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## CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA RELEASED VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT OF NALSA AND LEGAL SERVICES APP

● The Vision & Mission statement launched encapsulates **the vision of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) to promote an inclusive legal system and to ensure fair and meaningful justice to the marginalized and disadvantaged sector.**

➤ The Legal Services Mobile Application incorporates features including seeking legal assistance, legal advice, and other grievances.

● NALSA has been **constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987** to provide free Legal Services to weaker sections and to organize Lok Adalats for amicable settlement of disputes.

➤ In 1976, government inserted **Article 39A with 42nd Amendment act, which directs the State to provide free legal aid by suitable legislation or schemes.** Subsequently, parliament passed Legal Services Authorities Act in 1987.

● **Barriers in accessing legal services**

➤ **Lengthy and expensive formal justice processes**

➤ **Digital divide and poor connectivity** in rural areas denying layers to address court functioning in virtual mode since the pandemic started.

➤ **Lack of effective legal representation at police stations** leading to high order of Custodial torture and police atrocities despite constitutional **guarantees.**

➤ **Lack of awareness about legal services and legal representation.**



○ **Persons eligible for getting free legal services include**

- Women and children.
- Members of SC/ST.
- Industrial Workmen.
- Victims of trafficking in human beings or beggars.
- Victims of mass disaster, violence, flood, drought, Earthquake, industrial disaster etc.
- Disabled persons.
- Persons in custody.
- a person in receipt of annual income less than Rs 5 Lakh, if the case is before the Supreme Court.

○ Note- Senior citizens' eligibility for free legal aid depends on the Rules framed by the respective State Governments in this regard.

## UNION MINISTER FOR TEXTILE CALLS FOR STEPS TO BOOST INDIAN HANDLOOM INDUSTRY

● Addressing the 7th National Handloom Day (NHD), the Minister called for **Quadrupling Handloom exports** (from Rs 2500 crore to Rs. 10,000 crore) and **doubling the production** (Rs.60000 crore to Rs. 1.25 lakh crore) in the **next three years to promote the growth of the sector.**

➤ NHD is held to mark **August 07 1905**, the day the Swadeshi Movement was launched to commemorate the **Swadeshi Movement** which was launched on this day in 1905 to protest against the partition of Bengal.

➤ The movement had aimed at reviving domestic products and production processes.

● A handloom is an **equipment used for weaving, utilising manual power.**

➤ It contributes **15%** to India's total cloth production, next to powerlooms which contribute 60%.

➤ Powerloom is a **mechanized loom** (using steam or electricity) to weave cloth or patterns.

● **Government initiatives:**

➤ National Handloom Development Programme

➤ Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme

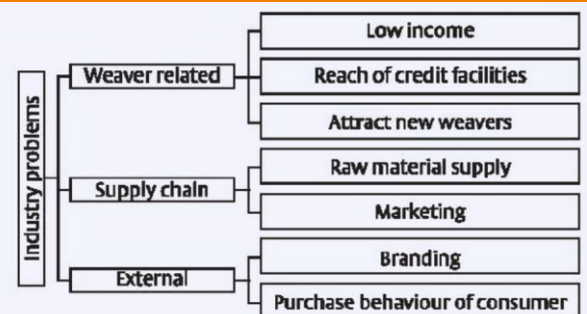
➤ Yarn Supply Scheme

➤ Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme

➤ Onboarding weavers onto the **Government e-Market place (GeM) to enable them to sell their products directly to various government organizations.**

➤ Financial assistance for registration of handloom items under the Geographical Indications Act

## Areas of concern



## 'ELDERLY IN INDIA 2021' REPORT PUBLISHED BY MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (MOSPI)

- Elderly in India 2021 report aims to provide **insights about problems and status of elderly persons** in the country, and help in policy making.
- **Key findings**
  - The percentage share of the elderly population in the total population is said to rise from 8.6% in 2011 to 10.1% in 2021 and projected to touch 13.1% in 2031.
    - **Declining fertility and increasing longevity** lead to rising numbers of older persons.
  - **Kerala (16.5%) has highest share of elderly in population**, Bihar lowest (7.7%).
  - **Increase in the old-age dependency ratio**, which rose from 10.9% in 1961 to 14.2% in 2011 and is projected to increase to 15.7% and 20.1% in 2021 and 2031, respectively.
    - The **old-age dependency ratio** is defined as the **number of persons aged 60+ per 100 persons relative to the age group 15-59**.
  - **Literacy levels among elderly males and females have improved** over time in both rural and urban areas
    - **It noted a huge gender gap**, with only 28% female elderly literate as against 59% males (Population Census 2011).
  - **Major problems of aged people** - Economic problems, Physiological problems, Housing related problems and crimes against aged persons.

