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YEARLY REVIEW 2021 CURRENT AFFAIRS PART - 4

Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice

- 120 Judges and 63 Additional Judges appointed in High Courts.
- **Tele-Law Services** is available at 75,000CSCs/Gram Panchayats in 699 Districts;12,70,135 total cases registered, of which advice has been enabled to 12,50,911 beneficiaries.
- Using **Video Conferencing**, the District and High Court have heard nearly 1.65 Crore cases and the Supreme Court had nearly 1.5 lakh hearings making it the world leader.



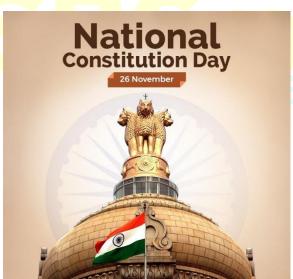
- **Citizen Centric Services** are provided through 7platforms or service delivery channels for providing real-time information on cases status, cause lists, judgments, etc. to lawyers/litigants.
- 683 Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs) including 383 exclusive POCSO (e-POCSO) Courts have disposed of 68120 cases in 2021.
- **Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS)** for Development of Infrastructure Facilities for judiciary extended till 2025-26.



- The Rule of Law Index is developed and published by World Justice Project (WJP) has ranked India 79/139 Countries.
- **Manthan,** brainstorming session with the officers and staff of the Department of Justice also conducted.

Various Programs Conducted Commemorating Constitution Day, 26 November 2021.





Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice

During the period from 1 January 2021 to 22 December 2021, this Department
has examined 84 Notes for the Cabinet/new legislative proposals and after
consulting the concerned Ministries/Departments, drafted/prepared the draft
Bills/Ordinances. After approval of the Cabinet, 50 Bills were forwarded to
Parliament for introduction during this period.

- Institute of Legislative Drafting and Research (ILI)R): Legislative drafting is a specialized job that involves drafting skills and expertise. Apart from in-depth knowledge of laws and their regular updation, continuous and sustainable efforts are required to enhance the skills of legislative drafting.
- Election Laws and Electoral Reforms:
- Post passage of Election Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021, Linking of Electoral Roll
 with Aadhaar System will curb the menace of multiple enrolments of the same
 person in different places; Multiple qualifying dates for enrolment in the
 electoral roll will expand the voter base and consequently greater participation
 of eligible voters in the electoral process.



- India Code Information System (ICIS): Each year number of legislations (both principal Acts and Amending Acts) are passed by the legislature, and it is difficult for the judiciary, lawyers as well as citizens to refer to relevantly and up to date Acts when required.
- Keeping all these aspects in view, the India Code Information System (ICIS), a
 one-stop digital repository of all the Central and State Legislation including their
 respective subordinate legislation has been developed with the help of NIC
 under the guidance of the Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department).
- Official Language Wing has published the Constitution of India (5 diglot pocket edition), wherein the text of the Constitution of India has been brought up-todate by incorporating therein all the amendments up the Constitutional (One Hundred and Fifth Amendment) Act, 2021.



Ministry of Labour and Employment

- Under the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance (EDLI) Scheme, Rs. 2470.80
 Crore has been disbursed to 88,224 beneficiaries across 39,265 establishments till 30th November this year.
- The Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme or EDLI is an insurance cover provided by the EPFO (Employees' Provident Fund Organisation) for private sector salaried employees.
- This scheme works in combination with EPF and the Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS). The extent of the benefit is decided by the last drawn salary of the employee.
- The registered nominee of the EDLI scheme receives a lump-sum payment in the event of the death of the EPF member, during the period of the service.
- The nominee registered in the EDLI is the same as registered in the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) Scheme.



- Labour Bureau is conducting the numbers of All- India Surveys under the overall guidance of an Expert Group on Migrant Workers, All India Quarterly Establishment based Employment Survey, and All-India Survey on Domestic Workers.
- 15,53,34,546 registrations have been completed in the **E-Shram portal** till 28th December 2021. To register 38 crore unorganized workers such as construction laborers, migrant workforce, street vendors, and domestic workers, among others.
- The workers will be issued an e-Shram card containing a 12-digit unique number.
- If a worker is registered on the ashram portal and meets with an accident, he
 will be eligible for Rs 2.0 Lakh on death or permanent disability and Rs 1.0 lakh
 on partial disability.



