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Rajasthan

Jodhpur-Pali Marwar Industrial Area (JPMIA)

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the development work of 'Jodhpur-Pali Marwar Industrial Area', the state's largest industrial area being developed in Rajasthan, was started by RIICO.



➔ Main Point

- This will be the first industrial area in the state which will be completely under the Abhay Command.
- Jodhpur-Pali Marwar Industrial Area (JPMIA) is part of the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC).
- The JPMIA Master Plan 2042 covers 9 villages of Rohat tehsil of Pali district, which was notified under the Rajasthan Urban Improvement Act, 1959. Also, the area falling under JPMIA Master Plan-2042 has been declared as Special Investment Region under the Rajasthan Special Investment Region Act, 2016.

➔ Other important points:

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister, had approved 12 new industrial nodes/cities under the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP) in August, 2024, with an estimated investment of ₹28,602 crore.

➡ 12 New Industrial Nodes/Cities:

S.No.	Location	State
1.	Khurpiya	Uttarakhand
2.	Rajpura-Patiala	Punjab
3.	Dighi	Maharashtra
4.	Palakkad	Kerala
5.	Agra and Prayagraj	Uttar Pradesh
6.	Gaya	Bihar
7.	Zaheerabad	Telangana
8.	Orvakal and Kopparthi	Andhra Pradesh
9.	Jodhpur-Pali	Rajasthan

➡ National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP)

- The 'National Industrial Corridor Development Programme' is India's most ambitious infrastructure programme, aimed at developing new industrial cities as 'Smart Cities' and integrating next generation technologies in infrastructure sectors.
- The Government of India is developing various industrial corridor projects as part of the National Industrial Corridor Programme, which aims to develop future industrial cities in India that can compete with the best manufacturing and investment destinations in the world.

11 corridors proposed under NICDP:

- Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC)
- Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC)
- Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (CBIC)
- Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC)

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- Bengaluru-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (BMIC)
- Odisha Economic Corridor (OEC)
- Hyderabad-Nagpur Industrial Corridor (HNIC)
- Hyderabad-Warangal Industrial Corridor (HWIC)
- Hyderabad-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (HBIC)
- Extension of CBIC to Kochi via Coimbatore.
- Delhi-Nagpur Industrial Corridor (DNIC)



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First Indian company to join ICMM - Hindustan Zinc Limited

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, Hindustan Zinc Limited became the first Indian company to join the 'International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM)'.



HINDUSTAN ZINC
Zinc & Silver of India

➔ Main Point

- Hindustan Zinc Limited is the only company in the world to join ICMM after the year 2021.
- ICMM is the leading body of the world's 25 leading mining and metals companies, overseeing sustainable development, transparency and ethical practices in the mining value chain.

➔ Facts for Prelims:

- Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) is a Vedanta Group company, the world's largest integrated zinc producer and one of the top 5 silver producers globally.
- Founded in: 1966.
- Headquarters: Udaipur (Rajasthan)
- This company launched EcoZen in the year 2024, Asia's first 'low carbon green zinc' brand.

Seed Festival – 2025

➔ Why in News?

- The four-day Seed Festival - 2025 was organized in Banswara, the tribal border of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat.



➔ Main Point

- Objective: To showcase the cultural and ecological importance of indigenous seeds.
- In this festival, seeds of traditional fruits included wild mango, akol and timru, while traditional grains included native maize, kali kamod and dhimri rice varieties.
- In this festival, honors like 'Seed Mitra' and 'Seed Mata' were given to the members of the community for their contribution in seed conservation.

➔ Facts for Prelims:

- Rajasthan State Seed Corporation Limited (RSSCL)
- Established: On March 28, 1978 under the National Seed Project.
- RSSCL is the nodal agency in the state for production, procurement, processing and supply of quality seeds. At present RSSCL has 22 seed

