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Rajasthan

Dharti Aaba Janjati Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, Tribal Area Development Minister Babulal Kharari announced the implementation of 'Dharti Aaba Janjati Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan' under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RCDSS) in all 3 Discoms of Rajasthan.

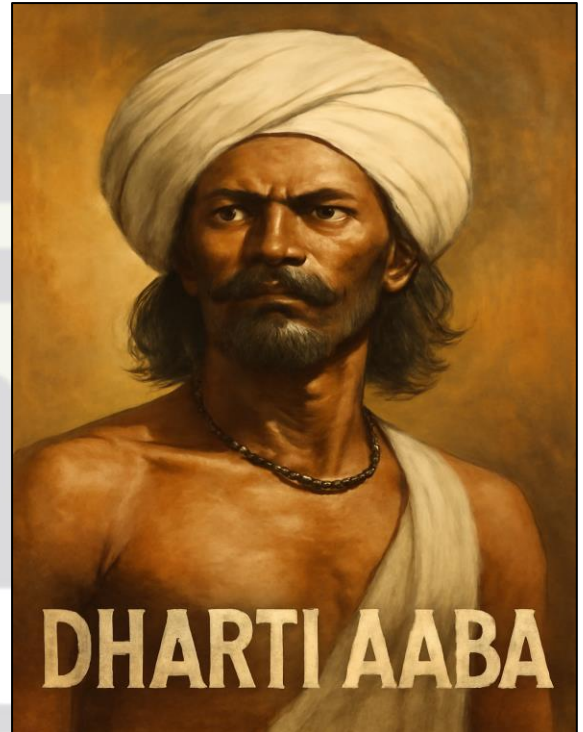
➔ Key Points:

- Its objective is to improve the socio-economic condition of tribal dominated areas by removing the gaps related to infrastructure, health, education and livelihood.
- In Rajasthan, such villages have been included under this scheme, which have a population of 500 or more and which have at least 50 percent tribal residents.
- Along with this, those villages of aspiring districts have also been included, where the tribal population is 50 percent or more.
- **Aspiring districts of Rajasthan under NITI Aayog's 'Aspirational District Program':** Baran, Dholpur, Jaisalmer, Karauli and Sirohi.

Other Important Points:

Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RCDSS)

- Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RCDSS) is a scheme launched by the Government of India to improve the operational efficiency and financial sustainability of Discoms (electricity distribution companies).



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- The main objective of the scheme is to reduce power losses, improve quality of supply and ensure power affordability for consumers by the year 2024-25.

Facts for Prelims:

Dharti Aba Janjati Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA):

- **Cabinet approval:** 18 September, 2024
- **Launch:** 2 October, 2024 (Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti) by the Prime Minister from Hazaribagh, Jharkhand
- **Total outlay of the scheme:** ₹79,156 crore (Central share: ₹56,333 crore and State share: ₹22,823 crore)
- **Allied Ministry:** Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- **Objective:** To provide access to basic amenities to more than 63,000 tribal dominated villages in aspirational districts.
- The Abhiyaan will cover about 63,843 villages in 549 districts and 2,911 blocks spread across all tribal dominated villages and aspirational blocks in 30 States/UTs and will benefit more than 5 crore tribal people.

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IIT Jodhpur's indigenous language-related AI technology

➡ Why in News?

- Recently, the Department of Computer Science and Engineering of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jodhpur has developed indigenous AI technology for text reading in 13 Indian languages and preserving cultural heritage.



➡ Key Points:

- This indigenous artificial intelligence technology has been developed by the Vision, Language and Learning Group (VL2G) of the institute, which is capable of explaining the meaning of sign boards, milestones and other texts in 13 Indian languages.
- This technology has been developed under the Central Government's 'Bhashini' project, through this technology, Indic Photo OCR has been developed to read and translate text in 13 languages. Indic Photo OCR is an open-source model, which is completely indigenous.

