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### National and International News

<b><u>13 Himalayan States</u></b>	<p>The Indian Himalayan Region is spread across 13 Indian States/Union Territories and stretches across 2500 km.</p> <p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Centre to form a 13-member technical committee to evaluate the “carrying capacity” of 13 Himalayan States.</li><li>• To mitigate and prevent disasters in these states.</li></ul> <p><b>Names of 13 Himalayan States:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Jammu and Kashmir,</li><li>2. Ladakh,</li><li>3. Uttarakhand,</li><li>4. Himachal Pradesh,</li><li>5. Arunachal Pradesh,</li><li>6. Manipur,</li><li>7. Meghalaya,</li><li>8. Mizoram,</li><li>9. Nagaland,</li><li>10. Sikkim,</li><li>11. Tripura,</li><li>12. Assam and</li><li>13. West Bengal.</li></ol>
<b><u>18th G20 Summit 2023</u></b>	<p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To be held in New Delhi (September 9 and 10)</li><li>• Chinese President for the first time may skip a G-20 summit.</li><li>• It will be attended by delegates from 40 countries (including the 20 member states)</li><li>• It will focus on global solutions based on the theme of “<b>Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam</b>,” meaning One Earth, One Family, One Future.</li><li>• The theme highlights unity, sustainability, and cleaner living.</li></ul>
<b><u>Critical global issues during 18th G20 Summit 2023</u></b>	<p><b>Focus areas:</b> 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.</p>



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<b><u>Impacts of Climate Change</u></b>	<p><b>According to UN and International Labour Organization study (2019) -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li><li>• Across genders, women are considered to be highly vulnerable and disproportionately affected by climate change than men.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• There could be 1.2 billion climate refugees by 2050.</li></ul> <p>Solutions: Invest in women's education, training; Women's participation in climate policy decision-making; Gender and Climate Change Development Programme.</p>
<b><u>E-Adhigam Scheme</u></b>	<p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Initiative by Haryana Govt.</li><li>• Under this, nearly 3 lakh students will be receiving tablet computers to aid their online education.</li><li>• Free 2GB internet data is also being given per day.</li></ul>
<b><u>PMUY (Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana) (schemes)</u></b>	<p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scheme by the Ministry of Petroleum &amp; Natural Gas.</li><li>• It provides LPG connections to women from Below Poverty Line (BPL) households.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• During Ujjwala 1.0, a target was set to provide LPG connections to 5 crore women members of BPL households.</li><li>• 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).</li><li>• Also, the target was revised to 8 Crore LPG connections.</li><li>• The PMUY 2.0 was launched in the financial year 2021-22 making a provision for the release of additional one crore connections.</li><li>• It is a centrally sponsored scheme.</li></ul>



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

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