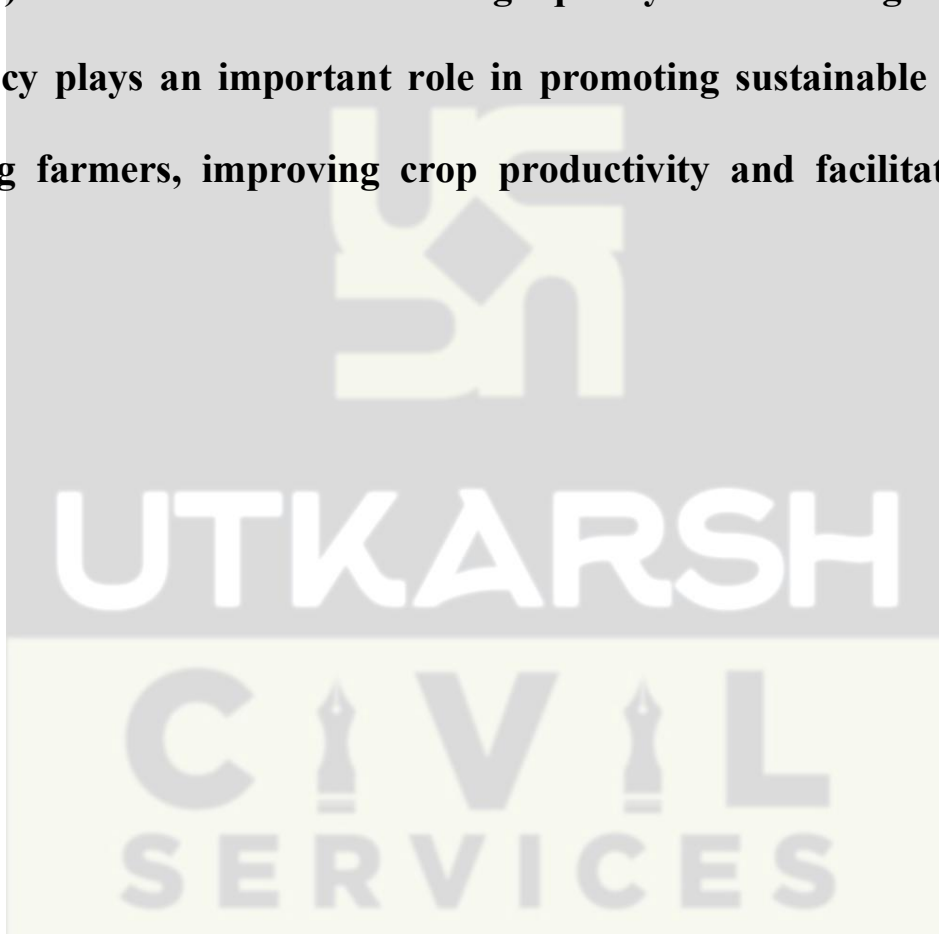
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processing units with a total processing capacity of 12.58 lakh quintals per year and storage capacity of 10.21 lakh quintals.

- **Note:** Rajasthan State Seed and Organic Production Certification Agency (RSSOCA) works for certification of high quality seeds and organic products. This agency plays an important role in promoting sustainable agriculture, supporting farmers, improving crop productivity and facilitating market access.



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News in Shorts

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1.	<p>'Rajasthan History and Culture Fund': Prof. SN Dubey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recently, Governor Haribhau Bagde released the book 'Rajasthan History and Culture Dictionary' by senior historian Prof. SN Dubey at the Raj Bhavan in Jaipur.In this book, the author has given detailed information about the various features of the history of Rajasthan in different periods.
2.	<p>Professor Giriraj Sharma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recently, the annual event of National Art Exhibition was organized at Ravindra Sadan, New Delhi.



- ◆ In this event, Professor Giriraj Sharma of Jaipur was declared the national winner of the Lalit Kala Academy of the Central Government for his work 'Constructive Observation'.

3.

Professor Dr. Rajeev Nema

- ◆ Recently, Dr. Rajeev Nema, Associate Professor, Department of Biosciences, Manipal University Jaipur, along with a team of international researchers, published a review article.
- ◆ This article has been published in one of the world's prestigious oncology journals called 'Molecular Cancer'.
- ◆ This study conducted by Professor Dr. Rajeev Nema focuses on a group of enzymes called Aurora Kinases, which play an important role in the process of cell division.

