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Rajasthan

₹3200 crore to Rajasthan under 'Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan'

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the Union Education Minister has agreed to give ₹3200 crore to Rajasthan under the 'Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan'.

➔ Key Points:

- With this amount received from the Center, various works will be done in Kasturba Gandhi Residential School, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Residential School, construction and repair work in schools, vocational education, ICT and digital lab, Nipun Bharat, community mobility, innovation, various works related to monitoring of holistic education.
- The IT infrastructure of the state's government schools will be strengthened with an additional amount of ₹697.88 crore and students will be able to participate in new experiments and research by developing a scientific approach.



Other important points:

- Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan is a comprehensive program for the school education sector, which applies from pre-school to class 12.
- This Abhiyan is designed with the broad goal of improving school effectiveness in terms of equal opportunities and equitable learning outcomes.
- It comprises three schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE) and was launched in the year 2018.

Veda Vidyalayas started in Jaipur, Ajmer, Jodhpur and Kota divisions

➔ Why in News?

- Veda Vidyalayas have been started in 4 divisions of Rajasthan; Jaipur, Ajmer, Jodhpur and Kota.



➔ Key Points:

- In the year 2025, 40 students per school are being admitted in class 6 in the Veda Vidyalayas at Hathoj (Jaipur), Pushkar (Ajmer), Deoli Kalan, Chechat (Kota) and Taratara Math, Barmer (Jodhpur).
- In the budget for the financial year 2025-26, the Rajasthan government had announced the establishment of 'Vedic Gurukul and Vedic Tourism Centers' in Jaipur, Jodhpur and Udaipur.
- Earlier, in the Rajasthan State Budget 2024-25, it was announced that a Centre of Excellence (CoE) would be set up at the divisional level for running Veda Vidyalayas, studying and researching the scientific aspects of astrology and vastu.
- It is worth mentioning that the Rajasthan government is setting up Veda Vidyalayas to restart the Vedic study process, the abstract form of the Indian Vedic knowledge tradition, at the state level.

North India's first green hydrogen hub: Jodhpur

➔ Why in News?

- Taking a big step in the country's energy revolution, North India's first green hydrogen innovation cluster will be set up at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jodhpur at a cost of about Rs 205 crore.



➔ Key Points:

- This cluster, to be built on the Public Private Partnership model, will produce about 350 tonnes of green hydrogen annually, the cost of which will be between 1 to 3 dollars per kilogram.
- This will be the fourth green hydrogen cluster in the country and the first green hydrogen cluster in North India. Apart from this, green hydrogen clusters are also being set up in Bhubaneswar (East), Pune (West) and Kerala (South).
- Under the MoU between Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur and the Government of Rajasthan, work has already started towards hydrogen production from renewable energy in the campus.

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Other important points:

National Green Hydrogen Mission:

- **Approval:** The Union Cabinet approved the National Green Hydrogen Mission with an outlay of ₹19,744 crore on January 4, 2023.
- **Mission Objective:** To make India a global hub for the production, use and export of green hydrogen and its derivatives, with a target of 5 million metric tonnes per annum of green hydrogen production by 2030.
- **Green Hydrogen Cluster:** A green hydrogen cluster is an interconnected network of industries and infrastructure in a specific geographic region that uses green hydrogen to decarbonise energy-intensive sectors such as steel, fertilizers and long-haul transport.

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President's medal to 4 prison officers of Rajasthan

➔ Why in News?

- On the occasion of Independence Day - 2025, it was announced that 4 prison officers of Rajasthan will be awarded the President's Medal by the Union Home Ministry for their outstanding correctional services.

➔ Key Points:

4 officers:

- Ramakant Sharma, Deputy Superintendent Headquarters Jail (currently Deputy Inspector General Headquarters Jail)
- Yogesh Teja, Deputy Superintendent (currently Superintendent, District Jail Hanumangarh)
- Sugar Singh Gurjar, Deputy Jailor District Jail Jaipur.
- Lokojjwal Singh, Deputy Jailor District Jail Tonk.
- Ramakant Sharma has also received the President's Medal in the year 2018. In this way, he has become the second officer of the Prison Department, who has received this honor twice. Earlier, in the year 2006, Rajendra Singh, Deputy Superintendent had also received this honour twice.

News in Shorts

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1.	<p>'English and Foreign Language University (EFLU)' and 'Language Lab'</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ On the initiative of the Rajasthan government, 'English and Foreign Language University (EFLU)' will be established in the state.◆ Also, 'Language Lab' will also be established in the state by the Union Human Resource Ministry.◆ In the Language Lab, youth will be given training in foreign languages like English, French, Spanish, Japanese, so that they can become proficient in these languages and get employment opportunities abroad.

2.

Apam Nidhi Pandey

- ♦ Apam Nidhi Pandey of Jaipur won the silver medal in the International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO 2025) held in Jining, China.

3.

