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<p>Satellite-based tolling system</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A satellite-based toll system for highways will be rolled out in the First quarter of 2025. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The system is based on the Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS), which uses satellites to track a vehicle's location and calculate tolls based on the distance traveled. Some of the features of the new system: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No need to stop at toll booths Free travel up to 20 km Coexistence with FASTag
<p>Important Summits & Conferences: BRICS Summit</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> China's Xi Jinping is scheduled to visit Russia next month for the BRICS summit. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BRICS is an acronym for the grouping of the world's leading emerging economies, namely Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. In 2001, the British Economist Jim O'Neill coined the term BRIC to describe the four emerging economies of Brazil, Russia, India, and China. South Africa was invited to join BRIC in December 2010, after which the group adopted the acronym BRICS.
<p>Index of Industrial Production (IIP)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> India's industrial output grew 4.8% in July, the second-slowest in FY25, after a revised 4.7% increase in June. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) is a key economic indicator that measures the performance of various industrial sectors in the Indian economy. The IIP is calculated and published monthly by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
<p>Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health insurance for individuals aged 70 and above will



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be rolled out in a week under PMJAY.

Key Points:

- It is the **world's largest health assurance scheme**.
- **Year of Launch** – 2018 as recommended by the National Health Policy, 2017.
- **Ministry** - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)
- **Aim** – To achieve the vision of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) which encompasses promotive, preventive, curative, palliative and rehabilitative care.
- **Funding** – Centrally Sponsored Scheme (expenditure incurred in premium payment will be shared between Central and State governments).

Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)

Why in news?

- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has ordered a special safety audit of all 33 flying schools in India.
- This audit aims to thoroughly assess safety standards, operational procedures, and systemic deficiencies within flying training organizations to ensure the highest levels of safety and compliance.

Key Points:

- It is the **regulatory body in the field of civil aviation** primarily dealing with safety issues.
- It is an attached office of the **Ministry of Civil Aviation**.
- It is responsible for **regulation of air transport services to/from/within India** and for enforcement of civil air regulations, air safety and airworthiness standards.
- It also coordinates **all regulatory functions with the International Civil Aviation Organisation**.
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi



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