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'Study with AI' initiative - Tonk

- ◆ 'Study with AI' initiative has been started in Tonk with the aim of improving the results of school education.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ The level of education in the district is improving through this Artificial Intelligence (AI) based initiative started with the aim of helping students in difficult subjects.
5.	<p>Country's first motorbike ambulance facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Recently, the Animal Husbandry Department approved the country's first motorbike ambulance facility in Jaipur.◆ Street dogs and helpless cows will be treated free of cost in this motorbike ambulance, while there will be no payment for ambulance facility for pet dogs and other pets, but the cost of treatment will have to be borne by their owners.
6.	<p>‘Climate-Resilient Agricultural Pond Model’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Recently, a new water conservation model using 50 climate-resilient agricultural ponds has been launched in Kukas, Jaipur. The model aims to benefit farmers in the arid region of the state by conserving 10 crore litres of rainwater.

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- ♦ The initiative is led by IIT Kharagpur alumnus and former Niti Aayog official Vipra Goyal.
- ♦ Kukas Gram Panchayat in Amer block in Rajasthan is the second location selected for the rainwater harvesting initiative, after the project was successfully piloted in Dausa district.



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National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) - Key Initiatives

➔ Why in News?

- The information related to this was given by Cooperative Minister Amit Shah in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha.

➔ Main Point

NCDC's schemes:

- **Yuva Sahakar:** To encourage newly formed cooperatives with innovation and new ideas.
- **Ayushman Sahakar:** For holistic health systems like hospitals, healthcare, medical education, nursing education, health insurance, AYUSH.
- **Nandini Sahakar:** Improvement in entrepreneurship and socio-economic status of women through women cooperatives.
- **Dairy Sahakar:** Financial assistance for achieving high results in ESG (environmental, social, governance) related activities in cooperative dairy business.
- **Swayam Shakti Sahakar Yojana:** Financial assistance for providing loans/advances to women self-help groups (SHGs).

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- Long Term Farmers Capital Sahakar Yojana: Providing long term loans/advances to agricultural credit cooperatives.
- Pre-existing Central Sector Scheme for Agricultural Cooperation: To strengthen the cooperative sugar mills (CSM).

➡ Fact for prelims:

National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC):

- Origin: It was established as a statutory corporation in 1963.
- Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Ministry: Ministry of Cooperation.
- Objective: To plan and promote programmes for production, processing, marketing, storage, export and import of agricultural produce, livestock etc. based on cooperative principles.

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Tato-II Hydroelectric Project

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the Union Cabinet's Economic Affairs Committee approved the construction of Tato-II Hydroelectric Project in Shiomi district of Arunachal Pradesh.

➔ Main Point

Project Objective and Details

- Project Name: Tato-II Hydroelectric Project
- Location: Arunachal Pradesh, Shi Yomi District
- Construction Period: 72 months (6 years)
- Installation Capacity: 700 MW (4 x 175 MW)

Partnership and Implementation:

- The project will be implemented by a joint venture between North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO) and the Government of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Implementation of the project in line with the objectives of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill, 2025

➔ Why in News?

- On August 12, 2025, Lok Sabha passed the Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill, 2025 to expand mineral exploration and bring transparency in India's mineral sector.



➔ Main Point

- The Bill will further amend the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.

Key Amendments:

- **National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust (NMEDT):** The name of National Mineral Exploration Trust has been changed to NMEDT and its objectives include offshore and international exploration for critical minerals.
- **Encouraging mining of critical minerals:** No additional amount is required to be paid for mining critical and strategic minerals and other specified minerals. These include minerals such as lithium, graphite, nickel, cobalt, gold and silver.
- **Establishment of “Mineral Exchange”:** It will be an electronic trading platform for minerals, concentrates and processed forms including metals.
- **Captive Mines:** Sale of up to 50 per cent of the minerals produced in a year is allowed. The Bill removes the cap on sale of minerals.

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Other key points:

- India is the second largest aluminium producer in the world, one of the top 10 producers of refined copper and the third largest iron ore producer in the world.



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National Sports Administration Bill, 2025 and National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill, 2025

➔ Why in News?

- On August 11, 2025, Parliament has passed the National Sports Administration Bill, 2025 and the National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill, 2025 with the approval of the Rajya Sabha.



➔ Main Point

- Introduced by: Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.
- National Sports Administration Bill, 2025:
- The National Sports Administration Bill provides for recognition of national sports bodies and regulating their functioning.
- Establishment of Federation: The Bill provides for the establishment of National Olympic Committee, National Paralympic Committee and National and Regional Sports Federations for each specified sport.
- These national bodies will be affiliated to the relevant international bodies.
- Each national sports body will have a general body consisting of an equal number of representatives from each affiliated member and some ex officio members.