Archery coach Anil Joshi



- ♦ Bikaner resident Archery coach Anil Joshi has been appointed as the coach of the Indian Para Archery team in the 'Para World Ranking Archery' to be held in the Czech Republic from 23 to 31 August 2025 and the 'Para World Championship' to be held in Korea in September 2025.

4.

3 players from Rajasthan won medals in the World

Transplant Games



- ◆ Three players from Rajasthan; Amit Sharma, Harshvardhan Singh and Hitesh Sharma won medals in the 'World Transplant Games' held in Dresden, Germany. All three were part of India's archery team.
- ◆ **Amit Sharma:** Silver medal.
- ◆ **Harshvardhan Singh:** Bronze medal.
- ◆ **Hitesh Sharma:** Bronze medal.
- ◆ **Event:** In Dresden (Germany) from 17 to 24 August 2025.

5.

Girish Gupta (Shooting)



- ◆ Girish Gupta of Rajasthan won two gold and one silver medal in the 10m air pistol youth event of the 16th Asian Shooting Championship held in Shymkent, Kazakhstan.
- ◆ 17-year-old shooter Girish Gupta scored 241.3 points in the final and left behind India's Dev Pratap who won the silver medal with 238.6 points.

National

Mahasamund (Chhattisgarh)

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, Deccan Gold Mining Limited has discovered a mineral deposit of nickel, copper, platinum group elements (Ni-Cu-PGE) in Mahasamund district of Chhattisgarh.



➔ Key Points:

- More than 50% of the projects under mineral exploration by the Chhattisgarh government have been dedicated to critical and strategic minerals.
- This mineral deposit is spread over a 700 m long area in mafic-ultramafic rock formations.
- Geophysical data indicate the presence of sulphide mineralisation up to a depth of 300 m.
- The Geological Survey of India (GSI) had earlier carried out G4-level exploration of this block and identified potential mineralisation of nickel, chromium and PGI.
- Deccan Gold Mining Limited acquired this block in the auction process on March 6, 2023.

Initiatives of Government of India to curb Naxalism

➔ Why in News?

- Information related to Naxalism was given by Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai in Lok Sabha.



➔ Key Points:

Introduction to the problem

- Left Wing Extremists (Naxal/Left Wing Extremists) believe in seizing power through violence.
- Innocent civilians and security forces are the main victims.
- Backward and marginalized classes, especially tribals, have been most affected by this violence.
- Poverty, low literacy, poor health standards, lack of infrastructure and connectivity.

Legal and Policy Context

- **Seventh Schedule of the Indian Constitution:** Police and public order under state governments.

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- **Central Government:** Provides assistance to LWE affected states.

- **National Policy and Action Plan (2015):**

- o Security measures
- o Development measures
- o Protection of rights and entitlements of local communities
- o Multi-pronged strategy

Security measures

Central Assistance

- Central Armed Police Battalions, Indian Reserve Battalions, helicopter support.
- Modernization and fortification of camps and police stations.
- Weapons, training, equipment and intelligence sharing.

Financial Assistance

- Police training, force operations, surrender programmes, rehabilitation, ex-gratia to martyr families.
- Construction of special structures and fortified police stations.
- **621 fortified police stations:** 543 constructed since 2014.

Police Modernization Scheme

- Central assistance for weapons, technology, communication training, police housing, mobility and other infrastructure.

Development Measures

Infrastructure

- **Road construction:** 14,928 km constructed under Road Requirement Plan (RRP) and Road Connectivity Project for Left Wing Extremism Affected Areas (RCP-LWE).

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- **Telecommunication:** 8,640 towers installed.

Education and Skill Development

- 46 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and 49 Skill Development Centres (SDCs).
- 179 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS).

Financial Inclusion

- **Postal Department:** 5,899 locations/banking facility.
- 1,007 bank branches and 937 ATMs.

Special Central Assistance (SCA) Scheme

Impact and Outcome

- Sustained reduction in violence due to implementation of National Policy and Action Plan 2015.
- Number of affected districts reduced from 126 in 2013 to 18 in April 2025.
- Civilian deaths and incidents of violence reduced by 81–85%.
- Left wing extremism now exists only in a few limited areas.

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International

Bilateral Maritime Exercise SLINEX 2025

➔ Why in News?

- Indian Naval ships INS Rana (guided missile destroyer) and INS Jyoti (fleet tanker) arrived in Colombo and participated in the 12th edition of the India-Sri



Lanka Naval Exercise (SLINEX-25) to be held in Sri Lanka from 14 to 18 August 2025.

➔ Key Points:

- This exercise started in 2005.
- **Objective:** To enhance maritime cooperation between the two countries, share multidimensional maritime operations, strengthen interoperability and exchange best practices. The previous edition of the exercise was held in Visakhapatnam, India from 17 to 20 December 2024.
- This year's exercise was conducted in two phases.
- The first phase will be a harbour phase in Colombo from 14 to 16 August 2025, while the second phase will be a sea exercise from 17 to 18 August.
- From the Sri Lankan Navy side, SLNS Gajabahu and Vijayabahu (both advanced offshore patrol vessels) will participate in the exercise.

