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1. **Fundamental duties must be enforced: plea** **GS 2, Front Page**
 - The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Union and the State governments to respond to a petition to enforce the fundamental duties of citizens, including patriotism and unity of the nation, through “comprehensive, well-defined laws”
2. **Ukraine keeps India in loop, alleges disinformation drive** **GS 3, Front Page**
 - Amid escalating tensions between Russia and Ukraine, India was on Monday given an update on the developments by Ukraine, according to diplomatic sources.
 - **Russian President Vladimir Putin will recognise the two breakaway regions in eastern Ukraine — Donetsk and Luhansk — as independent**, the Kremlin said in a statement on Monday. French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz had “expressed disappointment” over the decision in phone calls with Mr. Putin, the Kremlin said, adding: “At the same time, they indicated their readiness to continue contacts
3. **A red pen moment for corporate governance** **GS 2,3,4 Page 6, The Editorial**
 - Over the past 10 days, the revelations about the functioning of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) during the tenure of Chitra Ramkrishna as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) have had people shaking their heads in disbelief. The savvy head of one of the world’s largest bourses taking guidance on organisational matters from a Himalayan yogi?
 - Convulsions of outrage after episodes such as the NSE affair are pointless; significant institutional reform is a must.
4. **Questions on MGNREGA budget estimation** **OpEd Page 7**
 - How the Centre’s approach has eroded the very premise of employment guarantee as a legal right
 - The disappointing allocation for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act in the FY 2022-23 budget has created a buzz. Organisations such as the All India Kisan Sabha and NREGA Sangharsh Morcha (NSM) have raised concerns about the inadequacy of the amount. Grassroots activists and academics have been demanding higher budgetary allocations for MGNREGA
5. **Russia to recognise Ukraine rebel regions** **The World, GS 3, Page 11**
 - Kremlin says Putin will sign orders on independence of breakaway Lugansk and Donetsk territories.
 - Russian President Vladimir Putin will recognise the independence of eastern Ukraine’s separatist republics, the Kremlin said in a statement on Monday, adding that he had informed the French and German leaders of his decision
6. **The crisis in Ukraine’s Donbass region** **GS 3, Page TEXT & CONTEXT**
 - Why are the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk critical in the Ukraine-Russia stand-off? Will the provisions in the Minsk agreement offer a solution?
 - There are two Minsk agreements, Minsk 1 and Minsk 2. Minsk 1 was written in September 2014 by the Trilateral Contact Group on Ukraine.

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