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- Earlier, the Artificial Intelligence of Things (AIoT) initiative was also launched by IIT Jodhpur, which aims to develop facilities for end-to-end design, development, prototyping and delivery of AIoT systems for start-ups, MSMEs and end-user industry, which will prove useful in applications of Industry 4.0, agriculture, healthcare, infrastructure, energy, environment and water management.

Facts for Prelims:

Bhashini Platform:

- Bhashini is India's AI-powered language translation platform, designed to facilitate seamless communication and internet access in 22 Indian languages.
- It uses sound-based technology to overcome language barriers and promote digital inclusivity.
- **Development:** By Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD).
- **Ministry:** Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)

Objective:

- To enable access to digital services in Indian languages.
- To promote digital literacy by promoting multilingual internet usage.
- To create an ecosystem for AI and Natural Language Processing (NLP) resources for innovation in Indian languages.

Census – 2027 begins in Rajasthan

➔ Why in News?

- Census-2027 will formally begin with a pre-test at the end of 2025 in three districts of Rajasthan namely Jaipur, Barmer and Dungarpur.

➔ Key Points:

Areas marked for pre-test:

- A slum in Jaipur.
- 7 wards of Barmer city.
- 21 remote villages of Barmer district.
- 58 villages of Sangwara (Dungarpur) tribal area.

Other important points:

Census – 2027:

- The 16th Census of India will be conducted in two phases with reference dates being October 1, 2026 for snowbound areas and March 1, 2027 for the rest of the country.
- This will be the first nationwide caste-based count since 1931.
- House-listing and housing surveys have commenced ahead of the census, according to a gazette notification under Section 3 of the Census Act, 1948.
- **First digital census in India:** Census 2027 marks India's transition to a digital infrastructure, with mobile apps, cloud systems and real-time monitoring tools being used to conduct and manage the enumeration process.
- **Introduction of self-enumeration:** For the first time, households will have the option to self-enumerate through a government portal or a mobile app. After submitting their data, they will receive a unique ID to show to the enumerator during verification.



Grant of ₹298 crore to agricultural processing units

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the Chief Minister has given financial approval of ₹298 crore while settling the pending cases under the Rajasthan Agricultural Processing, Agribusiness and Agricultural Export Promotion Policy - 2019.



➔ Key Points:

- With this decision, about 855 agricultural processing units of the state will be given capital investment, interest, solar power plant and electricity charge grant as well as freight subsidy.
- The entire payment of this amount will be made from the 'Krishi Kalyan Kosh' through 'Raj Kisan Portal' and RPP.
- It is to be noted that this application has been received under the Rajasthan Agricultural Processing, Agribusiness and Agricultural Export Promotion Policy - 2019, which was effective from 19 December 2020 to 31 March 2024.

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- As per the budget announcement for the financial year 2025-26, approval has been given to dispose of all these pending grant applications received till March 31, 2024.

Other important points:

- Agro processing units are such infrastructure which adds value to agricultural products through cleaning, grading, processing and packaging.
- For these, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) is being operated under the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.
- These units are important for increasing the income of farmers by creating modern supply chains from farm to market, reducing post-harvest losses, increasing food security and promoting employment.

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News in Shorts

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1.	<p>Poet Dr. Rajesh Kumar Vyas</p> <p>♦ Poet Dr. Rajesh Kumar Vyas was awarded the All India Acharya Ramchandra Shukla Award of Madhya Pradesh Sahitya Academy for the composition 'Kalaon Ki Antardasha'.</p>
2.	<p>Dr. Sunayana Prakash: Included in the Advisory Committee of NCW</p> <p>♦ Dr. Sunayana Prakash, Chairperson of the Indian Soft Hockey League and Vice Chairperson of the Amateur Soft Hockey Federation of India, has recently been appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee of the National Commission for Women (NCW).</p> <p>♦ Dr. Sunayana Prakash has extensive experience in the sports world and the legal field. She is a senior advocate of the Supreme Court and has also been the Chairperson of the Legal Committee of the Indian Olympic Association.</p>

3.

