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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ A Hyderabad-based Space technology start-up, Skyroot Aerospace has become the first private company to formally enter into an agreement with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
 - Skyroot Aerospace is building the Vikram series of rockets to carry small satellites into space.
- ❖ A book has titled 'Human Rights and Terrorism in India' authored by BJP MP Subramanian Swamy.
- ❖ Nuakhai Juhar, the agrarian festival, was celebrated at the Western Odisha.
 - It is a crop festival celebrated by people of Western Odisha and Southern Chhattisgarh, to welcome the new rice of the season.
- ❖ Zomato Co-Founder Gaurav Gupta steps down from his position in Zomato.

NATIONAL

National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)

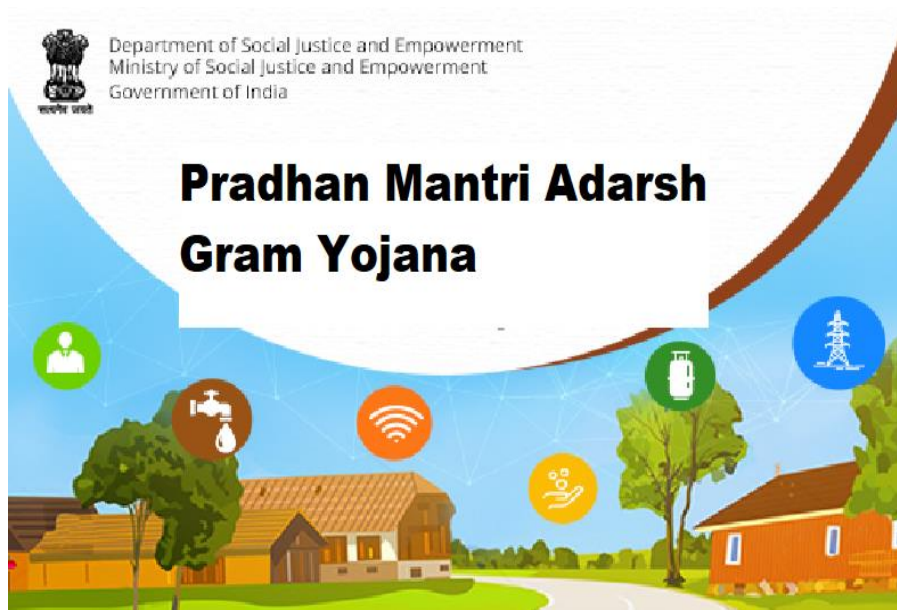


- ❖ Justice M. Venugopal has been named as the new Acting Chairperson of this Tribunal.
- ❖ The NCLAT was constituted under the Companies Act, 2013 for hearing appeals against the orders of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).
- ❖ It is also an appellate tribunal for hearing appeals against the orders passed by NCLT under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), and by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).

- ❖ It is also the appellate tribunal to hear and dispose of appeals against any direction issued or decision made or order passed by the Competition Commission of India (CCI).

PM Adarsh Gram Yojna

- ❖ Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda informed recently this.
- ❖ This ministry will start Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojna covering 36 thousand villages across the country.
- ❖ The villages with 50 percent tribal population will be given priority under the rural development programme.
- ❖ Under this Yojna, roughly 1,700 tribal villages in Assam will be converted into model villages.
- ❖ Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) is a rural development programme.
- ❖ It was launched by the central government in fiscal year 2009–10 for the development of villages that have a higher ratio (over 50%) of people belonging to the scheduled castes.



INTERNATIONAL

Iran and IAEA

- ❖ Iran agreed to allow nuclear surveillance by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).



- ❖ Iran has allowed the international inspectors to install new memory cards into surveillance cameras across its sensitive nuclear sites.
- ❖ Iran is now enriching small amounts of uranium to its closest levels to weapons-grade purity because its stockpile continues to increase.



Groundswell report on climate change



- ❖ It was recently released by the World Bank.
- ❖ It examined how the impacts of slow-onset climate change, such as water scarcity, decreasing crop productivity and rising sea levels.
- ❖ These could lead to millions of what it describes as “climate migrants” by 2050.