Science and Technology

Anna-Chakra Technology

➔ Why in News?

- On August 19, 2025, the Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution provided information in the Rajya Sabha regarding the implementation of “Anna-Chakra” supply chain optimization technology.



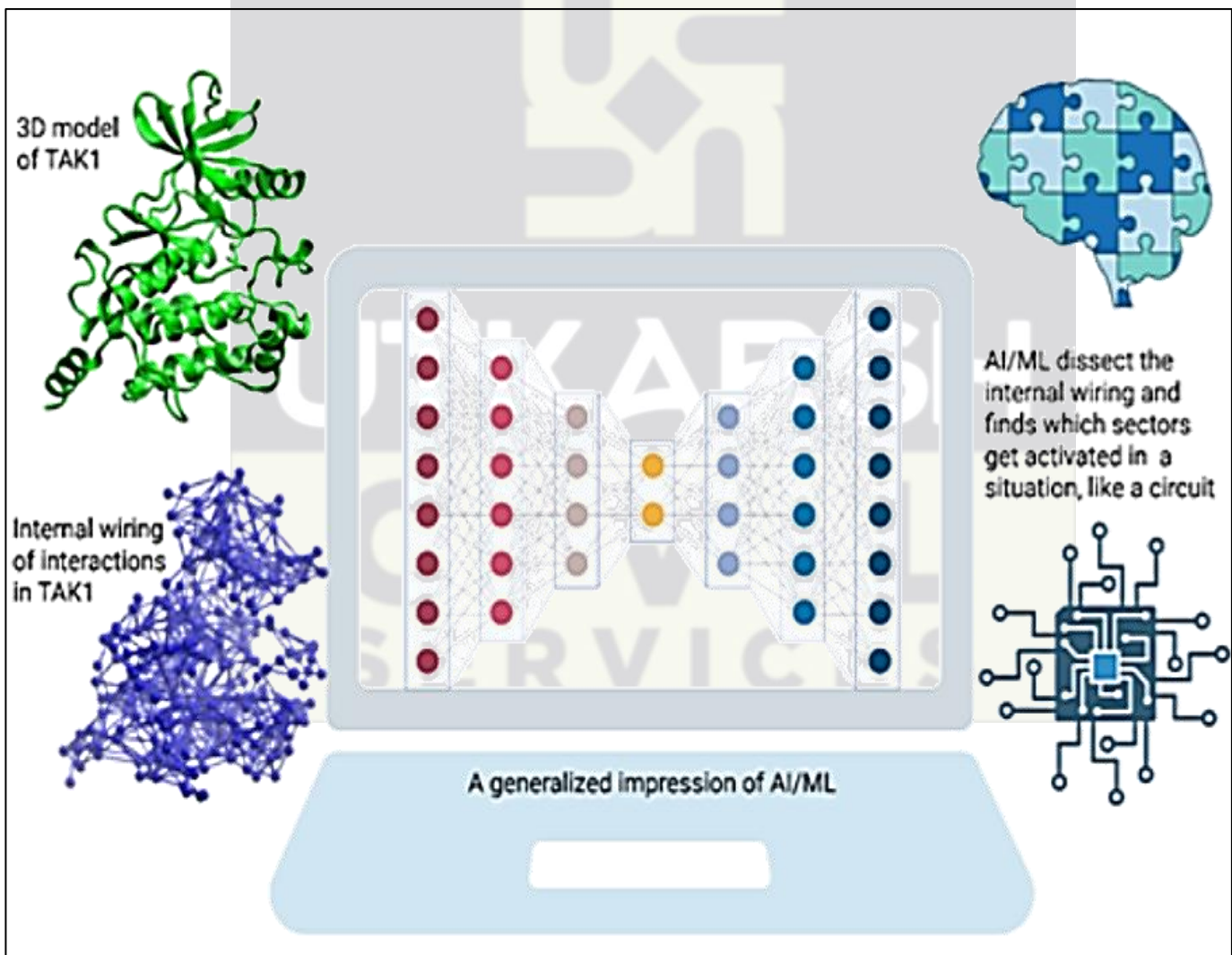
➔ Key Points:

- Target of implementation of “Anna-Chakra” technology under Public Distribution System (PDS): In 31 States/Union Territories.
- Out of 31 States/Union Territories, route optimization has been implemented in 30 states except Manipur.
- **Benefits:** Transportation cost is expected to be reduced, which is one of the potential benefits of using optimization techniques in the Public Distribution System. The estimated savings are Rs 250 crore per year.

'Pseudo-intelligence' discovered in immune protein TAK1

➔ Why in News?

