



## **DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS 04-12-2025**

### **GS-2**

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## **Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) Act, 1959**

**Syllabus: GS-2; Regulatory bodies**

### **Context**

- Over **1,500 academics protested** the Centre's plan to **repeal the ISI Act, 1959**.

### **About ISI Act, 1959**

- ISI founded by **P.C. Mahalanobis**, 17 Dec 1931, Kolkata.
- Declares ISI an **Institution of National Importance**.
- Provides **autonomy**, financial assistance & degree-granting power.

### **Salient Features**

- Power to grant degrees in statistics, mathematics, CS, quantitative economics.
- Central govt. grants, loans, audits.
- Govt. approval required for changes in objectives/ assets.
- Govt. can issue directions or assume control under special circumstances.

## **Caller Name Presentation (CNAP)**

**Syllabus: GS-2; E-Governance initiatives**

### **Context**

- DoT to **mandate CNAP** soon: display **KYC-verified caller name**.

### **About CNAP**

- Retrieves caller name from **telecom operator database**, unlike Truecaller.
- Initial phase: **intra-network only**.

### **Purpose**

- Reduce harassment, spam calls.



## **RBI Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (RB-IOS)**

**Syllabus: GS-3; Banking sector reforms**

### **Context**

- Complaints under RB-IOS increased **13.55% in FY25**.

### **About**

- Launched: **12 Nov 2021**.
- Integrates:
  - Banking Ombudsman (2006)
  - NBFC Ombudsman (2018)
  - Digital Transactions Ombudsman (2019)

### **Features**

- “One Nation One Ombudsman”.
- Defines **deficiency in service**.
- Covers: Banks, NBFCs, RRBs, Payment System operators, Urban Coop Banks (>₹50 cr deposits), CICs.

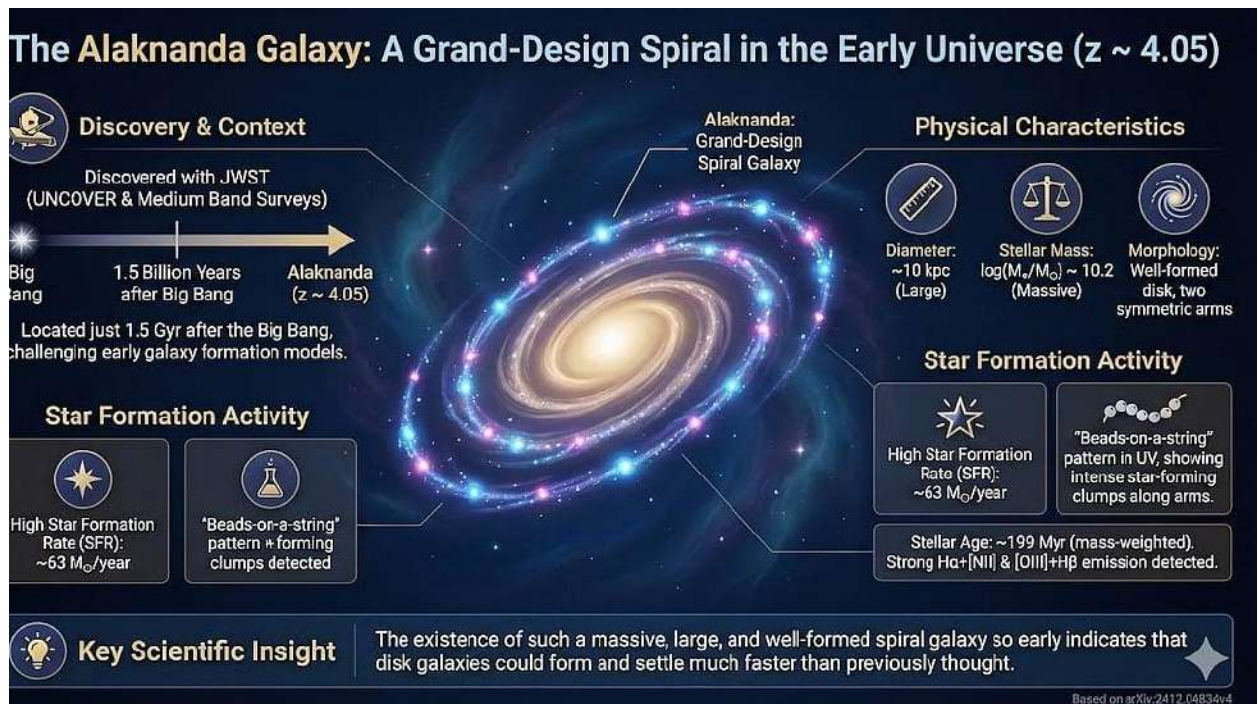
- Compensation:
  - Up to ₹20 lakh + ₹1 lakh for harassment.

## Alaknanda Galaxy

### Syllabus: GS-3; Space Technology

#### Context

- Discovered by NCRA–TIFR, Pune using **James Webb Space Telescope**.



#### Key Facts

- Distance: **12 billion light years**.
- Type: **Spiral galaxy**; two clear arms.
- Size:  $\sim 30,000$  light years.
- Star formation rate: **60 solar masses/year**.
- Named after **River Alaknanda**.

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- Looks similar to Milky Way when it was 10% of current age.

## **Rainbow Water Snake**

**Syllabus: GS-3; Biodiversity & species conservation**

### **Context**

- **Rainbow Water Snake** spotted for first time in UP (buffer zone).

### **Rainbow Water Snake**

- Scientific name: **Enhydris enhydris**.
- Slightly venomous; fish-eater.
- IUCN: **Least Concern**.



### **About the Reserve**

- Location: **Indo-Nepal border**, Lakhimpur Kheri, UP.
- Area: **1,284 sq km**.
- Includes: Dudhwa NP, Kishanpur WLS, Katarniaghat WLS.
- Habitat: **Tarai-Bhabar**.
- Rivers: Sharda, Geruwa, Suheli, Mohana.

### **Flora/Fauna**

- Sal forests; species: tiger, rhino, swamp deer, florican, storks.