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<p><b>Crime and Criminal Tracking Network Systems (CCTNS)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ahead of the <b>implementation of the new criminal laws</b>, the <b>Crime and Criminal Tracking Network Systems (CCTNS)</b> has <b>undergone</b> at least <b>23 modifications</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>About CCTNS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCTNS is an ambitious project initiated by the <b>Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)</b>.</li> <li>• Launched in <b>2009</b> under the <b>National e-Governance Plan (NeGP)</b>.</li> <li>• It aims to <b>create a comprehensive and integrated system for effective policing through e-Governance</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Objective:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of policing</b> by adopting a principle of a <b>“single source of truth” for crime and criminal data</b>.</li> <li>○ <b>Facilitate the collection, storage, retrieval, analysis, transfer, and sharing of crime and criminal data</b>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Key Features:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Integration of data across all police stations in the country</b>.</li> <li>○ <b>Real-time access</b> to classified criminal data for authorized personnel.</li> <li>○ <b>Web-based and mobile-friendly interface</b> for better accessibility.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Components:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Centralized database</b> accessible by state and national level law enforcement agencies.</li> <li>○ <b>Online interface for citizens to lodge complaints</b> and check the status of their complaints.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>eSakshya (e-evidence) app</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Days ahead of <b>implementing the three new criminal laws</b>, the <b>Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)</b> is <b>testing eSakshya (e-evidence)</b>, a mobile-based application.</li> </ul> <p><b>About eSakshya app:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• eSakshya (e-evidence) is a <b>mobile-based application</b> developed by the <b>Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)</b>.</li> <li>• It is designed to <b>assist law enforcement in the digital recording and management of crime scene evidence</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Key Features:</b></li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Crime Scene Recording:</b> Allows police to digitally document crime scenes using their mobile devices.</li> <li>○ <b>Search and Seizure:</b> Facilitates the proper recording of search and seizure operations.</li> <li>○ <b>Cloud Storage:</b> Provides a secure cloud-based platform for storing and accessing evidence files.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Recently, <b>Ladakh became the first administrative unit to achieve full functional literacy</b> under the <b>ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram</b> (New India Literacy Program).</li> </ul> <p><b>About ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram is an initiative aimed at <b>achieving universal literacy in India.</b></li> <li>● <b>Objective:</b> To <b>provide functional literacy and basic education to all non-literate and neo-literate adults in the country.</b></li> <li>● <b>Target Audience:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Non-literate adults.</li> <li>○ Neo-literate individuals who require further education to sustain their literacy skills.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Key Components:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Functional Literacy:</b> Basic reading, writing, and arithmetic skills.</li> <li>○ <b>Vocational Skills:</b> Training to enhance employability.</li> <li>○ <b>Awareness Programs:</b> Promoting awareness on various social issues.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Space MAITRI Mission</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Recently, the <b>Australian government signed an \$18 million memorandum of understanding (MoU) with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL),</b> the commercial arm of the Indian Space Research Organisation (<b>ISRO</b>), under the space <b>MAITRI mission.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>About Space MAITRI Mission:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Space MAITRI aims to <b>enhance collaboration and promote sustainable and responsible practices in space operations between India and Australia.</b></li> <li>● <b>Objective:</b> <b>Foster closer ties</b> between commercial, institutional, and <b>governmental space organizations from both nations.</b></li> <li>● <b>Focus Areas:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Debris management and sustainability.</li> <li>○ Promoting responsible space operations.</li> <li>○ Mitigating the growing threat of space debris.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Notable Project:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Under this agreement, <b>NSIL will launch</b> Australia's Space Machines Company's second <b>Optimus</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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	<p>spacecraft in 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It will be launched on ISRO's Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV).</li> </ul>
<p>World Drug Report 2024</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime released its annual World Drug Report.</li> </ul> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Annual Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Released by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).</li> <li>Warns of rising drug use and trafficking.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commemorated on June 26, known as World Drug Day.</li> <li>Aims to increase action towards a drug-free world.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>2024 Campaign Focus:</b> Emphasizes drug policies based on science, research, human rights, compassion, and understanding social, economic, and health implications of drug use.</li> <li><b>Emerging Threats:</b> Increase in overdose deaths due to nitazenes, a group of synthetic opioids more dangerous than fentanyl, in several high-income countries.</li> <li><b>Golden Triangle:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drug traffickers integrate into other illegal markets, affecting displaced, poor, and migrant communities.</li> <li>Environmental degradation due to deforestation, toxic waste dumping, and chemical contamination from illegal activities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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