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Summary Notes

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One Nation One Subscription

The One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) scheme aims to enhance India's research ecosystem by providing equitable access to top-tier international scholarly journals and articles.

Key Features:

- Access to 13,000 journals from 30 international publishers.
- Beneficiaries: 1.8 crore students, faculty, and researchers across 6,300+ government-managed institutions.
- Digital access via INFLIBNET to ensure ease of use.

Challenges:

- Ensuring smooth distribution and access across institutions, particularly in remote areas.
- Managing large-scale digital infrastructure and ensuring user compliance.

Fiscal Implications:

- ₹6,000 crore allocated for 2025-2027 for journal subscriptions.
- ₹150 crore annually for Article Processing Charges (APC) to support publication in Open Access journals.

ONOS is pivotal for transforming India's research infrastructure and positioning the country as a leader in global innovation.

Lokpal Day Celebration

Lokpal Day, observed on 16th January each year, commemorates the establishment of the Lokpal of India as an anti-corruption body.

Key Features:

- **Lokpal and Lokayukta Act, 2013:** Established Lokpal for the Union and Lokayukta for States, functioning as an independent statutory body to inquire into corruption allegations.
- **Composition:** Lokpal comprises one chairperson and up to eight members, with at least 50% representation from SC/ST/OBC/Minorities and women.
- **Appointment:** The President appoints members based on recommendations from a five-member selection committee, including the Prime Minister, Speaker, Chief Justice of India, Leader of Opposition, and an eminent jurist.

Jurisdiction:

- Inquires into allegations of corruption against the Prime Minister (except in cases involving national security), ministers, MPs, and officials of the Union government.
- Covers chairpersons, members, and officers of any public body funded or established by Parliament.

Complaints and Investigation:

- Complaints must relate to the Prevention of Corruption Act and can be referred for inquiry by Lokpal's Inquiry Wing or the CBI.
- The Lokpal has powers to confiscate assets linked to corruption.

Lokpal plays a crucial role in enhancing transparency and accountability in public administration, empowering citizens to hold public officials accountable.