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## Important Editorial Analysis:

### Shadow over Soren:

- ➔ Uncertainty looms large over Hemant Soren's continuation as Jharkhand Chief Minister as he is likely to be disqualified by the Governor as Member of the Legislative Assembly; the Governor has received the Election Commission of India's opinion on the question.
- ➔ Technically speaking, Mr. Soren could remain in the post for up to six months without being an MLA. He could also get elected in the meantime. But that technicality apart, it is a huge loss of face for him and the parties that form the ruling coalition in Jharkhand, i.e., the JMM, the Congress, and the RJD.
- ➔ The case against him has its roots in a mining lease that he gave himself as a Minister for Mines in 2021. The BJP complained to the Governor on February 11, 2022, that this act was in violation of Section 9(A) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.
- ➔ The Governor referred the complaint to the Election Commission of India (ECI) for its opinion, as required by law, on March 28. On August 25, the ECI wrote to the Governor that Mr. Soren could be disqualified under Section 9(A). The awarding of a mining lease to himself was a brazen act of self-service, misuse of office and breach of people's trust.
- ➔ One cannot also not take note of the innocence of his thought that such a transparent act of corruption would go unnoticed or unpunished — reminiscent of his father Shibu Soren going to a bank and depositing the cash he had received as bribe. Mr. Soren's agonies may not end with disqualification.
- ➔ Two PILs against him are pending in the Jharkhand High Court which seek a probe into the alleged allotment of mining lease for a stone quarry in a 0.88-acre land parcel in the Angara Block of Ranchi and the alleged laundering of money via some shell companies said to be linked to his family members.
- ➔ On June 3, the High Court accepted the maintainability of the PILs, holding that they did not suffer from any anomaly. In separate pleas, the High Court's decision was challenged by the Chief Minister and the State government in the Supreme Court, which on August 17 reserved its order in the matter and stayed the High Court proceedings.
- ➔ The BJP is waiting in the wings to upend the Jharkhand government, and has tasted blood. The arrest in July of three Jharkhand Congress MLAs in West Bengal with huge amounts of money they had allegedly received to defect was a smoking gun.
- ➔ Cornered by proceedings of disqualification as an MLA and potentially facing a corruption investigation, Mr. Soren will have diminished authority over the MLAs of the alliance. The honourable thing for him to do in this instance of disqualification would be to resign as Chief Minister. His absence from the central seat of power in the State will be a test for the alliance and its government.

### GeM:

(UPSC Prelims cum Mains Importance level-4/5)



- ➔ Union Minister of Commerce and Industry , Food and Public Distribution and Textiles , Piyush Goyal , reviewed the progress of Government e Marketplace ( GeM ). GeM , as well as timeliness in procurement and delivery were reviewed in detail.
- ➔ **More than 95 % of all the physical order deliveries since April 2022 happened on time , in cases where online fulfillment and payment was done via GeM.**



## " Smriti Van ":

(UPSC Prelims cum Mains Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the " Smriti Van " memorial , which celebrates the resilience shown by people during the devastating 2001 earthquake in the Kutch region of Gujarat.
- ➔ **The grand structure , which is the first such memorial in the country is spread over 470 acres on Bhujio Hill near Bhuj town. CM : Bhupendra Patel. Governor : Acharya Devvrat.**





## CAE:

(UPSC Prelims cum Mains Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ AirAsia India becomes the first airline to use CAE's artificial intelligence - powered training system to train the airline's pilots. CAE is the leading provider of pilot training solutions that are based on simultaneous technology.
- ➔ **The training system adopted by AirAsia is called the CAE Rise , provides real - time data during pilot training sessions . The CAE headquarters are in Canada.**





## Nagaland:

(UPSC Prelims cum Mains Importance level-5/5)

- ➔ North - east state , Nagaland got its second railway station after a gap of more than 119 years with the commissioning of a new facility at Shokhuvi. Dimapur Railway Station was inaugurated in 1903.
- ➔ The Donyi Polo Express ran daily between Guwahati in Assam and Naharlagun in Arunachal Pradesh. The train service has now been extended till Shokhuvi. CM : Neiphiu Rio.



## Linthoi Chanambam:



### (UPSC Prelims cum Mains Importance level-3/5)

- ➔ Linthoi Chanambam became the first Indian judoka to win a medal at any age - group category of the World Championships.
- ➔ Indian judoka Linthoi Chanambam scripted history by winning India's first - ever medal in Judo World Championships with a gold in the Women's 57kg category.
- ➔ The 15 - year - old judoka outclassed Brazil's Bianca Reis in the 57 - kg category final.