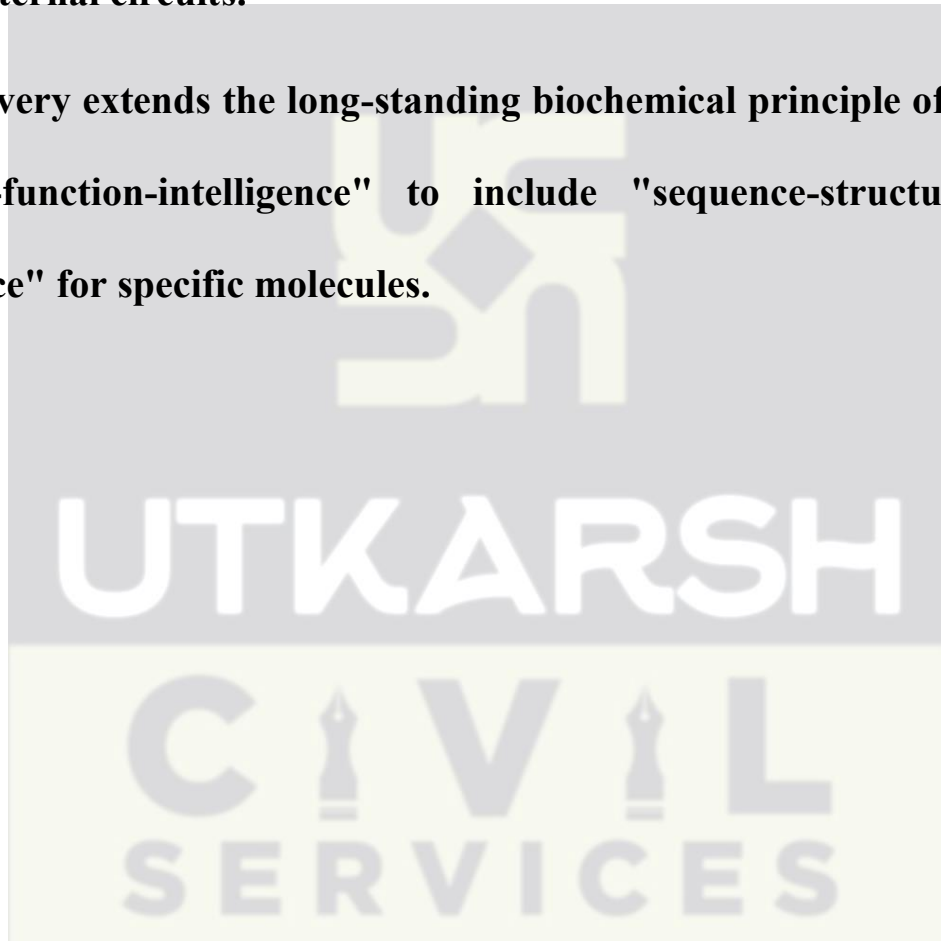
- Recently, 'pseudo-intelligence' was discovered in the immune protein TAK1 kinase by the Bose Institute, as published in the Journal of Chemical Information and Modelling.



➔ Key Points:

- Discovery:** Proteins, crucial for immune response and cell survival, can exhibit behaviour resembling primitive intelligence.

- Such highly organised groups of atoms can, in some cases, develop pseudo-intelligence at a very basic level. This ability arises from the unique three-dimensional surface of proteins, which generate electrostatic interactions that act like internal circuits.
- The discovery extends the long-standing biochemical principle of "sequence-structure-function-intelligence" to include "sequence-structure-function-intelligence" for specific molecules.



18th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics, 2025

➔ Why in News?

- The 18th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA), 2025 was organized in Mumbai from August 11 to 21, 2025.



➔ Key Points:

- **Hosted by:** India.
- **Inauguration:** Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai on August 12, 2025.
- **Concluding:** Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre, Mumbai on August 21, 2025.
- **Organiser:** Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE)
- **Participants:** More than 300 students from 64 countries.

