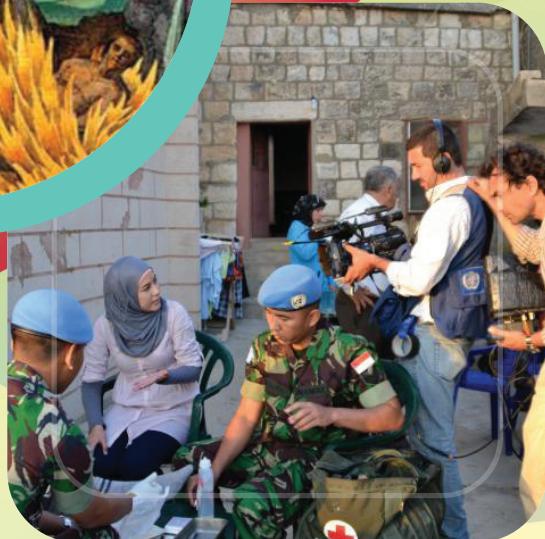


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# 1. Indian Polity

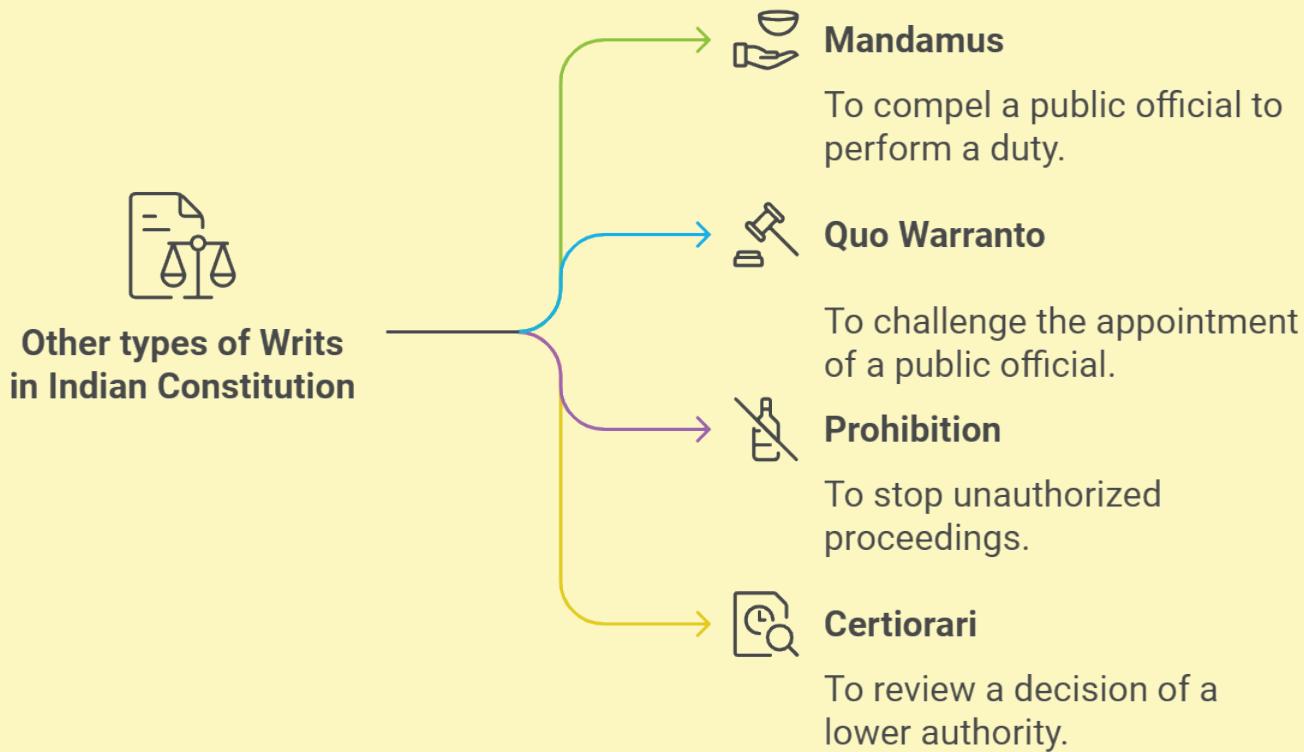
## Habeas Corpus

### Why in news?

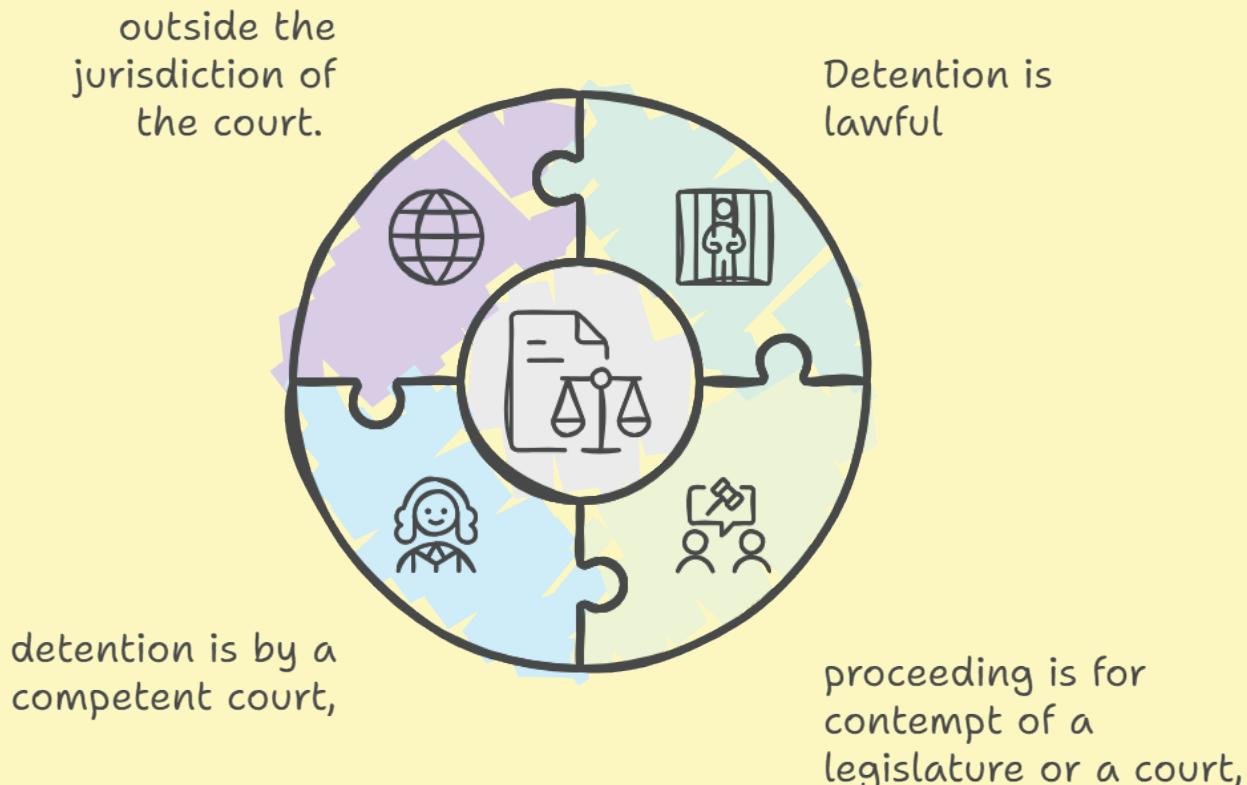
The Supreme Court dismissed a father's habeas corpus petition, confirming that his adult daughters willingly reside at Sadhguru's Isha Yoga Centre.

### Key Facts

- "Habeas Corpus" translates to "to have the body."
- **Objective:** Ensures release from unlawful detention or custody.
- Issued under **Art 32 (Supreme Court) and Art 226 (High Court)**
- Court Summons the detained person to assess the legality of the detention.
- The court orders the person's release if the detention is found arbitrary.
- **Core Principle:** Upholds the fundamental right to freedom.
- **Applicability:** Can be issued against both public officials and private individuals.
- **Who Can File:** The writ can be filed by the detained person or their family and friends.
