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An Overview of the News

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- It centralises the process of winding up companies, making it easier and more efficient.
- This relieves the burden on the registry and ensures a clean and accurate database.
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3. US court approved extradition of 26/11 attack accused Tahawwur Rana to India (May 18, 2023)

A **US court** has **approved the extradition of 26/11 Mumbai terror attack** accused **Pakistani-origin Canadian Tahawwur Rana to India**.

An overview of the news

- California District Court Judge **Jacqueline Chooljian** has approved the Indian government's request for Rana's extradition.
- **Rana was arrested in the US** on an extradition request by India for his role in the **2008 Mumbai terror attacks**, which killed over 160 people, including six Americans.
- India has charged Rana with offenses including **conspiracy to commit terrorist acts, waging war, murder and forgery**.
- Rana was **convicted in Chicago in 2011** of providing material support to the **Pakistan-based terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba**, which planned the Mumbai terror attacks.
- **India's National Investigation Agency (NIA)** is probing his role in the 26/11 attacks carried out by Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists in 2008.

What is Extradition?

- Extradition is the **formal process of surrendering a person from one state to another**.
- The purpose of this process is the prosecution or punishment for offences committed by a person within the jurisdiction of the requesting country.
- The extradition of a fugitive criminal to India is regulated under the **Indian Extradition Act, 1962**.
- The Consular, **Passport and Visa (CPV) Division, Ministry of External Affairs** is the central/nodal authority to administer the Extradition Act.
- Extradition process can be initiated in case of under-investigation, under-trial and convicted criminals.

4. Parshottam Rupala launches Sagar Parikrama Yatra Phase-V (May 18, 2023)

Parshottam-Rupala-launches-Sagar-Parikrama-Yatra-Phase-V

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- Sagar Parikrama Yatra Phase-V commencing from **7th May, 2023 and ending at Canacona, Goa on 19th May, 2023**.
- The Yatra will cover various fisheries schemes and programmes, including **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and Kisan Credit Card**.
- After successfully completing four phases covering **19 locations in Gujarat, Daman & Diu, Maharashtra and Karnataka**, this groundbreaking initiative is garnering widespread support.

Sagar Parikrama Phase-I

- It was started on March 5, 2022 from **Mandvi, Gujarat to Okha-Dwarka**, and concluded at **Porbandar on 6 March covering 3 locations**.
- The programme was a huge success, with more than **5,000 people physically attending the event**.

Sagar Parikrama Phase-II

- It was held on September 23-25 2022 and covered seven locations.

Sagar Parikrama Phase-III

- Phase-III was held on February 18-21 2023 and covered coastal districts of Gujarat and Maharashtra.

Sagar Parikrama Phase-IV

- The fourth phase of the Sagar Parikrama program took place from March 18-19 covering three coastal districts of Karnataka.
- It covered three districts **Uttara Kannada, Udupi and Dakshina Kannada districts of Karnataka**.

About Sagar Parikrama

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Union-Government-approves

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An Overview of the News

- **The agreement aims** to draw global attention to access to assistive technology, promote research and innovation, and develop training programs.
- The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the **Competition Commission of India (CCI) and the Egyptian Competition Authority (ECA)** was approved during the meeting.
- The MoU focuses on **promoting and strengthening cooperation in competition law and policy** through information exchange, sharing of best practices and capacity building initiatives.
- **The objective of the MoU** is to develop and strengthen the relationship between the CCI and the ECA and to facilitate learning and cooperation in the enforcement of competition law.
- The Union Cabinet approved the signing of an **MoU between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and the Chartered Accountants of Maldives.**
- The objective of the MoU is to establish mutual cooperation for the advancement of accounting knowledge, professional and intellectual development, and development of the accounting profession in Maldives and India.

World Health Organization (WHO):

- It is a **specialised agency** of the **United Nations that focuses on global public health**.
- The headquarters of WHO is in **Geneva, Switzerland**.
- It operates through six regional offices and **150 field offices around the world**.
- It was established on **April 7, 1948** with the aim of addressing international health issues.

Department of Health Research (DHR):

- It was created in **September 2007** under the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**.
- Its creation was notified through an amendment to the **Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961**.
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- DHR functions as a separate department within the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**.
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Union-Minister-Sarbananda

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An Overview of the News

- The two-day conclave will pave the way for better coordination among stakeholders and strengthen the functioning of AYUSH health and wellness centres.
- **The objective of the mission** is to increase the availability, reach and quality of AYUSH health services across the country through AYUSH Health Wellness Centers as part of the Ayushman Bharat scheme of the Government of India.

- The government had approved operationalization of 12,500 AYUSH health wellness centres by upgrading existing AYUSH dispensaries and health sub-centres under the broad umbrella of NAM in a phased manner.
- **More than 8500 such centres** have been established across the country and are serving the communities.

About Ministry of AYUSH

- It is a government ministry in India.
- It is responsible for the development, promotion and regulation of traditional systems of medicine.
- AYUSH is the abbreviation of **Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Society** and aims to promote education and research of the above.
- The ministry provides educational and training programs.

Establishment - **2014**

Responsible Ministers - **Sarbananda Sonowal, Cabinet Minister and Mahendra Munjapara, Minister of State**

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10. Government to set up 1,100 new farmer producer organisations in the cooperative sector (May 18, 2023)

new-farmer-producer-organisations

The government will set up **1,100 new Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)** in the cooperative sector and the initiative is in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "**prosperity through cooperation**".

An Overview of the News

- The **National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)** will monitor the allotment of these additional FPOs.
- Each FPO will get **financial assistance of Rs 33 lakh**.
- Cluster based business organisations associated with **FPOs will be given Rs 25 lakh per FPO**.
- Activities like bee-keeping and mushroom cultivation will be included as income-generating options for these societies.
- The aim of setting up the FPO is to provide the necessary market linkages to the farmers.
- Its objective is to ensure remunerative prices for the produce of the farmers.

National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC):

- It is a statutory corporation established on **March 13, 1963**, by an Act of the Parliament of India.

- The objectives of NCDC include planning and promoting cooperative programs for the
- production, processing, marketing, storage, export and import of agricultural produce, food items, industrial goods, livestock and other specified goods and services.
 - NCDC works on the basis of cooperative principles, emphasising cooperation and collective efforts for the development of cooperatives.

Headquarters - **New Delhi, India**