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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 CO_2 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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