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CENTRAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY FORCE

(Syllabus: GS Paper 3 - Security Forces)

Nina Singh 1st woman to head CISF, Anish Dayal new CRPF chief

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Nina Singh and Anish Dayal Singh. X/CRPF/CISF

THE CENTRE on Thursday appointed Nina Singh as the Director General of CISF, making her the first woman to head this elite force. Apart from her, the Centre has also appointed ITBP chief Anish Dayal Singh as the Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

"Nina Singh has been appointed as the DG, CISF. Singh, a 1989-batch IPS officer of Rajasthan cadre, is currently working as Special DG, CISF. She has been appointed to the post till her superannuation on July 31, 2024," the order said.

Nina Singh was the first woman IPS officer allocated to the Rajasthan cadre where she served in many important assignments across the state. She also worked as Joint Director in the CBI during 2013-18 where she supervised many high-profile cases having national and international ramifications.

She has been working in the CISF since 2021, first as ADG and then as Special DG, and DG incharge since August 31, 2023. A native of Bihar, she has studied at the Patna Women's College, JNU and Harvard University. She is married to Rohit Kumar Singh, her batchmate in the IAS, currently posted as Secretary, Consumer Affairs in the Central government.

Anish Dayal Singh, a 1988-batch Manipur-cadre IPS officer, was holding the additional charge of the CRPF following the retirement of incumbent S L Thaosen on November 30.

"Appointment of Anish Dayal Singh, currently working as DG, ITBP, from the date of joining the post and up to December 31, 2024, the date of his superannuation or till further orders, whichever is earlier," the order said.

Singh is heading the committee formed by the Home ministry to probe into the December 13 Parliament security breach.

Before joining the ITBP, Singh worked with the Intelligence Bureau (IB).

Rahul Rasgotra, at present a special director in the IB, will be the new ITBP chief in place of Singh. "Rasgotra, a 1989-batch IPS officer of Manipur cadre, has been appointed to the post till September 30, 2025, the date of his superannuation," the order further said.

In IB, he earlier served in Jammu and Kashmir and was instrumental for reshaping of the multi-agency centre (MAC), a common counter-terrorism grid following the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack.

Vivek Srivastava, a 1989-batch IPS officer of Gujarat cadre, will be Director General, Fire Service, Civil Defence and Home Guards. He has been appointed to the post till June 30, 2025, the date of his superannuation, the order said. Srivastava is at present a special director in IB. He was involved in the operation leading to the arrest of Yaseen Bhatkal, one of the founder members of Indian Mujahideen (IM).

Context: The Centre appointed Nina Singh as the Director General of CISF, making her the first woman to head this elite force.

Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)

- **Formation**: The CISF was established in 1969 (by CISF Act, 1968(with an initial three battalions, primarily tasked with offering integrated security to Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs).
- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Home Affairs.
- **Premier Security Agency**: With the advent of globalization and economic liberalization, CISF has evolved into a leading, multi-skilled security agency. Its focus has shifted beyond PSUs to encompass critical infrastructure installations nationwide.
- **Responsibilities**: CISF currently safeguards a wide range of crucial assets, including nuclear installations, space establishments, airports, seaports, power plants, sensitive government buildings, and even heritage monuments.
- **Expanded Responsibilities**: Recent additions to CISF's responsibilities include securing the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, VIP security, disaster management, and the establishment of a Formed Police Unit (FPU) for the United Nations in Haiti.

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PEGASUS SPYWARE

Syllabus GS Paper 3 – Internal Security)

Pegasus spyware found on journalists' phones after Apple alert, says Amnesty

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The founder editor of *The Wire* news website Siddharth Varadarajan and another journalist in India were targeted with Pegasus spyware this year, the Security Lab of Amnesty International announced on Thursday after testing their devices. The journalists had received an alert from Apple that they were being targeted by "state-sponsored hacking", following which they provided their phones to the non-profit for testing.

NSO Group, the Pegasus spyware developer, sells its technology only to governments. India's Intelligence Bureau imported hardware from NSO Group in 2017, trade data show.

