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1 Pralay Missile (Source: The Hindu)

- **What is it?**: Pralay is an indigenous short-range quasi - ballistic surface-to-surface missile.
- **Fact**: The missile will be India's first tactical quasi-ballistic missile.
- **Developed by**: Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- **Features**
  - It is based on the Prithvi Defence Vehicle from the Indian ballistic missile programme.
  - It is capable of carrying a conventional warhead of about 350 kg to 700 kg
  - It can change its path after covering a certain range in mid-air and is difficult to track.
  - Can be launched from mobile platforms.



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2 Exercise MALABAR (Source: The Hindu)



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3 Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025 (Source: The Hindu)

What is it?:

- The act consolidates India's Immigration Laws and impose stricter penalties for forged documents while strengthening monitoring and reporting of foreigners.

Replaced Laws:

- Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920
- Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939
- Foreigners Act, 1946
- Immigration (Carriers' Liability) Act, 2000

Core Provisions:

- **Strict penalties for forged documents:** Employing or supplying forged passports, visas, or travel documents may attract **2–7 years' imprisonment** and fines up to ₹10 lakh; minimum penalty is **2 years + ₹1 lakh.**
- **Unauthorized entry** into restricted areas may lead to **up to 5 years' jail** or a ₹5 lakh fine.
- **Mandatory reporting:** Hotels, educational institutions, hospitals, and nursing homes must report foreign nationals' details; carriers (airlines, shipping) must share advance passenger/crew data.
- **Power to regulate premises:** The Central government may shut down premises frequented by foreigners linked to illegal activities.
- **Statutory status to Bureau of Immigration:** Grants formal authority to identify, detain, and deport illegal foreigners—functions earlier carried out informally.

Exemptions Under the Exemption Order, 2025

- Notified under Section 33, the following categories are exempted from passport, visa, or travel document requirements-
  - **Armed Forces & Families**: Members of the Indian naval, military, or air forces, and accompanying family members on government transport, are exempt from documentation requirements.
  - **Citizens of India** entering **via Nepal or Bhutan** borders by land or air are exempt.
  - **Citizens of Nepal and Bhutan** entering via their respective borders are exempt- even when traveling to or from other countries, provided entry/exit isn't from China, Hong Kong, Macau, or Pakistan.
  - **Tibetans** with valid **Certificates of Registration** and special entry permits (issued between 1959–2003 via the Embassy of India in Kathmandu or thereafter via designated posts) are exempt.

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- **Minority communities** from **Afghanistan, Bangladesh, and Pakistan**- Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis, and Christians- who entered on or before **December 31, 2024**, due to religious persecution, are exempt, even if their travel documents have expired or are invalid.
- **Sri Lankan Tamil refugees** who arrived before **January 9, 2015** and are registered are also exempt from documentation requirements.
- **Other exemptions**: Holders of diplomatic/official passports under intergovernmental agreements, nationals eligible for visa-on-arrival, and foreign naval personnel on goodwill visits, exercises, or relief missions may also be exempted.