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National and International News

<p><b>Right to property</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Supreme Court has taken a significant <b>step to protect private property from arbitrary state takeover</b> for a “public purpose”.</li> <li>• It held that <b>compulsory acquisition without following mandatory procedures and without a grant of compensation to the owners will not make the accession constitutional.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>right to property</b> is protected as a <b>constitutional right</b> and has even been <b>interpreted to be a human right.</b></li> <li>• This <b>declaration was made by a Bench of Justices P.S. Narasimha and Aravind Kumar</b> in a judgment.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Right to property:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Originally, the <b>Right to Property was a fundamental right under Article 31</b> of the Indian Constitution.</li> <li>• <b>It guaranteed citizens the right to acquire, hold, and dispose of property.</b></li> <li>• The <b>44th Amendment Act of 1978 removed the Right to Property from the list of fundamental rights (Article 19).</b></li> <li>• It was moved to <b>Article 300A as a constitutional/legal right.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It states that <b>"No person shall be deprived of his property save by authority of law."</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• This amendment was made to <b>ensure that the government could implement land reform policies and redistribute land to the landless without facing legal hurdles.</b></li> </ul>
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Global Report on Internal Displacement 2024

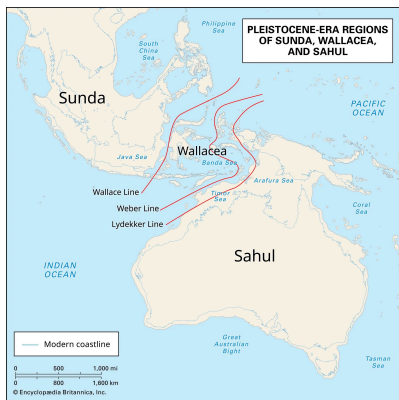
Why in news?

- According to the **Global Report on Internal Displacement 2024 (GRID-2024)**, the number of internally displaced people globally increased to **75.9 million** in **2023**.
- The report was released by the **Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)**.

About Global Report on Internal Displacement 2024

- The **Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)**, based in **Geneva**, publishes an **annual report**.
- This report records internal displacements **worldwide**.
- The **causes of these displacements** include **conflict, violence, and disasters**.

Sahul



Why in news?


- Recently, **archeologists have discovered evidence of a lost landscape, known as Sahul** in ancient times.
- Sahul played a significant role in helping humans travel across continents.

About Sahul:

- Sahul can be termed as a **supercontinent** that was **exposed on the Earth's surface during the last ice age**.
- The **ice age led to glaciation of water levels on the planet, exposing parts of land like Sahul**.
- Present region of **Australia to Papua New Guinea** in the north and **Tasmania** in the south is **connected to Sahul**.
- It helped humans in ancient times to **cross continents from Asia to Australia** almost **7,000 decades** ago.



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<p><b>Insurance Surety Bonds</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Insurance companies have issued</b> approximately 700 <b>insurance surety bonds</b>.</li> <li>• This action was taken after the Centre equated <b>these instruments with bank guarantees</b> for all government procurements.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Insurance Surety Bonds:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An insurance surety bond is a <b>financial instrument</b>.</li> <li>• In this arrangement, <b>insurance companies act as the 'Surety'</b>.</li> <li>• The <b>Surety provides a financial guarantee</b> that the <b>contractor (or principal) will fulfill its obligations as per the agreed terms</b>.</li> <li>• This setup is a <b>risk transfer mechanism</b>.</li> <li>• If the principal fails to fulfill his promise, the insurer pays a monetary compensation to the obligee.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Kanwar Lake</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kanwar Lake</b> was once a paradise for <b>migratory birds</b>, and is currently <b>struggling for its survival</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Kanwar Lake:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kanwar Lake, also known as <b>Kabartal Jheel</b>, is <b>Asia's largest freshwater oxbow lake</b>.</li> <li>• It is <b>located in northern Bihar</b>, covering the majority of the <b>Indo-Gangetic plains</b>.</li> <li>• The lake is a <b>residual oxbow lake, formed due to the meandering of the Gandak river</b>, a tributary of the Ganga.</li> <li>• It is a <b>rainfed lake</b> and an <b>important stopover along the Central Asian Flyway</b>.</li> <li>• The <b>wetland is used by 58 migratory waterbirds</b> to rest and refuel.</li> <li>• <b>Five critically endangered species inhabit the site</b>. These include <b>three vultures</b> - the red-headed vulture, white-rumped vulture, and Indian vulture - and <b>two waterbirds</b>, the sociable lapwing and Baer's pochard.</li> <li>• <b>Major threats</b> to the site include <b>water management activities such as drainage, water abstraction, damming, and canalization</b>.</li> </ul>



