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1. National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA)

Context:

Seamless delivery of subsidised food grains to all NFSA migratory beneficiaries under One Nation One Ration Card scheme now enabled in 20 States/UTs.

To know more about the NFSA, click on the linked article.

One Nation One Ration Card Scheme:

Know more about this scheme at PIB dated Aug 9, 2019.

2. National Disaster Response Fund

Context:

Central Government allows contributions from any person or institution in the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF).

About the NDRF:

- The NDRF is a fund constituted under Section 46 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.
- It supplements the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) of a state in case of a disaster of severe nature, provided adequate funds are not available in the SDRF.
 - Natural calamities of cyclone, drought, earthquake, fire, flood, tsunami, hailstorm, landslide, avalanche, cloud burst and pest attack considered to be of severe nature by the GOI.
- The NDRF was formed by merging the erstwhile National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) with the NDRF.
- It is a fund managed by the Central Government for meeting the expenses for emergency response, relief and rehabilitation due to any threatening disaster situation or disaster.
- NDRF amount can be spent only towards meeting the expenses for emergency response, relief and rehabilitation.
 - It is used only for providing immediate relief.
 - It is not used for providing compensation for crop loss, etc.
 - It is also not used for measures to mitigate the risk or impact of disasters, for which another fund, the National Disaster Mitigation Fund has been constituted.
- The fund is in the "Public Accounts" of the GOI under the "reserve funds not bearing interest".
- It is audited by the <u>Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG)</u>.

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