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S.NO.	TOPIC
1.	OVER 1,000 INDIANS CROSSED INTO U.K. ILLEGALLY IN 2023
2.	PRELIMS POINTERS

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TAG: GS Paper – II **Human Resource, Population and Associated Issues, Poverty and Developmental Issues, Government Policies & Interventions, Indian Diaspora**
GS Paper – III **Growth & Development**

Practice Question:

Mains

Q. Evaluate the potential implications of the Act on global migration trends and suggest measures to address concerns raised by critics while ensuring effective border management. (250 words)

WHY IN NEWS?

- ❖ In 2023, over 1,000 Indians crossed the English Channel in small inflatable boats, risking their lives to reach the U.K. in search of jobs and asylum.
- ❖ The number of Indians taking this *perilous journey* has *increased significantly in recent times, doubling from the previous year*. Most of the *illegal migrants from India* who undertook this journey in 2023 were *between the ages of 18-29*, making up *nearly 60% of the total*.

ILLEGAL MIGRATION BILL OF THE UK

- ❖ The *Act aims to discourage unauthorized migration*, especially through *unsafe and illegal means*, by mandating the *expulsion of specific individuals* who enter or arrive in *the United Kingdom against immigration regulations*.
- ❖ **IMPORTANT PROVISIONS OF THE BILL:**
 - **Unauthorized Entry:** The new law lets the *UK government arrest and send away anyone entering the country without permission*.
 - **Legal Processes and Deportation:** Upon arrest and completion of legal procedures, these individuals will be *deported to their home country or another secure location*.
 - **Sea Entry Regulations:** Individuals *attempting illegal entry* via sea may face *a 28-day detention period* before being repatriated.
 - **Bar on citizenship:** Once deported, individuals are *permanently barred from acquiring British citizenship or re-entering the UK*.
 - **Retrospective Application:** Notably, the law applies retroactively, allowing the *expulsion of those who have already entered the UK*.
 - **Cap on Annual Immigration:** There's now a *limit on how many immigrants can come* to the UK each year.



- **Victims of Human Trafficking:** The law aims to *prevent victims of human trafficking* from *utilizing modern slavery* laws to *evade deportation*.
- **Impact on Modern Slavery Laws:** This encompasses *laws like the Modern Slavery Act of 2015*, addressing offenses such as *forced labour and exploitation*.

WHY THE UK NEEDED AN ILLEGAL MIGRATION LAW?

- According to **Prime Minister Rishi Sunak**, the **Illegal Migration Act** is *essential to discourage thousands of migrants* attempting *risky entry into the UK* through the **English Channel**.
- **Alarming Numbers:** In **2022**, more than **45,000 people** undertook this perilous journey, with over **3,000 attempting it in the first two months of 2023 alone**.
- **Combating Human Trafficking:** P. M. Sunak believes the *new law will crack down* on **human traffickers and smugglers** facilitating illegal entries.
- **Influences on UK Politics:** Recent years have seen a **strong anti-illegal migrant** and **anti-EU sentiment in UK politics**, intensified by **economic challenges**, leading to **migrants becoming scapegoats**.

CONCERNS WITH THE BILL

- ❖ **VIOLATION OF REFUGEE CONVENTION:** The **UN High Commissioner for Refugees** criticizes the Bill, claiming it goes *against the principles of the 1951 Refugee Convention*.
- ❖ **The Bill** is viewed as a **ban on seeking asylum**, *deemed inconsistent with international law standards*.
- ❖ **GLOBAL ANTI-GLOBALIZATION TREND:** There is worry that the act's implications may *set an example for other Western nations*, fostering a **global shift towards anti-globalization sentiments**.

IMPACT OF ILLEGAL MIGRATION

- **National Security Threat:** Continuous **entry of undocumented migrants** poses a **severe risk to national security**, potentially involving them in illegal activities.
- **Interests Clash and Local Tensions:** Large-scale illegal immigration creates conflicts between local populations and migrants, leading to tensions in affected areas.
- **Political Instability Concerns:** Political leaders *exploiting anti-migrant sentiments* for **personal gain** contributes to **political instability and societal divisions**.
- **Militancy and Extremism:** Attacks on **perceived illegal migrants** can **fuel radicalization**, especially when certain communities are targeted.
- **Human Trafficking:** **Illegal migration** facilitates **human trafficking and smuggling**, particularly impacting **vulnerable individuals, especially women**.
- **Law and Order Disturbance:** Presence of **undocumented migrants** involved in *illegal activities* undermines the **rule of law and national integrity**.

