



'Emergency' Chapter to be Part of School Curriculum | Madhya Pradesh | 28 Jun 2024

Why in News?

Recently, **Madhya Pradesh chief minister** Mohan Yadav announced the inclusion of a **chapter on the Emergency** in the **state's school curriculum**.

- The chapter will explain the “**excesses and repression**” committed during the Emergency, which was imposed by the Government of India in **1975**.

Key Points

- The motive behind this step is to **make the present generation aware of the struggle** during the **1975 to 1977 Emergency period**.
- The CM announced several **additional facilities** for '[Loktantra Senanis](#)' ([democracy fighters](#)) who took part in the **struggle against the Emergency**.
 - Democracy fighters will be provided with **air ambulances in case of serious health problems**, and anti-emergency crusaders will receive a **25% discount on fares**.
 - All **arrangements will be made to conduct the final rites** of the 'Loktantra Senanis' **with state honors**. The **amount provided to their families** at the time of the funeral will be **increased from the current ₹8,000 to ₹10,000**.
 - **Employment opportunities** will be made available **to the family members** of the democracy fighters by providing them with the necessary training to set up industries or other business ventures.
- On **June 25, 1975**, then [Prime Minister Indira Gandhi](#) imposed an Emergency in the country, **jailing opposition leaders** and dissidents and effecting [press censorship](#). This year observed the **50th anniversary** of the beginning of this period.

Emergency

- [Emergency provisions](#) are contained in **Part XVIII of the Constitution of India**, from **Article 352 to 360**.
 - **National Emergency (Article 352)**
 - This provision empowers the President to declare a state of emergency if he is satisfied that the **security of the country or any part thereof is threatened by war, external aggression, or armed rebellion**.
 - **State emergency (Article 356)**
 - Article 356 empowers the President to impose [President's Rule](#) in a state if he is satisfied that the **government in the state cannot be carried on in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution**.
 - This provision is invoked in cases of **breakdown of constitutional machinery in a state**, allowing the Union to take over the governance of the state.
 - **Financial emergency (Article 360)**
 - This provision allows the **President to declare a state of financial emergency** if he is satisfied that the **financial stability or credit of India or any part thereof is threatened**.
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Bihar to Bring Stringent Law Against Paper Leaks | Bihar | 28 Jun 2024

Why in News?

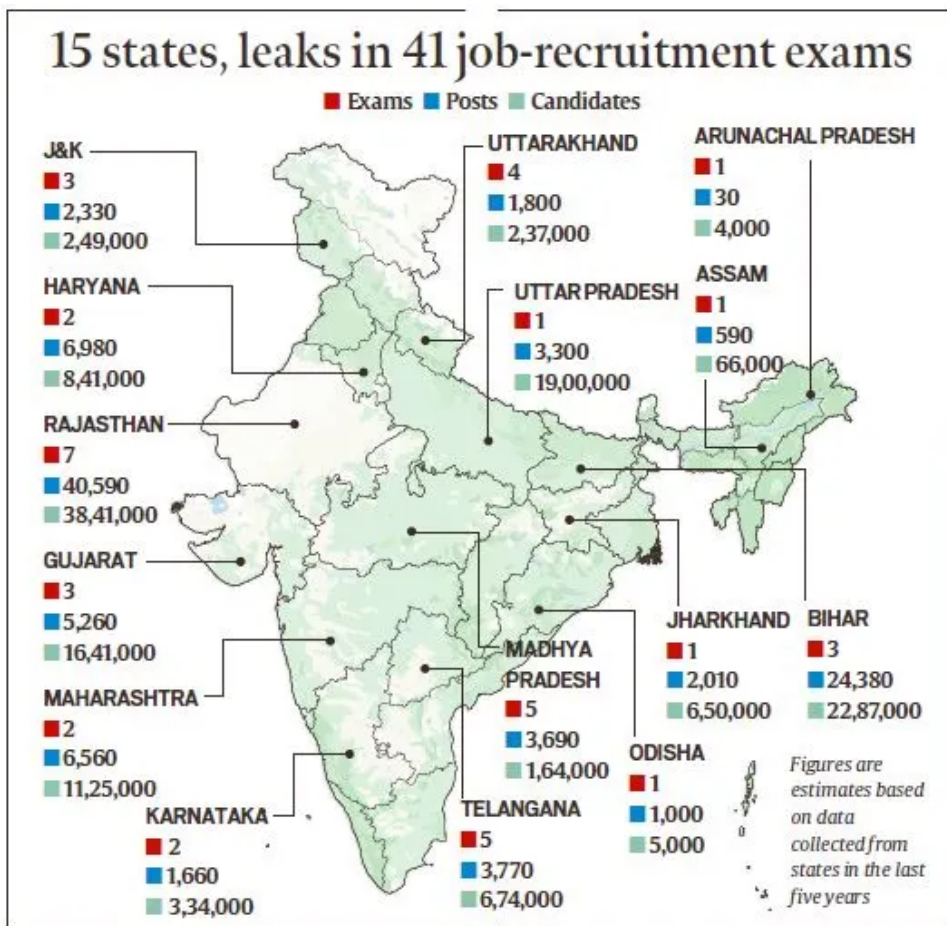
Recently, **Bihar Deputy Chief Minister** Samrat Chaudhary **asserted** that the **state government would bring** in a stringent **law to curb exam paper leaks**.

- The **new law will be passed** by the assembly **in the upcoming [monsoon session](#)** of the state legislature.

