Current affairs session from March 1st to March 15th

International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)

- To provide a platform for "dissemination of information on benchmarked practices, capacity building, resources repository, research and development, awareness creation", etc., on the protection and conservation of big cats.

- IBCA will work towards the protection and conservation of the seven major big cats.

- 7 big cats: Tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, puma, jaguar and cheetah.

- After the import of Cheetah from Nambia, India is the only country in the world to have tigers, lions, leopards, snow leopards and cheetahs in the wild. o However, pumas and jaguars are not present in India

Chip 4 Alliance

- It includes four of the world's top producers of semiconductors: the
- 1) U.S
- 2) Korea.
- 3) Japan
- 4) Taiwan
- It aims to enhance the "security" and "resilience" of semiconductor supply chains, including by reducing the world's reliance on chips made in China. o Basically, it is anti-China alliance.

Monument Mitras.

- The Monument Mitras are selected by the 'oversight and vision committee,' co-chaired by the Tourism Secretary and the Culture Secretary.

- It is an initiative of the Ministry of Tourism, in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and the Archaeological Survey of India.

- The government invites entities, including public sector companies, private sector firms as well as individuals, to develop selected monuments and heritage and tourist sites across India.

India close to Hindu Rate of Growth: Raghuram Rajan

- The Indian economy grew at an average rate of around 3.5% per year, from 1950-1990.

1) Low GDP growth rate:
2) Slow Industrialization:
3) Stagnant Agriculture
4) License Raj:
5) Import Substitution
6) Inefficient Public Sector
7) Lack of Foreign Investment:

World Bank recently released Women, Business and the Law Index.

- It rates laws and regulations related to women in 190 countries.

- India lags behind:

- Laws related to women's pay (lowest); women's work after having children; and size of a woman's pension.

- Constraints on women starting and running a business;

- Gender differences in property and inheritance.

WOMEN, BUSINESS AND THE LAW 2023

WORLD BANK GROUP

Samudrayaan Mission

- The mission is aimed at sending three personnel to 6000-metre depth in a vehicle called 'MATSYA 6000' for the exploration of deep-sea resources like minerals.

- 'MATSYA 6000' vehicle is being designed and developed by National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai under Ministry of Earth Sciences.

- India's first unique manned ocean mission.

INDIA'S FIRST RIGHT TO HEALTH LEGISLATION- Rajasthan's Right to Health Bill

- If the Bill is passed, the residents of the State will be eligible for free checkups, drugs, diagnostics, emergency transport and care at all public health institutes, along with affordable surgeries.

- aims to provide mandatory free and affordable medical services in both public and privately owned hospitals, clinics and laboratories.

SALIENT FEATURES OF THE RIGHT TO HEALTH DRAFT BILL, RAJASTHAN

OBLIGATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT

- Appropriate state budget for health
- Within six months of enactment, develop and institutionalize a human resource policy for health for equitable distribution of healthcare workers across hospitals
- Social audit and grievance redressal mechanism
- Within one year, prescribing standards for quality and safety at all levels of hospitals
- Guarantee availability of government funded healthcare services as per distance or geographical area
- Ensuring that there is no direct or indirect denial to anyone for any government funded healthcare service
- Institute effective measures to prevent, treat and control epidemics and other public health emergencies
- Setting up state and district level health authorities

Source: Rajasthan Government

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Saudi Arabia-Iran reconciliation brokered by China

- Iran and Saudi Arabia will patch up a 7 year split by reviving a security cooperation pact, reopening embassies in each other's countries, resuming trade, investment and cultural accords.

IRAN-SAUDI ARABIA RECONCILIATION

ITLOS

1) A group of 16 countries has launched a gallant effort to fight the problem of climate change at the United Nations (UN), Led by Vanuatu, an island country in the South Pacific Ocean, the group seeks an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

2) The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) has been requested to prevent, control, and reducing pollution of the marine environment.