Separately, *The Washington Post* reported that after the security alerts from Apple went out in October, government officials put "pressure" on the tech giant to offer "alternative" explanations to the public on why these warnings were sent to Opposition leaders and journalists. Union Ministers and Apple had made a series of unsubstantiated statements when these alerts went out, such as that these messages had gone out in 150 countries, when no other countries' citizens – or ruling party lawmakers – had reported receiving a warning that week.

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Snooping saga

On October 30, Opposition MPs and journalists got alerts from Apple saying their phones were being targeted by 'state-sponsored attackers'. In 2021, many of these individuals were reportedly targeted by the Pegasus spyware



- Pegasus, sold only to governments, allows attackers to extract data from even fully updated phones, and may give them access to real time mic and camera data
- The Union government has not denied it bought or uses Pegasus. Trade data show that the Intelligence Bureau imported hardware in 2017 from the Pegasus maker, NSO Group, of Israel

Context: A forensic investigation by Amnesty International's Security Lab in partnership with The Washington Post has claimed that two Indian journalists were among those "recently targeted with Pegasus spyware on their iPhones".

Pegasus Spyware

- **Origin**: Pegasus, a spyware designed by the Israeli firm NSO Group, serves the purpose of infiltrating both Android and iOS smartphones, transforming them into surveillance devices.
- **Targeted**: Pegasus is specifically employed for targeted spying on criminals and terrorists rather than engaging in mass surveillance, highlighting its focused application.
- **Undiscovered Vulnerabilities**: It operates by exploiting undisclosed vulnerabilities or bugs, enabling it to infect phones even with the latest security patches.

Zero-Click Exploit

- **About**: It is malicious software that allows spyware to be installed on a device without the device owner's consent.
  - It **doesn't require the device owner to perform** any actions to initiate or complete the installation.
  - To **compare, regular apps may require** a user to click 'install', 'confirm', etc. to complete an installation.
- **Exploit Identification**: The exploit allegedly employed on the two devices is known as "BLASTPAST" (formerly recognized as "BLASTPASS").
  - **Two-Phase Operation****Phase One**: In the first phase, the attack endeavors to establish a connection with the Apple HomeKit on the target's device, offering a means to control various smart devices.
  - **Phase Two**: The second phase involves sending malicious content via the iMessage app to the target, constituting the delivery of the full spyware "payload."

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SHRESHTHA SCHEME
(Syllabus: GS Paper 2 – Govt Schemes)

Over 2500 SC Students Enrolled in Private Schools through SHRESHTA Scheme

Context: Recently, the Government announced its successful facilitation of the admission of over 2500 Scheduled Castes (SCs) students in private schools under the SHRESHTA scheme.

SHRESTHA Scheme

- **Objective:** Its primary objective is to enhance the socio-economic standing of Scheduled Castes individuals by offering top-tier education to their children in the finest private residential schools across the nation.
- **Ministry**: Ministry for Social Justice and Empowerment
- **Type**: Central Sector Scheme
- **Eligibility:** Students must belong to the marginalized income groups within the SC community.
  - Parental annual income must be less than Rs.2.5 Lakh annually.
- **Mechanism:** This mechanism is referred to as the National Entrance Test for SHRESHTA (NETS).
  - The National Testing Agency (NTA) will be responsible for conducting NETS.
- **Beneficiaries:** The government has targeted that every year around **3000 students belonging to the SC category** will be admitted to Class 9 and Class 11 under this system.
- **Selection of Students:** National Entrance Test for SHRESHTA (NETS) conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA)
- Implementing agency –
  - **Mode 1**: District Administration
  - **Mode 2**: Voluntary organisation (VO)/ Non-Government Organisation (NGO)/ Other organisation

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LOCKBIT RANSOMWARE

(Syllabus: GS Paper 3 – Internal Security)

2.6 million ransomware attacks in Q1 2023: Why India is now a prime target for cyber threats

Context: The LockBit ransomware gang targeted National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), threatening to leak the organisation's data if it failed to pay the "unspecified ransom".

- India faced 2.6 million ransomware attacks, a rise of 133% in the past six months, placing India in the elite club of nations most affected by ransomware.

