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History, Art and Culture

Yadgir Fort

- It is one of the largest hill forts in Karnataka.
- **Construction**
 - Originally built by - Kalyana Chalukyas
 - Strengthened by - Yadava rulers
 - Expanded under - Muslim rulers

Geography

Pangong Lake

- It is also known as Pangong Tso.
- **Located in** - Himalayas.
- One-third of it lies in India and the other two-thirds in China.
- The Line of Actual Control (LAC), which separates Indian-controlled territory from Chinese-controlled territory, passes through the lake.
- **Notable features** - Ever-changing shades, ranging from deep blue to turquoise.
- It is the *world's highest saltwater lake*.

Social Issues

Total fertility rate (TFR)

- **Definition** - It estimates the *average number of children a woman would have during her childbearing years*.
- **Calculated by** - Adding up age-specific fertility rates, usually for women aged 15 to 49.
- **Current status** - According to the UN, the total fertility rate dipped in many countries.
- Two-thirds of the global population lives in a country or area where fertility is below 2.1 births per woman, the level where population can be stabilised.

Polity & Governance

National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)

Shri Justice V Ramasubramanian, former judge of the Supreme Court of India joins as the new Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission, (NHRC).

- **Established in** - 1993.
- **Statutory body** - Established under Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.
- **Aim** - To promote and protect human rights.
- **Selection Committee** - It recommends candidates to the President for the NHRC which includes
 - Prime Minister (Chairman)
 - Speaker of Lok Sabha
 - Union Home Minister
 - Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha
 - Leaders of the Opposition in both Houses of Parliament

International Relations and Issues

Durand Line

- It is the border line *between Afghanistan and Pakistan*.
- **Established by** - An agreement between Sir Mortimer Durand, the British Indian government's foreign secretary, and Abdur Rahman Khan, the Emir of Afghanistan.
- **Signed in** - 1893, in Kabul, Afghanistan.

McMahon Line

- It is de facto border between China and India in the Eastern Sector.

Radcliffe line

- It is the border line divides India and Pakistan.

Science

Bletchley Declaration

- It is an international agreement signed at the AI Safety Summit in Bletchley Park, United Kingdom in *2023*.
- **Signed by** - 28 countries and the European Union.
- The United States, China, Japan, the United Kingdom, France, and *India* are signatories.
- **Declaration** - It is the 1st global pact on tackling the risks of frontier artificial intelligence (AI).

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Sample

Migration and Development Brief

- It provides an update on recent developments in migration, remittance flows, and related policies.
- **Prepared by** - *World Bank's* Development Economics (DEC) Migration and Remittances Unit
- **Zelinsky Model of Migration Transition** - It suggests that the type of migration that occurs within a country is dependent on the country's development level and society type.

Miscellaneous

Kaamya Karthikeyan

- She became the youngest female (17 years) to ascend *the 7 Peaks of the Continents*.
- **7 mountains** - Mt Kilimanjaro (Africa), Mt Elbrus (Europe), Mt Kosciuszko (Australia), Mt Aconcagua (South America), Mt Denali (North America), Mt Everest (Asia), and Mt Vinson (Antarctica).