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One Nation One Ration Card

Why in News?

As of July 19, at least 20 states and UTs have come on board the One Nation, One Ration card platform, while 3 others are expected to see its implementation by August 10. In the rest of the states, it is expected to be rolled out by the end of this year. The One Nation One Ration Card facility was started as inter-state portability of ration cards in four states in August last year. This facility is currently enabled for NFSA cardholders in these states and UTs.

Connectedness to the Syllabus:

Essay: UPSC may ask candidates to write an essay on the Fortification of Food, One Nation one ration Card, Food Security, etc.

GS PAPER I: Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies.

GS PAPER II: Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity; Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation; Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes;

Issues relating to poverty and hunger; Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures.

GS III: Major crops-cropping patterns in various parts of the country, - different types of irrigation and irrigation systems storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues and related constraints; e-technology in the aid of farmers; Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and minimum support prices; Public Distribution System- objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping; issues of buffer stocks and food security; Technology missions; economics of animal-rearing; Food processing and related industries in India- scope' and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.

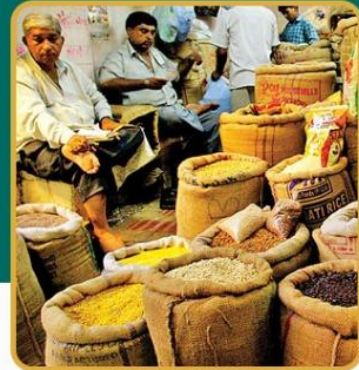
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Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
Government of India



ONE NATION, ONE RATION CARD (1/2)



Now You Can Get Your Ration at any Shop!

NFSA Card Holders (PHH or AAY Ration Card)
can avail their ration in 20 States/UTs

Andhra Pradesh

Goa

Himachal Pradesh

Kerala

Mizoram

Rajasthan

Tripura

Bihar

Gujarat

Jharkhand

Madhya Pradesh

Odisha

Sikkim

Uttar Pradesh

Haryana

Karnataka

Maharashtra

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ONE NATION, ONE RATION CARD (2/2)



To avail your ration,
follow these simple steps:



AAY 35 KG
per family per Month



PHH 5 KG
per person per Month



RICE ₹3 per kg



WHEAT ₹2 per kg



COARSE GRAIN ₹1 per kg

Contact nearest Panchayat/Municipality office or Food & Civil supplies department for more details

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Video Links of One Nation One Ration Card:

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RSTV: Policy Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Syw40lRX_s0

NDTV: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZwo47ZM_EY

Migratory Labourers

Why in News?

India went into a nationwide lockdown on March 24 to combat the Coronavirus pandemic and the entire Government machinery was galvanised by invoking the National Disaster Management Act. However, the sudden shutdown announced by Prime Minister created a serious governance and humanitarian crisis as panicked migratory workers in metro cities like Delhi, Mumbai, and Ahmedabad set out for their home states on foot. The Government, before announcing the lockdown, could have planned things in a better way, especially plan for an exit route for migratory workers who are the backbone of urban economy of India. But that was not done, leading to endless suffering for the migrant workers.

Connectedness to the Syllabus:

Essay: UPSC may ask candidates to write an essay about Labour laws Reforms, Labour Welfare etc.

GS I: Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies; Effects of globalization on Indian society.

GS II: Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein; Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions; Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation; Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources, poverty and hunger; Indian diaspora.

GS III: Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization, of resources, growth, development and employment; Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth; Investment models.