### ● Steps for health and well-being of Elders

- National Policy on Older Persons (NPOP), 1999.
- National Action Plan for the Welfare of Senior Citizens (NAPSrC).
- Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007.
- National Awards for Senior Citizens- Vayoshreshtha Samman.
- Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY): Scheme for providing Physical Aids and Assisted-Living Devices for Senior Citizens.
- Senior Citizens Welfare Fund.
- National Council of Senior Citizens.
- National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE).
- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY).
- Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PNVVY).

## PRIME MINISTER TO LAUNCH PRADHAN MANTRI UJJWALA YOJANA-PMUY-2.0 (UJJWALA 2.0)

- Launched in 2016, **PMUY-1.0 envisages smoke free Rural India**.
  - The **Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas is implementing the scheme**.
- It **aims to benefit women living below poverty line (BPL) by providing concessional LPG connections** to the entire nation by 2019. Beside increasing the Usage of LPG, it would help in reducing health disorders, air pollution and deforestation.
  - **Connections will be issued on the name of women beneficiaries**.
- Now, the **Government will launch Ujjwala 2.0:**

Ujjwala 1.0	Ujjwala 2.0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under it, a <b>target</b> was set to provide LPG connections to <b>5 crore women members of BPL households</b>.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ She must be included in the Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC) 2011 list</li> </ul> </li> <li>• It was <b>further expanded in April 2018 to include women beneficiaries</b> from SC/ST, PM Awas Yojana (PMAY), Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), Most backward classes, tea garden etc.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ The <b>target was also revised to 8 crores connections</b>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under it, beneficiaries will not only get deposit-free LPG connection <b>but also free of cost first refill</b> and hotplate with minimal paperwork.</li> <li>• Further, <b>migrants will not be required to submit ration cards or any address proof</b>.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ A self-declaration will be sufficient.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• In Union Budget (2021-22), <b>one crore additional connections</b> was made to those low-income families who could not be covered under the earlier phase of PMUY.</li> </ul>

## LADAKH REMOVED NEED FOR INNER LINE PERMIT (ILP) FOR INDIAN NATIONALS

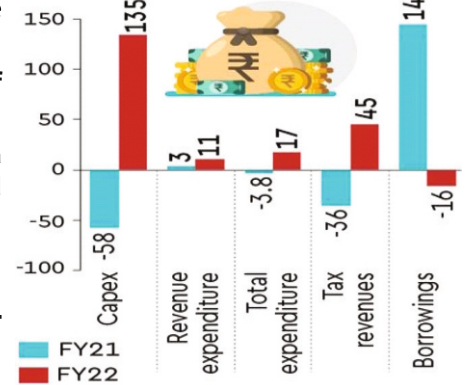
- **Ladakh administration has scrapped the ILP system for all Indian nationals** to visit the protected areas of the union territory **to boost rural tourism and underline India's sovereignty**.
  - **Foreigners intending to visit these protected areas still need a permit** (Protected Area Permit) whose **validity** has now been **extended** from 7 days to 15 days.
- **About ILP**
  - ILP is an **official document issued by the state government** that allows Indian citizens to travel to the state under IPL for a limited period of time.
    - The system is in force today in four North eastern states — **Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram**.
    - It is used in India **to protect the indigenous communities in the Northeast** and for the government to regulate and monitor the movement to certain areas near the international border of India.
    - The concept stems from the **Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation Act, 1873**, where the British framed regulations restricting the entry and regulating the stay of outsiders in designated areas.
      - This was to protect the Crown's own commercial interests by preventing **"British subjects"** (Indians) from trading within these regions.

