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Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP) – 2.0: Selection of 184 Villages in Rajasthan



Why in News?

- Under the 'Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP) – 2.0', work will be undertaken across 10 thematic areas in 184 villages of strategic importance located in Rajasthan's 5 border districts: Jaisalmer, Barmer, Bikaner, Sri Ganganagar, and Phalodi.



Key Points:

District-wise number of villages:

District	Number of Selected Villages
Sri Ganganagar	68
Bikaner	46
Barmer	36
Jaisalmer	30
Phalodi	4
Total	184

- Funding:** As per the program, a provision of ₹3 crore per annum has been made to ensure the saturation of development initiatives and schemes in the state's strategic villages.

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- In Rajasthan, the ‘Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP) – 2.0’ is the Central Government's second major scheme following the Border Area Development Programme aimed at the holistic development of international border areas.
- Under this project, these villages will achieve 100% saturation in terms of all-weather connectivity, 4G telecom connectivity, television connectivity, and on-grid electrification.
- Additionally, the development of these villages will also be ensured in the areas of livelihood generation, rural infrastructure, tourism and cultural development, livelihood and skill development, cooperatives, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs).

Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP) – 2.0

- On April 4, 2025, the Union Cabinet approved the ‘Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP) – 2.0’ as a 100% centrally funded scheme.
- **Duration:** Years 2024–2029

Program Name	Vibrant Village Programme	Vibrant Village Programme – 2.0
Launch Year	2023	2025
States/UTs Covered	Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, and the Union Territory of Ladakh	Selected villages in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir (UT), Ladakh (UT), Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal

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Funding	100% funded by the Central Government	100% funded by the Central Government
Objectives	• Improve living standards and create livelihood opportunities in border villages. • Strengthen border security by involving local populations in support of border forces. • Control cross-border crime and integrate border communities with the rest of the country.	• Improve living standards and create livelihood opportunities in border villages. • Strengthen border security by involving local populations in support of border forces. • Control cross-border crime and integrate border communities with the rest of the country.
Concerned Ministry	Ministry of Home Affairs	Ministry of Home Affairs

Facts for Prelims:

- **Chief Minister Thar Border Area Development Programme:** A significant scheme announced by the Government of Rajasthan in the 2025–26 Budget, launched with the objective of improving the standard of living of families residing near the international border and strengthening infrastructure in the region.
- The State Government has sanctioned an initial budget of ₹150 crore for this program. Under the program, the holistic development of 1,206 villages across five border districts of the state is proposed.

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TB-Free India Campaign (100-Day Special Drive)



Why in News?

- Under the 'TB-Free India Campaign – 100-Day Special Drive,' launched on the occasion of World TB Day (March 24), 1.893 million (18.93 lakh) individuals were screened in Rajasthan, leading to the identification of over 32,000 new TB patients.



Key Points:

- In Rajasthan, this 100-day special drive is being conducted across 11,328 high-risk villages and wards.
- **Rajasthan's Ranking in TB Screening:** In the year 2025, Rajasthan secured the first position nationwide by screening over 17.5 million (1.75 crore) potential TB patients.
- **Note:** In the year 2024, Rajasthan ranked third in the country under the 'TB-Free Gram Panchayat Campaign.' Under this campaign, 3,355 Gram Panchayats (village councils) in Rajasthan were declared TB-free in 2024.
- **Note:** In the year 2025, 6,547 Gram Panchayats in the state have been declared TB-free.
- **Tuberculosis (TB):** Tuberculosis (TB) is a bacterial infection caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. While the disease primarily affects the lungs, it can also impact other parts of the body, such as the abdomen, glands, bones, and the nervous system.



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Facts for Prelims:

Pradhan Mantri TB-Free India Campaign:

- **Launch Date:** September 9, 2022
- **Associated Ministry:** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Government of India)
- **Objective:** Elimination of TB by the year 2025.
- **Global Target:** The year 2030.

'TB-Free Panchayat' Initiative:

- Launched by the Prime Minister from Varanasi on March 24, 2023, on the occasion of World Tuberculosis Day.
- This is the official pan-India initiative for short-course preventive treatment and a family-centric care model for TB.

