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National and International News

PM SHRI Scheme	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's remark in the Lok Sabha accusing Tamil Nadu of a "U-turn" on the National Education Policy for "political" reasons and being "dishonest" in implementing the PM Schools for Rising India scheme caused an uproar. <p>About :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PM SHRI scheme was launched on September 7, 2022. It is a centrally sponsored scheme by the Government of India. Aim: PM SHRI Scheme (PM Schools for Rising India) aims to qualitatively strengthen the existing schools and showcase the implementation of National Education Policy, 2020 and make them exemplar schools over a period of time. Its objective is to establish over 14,500 PM SHRI Schools, overseen by the Central Government, State/UT Governments, local bodies, as well as Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS). These schools aim to create an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere for every student, ensuring their well-being and providing a secure and enriching learning environment. The goal is to offer a diverse range of learning experiences and ensure access to good physical infrastructure and appropriate resources for all students. Features of PM SHRI Schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These schools will not only focus on enhancing cognitive development but also creating holistic and well-rounded individuals equipped with key 21st-century skills. The pedagogy adopted in these schools will be more experiential, holistic, integrated, play/toy-based (particularly in the foundational years), inquiry-driven, discovery-oriented, learner-centred, discussion-based, flexible, and enjoyable. The schools will be upgraded with labs, libraries, and art rooms. They will be developed as green schools with water conservation, waste recycling, energy-efficient infrastructure, and integration of the organic lifestyle as part of the curriculum. The focus will be on the learning outcomes of every child in every grade. Assessment at all levels will be based on conceptual understanding and application of knowledge to real-life
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	situations and will be competency-based.
President's Rule in Manipur	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lok Sabha is set to discuss the imposition of President's Rule in Manipur and approve the Budget. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President's Rule, also known as State Emergency or Constitutional Emergency, is a provision under Article 356 of the Indian Constitution that allows the central government to assume direct control over a state's governance. This mechanism is one of the three types of emergencies outlined in the Constitution. It is invoked during a constitutional breakdown or failure of governance at the state level, often due to political instability, a hung assembly, or a breakdown of law and order. Articles 355 to 357 in Part XVIII, along with Article 365 in Part XIX of the Indian Constitution, pertain to the President's Rule. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article 355: Obligation of the Union to safeguard states from external aggression and internal disturbances. Article 356: It allows the President to take over the functions of the state government when the constitutional machinery fails. Article 357: Empowers the President to legislate for the state by ordinance, if necessary. Article 365: Consequences of failing to comply with or implement directions issued by the Union. Grounds of Imposition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the President is satisfied that a situation has arisen in which the government of a State cannot be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, he/she is authorized by Article 356 to issue a proclamation. If a state fails to comply with or implement any directions issued by the central government, the President is authorized under Article 365, to conclude that the government of the state cannot operate in accordance with the Constitution. Parliamentary Approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The imposition of the President's Rule requires approval from Parliament. Once the President issues a proclamation, it must be sanctioned by both Houses of Parliament within two months. If the proclamation is not approved during this period, it ceases to operate. Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The President's Rule can be in effect for six months, but it can be extended for a maximum of three years with periodic parliamentary approvals every six months.
Lading Bill 2025	Why in news?



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently, the Lok Sabha passed the Bill of Lading Bill, 2025. This legislation updates the colonial-era shipping laws of 1856. The new Bill aims to align with international standards and simplify shipping documentation. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A bill of lading is a critical document in shipping. It details the type, quantity, and condition of goods being transported. Background: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2025 bill replaces the Indian Bills of Lading Act, 1856, a law from the British colonial era. The old law had only three sections and mainly dealt with confirming goods loaded onto a ship. The new law aligns with international shipping standards to improve efficiency. Key Features of the Bills of Lading Bill, 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simplifies legal language to make it easier to understand. Reorganizes provisions without changing their core meaning. Gives the Central government power to issue directions for smooth implementation. Removes outdated colonial elements from the 1856 Act.
Chandrayaan-3 Mission	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new analysis of data from one of the instruments aboard Chandrayaan-3 suggests that there was a good probability that water-ice was present in locations outside of the polar regions of the Moon. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chandrayaan-3 Mission is the second attempt of the Indian Space Research Organisation after the Chandrayaan-2 to demonstrate the capability of India in safe landing and roving on the lunar surface. The Lander Module of Chandrayaan-3 carrying the Lander, Vikram and Rover, Pragyan, made the historic soft landing on the surface of the Lunar South Pole on August 23, 2023. The Chandrayaan 3 Mission was launched using the LVM3 rocket system. LVM3 is the new launch vehicle of ISRO with the capability to place the modules into the GTO (Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit) in a cost-effective manner. It is a three-stage launch vehicle with two solid strap stages and one core liquid stage. The objectives of the Chandrayaan-3 mission are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe and Soft Landing on the Lunar Surface by the Lander Roving on the Moon by the Rover In-situ scientific experiments by the Rover
Global Engagement	Why in news?



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Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Global Engagement Scheme of the Ministry of Culture aims to promote India's rich cultural heritage including Maharashtra, internationally and enhance India's global image. • The key Scheme objectives include strengthening cultural ties with foreign nations, promoting bilateral cultural contacts, projecting India's cultural identity on the world stage and encouraging inbound tourism. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was previously known as the Scheme for promotion of International Cultural Relations. • It has following three components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Festival of India: It is organized abroad to promote people to people connect and bilateral cultural contacts. The artists from diverse cultural fields such as Folk Art including Folk Music, Folk Dance, Folk Theatre & Puppetry, Classical and Traditional Dance, Experimental/ Contemporary Dance, Classical/ Semi Classical Music, Theatre etc. perform in the 'Festivals of India' abroad. ○ Grant in aid to Indo Foreign Friendship Cultural Societies Scheme: The Grants under this scheme will be sanctioned with the object of fostering closer friendship and cultural contacts between India and foreign country concerned. ○ Contribution Grant: This component is meant for Indian contribution towards membership of International Organizations like ICROM, UNESCO, World Heritage Fund and to facilitate Indian participation and hosting of international meetings • Ministry: Ministry of Culture
e-Shram Portal	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government has informed that over 30 crore 68 lakh unorganised workers have been registered on the e-Shram Portal. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was launched by the Ministry of Labour And Employment in 2021 for registration and creation of a comprehensive National Database of Unorganized Workers. • It will provide seamless access of different Social Security Schemes to the unorganized workers registered on eShram portal. • Purpose: The primary purpose of the eShram One Stop Solution is to simplify the registration process for unorganized workers and facilitate their access to government welfare schemes. • This platform will act as a bridge, connecting the workers to the numerous benefits offered by the government and making the registration process easier and more transparent,"



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- It entails **consolidating and integrating data from various Central Ministries/Departments into a single repository.**
- Key welfare schemes such as **One Nation One Ration Card, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, National Social Assistance Programme, National Career Service, Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan** etc. have been integrated with eShram.



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