- Atma Nirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana (ABRY): To boost employment generation and to minimize the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Labour& Employment on 30.12.2020 notified EPFO-linked Atmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana (ABRY). A scheme to incentivize employers for the creation of new employment.
- ABRY will help in the formalization of informal employment and create new employment opportunities during and after the post-COVID-19 Pandemic.
- As of 18th December 2021, total benefits of Rs. 2966.28 Crore have been given to 42,82,688 beneficiaries through 1,20,697 Establishments under ABRY.



- National Career Service (NCS): NCS portal leverages information technology to bring together job seekers and employers on a common platform. As of 28-12-2021, the NCS platform has around 1.34 crore active jobseekers with around 1.7 lakh active employers and around 2.21 lakh active vacancies. The total number of vacancies mobilized on the portal since its launch in 2015 is more than 90 lakh.
- Government of India has constituted four Expert Committees for framing standards on provisions relating to Safety, Health and Welfare, Occupational Safety, Health, and Working Conditions Code.



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Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises

- Initiatives & Key Highlights:
- **Self-Reliant India (SRI) FUND** as growth capital in the form of equity or quasiequity, for enhancing equity / equity-like financing to MSMEs.
- **Udyam Registration (UR)** Portal for online, paperless, and transparent MSME registration process fully integrated with Income Tax and GSTIN systems.



- SAMADHAAN Portal for delayed payments: An online reporting system developed for reporting the dues and monthly payments by GOI Ministries and CPSEs to the MSMEs was launched on 14" June 2020. Dues of Rs. 50,438.59 crore have been paid to the MSME vendors by Government Ministries/Departments/CPSUs during the period from 01.01.2021 to 31.10.2021.
- MSME Champions scheme has been formulated through the Standing Finance Committee (SFC) by merging all 6 components of the erstwhile Technology Upgradation Scheme (TUS). It is a holistic approach to unify, synergize, and converge various schemes and Interventions with a single purpose. The end objective is to pick up clusters and enterprises and modernize their processes, reduce wastages, sharpen business competitiveness, and facilitate their National and Global reach and excellence.
- Ministry of MSME, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Global Environment Fund (GEF) -5 Project on "Promoting Market Transformation for Energy Efficiency in MSMEs.



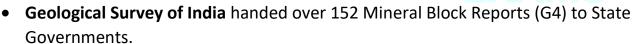
- Hydrogen As a Fuel For MSMEs: Under National Hydrogen Mission and the vision prime Minister, this Ministry has taken a lead to explore the possibility of the feasibility of using Hydrogen as fuel by MSMEs in their manufacturing process.
- 'Sambhav' e-National level Awareness Programme is being implemented by the Ministry to promote entrepreneurship culture and create awareness about schemes/initiatives of the ministry amongst students & Youth through Audio/video film presentations.
- The program has been launched on 27.10.2021. Under the mass outreach program, students at different colleges from all parts of the country are being encouraged to take up entrepreneurship.
- Further, as of 02.12.2021, a total of 61,481 students have participated in "Sambhav" across India.



Ministry of Mines

- Initiatives & Key Highlights:
- Mining Sector Acts and Rules Amended to facilitate Ease of Doing Business.
 Mineral Exploration Norms Further Relaxed.
- MPs, MLAs, and MLCs Included in District Mineral Foundation Fund Governing Council.
- **District Mineral Foundation (DMF)** is a non-profit statutory 'Trust' for every district affected by mining-related operations. It is an initiative of the government to ensure that funds are collected under DMF and utilized for the welfare of those affected by mining-related operations.





- Enhanced Mining Surveillance Activity Under Satellite-Based Monitoring.
- Joint Venture Company Khanij Bidesh India Ltd. Established
- During 2020 2021 NALCO's (National Aluminium Company) Net Profit Increased by 840 % to Rs.1299.53 Crore



 Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Pralhad Joshi inaugurated the 5th National Conclave on Mines and Minerals-2021 in November and felicitated 149 mines obtaining five-star rating under star rating of Mines for the performance year 2017-18 to 2019-20.



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and expertise to the Mining Sector. NIRM deals with field and laboratory
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Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas

- Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana: PMUY was launched in May 2016 to provide 8
 crore deposit-free connections to poor women.
- The second phase of the scheme Ujjwala 2.0 has been launched by Prime
 Minister in the Mahoba district of Uttar Pradesh on 10th August 2021 on a panIndia basis to provide an additional one Crore LPG connections, along with free
 first refill and stove. As of 01.12.2021, a total of 80.5 lakh connections have
 been released under this scheme.
- This Ministry is monitoring the implementation of the scheme daily.



