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## RAJASTHAN



### Newly Formed 'Thar Incubation Alliance'



#### Why in News?

- With the objective of strengthening the startup and innovation ecosystem in Rajasthan, the 'Thar Incubation Alliance' was recently formed during the regional 'AIM SUMVAAD' (Central India Edition) held in Indore.

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## Key Points:

- **Launch:** This innovative initiative has been jointly launched by the 'Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)' and 'NITI Aayog'.
- Along with the 'Thar Incubation Alliance', the 'Madhya Pradesh Incubation Consortium' has also been launched.
- The newly formed 'Thar Incubation Alliance' (TIA) is set to prove to be a milestone in strengthening the startup ecosystem in Rajasthan.
- **Objective:** To promote innovation-based growth in Rajasthan, identify technological solutions for local problems, and provide mentorship and financial assistance to startups.
- **Regional Cooperation:** This alliance brings together various incubation centers (Incubators) across Rajasthan to foster knowledge exchange and strategic partnerships.

## Facts for Prelims:

### Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)

- **Launch:** In the year 2016.
- **Affiliated Department:** NITI Aayog.
- The Atal Innovation Mission is a flagship initiative of the Government of India aimed at promoting a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship within the country.
- Its objective is to develop new programs and policies to foster innovation across various sectors of the economy; provide platforms and collaborative opportunities for various stakeholders; raise awareness among the public; and develop an 'Umbrella Structure' to monitor the country's innovation ecosystem.
- **Mission Director of AIM:** Deepak Bagla.

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## Key Initiatives under AIM:

- Atal Tinkering Labs.
- Mentor India Mission.
- Atal Incubation Centers.
- Atal Research and Innovation for Small Enterprises (ARISE)
- Atal Community Innovation Centre
- Atal New India Challenge

## Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL)

- Under NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) have been established to enable students from Class 6 to 12 to give concrete shape to their innovative ideas.
- Through the Atal Tinkering Labs initiative, schools and students engaged in science and technology are encouraged to conduct research using state-of-the-art technologies. These technologies include 3D printers, robotics, sensor technology kits, the Internet of Things (IoT), microelectronics, and more.

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## Rajasthan in the 'School Education System in India' Report

### Why in News?

- Recently, NITI Aayog released the report titled 'School Education System in India – Temporal Analysis and Policy Roadmap for Quality Enhancement'.



### Key Points:

- This report provides a comprehensive assessment of the Indian school education system from 2014-15 to 2024-25, utilizing data from UDISE+, PARAKH, NAS, and ASER.

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- **UDISE+:** Unified District Information System for Education Plus
- **PARAKH:** Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development
- **NAS:** National Achievement Survey
- **ASER:** Annual Status of Education Report

## Rajasthan's Performance:

- **Integrated Education:** The state ranks first nationwide in providing integrated education from Class 1 to Class 12.
- Rajasthan is the only state in the country where students have access to primary, upper primary, secondary, and senior secondary level education covering the widest range of levels all at a single location.
- In the year 2024-25, while only 5.4 percent of schools across the country offered integrated education from Class 1 to Class 12, this figure stood at approximately 35 percent of the national total within Rajasthan alone.
- One out of every three schools in the country providing integrated education from Class 1 to Class 12 is operational in Rajasthan.

## Facts for Prelims:

### Mukhyamantri Shikshit Rajasthan Abhiyan (Flagship Scheme):

- **Launch:** March 29, 2025 (from Kota)
- **Former Name:** Rajasthan Ke Shiksha Mein Badhte Kadam.
- **Nodal Department:** Department of School Education (Government of Rajasthan)
- Rajasthan is the first state in the country to launch such a comprehensive campaign related to education.
- **It Includes:** To ensure the effective implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, in Rajasthan.

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- **Objectives:** Increase in enrollment, improvement in the quality of education in government schools, and the holistic development of students.
- **Activities:** Under this campaign, various activities were initiated starting April 29, 2025 like - AI-based Oral Reading Fluency (ORF) assessment, a student attendance app, On-Demand Examinations (ODE) for NIOS, and various digital initiatives.
- This campaign is being implemented in a phased manner, commencing from the academic session 2025-26.

## 41 Activities divided Under the Four Key Components of the Campaign:

- (A) School-centric activities.
- (B) Student-centric activities.
- (C) Teacher-centric activities.
- (D) Activities focused on enhancing academic outcomes.

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## Marwar Ratan Samman – 2026

### Why in News?

- On the occasion of the 568th Foundation Day of Jodhpur, the ‘Marwar Ratan Samman – 2026’ awards were conferred by the Mehrangarh Museum Trust.

### Key Points:

- Venue:** Marwar International Centre, Jodhpur.

### Recipients (19):

S. No.	Name of Award	Recipient
1	Veer Shiromani Award	Param Vir Chakra awardee Major Shaitan Singh (Posthumous)
2	Rao Siha Award	Dr. Mangi Lal Jat
3	Sir Pratap Singh Award	Alan Weber
4	Rao Jodha Award	Shyam Kumbhat
5	Hanwant Singh Award	Dr. Isha Dixit and Pranav Dixit
6	Major Dalpat Singh Award	Wing Commander Deepika Mishra
7	Karni Singh Jasol Award	Maimoona Nargis Zaidi
8	Komal Kothari Award	Prof. John D. Smith
9	Vijay Singh Award	Umar Mohammad
10	Man Singh Award	Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni
11	Ummed Singh Award	Dr. Shyamsundar Paliwal
12	Badan Kanwar Bhatiyani Award	Sarita Rathore

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13	Krishnakumari Award	Mohan Singh Rathore
14	Gaj Singh II Award	Jhima Devi
15	Shivraj Singh Award	Sandeep Singh Maan
16	Rajaram Meghwal Award	Rafiq Khan
17	Mohta Nainsi Award	Dr. Bhuvnesh Jain
18	Sitaram Lalas Award	Nagaraj Sharma
19	Narayan Singh Bhati Award	Dr. Mangat Badal

## Facts for Prelims:

- The city of Jodhpur (home to the Mehrangarh Fort) famously known as 'Suryanagari' was founded by the Rathore ruler of Marwar, Rao Jodha, on May 12, 1459.



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## ‘Suratgarh Super Critical Thermal Power Station’ Records Its Best-Ever Performance

### Why in News?

- Units 7 and 8 each with a capacity of 660 MW (totaling 1320 MW) at the ‘Suratgarh Super Critical Thermal Power Station’ delivered their best-ever performance during the final quarter (January–March 2026) of the financial year 2025–26.



### Key Points:

- During the final quarter of the financial year 2025–26, both super critical units operated at a record average Plant Load Factor (PLF) of over 95 percent.
- The ‘Suratgarh Super Critical Thermal Power Station’ is Rajasthan’s first super thermal power station. Currently, it is the highest electricity-generating power plant in Rajasthan.

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- **Ownership and Operation:** Owned By the Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RVUNL).
- **Establishment:** 1998; Thukrana Village, Suratgarh (Sri Ganganagar).
- This power plant comprises 6 units with a generation capacity of 250 MW each, and 2 units with a generation capacity of 660 MW each (250 MW x 6; 660 MW x 2).
- **Total Capacity:** 2820 MW.
- Commercial production from Units 7 and 8 each with a capacity of 660 MW and based on super critical technology commenced at the 'Suratgarh Super Critical Thermal Power Station' on December 1, 2020, and October 7, 2021, respectively.

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## In-Principle Approval for ₹1,500 Crore Assistance to RCDF from the Central Government

### Why in News?

- Recently, the Central Government granted in-principle approval to provide financial assistance of ₹1,500 crore to the Rajasthan Co-operative Dairy Federation (RCDF) with the aim of expanding Rajasthan's dairy sector and establishing the 'Saras' brand at the national level.



