

Prelims Focus - 18th March 2024

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1. Darien Gap

In News: Darien Gap has become a major route for illegal migration to the US.

- The Darien Gap is a stretch of densely forested area across northern Colombia located in South America and southern Panama situated in North America.
- Roughly 60 miles (97 kilometres) across, the terrain is muddy, wet and volatile.
- The hard topography of humid, swampy rainforest as well as criminal gangs who control the location, make the route a very tough and deadly one.

2. Nausena Bhawan

In News: The Defence Minister has recently inaugurated the '**Nausena Bhawan**', the new state-of-the-art headquarters of the Indian Navy at the Delhi Cantonment.

- It establishes the Navy's first impartial headquarters in Delhi. Previously, the Navy operated from 13 different locations, making it difficult to coordinate.
- It is a centralised and technologically advanced headquarter that displays the state's dedication to maritime excellence and national security.
- The Building incorporates 3 wings and 4 stories, incorporates innovative construction technologies to optimise efficiency and sustainability.

3. Pandavula Gutta

In News: It, a geological marvel older than the Himalayan hills, has been officially recognised as the sole Geo-heritage site in Telangana.

- They are older than the Himalayas, well-known for ancient rock art work which depict animals like bison, antelope, tiger, and leopard, at the side of geometric designs and logos like swastikas, circles, and squares.
- The presence of those paintings shows the place was inhabited from the Mesolithic period (around 12,000 to 6,000 BCE) up to medieval times.

4. Model Code of Conduct (MCC)

In News: The Election Commission of India has recently announced the dates for the upcoming Lok Sabha Election and it has officially put in place the model code of conduct (MCC).

- It was first introduced in the 1960 Assembly elections in Kerala. In 1991, T.N. Seshan first codified the MCC.
- It is a set of recommendations issued through the Election Commission to regulate the campaigning of political events and applicants for the duration of elections.
- Its most important purpose is to promote free and fair elections by stopping any activities that could influence the electorate or disrupt the poll system.