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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.



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