3) The ITLOS is an independent judicial body established by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea(UNCLOS) to adjudicate disputes arising out of the interpretation and application of the Convention.
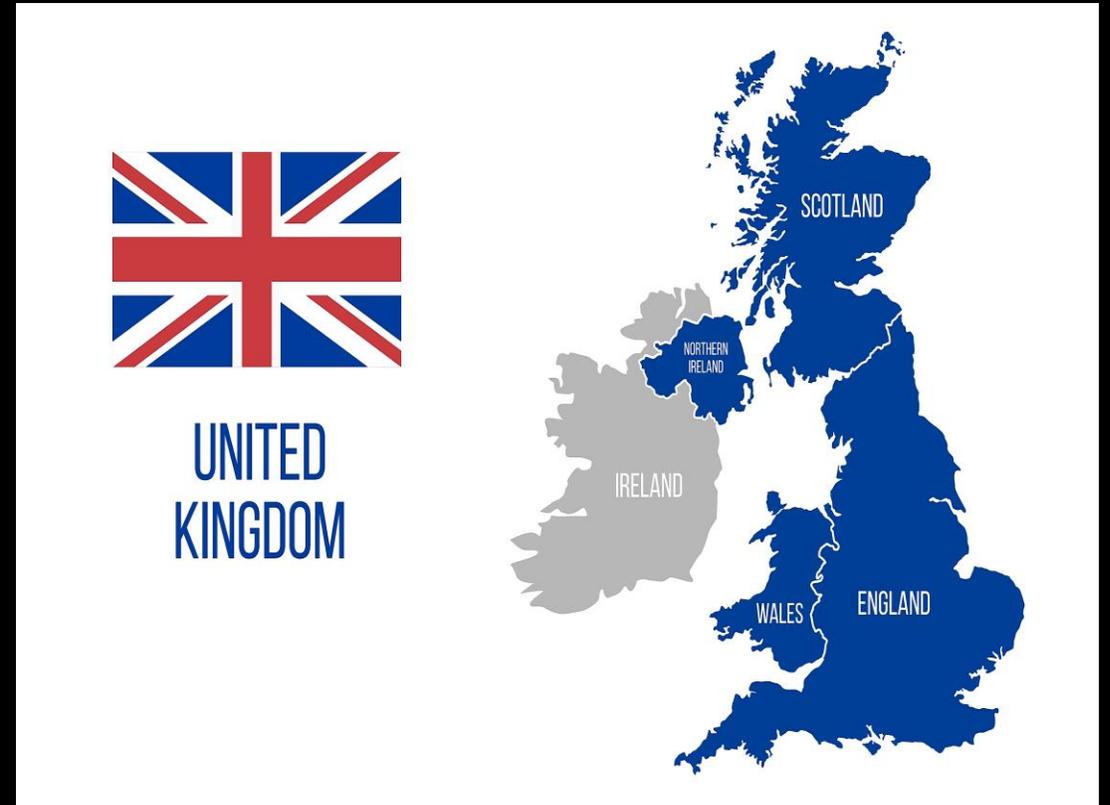

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- **The easiest way to remember "Sustainable Goals" for UPSC! (Story version)**

- SDG 1 : No poverty

- "Everything starts with poverty-No money"

- SDG 2: Zero Hunger

- "Poverty leads to hunger"

- SDG 3: Good Health and well being

- "Hunger/lack of nutrition leads to Health problems"

- SDG 4: Quality Education

- "You cannot go to school if you have health problems"

- SDG 5: Gender equality

- " Number 5 is "equi"distant from 0 to 10"

- SDG 6: Clean water and sanitation

- "When you wake up at 6 the first thing you do is clean yourself with water"

- SDG 7: Affordable and clean Energy

- "After cleaning yourself, you make yourself a breakfast on LPG stove (clean energy), Hurry up its 7 AM!

- SDG 8: Decent work and economic growth

- "At 8 PM you get ready for your work to contribute to the economic growth"

- SDG 9: Industry Innovation and Infrastructure

- "At 9 am you get ready to your Industry which has a beautiful Infrastructure"

- SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

- "Remember SDG 5? opposite of equality is Inequality(5-10 Pair)

- SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and communities

- "Imagine 11 as two tall towers of your office in a city"

- SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production

- "By 12 noon you get hungry you consume your lunch "

- SDG 13: Climate Action

- "By 1300 hours (1 PM) you realize it is getting hotter outside (global warming)

- SDG 14: Life below water

- "You get into the pool to make your body cooler"

- SDG 15: Life on land

- "After cooling yourself in Pool you get back on Land"

- SDG 16: Peace justice and strong Institution

- "Now you feel Strong and peaceful after coming back on land"

- SDG 17: Partnership for Goals

- "By the end of the day you meet with your business partners to decide the goals for the year"

Windsor Framework

- Great Britain – England + Scotland + Wales

- United Kingdom – Great Britain + Northern Ireland.