Global Efforts:

- The "Find. Treat. All. #EndTB" joint initiative has been launched by the World Health Organization (WHO), in collaboration with the Global Fund and the Stop TB Partnership.
- World Tuberculosis Day is observed annually on March 24.
- **National Event for World TB Day 2026:** Organized by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in Noida (Uttar Pradesh).
- Theme for 2026: Yes! We can End TB! Led by countries. Powered by people.

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Umang – VII: Rajasthan Police's Campaign Against Child Labor and Child Trafficking

Why in News?

- A statewide special campaign titled 'Umang – VII' is being conducted in Rajasthan from June 1 to June 30, 2026, to combat child labor, child bonded labor, and human trafficking (child trafficking).



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Key Points:

- Conduct of the Campaign:** Led by the Rajasthan Police, in collaboration with various departments and agencies.
- Objective of the Campaign:** To establish effective control over grave social evils such as child labor and child trafficking, and to ensure the rehabilitation of victimized children.
- Tagline:** 'Every Child Safe – Every Child Educated'.
- Nodal Officers at the District Level:** To ensure the effective execution of the campaign, an officer of the rank of Additional Superintendent of Police has been appointed as the Nodal Officer in each district.

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- **Collaborative Strategy:** Under this campaign, a joint strategy will be formulated in coordination with the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Women and Child Development, Department of Labor, Department of Child Empowerment, Child Welfare Committees, Shelter Homes, Children's Homes, and various Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).
- **Legal Action:** If any cases involving human trafficking or child labor come to light involving any individual or institution, legal action will be initiated under Sections 143, 144, 145, 146, 98, and 99 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Other Important Points:

- **Constitutional Provisions:** Specific provisions have been enshrined under Part III (Fundamental Rights) and Part IV (Directive Principles of State Policy) of the Constitution of India to completely prohibit child labor, child bonded labor, and human trafficking (child trafficking).
- **Article 23(1):** Prohibition of traffic in human beings and forced labor.
- **Article 24:** Prohibition of employment of children in factories, etc. No child below the age of fourteen years shall be employed to work in any factory or mine or engaged in any other hazardous employment.
- **Article 39 (e):** Certain Principles of Policy to be followed by the State That the health and strength of men and women workers, and the tender age of children, are not abused, and that citizens are not forced by economic necessity to enter avocations unsuited to their age or strength.
- **Article 39 (f):** That children are given opportunities and facilities to develop in a healthy manner and in conditions of freedom and dignity, and that childhood and youth are protected against exploitation and against moral and material abandonment. (This was added by the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1976.)



NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	Anti-Malaria Month (June 2026) ■ To ensure public awareness, community participation, robust surveillance, and timely testing and treatment in the direction of malaria eradication, June 2026 will be observed as a statewide 'Anti-Malaria Month.' ■ Implementation: By the Union Ministry of Health and the National Centre for Vector Borne Disease Control. ■ The Central Government has set a target for the eradication of malaria by the year 2030. ■ Under the Anti-Malaria Month initiative, a 'Hatchery Activation Fortnight' will be observed from June 16 to June 30, 2026, during which Gambusia fish will be released into water pits.
2.	Saksham Agarwal: New Aide-de-Camp to the Governor ■ Recently, Squadron Leader Saksham Agarwal assumed charge as the new Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the Governor of Rajasthan, Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde. ■ Aides-de-Camp (ADCs) serve as personal assistants and as coordinating officers for security and protocol matters for top constitutional heads, such as the Governor or the President.
3.	Prerna Sahitya Saraswat Samman – 2026 ■ Awardee: Dr. Neena Chhibber from Jodhpur. ■ Presented by: Medini Prerna Literary Organization.

