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Disqualification Under Anti-Defection Law

Why in News?

Recently, the **Jharkhand Assembly Speaker disqualified two legislators** under the **Anti-Defection Law**.

Key Points

- Both the legislators have been found guilty of defection under the **10th Schedule of the Constitution**.
- **Anti-Defection Law**
 - The anti-defection law punishes **individual Members of Parliament (MPs)/Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs)** for leaving one party for another.
 - Parliament added it to the Constitution as the **Tenth Schedule in 1985** in order to bring **stability to governments by discouraging legislators** from changing parties.
 - **The Tenth Schedule** - popularly known as the **Anti-Defection Act** - was included in the Constitution via the **52nd Amendment Act, 1985**.
 - It sets the provisions for the **disqualification of elected members** on the grounds of defection to another political party.
 - It was a response to the toppling of multiple state governments by party-hopping MLAs after the general elections of 1967.

Mukhyamantri Behan-Beti Swavalamban Protsahan Yojana

Why in News?

Recently, the **Jharkhand Chief Minister** announced that the government would soon organize **village-level camps to enroll women in a financial assistance scheme**, which provides **Rs. 1,000 per month**.

Key Points

- The announcement was made while **inaugurating and laying the foundation stone of various development schemes** worth Rs. 88 crore at Rajmahal in Sahibganj district.

- The '**Aapki Sarkar-Aapke Dwar**' programme is going to be launched again soon in which the **state government will give Rs. 1,000 to eligible women above 21 years and below 50 years of age** from families living **below the poverty line**.
 - About **40 lakh women** will come under the purview of this scheme and they will get the benefits of the scheme.
 - The scheme is renamed as **Mukhyamantri Behan-Beti Swavalamban Protsahan Yojana**.

Jharkhand Offers Aid to Flood-Hit Assam

Why in News?

According to the Chief Minister of Assam, **Jharkhand has offered Rs 2 crore as aid** to the flood-affected people of this northeastern state.

Key Points

- At least 113 people have been killed in the **flood, landslides, lightning and storms** due to **Assam floods**.

Floods

- **About:**
 - **Floods** are the most frequent type of natural disaster and occur when an overflow of water submerges land that is usually dry.
 - Between 1998-2017, 2 Billion people have been affected worldwide due to floods.
- **Causes:**
 - These are often caused by **heavy rainfall, rapid snowmelt or a storm surge** from a **tropical cyclone** or **tsunami** in coastal areas.
- **Types of Floods:**
 - **Flash Floods:** These are caused by **rapid and excessive rainfall** that raises water heights quickly, and rivers, streams, channels or roads may be overtaken.
 - **River Floods:** These are caused when **consistent rain or snow melt** forces a river to exceed capacity.
 - **Coastal Floods:** These are caused by **storm surges** associated with tropical cyclones and tsunami.

Note:

Jharkhand Workers Stranded in Cameroon

Why in News?

Twenty-seven workers from Jharkhand, currently stranded in **Cameroon**, have urgently appealed to the Indian government for assistance in evacuating them from the Central African country.

Key Points

- According to the sources, the **workers were brought to Cameroon on 31 March, 2024 by a private company.**
 - However, the **workers have not received wages for the past four months** from the company. They reported **facing severe shortages of food and water** and are **unable to afford basic necessities.**
- **The Ministry of External Affairs** is requested to assist in ensuring safe return of the 27 stranded workers.



- It is located at the junction of western and central Africa.
- It is the **24th largest country in Africa** and **54th largest in the world.**
- The **capital is Yaoundé**, located in the south-central part of the country.
- Bordering countries:
 - It is bordered by **Nigeria and Chad** to the northeast, the **Central African Republic** to the east, the **Republic of the Congo** to the southeast, **Gabon and Equatorial Guinea** to the south, and the **Atlantic Ocean** to the southwest.

- **Relief:**
 - Cameroon's diverse geography comprises **northern savanna, central highlands, southern coastal plains, and western volcanic mountains**, including Mount Cameroon.

New Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court

Why in News?

Recently, Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi took oath as the **15th Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court.**

Key Points

- **Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan** administered the oath of office at the Raj Bhavan in Ranchi.
- **Chief Minister Hemant Soren** and **Speaker Rabindra Nath Mahato** attended the swearing-in ceremony, besides several judges and senior government officials.

Appointment of High Court Judges

- **Article 217 of the Constitution** states that the **Judge of a High Court** shall be **appointed by the President** in consultation with the **Chief Justice of India (CJI)** and the **Governor of the State.**
- In the case of appointment of a Judge other than the Chief Justice, the **Chief Justice of the High Court is consulted.**

Hemant Soren to Return as Chief Minister of Jharkhand

Why in News?

Jharkhand Chief minister Champai Soren is likely to **resign** to pave the way for **Hemant Soren's return as Jharkhand's CM** after he was released on **bail.**

Key Points

- Formalities for the new government formation would begin accordingly and an **unanimous decision in this regard** was taken **at the legislature party meeting** of the ruling **Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)-led alliance.**
- Champai Soren assumed the role of chief minister after the **Enforcement Directorate (ED)** arrested Hemant

Note:

Soren over **money laundering charges** related to an alleged land scam.

Directorate of Enforcement (ED)

- The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) is a **multi-disciplinary organization** mandated with **investigation of offences of money laundering and violations of foreign exchange laws.**
- It functions under the **Department of Revenue of the Ministry of Finance.**
- As a premier financial investigation agency of the Government of India, the Enforcement Directorate functions in strict compliance with the **Constitution and Laws of India.**

Money Laundering

- Money laundering is **concealing or disguising the identity of illegally obtained money** so that they appear to have originated from legitimate sources. It is frequently a component of other, much more serious, crimes such as drug trafficking, robbery or extortion.
- According to the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**, global money laundering is estimated between **2 to 5% of World Gross Domestic Product (GDP).**

169th Anniversary of Santhal Rebellion

Why in News?

Recently, the 169th anniversary of **Santhal Rebellion** was celebrated. The Prime Minister paid tribute to the sacrifices and bravery of the **Santhal tribal community.**

Key Points

- The Santhal uprising, one of the most **noted events of revolt against the British Raj**, took place in **1855 and 1857.**
- This was **India's first major peasant uprising** fueled by the implementation of the **Permanent Land Settlement in 1793.**
- It was led by four brothers, Sidho, Kanho, Chand, and Bhairav Murmu, along with sisters Phulo and Jhano and **covered the regions of Bihar.**

Santhal Tribe

- Santhals are the **third largest scheduled tribe community in India after Gonds and Bhils.**
- Their greatest concentration is in the states of **Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, and Orissa**, in the eastern part of the country.
- **Language:**
 - Their **language is Santhali**, a dialect of Kherwari, a Munda (Austroasiatic) language.
 - Santhali, written in **OI-Chiki script**, is recognised as one of the scheduled languages in the **Eighth Schedule to the Constitution.**
- **Religion:**
 - They are **nature worshippers** and could be seen paying respect at Jaher (sacred groves) in their villages.
- **Occupation:**
 - Most Santhals are **agriculturists**, depending on their farmlands or forests.
 - **Seasonal forest collection** is one of the important sources of their subsidiary income.



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