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National and International News

### 13 Himalayan States

The Indian Himalayan Region is spread across 13 Indian States/Union Territories and stretches across 2500 km.

#### Why in the news?

- The Centre to form a 13-member technical committee to evaluate the “carrying capacity” of 13 Himalayan States.
- To mitigate and prevent disasters in these states.

#### Names of 13 Himalayan States:

1. Jammu and Kashmir,
2. Ladakh,
3. Uttarakhand,
4. Himachal Pradesh,
5. Arunachal Pradesh,
6. Manipur,
7. Meghalaya,
8. Mizoram,
9. Nagaland,
10. Sikkim,
11. Tripura,
12. Assam and



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	13. <u>West Bengal.</u>
<u>18th G20 Summit 2023</u>	<p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <u>To be held in New Delhi (September 9 and 10)</u></li><li>● <u>Chinese President for the first time may skip a G-20 summit.</u></li><li>● <u>It will be attended by delegates from 40 countries (including the 20 member states)</u></li><li>● <u>It will focus on global solutions based on the theme of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam,” meaning One Earth, One Family, One Future.</u></li><li>● <u>The theme highlights unity, sustainability, and cleaner living.</u></li></ul>
<u>Critical global issues during 18th G20 Summit 2023</u>	<p><b>Focus areas: Green development, climate finance, including Low-carbon Technologies for Fighting Epidemics (LiFE), economic growth across all segments of society, accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and women's empowerment.</b></p>

**Impacts of Climate Change****According to UN and International Labour Organization study (2019) -**

- **By 2030, 2.2 percent of total working hours worldwide will be lost to high temperatures, a productivity loss equivalent to 80 million full-time jobs.**
- **Across genders, women are considered to be highly vulnerable and disproportionately affected by climate change than men.**
- **Women in developing and less developed countries (especially in low-income areas) are more vulnerable to climate change because of their dependence on natural resources and labour-intensive work for their livelihood.**
- **There could be 1.2 billion climate refugees by 2050.**

**Solutions: Invest in women's education, training; Women's participation in climate policy decision-making; Gender and Climate Change Development Programme.**

**E-Adhigam Scheme****Key points:**

- **Initiative by Haryana Govt.**
- **Under this, nearly 3 lakh students will be receiving tablet computers to aid their online education.**



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <u>Free 2GB internet data is also being given per day.</u></li></ul>
<p><b><u>PMUY (Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana)</u></b> <b><u>(schemes)</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Key Points:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <u>Scheme by the Ministry of Petroleum &amp; Natural Gas.</u></li><li>● <u>It provides LPG connections to women from Below Poverty Line (BPL) households.</u></li><li>● <u>The scheme was originally launched on May 1, 2016, in Uttar Pradesh by the PM with a target of releasing 8 crore connections by March 2020.</u></li><li>● <u>During Ujjwala 1.0, a target was set to provide LPG connections to 5 crore women members of BPL households.</u></li><li>● <u>Subsequently, the scheme was expanded in April 2018 to include women beneficiaries from seven more categories (SC/ST, PMAY, AAY, Most backward classes, tea garden, forest dwellers, Islands).</u></li><li>● <u>Also, the target was revised to 8 Crore LPG connections.</u></li><li>● <u>The PMUY 2.0 was launched in the financial year 2021-22 making a provision for the release of additional one crore connections.</u></li><li>● <u>It is a centrally sponsored scheme.</u></li></ul>



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<p><u>Laicite</u> <u>(Polity)</u></p>	<p><u>Key points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <u>A french principle of secularism</u></li><li>● <u>The term was coined in the 19th century.</u></li><li>● <u>It is understood as a formal separation of the State and the Church.</u></li></ul>
<p><u>CBDCs</u> <u>(Economy)</u></p>	<p><u>Key points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <u>A Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), or national digital currency, is simply the digital form of a country's fiat currency.</u></li><li>● <u>Instead of printing paper currency or minting coins, the central bank issues electronic tokens.</u></li><li>● <u>This token value is backed by the full faith and credit of the government.</u></li><li>● <u>It is also known as National Digital Currency.</u></li></ul>



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