'Funnel Cloud' seen in Sri Ganganagar

- ◆ Recently, a 'funnel cloud' was seen as a natural phenomenon in the sky in village 23 RB Sangrana in Sri Ganganagar.
- ◆ A funnel cloud is a visible, rotating and condensed air column that emerges from a thunderstorm cloud, but does not touch the ground. This is a strong indication of tornado formation. When the funnel cloud comes in contact with the ground, a destructive tornado can form in the form of a supercell thunderstorm.

4.

MoU between Election Department and Education Department

- ◆ Recently, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Election Department of India and the Education Department.
- ◆ Under this, it will be easy to pre-register voters of 17 years of age studying in classes 9 to 12 in Rajasthan.
- ◆ This system will be applicable in all government and private secondary and higher secondary schools of the state.

Science & Technology

SpaceX: 10th successful Starship test

➡ Why in News?

- On August 26, 2025, SpaceX successfully launched its tenth Starship flight test from Starbase in Texas, a key step toward the development of the world's first fully reusable rocket.



➡ Key Points:

- SpaceX demonstrated payload deployment using the Starlink simulator for the first time.
- **Launch Vehicle:** Falcon 9 rocket.
- **Objective:** To provide critical data for future missions, including NASA's Artemis III moon landing planned for 2027.

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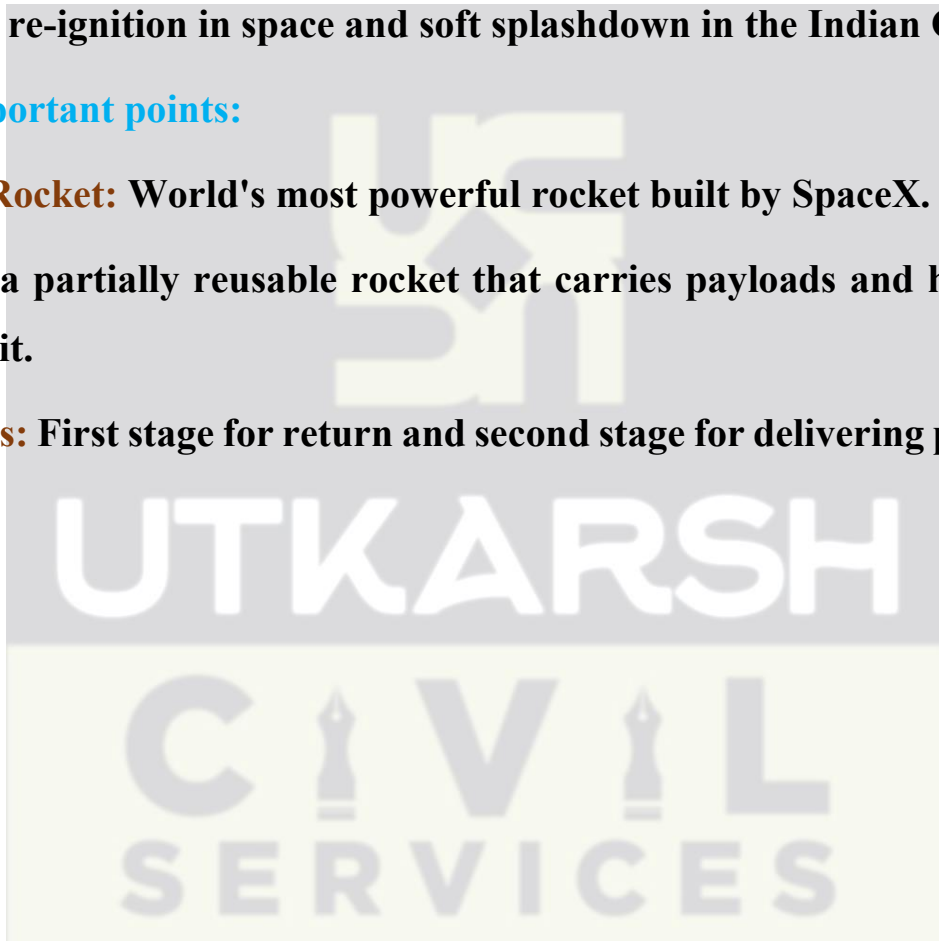


Stages:

- **Super Heavy Booster:** Successfully made a controlled splashdown in the Gulf of Mexico.
- **Starship Upper Stage:** Starship's upper stage completed key tasks, including successful re-ignition in space and soft splashdown in the Indian Ocean.

