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### Sagarmala initiative

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- Government has recently inaugurated Hi-tech labs in centre of excellence in Maritime & Ship Building (CEMS), Vishakapatnam.
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- The prime objective of the sagarmala project is to promote port-led development and to provide infrastructure to transport goods quickly, efficiently and cost-effectively.
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- It intends to enhance the capacity of major and non-major ports.
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- It also strives to ensure sustainable development of the population living in the coastal economic zones.
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- Community Development Fund will be created for projects and activities which strive to bring development for coastal communities.
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### National Database of Arms Licenses System

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- Union Home Ministry is planning to create National Database of Arms Licenses System.
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- It is to create vigilance on authorised private gun holders and eliminate possibilities of issuing arms license to bogus persons.
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- Ministry will amend the Arms Act to create the database.
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## **Global Compact for Migration**

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- United Nations has created Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration for the first time.
- It is the first intergovernmental negotiated agreement under the auspices of UN to cover all dimensions of migration.
- The agreement was signed by adopting a non-binding political declaration "New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants" in 2016.
- Its objective is to address the challenges of migration, strengthen migrant rights.
- Under the agenda, member States committed to cooperate internationally to safe facilitate migration.

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## **Bansagar Canal Project**

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- Bansagar canal project was recently inaugurated in Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh.
- The project is a joint venture between Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.
- It is a multipurpose river valley project on Son River.
- It aims to bring boost to irrigation in the region.

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## **Son River**

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- Son River originates near Amarkantak in Madhya Pradesh.
- It is one of the tributary of Ganges from Central India.

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- It is the second largest of the southern tributaries of Ganga. Yamuna is the largest tributary.

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