- The UK government reached a landmark deal with the European Union (EU) on post-Brexit trade rules related to governing the Northern Ireland.
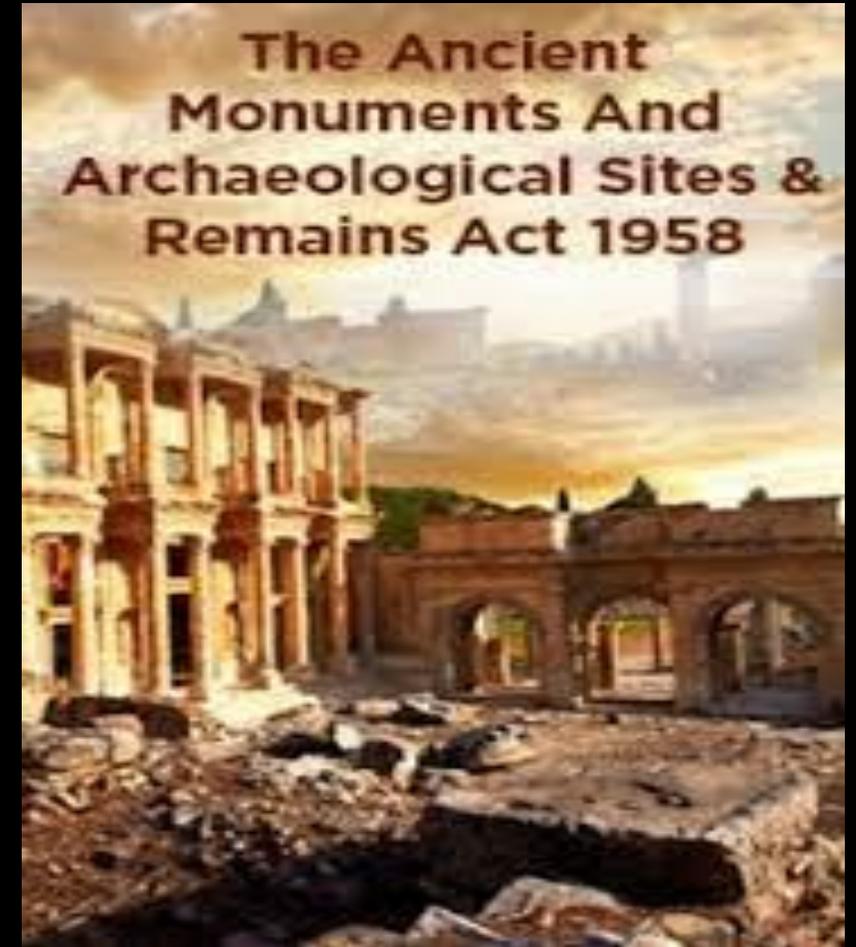
Exercise Desert Flag

- Indian Airforce contingent will be participating in Exercise Desert Flag VIII at Al Dahfra airbase of the United Arab Emirates.

- It is a multilateral air exercise in which Air Forces from UAE, France, Kuwait, Australia, UK, Bahrain, Morocco, Spain, Republic of Korea, and USA would also be participating.

- This is the first occasion when the LCA Tejas shall participate in an international flying exercise outside India.