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**RCDF**  
(राजस्थान को-ऑपरेटिव डेयरी फेडरेशन लिमिटेड)  
को **₹1500 करोड़** की  
सहायता हेतु **मैद्दन्तिक सहमति**

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डेयरी उद्योग को मिलेगा नया बल

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## Key Points:

- This assistance from the Central Government will be provided under two distinct projects.
- **Project I:** A fund of ₹1,000 crore under the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) project.
- **Project II:** Assistance of ₹500 crore under the National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD).
- With the funds provided by the Central Government, the RCDF will be able to increase its current daily milk procurement volume from 45 lakh liters to 65 lakh liters per day.

## Milk Production in the State:

- **Milk Procurement in the State (in the year 2025-26):** Approximately 45 lakh liters per day.
- **Milk Processing Capacity:** Increased from 51 lakh liters to 54 lakh liters per day over the past two years.
- Extensive expansion of the dairy's marketing network has led to a 15 percent increase in the marketing of dairy products.
- Along with the establishment of new 'Saras' booths in urban and rural areas, more than 1 lakh liters of milk is currently being supplied daily to other states.
- Saras supplies dairy products worth over ₹250 crore annually to the Indian Army.
- According to the 'Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics (BAHS) 2025' report by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Rajasthan ranks second in the country in terms of milk production, following Uttar Pradesh.
- **Top 5 Milk-Producing States:** Uttar Pradesh (15.66%), Rajasthan (14.82%), Madhya Pradesh (9.12%), Gujarat (7.78%), and Maharashtra (6.71%). Collectively, these states contribute 54.09% to the country's total milk production.

## Facts for Prelims:

### Rajasthan Cooperative Dairy Federation (RCDF)

- **Establishment:** 1977 (Registered as a society under the Rajasthan Cooperative Societies Act, 1965).
- **Objective:** To implement dairy development programs in Rajasthan.

## Significance of the Lakhwar Project for Rajasthan

### Why in News?

- The Lakhwar Dam Project currently under construction on the Yamuna River in Uttarakhand, upstream of the Tajewala Headworks is a national multi-purpose project that will play a pivotal role in alleviating Rajasthan's drinking water and irrigation crises.

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ने उत्तराखंड में निर्माणाधीन लखवार बांध का निरीक्षण किया

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- यमुना से शेखावाटी तक जल लाने के लिए, बजट में 32 हजार करोड़ रुपए का प्रावधान
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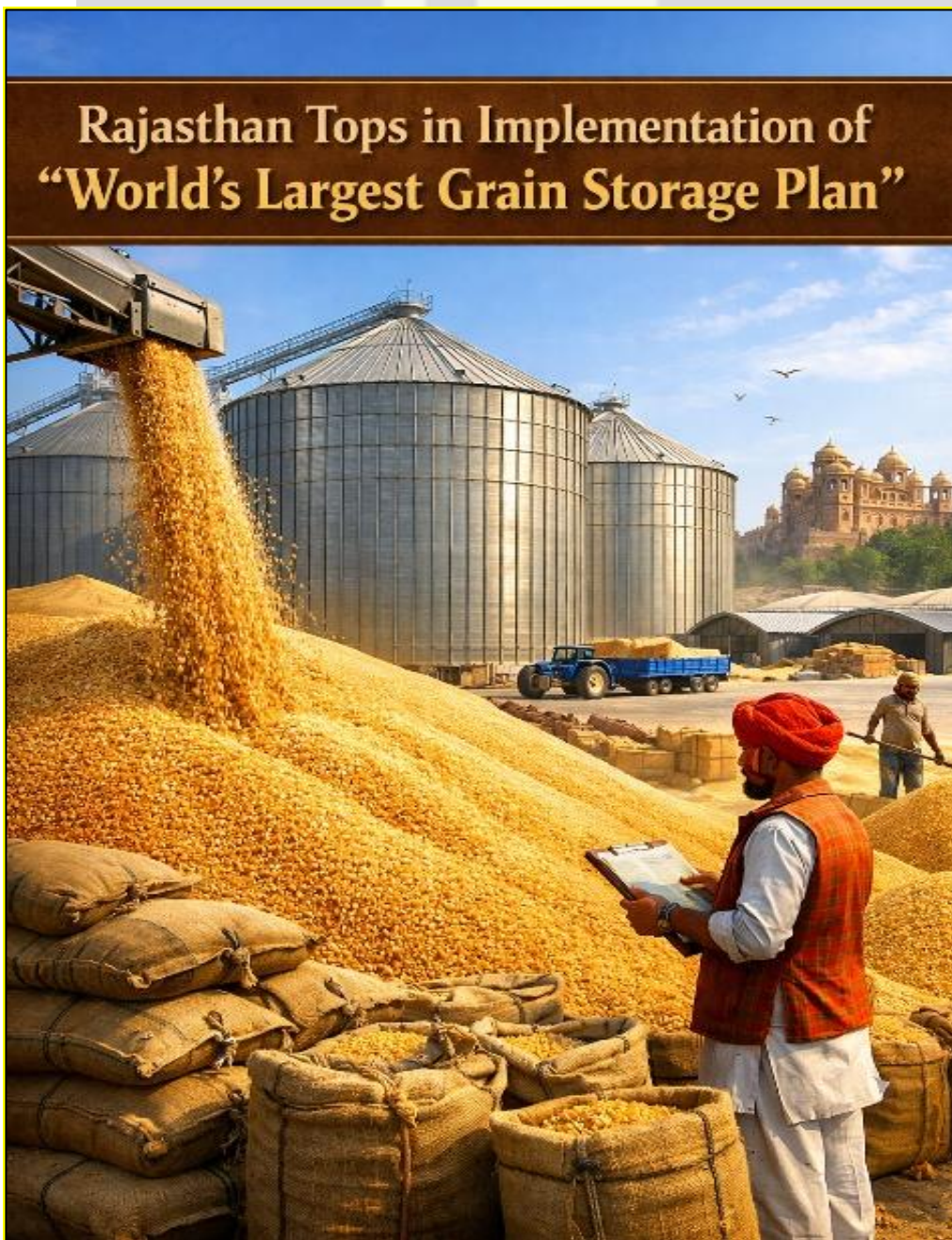
## Key Points:

- **Total storage capacity of the project:** 331 Million Cubic Meters (MCM)
- **Rajasthan's share:** Approximately 30.91 Million Cubic Meters (MCM)
- The operation of this project will enhance water conservation capacity within the Yamuna Basin and ensure a sustainable supply of water for drinking and irrigation purposes in Rajasthan.
- The Central Government is providing 90 percent financial assistance towards the water component of the project.
- Under the Yamuna Water Accord of 1994, Rajasthan was allocated a 9.338 percent share of the Yamuna River's water.
- Under the same accord, storage projects such as Renuka, Lakhwar, and Kishau were envisaged with the objective of maximizing the utilization of water within the Yamuna Basin.

## Rajasthan Tops the Implementation of the 'World's Largest Grain Storage Plan'

### Why in News?

- Rajasthan ranks first in the country in the implementation of the 'World's Largest Grain Storage Plan' within the cooperative sector, operating under the 'Sahakar se Samridhhi' (Prosperity through Cooperation) campaign.



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## Key Points:

- A delegation from the Government of Uttar Pradesh recently visited Rajasthan to study the 'Rajasthan Model' of storage facility construction.
- Rajasthan is the only state in the country where the state government is providing a 100% subsidy for the construction of warehouses with a capacity of 500 metric tons.
- A target has been set to construct a total of 250 warehouses, each with a capacity of 500 metric tons, across the state. Under this initiative, the construction of 100 warehouses is targeted for the year 2024-25, 100 for 2025-26, and 50 for 2026-27. This will create an additional storage capacity of 1.25 lakh metric tons in the state.

