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## 1 Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (Source: *The Hindu*)

To ensure black marketing of goods is not undertaken and thereby ensure continuous supply of materials at optimal prices government introduced the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

### Facts to Know About

- Drugs, Fertilizer, Petroleum, oilseeds and oils, Raw jute and jute textile are all part of act.
- There are seven commodities scheduled under the EC Act, 1955 as essential.
- The implementation of the act lies with the State Governments.
- Centre can regulate the production of essential commodities only under extraordinary circumstances such as war, famine, extraordinary price rise and natural calamity of grave nature.



## 2 Liquefied Petroleum Gas(LPG)

(Source: *Hindu*)

Liquefied Petroleum Gas(LPG) is a mixture of hydrocarbon gases and is commonly used in every household for cooking.

### Facts to Know

- It is a portable, clean and efficient energy source.
- LPG is primarily obtained from natural gas and oil production but is also produced increasingly from renewable sources.
- At a normal temperature, LPG is a gas and liquid under pressure or cooling,
- Ethyl Mercaptan is added to LPG as a smelling agent to identify leakage if any as LPG is odourless.
- Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana ensures LPG availability to the rural and deprived households.



### What is CNG(Compressed Natural Gas)?

- It is primarily composed of methane.
- It helps to reduce emissions, improve engine health, and lower maintenance costs.
- The main disadvantage is that it requires bulky tanks for storage and transportation.



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## 3 Convention on Migratory Species (Source: *Down To Earth*)

*Convention on Migratory Species is a convention under UNEP that aims a conservation of migratory species.*

### Facts to Know

- It aims to conserve terrestrial, marine, and avian migratory species across their ranges.
- It is also known as the Bonn Convention.
- It has Appendix I and Appendix II as categories. Appendix I is for protecting threatened animals and Appendix II focuses on those needing international cooperation.
- India is a signatory to treaty and has agreements on the conservation of Siberian Cranes, Marine Turtles, Dugongs, and Raptors.
- It helps in maintaining ecological connectivity across borders.



### How do migratory animals help?

- They act as pollinators and seed distributors which contribute to ecosystem structure and function.
- Provide food for other animals and regulate the number of species in ecosystems.
- Effective indicators of environmental change.
- Prime attractions for ecotourists such as bird spotters or whale watchers.
- Migratory species have a great significance in many cultures.



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## 4 National Human Rights Commission (Source: *PIB*)

*The national commission that focuses on ensuring Human Rights are upheld for every citizens.*

### What need to be known?

- It was established as per Protection of Human Rights Act , 1993.
- It conforms with the Paris Principles of Human rights.
- Human Rights is defined as the rights relating to life, liberty, equality and dignity of the individual guaranteed by the Constitution.
- NHRC can take suo motu action on incidents involving human rights violation.
- The Chairperson of NHRC shall be person who has been a Chief Justice of India or a Judge of the Supreme Court.
- It consists of five full-time members, including judges and human rights experts in addition to chairperson.
- NHRC can intervene in court proceedings involving human rights violations, with approval of the court.