WAY FORWARD

- **Address Root Causes:** Work on addressing the **root causes of migration**, such as **poverty, conflict, and lack of opportunities**.
- **Multilateral Agreements:** Engage in and **advocate for multilateral agreements** that **promote responsible migration policies** and address global challenges.
- **Strengthen Border Security:** Enhance border security measures to **prevent illegal entries** and **trafficking while facilitating legal immigration**.
- **Humanitarian Approach:** Implement **humane policies** that consider the plight of migrants, especially those escaping persecution and violence.



TOPIC	DESCRIPTION
<p>INTEROPERABLE PAYMENT SYSTEM</p>	<p>WHY IN NEWS?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RBI Governor announces interoperable payment system launch, aligning with Payments Vision 2025. NBBL approval aims to boost digital payments confidence amid UPI's dominance, signalling growth opportunities. <p>ABOUT THE INTEROPERABLE PAYMENT SYSTEM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval to NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd (NBBL): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd (NBBL) has received approval to implement the interoperable system, facilitating faster fund settlements for merchants. Payments Vision 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This initiative aligns with RBI's Payments Vision 2025, aiming for seamless connectivity among multiple digital systems and applications. UPI's Significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UPI has become a prominent fast payment system, with close to 80% share in digital payments in 2023, signalling its pivotal role in the digital payments landscape. Growth Metrics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indians can now utilize the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) to conduct transactions in seven countries. With its recent launch in Sri Lanka and Mauritius, UPI payments have been extended to France, UAE, Singapore, Bhutan, and Nepal. Expansion Opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Despite progress, there's ample scope for further expanding digital payments in India, with initiatives like the Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) contributing to growth. 
<p>INDIA- EFTA TRADE DEAL</p>	<p>WHY IN NEWS?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EFTA's \$100 billion investment commitment in India over 15 years, tied to a forthcoming FTA, aims to diversify imports from China, fostering trade and job growth. <p>ABOUT INDIA-EFTA TRADE DEAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EFTA investment targets sectors like pharma, food processing, and engineering for joint ventures in India. Market Access: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> India offers market access to EFTA in exchange for investment, primarily through eliminating tariffs on various products. Potential Job Creation:



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- ☛ The deal could generate **around 10 million jobs in India**, with a focus on expanding consumer markets.
- ❖ **Challenges:**
 - ☛ India faces difficulties in **exporting agricultural produce to Switzerland** due to tariffs and quality standards.
- ❖ **Impact on Exports:**
 - ☛ **Switzerland's decision to eliminate import duties on industrial goods** affects 98% of India's merchandise exports to Switzerland.

'Specific duration' clause in India-EFTA pact



WHY IN NEWS?

- ❖ *Scientists unveiled secrets of Earth's star dunes, studying Lala Lallia in Morocco. Formed over 900 years, these dunes constitute 10% of desert formations.*

ABOUT EARTH'S MAGNIFICENT DESERT STAR DUNES

- ❖ **Description:**
 - ☛ Star dunes are **pyramid-shaped formations up to 1,000 feet tall**, resembling stars from above.
- ❖ **Study Focus:**
 - ☛ Researchers studied **Lala Lallia in Morocco**, revealing its **internal structure and formation process**.
- ❖ **Formation Time:**
 - ☛ Lala Lallia **formed over 900 years**, accumulating sand annually, discovered through radar and dating methods.
- ❖ **Global Distribution:**
 - ☛ Star dunes **make up 10% of desert dunes globally**, found on Earth, Mars, and Saturn's moon Titan.
- ❖ **Movement:**
 - ☛ Lala Lallia moves **westward at 1.6 feet per year**, indicating ongoing geological processes.
- ❖ **Ancient Discoveries:**
 - ☛ While common today, only one ancient star dune, **dating 250 million years**, is found preserved in Scotland.



