

New Guidelines for Coaching centers:

The Central Consumer Protection Authority has issued new guidelines for coaching centers to stop misleading advertisements.

Key Points

- ❖ According to the **Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA)**, coaching centers can no longer make false claims that may mislead consumers.
- ❖ CCPA has issued 45 notices to various coaching centers for misleading advertisements. And has imposed a fine of **Rs 54 lakh 60 thousand on 18 coaching institutes** and directed them to stop misleading advertisements.
- ❖ These guidelines will be applicable to all institutes, coaching centers and organizations providing academic support, education, guidance and tuition services.
- ❖ **Enforcement and Penalties:** Any violation of these guidelines will be treated as a violation of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. And the Central Authority will have the power to take strict action against the offenders.

Highlights of the guidelines:

- ❖ Coaching centers cannot make false promises about their courses, their duration, faculty, fee structure, selection rate, examination ranking and refund policy.
- ❖ No coaching center can guarantee job security and salary hike.
- ❖ Coaching centers will not be able to use the name, photo and testimonials of toppers without written consent . If a

coaching center wants to use the name of a topper for its promotion, then it will have to take written permission from the candidate after his selection.

- ❖ Coaching centers will have to provide all the necessary information related to their courses to the students .
- ❖ These guidelines do not apply to counseling, sports and creative activities.
- ❖ Coaching centers will have to provide information about their services, facilities, resources and infrastructure.
- ❖ Coaching centers will have to tell whether their course is recognised by any authority like AICTE, UGC or not.

New Guidelines for Coaching Centres

- No students below 16 years of age
- At least 1 sq m area for each student
- If student leaves mid-course, refund tuition, hostel and mess fee on pro-rata basis
- No test on day after weekly off
- Place of coaching to always be same as registered
- Coaching time to be outside school/college hours
- Maximum 5 hours of coaching in a day
- If rules violated, ₹25,000 for first offence, ₹1 lakh for second, and revocation of registration after that

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Supreme Court's instruction on Bulldozer Action

The Supreme Court has given its verdict on the bulldozer action and issued guidelines.

Key Points:

- ❖ The Supreme Court has given a historic verdict on bulldozer action and has banned arbitrary action.
- ❖ The court has termed the action of arbitrarily running bulldozers without following the prescribed legal procedure as lawlessness and anarchy .

Key points of the guidelines

- ❖ According to the court , **at least 15 days'** notice must be given before demolishing a house or any property.
- ❖ After giving the order to demolish the illegal construction, the concerned person should be given 15 days time so that he can demolish or remove it himself.
- ❖ No property will be demolished without show cause notice.
- ❖ The notice will include the reason for demolition of the property, the time of its hearing and information about the officer .
- ❖ The demolition of the property should be video recorded. It should be kept safe and the report of the action should be submitted to the Municipal Commissioner
- ❖ After issuing the order of bulldozer action, time should be given to appeal against it.

- ❖ These guidelines do not apply to illegal encroachments, such as illegal construction on roads or river banks .
- ❖ Notice will be sent to the owner of the construction through a registered post and will also be pasted on the wall.
- ❖ The Collector and District Magistrate will also be informed.
- ❖ The order will be uploaded on the digital portal.
- ❖ If any officer violates the guidelines, he will get the property reconstructed at his own expense and will also pay compensation.

Military Exercise

Coastal Defence Exercise 'Sea Vigil-24'

- ❖ The Indian Navy will conduct the **4th edition** of the 'Pan-India' Coastal Defence Exercise 'Sea Vigil-24' on 20 and 21 November 2024.
- ❖ **6 ministries and 21 organizations /agencies** will be involved in the exercise .
- ❖ This year, for the **first time**, officers from the National Security Council Secretariat will also be part of the Indian Navy-led CDSRE teams.
- ❖ **Main Focus:** The exercise will focus on strengthening the security of critical coastal infrastructure including coastal assets such as ports, oil rigs, single point moorings, cable landing points and coastal population.

- ❖ **Aim:** The aim of the exercise is to enhance awareness on maritime safety among coastal communities.
- ❖ Conceptualized in the year 2018, Sea Vigil was designed to validate and enhance the measures adopted to strengthen coastal defense following the **26/11 Mumbai terror attacks**.

Person In News - Sports

Munaf Patel

- ❖ Former fast bowler Munaf Patel has been made the **bowling coach of Delhi Capitals**.
- ❖ He has replaced former Australian all-rounder James Hopes in the Delhi franchise.
- ❖ Patel was a member of the Indian team that won the 2011 World Cup.
- ❖ Hemang Badani has become the head coach of the team, while Venugopal Rao has become the director of cricket.



Person In News - Appointment

Arvinder Singh Sawhney

- ❖ He has been appointed as the new **Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)**.
- ❖ He is currently working as Executive Director, Business Development, Petrochemicals Division at IOC.

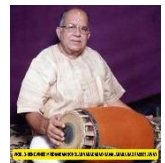
- ❖ The first oil refinery in India was established in **1901 at Digboi, Assam**.
- ❖ In 1958, the Government of India, with the help of the Soviet Union and Romania, started Indian Refineries Limited, which later merged with Indian Oil Company to become Indian Oil Corporation.



Person In News- Obituary

Vardara Kamalakar Rao

- ❖ He was a legendary artist and scholar of **Mridangam**, he passed away recently.
- ❖ He was 88 years old.
- ❖ He was awarded the **Central Sangeet Natak Academy Award**.
- ❖ The mridangam is a percussion instrument from South India and the primary percussion instrument in Carnatic music.



Sports

ICC Player of the Month

- ❖ The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced the 'Player of the Month'.
- ❖ Pakistan's spinner bowler '**Noman Ali**' was given the 'Player of the Month' award for October in the men's category, while New Zealand's star all-rounder '**Amelia Kerr**' was given the 'Player of the Month' award for October in the women's category.
- ❖ A Pakistani player has received this award after more than a year. Babar Azam won this award in August last year.

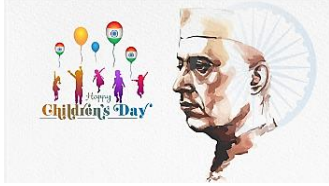


Important Dates/Days:

November 14

Children's day

- ❖ Children's Day is celebrated every year on 14 November
- ❖ This day is the birth anniversary of India's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.
- ❖ When Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was alive, Children's Day was celebrated on 20 November. World Children's Day is celebrated on 20 November by the United Nations.
- ❖ After the death of Prime Minister Nehru i.e. after 1964, the Parliament passed a resolution to celebrate his birth anniversary as the official Children's Day in the country. Since then, Children's Day is celebrated on 14 November in the country.
- ❖ **This year's theme:** "For every child, every right"
- ❖ **Note:** World Child Day is celebrated every year on 20 November.



Important News- Other States

Karnataka

- ❖ Amazon has announced the launch of its first '**Amazon Future Engineer Makerspace**' in Bengaluru.
- ❖ It aims to make more than 4,000 students technically skilled by **2025**.
- ❖ The aim of this initiative is to provide learning training to underprivileged students from **class 5th to 12th**.
- ❖ Students will be taught innovative technological skills.

Uttarakhand

- ❖ There is a tradition in Uttarakhand of celebrating the folk festival Igas, i.e. old Diwali, on Ekadashi, the 11th day of Diwali.
- ❖ **This year it was celebrated on 12th November.**
- ❖ **Bhailo games** are the main attraction of this festival. In this game, torch-like Bhailo made of pine wood is lit.
- ❖ The purpose of this festival is to respect old traditions and keep the cultural heritage alive.

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