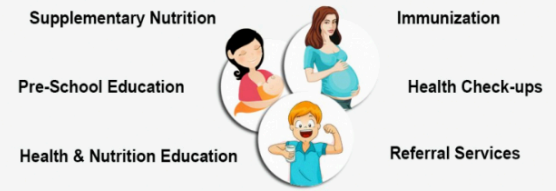
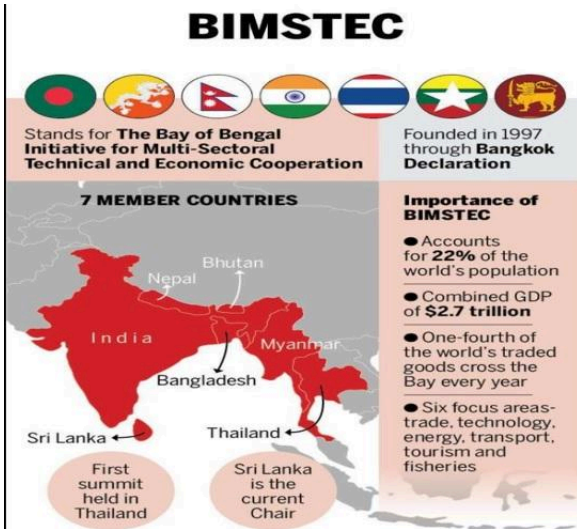




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<p>Uttar Pradesh Model for Tackling Malnutrition</p> <p>Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme Serving Children of 0-6 years and Pregnant & Lactating Mothers</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uttar Pradesh demonstrates the effectiveness of women's empowerment in combating malnutrition through community-based micro enterprises. Self-help groups produce fortified and nutritious foods for pregnant/breastfeeding mothers and children, distributed through the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) programme. <p>ICDS Programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Umbrella scheme - Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) is a centrally sponsored scheme initiated by the Ministry of Women and Child Development in 1975. <p>Schemes under ICDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anganwadi Services Scheme Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana National Creche Scheme Scheme for Adolescent Girls Child Protection Scheme POSHAN Abhiyaan <p>Major Objectives of ICDS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the nutritional and health status of children aged 0-6 years. Ensure proper psychological, physical, and social development of the child. Reduce mortality, morbidity, malnutrition, and school dropout rates. Coordinate policy and implementation across departments. Enhance the capability of mothers to meet the health and nutritional needs of their children. Educate and empower adolescent girls for self-reliance and awareness.
<p>1st BIMSTEC Aquatics Championships</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anurag Singh Thakur initiated the BIMSTEC Aquatics Championships 2024 in New Delhi's Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Swimming



Pool Complex which will be held from February 6th to 9th, 2024.

- The championship marks the first of its kind within the **BIMSTEC region**.

Vision and Background

- Narendra Modi announced the **BIMSTEC Youth Water Sports competition during the 4th BIMSTEC Summit in 2018**.
- Initially planned for 2021, the event was rescheduled to 2024 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Competitions include Swimming, Water Polo, and Diving events for the Under 20 age category.

BIMSTEC:

- **BIMSTEC (The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation)** constitutes a unique link between South and South-East Asian countries with five members from **South Asia (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka)** and two members from **South-East Asia (Myanmar & Thailand)**.
- **BIMSTEC** It is an economic bloc that came into being in **June 1997** through the **Bangkok Declaration**.
- **BIMSTEC** was initially formed with four member states- Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka and Thailand on June 6, 1997.
- Nepal became an observer state in 1998 and became a full-time member of the bloc along with Bhutan in February 2004.

Myanmar's Civil Unrest

Context:


- Myanmar's internal conflict intensifies as opposition to military rule strengthens, with **Ethnic Armed Organisations (EAOs) gaining control in various regions**.
- The recent capture of **Paletwa by the Arakan Army**, a town with strategic importance on the **western border**, underscores the growing complexity of the situation.
- The fall of Paletwa shifts the dynamics between the Chin and Arakan ethnic groups, sparking tensions over historical territorial claims.

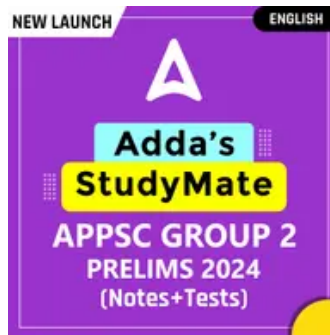


	<p>Impact on Kaladan Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The developments in Paletwa affect India's Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project (KMTTP), aimed at providing northeast India with an alternative trade route. • Delays in the Kaladan project are attributed to various challenges, including security concerns and local attitudes toward the project. <p>China's Economic Expansion and Geopolitical Influence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China's investments in Myanmar, particularly in the Rakhine State, include oil and gas pipelines and plans for a deep-sea port and economic zone. • The China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC) aims to further enhance connectivity between the two countries, potentially altering regional power dynamics. • China's influence in Myanmar poses challenges for India's connectivity and development projects, necessitating a nuanced approach to regional diplomacy.
<p>CBSE Urges Schools for National Credit Framework Preparation</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBSE has requested affiliated schools to plan credit allocation patterns in line with the National Credit Framework (NCrF). • Draft guidelines have been proposed by CBSE, currently open for feedback. <p>Credit Allocation and Subject Structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBSE plans to introduce a new credit framework for Classes 9 to 12, emphasizing the allocation of credits to subjects. • Students are required to clear five subjects, with additional hours allocated for internal assessments in subjects like Physical Education, Health, Art Education, and a third language. <p>Expansion of Subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal suggests an expansion of compulsory subjects from 5 to 10 for Classes 9 and 10. • Additional subjects include a compulsory third language, interdisciplinary studies,



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	<p>physical education, art education, and a skill-related subject.</p> <p>Schools are encouraged to adopt the credit system internally to ensure preparedness for official implementation next year.</p>
<p>Dusted Apollo</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Dusted Apollo, a rare high-altitude butterfly, has been sighted and photographed in Himachal Pradesh's Chamba district. Previously undocumented in Himachal Pradesh, this species inhabits altitudes ranging from 3,500 to 4,800 meters in the inner Himalayas. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Dusted Apollo bears a strong resemblance to the Ladakh Banded Apollo. Apollo butterflies face threats from poaching due to their commercial significance, highlighting the urgent need for conservation efforts to protect endangered species.



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