- It will have an Executive Committee consisting of up to 15 members, including at least two outstanding sportspersons and four women.
- **Establishment of National Sports Board:** Empowers the Central Government to establish a National Sports Board which will recognise national sports bodies and register their affiliated units.
- **Establishment of National Sports Tribunal:** There is also a provision for the formation of a National Sports Tribunal to adjudicate sports-related disputes.
- **National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill, 2025:** Amends the National Anti-Doping Act 2022.
- The Act gives effect to the UNESCO Convention against Doping by prohibiting doping in sports and provides a framework for investigation, enforcement and adjudication of violations.
- **Establishment of National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA):** It establishes the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) to enforce anti-doping rules.
- **Establishment of National Sports Anti-Doping Board:** It also establishes the National Sports Anti-Doping Board to oversee the activities of NADA and advise the central government on anti-doping regulations.
- The Bill empowers the National Sports Anti-Doping Board to seek any information from the Disciplinary Panel and the Appeal Panel in relation to their functions.

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Other important points:

Bills passed during the Monsoon Session, 2025:

1. Bill of Lading Bill, 2024
2. Transport of Goods by Sea Bill, 2024
3. Coastal Shipping Bill, 2024
4. Merchant Shipping Bill, 2024
5. Indian Ports Bill, 2025
6. Income Tax Bill, 2025
7. Manipur Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025- replaces ordinance
8. Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2025
9. Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2025
10. National Sports Administration Bill, 2025
11. National Anti-Doping Amendment Bill, 2025

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Schemes

Seva Bhoj Yojana

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, Union Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat gave information in the Lok Sabha regarding the 'Seva Bhoj Yojana'.



➔ Main Point

- The main objective of the Seva Bhoj Yojana is to reimburse the Central Government's share in CGST and IGST on the purchase of raw food items made by religious/charitable institutions for free food distribution to the public. This financial assistance is provided by the Government of India.

Scope:

- This scheme applies only to those charitable/religious institutions which provide free food to the public/devotees.
- Under this, the Central Government's share in Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) and Integrated GST (IGST) is reimbursed.

Criteria for Financial Assistance:

Eligible Institutions:

- Public trust, society, body corporate or company registered for charitable/religious purposes under section 10(23BB) or section 12AA of the Income Tax Act.
- Or institutions registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

Religious/Charitable Activities:

- The institutions should be involved in charitable activities like free food, langar, prasad, bhandara.
- These services should be provided at monasteries, temples, gurudwaras, wakfs, churches or religious places of worship without any discrimination.

Eligibility Conditions:

- The institution should be actively working for at least three years before applying.
- Only those institutions will be eligible which have been distributing free food for three years.
- The institutions will submit this in the form of a self-certification.

Conditions for Financial Assistance:

- Only those institutions will be eligible who are not receiving any other financial assistance from Central/State Government.
- Institutions will have to submit a self-certification proving that they are not receiving any other financial assistance from the Government.

Regularity and Objective:

- Institutions will have to distribute free food to at least 5000 people in every calendar month.
- Institutions blacklisted under FCRA or Central/State Government laws/rules will not be eligible for this scheme.

Skill upgradation of women

➔ Why in News?

- Information regarding skill upgradation of women was given by Minister of State for Rural Development Shri Kamlesh Paswan in a written reply in Lok Sabha.

➔ Main Point

Objective of Centrally Sponsored Schemes

Goal:

- Poverty alleviation
- Employment to rural poor youth
- Skill development

Major Schemes:

Deendayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushal Yojana (DDU-GKY)

Objective:

- To provide employable skills to rural poor youth in the age group of 15-35 years.
- To facilitate participation in jobs and provide opportunity for jobs with minimum wages or more.

Features:

- Skill development: To enable rural youth to be employed.

Social Inclusion:

- SC/ST (50%)
- Women (33%)
- Persons with Disabilities (5%)
- Training: 17.51 lakh youth trained till June 2025, including 9.05 lakh women (51.7%).

Rural Self-Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs)

- Founder: Bank-operated, funded by Ministry of Rural Development.

Objective:

- Training youth for self-employment and salaried employment.

Features:

- Training opportunity for unemployed youth in the age group of 18-50 years.

