



and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) related tourism.

Relief Measures provided for the tourism industry

For the last two years, this industry has suffered the most due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hence, it is of utmost necessity to provide relief measures to this industry like taxation breaks so that this industry can flourish once again. This policy doesn't deal with specific operational related issues, but it offers conditions that will help this sector. The overall aim of this policy is to improve the experience of the tourists who will be visiting these tourist spots. To improve this sector focus will also be given to the development of infrastructure.

National Film Development Corporation Merger

The merger of four film media units which are the Directorate of Film Festivals (DFF), Films Division, Children's Film Society of India (CFSI), and National Film Archive of India (NFAI) with the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) has been announced by the Central government of India.

Overview:

- The mandate to produce short films and documentaries, organising various film festivals and film preservation was transferred to the NFDC, by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- This was done with the aim of reducing the overlapping of various activities and also ensuring better utilisation of the public resources.
- The decision for the merger was taken up by the government in December 2020 and the major policy decisions related to this were done after interactions with the film industry held in Mumbai and Chennai in March 2022.

Budgetary allocation

A budgetary allocation of Rs 1304.52 crore up to the year 2026 was made by the government towards this industry for the activities that will be undertaken by the NFDC. Also, the revenues that will be generated through these activities will also be accrued to the NFDC.

Reason for the merger

The merger will be ensuring a beneficial development of Indian cinema and all of its genres like documentaries, feature films, animation, children's content, and short films. This will lead to the utilization of existing manpower and infrastructure in an efficient manner.

Emmett Till Anti-lynching Act - Update (April, 2022)

Joe Biden, the president of the US has signed a law that makes lynching a hate crime in the United States of America. The bill for this was earlier passed by the Senate of the US in March 2022.

Overview:

- The Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Act is named after Emmett Till a Black boy of 14-years of age who in the year 1955 was brutally killed in Mississippi after he was accused of offending a white woman in the grocery store of her family.
- By unanimous consent, this bill passed the US Senate.