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National Company Law Tribunal
NCLT

Institutional profile

Established	1 June 2016
Legal basis	Section 408, Companies Act, 2013
Nature	Specialised quasi-judicial tribunal
Reform background	Justice Eradi Committee recommendations
Composition	President + Judicial Members + Technical Members
Appointments	Central Government
Principal Bench	New Delhi

Two legal workstreams

Companies Act, 2013

Company-law disputes; oppression and mismanagement; mergers and amalgamations; winding up.

Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016

Adjudicating Authority for corporate insolvency resolution and liquidation; also personal guarantors to corporate debtors.

Institutional transition

Company Law Board functions + specified company-law matters earlier handled by High Courts → NCLT.

Major insolvency proceedings (not exhaustive)

Admission of an insolvency application → corporate insolvency resolution process → approval of a compliant resolution plan **OR** liquidation order under the Code.

Appeal route

NCLT → NCLAT → Supreme Court on a question of law.

Company-law appeals:	Insolvency appeals:
Companies Act, Sections 421 and 423.	IBC, Sections 61 and 62.

Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment, 2026

From proposal to operative law

Change in sanctioned strength

Measure	Before	After
Maximum judges excluding the Chief Justice of India	33	37
Total including the Chief Justice of India	34	38

Four additional sanctioned posts; not a count of judges actually serving.

Dated legislative sequence

Date	Stage
5 May 2026	Union Cabinet approved the proposal
16 May 2026	Ordinance 1 of 2026 promulgated; immediate commencement
July 2026	Bill 128 of 2026 introduced in Lok Sabha
3 August 2026	Lok Sabha passed the Bill
5 August 2026	Rajya Sabha returned the Bill after discussion
11 August 2026	Presidential assent and Gazette publication: Act 14 of 2026

- The 2026 Act is deemed in force from 16 May 2026.
- It substitutes "thirty-seven" for "thirty-three" in Section 2 of the 1956 Act.

Constitutional route

- Article 124(1) → Parliament may prescribe a larger number of Supreme Court judges by law.
- The sanctioned-strength change was made by ordinary legislation, not a constitutional amendment.
- Appointments are separate: President by warrant under hand and seal, following the collegium process.

Repeal and savings

- The Act repeals the May Ordinance; actions taken under the amended law during the Ordinance period are preserved.

Menstrual hygiene as part of Article 21

Constitutional rights and school access

Supreme Court: 30 January 2026

Dr. Jaya Thakur v. Government of India & Ors.
W.P.(C) 1000/2022 • 2026 INSC 97
Bench: Justices J.B. Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan.

Rights recognised

Constitutional basis	Judgment's principle
Article 21	Right to life includes menstrual health; dignity, privacy and access to health information
Article 14	Substantive equality requires removal of structural barriers, not merely identical treatment
Article 21A and RTE Act	Barrier-free access and basic facilities are integral to effective education

Menstrual hygiene management (MHM)

Menstrual hygiene management (MHM): access to suitable absorbents, private washing/toilet facilities, safe disposal and accurate information.

Functional relationship

Menstrual-health facilities + privacy + supportive school environment → barrier-free participation in education.

Additional directions and observations

- The Court treated education as a "multiplier right" enabling other rights.
- Financial constraints cannot justify failure to meet mandatory RTE infrastructure standards.
- Directions cover government-run and privately managed schools, in urban and rural areas.

Inventory-based Cross-border E-Commerce Export Framework

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Export-only inventory model

DGFT Notification 27/2026-27 and Public Notice 25/2026-27 • 5 August 2026 • immediate effect

Three-party chain

Overseas buyer's confirmed order → Exporter-on-Record (EOR) → procurement from Indian Seller-on-Record (SOR) → export to overseas buyer

Participant / stock	Meaning
EOR	Valid IEC and GSTIN; registered with DGFT; exports and sells goods procured from SORs
SOR	GST-registered entity in India supplying Indian-produced goods against confirmed export orders
Export inventory	Identified, recorded and traceable goods held exclusively for export
Domestic inventory	SOR's stock for supply in the Domestic Tariff Area

Eligibility controls

1. Only goods of Indian origin; SOR must declare correct origin.
2. A non-marketplace e-commerce entity may conduct export-only inventory operations through a registered EOR.
3. For operations under FDI Policy paragraph 5.2.15.2.5, use a separately incorporated legal entity; disclose ownership/control and shareholding.
4. Title passes only against a confirmed overseas order: no speculative inventory build-up.

Policy distinction: the export framework does not authorise domestic inventory-based consumer sales. DPIIT Press Note 3, dated 23 July 2026, makes its FDI-policy decision effective from the FEMA notification date.

Call to Action for 6G Leadership and Security

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India's September 2026 endorsement

Government announcement: 9 September 2026

India endorsed the Call to Action for 6G Leadership and Security on the sidelines of the G20 Innovation Ministerial in North Carolina, United States, held on 1–2 September 2026.

Indian coordinating department: Department of Telecommunications (DoT).

Principles: openness • interoperability • security • resilience • resource efficiency • innovation-led competition.