LockBit Ransomware

- **Origins:** LockBit, formerly identified as "ABCD" ransomware, is a malicious computer virus specializing in encrypting vital files, rendering them inaccessible upon infiltration.
- **Crypto Demands**: Emerging in September 2019, LockBit operates as a "crypto virus," demanding payments in cryptocurrency for the decryption of files it encrypts.
- **Target Profile**: LockBit predominantly targets affluent companies or organizations capable of paying substantial amounts to regain access to their encrypted files.
- **Dark Web Presence**: The individuals orchestrating LockBit operations maintain a dark web presence. They recruit members and disclose information about victims who refuse to comply with ransom demands.
- **Global Impact:** LockBit's reach extends across various countries, with documented attacks on companies in the U.S., China, India, Ukraine, and Europe.
- **According to Report**: LockBit ransomware group is the most active in India, being responsible for 13% of attacks.

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PDUNIPPD
(Syllabus: GS Paper 2 – Vulnerable sections)

Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) (CRC) Samba –Jammu (PDUNIPPD) inaugurated

Context: Lt. Governor of Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir inaugurated the Composite Regional Centre (CRC) for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) (CRC) in Samba – Jammu.

PDUNIPPD

- **Initiative by**: Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment,
- **Aim**: To provide comprehensive support, skill development, and rehabilitation services to empower individuals with disabilities and facilitate their integration into mainstream society.
  - Also serve as a hub for skill development, promoting self-reliance and empowerment.

Composite Regional Center (CRC)

- **About**: It is an autonomous body working under administrative & financial control of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.
- **Nodal Ministry**: Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India.
- **Service**: The center has been providing comprehensive rehabilitation services such as Physiotherapy, Occupational therapy, Speech & Hearing, Prosthesis & Orthosis, Clinical Psychology, and Special Education services.
- **Objectives of CRCs**
  - To serve as Resource Centre for rehabilitation and special education of persons with disabilities.
  - To undertake human resource development by training rehabilitation professionals, village level workers, multi – rehabilitation workers and other functionaries in Govt. and non – Govt. sector, required for providing services to persons with disabilities.
  - To undertake public education programs for creation of awareness in the parents and the community.
  - To undertake designing, fabrication and fitment of aids and appliances.

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NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
(Syllabus: GS Paper 2 – Polity)

Justice Sanjiv Khanna appointed National Legal Services Authority Executive Chairperson

Context: Recently, the President of India nominated Justice Sanjiv Khanna, the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court, as the Executive Chairperson of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).

National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)

- **About:** It has been established under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, with the aim of providing free legal services to the weaker sections of society and organizing Lok Adalats for amicable dispute resolution.
- **Objective**: It is the expeditious disposal of cases, thereby alleviating the burden on the judiciary.
- **Structure**: The Chief Justice of India serves as the patron-in-chief of NALSA, while the second senior most judge of the Supreme Court of India assumes the role of the Executive Chairman.
- **State and High Court Legal Services Authorities**: In each State, a State Legal Services Authority and in every High Court, a High Court Legal Services Committee has been constituted to implement NALSA's policies and directions.
- **District Level Formation**: District Legal Services Authorities and Taluk Legal Services Committees are established in districts and taluks, respectively, to execute NALSA's policies, provide free legal services, and conduct Lok Adalats.
- **Article 39A**: State must ensure that the legal system operates to promote justice based on equal opportunity.
- **Articles 14 and 22(1)**: It impose an obligation on the State to guarantee equality before the law. They emphasize the necessity for a legal system that fosters justice on the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens.

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QATAR DROP DEATH PENALTY
(Syllabus: GS Paper 2 – IR)

Qatar court drops death penalty for eight Indians

Court of Appeals in Doha commutes sentences handed out to former Navy personnel convicted in espionage case; kin say order 'step in right direction', they will keep fighting to prove innocence

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In the first major breakthrough in the case against eight former Indian naval personnel sentenced to death in Qatar, the Court of Appeals in Doha has commuted their sentences, the Ministry of External Affairs confirmed on Thursday.

Vipul, India's Ambassador to Qatar, was in the court along with other officials and family members of the former naval officers as the verdict was announced, the Ministry said. All eight arrested last year were employees of the Dahra Global defence services company.

"We have noted the verdict today of the Court of Appeal of Qatar in the Dahra Global case, in which the sentences have been reduced. The detailed judgment is awaited. We are in close touch with the legal team as well as the family members to decide on the next steps," the Ministry said in a statement.



