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## Vishvasya-Blockchain Technology

In a program organized at the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, Shri S. Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY launched the **Vishvasya-Blockchain Technology Stack** to offer Blockchain-as-a-Service with a geographically distributed infrastructure designed to support various permissioned Blockchain-based applications.



### Key Point

- ❖ The Secretary, MeitY also unveiled the **NBFLite**-Lightweight Blockchain Platform, **Praamaanik** - an innovative blockchain-enabled solution for verifying mobile app origin and **National Blockchain Portal**.
- ❖ The National Blockchain Framework technology stack is architected with Distributed Infrastructure, Core Framework functionality, Smart Contracts & API Gateway, Security, Privacy & Interoperability, and Applications development offering Blockchain as a Service (BaaS).

- ❖ NBF currently supports two permissioned Blockchain platforms and is extensible. The Technology Stack is hosted on geographically distributed infrastructure at NIC Data centers i.e. Bhubaneswar, Pune, Hyderabad.

## Prime Minister Visit Brunei

Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Brunei's capital, Bandar Seri Begawan, on 3 September 2024. Prime Minister Modi is on a two-nation tour covering Brunei and Singapore from 3 - 5 September 2024.



### Key Points

- ❖ This marks the first visit by any Indian Prime Minister to Brunei since diplomatic ties were established on 10 May 1984.
- ❖ The Prime Minister was personally welcomed at the Bandar Seri Begawan airport by the Sultan of Brunei, Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah.

- ❖ Sultan Bolkiah, who assumed the throne in 1967, is now the longest-serving monarch in the world.
- ❖ In honor of PM Modi, the Sultan hosted a lunch at his residence, the Istana Nurul Iman Palace.
- ❖ The Istana Nurul Iman Palace holds the record for being the largest palace globally, featuring 1,788 rooms, 257 bathrooms, and 44 staircases.
- ❖ PM Modi also visited the Omar Ali Saifuddien Mosque during his stay in Brunei.

### Harvinder Singh Creates History

At the Paris Paralympics 2024, Harvinder Singh created history by winning a Gold in the men's archery individual recurve open final.



### Key Point

- ❖ He became the first and only Indian archer to clinch a gold medal at the Paralympics or Olympics.
- ❖ Previously, Harvinder won a bronze medal in the same category in the Tokyo Paralympics.

- ❖ On the other hand, in the Men's Club Throw F51 Final, Dharambir smashed the Asian record with a throw of 34.92 meters to claim the gold, while Pranav Soorma bagged a silver with a throw of 34.59 meters.
- ❖ Sachin Sarjerao Khilari secured a silver medal in the men's shot put F46 category with an Asian record throw of 16.32 meters.

### Centre And Tripura Government Sign Peace Accord With NLFT And ATTF

The Central government, in collaboration with the Tripura state government, has signed a significant peace agreement with the National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) and the All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF). The Memorandum of Settlement was formalized on 4 September in New Delhi, with Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha among the dignitaries present.



### Key point

- ❖ The peace agreement marked the end of a 35-year-long conflict, as the

armed groups have now pledged to renounce violence and contribute to Tripura's development.

- ❖ This agreement is the 12th peace pact in the Northeast and the third related to Tripura, with over 10,000 insurgents having surrendered and joined the mainstream under similar accords.
- ❖ As per the memorandum of understanding signed in New Delhi, the two insurgent groups have renounced their demand for an independent state of Tripura and have decided to integrate into the national mainstream.

#### About Tripura

- ❖ Tripura, originally a princely state, became part of India on 15 October 1949. It was designated a Union Territory on 1 September 1956 and attained statehood on 21 January 1972.
- ❖ Tripura shares its borders with Bangladesh, Mizoram, and Assam.
- ❖ The state is largely bordered by Bangladesh, with an international boundary stretching 856 km, which accounts for 84 percent of its total border.
- ❖ **Capital:** Agartala
- ❖ **Chief Minister:** Manik Saha

#### Centre notifies constitution of 23rd Law Commission

The Government of India has notified the constitution of the 23rd Law Commission, which is set to function from September 2024 to August 2027.