- **Issuing Authority in India:** Only the Supreme Court and High Courts have the power to issue this writ.



## Conditions for Denial of Habeas Corpus



### Previous Year Question

Which of the following is included in the original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court?

1. Dispute between the Government of India and one or more States
2. A dispute regarding elections to either House of the parliament or that of Legislature of a State
3. A dispute between the Government of India and Union Territory
4. A dispute between two or more States.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 2 and 3
- (c) 1 and 4
- (d) 3 and 4

**Answer: C**

# Drug Pricing in India

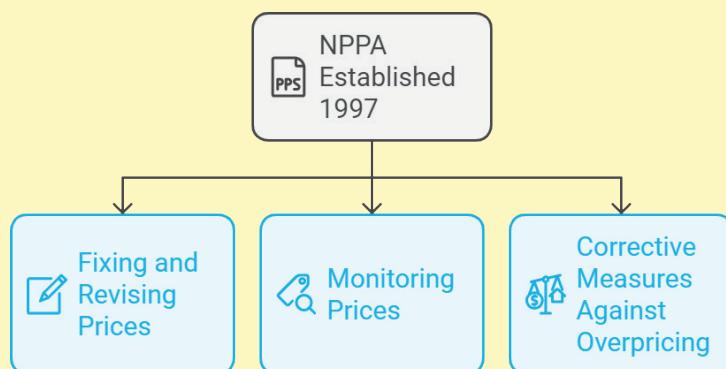
## Why in news?

India's National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has raised the ceiling price of essential drugs by 50% to ensure their availability.