Key Points

- The central government has already notified the [Public Examinations \(Prevention of Unfair Means\) Act, 2024](#), which **aims to prevent unfair means** in **public examinations** and **common entrance tests** held across the country.
- **Key Features:**
 - It defines various offences related to unfair means, such as paper leaks, the use of **fake websites, and collusion with service providers**.
 - It prescribes strict penalties, including a **minimum jail term of 3-5 years and a fine up to Rs. 1 crore**.
 - It holds **service providers** engaged for exam conduct liable with fines up to Rs 1 crore and a 4-year ban on their involvement in public exams.
 - It empowers **police officers** not below the rank of **Deputy Superintendent of Police or Assistant Commissioner of Police** to investigate offences under the Act.
 - It will cover a wide range of central government recruitment exams, including those conducted by **UPSC, SSC, RRBs, IBPS, and [National Testing Agency \(NTA\)](#)**.

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Risk Posed by 13 Glacial Lakes During Monsoon | Uttarakhand | 28 Jun 2024

Why in News?

The [Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Department \(USDMA\)](#) is going to do a vulnerability study of the **13 glacial lakes**, **five of them in "high risk zone"**.

- The study aims to provide **data to help avoid calamities** such as [lake outbursts](#).

Key Points

- According to the officials, the [Himalayan glaciers](#) are in danger due to [climate change](#), and that this requires continued checks to ensure nothing untoward happens.
 - **13 high-risk lakes** are located in **Darma, Lasaryanghati, and Kutiyangti valley in Pithoragarh district, and Vasudhara Tal lake in Chamoli district**.
 - They range from 0.02 to 0.50 sq. km in size and are situated at elevations above 4,000 meters above sea level.
- In March 2024, the State government had formed two expert teams to assess the risks associated with these glacial lakes.
- The teams were composed of experts from the **Indian Institute of Remote Sensing**, the

[Geological Survey of India](#), the **National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee**, the **Centre for Development of Advanced Computing**, and the [Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology](#).

Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF)

▪ About:

- A [glacial lake outburst flood \(GLOF\)](#) is a type of catastrophic flood that occurs when the **dam containing a glacial lake fails**, releasing a large volume of water.
- This type of flood is **typically caused by rapid melting of glaciers or the buildup of water** in the lake due to heavy precipitation or the inflow of meltwater.
 - In February 2021, [Chamoli district in Uttarakhand witnessed flash floods](#) which are **suspected to have been caused by GLOFs**.

▪ Causes:

- These floods can be triggered by a number of factors, including **changes in the volume of the glacier**, changes in the **water level of the lake**, and [earthquakes](#).
- According to [NDMA \(National Disaster Management Authority\)](#), **glacial retreat due to climate change** occurring in most parts of the [Hindu Kush Himalayas](#) has given rise to the formation of numerous new glacial lakes, which are the major cause of GLOFs.

Haryana CM Distributes Plot Allotment Letters | Haryana | 28 Jun 2024

Why in News?

Recently, **Haryana Chief Minister** Nayab Singh Saini **distributed plot allotment certificates** to beneficiaries of the [State Housing Scheme](#).

Key Points

- The Haryana government launched the [Mukhyamantri Shehri Awas Yojana](#) to fulfill the **housing aspirations of poor families** in alignment with the Prime Minister's vision to provide housing for every impoverished individual.
 - Under the state scheme, **15,250 beneficiaries were given land plot allotment certificates**.
 - At the event held at **Maharshi Dayanand University** in Rohtak, the chief minister handed out plot allotment letters to the beneficiaries.
 - **Similar programmes to distribute allotment letters were also held** simultaneously at four other places -**Yamunanagar, Palwal, Sirsa, and Mahendragarh**.
- The state government had also recently **distributed cards to families having an income of less than Rs 1 lakh annually** under the [Haryana Antyodaya Parivar Parivahan Yojana](#).
 - Around 23 lakh families, consisting of approximately 84 lakh members, are benefiting from a scheme that provides **1,000 kilometers** of free bus travel within a year in state transport.

Haryana Mukhyamantri Shahri Awas Yojana

- Launched in **2023**, the main objective of this scheme is **to provide houses at affordable rates to the weaker and low-income group families of the state**.
- Under the scheme, **plots will be allotted to those who do not have land to build a house**.
 - This will lead to **social and economic development of the poor families** of the state

and will give them a chance to live a safe and stable life.

UP Chief Minister Announces 4 New Highways | Uttar Pradesh | 28 Jun 2024

Why in News?

Recently, **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister** Yogi Adityanath **announced to introduce four new link expressways** after a detailed study and action plan.

Key Points

- As per reports, the new expressways include the [Purvanchal Expressway](#), which will be connected to the **Agra-Lucknow Expressway**, and Ganga Expressway- which connects Farrukhabad and [Jewar Airport](#) via two link expressways.
- The **Ganga Expressway, from Meerut to Prayagraj**, is planned to be completed and open to the public by December 2024 to enable devotees to utilize the expressway for [Prayagraj Kumbh in 2025](#).
- [Gorakhpur Link Expressway](#), will provide excellent connectivity for the districts of **Gorakhpur, Sant Kabir Nagar, Azamgarh, and Ambedkar Nagar**.
 - These new expressways will significantly **boost the state's infrastructure and connectivity**.
 - To promote [environmental sustainability](#) and enhance the aesthetics of these new routes, saplings should be planted along both sides of all expressways.

Prayagraj Kumbh

- [Kumbh Mela](#) comes under [UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity](#).
- Kumbh Mela is the largest peaceful congregation of pilgrims on earth, during which participants bathe or take a dip in a sacred river.
 - It takes place on the banks of the [Godavari river in Nashik](#), the [Shipra river in Ujjain](#), the **Ganges in Haridwar**, and the confluence of the [Ganges](#), [Yamuna](#), and the mythical [Saraswati river in Prayagraj](#). The confluence is referred to as the '[Sangam](#)'.