## About the Scheme:

- To address the shortage of grain storage capacity in the country, the 'World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in the Cooperative Sector' was approved by the Central Government on May 31, 2023; it was initially launched as a pilot project.
- This scheme integrates various initiatives such as the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), Agriculture Marketing Infrastructure Scheme (AMI), Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM), and the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme.
- The scheme involves the creation of various agricultural infrastructure facilities such as warehouses, custom hiring centers, processing units, and Fair Price Shops at the level of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS).

## The Country's Only State to Auction Pre-Embedded Mineral Blocks: Rajasthan

### Why in News?

- During the financial year 2025-26, the Rajasthan Department of Mines auctioned 8 pre-embedded major mineral blocks. With this achievement, Rajasthan has become the only state in the country to auction pre-embedded mineral blocks.

### Key Points:

- **Pre-embedded Auction:** The process of auctioning mineral blocks after obtaining all necessary permissions prior to the actual auction is referred to as 'Pre-embedded Clearance.'
- **Target for FY 2026-27:** 10 blocks of major minerals and approximately 100 plots of minor minerals.
- **Revenue Collection Target set by the Department of Mines for 2026-27:** ₹14,001 crore marking a 39% increase compared to the previous financial year.

### Other Important Points:

- **Mineral Vehicle Tracking System:** The Rajasthan Department of Mines has made the 'Mineral Vehicle Tracking System' mandatory across the entire state, effective from January 1, 2026.
- **E-Ravanna:** E-Ravanna is an electronic system (app) launched by the Government of Rajasthan to enhance transparency in mineral transportation, curb royalty evasion, and address the issue of vehicle overloading. Since October 31, 2017, the issuance of manual (physical) Ravannas has been completely prohibited for the transportation of all types of minerals, with the exception of specific cases involving gravel and gypsum.

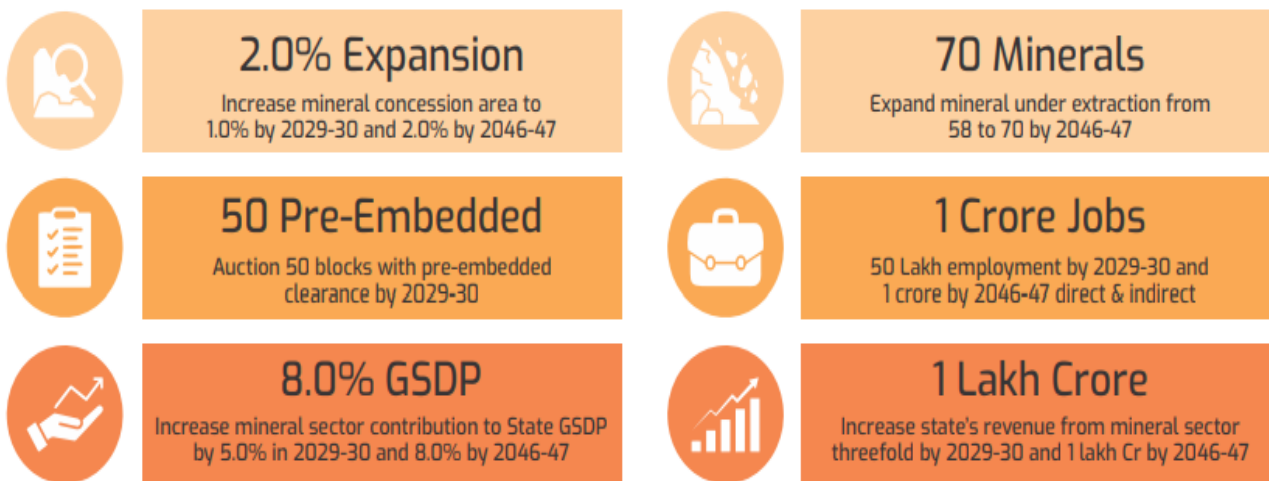
### Facts for Prelims (Economic Review – 2025-26)

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## The Mining Sector in Rajasthan:

- In terms of mineral resources, Rajasthan is one of the richest states in India; it possesses reserves of 81 different types of minerals, 58 of which are currently being mined.
- Rajasthan is the sole producing state for lead and zinc ores, selenite, and wollastonite, while it holds a leading position nationally in the production of silver, calcite, and gypsum.
- Rajasthan ranks at the top in the national production of ball clay, phosphorite, ochre, steatite, feldspar, and fire clay.
- Rajasthan is a major producing state for dimensional stones such as marble, sandstone, and granite as well as cement-grade and steel-grade limestone.

## Rajasthan Mineral Policy – 2024



- **Issued on:** December 4, 2024.
- The objective of the Rajasthan Mineral Policy – 2024 is to promote sustainable, transparent, and responsible mineral development by leveraging the state's abundant mineral resources for economic growth, while simultaneously ensuring environmental conservation and community welfare.

## Key Features:

- **Economic Growth and Investment:** Promoting mineral-based industries, attracting investment, and enhancing the sector's contribution to the State Gross Domestic Product (GSDP).
- **Employment Generation:** Providing employment opportunities both direct and indirect to over 10 million people by the year 2047.
- **Sustainability and ESG Compliance:** Implementing zero-waste mining practices, eco-friendly technologies, and waste management strategies.
- **Technology Integration:** Ensuring transparency by adopting advanced exploration techniques, AI-based monitoring, and digital governance.
- **Illegal Mining Mitigation:** Curbing illegal activities through the use of GPS-based tracking, geo-fencing, and real-time surveillance.

## Key Initiatives:

- Increasing the number of minerals under extraction from 58 to 70 by the year 2047.
- Auctioning of 50 major mineral blocks with pre-determined approvals.
- Expanding the mining concession area to cover 2 percent of the state's total land area by the year 2047.
- Promoting strategic and critical minerals (such as lithium and rare earth elements) in support of clean energy initiatives.
- Establishment of a State Mining Company for value addition and research in mineral resources.

## Other Key Points:

### Rajasthan State Mineral Exploration Trust (RSMET)

- **Formation:** In the year 2020.
- **Objective:** To ensure the efficient management and monitoring of activities related to the scientific exploration of mineral deposits available in Rajasthan, the utilization of modern technology in mining, research, studies, skill development, and revenue enhancement.

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### National Florence Nightingale Awards, 2026

#### Why in News?

- On May 12, 2026 marking International Nurses Day (2026 Theme: "Our Nurses, Our Future") the President conferred the National Florence Nightingale Awards, 2026, upon 15 outstanding nursing professionals from across the country during a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.



#### Key Points:

- Establishment:** The National Florence Nightingale Awards were instituted in 1973 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, as a token of recognition for the meritorious services rendered to society by nursing personnel.

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- **The Award:** Each award comprises a citation, a cash prize of ₹100,000 (one lakh rupees), and a medal, symbolizing the nation's gratitude for the invaluable service rendered by these healthcare warriors.
- **Winners of the National Florence Nightingale Awards, 2026:**

Winner	Association
Kulvinder Parhi	Ladakh
Ujjwala Mahadev Soyam	Maharashtra
Lalenthangi Namte	Mizoram
Madhu Mala Gurung	Sikkim
Pooja Parmar Rana	Uttarakhand
Geeta Karmakar	West Bengal
Poonam Verma	Chandigarh
Deepa Biju	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu
Shravan Kumar Dhaka	Delhi
Raksha Rupo Parvatkar	Goa
Kavita Jagannath	Karnataka
Manju Mol V S	Kerala
Aysha Bibi K	Lakshadweep
R. Shankar Shanmugam	Tamil Nadu
Major General Lisamma P. V.	IHQ, Ministry of Defence (Army), Delhi

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## Prashant Pise



### Why in News?

- Prashant Pise, Additional Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Oman.