One to one: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, during COP-28 in Dubai. PTI

Terms of verdict

Neither the Ministry nor those aware of the appeals court verdict would comment the terms of the "reduced" verdict.

The fact that the court has struck down the death sentence is the first positive development for the families of the eight men who have been on death row since they were convicted on October 26. They filed appeals against that verdict on November 9.

However, while expressing relief at the waiver of the death penalty, sources close to the families of the men expressed disappointment that the original guilty verdict in the case – believed to involve charges of espionage – had been upheld, and said they would continue to fight to prove their innocence.

A source aware of the reactions from the families told *The Hindu* that while the verdict was a "step in the right direction", it was "harsh for eight innocent ex-navy officers". The real hope for the wives and children of the men in custody is to prove their innocence, and be able to bring them back, the source said.

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Context: A Qatar court has dropped the death sentence imposed on eight Indian former naval officers arrested there last year.

Background

- **Case**: The accused individuals, employed by Al Dahra in Doha, were arrested in 2022 in Qatar, allegedly for breaching sensitive secrets.
- **Accusations and Secrecy**: While working for Al Dahra, the eight Indian nationals faced accusations of breaching sensitive secrets.
- **India's Strong Reaction**: India has expressed profound shock and concern over the death sentences imposed on its citizens, actively exploring all available legal options to secure their release.
    - The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) emphasizes the high importance attached to the case and reaffirms its commitment to providing consular and legal assistance to the detained individuals.

Qatar

- **Located**: in the Western Asia, on the Northeastern coast of the Arabian Peninsula.
- **Bounded by**: Saudi Arabia in the south, rest of three sides; it is surrounded by the Persian Gulf.
- **A strait of the Persian Gulf**: Divides Qatar from its nearby island nation of Bahrain.
- **Capital**: Doha.

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INDO-PACIFIC ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK

(Syllabus: GS Paper 2 – IR)

India to sign clean and fair economy deals under IPEF

Commerce ministry to move Cabinet note after completion of legal vetting by February

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India is expected to sign a much-awaited deal on two more pillars of the US-led Indo-Pacific Economic Framework—clean economy and fair economy—early next year, two officials aware of the matter said.

India's law ministry is currently vetting proposals for IPEF's clean economy and fair economy pillars, following which the commerce ministry will move for cabinet approval, the officials said.

"Both the pillars are very important for the country. The clean economy (Pillar-III) is aimed at cooperation on research, development and commercialization of clean energy and climate friendly technologies," one of them said.

Under the fair economy deal (Pillar-IV), India will strengthen implementation of effective anti-corruption and tax measures to boost trade and investment among IPEF economies, the official added.

The ministries of finance and commerce did not reply to queries sent on Tuesday.

India in November signed a supply chain resilience agreement (Pillar II) with the US and 12 other members of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity to reduce its dependence on China. It has so far stayed away from the trade pillar of the framework.

The agreement, which was signed by Union minister for commerce and industry Piyush Goyal and US trade secretary Gina Raimondo in San Francisco, also provides benefits such as a potential shifting of production centres in critical sectors.

The development was seen as a major breakthrough for India and other participating countries. Once the deal is finalized, it will help reduce India's dependency on China and mitigate risks of economic disruptions from supply chain shocks.

India has not signed the trade pillar aimed at strengthening economic engagement among partner countries, excluding China, as it is seeking more clarity to assess if it will be in the interest of the country, said the second official mentioned earlier.

"The legal scrubbing of Pillar-III (clean economy) and Pillar-IV (fair economy) has started. The process of legal vetting may get completed by February. Then it will be moved to the Cabinet for final approval," this official said. Legal scrubbing is a process under which participating countries of the IPEF review proposals through a legal perspective and for language consistency.

Once the deal is legally approved, the commerce ministry will move a cabinet note in consultation with other ministries involved in the process, such as the ministries of finance and power.

"The IPEF framework will enhance inclusiveness and competitiveness and promote economic growth through investment," said Abhash Kumar, assistant professor of economics at Delhi University. "It will benefit consumers also. Clean and fair economy will increase resilience in the economy, which is important for sustainable economic growth."