Third Dose on Covid

- ❖ According to a report published in the Lancet, vaccine efficacy against severe Covid-19 is so high.
- ❖ The booster doses for the general population are “not appropriate” at this stage of the pandemic.
- ❖ The review was provided by the scientists from World Health Organization (WHO) and US Food & Drug Administration (FDA).
- ❖ Countries like Israel, Italy, France and Russia have already rolled out the third dose of Covid-19 vaccines.

Bangladesh - sea level by 2050

- ❖ 17 per cent of Bangladesh could be submerged by the rising sea level by 2050.
- ❖ The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet quoted a report of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in her address to the 48th session of the Human Rights Council.
- ❖ As per the WEF report, Bangladesh has the 3rd largest number of more than 4 million people who got displaced from their homes during disasters in 2019.
- ❖ Other countries that witnessed disaster displacement in 2019 include India, China, Philippines.

ECONOMY

UPI and PayNow



- ❖ India and Singapore have announced the linking of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and PayNow.



- ❖ It aims to enable users to make instant, low-cost fund transfers.

States borrowing

- ❖ The Central government has allowed 11 states to borrow an additional fund of Rs 15,721 crore from the market.
- ❖ They achieved the capital expenditure target that finance ministry had set for June quarter the fiscal year 2021-22.
- ❖ Additional open market borrowing permission equivalent to 0.25% of their Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) was granted.
- ❖ Out of total net borrowing ceiling of 4% of GSDP, about 0.50% of GSDP has been kept for incremental capital expenditure to be incurred by states during FY22.
- ❖ These states are Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand.

Subsidy on stubble burning

- ❖ The Central Government has released the amount for four states - Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Punjab, and Haryana to subsidize the machinery for the issue of stubble burning.
- ❖ It is required for in-situ management of the crop residue during 2021-22.
- ❖ It aims to address the problem of air pollution in Delhi and the National Capital Region (NCR).
- ❖ It is because of stubble burning in the adjoining states of Haryana, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh.

Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP)

- ❖ It is a Central Sector scheme by the Department of Land Resources.
- ❖ According to union government, land records have been integrated with the e-portal of central government, by most states except three.
- ❖ Three states that have not integrated their digital land records with the nodal procurement agency, Food Corporation of India (FCI) include Assam, Uttarakhand and Jammu & Kashmir.
- ❖ Cross-checking land records before procurement will help in ensuring that the MSP reaches to the farmers and not traders.

- ❖ Crop cultivated by farmers, either in their own land or rented property, will be procured by the government.

Objective of Program (DILRMP)

- To develop a modern, comprehensive and transparent Land Records Management System in the country
- Conclusive land titling system with title guarantee
- Minimize scope of land/property dispute, enhance transparency in the land records maintenance system
- Effective and Efficient on line service deliveries to citizen
- Delivery of RoR and Cadastral maps
- Registered document

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IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Democracy – 15 September



- ❖ In 2007, the United Nations passed a resolution in this regard.
- ❖ Qatar led efforts to promote an International Day of Democracy
- ❖ The Universal Declaration on Democracy was adopted on September 15, 1997 by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).
- ❖ It is an international organisation of national parliaments.

- ❖ In 2021, United Nations has called for strengthening democratic resilience in the face of a future crisis.

Engineers Day – 15 September

- ❖ It is celebrated to pay tribute to India's finest engineer Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya.
- ❖ Visvesvaraya was the Chief Engineer of Krishna Raja Sagara dam in the Mysuru city.
- ❖ He has also served as one of the Chief Engineers of the flood protection system for the city of Hyderabad.
- ❖ In 1903, he designed the automatic barrier water floodgates at Khadakvasla reservoir in Pune.
- ❖ The theme for this day is 'Engineering for A Healthy Planet- Celebrating the UNESCO Engineering Report'.
- ❖ In 1968, the Indian government declared Visvesvaraya's birth anniversary as Engineers' Day.
- ❖ He was regarded as the "Father of Modern Mysore".
- ❖ Visvesvaraya has also authored various books, such as 'Planned Economy of India' and 'Reconstructing India'.

