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KARNATAKA ISSUES

- Forest minister of Karnataka recently announced in the Assembly that the government will reduce the original extent of **deemed forests** from 10 lakh hectares to 3.3 lakh hectares. Deemed Forests are Land Tracts that **appear to be a "forest", but have not been notified so by the government** or in historical records.

NATIONAL ISSUES

- The **Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK)** has promised in its manifesto that maternity as well as **paternity leave** in Tamil Nadu would be extended to 12 months. The inclusion of husbands in this conversation is incumbent. Both the mother and newborn are vulnerable for the first 12 weeks. Getting used to breastfeeding takes at least 14 days. Therefore, assistance from the partner is indispensable during this time.
- This Union cabinet has recently approved a Reforms-based and Results-linked, **Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme**. It aims at providing conditional financial assistance to **DISCOMs** for strengthening of supply infrastructure
- Government of India has accorded sanction to **Team CLAW** to lead a team of people with disabilities to **scale Siachen Glacier** and create a new world record for the largest team of people with disabilities. This is the land world record expedition part of 'Operation Blue Freedom Triple World Records' being undertaken.
- Electronic voucher based digital payment system called "**E-RUPI**" which is developed by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) was launched by PM recently. It is a Cashless and contactless digital payments medium that connects the sponsors of the



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- The Ministry of Ayush has collaborated with the U.K.'s London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) to conduct a study on '**Ashwagandha**' for promoting recovery from COVID-19.
- **Telangana high court** has opined that threat to public order must also be a criterion under arrest for **preventive detention**. **Article 22** of Indian Constitution speaks about preventive detention
- **100th year of Madras legislative council** was recently celebrated. It was established in 1861 under Indian council acts and was abolished in 1986
- **112th annual celebrations of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC)** was recently celebrated. NCDC Functions as the nodal agency in the country for disease surveillance facilitating prevention and control of communicable diseases.
- To solve the Assam- Mizoram border dispute and to arrive at a permanent solution, the Centre has asked the **North Eastern Space Application Centre (NESAC)** to map and demarcate the State boundaries using satellite imaging.

INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

- India assumes **presidency of UNSC** for month of august. It is held by each of the members in turn for one month, following the English alphabetical order of the Member States names- Delegation representing a state will be named President
- India, China establish hotline in **north Sikkim**.

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