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<p>Crime and Criminal Tracking Network Systems (CCTNS)</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ahead of the implementation of the new criminal laws, the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network Systems (CCTNS) has undergone at least 23 modifications. <p>About CCTNS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTNS is an ambitious project initiated by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). • Launched in 2009 under the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP). • It aims to create a comprehensive and integrated system for effective policing through e-Governance. • Objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of policing by adopting the principle of a “single source of truth” for crime and criminal data. ○ Facilitate the collection, storage, retrieval, analysis, transfer, and sharing of crime and criminal data. • Key Features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Integration of data across all police stations in the country. ○ Real-time access to classified criminal data for authorized personnel. ○ Web-based and mobile-friendly interface for better accessibility. • Components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Centralized database accessible by state and national level law enforcement agencies. ○ Online interface for citizens to lodge complaints and check the status of their complaints.
<p>eSakshya (e-evidence) app</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Days ahead of implementing the three new criminal laws, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is testing eSakshya (e-evidence), a mobile-based application. <p>About eSakshya app:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eSakshya (e-evidence) is a mobile-based application developed by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). • It is designed to assist law enforcement in the digital recording and management of crime scene evidence. • Key Features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Crime Scene Recording: Allows police to digitally document crime scenes using their mobile devices.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Search and Seizure: Facilitates the proper recording of search and seizure operations. ○ Cloud Storage: Provides a secure cloud-based platform for storing and accessing evidence files.
<p>ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recently, Ladakh became the first administrative unit to achieve full functional literacy under the ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram (New India Literacy Program). <p>About ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram is an initiative aimed at achieving universal literacy in India. ● Objective: To provide functional literacy and basic education to all non-literate and neo-literate adults in the country. ● Target Audience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Non-literate adults. ○ Neo-literate individuals who require further education to sustain their literacy skills. ● Key Components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Functional Literacy: Basic reading, writing, and arithmetic skills. ○ Vocational Skills: Training to enhance employability. ○ Awareness Programs: Promoting awareness on various social issues.
<p>Space MAITRI Mission</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recently, the Australian government signed an \$18 million memorandum of understanding (MoU) with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), the commercial arm of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), under the space MAITRI mission. <p>About Space MAITRI Mission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Space MAITRI aims to enhance collaboration and promote sustainable and responsible practices in space operations between India and Australia. ● Objective: Foster closer ties between commercial, institutional, and governmental space organizations from both nations. ● Focus Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Debris management and sustainability. ○ Promoting responsible space operations. ○ Mitigating the growing threat of space debris. ● Notable Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Under this agreement, NSIL will launch Australia's Space Machines Company's second Optimus spacecraft in 2026. ○ It will be launched on ISRO's Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV).



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World Drug Report 2024

Why in the news?

- The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime released its annual **World Drug Report**.

Key points:

- **Annual Report:**
 - Released by the **UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)**.
 - **Warns of rising drug use and trafficking.**
- **International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking:**
 - It is commemorated on **June 26**, known as **World Drug Day**.
 - **It aims** to increase action toward a **drug-free world**.
- **2024 Campaign Focus:** Emphasizes drug policies based on science, research, human rights, compassion, and understanding the social, economic, and health implications of drug use.
- **Emerging Threats:** Increase in overdose deaths due to **nitazenes**, a group of **synthetic opioids** more dangerous than fentanyl, in several high-income countries.
- **Golden Triangle:**
 - **Drug traffickers integrate into other illegal markets**, affecting displaced, poor, and migrant communities.
 - **Environmental degradation** is due to deforestation, toxic waste dumping, and chemical contamination from illegal activities.

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