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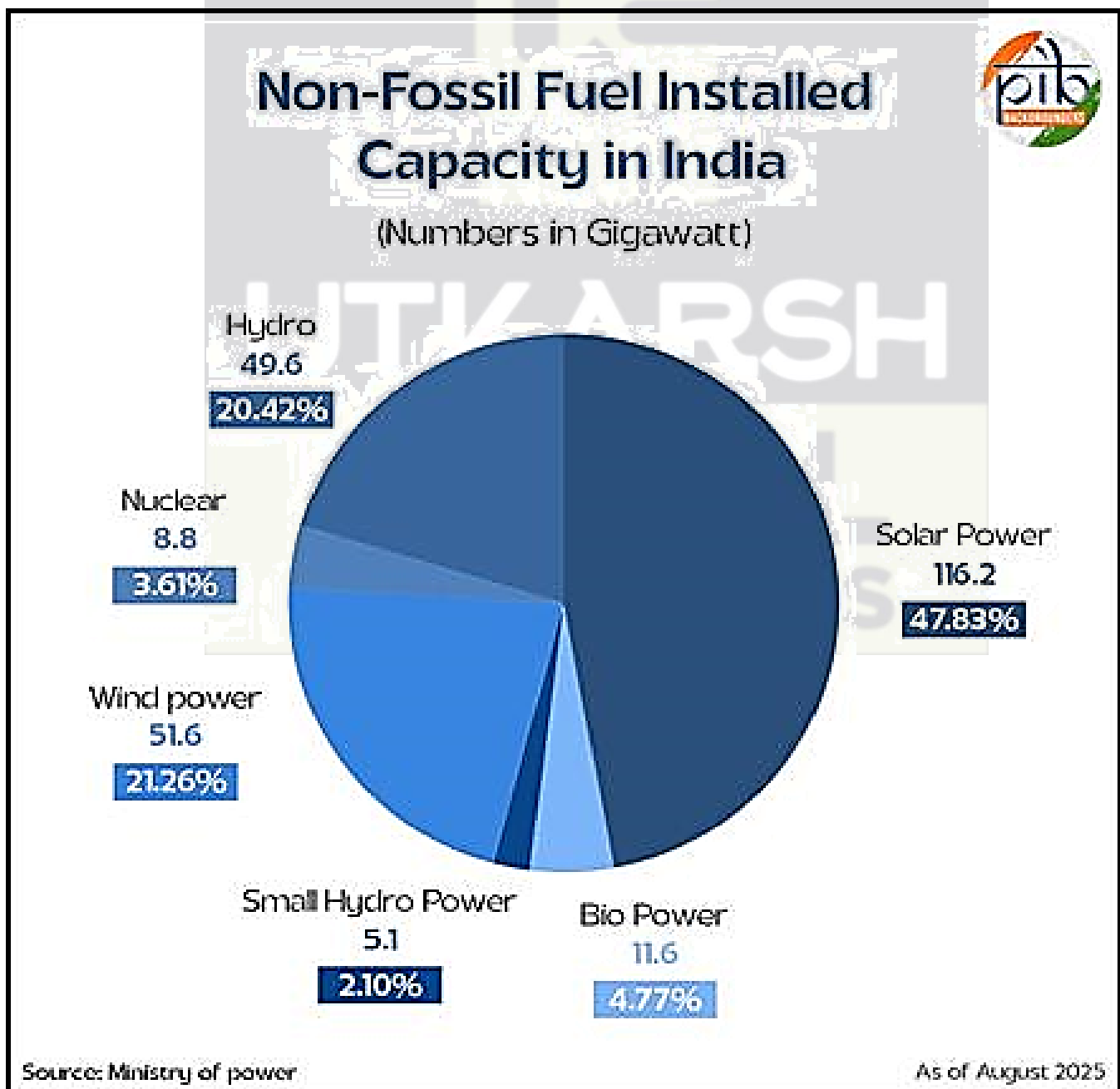
- **International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA):** A global platform for young astronomers.
- **IOAA Founded:** 2006
- **Inception:** Launched in 2007 in Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- **Aim:** To raise awareness of astronomy and astrophysics among school students around the world.
- **Host Countries:** Since its inception, it has been hosted by countries in Asia, Europe, and South America, including Brazil, China, Greece, Iran, Hungary, and Colombia.

Environment and Ecology

India becomes world's third largest solar energy producer

➔ Why in News?

- According to recent reports, India has officially overtaken Japan to become the world's third largest solar energy producer.



➡ Key Points:

- According to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), India has generated 1,08,494 GWh of solar energy which is more than Japan (96,459 GWh).
- India's cumulative solar power capacity as of July 2025 was 119.02 GW. This includes 90.99 GW from ground-mounted solar plants, 19.88 GW from grid-connected rooftop systems, 3.06 GW from hybrid projects and 5.09 GW from off-grid solar installations.

Record growth in India's solar capacity:

- **Location:** India is located in the tropical region, where the Tropic of Cancer passes through many states. This has immense potential for solar power generation in the country.
- **Growth:** The total solar power capacity of the Indian continent is 748 GW.
- **States:** States/UTs like Rajasthan, Jammu and Kashmir, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh have the highest solar power capacity in the country.
- **Total renewable energy capacity of the country:** India's solar power capacity had increased by 4,000 percent by July 2025 and the country's total renewable energy capacity reached 227 GW. Palli village of Jammu and Kashmir, which emerged as India's first carbon-neutral panchayat due to running completely on solar energy.