Facilities:

- Training by Bank.
- Training cost: borne by Ministry of Rural Development.
- Eligible candidates also get salaried job/self-employment.

Economic

Ease of doing business

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, Harsh Malhotra, Minister of State in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, has given information related to this in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha.

➔ Main Point

Overseas listing and online adjudication:

- The Government of India has taken several steps towards overseas listing, online adjudication, faster mergers and simplified company registration.
- These steps are an attempt to simplify corporate compliance burden and reduce costs for all companies, including startups.

Important steps (2024-25):

Overseas listing:

- Public companies of India are now allowed to be listed in direct foreign jurisdictions.
- The Companies (Listing of Equity Shares in Permitted Jurisdictions) Rules, 2024 were notified on 24 January.

KYC Database Amendments:

- Amendments to the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014 (effective from 01 August 2024) providing additional

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opportunities for updating personal mobile numbers and email addresses of directors.

Abolition of Physical Hearings:

- Amendments to the Companies (Adjudication of Punishments) Rules, 2014 (effective from 16 September 2024) eliminating physical hearings and adjudication will now be done through online video conference.

Merger Rules:

- Amendments to the Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016 effective from 09 September 2024. Now, merger of a foreign holding company and a wholly owned subsidiary incorporated in India will seek approval from the Central Government, thereby speeding up the process.

C-PACE (Accelerated Corporate Exit Processing Centre):

- C-PACE has been launched from 01 May 2023, which ensures centralized and transparent processing in case of voluntary winding up and LLP closure.

Steps for speedy registration of companies:

SPICE+ Web Form:

- A new web form called SPICE+ has been designed with Agile Pro-S, which provides 11 services, such as name reservation, incorporation, PAN, TAN, EPFO, ESIC, GST registration, etc.

Zero Fee:

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- Zero fee is now charged for companies with authorized capital up to Rs 15 lakh.

Central Registration Centre (CRC):

- CRC has been set up for name reservation and incorporation.
- LLP Incorporation Form (FILLIP):
- LLP Incorporation Form (FILLIP) has been integrated with CBDT, so that PAN/TAN can be provided at the time of incorporation of LLP.

Central Processing Centre (CPC):

- CPC has been launched from 16th February 2024, which helps in faster and centralized processing of electronic e-forms.

Startup India Initiative:

- Startup recognition application process has been simplified with self-certification.
- The entire process has been made digital through Startup India Portal and National Single Window System (NSWS).

Major reforms to double the income of farmers

➔ Why in News?

- Information related to the overall development of the agriculture sector was given by the Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Ram Nath Thakur in a written reply in the Lok Sabha.

➔ Main Point

Major Reforms for Doubling Farmers' Income

Objectives:

- The Government of India has identified an integrated strategy for increasing farmers' income and overall development of the agriculture sector, which focuses on the following:
- Increasing crop production/productivity
- Reducing production costs
- Remunerative returns to farmers
- Agricultural diversification
- Post-harvest value addition
- Adaptation to climate change and reduction of crop losses

Major Schemes:

- The Government of India has launched the following major schemes to increase agricultural production and provide alternative business avenues to rural households:
- Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
- Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) / Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS)
- Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)
- Formation and promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)
- Namo Drone Didi
- National Mission for Natural Farming (NMNF)
- Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)
- Agriculture Fund for Start-ups and Rural Enterprises (AGRISURE)
- More Crop Per Bund (PDMC)
- Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)
- Soil Health & Fertility (SH&F)
- Rainfed Area Development (RAD)
- Agroforestry
- Crop Diversification Programme (CDP)
- Sub-Mission on Agricultural Extension (SMAE)
- Sub-Mission on Seed & Planting Material (SMSP)

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- Integrated Agricultural Marketing Scheme (ISAM)
- Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)
- National Mission on Edible Oil (NMEO)-Oil Palm
- National Mission on Edible Oil (NMEO)-Oil Seeds
- Digital Agriculture Mission
- National Bamboo Mission
- The schemes aim to increase agricultural production, improve productivity through latest technological interventions and provide economic empowerment to the farming community.



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Digital Agriculture Mission

➔ Why in News?

- Information regarding Digital Agriculture Mission was provided by Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Ram Nath Thakur in a written reply in Lok Sabha.

