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## Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge:

- **Launch:** The challenge has been launched among 243 major cities on the World Toilet Day (19th November).
- **Aim:** To prevent hazardous cleaning of sewers and septic tanks and promote their mechanized cleaning.  
-The Government launched this “challenge” for all states to make sewer-cleaning mechanized by April 2021 — if any human needs to enter a sewer line in case of unavoidable emergency, proper gear and oxygen tanks, etc., are to be provided.
- **Eligibility:** The state capitals, urban local bodies and smart cities will be eligible to participate.
- **Prize:** Cities will be awarded in three sub-categories – with a population of more than 10 lakhs, 3-10 lakhs and up to 3 lakhs, with a total prize money of Rs.52 crores to be given to winning cities across all categories.

## Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003:

- Replaced the Cigarettes Act of 1975 (largely limited to statutory warnings- ‘Cigarette Smoking is Injurious to Health’ to be displayed on cigarette packs and advertisements. It did not include non-cigarettes).
- The 2003 Act also included cigars, bidis, cheroots, pipe tobacco, hookah, chewing tobacco, pan masala, and gutka.

## National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), 2008:

- **Objective:** To control tobacco consumption and minimize tobacco consumption related deaths.
- **Implementation:** NTCP is implemented through a three-tier structure, i.e.
  1. National Tobacco Control Cell (NTCC) at Central level
  2. State Tobacco Control Cell (STCC) at State level &
  3. District Tobacco Control Cell (DTCC) at District level.

## mCessation Programme:

- It is an initiative using mobile technology for tobacco cessation.
- India launched mCessation using text messages in 2016 as part of the government’s Digital India initiative.

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## **National Command Control Communications and Intelligence Network:**

- The Indian Navy has established the NC3IN linking 51 stations, including 20 of the Navy and 31 of the Coast Guard, with a nodal Information Management and Analysis Centre (IMAC).
- The NC3I generates a seamless real-time picture of the nearly 7,500-km long coastline.

## **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 2.0:**

- It is the upgraded version of UBA 1.0. It was launched in 2018.
- UBA 1.0 or UBA Phase-1 was the Invitation Mode in which Participating Institutions were invited to be a part of UBA.
- Whereas UBA 2.0 is the Challenge Mode of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan programme where all HEIs are required to willingly adopt at least 5 villages. Currently, UBA 2.0 Mode is going on.

## **Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India:**

- **Formation:** It was established in 1987 under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 by the Government of India as a National level Cooperative body.
- **Organisation:** It is a national-level apex organization functioning under the administrative control of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.  
-It has its head office in New Delhi.
- **Objectives:** Socio-economic development of tribal people, empowerment of tribal people with knowledge, tools and information and their capacity building.

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## **Assistance to Disabled Persons Scheme:**

- It is in operation since 1981.

**Definition:**

- The scheme follows the definitions of various types of disabilities as given in the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) (PWD) Act 1995.
- PWD Act was replaced by the Right of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016.

**National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme:**

- The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 was notified by the Government of India on September, 2005 and was made effective in February 2006. Under it, the NREGS was introduced.
- The Act aims at enhancing the livelihood security of people in rural areas by guaranteeing hundred days of wage employment in a financial year to a rural household whose adult members (at least 18 years of age) volunteer to do unskilled work.
- The central government bears the full cost of unskilled labour, and 75% of the cost of material (the rest is borne by the states).
- It is a demand-driven, social security and labour law that aims to enforce the 'right to work'.
- Ministry of Rural Development in association with state governments, monitors the implementation of the scheme.

**Shanghai Cooperation Organisation:**

- It is a permanent intergovernmental international organisation and a Eurasian political, economic and military organisation aiming to maintain peace, security and stability in the region created in 2001.
- The SCO is widely regarded as the "Alliance of the East", due to its growing centrality in Asia-Pacific, and has been the primary security pillar of the region.
- It is the largest regional organisation in the world in terms of geographical coverage and population, covering three-fifths of the Eurasian continent and nearly half of the human population.
- Members: Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan.
- Observer states: Afghanistan, Belarus, Iran and Mongolia.
- Dialogue Partners: Azerbaijan, Armenia, Cambodia, Nepal, Turkey and Sri Lanka.