JOINT MILITARY EXERCISES OF INDIA

Sl. No.	Country	Exercise
1	Australia	Ex AUSTRA HIND, Ex AUSINDEX, EX PITCH BLACK
2	Bangladesh	Ex SAMPRITI. IN-BN CORPAT. IN-BN BILAT. IN-BN SF EXERCISE. TABLE TOP EX. SAMV-EDNA
3	Brazil & South Africa	IBSAMAR
4	China	Ex HAND IN HAND
5	Egypt	Ex CYCLONE
6	France	Ex SHAKTI. Ex VARUNA. GARUDA
7	Indonesia	Ex GARUDA SHAKTI. IND-INDO CORPAT 1ND-INDO BILAT
8	Israel	Ex BLUE FLAG
9	Japan	Ex DHARMA GUARDIAN. Ex JIMEX
10	Kazakhstan	Ex KAZIND
11	Kyrgyzstan	Ex KHANJAR
12	Malaysia	Ex HARIMAU SHAKTI. Ex IN-RMN BILAT. HOP EX
13	Maldives	Ex EKUVERIN. EX EK ATI LX
14	Mongolia	Ex NOMADIC ELEPHANT
15	Myanmar	Ex 1MBEX. IMCOR. IN-MN B1LAT. TABLE TOP EX
16	Nepal	Ex SURYA KIRAN
17	Oman	Ex AL NAGAH. NASEEM-AL-BAHR. Ex EASTERN BRIDGE
18	Qatar	ZA IR AL BAHR
19	Russia	EX INDRA. EX AVIAINDRA
20	Seychelles	Ex LAM1T1YE
21	Singapore	SI.MBEX. JOINT MILITARY TRAINING
22	Sri Lanka	Ex MITRA SHAKTI. SLINEX. IN-SLN SF Ex. SAMVEDNA
23	Thailand	Ex MA1TREE. INDO-THAI CORPAT. Ex SIAM BHARAT
24	UAE	DESERT EAGLE
25	UK	Ex AJEY WARRIOR. KONKAN. INDRADHA-NUSH

Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) (Amendment) Bill

- Amendments includes, allowing the construction of public works in prohibited areas, and the approval and impact assessment of such public works.

- The original Act prohibits construction in an area of 100 metres around protected monuments, and the central government can extend this area beyond 100 metres.

- Now, the government will be allowed to take up infrastructure projects for public works in this prohibited area.

The Ancient Monuments And Archaeological Sites & Remains Act 1958

Supreme Court verdict on ECI appointment
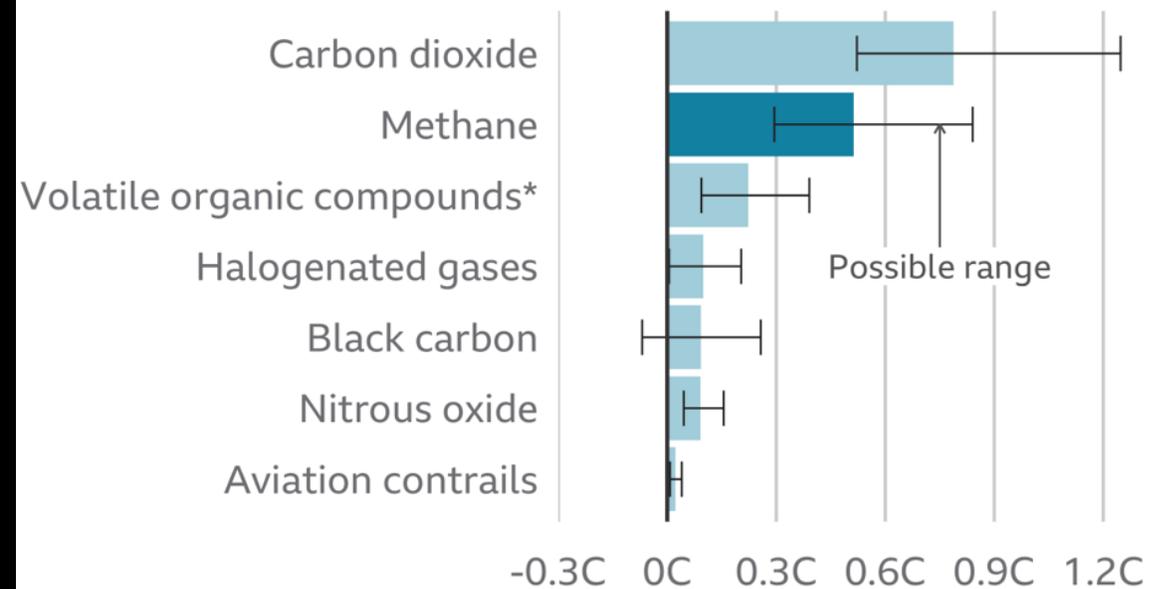

Big Order On Election Commission

Supreme Court orders panel with PM, Opposition leader, Chief Justice of India for selecting Election Commissioners

Methane Global Tracker report

- The Methane Global Tracker report is the annual report released by the International Energy Agency.

- 40% of the methane emissions are from the energy sector.

- Methane Initiatives

- Global Methane Pledge:

- It was announced by the US and EU. It aims to reduce methane emissions by 30% in 2030 as compared to 2020.

- MARS: MARS is Methane Alert and Response System. It integrates data related to methane emissions. It was launched by the United Nations Environment Programme. It is a satellite-based monitoring programme.