➔ Main Point

Approval and Objectives of the Mission

- Approval: Approved by the Central Government in September 2024.

Main objectives:

- Creation of digital public infrastructure in the agriculture sector.
- Development of Agristack, Agriculture Decision Support System (KDSS), and comprehensive soil fertility and profile maps.
- Establish a robust digital agriculture ecosystem.
- Provide reliable, timely and location-specific crop information to farmers.

Main Structure of Agristack

- Three basic registries/databases:
 1. Geo-referenced village maps
 2. Crop sowing registry
 3. Farmer registry –
- Data on farmers' demographic details, land holdings and crops sown.
- Aadhaar for establishing and verifying digital identity.

- Assistance in credit, insurance, procurement and other services.
- Facilitate farmers' access to digital economy (online buying and selling).

Digital Crop Survey (DCS) System

- Provides accurate and real-time crop information of each agricultural plot.

Agriculture Decision Support System (KDSS)

- Data integration: Geospatial and non-geospatial data.

Data sources:

- Satellite information
- Weather, soil, crop characteristics
- Reservoir and groundwater data
- Information on government schemes

Key features:

- Crop maps, soil maps
- Automated yield estimation models
- Drought/flood monitoring system

Soil and Land Use Survey of India (SLUSI) Project

Objectives:

- To prepare soil inventory at village level on 1:10,000 scale.
- Use of high-resolution satellite and ground data.
- To provide standardized soil maps.

Objective:

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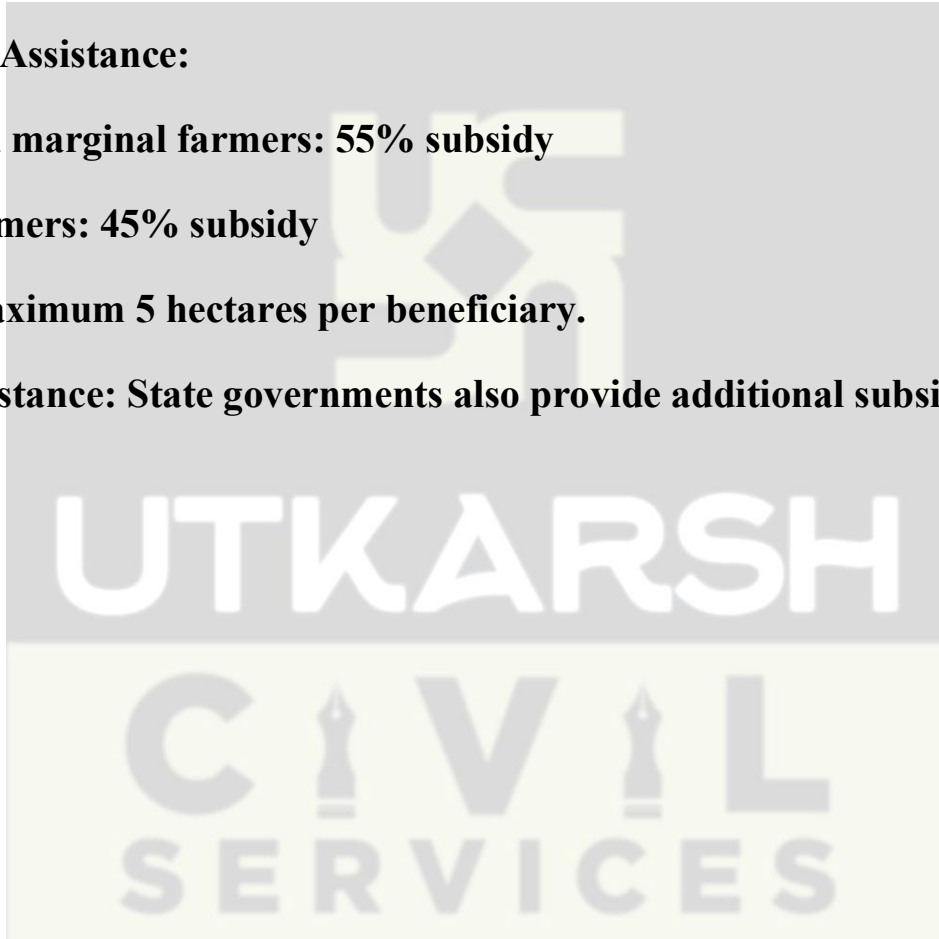
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- To make land use and crop planning scientific for sustainable agriculture.

Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) Scheme (from 2015-16)

- Nature: Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- Focus: Micro irrigation system (drip and sprinkler).
- Financial Assistance:
 - Small and marginal farmers: 55% subsidy
 - Other farmers: 45% subsidy
- Limit: Maximum 5 hectares per beneficiary.
- State Assistance: State governments also provide additional subsidy.



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Green Job Creation - Parliament Question

➔ Why in News?

- Information in this context was given by Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha.

➔ Main Point

Potential for Green Job Creation:

- Schemes such as renewable energy, energy efficiency, sustainable agriculture, environmental protection and Smart City Mission have the potential to engage green skilled workforce.
- New products/services based on repair, renovation/recycling provide new markets, generating a variety of jobs.
- Example: Recycling of 10,000 tonnes of waste creates about 115 jobs.

Role of Informal Sector and Government:

- The contribution of State and Union Territory Governments is significant, especially in the waste management and recycling sector.
- Self Help Groups (SHGs) have been trained in waste collection, sorting and transportation, such as:
 - Kerala (Harit Karma Sena)
 - Chhattisgarh (Swachhata Didi)
 - Odisha (Women Self Help Groups)
 - Maharashtra (Swachhata Sahakari Samiti)

Skill Development and Training:

- Skill/training programmes are being run by various State/UTs.
- More than 30 Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) are providing the necessary training programmes in various sectors.
- More than 4 lakh candidates have been certified under the Skill Council for Green Jobs.

Circular Economy and Employment Opportunities:

- The importance of Mission Life and the principles of Circular Economy – reduce, repair, reuse, recycle – has been emphasised.
- There is a huge opportunity to make the projected waste generation in the year 2030 and 2050 economically viable.
- Circular economy can generate additional 33 lakh jobs to the existing 50 lakh.

11 key sectors identified:

- 11 key sectors have been identified to promote circular economy:
 - Solid waste
 - Plastic waste
 - E-waste
 - Battery waste
 - Liquid waste
 - Used oil
 - Waste tyres
 - End-of-life vehicle waste
 - Metal scrap
 - Construction and demolition waste
 - Hazardous waste

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- Implementation of EPR framework creates a sustainable ecosystem for environmentally sound management of waste.
- It generates revenue and increases integration of informal recycling sector into the formal sector.
- EPR provides opportunities for creation of green jobs.



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Climate-resilient employment scheme

➔ Why in News?

- Information in this regard was given by Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in a written reply in the Lok Sabha.

➔ Main Point

Objective:

- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) of the Government of India is providing skill development, re-skilling, and up-skilling training under several schemes to make the youth of the country future-ready and equip them with industry-based skills. These programs are specially designed to deal with climate change and agricultural crises.

Main schemes:

- Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)
- Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS)
- National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS)
- Industrial Training Institute (ITI)
- Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS)

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- These schemes address the challenges posed by climate change, heat stress, and crop failure in agriculture and allied sectors.

Skill Development Mission (SIM):

- Skill India Mission (SIM) aims to train India's youth with industry-based skills to tackle problems like climate change and crop failure.
- 10,87,743 candidates have been trained in the agriculture sector by 2030.

Job roles critical for climate resilience and sustainable agriculture:

- Climate Change and Risk Mitigation Manager
- Organic Producer
- Beekeeper
- Solar Pump Technician
- Vermicompost Producer
- Hydroponics Technician
- Precision Agriculture Technician
- Farmer Drone Operator
- Soil & Water Testing Laboratory Analyst
- Group Agribusiness

Green Jobs Council for Skill Development:

- Skill Council for Green Jobs (SCGJ) has been formed under the leadership of industry leaders.
- Its function is to identify skill development needs and set skill qualification standards.

Qualifications developed by Skill Council:

- SCGJ has developed 58 qualifications approved by NCVET, including qualifications such as Solar PV, Green Hydrogen, Waste Management, Bio Energy, GHG Accounting.

Training and Number of Candidates:

- SCGJ has trained 6.63 lakh candidates under Green Skills tracks.
- These trainings are provided under various government schemes such as PMKVY, Surya Mitra Skill Development Programme, and State Missions.

