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National and International News

| Postal Ballot | Why in the news? • The opposition recently urged the Election Commission | | | | | |
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| | to prioritize the counting of postal ballots before finalizing the counting of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). They cited concerns over a guideline change implemented in 2019. About Postal Ballot: Postal ballot voting enables eligible voters to submit their votes via mail, providing a convenient option for those unable to visit polling places in person. Eligibility Criteria: | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Service Voters: Members of the armed forces. Paramilitary forces personnel. Government employees assigned to election duties away from home. |
| | | | | | | Electors on Election Duty: Government officials. Polling staff working at polling station outside their home areas. |
| Preventive Detention: Electors under preventive detention orders during the election period. Essential Service Workers: Authorized media personnel. | | | | | | |
| | Railway and healthcare workers. Absentee Voters: Individuals unable to vote in person due to work commitments, illness, or disability. Senior Citizens and PwDs: | | | | | |
| | Senior citizens aged 80 and above. Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), applicable in the 2020 Delhi Assembly elections. | | | | | |
| PraVaHa | Why in news? ■ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has developed a sophisticated Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) software named Parallel RANS Solver for | | | | | |



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| Aerospace | Vehicle | Aero-thermo-dynamic | Analysis |
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| (PraVaHa). | | | |

 This software was developed at ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC).

About PraVaHa:

- Capabilities:
 - Simulates external and internal flows on: Launch vehicles, Winged and non-winged re-entry vehicles.
- Essential for initial aerodynamic design studies, evaluating numerous configurations.
- Significance
 - Aerospace vehicles face severe aerodynamic and aerothermal loads during launch or re-entry.
 - Understanding airflow around aircraft, rocket bodies, or Crew Module (CM) is crucial for designing shape, structure, and Thermal Protection System (TPS).
- Role of Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD):
 - Predicts aerodynamic and aerothermal loads.
 - Numerically solves conservation equations of mass, momentum, and energy, along with the equation of state.
- Application in Gaganyaan Program:
 - Used extensively for aerodynamic analysis of human-rated launch vehicles:
 - HLVM3
 - Crew Escape System (CES)
 - Crew Module (CM)
 - Operational Capabilities
 - Simulates airflow for Perfect Gas and Real Gas conditions.

"Bank Clinic" initiative

Why in the news?

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 The All India Bank Employees' Association (AIBEA) has launched the "Bank Clinic" initiative to help bank customers with grievance redressal.

About "Bank Clinic" initiative:

- Objective: Assist bank customers with grievance redressal amid the rapid expansion of technology and RBI guidelines on retail banking.
- Nature: Non-resolving advisory platform guiding customers on remedies available per RBI guidelines.



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| | Registration: Customers register their complaints on the Bank Clinic website. Response Time: Customers receive a reply within five working days. Guidance Provided: Detailed remedies and relevant RBI guidelines for specific issues. Additional Channel: Serves alongside the normal Banking Ombudsman process. Goal: Ensure timely and effective redressal of customer issues. Limitation: Guides customers but does not directly resolve queries. |
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| Virus-like Particles (VLPs) | Scientists at the Institute of Advanced Virology (IAV), Thiruvananthapuram, made a significant advancement. They developed a novel method for generating non-infectious Nipah virus-like particles (VLPs). This development was achieved in a laboratory setting. About Virus-like Particles (VLPs): Definition: VLPs are molecules that resemble viruses but are non-infectious due to the absence of viral genetic material. Use in Vaccines: VLPs are used to create vaccines for diseases such as HPV, hepatitis B, malaria, and more. Mechanism: VLPs mimic real viral molecules, triggering an immune response without causing disease symptoms. After the immune response, the body recognizes and can prevent future infections by the actual virus, providing immunity. |
| Chang'e-6 | Why in news? China's space agency announced a successful moon mission. An uncrewed spacecraft landed on the far side of the moon. About Chang'e-6: Mission Name: Chang'e-6 Objective: First human sampling and return mission from the far side of the moon |

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- Landing Site: South Pole-Aitken Basin on the back of the
- **Historical Context:**
 - Marks the second successful mission to the far side of the moon
 - o China first accomplished this with Chang'e-4 probe in 2019



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