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Polity & Governance

Poshan Tracker app

Recently, over 10.12 crore beneficiaries registered on Poshan tracker app.

- **Umbrella scheme** - Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi (PBPB) Programme.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD).
- **Aim** - To enhance Anganwadi Worker's (AWWs) capacity to deliver optimal early childhood care and education services to all children.
- To empower Anganwadi Workers and provide them with continuous digital support and coaching.

Major Minerals

Recently, mining leases for the major minerals issued in the 5th and 6th Schedule areas.

- Major minerals include iron ore, coal, bauxite, gold, and now, Barytes, Feldspar, Mica, and Quartz
- **Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMDR) Act, 1957** - It empowers the State Governments to grant mineral concessions for the minerals located within their respective jurisdiction.
- **Responsibility of State Government:**
 - To collect the revenue generation.
 - Rehabilitation of displaced people.
- **Madhya Pradesh** - It has been granted above 7 leases after obtaining all requisite permissions.
- Gujarat, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh states were not granted mining lease in the past 5 years.

Mining Surveillance System (MSS)

Recently, the government has begun to use geo-spatial technologies such as Mining Surveillance System (MSS), Geographic Information System (GIS) and Satellite imagery to prevent illegal mining.

- **Launched in** - 2016.
- **Developed by:**
 - Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM).
 - Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
 - Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG).
- **Aim** - To develop a system for detection of incidence of illegal mining by use of space technology.
- To survey an area up to 500m outside the lease boundary to check incidences of illegal mining.
- Since, the inception of MSS in 2016-17, the project was implemented in major mineral rich states including in Odisha.

DoT Action to Curb Spam/Fraud Call

Recently, the Department of Technology (DoT) has disconnected nearly 1.75 lakh unauthorized numbers.

- **Spam calls** - DoT identified that large number of spam calls are being originated from telecom identifiers like numbers starting from 0731, 079,080 etc.
- **DoT Actions** - It urges enterprises to comply with telecom regulations to avoid strict penalties.
- It encourages citizens to continue reporting spam calls through the Chakshu module of Sanchar Saathi app.
- It remains dedicated to strict monitoring and prompt action against Unsolicited Commercial Communication (UCC) (spam/fraud call) violators to protect consumer interests.

Smugglers and Foreign Exchange Manipulators (Forfeiture of Property) Act (SAFEMA), 1976

Recently, a special court in Mumbai finally handed over 14 properties belonging to Tiger Memon to the central government of India. Tiger Memon is the key accused in the 1993 Bombay Blasts.

- **Objectives of the Act** - To fight smuggling and illegal money activities.
- It allows the government to take away properties that were bought with illegal money.
- **Ambit of an act** - It applies not just to the accused person but also to their family members and associates.

Pension Adalats

The government aspires to organize additional Pension Adalats recently.

- **About** - It is a long standing redressal of pension grievances pertaining to Central Government Pensioners.
- **Objective** - To provide on-the-spot resolution of unresolved and chronic grievances in Centralized Pension Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPENGRAMS).
- **Unresolved cases** - These cases are revisited and their status is considered before holding the next Pension Adalat.

Multi Modal Logistics Parks (MMLPs)

Out of 32 approved MMLPs 5 MMLPs at Jogighopa, Chennai, Bengaluru, Nagpur and Indore are under development and expected to be operational in FY 2025-27.

- **About** - It is a transportation hub that offers multiple modes of transportation and logistics services in one location.
- **Developed by** - Both public and private entities.
- It is a facility that integrates various transportation modes such as rail, road, sea, and air, as well as warehousing, storage, distribution, and value-added services.

Security

Bollard Pull (BP) Tug Ojas

Recently, the 5th 25T Bollard Pull (BP) Tug Ojas was launched.

- **Tugs** - It is designed indigenously and built in accordance with relevant Naval Rules and Regulation of Indian Register of Shipping (IRS).
- **Objective** - To provide assistance to Naval ships and submarines during berthing, unberthing and manoeuvring in confined waters.
- To provide afloat firefighting support to ships and it have the capability to conduct limited search and rescue operations.

INS Tarkash

Recently, INS Tarkash has successfully intercepted and seized over 2500 kg of narcotics.

- **About** - It is a frontline frigate of the Indian Navy operating under the Western Naval Command.
- **Part of** - Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), for Maritime Security Operations.
- **Deployed in** - Western Indian Ocean.
- It is participating in the multi-national forces joint focus operation, Anzac Tiger.

Miscellaneous

Tarang

Recently, the Tarang facilities was discussed in the Parliament.

- **About** - It is a 64-bit High Performance Computing (HPC) system, capable of supporting multi-tasking, multi-programming, multi-user and time-sharing environment.
- It avoids single point of failure, to meet the operational requirements.
- **HPC technical support** - It is supported by transformers, diesel generators, UPS, batteries, multiple utility paths, lighting system, adequate number of earthing pits and cables.