Other important points:

- **Falcon 9 Rocket:** World's most powerful rocket built by SpaceX.
- **Use:** It is a partially reusable rocket that carries payloads and humans into Earth orbit.
- **Two stages:** First stage for return and second stage for delivering payload into orbit.



Polity

Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice Vipul Manubhai Pancholi

➡ Why in News?

- On August 27, 2025, the President of India appointed Justice Alok Aradhe, Chief Justice of Bombay High Court and Justice Vipul Manubhai Pancholi, Chief Justice of Patna High Court as judges of the Supreme Court.



➡ Key Points:

- **Recommendation:** Collegium (Chaired by: Chief Justice BR Gavai)
- 1. The Collegium has recommended the transfer/return of 14 High Court judges to their original High Courts.
- 2. Two judges appointed from Rajasthan to Delhi High Court and one judge to Rajasthan High Court.

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Justice Alok Aradhe	Justice Vipul Manubhai Pancholi
Appointed as Permanent Judge of the Madhya Pradesh High Court in February 2011.	Appointed as Permanent Judge of the Gujarat High Court in June 2016.
Served as Acting Chief Justice of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court in 2018.	Transferred to Patna High Court in July 2023, where he was elevated as Chief Justice on 21 July 2025.
Appointed Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court in July 2023 and of the Bombay High Court in January 2025.	

Other important points:

- **Constitutional provisions:** Articles 124(2) and 217 of the Indian Constitution deal with the appointment of judges to the Supreme Court and High Courts respectively.

Collegium System:

- **Evolution:** Following a Presidential Reference (Article 143) issued by the President as a result of the First Judge Case (1981), Second Judge Case (1993) and Third Judge Case (1998), the Supreme Court expanded the Collegium to a five-member body consisting of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and his four senior-most colleagues.
- **National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC):** A constitutional body proposed through the 99th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2014 to replace the current collegium system of appointment of judges but was struck down by the Supreme Court as unconstitutional (2015).

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Qualifications of Judges:

	Judge of the Supreme Court	Judge of the High Court
Article	Article 124(3)	Article 217(2)
Provisions	1. Must be a citizen of India. 2. Must have been a judge of a High Court or two or more such courts in succession for at least 5 years. 3. Must have been an advocate of a High Court or two or more such courts in succession for at least 10 years. 4. In the opinion of the President, must be a distinguished jurist.	1. Must be a citizen of India. 2. Must have held a judicial office in the territory of India for at least 10 years, or must have been an advocate of a High Court or two or more such courts in succession for at least 10 years.

Portal

Umeed Portal (UMMEED)

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the Ministry of Minority Affairs launched a new module on the Umeed portal to benefit widows, divorced women, orphans.

GOVT LAUNCHES PORTAL FOR WAQF PROPERTIES



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➔ Key Points:

- **Objective:** To improve access to financial assistance for vulnerable groups under the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Rules, 2025.
- **Management:** This module uses Aadhaar-based authentication for verification of beneficiaries and allows online application and approval through the Waqf Boards of State and Union Territories.

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- **Payment:** Will be made directly into the bank accounts of beneficiaries through direct benefit transfer.

Other Important Points:

Umeed Portal:

- **Launch:** June 6, 2025
- **Full form:** Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency, and Development (UMMEED).
- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Minority Affairs.
- **Objective:** To make the registration, management and monitoring of Waqf properties digital and transparent.
- **Legal Framework:** The portal functions under the Integrated Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act, 2025.
- **Features:** Centralized database, registration process and requirements, tribunals etc.

Important Days

Ayurveda Day

➔ Why in News?

