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<p>Book: Fiction and Beyond</p> <p>Person in news: Sahitya Akademi winner Ashokamitran</p> 	<p>Why in the news?</p> <p>Recently the book called 'Fiction and beyond' was launched to mark the 92nd birth anniversary of Ashokamitran.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiction and Beyond, a collection of fiction and non-fiction works of the prominent Tamil writer and Sahitya Akademi winner Ashokamitran was launched recently. <p>About Ashokamitran</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashokamitran was the pen name of Jagadisa Thyagarajan. • He was an Indian writer regarded as one of the most influential figures in post-independent Tamil literature. • He has written over 200 short stories, nine novels, and some 15 novellas besides other prose writings. <p>Did you know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashokamitran was a sahyta academy award winner which is the most prestigious award in the field of literature.
<p>National Population Register (NPR) & Census</p>	<p>National Population Register (NPR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Population Register (NPR) is a register of usual residents of the country. • It includes both Indian citizens as well as a foreign citizen. • The categorisation of residents done According to the Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003'. • A usual resident is a person who has resided in a local area for the past 6 months or more or a person who intends to reside in that area for the next 6 months or more. <p>Census</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population Census provides basic statistics of state on various elements • It includes the data on human resources, demography, culture and economic structure at all levels. • The responsibility of conducting the decadal census rests with the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India. • It comes under the Ministry of Home Affairs. <p>Did you know?</p> <p>The first synchronous census was taken under British rule in 1881, by W.C. Plowden, Census Commissioner of India.</p>
<p>Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2023</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <p>Recently the government has passed the bill in Lok sabha as well Rajya sabha.</p>



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Key features of the bill

- The amendment bill seeks to amend the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 which provides for registration and regulation of birth and death.
- The Bill adds that the Registrar General will maintain a national database of registered births and deaths.
- The Bill amends the provision of obtaining extract to provide for obtaining a birth or death certificate (electronically or otherwise) instead of extracts.
- The Bill adds that, in cases of births, the specified persons shall provide the Aadhaar number of the parents and the informant
- District registrar is the appealing authority
- It introduces a significant shift towards digital birth certificates.

Did you know?

The registration of births and deaths falls under the Concurrent List, giving powers to both Parliament and state legislatures to make laws on the subject.

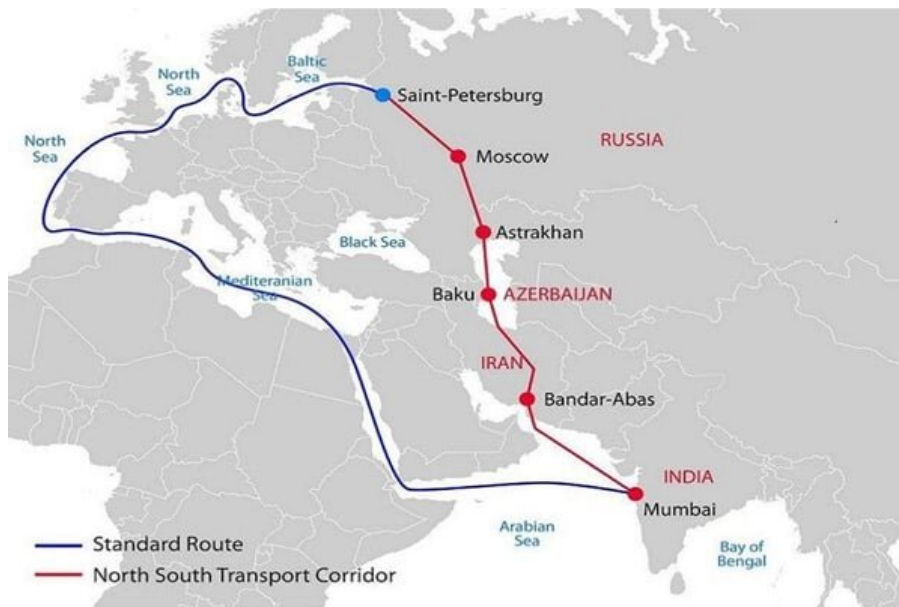
International North–South Transport Corridor (INSTC)

Did you know?

The INSTC project was initiated by Russia, India, and Iran in September 2000 . These are the founding members of the project.

About INSTC:

- The International North–South Transport Corridor (INSTC) is the multimodal freight transportation corridor among India, Russia, Iran, Europe, and Central Asia.
- The corridor spans around 7200 km.
- The primary goal of INSTC is to enhance connectivity and promote trade and economic cooperation among these regions
- The INSTC is designed to provide an alternative and shorter trade route between South Asia and Northern Europe.
- It connects the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf to the Caspian Sea and further extends to Northern and Western Europe.
- The route begins in Mumbai and goes to Bandar Abbas in Iran and reaches Petersburg by crossing the Caspian Sea .





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<p>Alternative Dispute Resolution(ADR)</p>	<p>About ADR The process of resolving conflicts through negotiation between parties without going to the courts is known as alternative dispute resolution (ADR).</p> <p>Modes of Alternative Dispute Resolution</p> <p>Arbitration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arbitration is a process in which the parties dispute is presented to an arbitral tribunal, The award of ruling is binding on the parties involved. <p>Mediation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In mediation, a third party who is impartial to both sides of the conflict works with the parties to arrive at an agreeable resolution. It is a voluntary informal, out-of-court settlement, The outcome is not always legally binding. <p>Conciliation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conciliation is a way of settling disputes where the parties work with a conciliator to reach an agreement. The conciliator's job is to get the parties to agree to put their differences aside and come to a mutually agreeable settlement on the terms. <p>Did you know? The arbitration and conciliation act was last amended in 2021.</p>
<p>Black Sea Grain Initiative</p>	<p>Context: Recently during the 78th session of UNGA , QUAD countries have backed the UNs efforts to restart the black grain initiative</p> <p>Black Sea Grain Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is an agreement among Russia, Ukraine, Turkey and the United Nation . The Black Sea Grain initiative endeavors to tackle escalating food prices emanating from supply chain disruptions. The deal was to secure the exports from ukraine and Russia The central idea was to calm markets by ensuring an adequate supply of grains, thereby limiting food price inflation. The Black Sea Grain initiative deal brokered by the United Nations (UN) and Turkey, was signed in Istanbul in July, 2022. <p>Did you know? Ukraine is one of the world's major grain producers, especially wheat.</p>
<p>ASEAN “five point consensus”</p>	<p>About consensus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is the ASEAN's policy on Myanmar. This includes:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> An immediate end to violence in the country; Dialogue among all parties;



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3. The appointment of a special envoy;
4. Humanitarian assistance by ASEAN; and
5. The special envoy's visit to Myanmar to meet with all parties.

Did you know?

Myanmar is a part of BIMSTEC but not SAARC.

Rules for ASI monuments



Context

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport Tourism and Culture has asked the government to revise the rules to make them realistic

Key facts :

- The existing rules declare the 100m area as prohibited and 300 m is regulated.
- The provisions apply to all significant and non-significant monuments.
- The rules are hindering the construction and renovation process of locals living around the marked area.

Did you know?

The prohibited and restricted area provision was introduced in 2010 through an amendment to the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act, 1958.

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