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Polity & Governance

Andaman and Nicobar Islands Institute of Medical Sciences (ANIIMS)

Recently, the public accounts committee held meeting to deliberate the CAG's report on the ANIIMS.

- **Located in** – Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- **Established under** – Andaman & Nicobar Medical Education and Research Society.
- **Affiliated with** – Pondicherry University.
- **Recognized by** – National Medical Commission.
- **CAG report findings** –
  - Deficiencies in equipment and patient care.
  - Over 40% shortfall in medical equipment.
  - Non-availability of essential diagnostic tools,
  - *Only five functioning operation theatres*, leading to delay.

Public Accounts Committee (PAC)

- PAC is India's *oldest parliamentary financial committee*, established in 1921.
- **Composition**
  - **Total members** – 22 (15 elected from LS, 7 from RS).
  - **Term**– 1 year.
  - **Key Restriction** – *No minister can be a member of the committee*.
  - **Chairperson –** *Appointed by the Speaker of the Lok Sabha*
    - Since 1967, chosen from opposition party traditionally.
- **Objectives** –
  - To audit the revenue and expenditure of the Government of India
  - To ensure public funds are spent legally and efficiently based on reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG).
- **Limitation** – Its recommendations are *advisory, not legally binding.*

ADR Analysis on Rajya Sabha MPs

As per recent Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) findings 31% of Rajya Sabha MPs have declared criminal cases.

- **Coverage –** 226 of the 233 Rajya Sabha MPs.
- **Key findings** –
- Of the 226, *69 (31%) have declared criminal cases against themselves.*
- 36 (16%) have serious criminal cases.
- 1 sitting Rajya Sabha MP has cases *related to murder*.
- 4 have cases related to *attempt to murder*.
- 4 have declared cases related *to crimes against women.*

Association for Democratic Reforms

- It is an *apolitical, non-partisan, non-governmental organisation* in India.
- **Founded in** – August 1999 by group of professors from the IIM Ahmedabad.
- **Headquarters** – New Delhi.
- **Focus 0n –** Electoral and political reforms.
- **Funding** – It adheres strict independence by *only accepting donations from unaffiliated individuals.*
- **Initiatives** –
  - **National Election Watch (NEW)–**citizen-led organizations to monitor elections.
- **Objectives** – To strengthen democracy, political accountability and voter empowerment.

PRAGATI

PM recently chaired 52nd meeting of PRAGATI.

- **PRAGATI** – Multi-modal ICT-based governance platform.
- **Cooperative federalism –** It brings on one stage the Secretaries of Government of India and the Chief Secretaries of the States.
- **Focus on –** To avoid the cost escalations and citizen inconveniences.
- **Objectives** –
  - Grievance redressal,
  - Programme implementation,
  - Project monitoring.

52nd Meeting highlights –

- Reviewed projects across Road, Power, Industrial Corridor, and Metro Rail sectors.
- Mandated PM GatiShakti National Master Plan to eliminate delays.
- Progress of campaign to eradicate tuberculosis assessed.

NHAI Action Against Encroachments

Recently, NHAI Intensifies action against encroachments to enhance road safety.

- **Aim** – To strengthen road safety and ensure obstruction-free movement on National Highways.
- **Act under** – *Control of National Highways (Land and Traffic) Act, 2002.*
- **Challenges** –
  - Unauthorized parking of vehicles,
  - Roadside encroachments
  - Unregulated activities.
- **Plan of action** –
  - Establishment of District Highway Safety Task Forces.
  - Nomination of officers to facilitate inter-agency coordination.
  - Continuous monitoring of safety-related issues.
  - Immediate audits of all Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS).
- **Significance** – Initiative foster commitment towards more efficient National Highway infrastructure.

International Relations and Issues

AIR SUVIDHA 2.0 Portal

The AIR SUVIDHA 2.0 portal is launched recently.

- **Launched by** – Ministry of Civil Aviation and DIAL.
- **Objective** – To streamline contactless health screenings for international travellers.
- **Features** –
- *Mandatory for passengers* arriving from or transiting through identified Ebola-affected countries.
- *Travelers must submit a digital Self-Declaration Form (SDF*) online within 24 hours of arrival.
- Passengers *must report their 21-day travel history*, exposure details.
- The portal integrates data with health and immigration authorities (APHO, IDSP).

Agriculture

Banganapalle mangoes

APEDA recently facilitated first commercial sea shipment of premium Banganapalle mangoes from India to Singapore.

- It also known as *Benishan or Safeda.*
- These are widely celebrated as the "King of Mangoes" in South India.
- **Origin** – *Nandyal district of Andhra Pradesh.*
- **Features** –
  - Massive size.
  - Sweet flavour.
  - *Completely fiberless pulp*.
- **Geographical Indication (GI) tag** – 2017.
- **Seasonal availability** – April to June.

Security

Democracy During Emergency

Prime Minister pays tribute to those who defended democracy during the Emergency

Emergency period

- **Imposition** – PM *Indira Gandhi imposed National Emergency on June 25, 1975* – 1977.
- **Ground of imposition** – "**Internal disturbance**" (broad and vaguely defined, susceptible to political misuse).
- **Changes during emergency**
- **42nd Amendment Act,1976 (Indira Gandhi Govt.)**
  - Limited the power of HC and SC to judicially review constitutional amendments.
  - Removed time limits on the President's power to declare Emergency.
- **Changes after emergency**
- **44th Amendment,1978 (Moraji Desai Govt)**
  - *Replaced "internal disturbance" with "armed rebellion*".
  - Downgraded the Right to Property from a Fundamental Right to a legal right under Article 300A.

Miscellaneous

VIP Culture in India (Book)

Vice-President Released the book "VIP Culture in India" recently.

- **Book title** – VIP Culture in India: Power, Privilege and the Distance from Democracy.
- **Authored by** – Former MP Nabam Rebia
- **Co-authored by** – Sandeep Kumar.
- **Highlights of the book** –
  - Thoroughly examines the historical evolution and continuous persistence of VIP entitlements.
  - Analyses privileges and *power hierarchies weaken democratic structures and public trust.*
  - Stressing that public offices must be handled as *public responsibilities rather than elite privileges.*
  - Mandated for *Egalitarian Governance.*

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