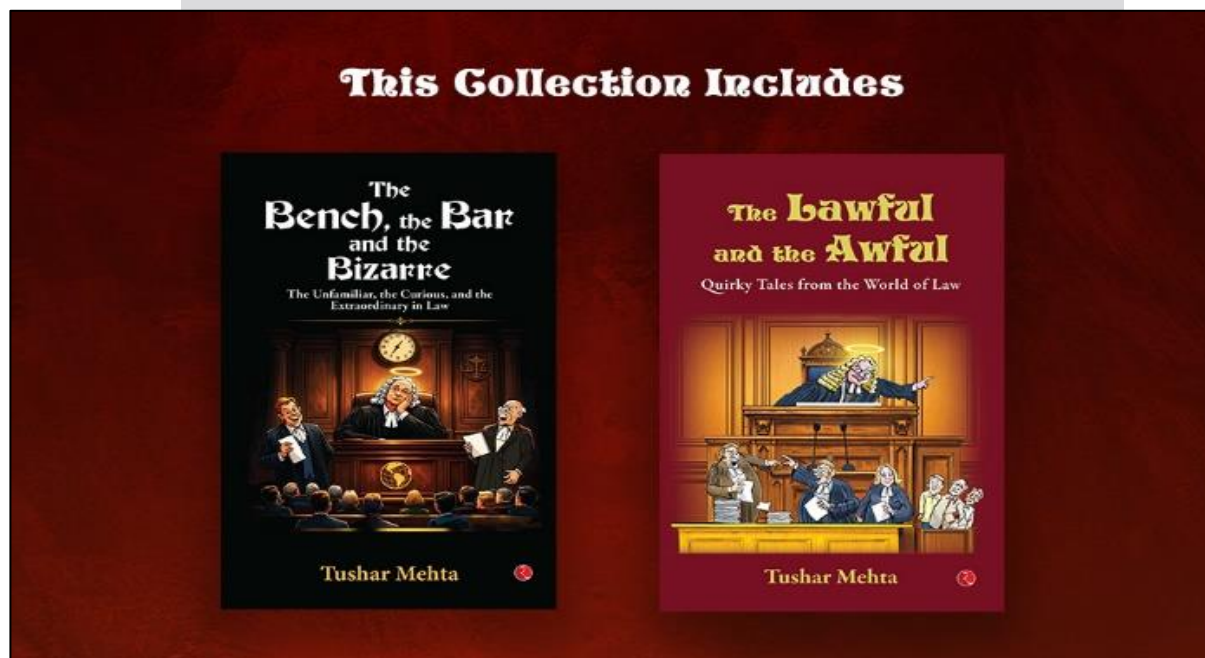
### Key Points:

- Mr. Pise, a 1995-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, will succeed Godavarthi Venkata Srinivas a 1993-batch IFS officer in Muscat.
- Pise currently serves as the Additional Secretary in the Overseas Indian Affairs and Welfare Division of the Ministry of External Affairs.
- He led the Indian delegation to the 8th Ministerial Consultation of the Abu Dhabi Dialogue, held in Dubai in February 2026.

## The Books: The Bench, the Bar, and the Bizarre and The Lawful and the Awful

### Why in News?

- The Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation launched two books authored by Solicitor General Shri Tushar Mehta *The Bench, the Bar, and the Bizarre* and *The Lawful and the Awful* in New Delhi.



### Key Points:

- **Author:** Both these books have been written by India's current Solicitor General and Senior Advocate, Tushar Mehta.
- **Publisher:** Rupa Publications.

### Content of the Books:

1. **The Bench, the Bar, and the Bizarre:** This book is a compilation of eccentric judges, bizarre legal cases, the unique wit of lawyers, and satirical and humorous incidents occurring within courtrooms across the globe.
2. **The Lawful and the Awful:** This book brings to light those moments from the world of law where the solemnity of the law suddenly transformed into unexpected and peculiar events.

## Archery World Cup, 2026 – Stage 2

### Why in News?

- In the final of the Archery World Cup – Stage 2 held in Shanghai, the Indian women's recurve team won the gold medal by defeating the host nation, China, 5-4.



### Key Points:

- **Event:** Held in Shanghai (China) from May 5 to May 10, 2026.
- **Host:** China
- **Gold Medal:** India
- **Indian Women's Recurve Team:** The recurve team comprised Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhagat, and Kumkum Mohod.
- Prior to this, in the semi-finals, India had defeated the ten-time Olympic champions, South Korea.

## Indian Governance and State System

### New Chief Ministers of Assam and Tamil Nadu

#### Why in News?

- Recently, C. Joseph Vijay and Himanta Biswa Sarma took the oath of office as the new Chief Ministers of Tamil Nadu and Assam, respectively.

#### Key Points:

- Constitutional Provisions:** Under Article 164 of the Constitution of India, the Governor appoints the Chief Minister.
- Under Article 164(2) of the Constitution of India, the Council of Ministers is collectively responsible to the Legislative Assembly.
- Third Schedule:** The oath of office and secrecy is administered in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Constitution.

#### New Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu: C. Joseph Vijay

- Oath-taking Ceremony:** Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Tamil Nadu
- Governor:** Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- The victory of the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) is being viewed as the end of the decades-old bipolar political system dominated by the DMK and AIADMK in the state.
- Chief Minister:** Vijay has become the first leader in decades to assume office in Tamil Nadu while remaining outside the DMK-AIADMK political framework.



## New Chief Minister of Assam: Himanta Biswa Sarma

- **Oath-taking Ceremony:**  
Veterinary College Ground,  
Guwahati
- **Governor:** Lakshman Prasad Acharya
- **Chief Minister:** Senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader Himanta Biswa Sarma



today took the oath as the Chief Minister of Assam for the second consecutive term.

- In the Assam Legislative Assembly, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) returned to power for the third consecutive term, securing 102 seats in the 126-member House.
- The Bharatiya Janata Party emerged as the single largest party with 82 seats, while its allies the Asom Gana Parishad and the Bodoland People's Front won 10 seats each.

## 'One Case, One Data' and 'Su Sahayak' Initiatives

### Why in News?

- The Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant, launched the "One Case, One Data" initiative and the AI-based chatbot "Su Sahayak" at the Supreme Court on May 11, 2026.

The infographic features a central image of the Supreme Court of India. To the left, three key points are listed: 'One Case One Data' (integrating judicial data across all levels), 'Seamless Access' (complete case details available at all court levels), and 'Data Integrity & Transparency' (automated data retrieval and reciprocal access). To the right, the 'Su-Sahayak' AI chatbot is introduced as a virtual assistant for case information and court services, with icons for case-related information, court services guidance, and help for litigants and lawyers. A quote from Chief Justice of India Surya Kant states: "These initiatives will strengthen our justice delivery system and benefit all stakeholders." The infographic is developed by the National Informatics Centre in collaboration with the Supreme Court Registry.

### Key Points:

- The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice Surya Kant, announced the constitution of a high-level committee headed by Justice Arvind Kumar to draft a blueprint for the modernization of courts across the country; this committee, acting as a Judicial Infrastructure Advisory Committee, will address infrastructure-related deficiencies within the courts.

### "One Case, One Data" Initiative:

- **Introduction:** "One Case, One Data" is a digital data integration system through which case records from the Supreme Court, High Courts, District Courts, and Taluka Courts will be consolidated onto a single platform.

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- **Objective:** To integrate judicial administration from the Taluka Courts up to the Supreme Court into a unified system across every level of the judiciary.
- **Significance:** Under this new framework, High Courts and government departments will be able to access each other's case data as and when required. This will help enhance transparency within the judicial process, ensure data accuracy, and strengthen record management.

## AI-based Chatbot "Su Sahayak":

- **Introduction:** "Su Sahayak" is an AI-based chatbot developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) in collaboration with the Supreme Court Registry.
- This chatbot is linked to the official website of the Supreme Court and will provide guidance to citizens regarding court-related information and services.
- **Significance:** With the assistance of this chatbot, people will be able to easily access preliminary information regarding case details, filing procedures, and other judicial services.

