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<p>Person in the news: Jon Fosse</p> 	<p>Why in the news? Jon Fosse wins the Nobel Prize for literature for the year 2023. He hails from Norway.</p> <p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The writer was honoured for his innovative plays and prose, which give voice to the unsayable. • The prize is awarded for a writer's entire body of work. • "A New Name: Septology VI-VII" - One of his best works.
<p>World Elders Day</p>	<p>The International Day of Older People is observed on October 1 each year.</p> <p>2023 Theme is "Fulfilling the Promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for Older Persons: Across Generations."</p> <p>Year by year, the themes for International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 theme: Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World • 2021 theme: Digital Equity for All Ages • 2020 theme: Pandemics: do they change how we address age and ageing? • 2019 theme: The Journey to Age Equality
<p>Senior citizens and their mental health</p>	<p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roughly 15 % of elders (22 million in India) have serious mental illness. • The "treatment gap" is a staggering 90 % in India. <p>Solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy ageing, as a concept, should be introduced in the school curriculum. • The SCARF (Schizophrenia Research Foundation) has partnered with the Azim Premji Foundation to raise awareness about elder mental health in four rural Taluks of Chengalpet district in Tamil Nadu. • City and town planners should consider elder-friendly designs to improve mobility and reduce dependency.



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	<p>Did you know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> India had 149 million older adults (10.5 %) in 2022. This figure will grow to 347 million (20.8 %) by 2050, according to projections
<p>Unlawful Activities Prevention Act(UAPA)</p>	<p>Context Recently, a founder of a news portal got arrested under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act(UAPA) Act.</p> <p>About Unlawful Activities Prevention Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UAPA was passed in 1967 to designate a group or an organisation as unlawful. The recent UAPA 2019 Amendment allows the designation of an individual as a terrorist. A law aims at the effective prevention of unlawful activity associations in India. Unlawful activity refers to any action taken by an individual or association intended to disrupt the territorial integrity and sovereignty of India. The Act empowers the central government to declare an activity as unlawful by adding it to the Official Gazette of India. It has the death penalty and life imprisonment as the highest punishments. Under UAPA, both Indian and foreign nationals can be charged.
<p>Veerangana Rani Durgavati</p>	<p>Context PM Modi laid the foundation stone of the Veerangana Rani Durgavati Memorial and Garden in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.</p> <p>Rani Durgavati</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> She was the ruling Queen of Gondwana from 1550 until 1564. She is chiefly remembered for defending her kingdom against the Mughal Empire. Heritage during that period and Khajuraho belonged to the Chandel dynasty. She assumed the leadership of the Gond kingdom around 1550.
<p>Statistics on Diabetes</p>	<p>Context Recently, a study was conducted by the Madras Diabetes Research Foundation in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research and the Ministry of Health regarding diabetes.</p>



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	<p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A study revealed that 11.4% of India's population of 10.13 crore people are living with diabetes. • 15.3% of the population or an additional 13.6 crore people are pre-diabetic. • It also found that 28.6% of the population would be considered to be obese as per the BMI measure. • According to the World Health Organization, a 10% increase in the consumption of ultra-processed food a day is associated with a 15% higher risk of type-2 diabetes among adults.
Eat Right India Movement	<p>About movement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a year-long social and mass media campaign. • It was started by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). • It is the new healthy eating approach to bring Health Revolution through food and fitness. • The FSSAI has put in place robust regulatory measures under three major pillars: Eat Safe, Eat Healthy and Eat Sustainably for the programme.
Climate 'polycrisis'	<p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A term made popular by Adam Tooze • It refers to the interconnected and compounding crises related to climate change. • It encompasses the physical impacts of climate change (rising temperatures, sea-level rise, and extreme weather events). • It also encompasses social, economic, and political challenges that arise from these impacts.
National Carbon Accounting (NCA) System	<p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An NCA system extends carbon accounting ideas, unifying the nation, starting from individuals to households, under a single carbon accounting framework. • Carbon accounting (or greenhouse gas accounting) is a framework of methods to measure and track how much greenhouse gas (GHG) an organisation emits.
IBC 2016.	<p>Context</p> <p>The government has notified that the protection offered under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 to debtors for repaying dues will not cover aircraft, helicopters and engines.</p>



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Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code(IBC), 2016

- IBC was formulated in 2016.
- It is implemented to consolidate all laws related to insolvency and bankruptcy.
- It aims to tackle **Non-Performing Assets (NPA)**.
- The IBC Covers all individuals, companies, **Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs)** and partnership firms.
- **Adjudicating authority** are:-
 1. **National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)** for companies and LLPs.
 2. **Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT)** for individuals and partnership firms.

Did you know?

- **Insolvency** is unable to repay outstanding debt.
- **Bankruptcy** is a situation whereby a court of competent jurisdiction has declared a person or other entity insolvent. It is a legal declaration of one's inability to pay off debts.

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