## Key Facts

- Drugs (Prices Control) Order (DPCO) is issued under Section **3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955** to regulate the prices of essential drugs.
- First issued in 1995, it was later updated with the DPCO, 2013.
- **Only scheduled drugs** listed in the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) are price-controlled.
- They are regulated by the government and adjusted annually based on the **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)**.
- NPPA monitors non-scheduled drug prices and intervenes if prices rise excessively, but **manufacturers do not need prior approval for pricing these drugs**.

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Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB)

- The highest statutory decision-making body on technical matters related to drugs in India.
- Constituted under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.
- Part of the Central **Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO)**.
- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- Advises Central and State Governments on technical matters related to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

## Previous Year Question

How is the National Green Tribunal (NGT) different from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)?

1. The NGT has been established by an Act whereas the CPCB has been created by an executive order of the Government.
2. The NGT provides environmental justice and helps reduce the burden of litigation in the higher courts whereas the CPCB promotes cleanliness of streams and wells and aims to improve the quality of air in the country.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

**Answer: B**

# Section 6A of Citizenship Act

## Why in news?

Supreme Court upholds Section 6A of Citizenship Act as valid law

## Key Facts

- It was enacted as part of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 1985, following the Assam Accord of 1985.
- It grants Indian citizenship to immigrants who entered Assam from Bangladesh before 1st January 1966.
- Immigrants who arrived between January 1, 1966, and March 25, 1971, can obtain citizenship after meeting specific procedures and conditions.
- Those who arrived after March 25, 1971, are denied citizenship.

## Assam Accord

- The Assam Accord was a tripartite agreement between the Central Government, the State Government of Assam, and the leaders of the Assam Movement.
- It sought to end the influx of illegal migrants from Bangladesh.
- It set March 24, 1971, as the cut-off date for identifying and deporting illegal immigrants from Assam, granting citizenship to those who arrived before that date.

## Previous Year Question

With reference to India, consider the following statements: (2021)

There is only one citizenship and one domicile.

A citizen by birth only can become the Head of State.

A foreigner once granted citizenship cannot be deprived of it under any circumstances.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 only
- 2 only
- 1 and 3
- 2 and 3

**Answer - A**

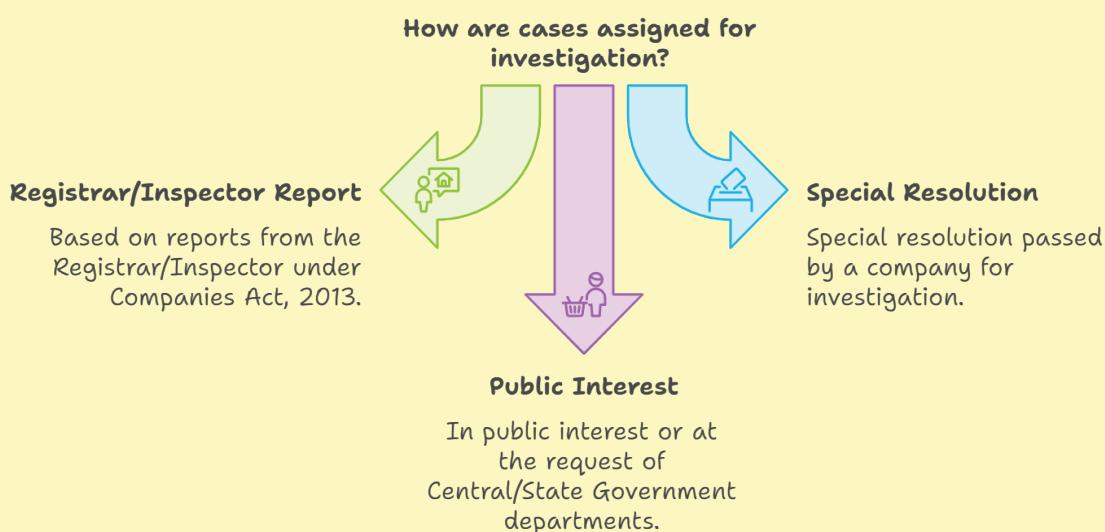
# Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO)

## Why in news?

The Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs has ordered an SFIO investigation into the firm owned by the Kerala Chief Minister's daughter, following suspicions of illegal transactions.

## Key Facts

- It is a corporate fraud investigation agency established in **2015**
- Gained **statutory status under the Companies Act, 2013**.
- Operating under the **Ministry of Corporate Affairs**.
- Its role is to detect, investigate, and prosecute, or recommend prosecution for, **white-collar crimes and frauds**.
- The SFIO can **independently take up cases if the Director decides to do so** and provides written justification for the decision.
- Exclusive Jurisdiction:** Once a case is assigned to SFIO, no other investigative agency can proceed under the Companies Act.



## Previous Year Question

With reference to the 'Banks Board Bureau (BBB)', which of the following statements is correct? (2022)

- The Governor of RBI is the Chairman of BBB.
- BBB recommends the selection of heads for Public Sector Banks.
- BBB helps Public Sector Banks develop strategies and capital-raising plans.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- 1 and 2 only
- 2 and 3 only
- 1 and 3 only
- 1, 2 and 3

**Answer: B**

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