## Judicial Infrastructure Advisory Committee:

- **Chairperson:** Justice Aravind Kumar
- **Members:** The committee will comprise Justice Debangsu Basak (Calcutta High Court), Justice Ashwani Kumar Mishra (Punjab and Haryana High Court), and Justice Somasekhar Sundaresan (Bombay High Court); additionally, the Director General of the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) and the Secretary General of the Supreme Court will serve as members of the committee.
- The committee is mandated to submit its detailed findings and particulars regarding necessary funding to Sanjeev Sanyal a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council by August 31, 2026.

## Other Significant Points:

- **Chief Justice Surya Kant:** Justice Surya Kant assumed office as the 53rd Chief Justice of India in November 2025. His tenure is scheduled to continue until February 2027. Under his leadership, a special emphasis is being placed on technology-driven reforms within the judiciary.

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## Technology in the Judiciary:

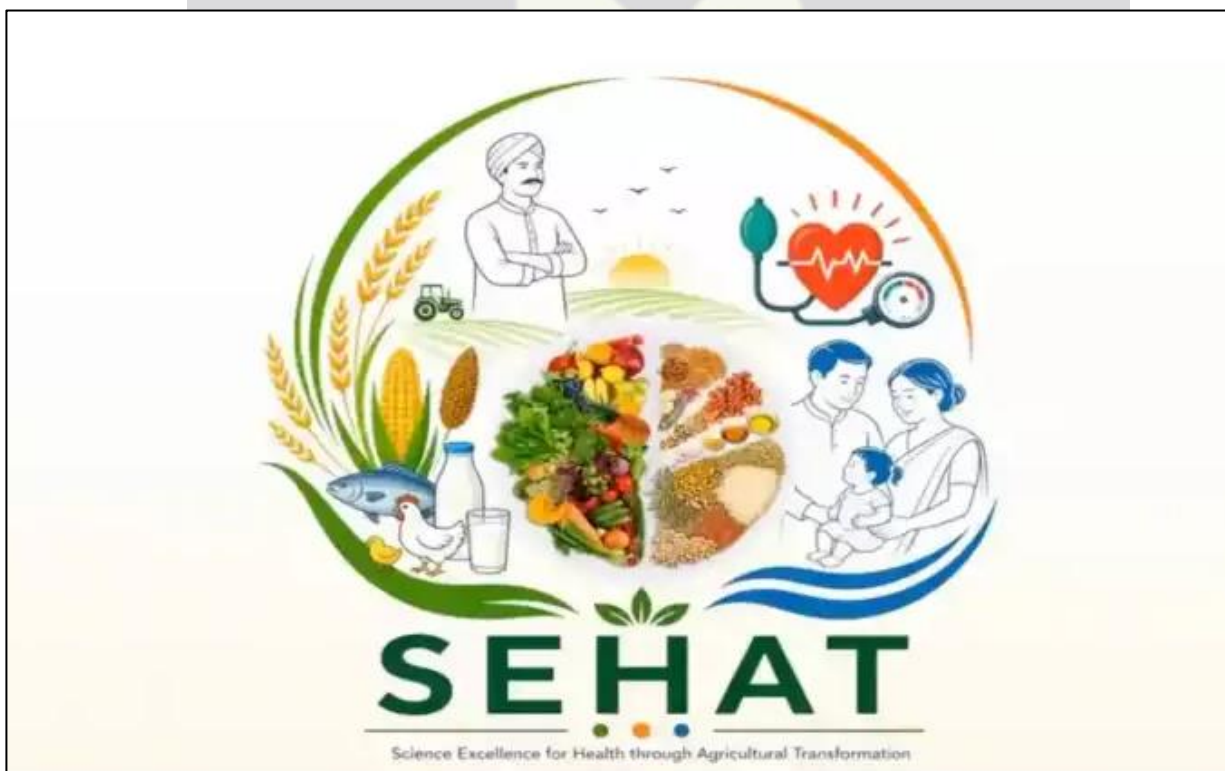
- **Inception:** In India, the introduction of e-governance in the realm of justice administration began in the late 1990s; however, this process gained significant momentum following the enactment of the Information Technology Act, 2000.
- In 2006, the 'e-Courts' initiative was launched as an integral component of the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP).
  1. **Krishna Veni Nagam vs. Harish Nagam (2017):** The Supreme Court authorized the hearing of matrimonial cases via video conferencing. However, this directive proved to be short-lived.
  2. **Allahabad High Court:** During his tenure as the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud conceptualized and initiated a project aimed at digitizing approximately one crore (10 million) case files within a single year.
  3. **Swapnil Tripathi vs. Supreme Court of India (2018):** Based on the Supreme Court's verdict in this case, the live-streaming of cases involving constitutional and national significance was permitted.
  4. **Gujarat High Court:** In July 2021, the Gujarat High Court became the first court in the country to live-stream its proceedings a practice subsequently emulated by the High Courts of Karnataka, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, and Patna.
  5. **e-Courts Project:** To address the issue of the judiciary lacking digital infrastructure, the latest Vision Document for Phase III of the e-Courts Project was unveiled during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Schemes and Policies

### SEHAT Mission

#### Why in News?

- On May 11, 2026, the Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, along with the Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development, launched the "SEHAT Mission" in Delhi.



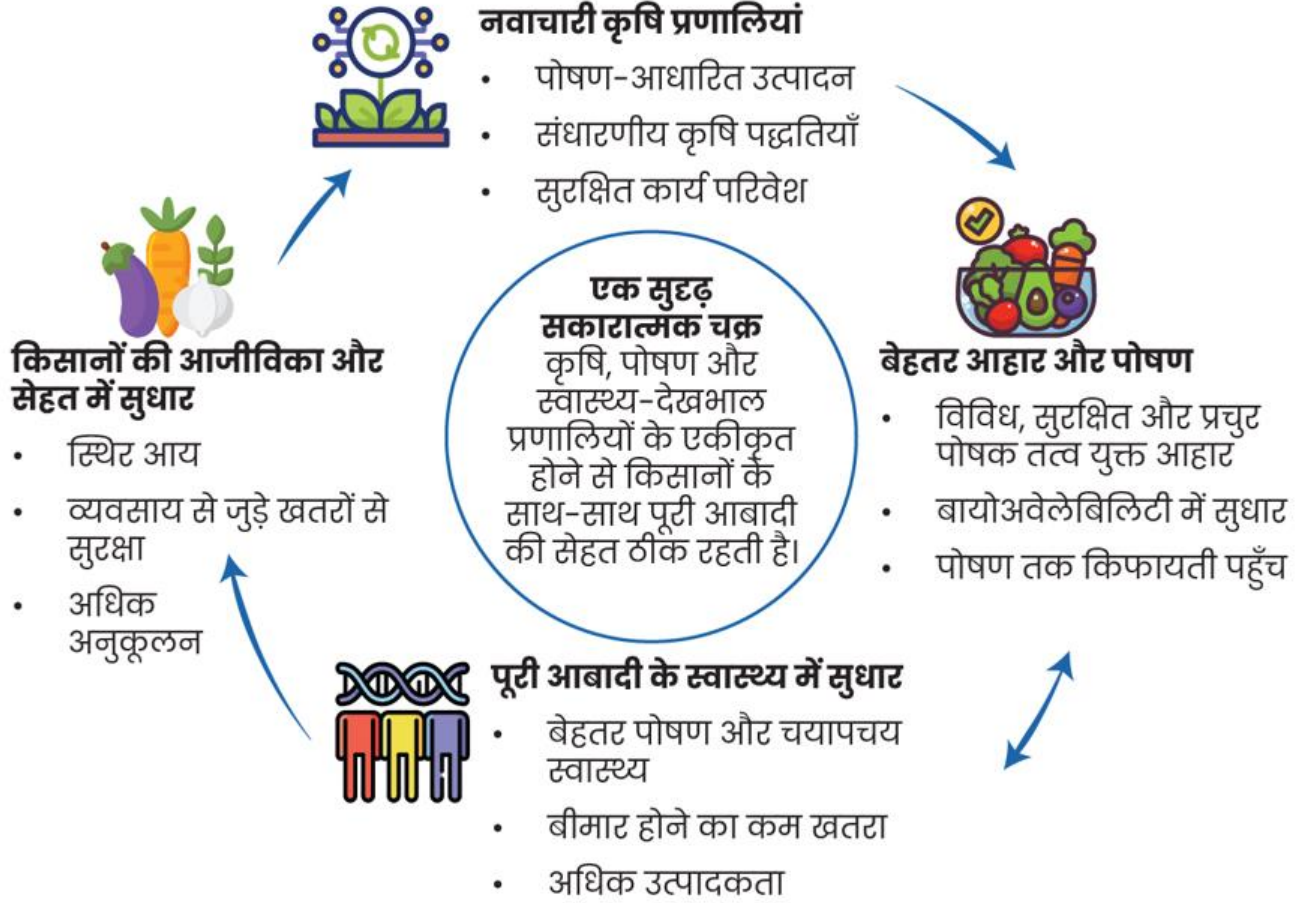
#### Key Points:

