1. Draft Mediation Bill for Public Consultation

Context: The Government of India, in order to expedite the process of dispute resolution, has come up with an appropriate draft bill on Mediation.

About: The draft bill on Mediation establishes a consolidated framework bringing the existing laws on mediation from various enactments under an umbrella legislation. This bill ensures deep scrutiny of the interchangeability of the terms ‘mediation’ and ‘conciliation’.

Important features of the Bill:

- The bill facilitates pre-litigation mediation and thereby protects the interests of litigants approaching the courts in matters where urgent relief is required.
- A Mediation Settlement Agreement (MSA), born out of the consensual agreement between the parties, is ensured as a successful outcome of the mediation with less challenge.
- The confidentiality of the mediation process will be assured.
- The state/district/taluk legal authorities will be entrusted with the registration of MSA within 90 days and maintenance of all the records of settlement.
- This bill envisages the creation of the Mediation Council of India and community mediation.

Eventually, this draft bill, when provided with its proper legislative shape, will enable a faster resolution of disputes resulting in the restoration of faith of the litigants in the judicial and lawmaking arms of the government.
2. Goa Maritime Conclave – 2021

Context: The Goa Maritime Conclave – 2021 is an outreach initiative by the Indian Navy that renders a multinational platform to gather the valuable insights of experts in the field of maritime security and academia with the noble objective of culminating a maritime thought inclined towards progressive outcomes.

About: GMC 2021 is based on the theme “Maritime Security and Emerging Non-Traditional Threats: A case for proactive role for IOR Navies”.

- The present trends in the geopolitical events encompassing the Indian Ocean Region create the necessity for a clear strategy for the administration and maritime security of the Indian Ocean Region.
- With regards to this, the conclave emphasizes winning everyday peace in the maritime domain.
- This involves the collaboration of chiefs and heads of maritime forces of the Indian Navy and 12 Indian ocean littorals comprising the following:
  - Bangladesh
  - Comoros
  - Indonesia
  - Madagascar
  - Malaysia
  - Maldives
  - Mauritius
  - Myanmar
  - Seychelles
  - Singapore
  - Sri Lanka
  - Thailand
- The participants of the conclave will be given exposure to listen to eminent personalities discussing various important issues in the IOR and carve out ways to broaden the interoperability of the region for the purpose of mitigating maritime challenges.
- The visitors will also get to witness India’s indigenous shipbuilding industry at the ‘Make in India Exhibition’.

GMC conclave is an outstanding arena to assist the participants and stakeholders in the profound understanding of dynamic concepts of maritime security.

3. Most profitable 3D – Printing Business Challenge

Context: The Centre for Excellence in Additive Manufacturing under the Ministry of Electronics and IT has released an application for the Most profitable 3D – Printing Business.

About:
• 3D printing is subservient to a more viable next-generation technology which has several advantages over the moulding technologies such as the no recurring moulding cost, better market resilience and low cost per machine.

• This would boost the toy manufacturing industry in a country like India which faces various technological challenges especially with respect to moulding technology.

• 3D printing will enable faster manufacturing of digital toys.

• The challenge comprises two parts: The development of a 3D printing working prototype using fusion deposition modelling or digital light processing and preparation of a business case for the same.

Therefore the introduction and promotion of 3D printing technology will result in a healthy competitive environment for the business models to grow and it will also ensure a level playing field for the stakeholders.

4. Advaita philosophy

Context: Recently, PM has inaugurated the Adi Shankaracharya Samadhi and laid the foundation stone for various development projects in Kedarnath.

About Advaita Philosophy:

• Advaita philosophy is an integral part of the core teachings of Adi Shankaracharya that reflects the significance of inclusiveness, equality, the pursuit of knowledge and an enabling environment of debate.

• Moreover, Advaita refers to the non-dualistic school of Hindu philosophy and it also upholds the doctrine of oneness.

• Therefore the Advaita philosophy draws enormous prominence in enlightening the societies we live in and curbing the darkness prevailing.

Know more about Adi Shankaracharya in PIB dated Oct 29, 2021.

Read previous PIB here.