- Hassle free Non-Subsidized LPG Connection (Across the counter): To ease out the process of issuance of a new connection, LPG Non-subsidized domestic connection can be issued across the counter with the submission of requisite proof of ID and self-declaration of address by the customer.
- In case the customer wants to submit documents to avail subsidy after taking non-subsidized connection, provision is also enabled to convert to subsidized connection, by submitting Proof of Address other than a self-declaration.
- **Gas Grid:** A total of 21735 Kms of pipelines have been laid up to September 2021 as part of the Gas Grid.
- Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme, Biodiesel Blending Programme, Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) initiative are actively being carried out.
- Setting up of PSA Plants: Given the perturbing situation created due to the second wave of Covid-19 and shortage of oxygen supply in various States across India, as per the directions of MoH&FW, 13 Oil PSUs were assigned 110 Hospitals in States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha, Karnataka, Kerala, Gujarat, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Delhi and Maharashtra for setting up a Pressure Swing adsorption (PSA) Oxygen Plants of adequate capacity under CSR activity to appropriately address the oxygen shortage in these Hospitals/Districts. CPSEs are setting up PSA Plants of a combined capacity of 98840 LPM. A total of 101 Plants are commissioned and others are at a later stage of commissioning.



Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

• Sagarmala Programme: launched in 2015 it is an initiative by the government of India to enhance the performance of the country's logistics sector. The program envisages unlocking the potential of waterways and the coastline to minimize infrastructural investments required to meet these targets.



- Maritime India Summit, 2021: The Prime Minister on March 02, 2021, inaugurated the 'Maritime India Summit 2021' through video conferencing. The summit was organized by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways and conducted on a virtual platform from 2ndto 4th March 2021. 486 MoUs were signed for Maritime India Summit 2021 by 22 Maritime

 Ports/Agencies/Authorities for INR 3.39 lakh crore or USD 47.02 Bn across different subsectors. A compendium of 400 Investible Projects for INR 2.24 lakh crore or USD 31.08 Bn for investment was released for the Summit. During the three days of the summit, several important announcements were made.
- Maritime India Vision (MIV) 2030: MIV 2030 envisions an overall investment of INR 3,00,000 3,50,000 Cr across ports, shipping, and in-land waterways categories. This Investment amount excludes projects already under the implementation stage as part of the Sagarmala project. This vision roadmap is estimated to help unlock INR 20,000+ Cr worth of potential annual revenue for Indian Ports. Further, it is expected to create an additional 20,00,000+ jobs (direct and nondirected) in the Indian maritime sector.
- On 'Day of the Seafarer', which was virtually celebrated on 25th June 2021, the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) was recognized and conferred with the prestigious National Maritime Day Celebration Award for the historic journey of M.T. Swarna Krishna, being the first Indian Flag vessel with all Women Officers on board.

- The Marine Aids to Navigation Act, 2021 has been notified and published in the Gazette of India by Legislative Department, Ministry of Law & Justice on 2nd August 2021 after getting the President's assent on 31st July 2021. The Bill was passed by Lok Sabha on 22nd March 2021, and by the Rajya Sabha on 27th July 2021. The Act aims to replace over 90-year-old Lighthouse Act, 1927, to incorporate the global best practices, technological developments, and India's International obligations in the field of Marine Aids to Navigation. The new Act will facilitate harmonized and effective functioning of aids to marine navigation and Vessel Traffic Services along the Indian coastline.
- Inland Vessels Bill, 2021: Parliament on 02.08.2021 passed the Inland Vessels Bill, 2021, which aims to replace over 100 years old Inland Vessels Act, 1917 (1 of 1917) and usher in a new era in the inland water transport sector to make the Legislative framework user friendly and promote ease of doing business.
- A key feature of the Bill is a unified law for the entire country, instead of separate rules framed by the States.
- The certificate of registration granted under the proposed law will be deemed to be valid in all States and Union Territories, and there will be no need to seek separate permissions from the States.
- The Bill provides for a central database for recording the details of the vessel, vessel registration, the crew on an electronic portal.
- All non-mechanically propelled vessels will also have to be enrolled at the district, taluk or panchayat, or village level.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. Where did India get its concept of Single order of court?
- A. Government of India Act, 1935
- B. Government of India Act, 1919
- C. Pitts India Act, 1773
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