Announcement of Ayurveda Day:

- The Government of India has decided through a gazette notification in March 2025 that Ayurveda Day will be celebrated every year on September 23.
- Earlier Ayurveda Day was celebrated on Dhanvantri Jayanti (Dhanteras).



➔ Key Points:

Theme of 2025:

- The theme of Ayurveda Day 2025 is: 'Ayurveda for people and planet'.
- This year's theme reflects the contribution of Ayurveda to holistic health and ecological balance.

National Sports Day

➔ Why in News?

- National Sports Day is celebrated every year on 29 August in India to honour the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand, one of the greatest field hockey players in history.



➔ Key Points:

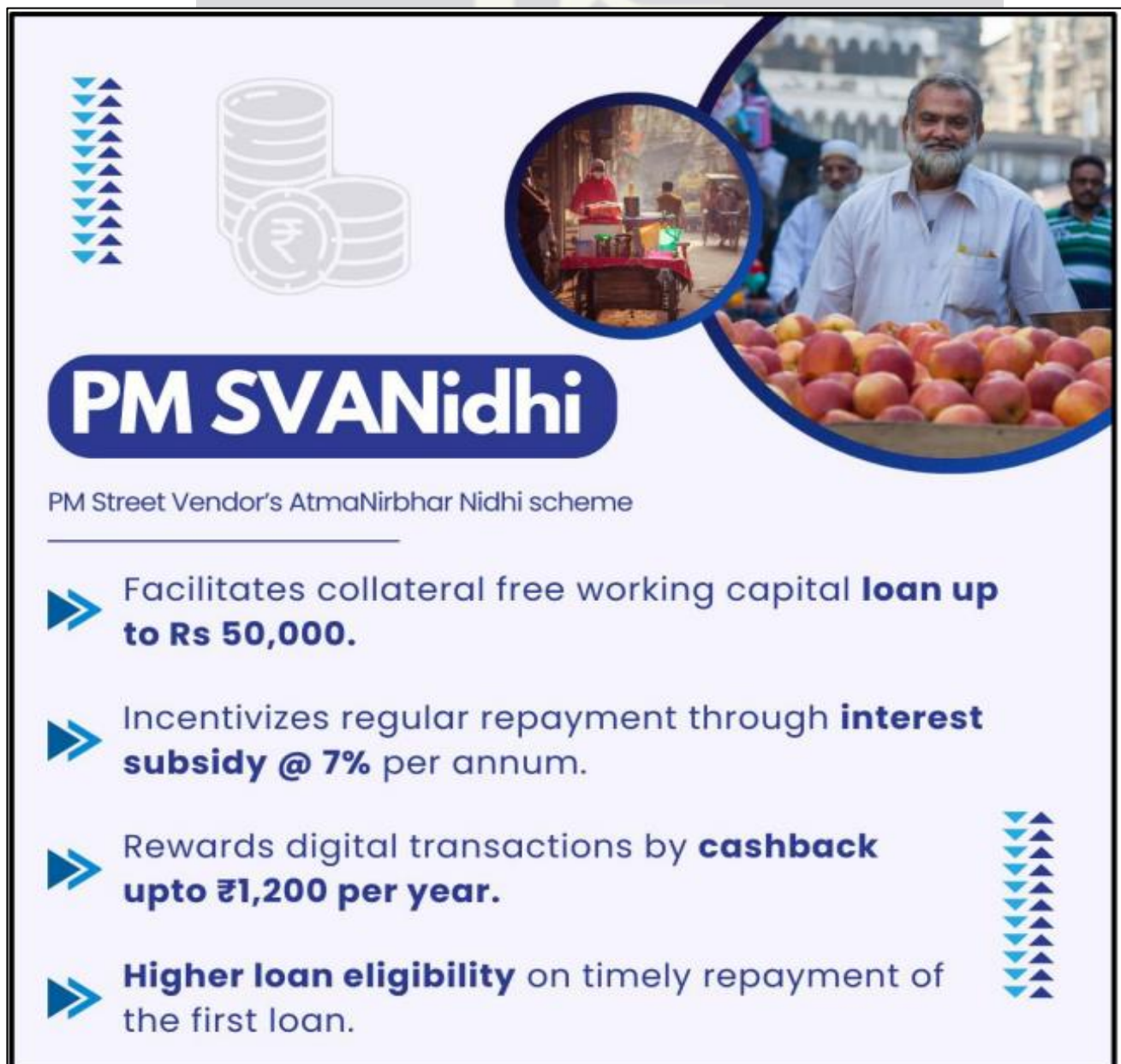
- Major Dhyan Chand is also known as the 'Wizard of Hockey'.
- Major Dhyan Chand was born on 29 August, 1905 in Prayagraj (Allahabad).
- He played a key role in India's first Olympic gold medal hat-trick in the 1928, 1932 and 1936 Summer Olympics.
- The Government of India decided to celebrate his birth anniversary as National Sports Day every year in the year 2012.
- The Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, the highest sporting honour of the country, is presented every year in his memory by the President of India.
- The name of 'Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award' was changed to 'Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award' by the Central Government in August, 2021.

