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1. One Nation One Ration Card system

Context:

17 States implement the One Nation One Ration Card system.

Details:

- 17 States have successfully operationalised the “One Nation One Ration Card system” with Uttarakhand being the latest State to complete the reform.
- States completing this reform are eligible for additional borrowing of 0.25 percent of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP).

Significance:

- The One Nation One Ration Card System is an important citizen-centric reform.
- Its implementation ensures the availability of ration to beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act ([NFSA](#)) and other welfare schemes, especially the migrant workers and their families, at any Fair Price Shop (FPS) across the country.
- The reform especially empowers the migratory population, mostly labourers, daily wagers, urban poor like rag pickers, street dwellers, temporary workers in organised and unorganised sectors, domestic workers, etc. who frequently change their place of dwelling.
- The reform also enables the States in the better targeting of beneficiaries, elimination of bogus/duplicate/ineligible cardholders resulting in enhanced welfare and reduced leakage.

Know more about the [One Nation One Ration Card](#) scheme in the link.

2. National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)

Context:

NCRB celebrates its 36th Inception Day.

Read more about the [National Crime Records Bureau](#) in the linked article.

3. Shramik Kalyan Portal

Context:

Indian Railways ensures 100% compliance of payment of minimum wages to contract workers through e-application Shramik Kalyan Portal.

About Shramik Kalyan Portal:

- The Shramik Kalyan e-application of the national transporter was launched in October 2018, which ensures the compliance of provisions of the Minimum Wages Act.
- Besides, it also ensures that contractual workers who are working in Indian Railways get their rightful due by enforcing them to upload wage payment data regularly into the e-application.
- This helps the Railways to keep vigil over wages disbursed by contractors to contract workers.
- This e-application is also being used by all PSUs working under the Railway Ministry.
- The Shramik Kalyan Portal allows all the contractors of various Indian Railways units i.e., divisions/PUs/workshops/PSUs to register themselves on the portal and add Work Orders subsequently, that are issued by different units of Indian Railways to them.
- To ensure that wages paid by the contractors conform to Minimum Wages fixed by the government, there are checks in the portal from time to time.

4. Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav

Context:

PM to inaugurate activities related to 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav' in March 2021.

About Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav:

- Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav is a series of events to be organised by the Government of India to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence.
 - According to the government, the Mahotsav will be celebrated as a Jan-Utsav in the spirit of Jan-Bhagidari.
 - A National Implementation Committee headed by the Home Minister has been constituted to chalk out policies and planning of various events to be undertaken under the Commemoration.
 - The 75th anniversary of India's independence falls on 15th August 2022.
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