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Sagarmala initiative

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- Government has recently inaugurated Hi-tech labs in centre of excellence in Maritime & Ship Building (CEMS), Vishakapatnam.

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- The prime objective of the sagarmala project is to promote port-led development and to provide infrastructure to transport goods quickly, efficiently and cost-effectively.

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- It intends to enhance the capacity of major and non-major ports.

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- It also strives to ensure sustainable development of the population living in the coastal economic zones.

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- Community Development Fund will be created for projects and activities which strive to bring development for coastal communities.

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National Database of Arms Licenses System

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- Union Home Ministry is planning to create National Database of Arms Licenses System.

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- It is to create vigilance on authorised private gun holders and eliminate possibilities of issuing arms license to bogus persons.

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- Ministry will amend the Arms Act to create the database.

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Global Compact for Migration

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- United Nations has created Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration for the first time.
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- It is the first intergovernmental negotiated agreement under the auspices of UN to cover all dimensions of migration.
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- The agreement was signed by adopting a non-binding political declaration "New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants" in 2016.
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- Its objective is to address the challenges fo migration, strengthen migrant rights.
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- Under the agenda, member States committed to cooperate internationally to safe facilitate migration.
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Bansagar Canal Project

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- Bansagar canal project was recently inaugurated in Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh.
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- The project is a joint venture between Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.
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- It is a multipurpose river valley project on Son River.
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- It aims to bring boost to irrigation in the region.
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Son River

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- Son River originates near Amarkantak in Madhya Pradesh.
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- It is one of the tributary of Ganges from Central India.
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- It is the second largest of the southern tributaries of Ganga. Yamuna is the largest tributary.

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