Schemes

PM Street Vendors AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme

➡ Why in News?

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister has extended the period of 'PM Street Vendors AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme' till March 31, 2030.



The infographic features a light blue background with decorative blue triangle patterns on the left and right sides. At the top left, there are icons of a stack of coins and a single coin with a Rupee symbol. On the top right, there is a circular inset image showing a street vendor with a beard and white shirt, surrounded by fresh produce like apples. The title 'PM SVANidhi' is prominently displayed in a dark blue rounded rectangle. Below it, the text 'PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi scheme' is written in a smaller font. A list of four benefits is presented with blue arrow icons on the left:

- Facilitates collateral free working capital **loan up to Rs 50,000.**
- Incentivizes regular repayment through **interest subsidy @ 7%** per annum.
- Rewards digital transactions by **cashback upto ₹1,200 per year.**
- **Higher loan eligibility** on timely repayment of the first loan.

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➡ Key Points:

- **Total outlay of the scheme:** ₹7,332 crore.
- The restructured scheme aims to benefit 1.15 crore beneficiaries including 50 lakh new beneficiaries.
- **Implementation of the scheme:** Jointly by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and the Department of Financial Services (DFS).
- The Department of Financial Services (DFS) will be responsible for facilitating access to loans/credit cards through banks or financial institutions and their ground level officers.
- The key features of the restructured scheme include increased loan amounts in the first and second instalments, provision of UPI-linked RuPay credit card for beneficiaries repaying the second loan, and digital cashback incentives for retail and wholesale transactions.

Loans provided under the scheme:

- **First loan:** ₹15,000 (earlier ₹10,000)
- **Second loan:** ₹25,000 (earlier ₹20,000)
- **Third loan:** ₹50,000 (unchanged)

Other important points:

- A new scheme PM Street Vendors AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) was launched by the Central Government on June 1, 2020 to support street vendors facing unprecedented difficulties during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Under this scheme, more than 96 lakh loans worth ₹13,797 crore have been distributed to more than 68 lakh street vendors till July 30, 2025.
- **Success of the scheme:** This scheme has been awarded the 'Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration - 2023' for promoting financial inclusion, livelihood, economy and digital empowerment.

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Project Arohan

➔ Why in News?

- NHAI in collaboration with Vertis Infrastructure Trust has launched 'Project Arohan'.



➔ Key Points:

- The initiative provides equal access to quality education to students from economically weaker sections, SC/ST/OBC/Minority community.
- **Project Launch:** The project was launched on 7 August 2025.
- **Phase I:** Allocation of Rs 1 crore, will run from July 2025 to March 2026.

Partnering Agencies:

- The project is being operated by NHAI and Vertis Infrastructure Trust, which aims to provide economic and educational support to the children of toll plaza employees.

Elimination of Glanders - National Action Plan

➔ Why in News?

- The Ministry of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) has implemented the Revised National Action Plan on Glanders Disease.
- The scheme aims to promote surveillance, prevention, control and elimination of glanders across the country.

