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Polity & Governance

Prime Minister Internship Scheme

• **Launched in** – *2024*.
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
• **Aim** – To provide 1 crore young individuals with *12 month paid internships* in the country's top 500 companies.
• **Target groups** – *21-24 years*, who are currently not enrolled in any full-time academic program or employment.
• **Sectors covered –** 24.
• **Monthly stipend** - Rs.5,000.

National Consumer Helpline (NCH)

• **Launched in** – *2005*.
• **Launched by** – Department of Consumer Affairs.
• **NCH** – It is a web portal with an integrated Grievance Redress Mechanism (INGRAM) to bring all Stakeholders into a single platform.
• It witnesses remarkable growth in North-Eastern States.
• **Arunachal Pradesh** – It is a *top performer* in recording the consumer grievance registrations and resolutions.

National Fisheries Digital Platform (NFDP)

• **Launched in** – *2024*.
• **Umbrella scheme** – Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY), a sub-scheme of *Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampda Yojana (PMMSY).*
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying.
• **NFDP** –It is a centralized hub for real-time information sharing, access to government schemes, weather forecasts, market trends, and sustainable fishing practices.
• **Aim** – At formalization of these sectors through creation of a database of work-based identities for all fisheries' stakeholders.

Intensified Special Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) Screening Drive

• It is a campaign launched to prevent NCDs, *Diabetes, Hypertension, and 3 common cancers.*
  - **3 common cancers** – Oral, Breast, and Cervical.
• **Launched by** – Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
• **Under** – National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD).
• **Aim** – To achieve *100% screening* of all individuals *aged 30 years and above.*

State Support Mission (SSM)

• **Launched in** – *2022.*
• **Launched by** – NITI Aayog.
• **Aim** – To foster structured and institutionalized engagement with States and Union Territories.
• **Objectives** – To assist them in achieving their *socioeconomic goals by 2047.*
• To support States/UTs in developing a roadmap aligned with national priorities and their core strengths.

Electronic Personnel License (EPL) in Civil Aviation

India becomes 2nd country to launch EPL in civil aviation globally.
• **EPL** – It is a digital version of a personnel license that will *replace traditional physical licenses for pilots.*
• **Approved by** – International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).
• **Launched by** – Ministry of Civil Aviation.
• **Objective** – To modernize and enhance the safety, security and efficiency of India's civil aviation sector.

Article 101(4)

• **Article 101(4)** – It is a constitutional provision of a *Member of Parliament (MP)* asked to vacate seat in case of prolonged absence from Parliament.
• **Constitutional provision** – If for a period of ***60 days*** a member of either House of Parliament is *absent without permission* of the House from all meetings and the House declare his seat vacant.
• **60 days** – It doesn't account for any period during which the House is prorogued or is adjourned for *more than 4 consecutive days.*

Agriculture

Millet

• India is the ***largest producer*** of millet in the world, with a share of 41% in 2020, as per the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).
• **Millet** – It is a species of cereal grasses, cultivated for their small edible seeds.
• **Leading producer states** – Rajasthan, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh.
• **MSP coverage:**
  - **3 millet crops** – Bajra (pearl millet), Jowar (sorghum) and Ragi (finger millet).

Environment

Myrmecia Pyriformis and Myrmecia Midas

Scientists found that 2 ant species find its way by polarized moonlight.

• These are *2 nocturnal bull ant species* which make their way at night with the help of polarised moonlight.

• **Nocturnal bull ant** – They are *active at night* and use polarized light to navigate.

• While being dimmer even than moonlight, contains unusual patterns that can point the way.

• They are known as an ***Australian ant***.

Myrmecia Pyriformis



Myrmecia Midas



Software Technology Parks of India (STPI)

STPI launched a new incubation facility at Salt Lake, Kolkata.

• **Established in** – *1989*.

• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

• **STPI** – It is a premier Science & Technology organization engaged in promoting IT Industry, innovation, R&D, start-ups, product creation in the field of emerging technologies.

• To become the largest technology startup ecosystem in the country envisaged in *National Policy on Software Products (NPSP), 2019*.

• **Objectives** – To promote the development and export of,

- Software, software services, statutory & other promotional services, data communication services and micro, small & medium entrepreneurs.

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