1. **Inter-Services Organisations (Command, Control and Discipline) Act, 2023:** Recently, in a significant move to reform India's defence architecture, the government notified the rules under the Inter-Services Organisations (Command, Control and Discipline) Act, 2023.
    - The move is aimed at enhancing **jointness, operational efficiency, and discipline** within **Inter-Services Organisations (ISOs)** — integrated military commands or establishments composed of personnel from the Army, Navy, and Air Force.
- **Purpose of the Rules:** Ensure effective command, control, and smooth functioning of ISOs.
    - Empower ISO leadership to enable faster disposal of disciplinary cases and eliminate duplication of proceedings.
    - The following officers will exercise full **disciplinary and administrative control** over personnel attached to their respective ISOs:
        - ✓ **Commander-in-Chief (CiC)** of a Joint Services Command (JSC),
        - ✓ **Officer-in-Command (OiC)** of an Inter-Service Establishment,
        - ✓ **Commanding Officer (CO)** of an Inter-Services Unit.
- **About ISO Act, 2023:** The Central Government is empowered to **constitute an Inter-Services Organisation (ISO)**.
    - Each ISO may be headed by a CiC or OiC and must include personnel from at least two of the three services: Army, Navy, and Air Force.
    - The Central Government will exercise superintendence over ISOs.
    - It may issue directions on matters of national security, administration, or public interest.
    - The rules define the Commanding Officer (CO) as the authority in command of a unit, ship, or establishment under an ISO.

2. **Minimum Support Price (MSP) :** Recently, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved an increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for 14 major Kharif crops for the 2025–26 marketing season.
    - This move aims to ensure remunerative returns to farmers and upholds the government's commitment to maintaining MSP at 1.5 times the cost of production.
- **About MSP:** The minimum price set by the government aims to ensure farmers receive a fair value for their crops, even if market prices fall.

- Introduced during the Green Revolution in 1966-67 as part of agricultural reforms.
- Acts as a safety net to protect farmers from financial losses and helps maintain food security.
- Announced twice a year, before the Kharif (monsoon) and Rabi (winter) sowing seasons.
- The **Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP)** recommends MSP, which is then approved by the **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)**.

- **Need for MSP:** Guarantees a **minimum income** for farmers, shielding them from financial losses.
  - Provides **assured prices**, motivating farmers to produce staple crops and support food security.
  - Acts as a **buffer against price fluctuations**, especially during the harvest season.
  - Supports a **strong agricultural sector**, uplifting rural livelihoods and boosting the overall economy.
  - Protects farmers from being compelled to sell their produce at **unfair prices to traders**.

3. T_R1 cells : Recently, a study published in Science Immunology revealed that **Type-1 Regulatory T cells (T_R1)** play a dominant role in the immune response against the malaria parasite Plasmodium falciparum.

- **About T_R1 Cells:** These cells dominate the **malaria-specific CD4+ T-cell response**, making up **90% of all malaria-specific helper T-cells**, despite constituting only **3% of resting CD4+ cells**.
  - **T cells:** T cells are a type of **white blood cell, also known as lymphocytes**, that play a vital role in the immune system. They **help immune system fight germs** and protect you from disease. There are two main types.
    - ✓ **Cytotoxic T cells:** Also called **CD8+ cells** because they have a CD8 receptor on their membranes. They destroy infected cells.
    - ✓ **Helper T cells:** Also called **CD4+ cells** because they have a CD4 receptor on their membranes. Unlike cytotoxic T cells, helper T cells don't kill cells directly. They send signals that direct other immune cells to fight infection.
  - TR1 cells display **strong clonal fidelity**, meaning they maintain a consistent, specific response to the malaria parasite over time, **exhibit long-lasting immunological memory.**