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Other important points:

Key government initiatives:

Initiative	Details
PM Surya Ghar – Muft Bijli Yojna	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Launch: 15 February 2024■ Objective: To provide up to 300 units of free electricity per month to 1 crore Indian households by installing rooftop solar panels.■ Subsidy: Government provides subsidy of ₹30,000 for 1 kW, ₹60,000 for 2 kW, and ₹78,000 for rooftop solar systems of 3 kW or more capacity.
PM-KUSUM (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Objective: To assist farmers in switching from diesel to solar energy.■ Subsidy: Farmers can receive a subsidy of 30% to 50% for installing new solar pumps or converting existing pumps to solar.■ Implementation: Operated by State Implementing Agencies; farmers can also set up solar plants up to 2 MW on their land and sell power to local DISCOMs.
Solar Park Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Target: To produce 40 GW of electricity by March 2026.■ Installed Capacity: So far, 53 solar parks with a total capacity of around 39,323 MW have been approved across 13 states.
PM Janman	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Objective: To empower Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) through solar electrification.

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Dharti Aba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan	■ Objective: To electrify 1 lakh unelectrified homes in tribal and PVTG settlements across 18 states.
Floating Solar Projects	■ Omkareshwar Floating Solar Park in Madhya Pradesh is among Asia's largest floating solar parks. ■ Planned Capacity: 600 MW.
Agrivoltaics	■ Agrivoltaics involves using solar panels with agriculture underneath, enhancing land use and increasing farmers' income. ■ Examples: SunMaster plant in Delhi and a 105 kW system set up by ICAR in Jodhpur.

- **India's global solar leadership:** ISA and OSOWOG
- **International Solar Alliance (ISA):** The International Solar Alliance, launched by India and France at COP21 in 2015, is a global alliance of over 100 countries working to tackle climate change through solar energy. It aims to mobilise \$1 trillion in investment by 2030, reduce technology and financing costs, and promote affordable solar solutions.
- **One Sun-One World-One Grid (OSOWOG):** The 'One Sun, One World, One Grid' initiative, launched by India at the ISA Assembly in 2018, envisions a global solar grid under the idea that 'the sun never sets.' Led by ISA, it aims to connect solar resources across regions from South Asia to Africa and Europe.

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- **Biofuel (Ethanol) Blending:** India is now the world's third-largest ethanol producer and consumer. Ethanol blending in petrol increased from 10 per cent in June 2022 to 17.98 per cent by February 2025. The government aims to achieve 20 per cent blending by 2025-26, ahead of the earlier target of 2030.
- **National Green Hydrogen Mission:** Launched by the Government of India to reduce carbon emissions and make India a global leader in green hydrogen.
- **Target:** By the year 2030, it aims to produce 5 million tonnes of green hydrogen per year.



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Blue Pinkgill and Shuttlecock Mushrooms

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, rare Blue Pinkgill and Shuttlecock mushroom species have been recorded in the forests of Telangana.



➔ Key Points:

Blue Pinkgill Mushroom	Shuttlecock Mushroom (Clathrus delicatus)
Recorded in: Kadamba Reserve Forest and Kagaznagar Forest Division areas.	Recorded by Osmania University team in the Kawal Tiger Reserve.
Endemic Species: This species is endemic to New Zealand and is featured on the country's 50-dollar note.	Previously recorded for the first time in the Eastern Ghats, and later in the Western Ghats and Western India.
Color: Bright blue sandalwood, due to a pigment called azulin, which is rare in fungi.	Color: White

India's first hydrogen train

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, Indian Railways launched the country's first hydrogen train under the project 'Hydrogen for Heritage' on Jind-Sonipat route in Haryana.



➔ Key Points:

- **Manufactured:** Manufactured by Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai.
- **Environment friendly:** Powered by hydrogen fuel cell and emits water and heat as by-products, which will reduce carbon emissions and noise pollution.
- **Engine capacity:** 1,200 HP, making it the world's highest-capacity hydrogen-powered train.

