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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Karnataka government has issued a set of guidelines to the 'Shakti' scheme which provide free travel for women in state run ordinary bus services.
- ❖ The Arunachal Pradesh's District Good Governance Index was released recently, the first in the Northeast region.
 - It is jointly developed by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) and the Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

NATIONAL

UGC Regulations – 2023

UGC launched Regulations 2023

for

Institutions Deemed to be Universities





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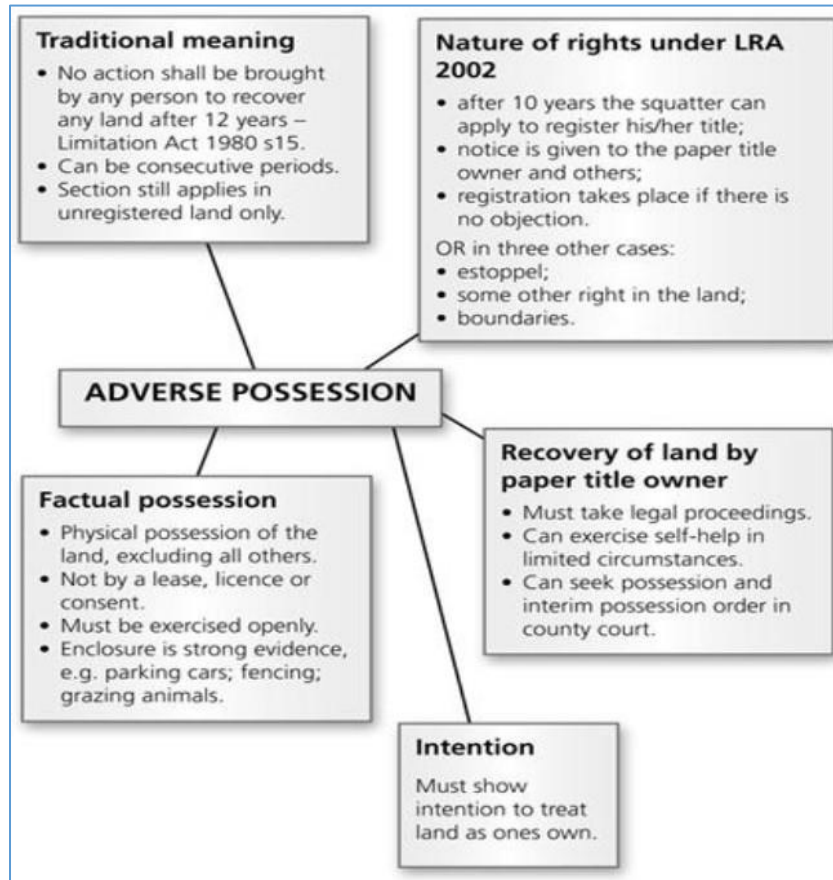


UGC

- ❖ The UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023 was released recently.
- ❖ It will pave the way for the establishment of more quality-focused deemed universities
- ❖ The UGC Act 1956 empowers the central government to confer the status of Institutions Deemed to be Universities on institutions other than universities.
- ❖ The earlier set of regulations were introduced in 2010 and subsequently revised in 2016 and 2019.

- ❖ There are around 170 deemed institutions in the country currently.

Adverse Possession



- ❖ The Law Commission is headed by former Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court Ritu Raj Awasthi.
- ❖ “There is no justification for introducing any change in the law relating to adverse possession” the 22nd Law Commission has said in its recent report.
- ❖ The concept of adverse possession stems from the idea that land must not be left vacant but instead be put to judicious use.
- ❖ The adverse possession refers to the hostile possession of property, which must be “continuous, uninterrupted, and peaceful.”
- ❖ The first attempt to bring the law of limitation to domestic shores was the “Act XIV of 1859”.
- ❖ It regulated the limitation of civil suits in British India.
- ❖ After the passage of the Limitation Act in 1963, the law on adverse possession underwent significant changes.



- ❖ Under the Limitation Act, 1963, any person in possession of private land for over 12 years or government land for over 30 years can become the owner of that property.

Report on Sedition law

Evolution of the law

Sedition is a cognisable, non-bailable and non-compoundable offence under Section 124A of Indian Penal Code

BEFORE INDEPENDENCE 1870: The section on sedition is introduced by the British to the IPC The British rulers used the law to muzzle demands for freedom. For instance, Bal Gangadhar Tilak was the first person to be convicted of sedition in colonial India.	AFTER INDEPENDENCE 1948: In discussions, Indian leaders agree to drop "sedition" from the Constitution <hr/> 1949: "Sedition" is no longer part of the Indian Constitution adopted on November 26 this year. However, Section 124A remains in the IPC <hr/> 1951: Nehru govt brings in first amendment under Article 19(1)(a), and puts in "reasonable restrictions" on the right to free speech <hr/> 1974: Indira Gandhi govt makes Section 124A a cognisable offence that authorises police to make arrests without a warrant
	PRESENTLY 2019 data shows that sedition cases rose by 25% and arrests by 41% over the previous year. However, only 3% of cases led to convictions

- ❖ The 22nd Law Commission of India recently submitted its final report ("Usage of the Law of Sedition") on the constitutionality of section 124A of the Indian Penal Code.
- ❖ The commission, while recommending that Section 124A of IPC, treats sedition as a criminal offence be retained.
- ❖ It called for safeguards and amending the law, which has been prone to misuse.
- ❖ To prevent misuse of Section 124A, it said the Centre may bring model guidelines to curb the same.
- ❖ The recommendations made in the report are persuasive and not binding.
- ❖ As for the penal provisions, the commission recommended a maximum life term, or seven years, or just a fine, depending on the case.