#### Key Point

- ❖ **Duration:** three years, from 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2027.
- ❖ **Composition:**
  - Full-Time Chairperson: One
  - Full-Time Members: Four (including a Member-Secretary)
  - + Ex-Officio Members:
  - Secretary of the Department of Legal Affairs
  - Secretary of the Legislative Department
  - Part-Time Members: Up to five
- ❖ **Eligibility and Function:**
  - Serving Supreme Court and High Court Judges will serve Chairperson and Members. as



- They will perform their duties on a whole-time basis until their retirement or the Commission's term ends, whichever comes first.
- ❖ **Headquarters:**
  - The Law Commission will be based in New Delhi
- ❖ **Terms and Conditions:**
  - The President has sanctioned the terms and conditions for the appointment of the Chairperson, Members (including Member-Secretary), and part-time Members

#### Aparajita Woman and Child Bill (West Bengal Criminal Laws and Amendment)

The West Bengal Assembly has unanimously passed the 'Aparajita' bill, aimed at strengthening laws against rape and sexual offenses.



#### Key Points

- ❖ This groundbreaking legislation makes West Bengal the first state to amend central laws addressing such grave crimes, following the tragic rape and murder of a trainee doctor last month at the RG Kar Medical Centre and Hospital.
- ❖ The 'Aparajita Woman and Child Bill (West Bengal Criminal Laws and Amendment) 2024' introduces the death penalty for those convicted of rape and other sexual crimes, marking a significant step in the fight against gender-based violence.
- ❖ Harsh punishment is given for cases of harassment and rape of women. Provisions of the POCSO Act have been further tightened.
- ❖ Death penalty has been provided for rapists if their acts result in the death of the victim or they suffer severe brain damage.
- ❖ Under the bill, an Aparajita Task Force will be formed, in which punishment will be given within 21 days of the preliminary report. Routes on which nurses and female doctors travel will be covered. For this, the state's govt has sanctioned Rs 120 crores.
- ❖ A provision of 'Ratri Saathi' states that women will do 12 hours duty, and if needed, doctors will extend their duty.

#### SC- New Flag and Insignia

On September 1, 2024, President Droupadi Murmu unveiled the new flag and insignia of the Supreme Court of India during the two-day National Conference of District Judiciary held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.



### Key Points

- ❖ This event marked a significant moment in the history of the Indian judiciary, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Supreme Court's establishment.
- ❖ **Flag details:** The new flag is blue and prominently features the Ashoka Chakra, the Supreme Court building, and the Constitution of India.
- ❖ **Insignia details:** The insignia includes the phrase "Yato Dharmastato Jayah" inscribed in Devanagari script, which translates to "Where there is Dharma, there is victory."
- ❖ This phrase encapsulates the essence of justice and righteousness that the Supreme Court strives to uphold.
- ❖ The new flag and insignia were conceptualized and designed by the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) Delhi.
- ❖ They symbolize justice and democracy, reflecting the Supreme Court's role as a guardian of the Constitution and the rule of law. The flag will be available in various

designs, including cross table flat, single table flag, pole flag, and wooden frame, ensuring its presence in diverse settings.

### Short News

- ❖ World's Largest Low-Carbon Hydrogen Facility To Be Built In Texas Through ADNOC-ExxonMobil Partnership.
- ❖ The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the UAE Accountability Authority during a bilateral meeting with the President of the UAE Accountability Authority.
- ❖ The 610th meeting of the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India was held in Mumbai.
- ❖ RINL (Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited), which is the corporate entity of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant launched the "Zero Demurrage Campaign".
- ❖ Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi has officially inaugurated the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi Abu Dhabi campus.
- ❖ Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal during his address at the 5th edition of ISA Steel Conclave in New Delhi set a target of 500 mn tonnes of steel production by 2034.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Which of the following state assemblies passed Aparajita Woman and Child Bill?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) West Bengal
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer -C

2. who became the first prime minister of India to visit Brunei?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Manmohan Singh
- (c) Jawahar Lal Nehru
- (d) Indira Gandhi

Answer -A

