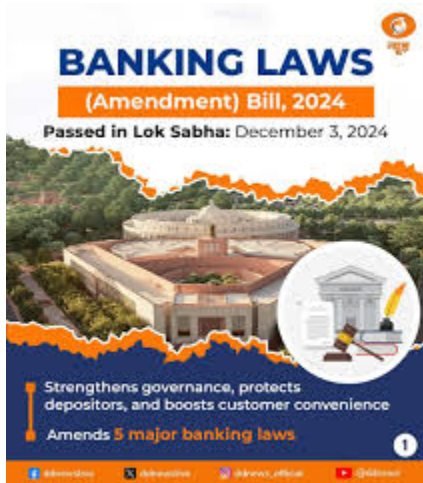


Current Affairs: December 4, 2024

1. Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill Passed



The Lok Sabha passed the Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024, amending several banking acts. It aims to enhance governance in the banking sector, increase the number of nominees per account to four, and redefine substantial interest limits for directorships.

2. 16 Initiatives for Divyangjans



On International Day of Persons with Disabilities, 16 initiatives were launched to empower Divyangjans. Key programs include the 'Kadam Knee Joint' and Braille Book Portal, promoting equal opportunities and accessibility nationwide.

3. Oilfield (Amendment) Bill Passed in Rajya Sabha



The Oilfield (Amendment) Bill, 2024, redefines mineral oils to include hydrocarbons like coal bed methane. It ensures policy stability, carbon capture, and ease of doing business while maintaining state rights.

4. IN-SPACe Recognized as Awarding Body



The National Council for Vocational Education and Training has recognized IN-SPACe as an awarding body. This move will standardize vocational training in the space sector, focusing on satellite manufacturing and space technology advancements.

5. PRAGATI Recognized by Oxford University



The PRAGATI platform, launched in 2015, was praised in a study by Oxford's Said Business

School. It has accelerated 340 infrastructure projects worth \$205 billion, showcasing a significant GDP impact.

6. World Maritime Conference 2024 in Chennai



India will host the World Maritime Conference 2024 in Chennai after 15 years. The event will bring together 300 delegates to discuss global maritime challenges and future developments.

7. UN Convention to Combat Desertification Begins



The largest UN Desertification Convention started in Riyadh, focusing on land restoration and drought resilience. Key highlights include the launch of the Riyadh Global Drought Resilience Initiative.

8. India Re-Elected to UN Peacebuilding Commission



India secured a seat in the UN Peacebuilding Commission for the 2025-26 term, reaffirming its commitment to global peace. India is a founding member contributing actively to peacekeeping missions.

9. India and ISA Sign Agreement on Solar Projects



India and the International Solar Alliance signed an agreement to support solar projects in Fiji, Madagascar, and Seychelles. The initiative focuses on energy access for agriculture, healthcare, and rural development.

10. E-Daakhil Portal Reaches Pan-India



The E-Daakhil portal, now operational in all states, provides an online platform for consumer complaint filing. Plans for “E-Jagruti” aim to further simplify consumer case management.

11. Arunachal Pradesh's Mission Himveer Launched



Mission Arun Himveer was launched to link local farmers with markets. A MoU with ITBP will facilitate direct procurement, benefiting farmers and promoting economic growth in rural areas.

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