- ❖ Currently, the penal provision has a maximum punishment of life term, or three years, or fine.

New Wetland and Mangrove Conservation scheme



- ❖ On the occasion of World Environment Day, two new schemes were launched to reviving the country's wetlands and mangroves.
- ❖ They were: Amrit Dharohar and MISHTI (Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats and Tangible Incomes).
- ❖ Amrit Dharohar Yojana will ensure the conservation of the existing Ramsar sites through public participation.
- ❖ The MISHTI scheme will help revive and protect the mangrove ecosystem in the country.
- ❖ India accounts for about 3% of South Asia's mangrove population.

ECONOMY

Financial Inclusion Dashboard

- ❖ The RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das recently launched a financial inclusion dashboard named 'Antardrishti'.
- ❖ It will provide the required insight to assess and monitor the progress of financial inclusion by capturing relevant parameters.



- ❖ This facility will also enable to gauge the extent of financial exclusion at granular levels across the country so that such areas can be addressed.



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STATES

Overall Environmental Performance



- ❖ Non-profit Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) has released its annual report named 'State of India's Environment 2023: In Figures'.
- ❖ Telangana has ranked at the top for its progress in increasing its forest cover and in municipal waste treatment.
- ❖ It is followed by Madhya Pradesh, Delhi and Gujarat.
- ❖ Telangana increased the green cover from 22 per cent to 33 per cent.

- ❖ A remarkable 24.06 per cent of geographical area in the state is covered with forests.

KFON internet connectivity

- ❖ The Kerala government officially launched the Kerala Fibre Optical Network (KFON).
- ❖ Through KFON, Kerala was the first state to declare the right to internet as a basic right.
- ❖ It aims to reduce the digital divide by ensuring high speed broadband internet access to all houses and government offices.
- ❖ Basically, KFON will act as an infrastructure provider.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Commodore K.S. Subramanian

- ❖ Commander Of Indian Navy's First Submarine, Commodore K S Subramanian, passed away recently.
- ❖ He was the command officer of the Indian Navy's first submarine, INS Kalvari (S23).

- ❖ On 8 December 1967, INS Kalvari was commissioned at the Soviet naval base in Riga, Latvia.
- ❖ This insignificant milestone marked the birth of the Indian Navy's submarine arm.



SPORTS

3rd Khelo India University Games

RANKING	UNIVERSITY	1	2	3	TOTAL
	Grand Total	262	263	297	822
1	 Panjab University, (PB)	26	17	26	69 ✓
2	 Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	24	27	17	68 ✓
3	 Jain University, Karnataka	16	10	6	32 ✓
4	 Punjabi University, Patiala (PB)	12	14	8	34 ✓
5	 Guru Kashi University	9	10	9	28 ✓
6	 Kurukshetra University, (Haryana)	8	11	9	28 ✓

- ❖ The Khelo India University Games 2023 concluded in IIT Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ Panjab University topped the medals tally with 26 gold, 17 silver and 26 bronze medals (total - 69 medals).

- ❖ Amritsar's Guru Nanak Dev University came in second in the overall championship race with 24 gold, 27 silver and 17 bronze (total 68 medals).
- ❖ Last edition's champion Jain University, Karnataka had to be content with the third position with 32 medals.
- ❖ Swimmer Siva Sridhar topped the men's section with a total of 11 medals, including eight golds.
- ❖ Shrungi Bandekar won nine medals in the women's section, including five golds.
- ❖ University of Madras got 9th rank in the list with 7 gold, 8 Silver and 8 Bronze medals.
- ❖ Other Tamil Nadu universities in the tally are: SRM University (37), Bharathiar University (42) and Madurai Kamaraj University (85)

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Accreditation Day 2023 - June 09



- ❖ It aims at recognizing and promoting the role of accreditation across various sectors.
- ❖ This day aims to raise awareness about the value and benefits of accreditation in ensuring competence, reliability, and credibility in industries.
- ❖ This Day came into existence in 2007 as a result of a joint effort between the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF).

- ❖ The theme of 2023 is “Accreditation: Supporting the Future of Global Trade”.

MISCELLANEOUS

Heat index-based insurance plan



- ❖ mooMark of Karnataka, a leading private dairy in India, is becoming the first company to offer a Heat Index Insurance Plan to dairy farmers.
- ❖ It aims to protect farmers from income loss resulting from a drop in milk yield during scorching summer months.
- ❖ It will provide financial compensation to dairy farmers for the loss of income caused by a decline in milk productivity during heat waves.

