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Yashobhoomi

The Indian Prime Minister recently inaugurated the first phase of the **India International Convention and Expo Centre (IICC)** called '**Yashobhoomi**', at **Dwarka, New Delhi**.

- With a total project area of over **8.9 lakh square metres** and total built up area of more than 1.8 lakh square metres, **'Yashobhoomi' will find its place among the world's largest MICE** (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) facilities.
- It also demonstrates a strong commitment to sustainability as it is equipped with a **state-of-the-art wastewater treatment system with 100% wastewater reuse,** provisions of rainwater harvesting, and its campus has received **Platinum certification from Confederation of Indian Industry's Indian Green Building Council (IGBC).**

Read more: [Indian Green Building Council (IGBC)](#)

CJI Unveils Transparent Approach for SC Judge Appointments

Recently, the [Chief Justice of India](#) **(CJI)** disclosed an initiative to **enhance transparency in the appointment of judges to the** [Supreme Court.](#)

- In addressing the imperative for objective assessments of potential judicial appointees, the CJI, has introduced a **team comprising scholars, interns, and law researchers.**
    - Their core responsibility revolves around conducting a **comprehensive evaluation of the top 50 judges in India** who are being considered for appointments to the SC.
- This initiative, under the **auspices of the Centre for Research and Planning**, has been devised to establish transparent selection criteria while safeguarding the confidentiality of the process.
- Although the **specific criteria for identifying the top 50 judges have not been explicitly elucidated yet.**
    - As of now, the appointments are made on the basis of several criteria, which include **seniority, regional representation and merit while following a Memorandum of Procedure** moulded through the **[Three Judges Cases.](#)**

Read more: [Appointment of Judges in Supreme Court](#)

Hyderabad Liberation Day

In 2022, **17th September was declared to be celebrated annually as the Hyderabad Liberation Day.** The day signifies the **merger of the erstwhile Hyderabad State under Nizam rule with the Indian Union.**

- Hyderabad, a significant princely state ruled by the Nizams, acknowledged British sovereignty.
    - Like **Junagadh and Kashmir, Hyderabad did not join India before or even after gaining independence** on August 15, 1947; its **Nizam aimed to remain independent and bolster his military.**
    - However, **internal turmoil led to the Indian Army's entry into Hyderabad** on September 13, 1948, under [Operation Polo](#) **to prevent regional instability and**

integrate Hyderabad into India.

- After integration, the **Nizam retained his position as head of state, similar to other princely rulers who joined India.**
    - He withdrew complaints to the UN, despite protests from Pakistan and international criticism, **resulting in Hyderabad becoming part of India without further UN involvement.**

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International Coastal Clean-up (ICC) Day, 2023

On 16 September 2023, **the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) conducted International Coastal Clean-up (ICC) Day, 2023 across all Coastal States and UTs.**

- Since 2006, **the day has been held worldwide on the 3rd Saturday of September, annually**, under the aegis of the **UNEP** and **South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP)** (in South Asian Region).
    - This year, **Maharashtra witnessed the highest participation of volunteers followed by Tamil Nadu.**
- The ICG was **established in August 1978 by the Coast Guard Act, 1978** as an independent Armed force of India.
    - The **concept of forming ICG came into being after the** 1971 war and the blueprint for a multidimensional Coast Guard **was conceived by the visionary Rustamji Committee (1974).**
    - It is the **4th largest Coast Guard in the world** and is headquartered in New Delhi. It functions **under the Ministry of Defence.**

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