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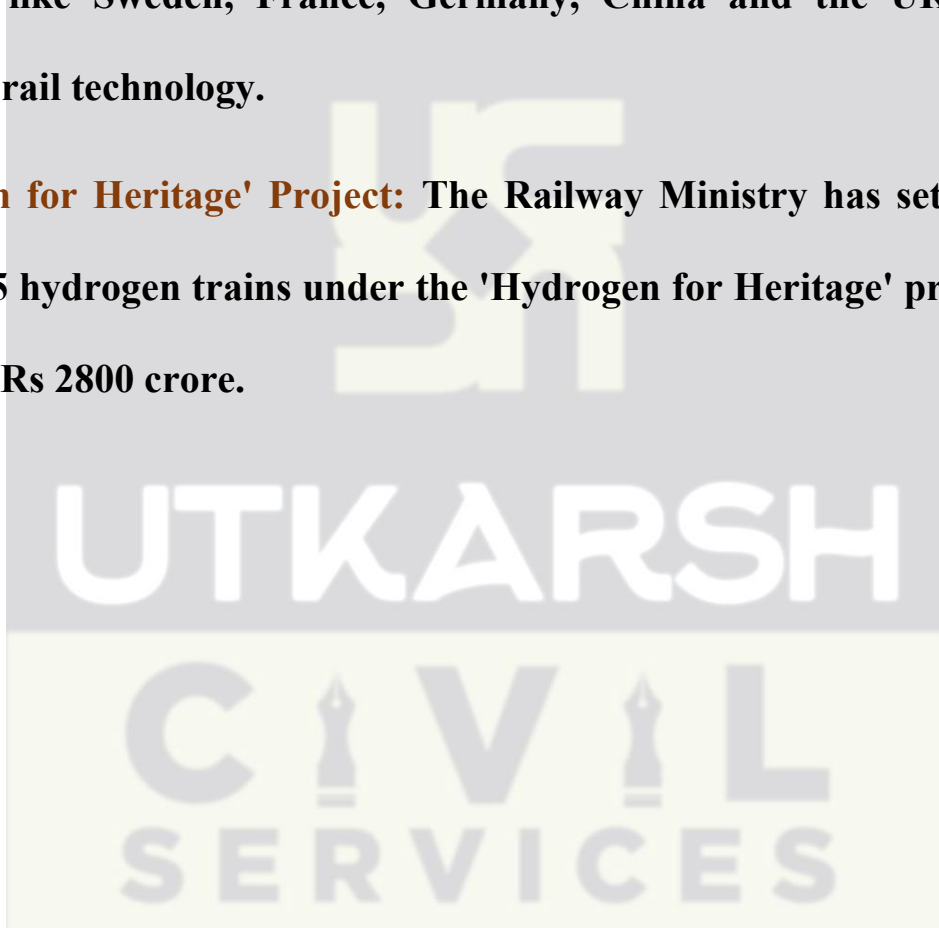
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- **Maximum speed:** 110 km/hr

Other important points:

- With the launch of the first hydrogen train, India now joins the league of countries like Sweden, France, Germany, China and the UK that have hydrogen rail technology.
- **'Hydrogen for Heritage' Project:** The Railway Ministry has set a target to operate 35 hydrogen trains under the 'Hydrogen for Heritage' project with a budget of Rs 2800 crore.



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Schemes

Development of Fisheries and Fishermen

➔ Why in News?

- Information related to fisheries and fishermen development was given by Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri George Kurien in the Lok Sabha.



➔ Key Points:

Central Schemes and Programmes

Scheme / Program	Year / Duration	Main Objectives and Features
Blue Revolution	2015–16 to 2019–20	Investment in integrated development, production, and management of fisheries.
Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF)	Since 2018–19	Meeting infrastructure needs of the fisheries sector, 3% interest subvention, 12-year repayment period.

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Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)	Since 2020–21	Enhancing fish production, quality, technology, post-harvest infrastructure, modernization of value chain, welfare and insurance for fishermen.
Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY)	Since 2020–21	Formalization of fisheries sector, aquaculture insurance, efficiency of micro & small enterprises, adoption of safety and quality systems.
Kisan Credit Card (KCC)	Since 2018–19	Meeting working capital needs of fishermen and fish farmers.

Brief Conclusion

- Department of Fisheries has implemented comprehensive schemes for fishermen and fish farmers.
- Emphasis on production, quality, safety, insurance and capacity building in collaboration with Central and State Governments.
- PMMSY and related schemes help in regional capacity building, post-harvest management and economic empowerment.
- Fishermen community has been empowered through financial assistance, infrastructure and training programmes.

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Objectives and details of Shrestha Scheme

➔ Why in News?

- Information regarding Shrestha Scheme was given by Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale in the Lok Sabha.



➔ Key Points:

- **Name of the scheme:** Residential Education Scheme for Students in High Schools of Targeted Areas (Shrestha) - Mode-II

Objectives:

- To provide high quality education for Scheduled Caste (SC) students.
- To create a suitable environment for education and socio-economic upliftment in Scheduled Caste dominated areas.
- To bridge the gap in the field of education by providing financial assistance to non-governmental organizations.
- To provide opportunities to talented students to study in the best schools of the country.

Components of the scheme:

- **Residential schools:** Where students get education and housing facilities.
- **Non-residential schools:** Which do not provide housing facilities specifically.
- **Hostel:** Special hostel facility for primary and secondary students.

Detail of the Scheme (Mode-I):

- Meritorious SC students are selected through a nationwide entrance examination conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA).
- Selected students receive quality education in top-class residential schools in the country.
- It has been revised as Residential Education Scheme (SHRESTHA) for students in high schools of targeted areas in 2021-22.

Pradhan Mantri Vikasit Bharat Rojgar Yojana

➔ Why in News?

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the Pradhan Mantri Vikasit Bharat Rojgar Yojana on Independence Day, with the main objective of creating over 3.5 crore employment opportunities in 2 years. The total outlay of the scheme is Rs 1 lakh crore.

PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana

➔ Key Points:

Salient Features of the Scheme:

Part A - Assistance for First-time Employees:

- This part aims to provide assistance to first-time employees.
- **Incentive Amount:** The employee will be given an incentive amount of up to Rs 15,000, which will be given in two installments.
- **Disbursement of installments:**
 - o First installment, after 6 months of service.
 - o Second installment, after completing the financial literacy program and 12 months of service.

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- **Savings Incentive:** A part of the incentive amount will be kept in a deposit account for a fixed period, which the employee can withdraw later.
- **Beneficiaries:** Around 1.92 crore first-time employees will benefit from this scheme.

Part B - Incentives for Employers:

- **Incentives:** Employers will get incentives up to Rs 3,000 per month for 2 years for new employees with salary up to Rs 1 lakh.
- **Priority to Manufacturing Sector:** Manufacturing sector in particular will be given incentives under this scheme.
- **Beneficiaries:** This part is expected to provide additional employment to around 2.60 crore people.

Payment Mechanism:

- **Part A (for first-time employees):** All payments will be made through Aadhaar Bridge Payment System (ABPS).
- **Part B (for employers):** Payments to employers will be made directly into their PAN-linked accounts.

Economic

Promotion and Development of MSME Sector

➔ Why in News?

- Information related to promotion and development of MSME sector was given by Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Ms. Shobha Karandlaje in Rajya Sabha.

➔ Key Points:

Government Initiatives and Policies:

- Government provides support through various schemes, programmes and policy activities for establishment, promotion and development of MSMEs across the country.

Major Schemes/Programmes:

- Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)
- Micro and Small Enterprises Credit Guarantee Scheme
- MSE-Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP)
- Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programme (ESDP)
- Procurement and Marketing Support Scheme (PMSSS)
- MSME Performance Enhancement and Acceleration (RAMP)
- International Collaboration Scheme
- Tool Room and Technology Centre Systems Programme (TCSP)
- National SC/ST Hub (NSSH)
- MSME Champions, PM Vishwakarma etc.



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Udyam Registration and Employment:

- Launch of Udyam Registration Portal 2020 with revised MSME classification criteria.
- 28.73 crore jobs reported from 2020 to 2025.
- Launch of Udyam Assistance Platform (UAP) to formalise informal micro enterprises (IMEs) for benefit under Priority Sector Lending (PSL).
- Retail and wholesale traders also included in MSMEs from 2021.

Credit and Financial Support Measures:

- **Credit Guarantee Scheme Restructuring:** Rs 2 lakh crore additional credit.
- **PM Vishwakarma Yojana (2023):** For the overall benefit of artisans and craftsmen engaged in 18 traditional occupations.
- **Atmanirbhar Bharat (SRI) Fund:** Equity funding of Rs 50,000 crore, and for MSMEs with the potential to become larger entities.
- **Credit guarantee:** Collateral free loans up to Rs 10 crore, guarantee coverage up to 90% (from 2025).

Financial flows and trade facilitation:

- **TReDS:** Electronic trade receivables discounting system, financing to MSMEs from government and PSU buyers.
- **PMEGP reforms:** Manufacturing sector project cost: Rs 25 lakh → Rs 50 lakh, Service sector: Rs 10 lakh → Rs 20 lakh.

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News in Shorts

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1.	<div>Goalkeeper Fabio</div> <div></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Brazil's Fluminense club goalkeeper Fabio has become the player who has played the most matches in football history with his 1391st match.♦ Fabio broke the record of England's Peter Shilton by playing his 1,391st match in the Copa Sudamericana tournament.</div> <div><table><tr><th>Player</th><th>Matches</th><th>Country</th></tr><tr><td>Fábio (Goalkeeper)</td><td>1,391</td><td>Brazil</td></tr><tr><td>Shilton (Goalkeeper)</td><td>1,390</td><td>England</td></tr><tr><td>Cristiano Ronaldo (Striker)</td><td>1,287</td><td>Portugal</td></tr></table></div>	Player	Matches	Country	Fábio (Goalkeeper)	1,391	Brazil	Shilton (Goalkeeper)	1,390	England	Cristiano Ronaldo (Striker)	1,287	Portugal
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India: Privatisation of Defence Production



- ◆ The private sector has achieved a record 22.56% share in India's defence production in FY 2024-25.
- ◆ **Largest share:** In FY 2024-25, Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) of the Defence Sector accounted for 57.50% of the total defence production.
- ◆ **The overall production of DPSUs and private sector has increased by 16% and 28% respectively in FY 2024-25.**
- ◆ India's defence production shows a growth of 18% from the previous year's Rs 1.27 lakh crore and 90% from FY 2020.

3.

Shramshree Yojana: West Bengal



- ◆ **Launch:** West Bengal launched 'Shramshree Yojana' for migrant labourers.
- ◆ **Beneficiaries:** 22 lakh migrant labourers of West Bengal.
- ◆ **Financial Assistance:** Rs 5000 monthly assistance, skill training and self-employment.

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