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Polity & Governance

Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance Amendment Rules, 2025

Government has amended the Aadhaar Act to allow private entities.

• **Under –** Section 57, Aadhaar Act, 2016.

• **Examined by** – Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity).

• **Objective** – To provide *Aadhaar Authentication to private entities* based on the approval of their proposal for the facility.

• To ensure good governance, prevention of dissipation of social welfare benefits, enablement of innovation and spread of knowledge.

SwaRail

• **Launched by** – Ministry of Railways.

• **Developed by** – Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS).

• It is a *SuperApp for a one-stop solution* offering comprehensive railway services to the public.

• **Applications** – It integrates all public-facing services of including,

- Reserved and Unreserved Ticket Booking
- Platform and Parcel Booking
- Train and PNR Enquiries
- Help through Rail Madad.

Swachh Survekshan Grameen (SSG)

• **Launched in –** *2018*.

• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Jal Shakti.

• **Umbrella scheme** – Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM).

• **SSG** – It is an *annual national ranking of all districts and states* of India on the basis of quantitative and qualitative sanitation (swachhata) parameters.

• **Ranking** – Based on a comprehensive set of parameters includes,

- Self-reporting by districts
- Data from the Swachh Bharat Mission – Grameen (SBM-G).
- Integrated Management Information System (IMIS).
- Village-level surveys of public places like schools, anganwadi centres, panchayat and citizen's perception of swachhata.

e-Shram Microsites

• These are *State-specific digital platforms* integrated with national e-Shram database.

• **Aim –** Allow *unorganized workers* to access central and state welfare programs.

• **Benefit** – Simplify registration process and provide single point of access to employment opportunities.

• **Multilingual Platform for Workers** – Caters to diverse linguistic backgrounds Ensures comfortable navigation in preferred language.

Hive to Home: Vision 2030 - Building a Scientific & Sustainable Honey Industry

• **Hosted by** – India Honey Alliance (IHA), in collaboration with NIFTEM-K.

• **Aligns with** – PM Honey Mission.

Science

Gaur

• It is also known as *Indian bison*, a keystone species.

• **Inhabit** – Western Ghats, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, and South India.

• **Features** – They are the *world's largest bovines*, with males reaching up to 1.8 meters tall.

• **Threats** - Deforestation and human encroachment.

• **IUCN status** – *Vulnerable*.

Miscellaneous

Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO)

• **CDSCO** – It is the *central drug authority* for discharging functions assigned to the Central Government.
• **Established in –** *1940,* under Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
• The regulation of the manufacture, sale and distribution of drugs is primarily the concern of the State authorities.
• **Functions –** Regulatory control over the,
- Quality of import of drugs.
- Approval of new drugs and clinical trials.
- Laying down the standards for drugs.

Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)

• **Established in** – *2016,* under Aadhaar Act, 2016.
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
• **Powers & Functions –** Responsible for *issuing a unique identification number called Aadhaar* to all residents of India.
• To robust enough to eliminate duplicate and fake identities.
• To verifiable and authenticable in an easy, cost-effective way.

9th Asian Winter Games (AWG) 2025

• It is going to be held in *Harbin, China*.
• **Emblem**– Siberian tigers named *Binbin and Nini*.
• **Slogan** – Dream of Winter, Love among Asia.
• **Newly added games**– *Ski mountaineering* held for the 1st time.
• Harbin will be hosting the AWG for the 2nd time, after 1996.
• India has decided to provide financial support for the first time to Indian contingent participation under Assistance to National Sports Federations (ANSF) Scheme.

53rd Annual Conference of Indian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (IAPMRCON) 2025

• **IAPMR** – It is an *apex body of medical doctors* having a specialization in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PMR).
• **IAPMRCON** – It stressed on the need for rehabilitation to be kept affordable while being made available across the country.
• **Held at** – NIMHANS, Bengaluru.
• **Organized by** – Department of Neurological Rehabilitation.
• **Under** – Kaveri Association of Rehabilitation Medicine (Karnataka Chapter of IAPMR).
• **Theme** – Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges: Advancing Rehabilitation for all.

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