

## Polity And Governance

### Section 6A of Citizenship Act

#### Why in the news?

The Supreme Court has upheld the constitutional validity of Section 6A of the Citizenship Act 1955.

- ❖ It was upheld by the Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court, in a majority judgment of 4:1 ratio.

#### What is Section 6A of the Citizenship Act?

- ❖ It was inserted in 1985 following the Assam Accord.
  - It created a special provision for Assam by which persons of Indian origin who came from Bangladesh before 1st January 1966, were deemed to be citizens of India as of that date.
- ❖ The section also said that, Persons of Indian origin who entered Assam between 1st January 1966, and 25th March 1971, and were required to register themselves.
  - They were granted citizenship only after 10 years of residence.
- ❖ However, Section 6A specified a cut-off date of 25th March, 1971 and said that persons entering after the cutoff date will be termed illegal immigrants.

### 51st Chief Justice of India

#### Why in the news?

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud has recommended Justice Sanjiv Khanna to the government for appointment as the 51st Chief Justice of India.

- ❖ He is scheduled to retire on November 10, 2024.

#### About Justice Sanjeev Khanna:

- ❖ Born in a family of legal luminaries on May 14, 1960, he is the son of Delhi High Court judge Justice Devraj Khanna and nephew of senior Supreme Court judge Hansraj Khanna.
  - He was promoted (( January 18, 2019)) to the Supreme Court directly from his parent court - the Delhi High Court.
- ❖ He will take over as the 51st CJI on November 10 and serve for six months till May 13, 2025.
- ❖ Notable judgements:
  - He was a part of the Constitution Bench constituted for many important cases, including the Electoral Bond Scheme, the repeal of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's bail.



## Economy

### World Energy Outlook 2024

#### Why in the news?

As per the World Energy Outlook 2024 by International Energy Agency:

- ❖ India is poised to experience more energy demand growth than any other country over the next decade due to its large population and rising demand from all sectors
  - The total energy demand in India is projected to increase by nearly 35 per cent, and its electricity generation capacity is likely to triple to 1,400 GW by 2035.
- ❖ Coal will remain a major part of India's energy mix for the next few decades.
  - India will add about 60 gigawatts of new coal-fired power capacity by 2030.

- Coal-based electricity generation is projected to increase by over 15 per cent.
  - ✓ India is the world's second-largest consumer of coal for electricity generation after China
  - ✓ It saw the share of coal-fired power generation rise to 75 per cent in 2023-24, up from 71 per cent in 2019-20.
- In 2023, 40 percent of the energy used in industries such as steel, cement and manufacturing was coal-based.
  - ✓ By 2035, coal use in industry is expected to grow by 50 per cent.
- Global Scenario of Coal Consumption:
  - ✓ While coal consumption fell in Europe and the US in 2023, it rose by 8 per cent in India and 5 per cent in China.

#### International Energy Agency

- ❖ It was established in 1974, in the wake of the 1973-1974 oil crisis.
- ❖ HQ: Paris, France

## World Energy Outlook 2024

### Environment And Geography

#### India's second butterfly diversity hub

##### Why in the news?

Kaziranga National Park has earned the distinction of being the second butterfly diversity hub of the country.

- ❖ The first butterfly diversity hub is Namdapha National Park in Arunachal Pradesh.

##### Butterfly diversity in the park:

- ❖ Years of research carried out by Dr Monsoon Jyoti Gogoi, a young scientist from Kaziranga, has brought to the fore that more than 446 butterfly species have been reported from the park.
- ❖ A new pictorial guidebook on butterflies, authored by Gogoi, documents 446 species of butterflies recorded in Kaziranga, 18 of which are new in India.

##### Kaziranga National Park (Assam)

- ❖ Formed in 1908 on the recommendation of Mary Curzon, the park is located on the edge of the Eastern Himalayan biodiversity hotspots – Golaghat and Nagaon district.

- ❖ In the year 1985, the park was declared as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.
- ❖ It is home to more than 2200 Indian one-horned rhinoceros, approximately 2/3rd of their total world population.



### Schemes In News

#### First-ever rupee-denominated Line of Credit under IDEAS

##### Why in the news?

India has extended a new Line of Credit for 487.60 crore rupees to the Mauritius government for financing a water pipeline replacement project.

- ❖ It is the first-ever rupee-denominated Line of Credit to have been extended by India for project financing to any country under the Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS).

- ❖ It will be financed by the State Bank of India at concessional terms.
- ❖ **Significance:** It is yet another reflection of India's long-standing commitment to overall socio-economic development of countries in the Global South.

### 'Scam se Bacho' Campaign

#### Why in the news?

The Indian government and Meta have joined forces for the "Scam se Bacho" campaign.

