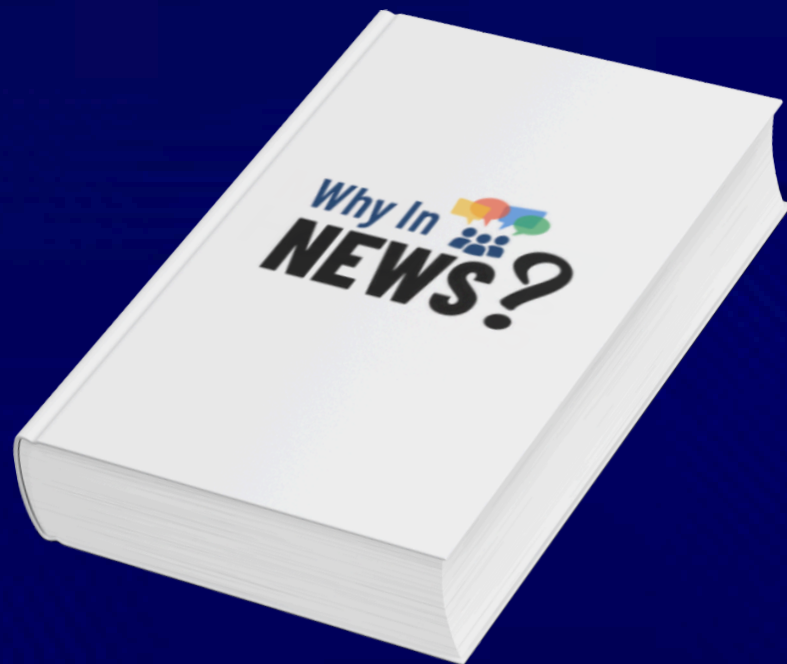
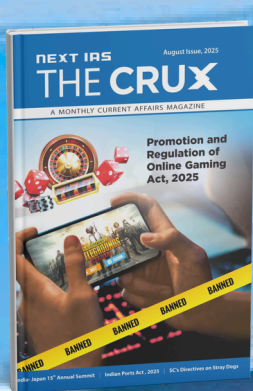


# *Why In* **NEWS?**



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## Ramsar Convention (COP 15)

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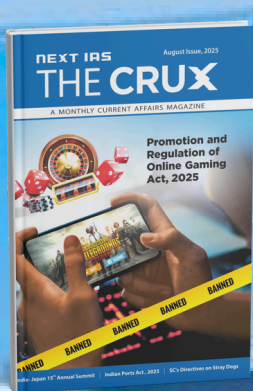
- Ramsar COP15 concluded in **Zimbabwe** with resolutions on **restoration**, **species protection**, **equitable governance**.

### Overview

- **Location:** Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
- **Theme:** “Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future”
- **Next Host:** Panama (COP16 in 2028)

### Major Outcome

- All 13 resolutions adopted covering wetland protection, monitoring capacity building and climate adaptation.
- **Victoria Falls Declaration** which emphasized political will, funding and sustainable wetland management.
- **Commitment Made** to restore degraded freshwater ecosystems and protect migratory birds.
- Improved criteria for designating **wetlands of International importance**.
- **Strategic Plan** approved with 4 goals and 18 targets for global wetland conservation.



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## **AGNISHODH**

### **Why in News?**

- The Indian Army and IIT Madras have jointly established the 'Agnishodh' Research cell.

### **About the Agnishodh**

- It is a joint initiative of the Indian Army and IIT Madras.
- It established the Indian Army research cell (IARC) at IIT Madras campus.

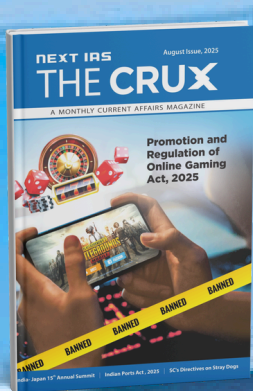
### **Purpose and Vision**

- Part of Indian Army's transformation framework guided by Five Pillars of Transformation.
- It focuses on modernisation and technology infusion, a key pillar of the transformation.

### **Upskilling Military Personnel**

- Trains in emerging tech domains like:
  - Additive Manufacturing, Cybersecurity, Quantum Computing, Wireless Communication, Unmanned Aerial Systems.





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## **NYAYA BANDHU LEGAL AID PROGRAMME**

### **Why in News?**

- Nyaya Bandhu provides free legal aid via app, connecting advocates and eligible beneficiaries.

### **Overview**

- It was launched in 2017 under the scheme DISHA (Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice).
- Implemented by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice.
- Till June 2025, about 14,888 women beneficiaries have registered via the Nyaya Bandhu App.

### **Objective**

- It provides free legal assistance to eligible beneficiaries.
- It creates a structured framework for Pro Bono (voluntary) legal services by advocates.

### **Key Features**

- **Registration of Advocates and Beneficiaries:**
  - Pro Bono advocates register on the Nyaya Bandhu Mobile App.
  - Beneficiaries also register to connect with advocates.
- **Nyaya Bandhu Mobile Application:**
  - Digital platform matching Pro Bono lawyers with applicants.
  - Ensures transparency, accessibility, and efficiency.
- **Pro Bono Clubs (PBCs):**
  - Set up in law schools across India.
  - Engage law students in community legal care and awareness, especially in rural and remote areas.



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