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NEWSPAPER HIGHLIGHT

The SSLV D1/EOS2 mission was carrying two satellites — the Earth Observation Satellite2 (EOS2 and AzadiSAT. However, the mission failed to place the satellites in their required orbits, and the satellites, as they were already detached from the launch vehicle, were lost. B The EOS2 offered advanced optical remote sensing operations while the AzadiSAT on the other hand was a collective of 75 tiny payloads integrated by students. B The malfunctioning of a sensor resulted in placing the satellites in an elliptical orbit, rather than a circular orbit. Satellites that orbit the Earth are mostly placed in circular orbits. One reason is that if the satellite is used for imaging the Earth, it is easier if it has a fixed distance from the Earth.

Sadia Hussain's article, 'Performance of Women in Parliament: A Quantitative Study of Questions by Women Members in Lok Sabha (1999-2019)' draws attention to women's performance in the Lok Sabha through a quantitative analysis of the questions posed by women leaders on the floor. Women's performance during the Question Hour session becomes relevant as it is a space where legislators act free from party regulation. It becomes imperative to analyse whether descriptive representation transforms into substantive representation. It was found that contrary to general belief, women representatives asked more questions on health and family welfare, human resource development, home affairs, finance, agriculture and railways than women's issues.

\$ 280 billion, the amount the bipartisan bill will allocate to boost domestic high tech manufacturing in the U.S. This is part of the Biden administration's push to boost U.S. competitiveness over China. The new law will incentivise investments in the American semiconductor industry in an effort to ease U.S. reliance on overseas supply chains for critical, cutting-edge goods. The White House said Micron is announcing a \$40 billion plan to boost domestic manufacturing of memory chips.

0 number of women in Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's 41 - day old Ministry. Mr. Shinde expanded his cabinet by inducting 18 Ministers. The strength of the Maharashtra Ministry has now gone

GSTAT

1.The high-level ministerial panel on Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) may decide on inclusion of state representation and ease qualifications for technical members of the appellate tribunal. In 2019, the Union Cabinet has approved the creation of National Bench of the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) at New Delhi. However, the process could not move further due to stay order by the Madras High Court.

2.The Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) Act 2017 empowers the Central Government to constitute the GSTAT, on the recommendation of the GST Council. The GSTAT is the forum of second appeal in GST laws and the first common forum of dispute resolution between Centre and States. The appeals against the orders in first appeals issued by the Appellate Authority or the Revisional Authority under the Central and State GST Acts lie before the GSTAT.

3.The GSTAT is common under the Central as well as State GST Acts. Being a common forum, GST Appellate Tribunal will ensure that there is uniformity in redressal of disputes arising under GST, and therefore, in implementation of GST across the country. Originally, it was decided that the GSTAT shall be presided over by its President and shall consist of One Judicial Member and Two Technical Members (one each from the Centre and States).

4.According to the amendments proposed in the CGST Act, 2017, the GSTAT should have a President and consist of a technical member -either from the Centre or from a state. In addition to the principal Bench at New Delhi, the government would constitute a number of Benches at locations as may be recommended by the council.

5.It would be based on the request of a state government, where applicable, the draft amendment proposed. Problems The states at loggerheads with the Centre as they seek equal representation in the GSTAT. The GST Council, chaired by Finance Minister, had decided to constitute a Group of Ministers (GoM) to address various concerns raised by States in relation to constitution of the GSTAT. The panel is learnt to be in favour of easing the qualification criteria for technical members (state).

FLUOROSIS

1.Recently, the National Centre for Disease Control has shared the technical guidelines for detection, prevention and management of Arsenicosis and Fluorosis with the States affected by Arsenicosis and Fluorosis respectively. Fluorosis is a crippling disease resulted from deposition of fluorides in the hard and soft tissues of body. It is a public health problem that is caused by excess intake of fluoride through drinking water/ food products/ industrial pollutants over a long period. It results in major health disorders like dental fluorosis, skeletal fluorosis and non-skeletal fluorosis.

2.**Distribution - Fluorosis is worldwide in distribution and endemic at least in 25 countries. It has been reported from fluoride belts: One belt stretches from Syria through Jordan, Egypt, Libya, Algeria, Sudan and Kenya, and Another belt stretches from Turkey through Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, India, northern Thailand and China.** There are similar belts in the Americas and Japan. In India, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh are the worst affected states.

3.Programmes-Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission started by Ministry of Rural Development worked for control of fluorosis through its awareness campaign from 1987- 1993. This awareness campaign was coordinated by Fluorosis Control Cell at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi.

4.NPPCF - In 2008-09, during 11th Five Year Plan, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Fluorosis (NPPCF). The aim of the NPPCF is the prevention, diagnosis and management of fluorosis in endemic areas. The 100 district with high fluoride content in drinking water were covered under the programme during the 11th Plan in phased manner and another 95 are to

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up to 20, less than half the maximum allowed strength of 43. The list doesn't include women.

6195 km of border roads that are currently under construction according to the Minister of State for Defence, Ajay Bhatt. Between 2017-18 and 2021-22, a total of 3,595 km of border roads were constructed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), the Minister said. The BRO constructs roads on the basis of strategic requirements of a region and priorities fixed by the Indian Army. These roads are also beneficial in the quick mobilisation of troops in cases of exigencies.