4. **RBI's Remittances Survey:** Recently, inward remittances to India touched a record high of $118.7 billion in 2023–24, according to the RBI's Sixth Remittances Survey released in March.
    - This amount surpassed FDI inflows and covered over half of the country's merchandise trade deficit.
    - **Major Highlights:** The source of remittances is shifting from Gulf countries to advanced economies, with the U.S. contributing 27.7% and AEs now accounting for over half of total inflows.
        - This reflects a change in migrant profile — from low-skilled workers in West Asia to high-skilled professionals and students in developed countries.
        - Large-value transactions (over ₹5 lakh) made up 29% of the total value, indicating growing reliance on high-earning individuals abroad.
        - Digital modes now handle 73.5% of remittances, with transaction costs falling to 4.9%, though uneven digital access persists across countries.
        - States like Maharashtra, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu receive over half the remittances, while poorer states get less than 6%, due to unequal migration infrastructure.
        - Lack of household-level data limits understanding of how remittances are used — for consumption or long-term financial goals.
5. **Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS):** Recently, the Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS) for 2025–26.
    - The scheme retains the 1.5% interest subvention on short-term agricultural loans to support farmers and strengthen rural credit.
    - **About MISS:** A centrally sponsored initiative aimed at providing farmers with low-interest short-term loans through the Kisan Credit Card (KCC), promoting timely repayments.
        - Launched in 2006–07 to enhance access to agricultural credit and reduce the burden of rural indebtedness(under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare)
        - Operated jointly by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and NABARD through various banking channels, including public and private sector banks, RRBs, and cooperative banks.
    - **Major Highlights for FY 2025–26:** Includes crop production, animal husbandry, and fisheries, with a limit of ₹2 lakh for non-crop sectors.

- Farmers can access credit up to ₹3 lakh at a nominal 7% interest, with a 1.5% subvention to banks and an additional 3% rebate for prompt repayment, bringing the effective rate down to 4%.
- The proposed Budget 2025–26 seeks to raise the eligible loan ceiling to ₹5 lakh to better meet expanding agricultural requirements.
- Offers a 2% interest concession on restructured loans in disaster-affected areas.
- The scheme currently supports over 7.75 crore KCC accounts, strengthening rural credit accessibility.
- The Kisan Rin Portal (KRP), introduced in 2023, streamlines the process for submitting and tracking interest subvention claims.

6. **Deputy Speaker :** Recently, for the first time in India's parliamentary history, the Deputy Speaker post remained vacant throughout the entire Lok Sabha term from 2019 to 2024.
   - There is now a chance that this important position may once again remain unoccupied in the 18th Lok Sabha.

- **About Deputy Speaker:** The Deputy Speaker presides over Lok Sabha sessions when the Speaker is absent, exercising the same powers to manage proceedings.
  - **As per Article 93,** he/she must be elected "as soon as may be" after the Lok Sabha is constituted, emphasizing timely election without undue delay.
  - Holds office until resignation, removal, or disqualification under Article 94, ensuring continuity in parliamentary functioning.
  - **Chairs key parliamentary committees**, including the Private Member's Bill Committee and the House Budget Committee, to aid legislative review.
  - Maintains impartiality by ensuring fair conduct, orderly debates, and protecting members' rights, including those of the Opposition.
- **Key Issues:** The Deputy Speaker post remained vacant throughout the 17th Lok Sabha (2019–2024) and currently in the 18th Lok Sabha, an unprecedented situation.
  - Although the Constitution doesn't set a strict deadline, delaying the election for years distorts the intended meaning of "as soon as may be."
  - It reflects a disregard for constitutional principles and parliamentary conventions.

- The vacancy centralizes procedural power within the ruling party, upsetting the institutional balance designed by the Constitution.
- Without a Deputy Speaker, sudden events like the Speaker's resignation or incapacitation could disrupt parliamentary functioning.
- Ignoring the tradition of offering the role to the Opposition weakens consensus politics and damages democratic goodwill.

7. **Karni Mata Temple:** Recently, the Prime Minister made a visit to the Karni Mata Temple situated in Deshnok, a town located around 30 kilometers from Bikaner in Rajasthan.



   - **About Karni Mata Temple:** A revered Hindu shrine dedicated to Karni Mata, a 14th-century warrior sage known for her asceticism and spiritual impact.
     - Karni Mata was highly respected by locals and invited by the Maharajas of Jodhpur and Bikaner to lay foundation stones for **Mehrangarh and Bikaner Forts.**
     - She is worshipped as a manifestation of Goddess Durga by her followers.
     - The **Deshnok temple** is the most famous among several dedicated to her, famously called the **"Temple of Rats"** due to the presence of about 25,000 rats, **known as kabbas**, that live and are worshipped there.
     - White rats in the temple are especially revered, believed to be the reincarnations of Karni Mata and her sons.
     - The current temple structure was built in the early 1900s under Maharaja Ganga Singh's patronage.
     - The temple features classic Rajputana architecture blended with Mughal influences, evident in its arched doorways.
     - Its exterior is richly adorned with marble.
     - The main entrance includes newly added doors made entirely of solid silver.