4. **Divyanshi Jain: Bronze Medal at the 33rd Li-Ning Asian Junior Squash Championship**
 - At the 33rd Li-Ning Asian Junior Squash Championship – 2026, held in Panzhihua, China, Divyanshi Jain from Jaipur won a bronze medal in the Girls' Under-13 category.
 - In this championship, the Indian contingent won a total of 8 medals (1 Gold, 3 Silver, and 4 Bronze).
5. **Bharatpur's 'Apna Ghar Ashram' Enters the Guinness Book of World Records**
 - Located in Bharatpur, the 'Apna Ghar Ashram' has secured a place in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's largest shelter home for destitute women, having provided dignified shelter and medical care to 3,295 destitute and helpless women.
6. **Shri Devnarayan Bhagwan National Festival: Sawai Madhopur**
 - The 'Shri Devnarayan Bhagwan National Festival' was organized at Kushalidarra in Sawai Madhopur from May 28 to May 30, 2026.
7. **State Public Procurement Portal (SPPP) and Single Holistic Procurement Portal (SHPP)**
 - To ensure complete transparency, accountability, and efficiency in government procurement, the Government of Rajasthan has made the use of the State Public Procurement Portal (SPPP) and the new, integrated Single Holistic Procurement Portal (SHPP) entirely mandatory for all government departments, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), and autonomous bodies.
 - This step has been taken with the objective of implementing the provisions of the Rajasthan Transparency in Public Procurement (RTTP) Act, 2012, and eliminating irregularities associated with manual procurement processes.
 - **State Public Procurement Portal (SPPP):** This serves as the primary informational portal of the Government of Rajasthan, where details regarding tenders issued by all government departments are made public.
 - **Single Holistic Procurement Portal (SHPP):** This is an advanced, integrated digital system launched by the Government of Rajasthan in January 2026.



Geography and Geology



High-Level Committee on Demographic Change

(Source: PIB)



Why in News?

- The Central Government has constituted a High-Level Committee on demographic change in the country. This committee will study demographic changes resulting from illegal migration and other unusual causes, and will suggest measures to address them.



Key Points:

- Justice (Retd.) Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar will serve as the Chairperson of this committee. Its members include the Census Commissioner and three distinguished experts.

Tasks Assigned to the Committee

- To examine and study the causes and challenges associated with demographic changes resulting from cross-border factors, etc.
- To analyze structural changes in population composition at the level of religious or social communities.
- To recommend institutional and functional mechanisms for border management, as well as for the identification, detention, and deportation of illegal migrants.

Causes of Illegal Migration in India

- **Destination for people fleeing persecution:** For example, the Rohingyas arriving from Myanmar.
- **Economic factors:** These include poverty in neighboring countries, a lack of employment opportunities, low income levels, etc.
- **Environmental factors:** For example, the displacement of people in Bangladesh due to frequent floods, cyclones, and river erosion.

Improvement in Groundwater Levels through India's 'Water Budget' Initiative

(Source: PIB)



Why in News?

- According to assessments conducted in 2023-24 and 2024-25 under the Atal Bhujal Yojana, an improvement in groundwater levels has been observed in 180 out of 229 blocks.



Key Points:

Water Budgeting

- **Definition:** It is a systematic assessment that evaluates water availability and demand within a designated geographical area (such as a village, watershed, or block) to ensure the balanced utilization of water resources.
- **Calculation:** It involves a comparative evaluation of water inflows (rainfall, surface water runoff, groundwater recharge) and water outflows (evapotranspiration, surface runoff, groundwater extraction).

Government Initiatives Supporting Water Budgeting:

- **Atal Bhujal Yojana (2019):** This scheme mandates the preparation of water budgets at the Gram Panchayat (village council) level and revitalizes traditional water conservation systems such as Gokattes, Baoris, Johads, and Tankas.
- **National Water Mission:** This mission promotes water budgeting within the framework of Integrated Water Resources Management. It places special emphasis on the participation of women.
- **Varuni App:** This application was developed under an Indo-German project in collaboration with NITI Aayog. It utilizes data related to rainfall and land use to automatically generate block-level water budgets.

State-Level Initiatives:

- **Mukhyamantri Jal Swavalamban Abhiyan (Rajasthan):** Launched in 2016, this campaign is based on the concept of four water sources. It has recorded an increase of approximately 4% in groundwater levels.
- **Jalyukt Shivar Abhiyan (Maharashtra):** Launched in 2014 incorporating geotagging and app-based monitoring this campaign has helped make over 11,000 villages drought-free.



