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1. Aditya L 1 and Solar Storm

- **Prelims** - Aditya L 1 and Solar Storm
- **Mains** - GS 3 - Science and Technology (Indigenization of Technology)

Why in the news?

→ Aditiya - L1 has revealed the reason behind unusual behavior of a 2024 solar storm.

Aditya-L1 Mission

- **Launched by:** Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- **Objectives:** To study and understand the mechanisms behind-
 - Coronal Heating and Solar Wind Acceleration
 - Initiation of Coronal Mass Ejection (CME), flares and near-earth space weather;
 - Solar wind distribution and temperature anisotropy etc.
- **Launch Vehicle:** Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) XL.
- **Orbit:** It would be placed into a point in space known as the L1 Lagrange point.
- **Achievements:**
 - Captured images of the Sun through payloads SUIT and VELC.
 - Completion of First Halo Orbit in July - Aditya-L1 in the Halo orbit takes 178 days to complete a revolution around the L1 point.

Solar Storm

- A solar storm is a disturbance on the Sun that releases huge amounts of energy in the form of radiation, charged particles, and magnetic fields.
- It **mainly arises from** Solar flares, Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) and High-speed solar winds from coronal holes
- It affects space weather and can impact Earth's magnetosphere.



2. Western Tragopan

- **Prelims** - Western Tragopan
- **Mains** - GS 3 - Environment (Biodiversity Conservation)

Why in the news?

- Captive breeding helps in steadyng Western Tragopan population in India.

Western Tragopan

- **What is it?:** The **Western Tragopan** is one of the rarest and most threatened pheasants in the world, which is known as **Jujurana** (“King of Birds”) in Himachal Pradesh.
- **Fact:** **Himachal Pradesh** declared it the **State Bird**.
- **Distribution:** Native to the **Western Himalayas** of India (Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir) and Pakistan.
- **Threats:** Habitat degradation and fragmentation, Poaching and Predation by feral dogs.
- **Conservation Status:**
 - IUCN Red List: Vulnerable
 - CITES: Appendix I
 - Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972: Schedule I species
- **Conservation Measures:**
 - Included in IUCN Pheasant Specialist Group conservation strategies.
 - Captive breeding programme at **Sarahan Pheasantry**, Himachal Pradesh.
 - **Protected areas:** Great Himalayan National Park, Kugti Wildlife Sanctuary and Tirthan Valley region.

3. UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH)

- **Prelims** - UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH)
- **Mains** - GS 1 - Art and Culture (Cultural Heritage of India)

Why in the news?

- Deepavali festival was added in the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH)

- **What is it?:** According to UNESCO, **Intangible Cultural Heritage** refers to *“practices, expressions, knowledge, and skills that communities, groups, and individuals recognize as part of their cultural heritage.”*
- **Objectives:**
 - Promote visibility of intangible cultural heritage globally
 - Encourage respect for cultural diversity
 - Highlight traditions that are still actively passed down
- **India and the ICH:** India has **16 elements** in the representative list-
 - **Ramlila** (Traditional performance of the Ramayana)
 - **Kudiyattam** (Sanskrit theatre tradition of Kerala)
 - **Vedic chanting**
 - **Ramman** (Religious festival of Uttarakhand)
 - **Mudiyettu** (Ritual theatre of Kerala)
 - **Kalbelia folk songs and dances** (Rajasthan)
 - **Chhau dance** (Odisha, West Bengal, Jharkhand)
 - **Buddhist chanting** of Ladakh
 - **Sankirtana** (Manipur)
 - **Yoga**
 - **Nawrouz** (multinational)
 - **Kumbh Mela**
 - **Durga Puja** in Kolkata
 - **Garba** of Gujarat
 - **Deepavali**

4. ‘Your Money, Your Right’ Movement

- **Prelims** - ‘Your Money, Your Right’ Movement
- **Mains** - GS 3 - Economy (Banking Sector)

Why in the news?

- The Prime Minister urged the citizens to participate in the ‘Your Money, Your Right’ Movement.

‘Your Money, Your Right’ Movement

- **What is it?:** It is a **civil society and depositor-led campaign in India** demanding stronger protection for bank depositors' rights.
- **Rationale:**
 - Triggered by high-profile cases like Distress in cooperative banks & shadow banking sector and Restrictions on withdrawals imposed by RBI during regulatory action
 - Long delays in accessing savings and Uncertainty about deposit safety faced by the depositors.
- **Features:**
 - Demands Stronger depositor protection laws and Accountability of bank management and regulators
 - Highlights Lack of depositor awareness about insurance limits and rights and
 - Highlights Policy gaps in cooperative banks' regulation and Weak grievance redressal systems

5. C. Rajagopalachari

- **Prelims** - C. Rajagopalachari
- **Mains** - GS 1 - Modern India (Important Figures of Freedom Struggle)

Why in the news?

- Prime Minister paid tribute to C. Rajagopalachari on his birth anniversary

C. Rajagopalachari

- **Birth:** Born on December 10, 1878, in Hosur, Tamil Nadu
- **Role in India's Freedom Movement:**
 - Early Congressman and part of the **Non-Cooperation Movement** and **Civil Disobedience Movement**.
 - Key architect of the **Salem Salt Satyagraha (1930)**.
 - One of the closest advisers of Gandhi on constitutional and political matters.
 - **Opposed the Quit India Movement**, believing it would lead to chaos during wartime.
- **Major Roles in Independent India:**
 - **Last Governor-General of India:** Served as the **only Indian Governor-General (June 1948 – January 1950)** after Lord Mountbatten and oversaw transition to Republic.
 - **Chief Minister of Madras State:** Introduced the '**Kalkalvi Thittam**' (**Modified Education Scheme**) with emphasis on vocational education.
 - **Founder of the Swatantra Party:** Formed India's most successful non-Congress party until the 1970s.
- **Literary Contributions:**
 - **Ramayana & Mahabharata (retellings)** – simplified versions widely used in education
 - Krishnamurti's Teachings
 - Political and moral essays promoting ethics and public reason
- **Recognition:** Awarded the **Bharat Ratna (1954)** for his literary, political, and administrative contributions.

6. Italy

- **Prelims** -Location of Italy
- **Mains** - GS 2 - International Relations (Bilateral Relations)

Italy



Why in the news?

- India and Italy set to implement the Italy-India Joint Strategic Action Plan 2025-2029.

Italy

- **Location:** southern and western Europe.
- **Capital:** Rome
- **Border Countries:** France, Switzerland, Austria, Slovenia and the two enclaves of Vatican City and San Marino.
- **Bordering Waterbodies:** Mediterranean Sea, the Ligurian and Tyrrhenian seas, the Ionian Sea and the Adriatic Sea.
- **Bordering Geographical Features:** Alps Mountains.
- **Climate:** Mediterranean Climate
- **Associated Major Grouping:** European Union, NATO



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7. Brunei

- **Prelims** - Location of Brunei
- **Mains** - GS 2 - International Relations (Bilateral Relations)

