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1 Flash Flood (Source: The Hindu)

A flash flood is a sudden, rapid flooding event that occurs within minutes to a few hours.

Cause

- Cloudburst or intense localised rainfall.
- Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs) in the Himalayan regions.
- Dam or embankment failure.
- Urbanisation leading to impervious surfaces and blocked drainage.
- Deforestation and slope destabilisation in hill areas.

Areas Generally Affecting

- Hilly Terrain: Flash floods in the Himalayas (Uttarakhand) and Afghanistan.
- Urbanised Region: Flash flood in an urban region like Chennai.
- Arid and Semi-Arid: Rajasthan dry river beds

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2 Index of Services Production (ISP) (Source: The Hindu)

The Index of Service Production is a proposed monthly indicator for measuring output in India's services sector, similar to the Index of Industrial Production.

- **Proposed by**: It is proposed by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
- **Developing Agency**: National Statistical Office (NSO) under MoSPI
- **Base Year**: 2024-25
- **Coverage**
  - It will track key service segments, including trade, transport, banking, insurance, hospitality, real estate, and professional services.
  - It also examines data availability, coverage, and appropriate price deflators in line with international best practices.
  - It proposes to exclude services provided by the informal sector due to the paucity of data from the data sources under consideration.
  - It also proposes a temporary exclusion of the health and education sector, which accounts for 10% of the services GVA, till results of the annual survey of incorporated service sector enterprises (ASISSE) become available.

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3 Omega Block (Source: The Indian Express)