

## \* Aircraft Amendment Bill, 2020

- ↳ It seeks to amend the Aircraft Act, 1934
- ↳ The Act regulates the manufacture, possession, use, operation, sale, import and export of civil aircrafts.

### Key features of the Bill

- ↳ Bill will provide statutory status to three regulatory institutions
    - (i) Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)
    - (ii) Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)
    - (iii) Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB)
  - ↳ Bill propose to increase the fine amount for violations of rules from Rs 10 lakhs to 1 crore.
  - ↳ Power of the centre to make rules on matters like registration of aircraft, regulating air transport services and prohibition of flight over any specified area.
  - ↳ Exemption of aircraft belonging to armed forces of the union.
    - ↳ Naval, military or air forces are already exempted from the provision of the act
- \* News ⇒ Parliament passed the Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

## \* Department-related standing committee (DRSCs)

- ↳ A Joint Committee of the two Houses
  - ↳ In 1993 - 17 DRSCs were created
  - ↳ In 2004 → restructured, increased the number of DRSCs to 24.
  - ↳ Composition → Total 31 members
    - ↳ 10 member (Rajya Sabha)
    - ↳ 21 members (Lok Sabha)
  - ↳ Minister can't be the member of the committees.

- ↳ Term → not exceeding one year at a time.

**News:** Centre keen on amending the rules to give DRSCs a fixed tenure of two years.