Methane is a major contributor to global warming

Contribution to warming in degrees Celsius

- Carbon dioxide
- Methane
- Volatile organic compounds*
- Halogenated gases
- Black carbon
- Nitrous oxide
- Aviation contrails

Possible range

-0.3C   0C   0.3C   0.6C   0.9C   1.2C

Figures are for contributions to 2010-2019 warming relative to 1850-1900
*Volatile organic compounds and carbon monoxide

Exercise Shinyuu Maitri & Exercise Cobra Warrior

- Exercise Shinyuu Maitri:
- Exercise is being conducted between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Japan Air Self Defence Force (JASDF).
- The exercise is being organised on the side-lines of the Indo-Japan Joint Army Exercise, Dharma Guardian.

- Exercise Cobra Warrior: Location: Waddington Air Force Base in United Kingdom
- It is a multilateral Air exercise in which Air Forces from Finland, Sweden, South Africa, United States of America and Singapore would also be participating alongside Royal Air Force and Indian Air Force.

CYBER CRIME:

- India reported nearly 52,974 cybercrime incidents in 2021 which was an increase of nearly 6% from 2020.

- Telangana was the state with the highest number of cybercrime cases, accounting for more than 19% of the total.

- Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka saw a decrease in the number of cybercrime cases by 20% and 24%, respectively.

Challenges of cybercrime:

Lack of Awareness:

Rapidly Evolving Cyber Threat Landscape:

Low Cybersecurity Awareness:

Increasing Use of Technology:
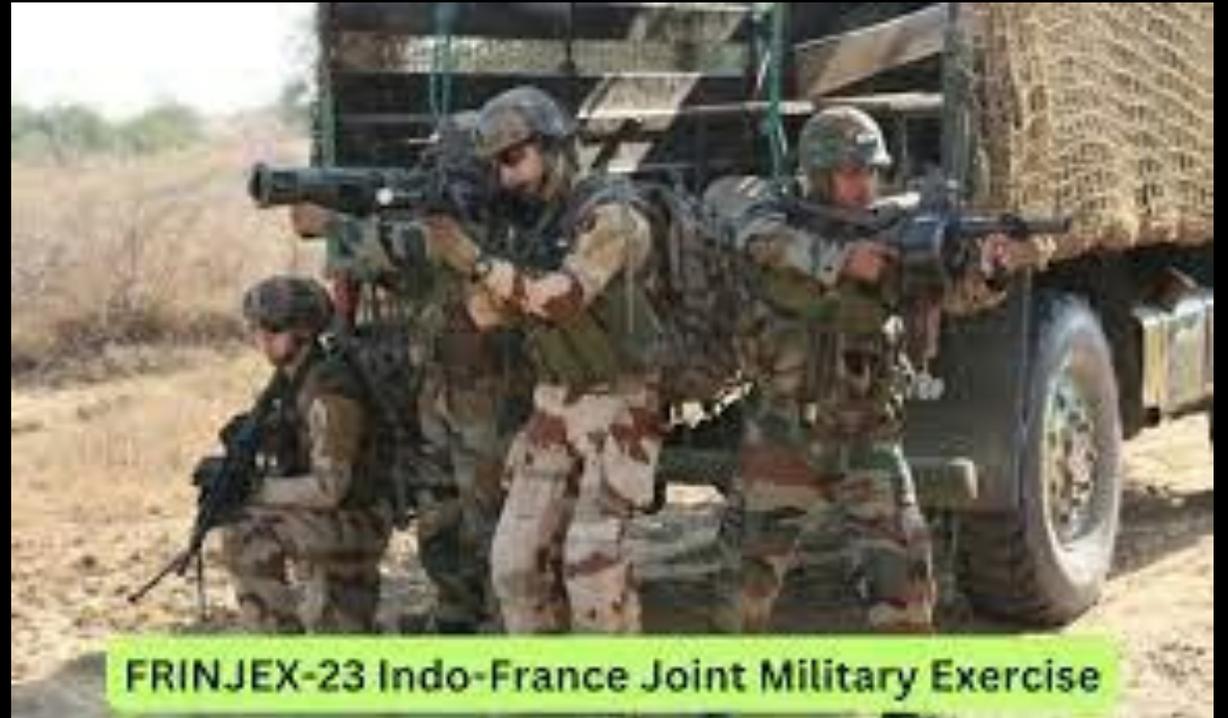
Lack of Cybercrime Laws:

