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1) Article 35A: Supreme Court observed that Article 35A denied fundamental rights to non-permanent residents of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K).

* Article 35A was introduced through the Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order, 1954 issued by the President under Article 370.
* It provides permanent residents of J&K with the exclusive right to purchase land, seek State government employment, and other benefits in education and health care.
* It had even provided immunity to these special privileges from judicial review.
* Abolished through the Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order, 2019 which revoked Article 370

2) Zonal Council: Zonal Councils are statutory, deliberative, and advisory bodies set up under the States Re-organization Act, of 1956.

* Aim: to promote interstate cooperation and coordination.
* Chairperson: Union Home Minister.
* 5 Zonal councils viz:
  + Northern: Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan, Delhi, Chandigarh
  + Central: Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh
  + Eastern: Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, Sikkim, West Bengal
  + Western: Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli.
  + Southern: Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Puducherry

3) Census:

* Statutory Provision: Section 3 of the Census Act, of 1948, empowers “only the Central Government” to conduct a Census.
* Constitutional Mandate: It is covered in the Union List under Entry 69 in the Seventh Schedule.
* Conducting Authority: Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India, under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
* The last census was conducted in 2011.
* The last caste census was conducted in the year 1931.

4) National Strategy for Financial Education (NSFE) for 2020-25: RBI is taking various initiatives towards fulfilling objectives of NSFE.

* NSFE for 2020-25 has been prepared by National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE) to enable people to develop knowledge, skills needed to manage their money better.
* Objectives of NSFE are financial literacy concepts among population, encourage participation in financial markets, develop credit discipline, plan for old age and retirement etc.
* It focuses on 5C approach of content, capacity, community, communication and collaboration.