



Important General Legal Knowledge

1. The Indian Antarctic Bill- Features

The Indian government has introduced the Indian Antarctic Bill-2022, around 40 years after the country had first signed the Antarctic Treaty. This bill has been introduced to monitor and regulate activities at its research stations that are located in Antarctica.

2. Emmett Till Anti-lynching Act

Joe Biden, the president of the US has signed a law that makes lynching a hate crime in the United States of America. The bill for this was earlier passed by the Senate of the US in March 2022. The Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Act is named after Emmett Till a Black boy of 14-years of age who in the year 1955 was brutally killed in Mississippi after he was accused of offending a white woman in the grocery store of her family.

3. Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill 2022

The Lok Sabha has passed the Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill so that three municipal corporations of Delhi (MCD) can be merged into a single entity. This bill has been passed by a voice vote and various amendments that were moved by the Opposition members have been rejected.

4. US-EU Agreement on Data Transfer Pact

The United States and the European Union have announced that they have an "in principle" agreement in place to create a new framework for the purpose of cross-border data transfers.

5. Power of States to Tax Lotteries

On 23rd March 2022, the Supreme Court announced that states are eligible to tax lottery schemes that are operating within the territories of the state as it falls under the activity of betting and gambling which comes under taxation covered under the State List.

6. National e-Vidhan Application

Nagaland became India's first State Assembly to implement the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) programme to become paperless. About National e-Vidhan Application NeVA is a type of work-flow system that was deployed on NIC Cloud, MeghRaj which helps to conduct the proceedings of the House smoothly by the Chair of the House

7. Karnataka HC verdict on Hijab ban

On 15th March a three-judge Bench of Karnataka High Court (HC) gave a verdict on the petitions related to banning Hijab (headscarf) in Karnataka's educational institutions. High court upheld the order of Karnataka government prescribing wearing of uniforms in schools & pre-university colleges as per provisions of Karnataka Education Act





8. Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill

The Centre decided to table the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill in the Lok Sabha during the Second part of the Budget Session of Parliament. The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill will be moved by Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda.

9. Telangana: Integrated Hospital Facility Management

On 13th March, the health department of the Telangana State government issued a government order (GO) approving the Integrated Hospital Facility Management Services (IHFMS). About IHFMS The main objective of IHFMS is to improve patient care services in Telangana's government hospitals.

10. New Census Rules

In a gazette notification issued on 11th March, the Union government amended Census Rules, 1990. About the new census rules An amendment has been made to clause C of Rule-2 of Census Rules, 1990, that deals with definitions. The terms "electronic form" and "self-enumeration" have been included in the schedule of questions to be asked

11. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Act

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Act was passed by Parliament in 1997 to regulate telecom services in India. 25 Years of TRAI Act To commemorate the 25 years journey of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Act, a seminar on "25 Years of TRAI Act

12. Dubai Virtual Assets Regulation Law

Dubai has introduced crypto asset regulation, joining the ranks of Singapore, the United States, the United Kingdom, El Salvador, and other countries that have enacted cryptocurrency laws. The Virtual Asset Regulation Law has been passed by Dubai to regulate this new-age industry, which has been rapidly expanding.

13. OBC reservation in Maharashtra local body polls

Maharashtra has decided to provide reservations for OBCs in local body polls. However, in January 2022, the Supreme Court directed the Maharashtra government to submit data on OBCs to the Maharashtra State Commission for Backward Classes (MSCBC) to make recommendations on the representation of OBCs in elections to the local bodies.

14. UGC Guidelines for Multidisciplinary Higher Education

The University Grants Commission (UGC) released 'Draft Guidelines for Transforming Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) into Multidisciplinary Institutions' and invited public feedback. The guidelines aim at promoting higher education institutions to offer courses in diverse subjects raise and break the silos present in higher education.





15. Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT)

Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) was established in 2000, by amending the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) Act, 1997. TDSAT was constituted to bring a separate disputes settlement mechanism for the telecom sector, thereby strengthening the regulatory framework of the sector

It adjudicates disputes and disposes of appeals regarding matters like issues of licenses. All decisions or orders of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) can be challenged through appeals in TDSAT.

16. Building Construction Environment Management Regulations, 2022

On 28th February 2022, the Central government issued a draft notification of the Building Construction Environment Management Regulations, 2022. The draft regulations were issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change. The ministry has invited public feedback on the regulations over the next two months.

17. Haryana Prevention of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Bill, 2022

On 5th March 2022, the Haryana government introduced the "Haryana Prevention of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Bill, 2022" in the Vidhan Sabha (State legislative assembly). In February, the draft of the Bill was approved by the state Cabinet chaired by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar.

18. Manufacture and import of Polyester National flags

The Union government amended the 2002 Flag Code of India, to allow the manufacture and import of machine-made polyester national flags. According to the amended flag code, "The National Flag shall be made of hand-spun and hand-woven or machine-made, cotton, polyester, wool, silk khadi bunting."

19. New Motto of NCPCR

On March 1, 2022, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) marked its 17th Foundation Day. Celebrations took place at 15th August Ground at Red Fort, New Delhi. Union minister for Women and Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani was the chief guest.

20. What is 'Presidential Fleet Review'?

On February 21, President Ram Nath Kovind conducted a Fleet Review of Indian Navy in Visakhapatnam. President Kovind is in Visakhapatnam for a three-day visit to Eastern Naval Command. Visakhapatnam is hosting the Fleet Review for the second time.

21. SC on Gender Cap in Orchestra Bars

The Government of Maharashtra had placed a restriction limiting the number of female and male performers in orchestra bars to four each, but the Supreme Court (SC) overturned





it. The SC said the limit of performers should not exceed the number 8 but there should not be any restriction on gender composition.