Cooperation timetable

Within	Planned action
1 month	Nominate expert contacts and responsible agency; identify industry and academic stakeholders
3 months	Engage industry, assess barriers and identify resources for 6G competitiveness
6 months	Develop expert strategies for secure, resilient and sustainable 6G supply chains
12 months	Meet in person in 2027 to review progress and set further priorities

Cooperation fields: R&D, standards, supply-chain transparency, cybersecurity risks and finance for secure networks.

Participation preserves each government's independent position in standards bodies; implementation varies with national priorities and resources.

National Hub for Quantum Communication

Institution and mission architecture

- **Hub:** IITM CDOT Samgnya Technologies Foundation.
- **Location:** IIT Madras Research Park, Chennai.

A nonprofit thematic hub for **Quantum Communication** under the Department of Science and Technology's **National Quantum Mission (NQM)**. IIT Madras works in association with the **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)**.

NQM outlay: ₹6,003.65 crore for **2023-24** to **2030-31**.
This is the mission-wide provision, not the allocation to Samgnya alone.

Four thematic hubs: February 2026 official record

Domain	Host institution
Quantum Computing	Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
Quantum Communication	IIT Madras, in association with C-DOT
Quantum Sensing and Metrology	IIT Bombay
Quantum Materials and Devices	IIT Delhi

The four hubs were established in **FY2024-25** as Section 8 companies. By the **12 February 2026** parliamentary report, governing boards had been constituted and funds released to initiate operations.

Samgnya's research directions:
quantum key distribution, satellite links, quantum networks, repeaters and post-quantum security.
Research objectives are not evidence that a nationwide quantum network is already operating.

Kisan Credit Card - Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (KCC-MISS)

Kisan Credit Card and Modified Interest Subvention Scheme

Credit facility versus interest support

KCC = Kisan Credit Card • MISS = Modified Interest Subvention Scheme

KCC provides bank credit for crop cultivation and allied agricultural activities. MISS reduces the interest burden on eligible short-term borrowing; it is not a waiver of the loan principal.

RBI circular of 13 January 2026 – FY 2025–26 terms

Feature	Eligible short-term KCC borrowing
Overall subsidised amount	Up to ₹3 lakh per farmer per year
Allied-only sub-limit	₹2 lakh within the overall ₹3 lakh ceiling
Rate charged to the farmer	**7%** per year
Prompt Repayment Incentive	**3** percentage points for eligible timely repayment
Effective rate with that incentive	**4%** per year
Interest subvention to eligible lenders	**1.50%** per year

7% – 3 percentage points = 4%.

The lender's **1.50%** support is separate; do not subtract it again from the farmer's rate.

Crop credit receives priority within the combined cap; the remaining eligible amount may cover allied activities. A sanctioned KCC limit can exceed the amount eligible for interest support.

Conditions that matter

1. Prompt-repayment benefit: actual repayment or the bank's due date, whichever is earlier, subject to a maximum of one year from disbursement; no incentive beyond one year.
2. Aadhaar linkage / e-KYC is mandatory under the circular.
3. Multiple KCC accounts remain subject to the aggregate cap; only one account per land parcel qualifies for interest benefits.
4. Eligible small and marginal farmers may receive post-harvest support for up to six months against negotiable warehouse receipts from WDRA-accredited warehouses.

Samriddh Gram Phygital Services Initiative

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Broadband becomes assisted village services

Phygital = physical infrastructure + digital platforms + on-site assistance.

Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications.

Pilot location: March 2026
Samriddhi Kendra • Umri village, Guna district, Madhya Pradesh.

DoT's pilot is implemented with the Digital Empowerment Foundation, its field-operations and community-mobilisation partner.

The service-delivery chain



Services in the pilot model

Service group	Examples in the pilot model
Healthcare	Teleconsultation, basic diagnostics through a Health ATM, access to Jan Aushadhi medicines
Education and skills	Smart classrooms, digital learning and youth training
Agriculture	Soil testing, advisory support and drone-enabled services
Financial inclusion	Banking, digital payments and financial literacy
Governance	Certificates, digital documentation and assisted online services
Livelihoods and connectivity	E-commerce support, FTTH broadband and public Wi-Fi under PM-WANI

Community-led operation

Trained local youth as Village Level Entrepreneurs; service revenues, community participation and convergence with government programmes support the model.

July recognition

WSIS Prizes 2026: Global Winner, Action Line C6—Enabling Environment, reported on 9 July; award presented at the WSIS Forum in Geneva.

Pilot / replicable model—not universal service availability in every village.

