



## Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

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<u>13 Himalayan States</u>	<ul> <li>The Indian Himalayan Region is spread across 13 Indian States/Union Territories and stretches across 2500 km.</li> <li>Why in the news? <ul> <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> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Names of 13 Himalayan States:</li> <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> </ul>
<u>18th G20 Summit 2023</u>	<ul> <li>Key points: <ul> <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 "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," meaning One Earth, One Family, One Future.</li> <li>The theme highlights unity, sustainability, and cleaner living.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<u>Critical global issues</u> <u>during 18th G20 Summit</u> <u>2023</u>	<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.





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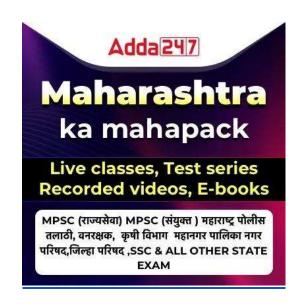
Impacts of Climate Change	<ul> <li>According to UN and International Labour Organization study (2019) -</li> <li>By 2030, 2.2 percent of total working hours worldwide will be lost to high temperatures, a productivity loss equivalent to 80 million full-time jobs.</li> <li>Across genders, women are considered 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>
	Solutions: Invest in women's education, training; Women's participation in climate policy decision-making; Gender and Climate Change Development Programme.
<u>E-Adhigam Scheme</u>	<ul> <li>Key points:</li> <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>
<u>PMUY (Pradhan Mantri</u> <u>Ujjwala Yojana)</u> (schemes)	<ul> <li>Key Points:</li> <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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<u>Laicite</u> (Polity)	<ul> <li>Key points:</li> <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>
<u>CBDCs</u> (Economy)	<ul> <li>Key points: <ul> <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> </li> </ul>



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