WHY IN NEWS?

- ❖ *Recent research warns 90% Himalayan drought with 3°C warming. Adhering to Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit mitigates 80% India's heat stress, urging urgent climate action.*

ABOUT THE RECENT REPORT:



DEGREES WARMING: STUDY

- ❖ **University of East Anglia** researchers quantified risks to **human and natural systems** as global warming levels increase.
- ❖ Eight studies focused on **India, Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, and Ghana**, highlighting **increased risks of drought, flooding, crop yield declines**, and biodiversity loss with each degree of warming.
- ❖ India could experience a **halving of pollination at 3-4 degrees Celsius** versus a **quarter reduction at 1.5 degrees Celsius**.
- ❖ Agricultural land in the studied countries may face severe **droughts lasting over a year with 3 degrees Celsius warming**.
- ❖ Economic damages from **sea-level rise** are projected to increase **slower if warming is limited to 1.5 degrees Celsius**.
- ❖ Current global policies could **lead to 3 degrees Celsius warming**, necessitating stronger efforts to reduce global warming aligned with Paris Agreement goals.
- ❖ Studies emphasize the **need for climate policies aligned with Paris Agreement** limits to mitigate widespread climate change risks.
- ❖ Although focusing on **six countries**, **similar issues are projected for other nations**.



SUPREME COURT JUDGMENT ON PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGES

WHY IN NEWS?

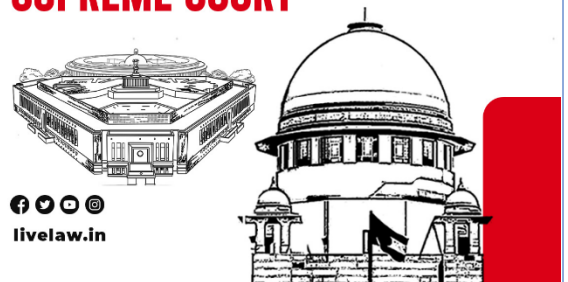
- ❖ *Supreme Court expands oversight on parliamentary privileges, challenging Parliament's sole authority, reshaping accountability norms, especially concerning bribery charges, and upholding constitutional probity.*

ABOUT PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGES

- ❖ **Definition:**
 - ☛ **Special rights** for Parliament and members.
 - ☛ **Ensure independence** and exemptions from laws.
 - ☛ **Constitutional Article: Article 105 (2) and Article 194 (2)** of the Indian Constitution.
- ❖ **Specified and Enumerated:**
 - ☛ **Based on UK Parliament privileges.**
 - ☛ **Include publishing, rule-making, and punishment.**

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CORRUPTION AND BRIBERY OF MPS AND MLAS ERODE FOUNDATION OF INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY.
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COLLECTIVE PRIVILEGES:

- ❖ Right to publish reports, debates, and proceedings.
- ❖ Ability to **exclude strangers and hold secret meetings**.



- ❖ Authority to make rules for governance and adjudication.
- ❖ Immediate notification of **member's arrest, custody, etc.**
- ❖ **Power to punish for breaches** of privilege.
- ❖ **Courts cannot investigate** House proceedings.
- ❖ **No arrest** of members without prior notification.

INDIVIDUAL PRIVILEGES:

- ❖ **No member arrest 40 days before/after** Parliament session.
- ❖ **Right to free expression** in Parliament.
- ❖ **No accountability** in court for statements or votes.
- ❖ **Exemption from jury duty** during Parliament session.
- ❖ **Right to refuse evidence in court** during Parliament session.

RECENT JUDGMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❖ SC **extends judicial review over Parliament's privileges.**
- ❖ Focuses on **immunity from prosecution for bribery charges** against MPs.
- ❖ Underlines **separation of powers**, akin to **limits on discussing judges' conduct.**
- ❖ **Upholds judiciary's independence** as part of the **Constitution's basic structure.**
- ❖ Overturns previous rulings, **asserts lawmakers can be held accountable for corruption.**

