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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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