Economic Developments



Cotton Textile Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL)

(Source: DD NEWS)



TEXPROCIL

THE COTTON TEXTILES EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL

(Sponsored By Government of India)



Key Points:

- Recently, during the 'TEXPROCIL Export Awards 2023–24' ceremony, the Union Finance Minister reiterated the following ambitious targets for the textile sector:
 - **Export Target:** \$100 billion
 - **Production Target:** \$250 billion (by the year 2030)

TEXPROCIL

- **Establishment:** 1954
- **Headquarters:** Mumbai
- **Nodal Ministry:** Union Ministry of Textiles
- **Nature:** It is a government-sponsored, autonomous, and non-profit organization.
- **Key Function:** It represents India's cotton textiles at the global level and assists in promoting the export of Indian cotton textiles worldwide.

Hydrogen Fuel Cells

(Source: PIB)



Why in News?

- Indian Railways has approved the introduction of a hydrogen fuel cell-powered train on the Jind-Sonipat section.



Key Points:

Hydrogen Fuel Cells

- Definition:** It is an electrochemical device that directly converts chemical energy into electrical energy through the combination of hydrogen and oxygen.
- Working Mechanism:** Unlike traditional internal combustion engines, fuel cells generate electricity without burning fuel, resulting in zero harmful emissions. Their only by-products are water and heat.
- Key Types of Fuel Cells:** Proton Exchange Membrane, Solid Oxide Fuel Cell, Alkaline Fuel Cell, etc.

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Indian Governance and State System

Article 142: Judicial Activism vs. Judicial Overreach

(Source: THE HINDU)



Why in News?

- Recently, exercising its powers under Article 142 of the Constitution, the Supreme Court declared the 'Right to Safe Travel on National Highways' to be an integral part of the fundamental right to 'Life' enshrined under Article 21.



Key Points:

- Issuing comprehensive directives, the Court stated that providing safe, well-maintained, and motorable roads is a binding constitutional duty of the State, rather than merely a policy objective.

What is Article 142?

- Complete Justice:** Under this Article, the Supreme Court (SC) is empowered to issue any order or decree necessary to ensure 'complete justice' in situations where existing laws fail to provide a specific remedy.
- Not Available to High Courts:** The aforementioned powers under Article 142 are constitutionally vested exclusively in the Supreme Court.
- Significance:** This Article addresses the issue arising from the absence of legislative provisions. Should a situation arise where a manifest injustice is evident, yet no specific law exists to remedy it, Article 142 empowers the Court to intervene and provide an immediate solution.

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- **Example:** The Vishaka Guidelines of 1997, formulated to address complaints regarding the sexual harassment of women in the workplace, as no statutory law existed on the subject at that time.
- **Criticism:** Although this Article serves as a 'constitutional safety valve' to bridge legislative gaps, it may potentially lead to a situation of 'judicial overreach' into the domains of the Executive or the Legislature.
- **Judicial Overreach:** This refers to a situation where the Judiciary transgresses its constitutional boundaries and begins to interfere in the functions of the Executive or the Legislature.

Concerns Associated with Judicial Overreach:

- **Violation of the Principle of Separation of Powers:** Example: The constitution of the Lodha Panel by the Supreme Court to implement reforms within the BCCI.
- **Erosion of Accountability:** Accountability diminishes when the principle of 'checks and balances' is undermined. Example: The Supreme Court struck down the National Judicial Appointments Commission (2015) in order to maintain its primacy in judicial appointments.
- **Lack of expertise across all subjects:** Example- In the case of Tamil Nadu vs. K. Balu, the Supreme Court, exercising its powers under Article 142, imposed a ban on the sale of liquor within 500 meters of highways, resulting in the loss of jobs for millions of people overnight.
- **Disregard for the limitations of the Executive:** Courts often issue directives without taking into consideration the constraints regarding resources or infrastructure.
- **Example:** In the case of M.C. Mehta vs. Union of India (2018), the Supreme Court, utilizing Article 142, imposed a ban on the sale of BS-IV vehicles.



