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Polity & Governance

Fresh Application Module for Notary Appointments

Union law minister launched online fresh application module for notary appointments recently.

- A **notary** is a state-appointed official who witnesses important document signings and verifies signers' identities to deter fraud.

- **Developed by** - Department of Legal Affairs in association with National Informatics Centre.

- **Launched under** -

- Notaries Act, 1952.

- Notaries Rules, 1956.

- **Application** - Through Notary Portal.

- **Objectives** -

- To seamlessly integrate with existing portal.

- To incorporate automated workflows

- To ensure smooth and efficient processing of applications.

- To promote a paperless, transparent and citizen-centric system of governance.

- **Significance** - It help realizing the vision of Digital India.

National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)

Cabinet approves ₹30,000 crore additional investment in NIIF for new fund creation recently.

- NIIF is India's sovereign-anchored alternative asset manager.

- **Established in** - 2015.

- **Ownership** - Government holds a 49% equity.

- Other 51% is held by marquee global and domestic investors.

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These include the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, Temasek, Australian Super, and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.

- **Type** - Category II Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) registered with SEBI.

- **Assets managed by** - National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL).

- **Objective** - To channel long-term domestic and international institutional capital into the country's growth sectors.

Model State Cinema Regulations

Recently, Information & Broadcasting Minister has set up a high-level study group taking structural measures to bolster film industry.

- **Group composition** -

- **Chaired by** - Information & Broadcasting Minister

- **Members** - Industry experts and technology partners.

- **Objectives** -

- To identify best practices.

- To recommend policy framework for the long-term growth of Indian cinema.

- To strengthen production, distribution, and technological integration.

- **Significance** - It contributes to growth of cinema infrastructure especially in small towns and rural areas.

- **Note** - Regulation of cinemas and theatres are under the **State list**.

- States follow different rules for various permissions required.

Agriculture

Expansion of Lavender Cultivation

- **Location in** - Anantnag, Jammu & Kashmir.
- **Part of** - Purple Revolution, supported under CSIR-Aroma Mission.
- **Key Highlights**
 - It provides farmers with an alternative high-value cash crop.
 - Essential oils produced are used in perfumes, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, and aromatherapy.
 - It generates employment opportunities through value addition, processing, and tourism linked to lavender fields.

CSIR-Aroma Mission

- **Launched by** - Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- **Focus on** - Cultivation, processing, and value addition of aromatic crops.
- **Objectives**
 - To promote scientific cultivation of aromatic plants.
 - To strengthen market linkages for farmers.
 - To enhance livelihoods and rural entrepreneurship through aromatic crop value chains.
- **Significance**
 - It generates employment, rural livelihood opportunities, and agri-tourism.
 - It forms the backbone of the Purple Revolution in Jammu & Kashmir.

Economy

Second National Seafood Skill Olympiad

The Second National Seafood Skill Olympiad to be organised during Seafood Expo Bharat 2026.

- **Part of** - *Seafood Expo Bharat 2026*

- **Organised by** - *Marine Products Export Development Authority.*

- **Nodal ministry** - *Ministry of Commerce and Industry.*

- **Highlights** - 50 nationwide seafood value addition training programmes has been conducted.

- **Programme structure** -

- *State-Level Skill Olympiads conducted across the coastal states.*

- Top 10 performers from regional competitions qualified for the grand finale.

- **Prize** -

- First Prize - Rs.1,00,000

- Second Prize - Rs.75,000

- Third Prize - Rs.50,000

- **Significance** - It bring together 5,000 global stakeholders for business and technology exchange.

Seafood Expo Bharat 2026

- **Venue** - Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

- **Showcases** -

- India's capabilities in sustainable seafood production *for both domestic and international markets*.

- Exhibitors, delegates, and trade visitors - offering a unique opportunity to experience seafood sector.

- **Objectives** -

- To showcase their expertise in preparing value-added seafood products.

- To promote innovation, recognise industry talent.

- To strengthen workforce development in India's seafood processing sector.

- To encourage greater value addition in marine exports.

- **Significance** - It fosters progress in key areas like

- Traceability.

- quality improvement.

- Stronger value chain linkages.

- Seafood exports.

Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)

- It is an Indian statutory body *under MPEDA Act 1971*.

- **Headquarters** - Kochi, Kerala.

- **Nodal ministry** - *Ministry of Commerce and Industry*.

- **Objective** - *To regulate and promote the export of marine products*.

- **Significance** - It acts as the nodal agency for the holistic growth of the country's seafood industry.

Security

"Baaz Battalions"

The recent developments in 'Baaz Battalions' enhances security in remote areas.

• "Baaz Battalions" - It is a Specialised drone unit.

• **Established by** - Indian Army.

• **Objectives** -

- To strengthen battlefield surveillance.

- To improve intelligence gathering.

- To enhance rapid response through a specialised drone force.

• **Significance** - This initiative fosters complete Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) capability.

Warfare & Aerospace Strategy Programme (WASP)

Recently the 5th edition of WASP has been held.

• It is an intensive Professional Military Education (PME) initiative by the Indian Air Force (IAF).

• **Launched in** - 2022

• **Organizers** -

- Centre for Aerospace Power and Strategic Studies (CAPSS)

- College of Air Warfare (CAW).

• **Designed to** -

- To cultivate critical thinking.

- To develop strategic planning.

- To improve intellectual depth across the armed forces.

- To focus on analytical reading, intensive discourse with subject matter experts.

• **Objectives** -

- To prepare mid-ranking officers through politico-military layers.

- To fosters "Scholar Warriors" understanding modern warfare concepts (including AI).

- To produce leaders capable of moving across domains and linking strategic intent to executable plans