➔ Key Points:

Glanders Disease:

- Glanders is an infectious and fatal disease that primarily affects equines such as horses, mules and donkeys.
- The disease is caused by the bacterium *Burkholderia mallei*, and can be dangerous to other animals and humans as well.
- The disease is notified under the Prevention and Control of Infectious and Communicable Diseases in Animals (PCICDA) Act, 2009.

Objectives:

- The aim of this action plan is to prevent the spread of glanders disease and reduce its impact.
- To strengthen the process of disease identification, testing and reporting across the country.

Economic Scenario

Comprehensive modular survey

➔ Why in News?

- The CMS Education Survey, a part of the 80th round of the National Sample Survey (NSS), specifically focused on household expenditure of students currently enrolled in schooling.

➔ Key Points:

Enrolment in government schools:

- 55.9% of the country's total students are studying in government schools.
- This number is higher in rural areas than in urban areas (30.1%), where 66.0% of students study.
- The average expenditure per student in government schools was Rs 2,863, while in non-government schools it was Rs 25,002.

Household financing:

- Family members were the source of funding for 95% of students. Government scholarships were the major source for only 1.2% of students.

Social and economic impact:

- Textbooks and stationery accounted for the major expenditure on education.
- Expenditures were higher in urban areas, especially at the higher education level.

Key findings:

- The survey provides comprehensive information on government and private education expenditure, coaching habits, and expenditure incurred by households on education.

Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2023-24

➔ Why in News?

- Recently the results of ASI 2023-24 were released by the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoSPI).
- This survey provides information on parameters such as production, value addition, employment, capital formation.



➔ Key Points:

Growth in Gross Value Added (GVA):

- Gross Value Added (GVA) increased by 11.89% in 2023-24 as compared to the previous year.

Growth in Industrial Production:

- Industrial production increased by 5.80% in 2023-24 as compared to the previous year.

Growth in Employment:

- Employment in this sector increased by 5.92% in 2023-24.
- Industry added over 57 lakh jobs in the last decade (2014-15 to 2023-24).

Key Highlights of ASI 2023-24

ASI 2023-24 Central Sample Size - 83,620 (63,981 Census and 19,639 Sample)

Growth in current prices in the year 2023-24 over 2022-23



Main drivers of this growth in 2023-24 were in industries, Manufacture of Basic metal, Motor vehicles, Chemical and Chemical products, Food Products and Pharmaceutical products, leading to..

48% Contribution in total output of the sector.

6.35% Output Growth

12.29% GVA growth

The sector added more than 57 lakh jobs during the last decade 2014-15 to 2023-24.



Employment showed a robust Year-on-Year (Y-o-Y) growth of 5.92% in comparison to 2022-23

Compared to 2022-23, Average emoluments per persons engaged grew by **5.6%**



Key Industries:

- **Top 5 industries in terms of GVA:** Basic metals, motor vehicles, chemicals and chemical products, food products, pharmaceutical products.

Top States in terms of Employment:

- **Top 5 states in terms of employment:** Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka.
- The Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2023-24 has found significant growth in gross value added, industrial production and employment. This survey provides valuable information about changes in the growth and structure of industries at the national and state level.

Sports

Sinquefield Cup, 2025

➡ Why in News?

- Indian Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa qualified for the Grand Chess Tour finals by finishing runner-up in the Sinquefield Cup.



➡ Key Points:

- **Event:** August 14 to 29, 2025
- **Winner:** Wesley So (US).
- **Runner-up:** R. Praggnanandhaa (India).
- Praggnananda drew with Levon Aronian of the United States and beat Caruana in a tie-break to finish second by one point, while Caruana finished third after the tie-breaker.

Other Important Points:

Sinquefield Cup:

- **Organised:** Held annually by the Saint Louis Chess Club.
- **Total Prize Money:** \$350,000.

News in Shorts

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1.	<p>Operation 'Rainbow'</p>  <p>Operation Rainbow</p> <p>♦ The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) took major action under Operation 'Rainbow' against drug trafficking and distribution gangs.</p>

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