

## **Prelim Bits 29-06-2017**

### **Voter Registration Reminder**

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- Election Commission of India (ECI) is launching a 'Special Drive to enrol left out electors.

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- It is about to Launch First Time Nationwide "Voter Registration Reminder" on Facebook

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- With over 180 million people in India on Face book, the 'Register Now' button is designed to encourage Indian citizens to register themselves with the Election Commission of India.

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### **The election of the Vice-President of India**

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- The term of office of Vice-President of India, is up to 10th August 2017.

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- The election of the Vice-President needs to be completed before the expiration of the term of the present incumbent.

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- Article 324 of the Constitution read with the Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections Act, 1952 and 1974, vests the superintendence, direction and control of the conduct of election to the office of the Vice-President of India in the Election Commission of India.

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- The Election Commission is mandated to ensure that the election to the office of the Vice-President of India must be a free and fair election.

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- The Vice-President is elected by the members of the Electoral College consisting of the members of both Houses of Parliament in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote.

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- The nominated Members of Rajya Sabha as well as of Lok Sabha are also eligible to be included in the Electoral College.

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## **Open Acreage Licensing**

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- The government replaced the New Exploration and Licensing Policy with the Open Acreage Licensing (OAL) under the framework of Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP).
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- This replaces the controversial profit model in petroleum with a revenue share model.
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- OAL will allow investors looking for exploring hydrocarbons to select blocks after studying the data available through the national data repository without waiting for a formal bid round from the government.

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