- 2. Which of the following statements is not true about India's Supreme Court?
- A. Article 124 to 147 and Part V of the Indian Constitution informs about the composition and powers of the Supreme Court
- B. The Supreme Court was inaugurated on January 28, 1950
- C. The first female CJI was from Karnataka
- D. Judges of the Supreme Court are appointed by the President of India **ANSWER: C**
- 3. The First Female Judge of Supreme Court Was
- A. Fathima Beevi
- B. Sujata Manohar
- C. Ruma Pal
- D. Gyan Sudha Misra

ANSWER: A

- 4. Which of the following is not included in the qualification for being a judge in the Supreme Court?
- A. He/she should be a citizen of India.
- B. He/She should be a respected jurist in the eyes of Parliament
- C. He/She must be a judge in the High Court for at least 5 years
- D. He/ She should be a lawyer in the High Court for at least 10 years

ANSWER: B

- 5. Which statement is NOT correct regarding the tenure of judges of the Supreme Court?
- A. A Judge of the Supreme Court can remain in office till the age of 65 years.
- B. Judge of the Supreme Court gives his resignation letter to the Chief Justice

- C. On the recommendation of Parliament, he can be removed by the President.
- D. A Supreme Court judge can be removed only in the condition of misconduct.

ANSWER: B

- 6. The Rule of Law Index developed and published by World Justice Project ranked India at
- A. 69/139
- B. 79/139
- C. 89/139
- D. 99/139

ANSWER: B

- 7. HQ of The World Justice Project
- A. Geneva
- B. Washington DC
- C. New York
- D. Paris

ANSWER: B

8. National Constitution Day Is Celebrated On

- A. January 26
- B. August 15
- C. November 26
- D. October 2

ANSWER: C

9. Ambedkar Jayanti is Celebrated on

- A. October 2
- B. April 14
- C. January 12
- D. October 15

ANSWER: B

10. Who can remove the Judge of the Supreme Court?

- A. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
- B. Only the President

- C. Only the Parliament
- D. Both Parliament and President

ANSWER: D

11. Currently _____ Holds Portfolio Of Ministry Of Law And Justice

- A. Kiren Rijiju
- B. S. P. Singh Baghel
- C. Ravi Shankar Prasad
- D. Sarbananda Sonowal

ANSWER: A

12. Representation of the People Act was first passed in

- A. 1949
- B. 1950
- C. 1951
- D. 1952

ANSWER: C

13. What is the 'SUPACE' portal?

- A. Al-driven Portal For SC
- B. MSME Registration Portal
- C. EV License Portal
- D. Unorganized Workers Registration Portal

ANSWER: A

14. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) is the statutory body under the

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of Labour and Employment
- C. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- D. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions

ANSWER: B

15. Udyam & e-Shram portals are associated with

- A. MSME, Unorganised Labours
- B. Heavy Industry, Start-Ups

- C. Star Ups, MSME
- D. Unorganised Labours, Cottage Industry

ANSWER: A

16.Global Environment Fund (GEF) -5 Project has been launched by MSME in collaboration with

- A. UNESCO
- B. UNDP
- C. UNEP
- D. UNIDO

ANSWER: D

17. What is the current salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?

- A. 1.10 lakh P/M
- B. 1 lakh P/M
- C. 2.8 lakh P/M
- D. 1.25 lakh P/M

ANSWER: C

18. Which of the following articles states about the establishment of the Supreme Court?

- A. Article 176
- B. Article 153
- C. Article 124
- D. Article 324

ANSWER: C

19.HQ of National Aluminium Company (NALCO)

- A. Chennai
- B. Bhubaneshwar
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Kanpur

ANSWER: B

20. National Institute of Rock Mechanics (NIRM) is in

A. Andhra Pradesh

- B. Karnataka
- C. Gujarat
- D. Jharkhand

ANSWER: B

21. Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana was launched in

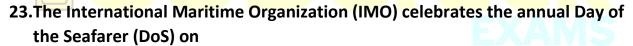
- A. 2014
- B. 2015
- C. 2016
- D. 2017

ANSWER: C

22. Sagarmala Programme was launched in

- A. 2014
- B. 2015
- C. 2016
- D. 2017

ANSWER: B



- A. June 20
- B. June 21
- C. June 25
- D. June 26

ANSWER: C

24. Which of the following writ can be issued against both public authorities as well as private individuals or bodies

- A. Habeas corpus
- B. Prohibition
- C. Mandamus
- D. Quo Warranto

ANSWER: A

25. Pick the odd one out

- A. Habeas Corpus 'to have the body of'
- B. Mandamus 'we command'
- C. Certiorari 'to be certified'
- D. Quo-Warranto ' to forbid'

ANSWER: D





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