Kerala Regional News

<p><b>Fisher Development Index (FDI)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable fish stocks, fish taxa diversity, and harvest status significantly impact the welfare of the fishermen community.</li> <li>• The Human Development Index (HDI) of this community is not on par with the general state population.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Fisher Development Index (FDI):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Fisher Development Index (FDI) is a tool developed by the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) to assess the human development in marine fishers.</li> <li>• The FDI is designed to capture the complexity involved in assessing a community of fishermen, which the Human Development Index (HDI) may not fully capture.</li> <li>• The FDI takes into account four components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Social status,</li> <li>○ Economic well being,</li> <li>○ Technological proficiency, and</li> <li>○ Resource sustainability.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The FDI is based on the understanding that the wellbeing of fishers is dependent on resource sustainability, the state of technology, and infrastructure support.</li> <li>• The FDI for fishermen in Kerala is higher than the HDI for the average person in India. However, it's still lower than the HDI for the average person in Kerala.</li> </ul>
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Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), 2019

Why in news?

- The Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) plans to approach the Supreme Court and the Election Commission of India, regarding the Centre's distribution of citizenship certificates under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA).

About CAA 2019:

- The CAA seeks to provide Indian citizenship to persecuted minorities (Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis, and Christians) from Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan who entered India on or before December 31, 2014.
- The CAA amends the Citizenship Act, 1955, which regulates who may acquire Indian citizenship and on what grounds.
- The CAA does not provide eligibility for Muslim immigrants from these countries, which has been a point of contention and debate.
- The act does not apply to tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Tripura as included in the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution and the areas covered under "The Inner Line" notified under the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873.
- The period of residence in India for applicants from these communities is reduced from 11 years to 5 years.



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<p><b>State Human Rights Commission (SHRC)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>State Human Rights Commission (SHRC)</b> has <b>taken notice of recent gang violence in Kerala.</b></li> <li>• The <b>SHRC has ordered the police to take necessary steps</b> to control these anti-social activities.</li> </ul> <p><b>About SHRC:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Establishment:</b> SHRCs are established under the <b>Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.</b></li> <li>• <b>Purpose:</b> They are set up to <b>protect and promote human rights</b> at the state level.</li> <li>• <b>Chairperson:</b> Usually a <b>retired Chief Justice or Judge of a High Court.</b></li> <li>• <b>Members:</b> At least <b>one member should be a woman.</b> Other members are often from <b>civil society, legal, and administrative backgrounds.</b></li> <li>• <b>Appointment:</b> Members are <b>appointed by the Governor of the state,</b> based on the recommendations of a committee.</li> <li>• <b>Committee:</b> The committee usually includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Chief Minister (Chairperson)</li> <li>○ The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly</li> <li>○ The Minister in charge of the Department of Home in that state</li> <li>○ The Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Term:</b> Members serve for a term of <b>five years or until they reach the age of 70,</b> whichever is earlier.</li> <li>• <b>Functions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Investigate complaints</b> regarding violation of human rights.</li> <li>○ <b>Conduct suo motu investigations</b> into matters of public interest.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Reports:</b> SHRCs <b>submit annual reports to the state government,</b> detailing their activities and findings.</li> </ul>
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West Nile fever

Why in news?

- Around 100,000 people have been affected by epidemics in two weeks, resulting in 10 deaths.
- Over the past five months, 91 deaths have been reported in Kerala, attributed to rare diseases and epidemics.
- Diseases such as amoebic meningoencephalitis and West Nile fever have been observed.

About West Nile fever:

- West Nile fever is caused by the West Nile virus (WNV), a mosquito-borne flavivirus.
- Transmission:
  - Primarily spread through the bite of infected Culex mosquitoes.
  - Mosquitoes become infected by feeding on birds carrying the virus.
  - Less common modes include blood transfusions, organ transplants, and from mother to baby during pregnancy, delivery, or breastfeeding.
- Geographical Distribution: WNV is found in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, North America, and West Asia.



**Kaithapuzha backwater**

**Why in news?**

- **Fishermen in Kochi have reported that an island is forming in the lake.**
- **The new island is forming particularly on the west side of the Aroor-Idakochi bridge of Kaithapuzha backwater.**

**About Kaithapuzha backwater:**

- **Location:** Kaithapuzha backwater is located in the **Alappuzha district of Kerala.**
- **Part of Vembanad Lake:** It is an extension of the **Vembanad Lake**, which is the **largest lake in Kerala.**

**Did you know?**

- **Backwaters** are water bodies that are **typically still or slow-moving**, often **found in coastal regions**, and are **formed by the deposition of silt and other materials.**
- They are **commonly found in areas where rivers meet the sea**, such as **estuaries, deltas, and coastal plains.**

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