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National e-Assessment Centre of Income Tax Department

Context:

The National e-Assessment Centre (NeAC) of the Income Tax Department is being inaugurated by the Finance Minister Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi.

Details:

- The aim of the Income Tax (IT) Department in opening this Centre is to ensure faceless e-assessment to impart greater efficiency, transparency and accountability in the assessment process.
- There would be no physical interface between the tax payers and the tax officers.
- This is in-line with the government's 'Digital India' and 'Ease of Doing Business' initiatives.
- Under the new system, tax payers have received notices on their registered emails as well as on registered accounts on the web portal www.incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in with real time alert by way of SMS on their registered mobile number, specifying the issues for which their cases have been selected for scrutiny.
- The replies to the notices can be prepared at ease by the tax payers at their own residence or office and be sent by email to the National e-Assessment Centre by uploading the same on the designated web portal.
- This is an initiative by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

About the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT):

- It is a statutory authority functioning under the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1963.
 - It is a part of the Department of Revenue under the Finance Ministry.
 - The CBDT provides inputs for policy and planning of direct taxes in the country, and is also responsible for administration of direct tax laws through the IT Department.
 - It is also India's official Financial Action Task Force (FATF) unit.
 - The Chairman and members of the CBDT are selected from the Indian Revenue Service (IRS).
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