Rotating Detonation Engine (RDE)

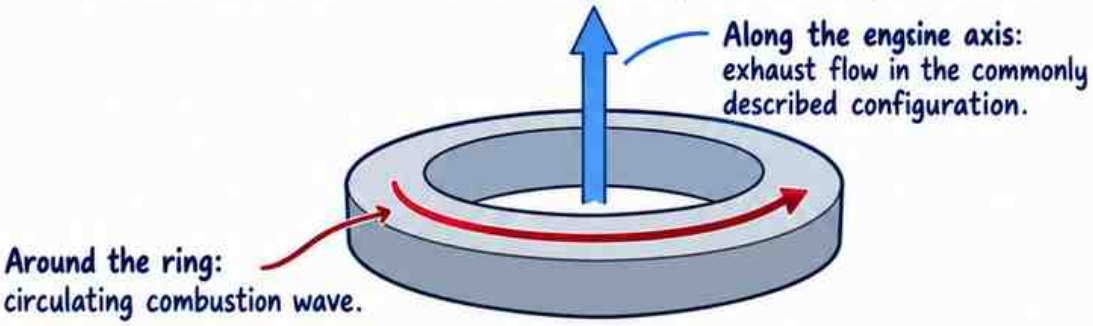
Two modes of combustion

Feature	Deflagration	Detonation
Combustion-wave speed	Subsonic	Supersonic
Main distinction	Flame propagation through the mixture	Shock-coupled combustion wave
Propulsion context	Conventional combustion systems	Pressure-gain combustion research

Speed is measured relative to the unburnt mixture—not the vehicle's flight speed.

What rotates in an RDE?

A detonation wave travels around a ring-shaped chamber, or annulus.



The rotating feature is the wave; the chamber need not mechanically rotate.

Two detonation approaches

Pulsed Detonation Engine (PDE)	Rotating Detonation Engine (RDE)
Repeated, separate combustion pulses	A continuously circulating detonation wave
Cyclic operation	Sustained wave operation while reactants are supplied

Wave circulation and exhaust flow have different directions.

Royal Indian Navy Mutiny of 1946

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Naval ratings and the final phase of colonial rule

Historical episode: February 1946 • Retrospective coverage: August 2026

Background: naval historian's account

Measure	Historical position
Royal Indian Navy established	1934, succeeding the Royal Indian Marine
Pre-war strength	Fewer than 2,000
Wartime expansion	About 30,000
Planned post-war reduction	About 11,000

Force figures: Commodore Srikant Kesnur's August 2026 historical account.

Grievances: several pressures together

- Poor food and conditions
- Racial discrimination
- Pay disparities
- Post-war job insecurity
- Wider nationalist / INA-trial context

Beginning and spread

18 Feb 1946

18 February 1946: ratings at HMIS Talwar, a shore signal-training establishment in Bombay, began the uprising.

It spread to naval personnel and establishments in Karachi, Calcutta, Madras, Visakhapatnam and other centres, with civilian support.

Historical significance

1. Connected service grievances with the wider anti-colonial movement.
2. Demonstrated unrest within a force on which colonial authority depended.
3. The historian assesses it as a factor weakening British confidence—not the sole cause of independence.

Ratings = naval personnel below commissioned-officer rank.
HMIS Talwar was a shore establishment, not a warship at sea.

Very Low Earth Orbit satellite systems

Closer observations, stronger atmospheric drag

March 2026: BEL–Bellatrix Aerospace collaboration reported for VLEO satellite systems and payloads

The MoU covers design, development and manufacturing cooperation.
It is a development agreement, not evidence of an operational constellation.

What VLEO means

The lower part of Low Earth Orbit—commonly described as below about 450 km.
It is not a separate layer beyond LEO.

The central trade-off

Closer to Earth	More interaction with the atmosphere
Potentially finer imagery for a comparable optical system	Greater drag reduces orbital energy
Shorter signal path reduces propagation delay	Propulsion is needed to sustain the orbit
Useful Earth and atmospheric observations	Reactive atomic oxygen can damage exposed materials

Atmospheric drag → loss of orbital energy → lower orbit, unless compensated

Technologies being investigated

- Low-drag spacecraft shapes and protective materials.
- Efficient propulsion to counter drag.
- Atmospheric-breathing electric propulsion: collecting atmospheric molecules and using them as propellant.

Potential applications

Agriculture • disaster monitoring • environmental observation • responsive communications

Lower altitude alone does not guarantee a particular pixel resolution or end-to-end communication delay; the sensor and wider system also matter.

Ebola virus outbreak

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May 2026 outbreak: virus identity and transmission

Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda • Bundibugyo virus

Dated outbreak record

Date	WHO record
May 2026	Outbreak confirmed in the DRC and Uganda
17 May 2026	WHO determined a Public Health Emergency of International Concern—PHEIC
Same determination	Did not meet the IHR criteria for a pandemic emergency

Ebola disease is not one interchangeable virus

Genus: Orthoebolavirus
Family: Filoviridae

Three viruses associated with large human outbreaks:

- Ebola virus
- Sudan virus
- Bundibugyo virus

Transmission

Infected animal → Human exposure → Direct-contact transmission between people

- Contact through broken skin or mucous membranes with infected blood or body fluids.
- Contaminated objects and contact with bodies during unsafe burials can spread infection.
- Fruit bats are considered likely natural hosts.

Disease and response

Incubation: 2–21 days.

Features: fever and weakness; vomiting and diarrhoea may follow. Bleeding is not present in every case.

Response: early supportive care, isolation with infection-control precautions, contact tracing, laboratory confirmation, safe burials and community engagement.

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