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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.**

Read More: [Hyderabad Liberation Day](#)

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.**

Read More: [Indian Coast Guard](#)

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