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<p><b>The Indian Railways' revenue problem</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b> The Indian Railways (IR) has been on a spending spree with respect to <b>capital expenditure (capex)</b>, particularly after the government merged its rail budget with the main budget.</p> <p><b>Key points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Its operating ratio, which is the ratio of ordinary working expenses to the gross traffic receipts, has shown no improvement.</li> <li>• A lower ratio implies better profitability and surplus for capital investment.</li> <li>• The problem is that the <b>IR's freight segment is profitable</b> whereas the passenger segment makes huge losses.</li> </ul> <p><b>Did you know?</b> The <b>11 commodities</b> in the IR's transport basket <b>account for 90%</b> of tonnage and revenue, of which coal is around 45% and iron ore and cement are around 10% each.</p>
<p><b>Police stations to install DNA systems</b></p> 	<p><b>Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In April 2022, the <b>Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act (CrPI)</b> was passed by Parliament.</li> <li>• The Act enables police and central investigating agencies <b>to collect, store and analyse</b> physical and biological samples including retina and iris scans of arrested persons.</li> </ul> <p><b>About NAFIS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police across States have been trained to record finger impressions through the <b>National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS)</b>.</li> <li>• NAFIS is under the NCRB</li> <li>• It is a separate project that was launched in <b>2022</b>.</li> <li>• It assigns a unique <b>ten-digit National Fingerprint Number (NFN)</b> to all suspects arrested by the police.</li> <li>• State police have their <b>own fingerprint database</b>.</li> <li>• NAFIS <b>integrates the data</b> on a common platform, enabling the police to run a countrywide search to match fingerprint impressions lifted from a crime scene.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Merely liking a post not an offence under IT</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b></p>



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<p><b>Act: Allahabad HC</b></p>	<p>The Allahabad High Court held in a recent judgment that liking a post on Facebook or X (formerly Twitter) cannot be punishable under <b>Section 67 of the Information Technology Act</b> because it does not amount to “publishing or transmitting” the post</p>
<p><b>Dark pattern sales by airlines, online agents deemed ‘cybercrime’</b></p> 	<p><b>Context</b> The practices by airlines and online travel agents that entail tricking consumers into making unintended purchases — such as paying for seats — while booking flight tickets according to one government official is called a “<b>cybercrime</b>”</p> <p><b>Key points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is considered as a dark pattern</li> <li>• A dark pattern is one where an entity <b>nudges consumers to buy products</b> they didn’t intend to, which is an unfair trading practice, and can constitute a cybercrime</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sensex sinks 1.4% to 4-month low on geopolitical</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The benchmark <b>S&amp;P BSE Sensex</b> extended losses to a sixth session, sliding 1.4% to its lowest close in four months as investors turn skittish amid mounting geopolitical tensions over the possibility of the <b>Israel-Hamas conflict</b> widening across the oil-rich West Asian region</li> <li>• The <b>rising U.S. bond yields</b> that could signal more capital outflows from emerging markets.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Sensex</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The benchmark index of the <b>Bombay Stock Exchange</b> in India is known as the <b>Sensex</b>.</li> <li>• The Sensex Index <b>comprises 30</b> of the BSE’s largest and most actively traded stocks, and it serves as a barometer for the Indian economy.</li> <li>• It is market <b>capitalization-weighted and float-adjusted</b>.</li> <li>• The Sensex is re-evaluated two times a year, one in June and the next in December.</li> <li>• It is the oldest stock index, <b>established in 1986</b> by one of the leading index producers, <b>Standard &amp; Poor’s (S&amp;P)</b> in India.</li> <li>• The Sensex was <b>used by analysts and investors</b> to track India’s economic cycles as well as the growth and decline of specific sectors.</li> </ul>



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### UN chief Guterres meets Nepal Prime Minister



#### Context

- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres met Nepal Prime Minister **Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda'**
- This was his **first official visit** to the Himalayan nation.
- He urged that developed countries must step up to support sustainable development, and help developing economies, including Nepal, to tackle the climate crisis.

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