Maps and Images

STATES TRY TO STOP **FLIGHT OF LABOUR**

PUNJAB | Surveying possibility of new jobs by coordinating with industry bodies. Self-employment schemes to be publicised

RAJASTHAN | Announces skill training programmes. Industries to give Rs 4,000 allowance for April and May to migrant staffers

TAMIL NADU | Aavin Dairy promises long-tenure jobs with Rs 20,000/pm salary and benefits like ESI & PF. Some other companies pledge free food and accommodation, regular medical check

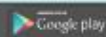
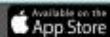


MAHARASHTRA | A Pune-based realtor pays workers 2 months' salary in advance along with performance incentives. A fabricator sends money to some workers in UP to buy return tickets

GUJARAT | India's biggest salt industry in Kutch offering double the salary to workers who return. Labour contractors at Deendayal Port Trust at Kandla to do the same

KARNATAKA | Announces Rs 3,000 additional financial assistance to construction workers – mainly migrants – along with ration kits

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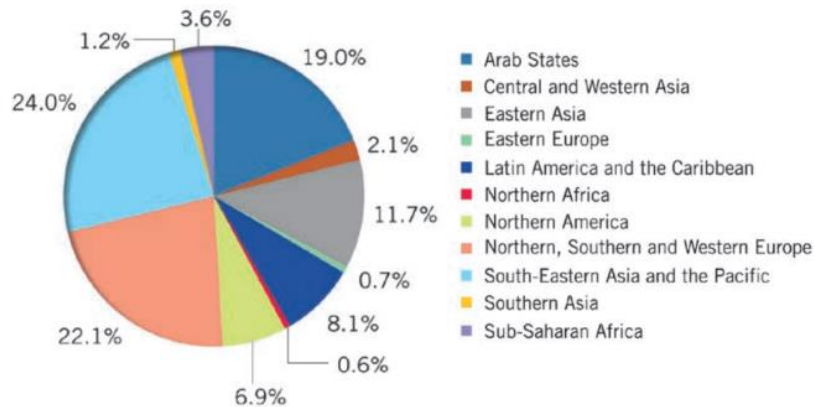
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Distribution of migrant domestic workers, by sex and broad subregion, 2013 (percentages)

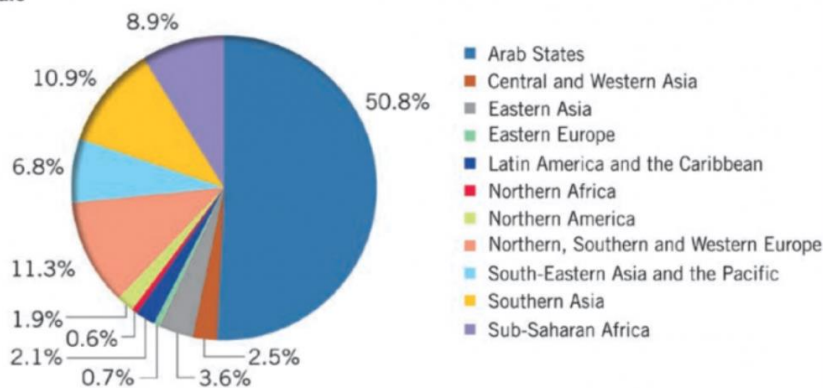
Female



Source: ILO, *ILO global estimates on migrant workers: Results and methodology* (Geneva, 2015: xiv)

Distribution of migrant domestic workers, by sex and broad subregion, 2013 (percentages)

