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| ULLAS Initiative | **Context:**

● The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education, Government of India, is conducting the **Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test (FLNAT) under the ULLAS - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram on 17th March 2024, across 23 states.**

About:

● The Government of India has approved a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme **"ULLAS (Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society)" for the period FYs 2022-2027** to cover all the aspects of Education For All (erstwhile termed as Adult Education) to **align with National Education Policy 2020.**

● **The objectives of the scheme** are to impart not only Foundational Literacy and Numeracy but also to cover other components that are necessary for a citizen of the 21st century such as

  ○ **Critical Life Skills** (including financial literacy, digital literacy,

  ○ **commercial skills, health care and awareness, child care and education, and family welfare);**

  ○ **Vocational Skills Development** (to obtain local employment);

  ○ **Basic Education** (including preparatory, middle, and secondary stage equivalency)

  ○ and Continuing Education (including engaging holistic adult education courses in arts, sciences, technology, culture, sports, and recreation, as well as other topics of interest or use to local learners, such as more advanced material on critical life skills).

● The scheme will be implemented through **volunteerism through online mode.**

● The scheme will cover **non-literates of the age group of 15 years and above in all states/UTs in the country.** |
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	● The **ULLAS app,** available on both Android and iOS, was launched to provide a user-friendly and interactive digital gateway for learners to access diverse learning resources through the **DIKSHA portal of NCERT.**
EXERCISE LAMITIYE – 2024 *Indian Army contingent departing for the joint military exercise "Exercise Lamitiye – 2024"*	**Context:** ● Indian Army contingent left for Seychelles to partake in the **tenth edition of the Joint Military Exercise "Lamitiye-2024" with the SDF(Seychelles Defence Forces).** ● Lamitiye, translating to **'Friendship'** in Creole, is a biennial event held in Seychelles since **2001.** ● 45 personnel from the Gorkha Rifles of the Indian Army and SDF will join the exercise. **Aim:** ● Enhance **interoperability in Sub-conventional Operations** in Semi-Urban environments under Chapter VII of the UN Charter on Peace Keeping Operations. ● Foster **cooperation and interoperability during Peace Keeping Operations.** ● Strengthen **bilateral military relations and exchange skills, experiences, and good practices.**
Grievance Redressal Assessment Index 	**Context:** The Ministry of Home Affairs has **consistently ranked among the top 10 ministries in 2023-24 in the Grievance Redressal Assessment Index (GRAI),** performing well in all 15 specified indicators. **Key points:** ● **The Department of Administrative Reforms** and **Public Grievances** (DARPG) conceived and designed GRAI. ● **Objective:** GRAI aims to offer a comparative view of organizations and highlight their strengths and areas for improvement in grievance redressal mechanisms. ● **Parameters:** A comprehensive index was used to rank based on four dimensions: **Efficiency, Feedback, Domain, and Organizational Commitment.** ● **Data Source:** Data from the **Centralised Public Grievance Redressal and Management System (CPGRAMS)**

	CPGRAMS:
	• Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) is an **online platform available to the citizens 24x7** to lodge their grievances to the public authorities on any subject related to service delivery. • It is a **single portal connected to all the Ministries/Departments of Government of India and States.** • Every Ministry and States have role-based access to this system. CPGRAMS is also accessible to the citizens through a standalone mobile application downloadable through the Google Play store and a mobile application integrated with **UMANG.**
Pandavula Gutta 	**Context:** • Recently, Pandavula Gutta has been officially recognized as the **sole Geo-heritage site in Telangana.** **About:** • Located in the **Jayashankar Bhupalpally district, this geological marvel predates the Himalayan hills.** • Discovered in **1990,** it boasts numerous prehistoric habitation sites, showcasing a rich history from the Mesolithic to medieval times. • The site is renowned for its a**bundance of paintings, rock shelters, and evidence of human habitation.** • The cave paintings, in **green, red, yellow, and white pigments,** feature geometrical designs and impressions. • These paintings provide a **unique insight into prehistoric rock art,** found on cave walls, ceilings, and boulders. • Noteworthy rock art depictions include **wildlife such as bison, antelope, tiger, and leopard.** • Additionally, symbols like the **swastika, along with shapes such as circles and squares, and weapons like bows, arrows, swords, and lances, are present.**

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	Geo heritage site:
	- Geo-heritage sites, like Pandavula Gutta, are geologic features with **significant scientific, educational, cultural, or aesthetic value**. - They may feature textbook geologic landscapes, unique rock or mineral types, rare fossils, or other geologic characteristics relevant to education and research. - Such sites can also hold **cultural or historical significance,** with landscapes that played a role in past events. **Aesthetically, these sites can be visually captivating due to their geologic features or processes, often attracting tourists and providing economic benefits to the local area.**