## STATES STEP UP CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AS TAX REVENUES RISE

- State governments have stepped up capital expenditure in the first quarter of the current financial year, reversing a declining trend witnessed in the corresponding period in the previous year due to the Covid pandemic.
- Union government defines capital expenditure **as the money spent on the acquisition of assets like land, buildings, machinery, equipment, as well as investment in shares.**
  - > **Capital expenditure creates employment**, especially for the poor and unskilled, has a **high multiplier effect**, enhances the future productive capacity of the economy, and results in a **higher rate of economic growth.**
  - > India experienced low growth rates for decades as it failed to develop physical and social infrastructure, the key to achieving high economic growth.
- Earlier, union government launched **'Scheme of Financial Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure'**
  - > Under the Scheme, **financial assistance is provided to the State Governments** in the form of **50-year interest free loan.**
  - > Funds provided to the States under the scheme by the Government of India **shall be used for new and ongoing capital projects, for long term benefit to the State.**





### States' finances\*




(April-June, growth % y-o-y)



\*Of 15 major states reviewed by FE

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 <p><b>Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recently, Social Justice and Empowerment Minister launched <b>'PM-DAKSH'</b> Portal and <b>'PM-DAKSH'</b> mobile app, developed in collaboration with <b>National e-Governance Division (NeGD)</b>, to make the skill development schemes accessible to the target groups.</li> <li><b>PM-DAKSH</b> is a skill development scheme from Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment</li> <li>Started from 2020-21, it aims to provide free training to 2.71 lakh persons from SCs/OBCs, Safai Karamcharis etc. through interventions as:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Up-skilling/Reskilling</li> <li>&gt; Short Term Training Programme (focus on self-employment)</li> <li>&gt; Long Term Training Programme (for global class skills), and</li> <li>&gt; Entrepreneurship Development Program</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
 <p><b>Perseverance Rover of NASA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recently, <b>NASA's Perseverance Rover</b>, part of <b>Mars 2020 Mission</b>, drilled the first hole on the Martian Surface but failed to lift samples.</li> <li>Landed at <b>Jezero Crater</b> of Mars in February, the rover is on an <b>astrobiology</b> mission to           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Seek <b>signs of ancient life</b> and</li> <li>&gt; <b>Collect samples</b> of rock and regolith (broken rock and soil) for <b>possible return to Earth.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>Earlier, <b>Ingenuity</b>, a small robotic helicopter sent with perseverance, completed the first powered controlled flight by an aircraft outside earth.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Zayed Talwar exercise</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Naval exercise <b>between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)</b> off the Abu Dhabi coast to increase bilateral military cooperation.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Mixing of Covaxin and Covishield</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A study by <b>Indian Council of Medical Research</b> has found that mixing the doses of Covishield and Covaxin was not only safe but also elicited a better immune response.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; It is <b>first scientific evidence from India</b> on superior immunogenicity profile demonstrated in mixed-vaccine doses.</li> </ul> </li> <li>While <b>Covishield is built on a viral vector vaccine platform</b> and uses a weakened version of adenovirus, <b>Covaxin is built on an inactivated whole virus vaccine platform.</b></li> </ul>

 <p><b>Gestational diabetes mellitus(GDM)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government is advocating <b>mandatory Blood Sugar test for every pregnant woman, even if she does not have any symptoms.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Diagnosis with a “Single Test Procedure” recommended by “Diabetes in Pregnancy Study Group India (DIPSI)” and endorsed by Ministry of Health &amp; Family Welfare is affordable and reliable solution.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>GDM</b> is defined as any degree of glucose intolerance with onset or first recognition during pregnancy.</li> <li>• Government has Guidelines on Diagnosis and Management of Gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) in pregnant women as per which testing has been <b>included in essential ante natal care package for all pregnant women.</b></li> </ul>
 <p><b>Places in News</b></p>	<p><b>Lebanon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recently, Israel shot artillery fire in retaliation to Iranian-backed Lebanese group Hezbollah firing of rockets from Lebanon.</li> <li>&gt; The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon said the situation was very serious and urged all parties to cease fire.</li> </ul> <p>Lebanon (<b>Capital: Beirut</b>) is a mountainous nation in the <b>Levant</b>, located on eastern coastline of <b>Mediterranean Sea</b>.</p> 
  <p><b>Personalities in news</b></p>	<p><b>Sarla Thakral</b> (8 August 1914- 15 March 2008)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>India’s first woman to ever fly an aircraft</b>, was honoured by Google on her 107th birth anniversary with a unique doodle.</li> <li>• She <b>completed 1,000 hours of flight time to gain her ‘A licence’, another first for Indian women.</b></li> <li>• She was also <b>an accomplished painter and designer.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Mananiya Chaman Lal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• India’s Vice-President <b>released a commemorative postage stamp to highlight the life and work of Mananiya Chaman Lal.</b></li> <li>• A <b>renowned social worker</b> and Sangh Pracharak, he <b>worked for fulfilling the basic needs of people who were victims of the 1947 India partition.</b></li> <li>• He also had a <b>passion for reforestation and preserving ecological balance.</b></li> </ul>