- Introduction:** This is a significant new mission centered on "Healthy Food, Healthy Farms, and a Healthy India" launched through a partnership between the ICAR and the ICMR.
- Full Form:** SEHAT; Science Excellence for Health through Agricultural Transformation.

- **Origin:** It is a joint national mission of the ICAR and the ICMR.
- **Objective:** To integrate agriculture with improved nutrition, disease prevention, farmer welfare, and science-based policy formulation.
- **Expected Impact:** The anticipated impacts of the mission include improvements in nutritional quality, a reduction in "hidden hunger" and micronutrient deficiencies, the prevention of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), enhanced health security for farmers, the establishment of sustainable food systems, and science-based policy support.
- **Features of the Mission:**
  1. **Prevention and Management of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs):** This mission will play a pivotal role in addressing two distinct challenges: on one hand, malnutrition, and on the other, the rapidly rising prevalence of non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and cancer.
  2. **"Whole-of-Systems" Approach:** The SEHAT Mission is not merely a standalone program; rather, it exemplifies a "Whole-of-Government" and "Whole-of-Systems" approach, necessitating the simultaneous advancement of science, policy, and implementation.
  3. This mission will play a crucial role in building a "Healthy India" and a "Strong India."
  4. **"One Health" Approach:** This mission focuses on bio-fortified crops, nutrient-rich food products, integrated farming systems, health security measures for farmers, dietary interventions suitable for lifestyle-related diseases, and the overarching "One Health" approach. For instance, enriching food crops with zinc, iron, and other essential nutrients.
  5. **Integrated Farming System:** Crops + Fruits + Vegetables + Animal Husbandry + Fisheries + Beekeeping.

## Other Important Points:

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SERVICES

## Jan Suraksha Schemes (PMJJBY, PMSBY, and APY): 11 Years Completed

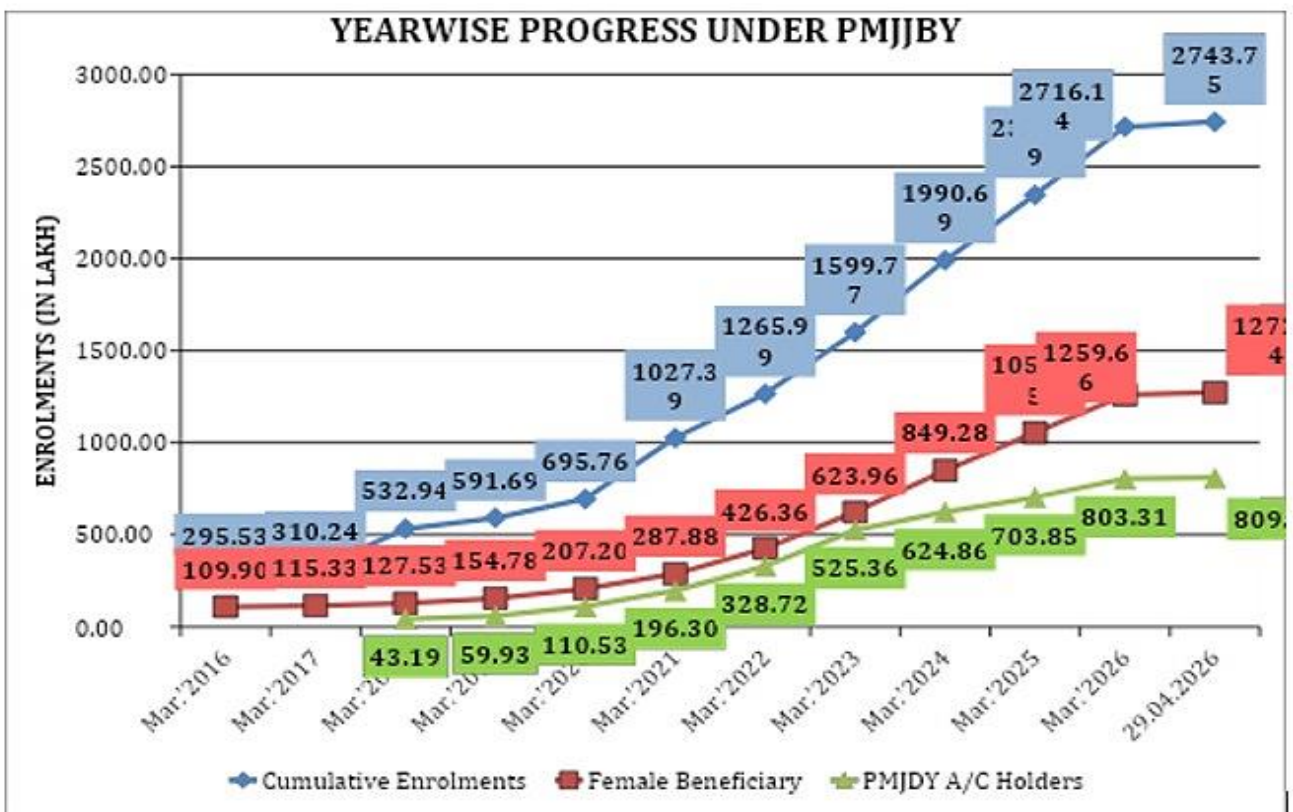
### Why in News?

- The Jan Suraksha schemes the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) launched by the Prime Minister on May 9, 2015, were introduced with the objective of providing affordable financial security to all deprived and vulnerable sections of society.

### Key Points:

- The goal of these flagship schemes is to broaden the scope of insurance and pension coverage by protecting citizens against life's uncertainties and fostering long-term financial stability.
- According to data released on the 11th anniversary of the Jan Suraksha schemes, there have been over 27 crore, 58 crore, and 9 crore enrollments under PMJJBY, PMSBY, and APY, respectively.

### Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY):

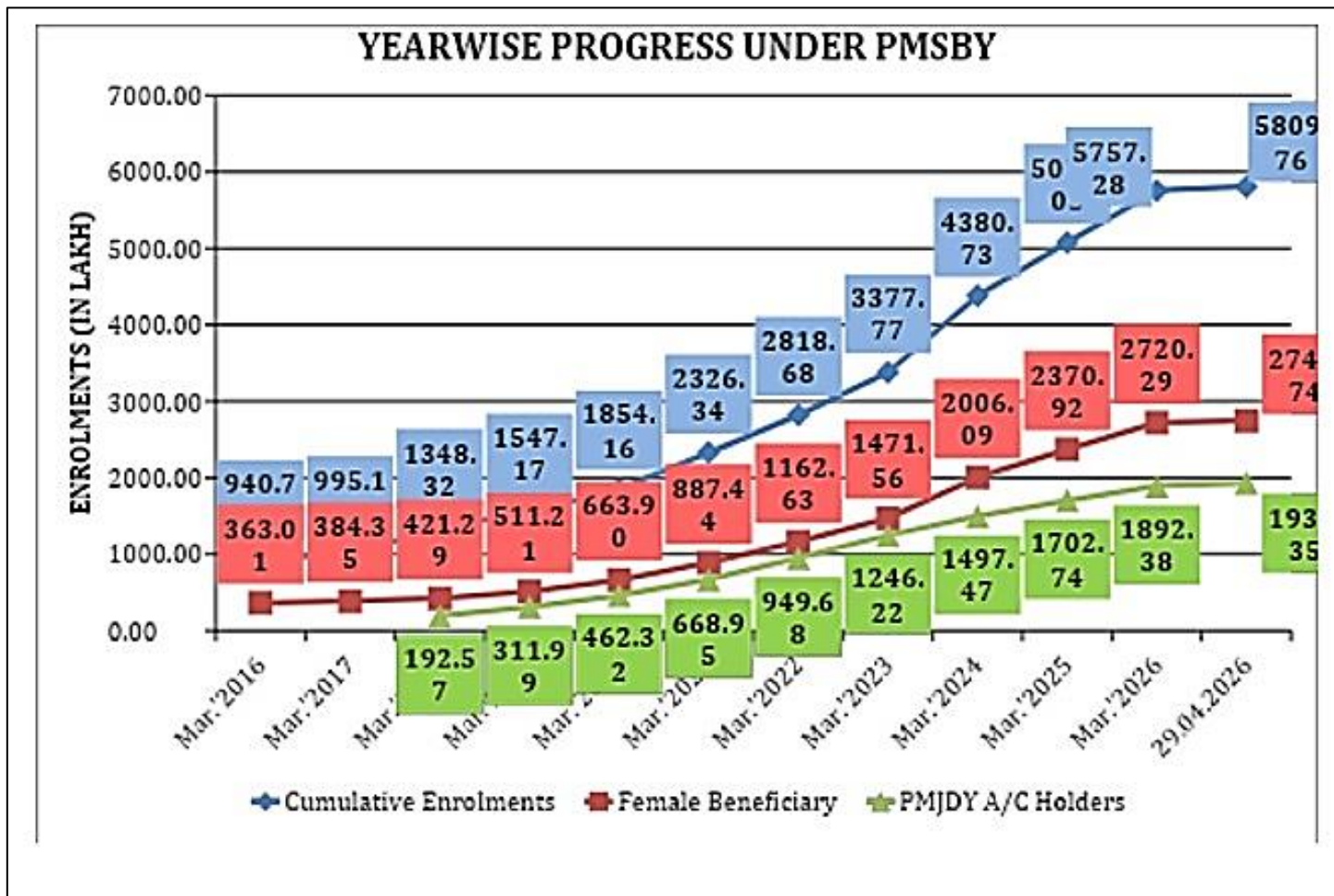


- **Introduction:** This is a low-cost life insurance scheme that provides financial protection against death due to any cause.

## Key Features of the Scheme:

1. **Tenure:** PMJJBY is a one-year insurance scheme that can be renewed annually.
  2. **Operation:** The scheme is administered by LIC and other life insurance companies that are willing to offer this product on similar terms, provided they obtain the necessary approvals and enter into partnerships with banks/post offices.
  3. **Freedom to Appoint Life Insurance Company:** Participating banks/post offices are free to appoint any life insurance company to implement the scheme for their customers.
- **Eligibility Criteria:** All individual account holders of participating banks/post offices, aged between 18 and 50 years, who provide their consent to opt for/enable the auto-debit facility, are eligible to join this scheme.
  - **Premium:** ₹436 per annum per member. As per the option exercised at the time of enrollment, the premium will be deducted from the account holder's bank/post office account in a single installment via the 'auto-debit' facility.
  - **Benefits:** A payment of ₹2 lakh will be made in the event of the subscriber's death for any reason. A lien period of 30 days from the date of enrollment shall apply.
  - **Achievements:** As of April 29, 2026, total enrollments under the PMJJBY have exceeded 27.43 crore, and ₹21,512.50 crore has been paid towards 10,75,625 claims.

## Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY):



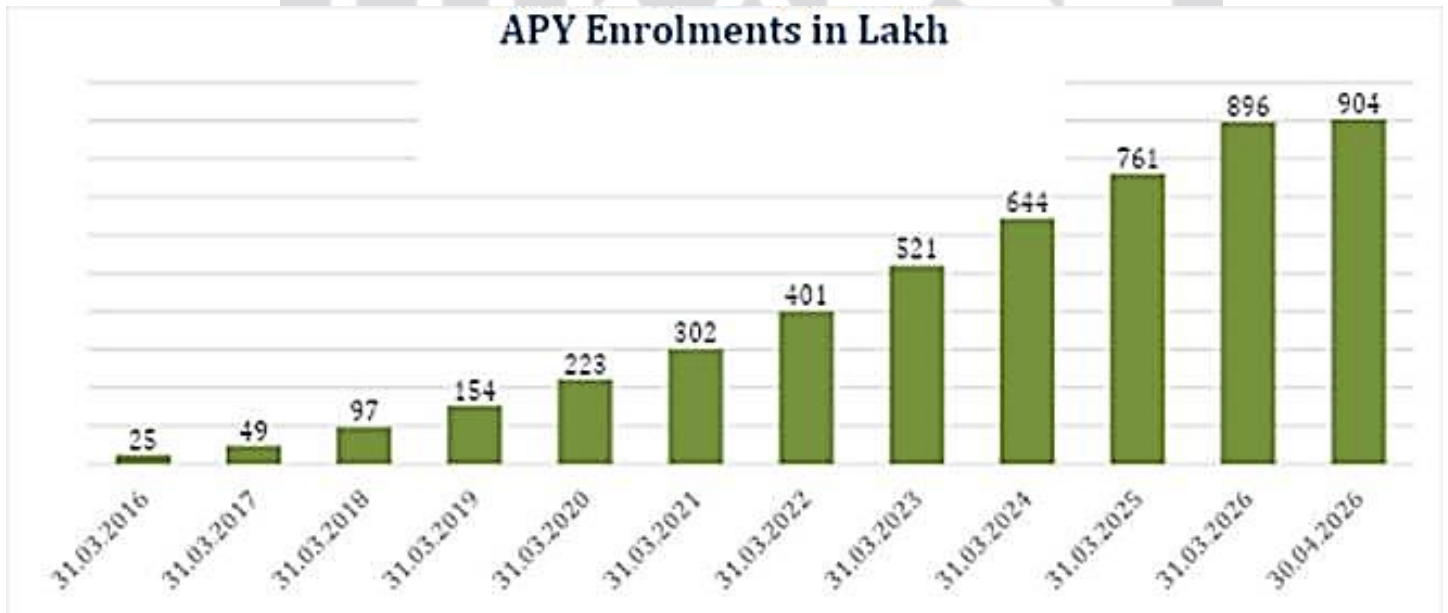
- Introduction:** The Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) is designed to provide accidental death and disability cover of up to ₹2 lakh to individuals aged 18 to 70 years in the event of death or disability caused by an accident. Its minimum premium is less than ₹2 per month.
- Eligibility Criteria:** All individual account holders aged 18 to 70 years at participating banks/post offices, who give their consent to join/enable the auto-debit facility, are eligible to join this scheme.
- Premium:** ₹20 per annum per member. As per the option exercised at the time of enrollment in the scheme, the premium will be deducted from the account holder's bank/post office account in a single installment via the 'auto-debit' facility.