A Parliamentary Standing Committee tabled its report on August 8, 2022, in both Houses of Parliament on the 'Review of Guardianship and Adoption Laws'. In its report the committee has said that there is an "urgent need to amend the HMGA and accord equal treatment to both mother and father as natural guardians." B The Supreme Court's landmark judgment in Githa Hariharan vs Reserve Bank of India in 1999 challenged the HMGA for violating the guarantee of equality of sexes under Article 14 of the Constitution. B The Adoption Regulations, 2017 is silent on adoption by LGBTQI people and neither bans nor allows them to adopt a child.

Airlines will have to mandatorily provide details of all international passengers to the Customs Department for preventing offences and prosecuting offenders under the Customs Act, 1962 and any other domestic or international law. Every airline will have to transfer the "passenger name record information" from their reservation system to the database of the Customs Department for every international flight departing from India or arriving into the country, according to the Passenger Name Record Information Regulations, 2022 notified by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) under the Ministry of Finance.

478 number of technical snags reported by Indian airlines in the one year period between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022. Air India, IndiGo and SpiceJet reported 184, 98 and 77 incidents respectively due to technical snags. Go First, Vistara and AirAsia India reported 50, 40

be covered during the 12th Plan.

LONGBOARDING

1. The death of a 31-year-old skating enthusiast from Kerala, while 'longboarding' has raised serious concerns about adventurous solo trips undertaken using the skateboard. Skateboard is a long plank made of wood, plastic, or even heavier materials, balanced on top of small wheels.

2. **The sport originated in the US around the 1950s, and in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, skateboarding was included as a competitive category for the first time. Longboard is similar to the skateboard.** It is naturally longer but flatter when compared to skateboard boards, which have upward-curving ends. There are other technical differences in wheel sizes and distance between wheels.

3. A longboard has larger, softer wheels that roll longer and smoother, giving a much different ride than a typical street board. Longboarding (downhill) is one among many sports that come under the category of Roller Sports. Some other examples of Roller Sports are Park Skateboarding, Street Skateboarding, and Freestyle skateboarding.

4. **Rules -** According to the Roller Skating Federation of India (RSFI), solo longboarding trips fall in the category of adventurous activities. The RSFI allow such trips under strict norms and guidelines. The person keen on such solo trips should inform their parent state government, which will give the green signal and further inform other states which will be crossed by the riders. Either the rider's associates or the concerning state police are to escort the rider from the front and rear whenever the rider moves on the road. There also needs to be a surety of emergency assistance round-the-clock for the rider.

FOREIGNERS' TRIBUNALS

1. The Gauhati High Court has asked the Centre and the Assam government to decide collectively whether the ministerial staff for 200 additional Foreigners' Tribunals would be appointed. Foreigners' Tribunals (FT) are quasi-judicial bodies established as per the Foreigners' Tribunal Order, 1964 and the Foreigners' Act, 1946. It is unique to Assam (due to Assam's National Register of Citizens).

2. **Establishment - In the beginning, the powers to constitute tribunals were vested only with the Centre. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has amended the 1964 Order to empower district magistrates in all States and UTs to set up tribunals** to decide whether a person staying illegally in India is a foreigner or not.

3. **Powers of Tribunal -** According to the Foreigners' Tribunal Order, 1964 the Foreigners' Tribunal, Shall have the powers of a civil court while trying a suit under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908. Can summon and ask for the attendance of any person and examine him/her on oath. Can ask anyone to produce the required documents, Can commission examining any witness, as and when required.

4. **Working -** Under the provisions of Foreigners' Act, 1946 and Foreigners Tribunal Order, 1964, only Foreigner Tribunals have the right to declare a person as a foreigner. The FT is for those who have been left out in the final NRC list or have been marked as 'D' ('doubtful').

5. The ones falling under this category have the right to appeal to the Foreigners Tribunal. Thus, non-inclusion of a person's name in the NRC does not by itself amount to him/her being declared a foreigner. However, if declared a foreigner or placed under the doubtful category 'the burden of proof lies with the accused'. If a person allegedly fails to prove their citizenship before the Foreigners' Tribunal after the State police's Border wing marks him or her as an illegal immigrant, they will be marked as a declared foreigner (DF).

RES JUDICATA

1. In law, there is a principle known as res judicata, which (barring exceptional circumstances) prevents anyone from reopening an issue that has been decided by a court. The purpose behind res judicata is to prevent the continuous

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and 14 incidents due to technical snags in the aforementioned period. These technical snags are reported by the flight crew on receiving an aural or visual warning in the cockpit or when there is an indication of an inoperative or faulty system.

Calling for immediate resumption of talks between Israeli and Palestinian governments during an emergency session on violence in Gaza at the UN Security Council, India thanked the Egyptian government in particular for helping broker a ceasefire effective midnight on Tuesday. The ceasefire came after three days of Israeli bombardment of Gaza buildings, in which more than 40 people, including 15 children were killed, while hundreds of rockets from Gaza were aimed close to Jerusalem, in violence that India said it views with "grave concern".

harassment of ordinary people by powerful authorities, such as the State.

2.This principle protects individuals against State impunity. However, the Gauhati high court (HC) in 2018 held that foreigners' tribunals were not bound by the principle of res judicata.

3.In this judgment, the HC noted that technically, FTs did not render judgments, but opinions, about whether or not a specific individual was a foreigner or an Indian citizen. It was then for the government to decide - based on this opinion - what action to take (detention or deportation of a "declared foreigner").