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1. Coastal Security

Syllabus: GS 3 - SECURITY; Various security forces and agencies and their mandate

Prelims: Indian Coast Guard (ICG), chain of static sensors.

Context: Surveillance and monitoring are being carried out in coastal areas by ICG.

Details: Measures taken by the government to ensure robust coastal security along with environmental sustainability aspect:

- **Security Aspect:**
 - Proper enforcement of maritime laws
 - Ensuring coordination with different types of ports for proper surveillance
 - Preparing Marine Police and Joint Coastal Patrol (JCP) with world-class training
 - Standard operating procedure for discipline within the forces
 - Community Interaction Programme (CIP) for building trust and rapport with coastal communities of fisherfolks
- **Environmental Sustainability Aspect:**
 - Deployment of pollution response vessel and aircraft-based surveillance to detect oil spill accidents and pollution response

Also read: [Indian Coast Guard Ships](#)

2. Two Years of National Education Policy

Syllabus: GS 2 - EDUCATION; Issues relating to development and management of social sector/service relating to education

Prelims: National Education Policy

Context: Education and skill development initiatives launched on completion of two years of the [National Education Policy](#).

Details: A plethora of initiatives launched covering dimensions like - vocational training, digital education and teacher training and innovation-led education. Initiatives launched are:

Kalashala initiative for promoting different art forms of India and make children aware of the rich cultural heritage of India.

IKS - MIC program for technology demonstration taking into account India's traditional knowledge system.

For promoting critical thinking and foster scientific learning *750 virtual labs* have been proposed.

Vidya Amrit Portal aligned for nurturing digital education.

3. Mission Vatsalya

Syllabus: GS 2 - HEALTH; Issues relating to development and management of social sector/service relating to health

Prelims: Mission Vatsalya

Context: New norms for Mission Vatsalya

Details:

- Centrally sponsored scheme under Ministry of Women and Child Development
- Provisions:
 - Rs 4000/- per child
 - Helpline service is also provided for children as defined under the JJ Act, 2015
 - Attention needs to be given to special needs children in CCI (Child Care Institution) through facilities like - medical therapists, special educators, etc.

- For each district - creation of Cradle Baby Reception centre in government-run Specialized adoption agency.

For more on Mission Vatsalya, please check [PIB dated July 7, 2022](#).

4. Steps for Improving Maternal and Child Health

Syllabus: GS 2, Social Justice; Welfare Schemes for vulnerable section

Context: Support in the form of technique and finance is given to states based on their requirement under Programme Implementation Plans.

Details: Care in pregnancy and childbirth is one of the major components of 12 packages under Comprehensive Primary Healthcare under the Ayushman Bharat – Health & Wellness Centres (AB-HWC) scheme. It comprises:

- Diagnosing and registering pregnancy at initial stage
- Antenatal checks (4) in high-risk or critical pregnancies
- Counselling and follow-up referrals regarding the nutritional status and awareness
- Ensuring robust institutional deliveries (through [LaQshya initiative](#)) and family planning

