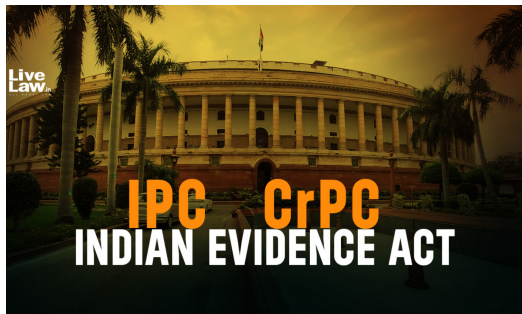




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LS passes Bills to replace British-era criminal laws



Context

- The Lok Sabha passed three amended Bills that seek to repeal and replace criminal laws which date back to colonial times.
- This criminal law reform brings terrorism offences into a general crime law for the first time, drops the crime of sedition, and makes mob lynching punishable by death.

Key replacements

- The **Bharatiya Nyaya (Second) Sanhita Bill (BNSS)** will replace the Indian Penal Code, 1860;
- the **Bharatiya Sakshya (Second) Bill (BSS)** will replace the Indian Evidence Act, 1872; and
- the **Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha (Second) Sanhita Bill (BNSSS)** will replace the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898.

Key points

- Indian Penal Code (IPC) is the **official criminal code of India** drafted in 1860 in the wake of the **first law commission established in 1834 under the Charter Act of 1833**.
- Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) **provides procedures for administering criminal law in India**. It was enacted in 1973 and became effective on 1 April 1974.
- The Indian Evidence Act, originally passed in India by the **Imperial Legislative Council in 1872**, during the British Raj, contains a set of rules and allied issues governing admissibility of evidence in the Indian courts of law.

Mohini Giri

Context


Former chair of the **National Commission for Women and Padma Bhushan awardee** Dr. V. Mohini Giri passed away

About

- She was an **iconic women's rights activist**
- She founded the **Guild of Service in 1979**, which was dedicated to empowering women, underprivileged children and war widows.




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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Giri was the founder trustee of Women's Initiative for Peace in South Asia and trustee of various organisations.
<p>Global Stocktake</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It refers to a proposed five-year review of the impact of countries' climate change actions. • Under the Paris Agreement, every country must present a climate action plan in five-year cycles. • The first global stocktake was scheduled for 2023 under the Paris Agreement. • It will assess whether the net result of the climate actions being taken was consistent with the goal of keeping the increase in global average temperature from pre-industrial times to within 2 degrees Celsius. • It will help the world determine whether it needs to do more — and how much more. • It also recognises that money needs to be made available for Loss and Damage and energy transition in developing countries.
<p>Green finance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green finance refers to the financial arrangements that are specific to the use for projects that are environmentally sustainable or projects that adopt the aspects of climate change. • Environmentally sustainable projects include the production of energy from renewable sources like solar, wind, biogas, etc.; clean transportation that involves lower greenhouse gas emission; energy efficient projects like green building; waste management that includes recycling, efficient disposal and conversion to energy, etc.
<p>Offshore patrol vessels</p>	<p>Context The Defence Ministry signed a ₹1,614.89-crore contract with Mazagon Dockyard Shipbuilders, Mumbai for procurement of six next-generation offshore patrol vessels for the Coast Guard.</p>



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	<p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of the six vessels being procured, four would replace the existing ageing vessels and the other two would augment the Coast Guard fleet • These modern and high-tech ships will play a critical role in enhancing surveillance, law enforcement, search and rescue, maritime pollution response, and other important capabilities • The vessels would be equipped with multipurpose drones and AI capability.
<p>Telecom Bill 2023</p>	<p>Context The Lok Sabha passed the Telecom Bill, 2023, which will replace existing laws, including the 138-year-old Indian Telegraph Act.</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bill seeks to reform and simplify the regulatory and licensing regime for telecommunications and remove bottlenecks in creating telecom infrastructure. • It also allows the government to temporarily take control of telecom services in the interest of national security and provide a non-auction route for the allocation of satellite spectrum. • The Telecom Bill, 2023 provides a mechanism to exercise the right of way for laying telecom infrastructure in public as well as private property.
<p>90th National billiards and snooker championships</p> 	<p>Context Karnataka's Natasha Chethan won the sub-junior girls' snooker title in the 90th National billiards and snooker championships in Chennai.</p>



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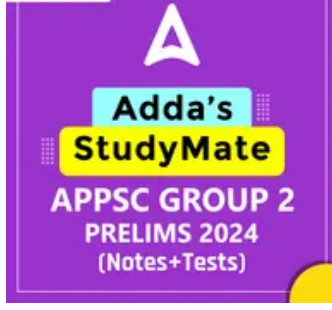
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