceport – Sriharikota (2 launch pads).
- Dogleg manoeuvre - To avoid overflying Sri Lanka, PSLV has to veer left soon after it blasts off from Sriharikota (Andhra Pradesh).
- Dogleg manoeuvre will not be required in Kulasekarapattinam.



Value Addition -

- Indian Space Policy 2023 provides for the utilization of spaceports for carrying out launch activities by Non-Government Entities (NGEs).
- The Government has set up the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) as a single-window agency for the promotion and authorization of space activities.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. International Youth Day 2023

Why in news – It is observed on August 12.

Key Points –

- Theme - Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World.
- UN General Assembly officially declared August 12 as Youth Day in 1999.
- National Youth Days celebrated on January 12 on the birthday anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.

STATES/UTS

1. Indira Gandhi Smartphone Yojana

Why in news – Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot launched the free smartphone scheme for women.

Key Points –

- The government would transfer Rs 6,800 to the e-wallet of a beneficiary.

BIHAR

1. Medal for Excellence in Investigation-2023 award

Why in news – 4 Bihar police officers have been selected for Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation-2023 award.

Key Points –

- The officials include 3 IPS officers and 1 BPS officer.
- Awardees - Jayant Kant, Santosh Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Kartikeya Sharma.

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➤ CURRENT AFFAIRS ONE LINERS ◀

- Which port has achieved a major milestone by clocking record cargo throughput of 50.16 MMT Cargo on 8th August, 2023 - **Paradip Port.**
- NCLT (National Company Law Tribunal) has granted approval for the merger of which two companies for \$10 billion - **Zee Entertainment Enterprises with Sony Pictures Networks India.**
- Who has released a report on 'Assessment of Employment Potential of Jal Jeevan Mission' - **IIM Bangalore.**
- Who has received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the RICS South Asia Awards - **Subhash Runwal.**
- Which city has hosted the second edition of the India Startup Festival (ISF) 2023 – **Bengaluru.**
- According to an interim report on Asian Elephant population and demography estimates — 2023, what is the number of elephants in Karnataka - **6,395.**
- What is the new logo of Air India - **The Vista.**
- India's first Agricultural Data Exchange (ADeX) and Agricultural Data Management Framework (ADMF) has been launched in which city – **Hyderabad.**
- Which ministry will establish Pradhan Mantri BharatiyaJanaushadhiKendras at railway stations across the country - **Railways Ministry.**
- Which ministry has inaugurated the national media campaign 'Samvad Bhoomi Ka-SamvadDesh Ka' in New Delhi - **Ministry of Rural Development.**

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