Sports

Asian Under-19 and Under-22 Boxing Championships 2025: India's performance

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, India's teams won a total of 27 medals in both age groups at the Asian Under-19 and Under-22 Boxing Championships 2025 held in Bangkok.



➔ Main Point

Category	Position	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total Medals
Under-19	2nd Position	3 Gold	7 Silver	4 Bronze	14 Medals
Under-22	4th Position	1 Gold	4 Silver	8 Bronze	13 Medals

Under-19 Boxing Championships 2025:

- Gold medalists: Nisha (women's 54kg), Muskan (women's 57kg) and Rahul (men's 75kg).
- Silver medallists: Vini (Women's 60kg), Nisha (Women's 65kg), Aarti (Women's 75kg), Kritika (Women's 80kg), Prachi (Women's 80kg), Mausam (Women's 65kg) and Hemant (Men's 90kg).

Under-22 Boxing Championship 2025:

- Gold medallist: Ritika (Women's 80kg) was the only gold medallist in the Under-22 category defeating Assel Toktasyn of Kazakhstan.

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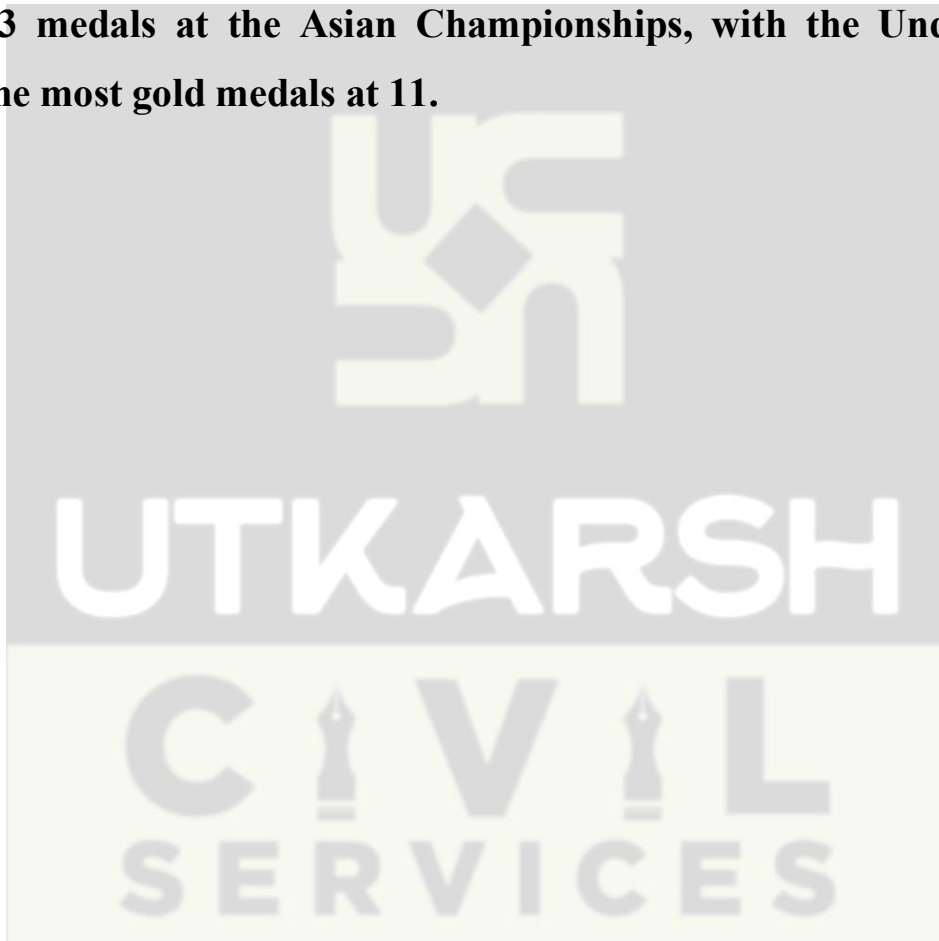
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- Silver medallists: Yatri Patel (Women's 57kg), Priya (Women's 60kg), Neeraj (Men's 75kg) and Ishan Katariya (Men's 90kg).

Other key points:

- At the start of 2025, India's youth Under-15 and Under-17 teams have won a total of 43 medals at the Asian Championships, with the Under-15 team winning the most gold medals at 11.



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