Chinese apps Banned

Why in news?

India decided to block another 43 Chinese mobile applications.

Why it was blocked?

- Earlier India has blocked over 250 Chinese mobile apps.
- It is found that these apps are engaging in activities which are prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, security of state and public order.
- Chinese Foreign Ministry responded that India is engaging in discriminatory approach.
- It wishes to avoid causing further damage to bilateral cooperation when relations are going well between countries.

How is it beneficial for India?

- In the short run, India can strengthen its Internet services by using its vast market.
- Alternative Indian apps may also find the much-needed space to grow now.

What are the risks in this approach?

- It creates an unconventional battle between two countries in the larger technological realm.
- It is hard to sideline China as it is an important player in the technological global supply chain.
- Global investors and Internet companies will consider this decision unfavourable & think before investing in India.
- Hence, India must stick to its rule-based approach in regulating the Internet by implementing the long-pending data protection law.

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