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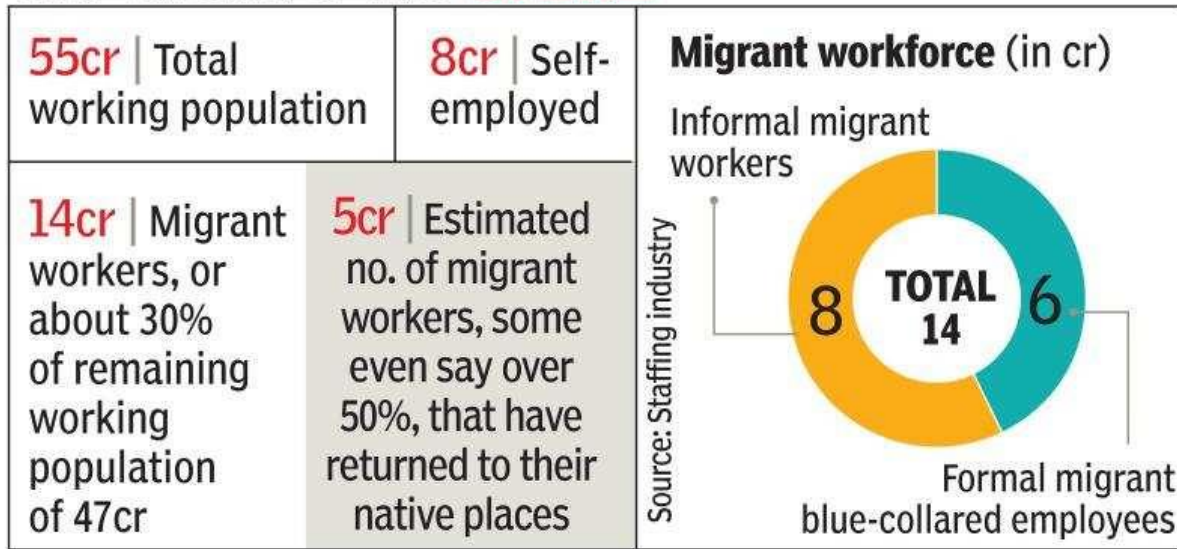
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Top 10 Migrant Destination States in India

By % of Migrant Population and Migrant Population greater than 7 Million

State	Migrant Population	State Population	% of Migrant Population	IMPEX Score
Kerala	18 Million	33 Million	53	63
Maharashtra	57 Million	112 Million	51	44
Punjab	14 Million	28 Million	50	40
Andhra Pradesh	38 Million	85 Million	45	49
Gujarat	27 Million	60 Million	45	34
Tamil Nadu	31 Million	72 Million	43	40
Karnataka	26 Million	61 Million	43	33
Delhi	7 Million	17 Million	43	34
Haryana	11 Million	25 Million	42	35
Odisha	15 Million	42 Million	37	34

Table: India Migration Now • Source: Census India 2011 • Created with Datawrapper

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Social Media as an Arbitrator of Truth

Why in News?

The Mumbai Police earlier recently arrested a 20-year-old man for allegedly creating a fake profile of Bollywood playback singer Bhoomi Trivedi. The interrogation of the accused revealed that there are several such companies that sell followers and 'likes' on social media. There is a need for a proper enquiry into "social media marketing influencers fraud".

Also, recently in US after the custodial death of an American-African man the social media platforms and especially "Twitter" to some extent showed that these platforms can be an arbitrator of truth to some extent.

Connectedness to the Syllabus

Essay: UPSC may ask candidates to write an essay about Social Media Menace, Fake News etc.

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G.S. II: Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures.

