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Polity & Governance

Waqf

- **Waqf** -It is a *permanent dedication of movable or immovable properties* for religious, pious or charitable purposes and the transfer will benefit the needy.
- **Recognized by** - Muslim Law.

Waqf Asset Management System of India (WAMSI)

- **WAMSI** - It is an e-Governance initiative and an *on-line system for searching waqf properties* in their area & their status.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Minority Affairs.
- **Objective** - To manage and maintain up-to-date status of Waqf Properties in India throughout their life cycles.

National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM)

Union Cabinet has approved the launch of National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM).

- **NCMM** - It will *cover all stages of the mineral value chain*, from exploration to mining, beneficiation, processing, and recovery from end-of-life products.
- **Objectives** - Intensify the exploration of critical minerals within the country and in its offshore areas.
- To create a *fast-track regulatory approval process* for critical mineral mining projects.
- To encourage Indian Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and private sector companies to acquire critical mineral assets abroad.

Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme

- **Launched in** - 2003.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- **EBP** - It implemented throughout the country except Union Territories of Andaman Nicobar and Lakshadweep islands.
- Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) *sell petrol blended with ethanol up to 20%*.
- **Aim** - Target of 20% blending of ethanol with petrol by 2025.
- **Features** - To promote use of indigenously produced Bio-Ethanol as transportation fuel along with Petrol (Motor Spirit or Gasoline).
- To reduce Carbon Dioxide CO₂ emission as well as reduce import of fossil fuel.

Mitigation Project on Lightning Safety

A High-Level Committee (HLC) has approved the Mitigation Project on Lightning Safety.

- **Objectives** - To mitigate lightning Risk in *50 heavy lightning prone districts in 10 states*.
- **10 states** - Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.
- **Funds** - From National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF).

Environment

Marshall Islands Marine Sanctuary

Marshall Islands declared its 1st national marine sanctuary.

• **Located in** - West-central Pacific Ocean between the Philippines, Hawaii and French Polynesia.



- **Coverage** - 2 northernmost uninhabited atolls called Bikar and Bokak.
- It protecting 2 of the most pristine ecosystems in the Pacific Ocean.
- **Species included** - Bristle-thighed curlew birds, Napoleon wrasse fish, and green sea turtle nesting colony and bumphead parrotfish.
- It is the 1st federal Marine Protected Area (MPA) established by the Pacific Island nation.

National Geographic Pristine Seas

- **Launched in** - 2008.
- **Concept** - It is an initiative that promotes the creation of new marine protected areas in collaboration with indigenous and local communities.
- It has helped establish 29 of the largest marine protected areas in the world.
- **Area coverage** - 6.8 million square kilometers, more than twice the size of India.

Science

Molasses

- **Molasses** - It is a thick syrup and by-product of making sugar.
- It contains more vitamins and minerals than other sweeteners but is still high in sugar.
- It is used in Bioethanol production.
- **Types** - It vary in color, consistency, flavor and sugar content.
- **Nutrition content** - Manganese, magnesium, copper, selenium, potassium, iron and calcium.

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Body Mass Index (BMI)

- **BMI** - It is an estimate of body fat by using height and weight measurements.
- It is a ratio of weight to height. It is a tool used by healthcare providers.
- **Features** - It measures patients' risk for diseases that can occur with overweight and obesity.
- It is not always an accurate representation of body fatness.

Miscellaneous

38th National Games of India, 2025

- **Held in** - Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
- **Theme** - Green Games.
- **Mascot** - Mauli, inspired by Uttarakhand's state bird - Monal.
- **Torch bearer** - Lakshya Sen, a world championships medal-winning shuttler.
- **Games included** - Yoga and Mallakhamb for the 1st time.
- **Medals and certificates** - It will be made from environmentally friendly and biodegradable materials.



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