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Lok Sabha passes Essential Defence Services Bill, 2021

The Lok Sabha passed the Essential Defence Services Bill, 2021 amidst din without any discussion. The Bill seeks to replace the Ordinance promulgated in June this year. The Bill allows the central government to prohibit strikes, lock-outs, and lay-offs in units engaged in essential defence services. It amends the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 to include essential defence services under public utility services.

Lok Sabha passes Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2021

The House passed the Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2021 without any discussion. The Bill seeks to dissolve certain existing appellate bodies and transfer their functions to other existing judicial bodies. The Bill replaces a similar Ordinance promulgated in April this year. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman moved the bill for consideration and passage. Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury objected to the bill saying the legislation is an encroachment into the judiciary. RSP MP, N K Premachandran questioned the passage of the legislation without any discussion as this involves amendments in 25 existing Acts.

Parliament passes Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2021

Parliament passed the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2021 with Rajya Sabha approving it amidst din. The Lok Sabha had already passed the Bill.

The Bill is to amend the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016. Insolvency is a situation where individuals or companies are unable to repay their outstanding debt. The Code provides a time-bound process for resolving the insolvency of corporate debtors. The Bill introduces an alternate insolvency resolution process for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), called the pre-packaged insolvency resolution process (PIRP). Application for initiating PIRP may be filed in the event of a default of at least one lakh rupees.

The central government may increase the threshold of minimum default up to one crore rupees through a notification.

Facing backlash, Goa CM says will drop 'Bhumiputra' from new Bill

The GOA government will drop the word "Bhumiputra (son of the soil)" from the Goa Bhumiputra Adhikarini Bill, 2021 that was passed by the assembly on July 30, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said.

The announcement came hours after the BJP ST Morcha handed him a memorandum, taking "strong objection" to the use of the word Bhumiputra in the Bill. The Morcha said this "hurt immensely the sentiments and feelings of almost all tribals of the state and the entire community has come up to agitation against the passing of any such Bill which may have disastrous effect if not attended to with a proper rectification".

The Goa Bhumiputra Adhikarini Bill gives the status of "Bhumiputra" to a person living in Goa for at least 30 years. Once recognised as Bhumiputra, he or she can stake claim to the ownership of their house of not more than 250 sq m, built before April 1, 2019.

INS Khanjar becomes the first Indian Navy ship to call at heritage coastal port of Gopalpur

Indian Naval Ship Khanjar becomes the first Indian Navy ship to call at the heritage coastal port of Gopalpur in Odisha. The two-day visit which concluded on 02 Aug 21, was organised as part of Aazadi ka Amrit Mahotsav as well as Swarnim Vijay Varsh celebrations to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Independence and 50th anniversary of the 1971 War.

The visit of the ship was aimed at enhancing ties and spreading awareness with the local populace on aspects of coastal security and maritime operations.

Sports Minister Anurag Thakur launches theme song for Tokyo Paralympics

Sports Minister Anurag Thakur launched the theme song for Tokyo Paralympics in New Delhi. The song "Kar De Kamaal Tu" is composed and sung by a Divyang cricket player Sanjeev Singh.

Sports Secretary Ravi Mittal, Chief Patron of Paralympic Committee of India Avinash Rai Khanna, President of Paralympic Committee of India and former Paralympian Deepa Malik were present on the occasion among others.

Digital payment system e-RUPI launched

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched e-RUPI, a cashless and contactless instrument for digital payment through video conferencing.

The country is giving a new dimension to digital governance and e-RUPI will play a great role in strengthening Direct Benefit Transfer, DBT. e-RUPI voucher will help everyone in targeted, transparent and leakage free delivery. The Centre is taking over 300 governmental schemes to the poor through DBT.

E-Rupi, a person and purpose specific digital payment solution, is a QR code or SMS string-based e-Voucher, which is delivered to the mobile of the beneficiaries.

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