## Benefits:

Benefit	Insurance Amount
In case of death	₹2 lakh
Complete and irrecoverable loss of both eyes, or total loss of use of both hands or feet, or loss of sight of one eye along with loss of one hand or one foot	₹2 lakh
Complete and irrecoverable loss of sight of one eye, or loss of one hand or one foot	₹1 lakh

- Achievements:** As of April 29, 2026, total enrollments under the PMSBY have exceeded 58.09 crore, and ₹3,667.52 crore has been paid towards 1,84,662 claims.

## Atal Pension Yojana (APY):



- Introduction:** This is a government initiative aimed at providing financial security to people in the unorganized sector and enabling them to cope with future contingencies.

- **Objective:** The objective of the Atal Pension Yojana is to provide universal social security coverage to all Indians, particularly the poor, the underprivileged, and workers in the unorganized sector.
- **Operation:** APY is administered by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) under the overall administrative and institutional framework of the National Pension System (NPS).
- **Eligibility:** APY is open to all bank account holders in the age group of 18 to 40 years who are not income tax payers; contributions vary based on the chosen pension amount.
- **Benefits:** Based on the contributions made by the subscriber after joining the scheme, subscribers will receive a guaranteed minimum monthly pension of ₹1,000, ₹2,000, ₹3,000, ₹4,000, or ₹5,000 after attaining the age of 60 years.
- **Distribution of Scheme Benefits:** The monthly pension is available to the subscriber, subsequently to their spouse, and upon their demise, the accumulated pension corpus (accrued up to the subscriber's age of 60) will be returned to the subscriber's nominee.
- **In the Event of the Subscriber's Premature Death (Death Before Age 60):** The subscriber's spouse may continue contributing to the subscriber's APY account for the remaining vesting period until the original subscriber would have attained the age of 60 years.
- **Payment:** Subscribers may contribute to APY on a monthly, quarterly, or half-yearly basis.
- **Withdrawal from the Scheme:** Subject to certain conditions, subscribers may voluntarily exit APY after deducting the government co-contribution and any accrued returns/interest thereon.
- **Achievement:** Women account for approximately 49% of the total enrollments under this scheme.

## 🕒 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY 🕒

### National Technology Day, 2026

#### 📣 Why in News?

- National Technology Day is observed annually on May 11th to commemorate the Pokhran nuclear tests conducted on May 11, 1998.



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## Key Points:

- **First National Technology Day:** May 11, 1999.
- **Theme/Subject for the Year 2026:** "Responsible Innovation for Inclusive Growth."
- **National Program 'Vigyan - Tech':** The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) participated in the national program 'Vigyan - Tech', held at the BRIC–National Institute of Immunology (NII), New Delhi, on the occasion of National Technology Day, 2026.
- **Organizer:** It is primarily organized by the Technology Development Board (TDB), a statutory body under the Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India.
- The ICMR showcased six high-impact indigenous technologies spanning the biopharma, healthcare, bio-industrial, and green chemistry sectors. These included Covaxin, the COVID Kavach ELISA Kit, a CRISPR-Cas-based TB detection system, a Nipah Point-of-Care Assay, a diagnostic ELISA kit for Dengue detection, and a biolarvicide for mosquito control.
- On the occasion of National Technology Day, 2026, the ICMR transferred three indigenous medical technologies to the industry.
  1. The first technology, titled "Development of an affordable PSP94 ELISA to aid in prostate biopsy decisions for patients with PSA levels below 20 ng/ml," was developed by Dr. Dhanashree Jagtap, Dr. Smita Mahale, and Dr. Bhakti Pathak at the ICMR–National Institute for Research in Women's Health (ICMR-NIRWOH). This technology was licensed to Krishgen Labs Pvt. Ltd.
  2. The second technology transfer involved the "Factor VIII Inhibitor / Coagulation Disorder Point-of-Care Diagnostic," developed by Dr. Rucha Patil at the ICMR–National Institute for Research on Blood and Immune Disorders (ICMR-NIRBID). This technology was licensed to Meril Life Sciences.

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3. The third technology, "Single-Tube Multiplex Real-Time RT-PCR for the Detection of Dengue, Chikungunya, and Zika Viruses," was developed by Dr. Alagarasu at the ICMR-National Institute of Virology (ICMR-NIV) and licensed to Vanguard Life Sciences.

■ During this event, 13 technologies developed by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research – Central Building Research Institute were formally transferred to various industries and startups. These technologies spanned fields such as fire safety, sustainable construction, infrastructure protection, energy efficiency, and advanced construction materials.

■ **Key technologies transferred include:**

1. Fire-retardant transparent intumescent coating for surfaces made of wood and wood substitutes
2. IPN coating technology for the protection of RCC structures
3. Brick manufacturing technology with a low carbon footprint
4. Hybrid solar-assisted heat pump system
5. Prefabricated high-strength steel cord reinforcement technology for wall protection

**Operation Shakti (Pokhran-II):**

- Under the leadership of Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, India successfully conducted a series of five nuclear tests in 1998.
- Following the Pokhran-II nuclear tests in 1998, Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee declared India a nuclear-armed state.
- This followed the Pokhran-I (Operation Smiling Buddha) tests conducted in 1974.
- On the same day, India successfully tested the Trishul surface-to-air missile and conducted a test flight of the indigenous aircraft Hansa-3.

## ICGS Achal

### Why in News?

- The Indian Coast Guard further bolstered its operational capabilities by commissioning the Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Achal into service at Goa Shipyard Limited on May 9, 2026.



### Key Points:

- **Meaning of the name 'Achal':** Steadfast / Resolute.
- **Designed and Built by:** M/s Goa Shipyard Limited.
- **Class:** It is the latest vessel in the new-generation Samarth-class series of Fast Patrol Vessels.

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## Features:

1. **Propulsion:** It is powered by two advanced 3000 kW diesel engines.
  2. **Speed:** The vessel offers a maximum speed of 27 knots and an operational endurance of 1500 nautical miles.
  3. It incorporates a suite of integrated technologies, including an Integrated Bridge System, an Integrated Machinery Control System, and an Automated Power Management System.
  4. Equipped with over 50 percent indigenous components, this ship reflects the nation's growing self-reliance in the defense manufacturing sector and holds dual-class certification (ABS and IRS).
- **Role:** This state-of-the-art vessel is capable of undertaking a wide range of maritime operational responsibilities, including critical tasks such as coastal and offshore surveillance, interception, Search and Rescue (SAR) operations, anti-smuggling missions, and combating marine pollution.

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## Full-Scale Actively Cooled Long-Duration Scramjet Combustor/Engine

### Why in News?

- On May 9, 2026, the Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL) of the DRDO achieved a groundbreaking milestone in the development of hypersonic missiles by successfully concluding comprehensive and long-duration testing of its actively cooled, full-scale scramjet combustor.



### Key Points:

- Successful Testing:** Following a successful test conducted in January of this year which lasted for over 700 seconds another successful test, lasting for over 1200 seconds, was conducted on May 9, 2026, at the state-of-the-art Scramjet Connect Pipe Test (SCPT) facility in Hyderabad.

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- **Designed and Developed:** This combustor was designed and developed by the DRDO's Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL) in Hyderabad and was realized through the efforts of industry partners.

## Technical Features:

1. **Active Cooling:** The engine was protected from extreme heat (exceeding the melting point of steel) through the use of high-temperature Thermal Barrier Coatings (TBC) and advanced manufacturing processes.
  2. **Indigenous Fuel:** This remarkable achievement was realized through a state-of-the-art supersonic air-breathing engine utilizing an indigenously developed Liquid Hydrocarbon Endothermic Fuel, which serves the dual purpose of acting as both a fuel and a coolant.
- **Significance:** This test will significantly bolster India's hypersonic cruise missile development program.

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