Limited Cybersecurity Infrastructure:

Government Initiatives To Tackle Cyber Crime in India

- Banning of unsafe apps

- The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In):

- Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)

- National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC):

- Cyber Swachhta Kendra

- Cyber Surakshit Bharat

- The Cyber Warrior Police Force

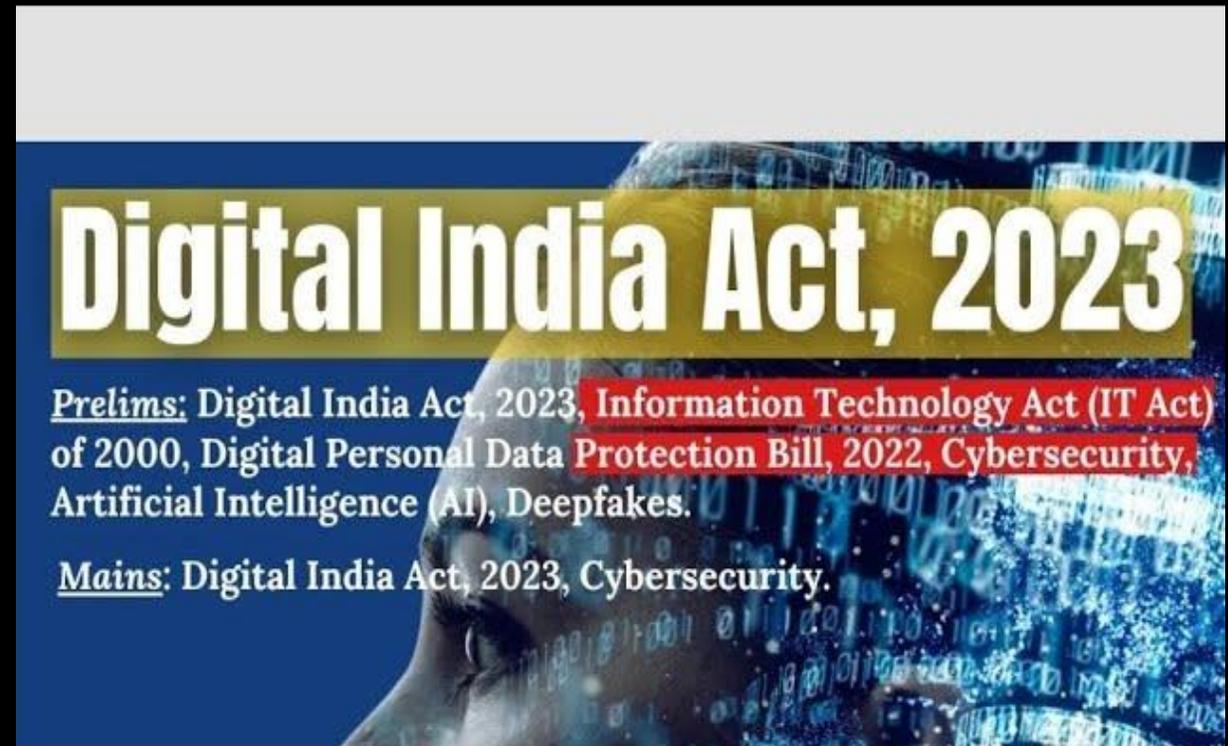- Information Technology Act, 2000 (Amended in 2008):

FRINJEX-23

- The maiden Joint Military Exercise FRINJEX-23 between Indian Army and French Army will be conducted at Pangode Military Station, Thiruvananthapuram

FRINJEX-23 Indo-France Joint Military Exercise

Digital India Act, 2023

- 1) Removing "safe harbour" immunity for online intermediaries for purposeful misinformation or other content violations from third parties.

- 2) Creating digital standards and laws regarding artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) technology.

- 3) Criminalizing cyberbullying, identity theft, and unauthorized sharing of personal information without consent

Types of Grants

1) Supplementary Grant

2) Additional Grant

3) Excess Grant

4) Vote of Credit

5) Exceptional Grant:

6) Token Grant:

SWAYATT Initiative

- An initiative to promote 'Start-ups, Women and Youth Advantage.

- Through e-transactions'(SWAYATT) on Government E-Marketplace (GeM) in New Delhi.

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