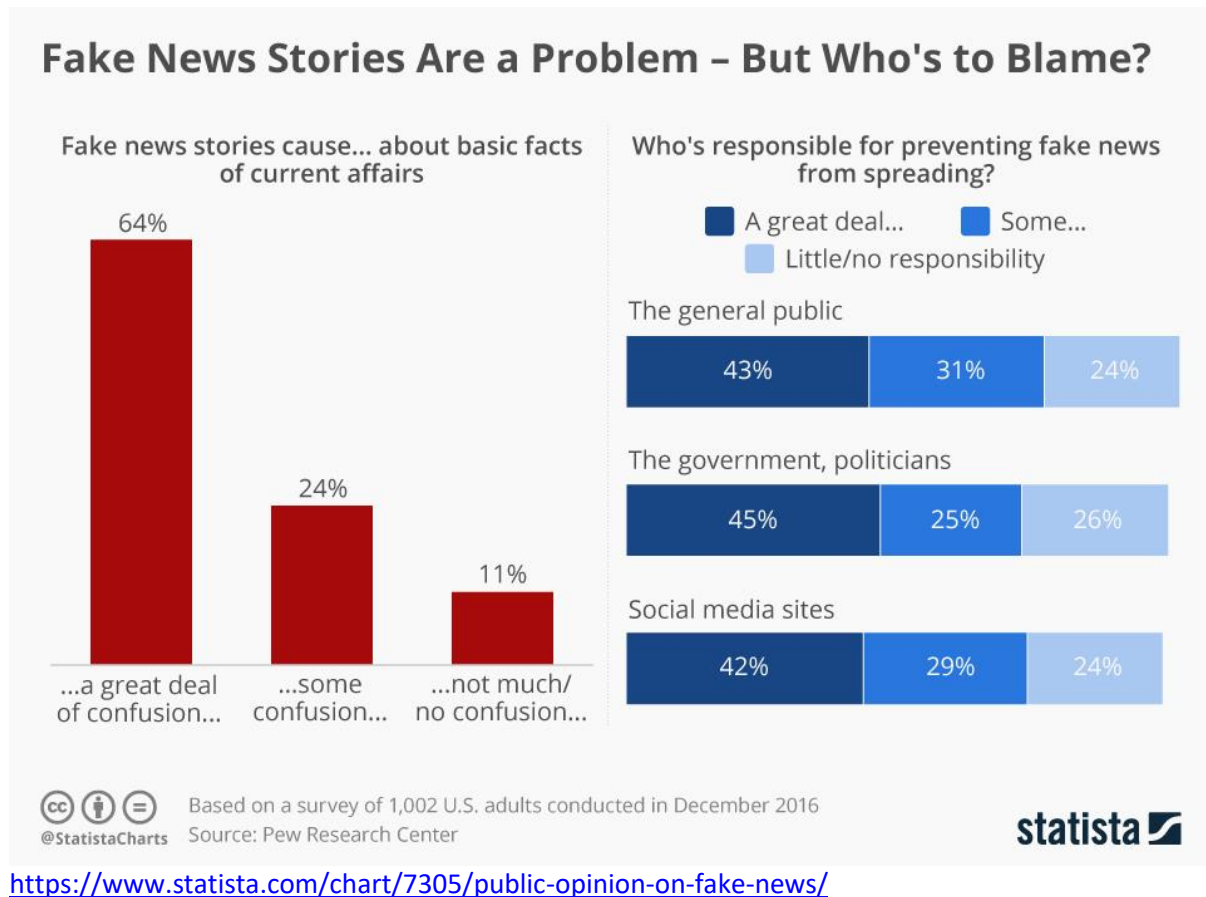
G.S. III: Investment models; Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life; Achievements of Indians in science & technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology; Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security; Challenges to

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internal security through communication networks, role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges, basics of cyber security; money laundering and its prevention.

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HOW TO SPOT

FALSE NEWS



READ BEYOND

Headlines can be sensational in an effort to get clicks. What's the whole story?



CONSIDER THE SOURCE

Click away from the story to investigate the site, its mission and its contact info



CHECK THE AUTHOR

Do a quick search on the author. Are they credible? Are they real?

CHECK THE DATE

Reposting old news stories doesn't mean they're relevant to current events



IS IT A JOKE?

If its too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure



SUPPORTING SOURCES?

Click on any hyperlinks accompanying the story. Determine if the info given actually supports the story



CHECK YOUR BIASES

Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgement

IS IT AUTHENTIC?

Use Tin Eye/Google Reverse Image Search before sharing photos to verify their original source



CHECK MAINSTREAM MEDIA
or a fact-checking site

STOP THE SPREAD OF MISINFORMATION.
THINK BEFORE YOU SHARE, REACT OR RESPOND.



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Where Exposure To Fake News Is Highest

% who say they were exposed to completely made-up news in the past week*



* Selected countries
n=74,000 respondents in 37 markets (Jan/Feb 2018)
Source: Reuters Institute Digital News Report 2018

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