IPEF was launched in Tokyo by the US and other Indo-Pacific countries on 23 May, 2022. The group includes Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Partners of the IPEF clean economy deal are committed to actively pursue shared climate objectives and respective pathways to net-zero emission economies. AFP

Partners of the IPEF clean economy deal are committed to actively pursue their shared climate objectives and respective pathways to net-zero emission economies. It will also ensure the promotion of sustainable growth and success for all partners. The proposed agreement covers a range of issues critical to transitions to clean economies, including efforts towards energy security and transition, climate resilience and adaptation.

STRENGTHENING PILLAR

INDIA'S law ministry is currently vetting proposals for IPEF's clean economy and fair economy pillars

UNDER the deal, India will strengthen anti-corruption and tax measures' implementation

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Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF)

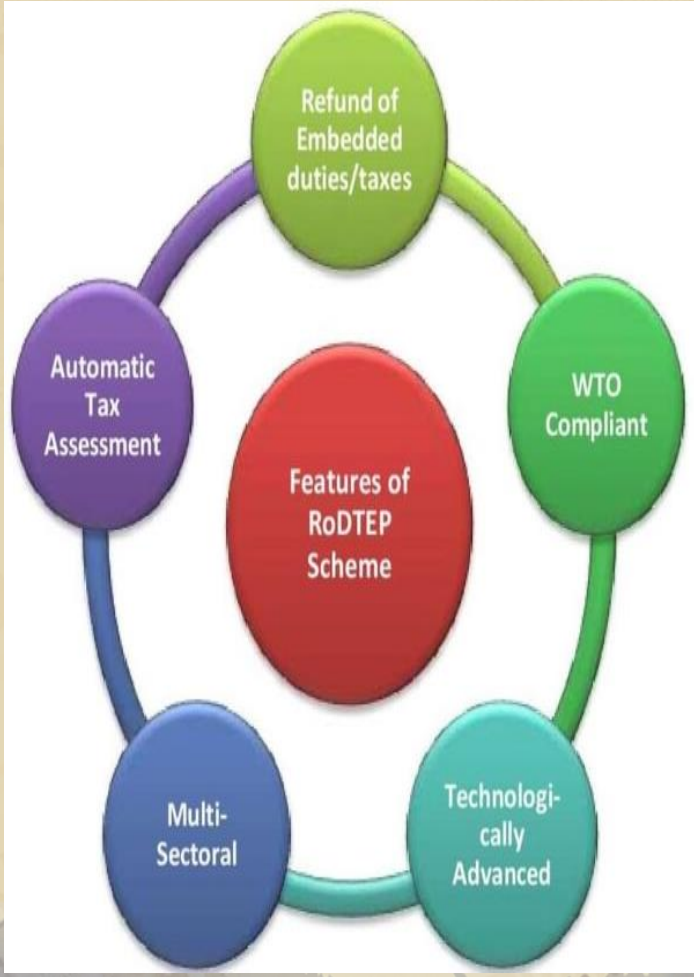
- **About**: The Indo-Pacific Economic Framework is a unique type of trade pact that the United States is pushing among the region's governments.
- **Origin**: India and 12 nations led by the United States inaugurated the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) on 23rd May 2022 to provide an economic alternate solution to China's Geostrategic footprint in the Indo-Pacific area.
- **Partner Countries**: Australia, Brunei, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and the United States.
  - Within days of its launch, IPEF expanded its membership to the Pacific Island states, with Fiji joining the initiative.
- **Objectives**: The IPEF seeks to strengthen economic relationships between all of the participating nations to enhance resilience, sustainable development, inclusiveness, economic expansion, fair treatment, and competitive spirit in the Indo-Pacific region.
- **Pillars**: It was proposed as an elaborate framework of rules covering four pillars, namely, fair and resilient trade, supply chain resiliency, clean energy decarbonisation, and tax and anti-corruption.

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RoDTEP
(Syllabus: GS Paper 2 – Govt Schemes)

Govt to extend duty, tax remission scheme benefits to e-comm exports

Context: Commerce and industry minister said that the government will extend the benefits of the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme to e-commerce exports down through post and courier.



Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP)

- **About:** It is a scheme for Exporters to make Indian products cost-competitive and create a level playing field for them in the Global Market.
- **Implementation:** 1st January 2021
- **Objective:** This is an export duty remission program designed to stimulate the export of goods that had historically shown limited export activity.
- **Replaced**: MEIS (Merchandise Exports from India Scheme)
- **Features:** The RoDTEP scheme **grants refunds for the previously** unreimbursed Central, State, and local duties/taxes to exporters.
  - These refunds are provided in the form of **transferable electronic scrips**, and the entire process is managed by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) within a comprehensive IT system.

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CRYPTOCURRENCY AND VDA SPS

(Syllabus: GS Paper 3 – Economy)

I.T. MINISTRY ASKED TO BLOCK URLs

Binance, eight other offshore crypto firms get notice over PMLA non-compliance

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NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 28

THE FINANCIAL Intelligence Unit India (FIU-IND) has issued show cause notices to nine offshore cryptocurrency and virtual digital assets service providers (VDA SPs) including Binance for not being compliant with the requisite provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), and has asked the Union Information Technology ministry to block their web addresses, the Finance Ministry said late Thursday. The ministry termed the notices as "compliance action".

The nine VDA SPs include Binance, Kucoin, Huobi, Kraken, Gate.io, Bittrex, Bitstamp, MEXC Global and Bitfinex. FIU-IND is the national agency responsible for receiving, processing, analysing and disseminating information relating to suspect financial transactions to enforcement agencies and foreign FIUs. The agency is under the Finance Ministry.

"Director FIU IND has written to Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to block the URLs of said entities that are operating illegally without complying with the provisions of the PML Act in India," the Finance Ministry said in a release.

Offshore as well as onshore VDA SPs operating in India and engaged in activities like exchange between virtual digital assets and fiat currencies, transfer of virtual digital assets, safekeeping or administration of virtual digital assets or instruments enabling control over virtual digital assets, are required to be registered with FIU-IND as reporting entities and comply with obligations under the PMLA. These requirements are "activity-based" and not contingent on physical presence in India.

"The regulation casts reporting, record keeping, and other obligations on the VDA SPs under the PML Act which also includes registration with the FIU IND. Till date 31 VDA SPs have registered with FIU IND. However, several offshore entities though catering to a substantial part of Indian users were not getting registered and coming under the Anti Money Laundering (AML) and Counter Financing of Terrorism (CFT) framework," the Finance Ministry said.

VDA SPs were brought under the ambit of the AML-CFT framework under the PMLA in March.

Under the anti-money laundering law, reporting entities are required to maintain KYC details or records of documents evidencing the identity of its clients and beneficial owners as well as account files and business correspondence relating to its clients. Under the Income Tax Act, reporting entities are required to file statements of financial transactions (SFT) with the tax department containing details of certain financial transactions or any reportable account maintained by them during the year.

Earlier this month, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary had informed the Lok Sabha that necessary action will be taken against offshore platforms for non-compliance with the requirements under the PMLA. WITH AGENCY INPUTS

Context: The Financial Intelligence Unit India (FIU-IND) has issued show cause notices to nine offshore cryptocurrency and virtual digital assets service providers (VDA SPs).

- The nine VDA SPs include Binance, Kucoin, Huobi, Kraken, Gate.io, Bittrex, Bitstamp, MEXC Global and Bitfinex.

Cryptocurrency

- **About**: Cryptocurrency refers to a digital or virtual currency that employs cryptography for security measures.
- **Decentralization**: One of the defining features of cryptocurrencies is their decentralized nature, which means they are not under the control of any government or institution.
- **Examples**: Prominent examples of cryptocurrencies include Bitcoin, Ethereum, and Litecoin.

Virtual Digital Asset Service Providers (VDA SPs)

- **Mandatory Registration in India:** VDA SPs operating in India, both offshore and onshore, engaging in activities such as exchanging virtual digital assets and fiat currencies, transferring virtual digital assets, and safekeeping/administration of virtual digital assets, must register with FIU IND as a Reporting Entity.
- **PMLA 2022 Obligations**: Registered VDA SPs are obligated to comply with a set of obligations outlined in the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) 2022, ensuring adherence to regulatory standards and preventing money laundering activities.

Financial Intelligence Unit India (FIU-IND)

- **About**: FIU-IND is the national agency responsible for receiving, processing, analysing and disseminating information relating to suspect financial transactions to enforcement agencies and foreign FIUs.
- **Nodal Ministry**: Finance Ministry.

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