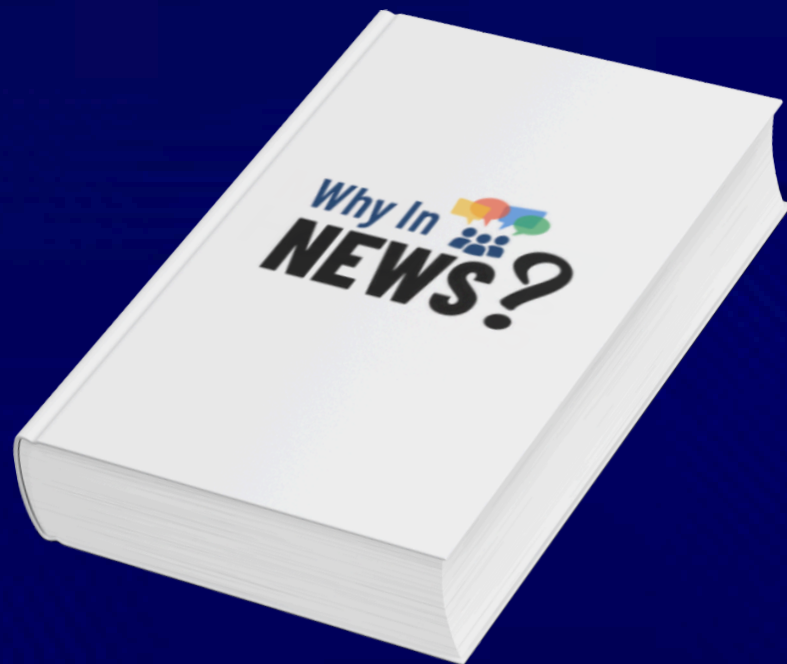


Why In **NEWS?**



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Himachal Pradesh Declared Fully Literate

Why in News?

- On International Literacy Day, Himachal Pradesh declared fully literate, achieving 99.3% literacy, above the national 95% benchmark.

Definition of Literacy (Census 2011)

- **Literacy:** Ability to read and write with understanding in any language for individuals aged 7 years and above.
- Merely being able to read does not qualify as literacy.
- **Full literacy:** Achieving 95% literacy rate in a State or UT.

International Literacy Day (ILD)

- Observed every year on September 8.
- Proclaimed by UNESCO during its 14th General Conference (1966).
- Originated from the World Conference on Eradication of Illiteracy (Tehran, 1965).
- 2025 Theme: *"Promoting Literacy in the Digital Era."*

India's Progress in Literacy

- Himachal Pradesh: 4th state to achieve full literacy (after Tripura, Mizoram, Goa).
- Ladakh: First fully literate Union Territory.
- National literacy rate: Increased from 74% (2011) to 80.9% (2023–24).



Source: NEXT IAS Magazine

AI for Viksit Bharat

Why in News?

- NITI Aayog launched “AI for Viksit Bharat” roadmap and Frontier Tech Repository under Frontier Tech Hub.

About

- **Aim:** Leverage Artificial Intelligence (AI) to enhance productivity, efficiency, and innovation in India.

Focus Areas

- AI adoption across industries to **improve outcomes**.
- Generative AI in R&D to **boost innovation** and **drive rapid growth**.

Vision

- Mainstream **AI solutions** across all districts.
- Ensure **inclusive development** and strengthen **global competitiveness**.

NITI Frontier Tech Repository

- Showcases 200+ impact stories across sectors:
 - Agriculture, Healthcare, Education, National Security.
- Highlights how states and startups are transforming livelihoods through technology.



Source: NEXT IAS Magazine

National Security Act (NSA)

Why in News?

- The Ladakh administration invoked the **NSA** to detain climate activist Sonam Wangchuk.

Overview

- **Purpose:** Allows preventive detention to protect national security, public order, and essential services.

Key Features

- **Grounds for Detention:** Threats to defense, foreign relations, state security, communal harmony, smuggling, or disruption of essential services.
- **Procedure:** Detention by Central/State Government based on subjective satisfaction; reasons must be communicated.
- **Advisory Board:** Formed within 3 weeks to review detention.
- **Period of Detention:** Initially up to 12 months; extendable in 12-month blocks with approval.
- **Safeguards:** Right to legal representation; can submit representation to Advisory Board; government considers recommendations.
- **Judicial Review:** Detention can be challenged in High Court via habeas corpus petition.



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