#### About the Campaign

- ❖ It is launched in collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, and the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre.
- ❖ It aims to combat the growing menace of scams and cyber fraud.



### Miscellaneous

#### First-ever Coal Gallery

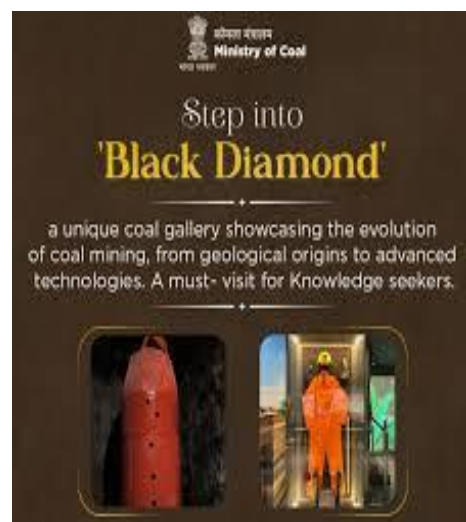
#### Why in the news?

The first-ever coal gallery was unveiled at the National Science Centre in New Delhi.

- ❖ It was unveiled by Union Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Minister of State for Coal and Mines Satish Chandra Dubey.

#### About the Gallery:

- ❖ The exhibition is titled as 'Black Diamond – Unveiling the Depths'.
  - It is based on the lifespan of coal.
  - It aims to provide information about the discovery of coal, the coal extraction process, techniques used to extract coal, and the mining of minerals.





## Pavana Chitra: India's first self-powered indoor air quality monitor

Why in the news?

India's first self-powered indoor air quality monitor, Pavana Chitra, was unveiled at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport.

- ❖ It was unveiled by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh.

About Pavana Chitra:

- ❖ It embodies a powerful fusion of technology, tradition, and art, presenting an off-grid, self-powered indoor air quality monitor powered by indigenous indoor solar cells developed by CSIR-NIIST.
- ❖ It is crafted from locally available materials and designed to mimic the natural process of photosynthesis.



## Sports

### WR Chess Masters Cup

Why in the news?

Arjun Erigaisi has won the WR Chess Masters Cup after defeating Maxime Vachier-Lagrave in the finals at London.



- ❖ By winning this 16-player knockout tournament, he is now leading the FIDE Circuit.
- ❖ FIDE (Fédération Internationale des Échecs) circuit:
  - It is one of the paths to qualify for the FIDE Candidates Tournament 2026.
  - One player who would achieve the highest results during 2024 in eligible tournaments gets the spot in the FIDE Candidates.

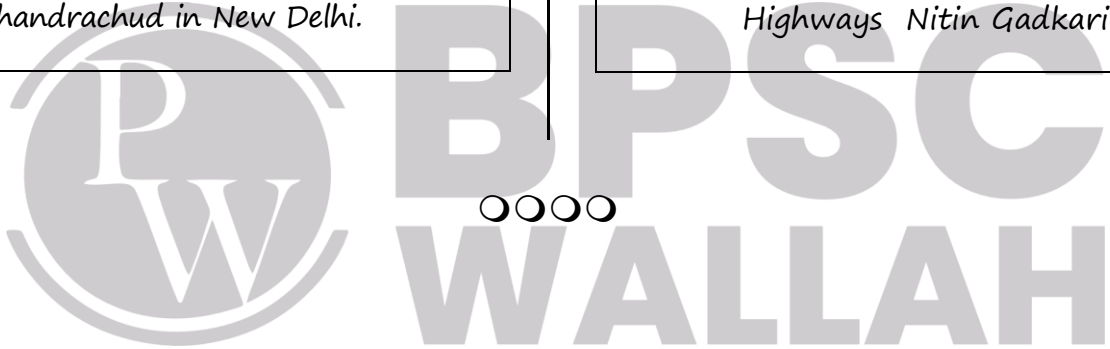
## News in Short

- ❖ Nayab Singh Saini has taken oath as Haryana's Chief Minister for the second time.

➤ He was administered the oath of office and secrecy by Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya.

- ❖ Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla led the Indian Parliamentary Delegation to the 149th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, IPU in Geneva.
- ❖ The international conference Advancements of Research and Global Opportunities for Holistic Ayurveda (AROHA-2024) was inaugurated by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud in New Delhi.

- ❖ Hamas chief Yahya Sinwar has been killed in a chance encounter with Israeli forces in Rafah in southern Gaza.
- ❖ The First ASEAN-India Track 1 Cyber Policy Dialogue was held in Singapore.
- ❖ International Methanol Seminar and Expo:
  - The seminar was organized by the NITI Aayog.
  - It was inaugurated by Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari.



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