22. **AAR Ruling: GST on Guest Lectures**

The Authority for Advance Ruling (AAR) of the Karnataka bench has ruled that 18 percent GST will be levied on the income that is earned from providing guest lectures.

23. **Integrated Plant Nutrition Management Bill, 2022**

Central government has proposed a law to empowers it to fix maximum selling price of fertilizers and control its quality and distribution. Department of Fertilizers has asked comments on the draft Integrated Plant Nutrition Management Bill, 2022, from all the stakeholders.

24. **New Rules for Kids on Two-wheelers**

The Union Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has notified a new set of rules according to which children under the age of 4 must wear a helmet and safety vest when riding a two-wheeled vehicle.

25. **Texas: Legal Suit on Facebook facial recognition**

On February 14, 2022, attorney general office of Texas sued Meta's (FB.O) Facebook, after alleging that it has violated state privacy protections with facial-recognition technology. Facebook was alleged that, its facial-recognition technology collected biometric data of millions of Texans without their consent.

It accused Facebook of capturing biometric information from videos and photos that users uploaded without consent and disclosing it to others.

The new lawsuit was filed in a state court in Marshall, Texas. It says that 20.5 million people in Texas have a Facebook account. Facebook repeatedly captured biometric identifies of people without their consent many times.

26. **Karnataka HC: Ban on Online Gaming Unconstitutional**

Karnataka High Court struck down provisions of Karnataka Police (Amendment) Act, 2021, that had banned online games. The division bench was headed by Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi and Justice Krishna S. Dixit.

27. **Umbrella scheme of Modernisation of Police Force**

Union government approved the "Scheme of Modernisation of State Police Forces (MPF) for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26. This is a scheme to modernise and improve police forces across the states and union territories. It will continue for another five years.

28. **Media One License Issue**





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The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting recently cancelled the broadcasting license of Media One Channel. The license was cancelled after the home ministry raised security issues against the channel and denied "security clearance". Media One is a Malayalam news channel. What is the issue? Media One is operating since 2013.

29. Central Media Accreditation Guidelines-2022

Central government released "Central Media Accreditation Guidelines-2022". As per guidelines, accreditation will be suspended or withdrawn, in case journalist acts in a manner prejudicial to India's security, sovereignty & integrity, public order, friendly relations with foreign States, or if journalist is charged with any serious cognisable offence

30. SC on Suspension of MLAs

Supreme Court ruled 'a resolution by Maharashtra Assembly to suspend 12 BJP MLAs for one year', as unconstitutional. While ruling on constitutionality of Maharashtra Assembly's July 5, 2021 resolution, the apex court maintained that, legislators could not be suspended beyond the tenure of that session"

31. Reservation in Promotion

Recently, the Supreme Court of India refused to lay down any yardstick to grant reservation in promotion in government jobs to Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs).

32. Digital Sansad App

The Lok Sabha secretariat launched a new app titled "Digital Sansad" on January 27, 2022. About Digital Sansad App The digital sandad app was launched to make it easier for people to follow proceedings in Parliament and their lawmakers. The app is available in both android and IOS platform.

33. Kerala: Ordinance to dilute Lokayukta Powers

Kerala government has decided to bring an ordinance for amending the "Kerala Lokayukta Act", so that it would have the powers of rejecting report of anti-corruption body.

34. Spending Norms for Contingency Fund

Union government has changed spending norms for Contingency Fund of India. It has allowed 40 per cent of total corpus to be placed at disposal of expenditure secretary. Budget 2021-22 had proposed to enhance the Contingency Fund of India to Rs 30,000 crore from Rs 500 crore, through Finance Bill.

35. SC Judgement on Inheritance of Daughters

In a significant verdict Supreme Court recently declared that; daughters will be entitled to inherit the properties of the father. The apex court pronounced that, daughters of a male





Hindu, dying intestate, will be entitled to inherit the self-acquired and other properties obtained in partition by the father.

36. Extension of National Commission for Safai Karamcharis

The Union Cabinet recently extended the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis for three more years. The current tenure of the commission ends in March 2022. The commission has been extended for three years after this. The extension is being made at a cost of Rs 43.68 crores. Safai karamcharis are the manual scavengers.

37. Environment Ministry Star Rating System

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change recently launched "Star Rating System". The system provides environmental clearance in short duration. About the Star Rating System The Environment Ministry is to rank and incentivize the states with this new system.

38. Proposed Changes in IAS (Cadre) rules

The GoI has proposed to amend Rule (6). The central government wants to appoint officers proportionally. Proportional to centre and the respective state. The number of IAS officers to work at the centre from the state will be decided by the central government. The decisions are to be taken after consulting the state governments.

39. DoT: Machine-to-Machine Guide

The Department of Telecom, DoT has recently amended the telecom licenses. Through these amendments, the service providers will now roll out machine-to-machine communication. This communication is the major part of 5G technology.

40. Draft Notification on Six mandatory Airbags

Union government has started the process of making six airbags mandatory from October 1, 2022. Airbags will be made mandatory for all cars being sold in India.

41. MHA Advisory on Transgender Persons in Prisons

On January 10, 2022, Ministry of home affairs (MHA) has released advisory on transgender persons in prisons.

Ministry has asked prison authorities to make arrangements inside the jails in order to recognise the identity of transgender inmates and their rights are not discriminated.

It has asked prisons chiefs and state governments to create separate wards or enclosures and earmark separate shower & toilets facilities for transwomen and transmen in order to preserve their right to privacy and dignity of the inmates.

While making provision for a separate ward or enclosure for transgender prisoners, authorities have been advised to take due care so that, it may not result in complete isolation or propagate social stigma among transgender prisoners.



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