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**National and International News**

<p><b>World Food Day 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>World Food Day 2024</b> is being observed on <b>October 16, 2024</b>.</li> <li>• This day is <b>celebrated globally to raise awareness about hunger, food security, and agricultural development</b>.</li> <li>• It was established by the <b>United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)</b> in <b>1979</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>About World Food Day 2024:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>World Food Day 2024:</b> Focus on ensuring food security in India is critical.</li> <li>• <b>Theme: "Right to Food for a Better Life and a Better Future"</b> emphasizes actionable steps to improve food distribution, innovation in agriculture, and sustainable practices.</li> <li>• <b>Challenges in India:</b> Despite agricultural strength, <b>India struggles with providing nutritious and affordable food</b>, especially to vulnerable populations.</li> <li>• <b>Global Context:</b> Nearly 2.8 billion people globally cannot afford a healthy diet, according to the <b>State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) 2023</b>, highlighting the urgency for better systems.</li> </ul>
<p><b>e-Migrate Portal</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recently, the <b>Union Ministers of External Affairs and Labour &amp; Employment</b> jointly launched the updated <b>e-Migrate portal and mobile app</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>About e-Migrate Portal:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An <b>online platform</b> launched by the Government of India to <b>manage and facilitate the migration of Indian workers seeking employment abroad</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Objective:</b> Provides a <b>safe, transparent framework for migrant workers</b>, offering services such as information access, documentation, helpline support, and awareness campaigns.</li> <li>• <b>Key Features:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>24/7 multilingual helpline support:</b> Ensures timely redressal of issues, particularly for workers in the Gulf region.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Integration with Digilocker:</b> Enables secure and paperless document submission.</li> <li>○ <b>Common Service Centres (CSCs):</b> Expands immigration services to rural areas in local languages, increasing accessibility.</li> <li>○ <b>Job marketplace:</b> Offers a one-stop platform for overseas employment opportunities.</li> <li>● <b>Global Alignment:</b> Promotes safe and legal mobility in line with <b>UN SDG 10 (orderly and responsible migration)</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Roopkund Lake</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Roopkund Lake</b> in <b>Uttarakhand</b> is <b>shrinking annually</b> due to the effects of climate change.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Roopkund Lake:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Also known as the "<b>Lake of Skeletons</b>," located in Uttarakhand, India.</li> <li>● <b>Altitude:</b> Situated at <b>16,500 feet above sea level</b> at the base of <b>Mt. Trishul</b> in the <b>Garhwal Himalayas</b>.</li> <li>● <b>Mystery: Known for numerous human skeletons</b>, some with preserved flesh, visible when snow melts.</li> <li>● <b>Historical Significance:</b> The <b>skeletons</b> are believed to <b>date back to around the 9th century AD</b>.</li> <li>● <b>Theories on Cause of Death:</b> Various theories exist about the cause, with suggestions of a catastrophic event like <b>hailstorms</b>.</li> <li>● <b>2019 Study Findings:</b> A study by Indian, US, and German scientists revealed that the <b>individuals were genetically diverse and died over a span of up to 1,000 years</b>, rather than in a single event.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Nobel Peace Prize for 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Nihon Hidankyo</b>, the <b>organization</b> has been <b>awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 2024</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Nobel Peace Prize for 2024:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Hibakusha:</b> Japanese term for survivors of the <b>1945 atomic bomb attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki</b>.</li> <li>● <b>Atomic Bombings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>August 6, 1945:</b> "Little Boy" bomb dropped on Hiroshima by the US.</li> <li>○ <b>August 9, 1945:</b> "Fat Man" bomb dropped on Nagasaki by the US.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Niju Hibakusha:</b> Term for <b>double survivors</b> (more than 160 people) who were present at both Hiroshima and Nagasaki.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Discrimination:</b> Despite government support, hibakusha and their descendants face discrimination in Japan due to misconceptions about radiation effects being hereditary or contagious.</li> </ul>
Swell Waves	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) in Hyderabad has recently issued extensive advisories regarding swell waves for the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep Islands, and certain coastal areas.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Swell Waves:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Swells are long-wavelength surface gravity waves on the sea, formed by distant storms rather than local winds.</li> <li>● During such storms, huge energy is transferred from the air into the water, creating high waves that travel thousands of kilometers from the storm center to the shore.</li> <li>● <b>Wavelength:</b> Typically, wavelengths may not exceed 150 meters, but in severe storms, swells over 700 meters can occur.</li> <li>● <b>Warning Systems in India:</b> The Swell Surge Forecast System, launched by INCOIS in 2020, provides seven-day advance warnings to coastal areas in India.</li> </ul>

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