Schemes and Policies



PM-WANI Scheme

(Source: PIB)



Why in News?

- The Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) scheme has received user-friendly upgrades.



Key Points:

- To enhance accessibility under this scheme, QR-based logins, short-duration plans, and standardized hotspot names have been introduced.

PM-WANI

- **Ministry:** Ministry of Communications
- **Launch:** By the Department of Telecommunications in the year 2020.
- **Objective:** To boost the proliferation of public Wi-Fi hotspots across the country particularly in rural areas in order to build a robust digital communication infrastructure.

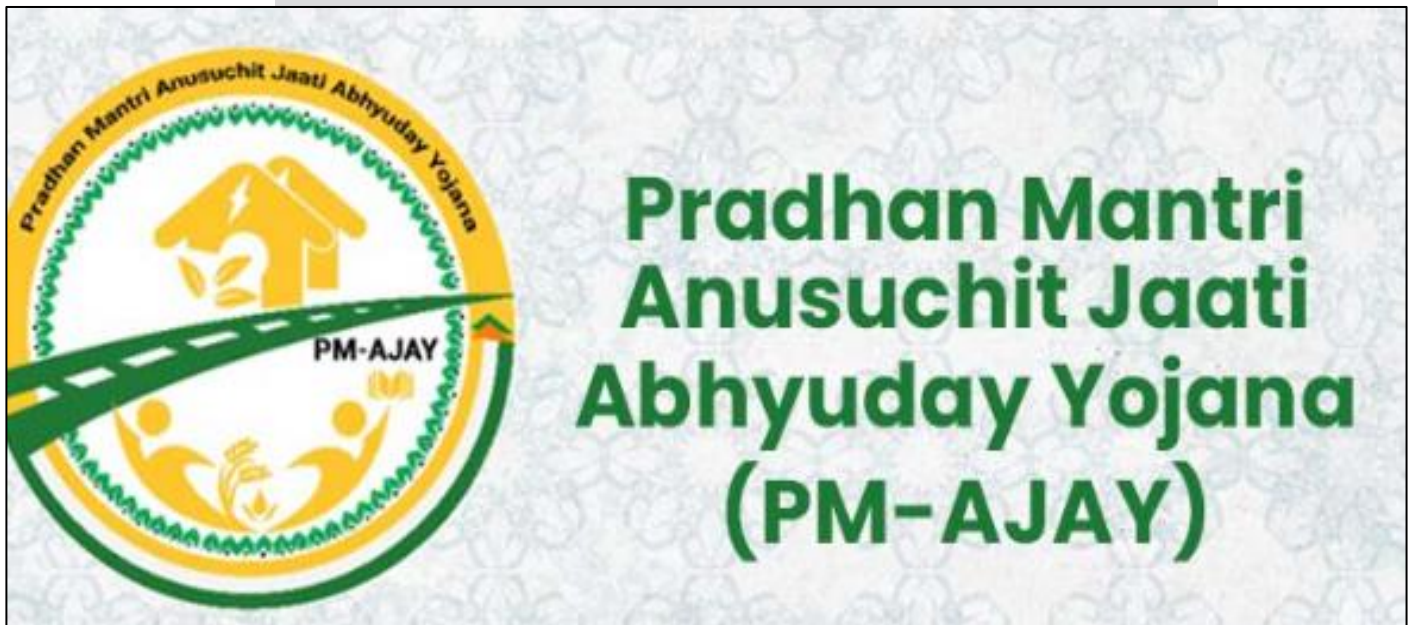
PM-AJAY

(Source: PIB)



Why in News?

- The Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment launched the 'PM-AJAY' portal and the 'AJAY' mobile app.



Key Points:

- Under the PM-AJAY portal, real-time monitoring, transparent administration, and outcome-linked financing will be ensured for the Adarsh Gram (Model Village), Grant-in-Aid, and Hostel components.

PM-AJAY (Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana)

- **Launch:** Year 2021-22
- It was launched by merging the following 3 erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes:
 - o Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY)
 - o Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCA to SCSP)
 - o Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana (BJRCY)

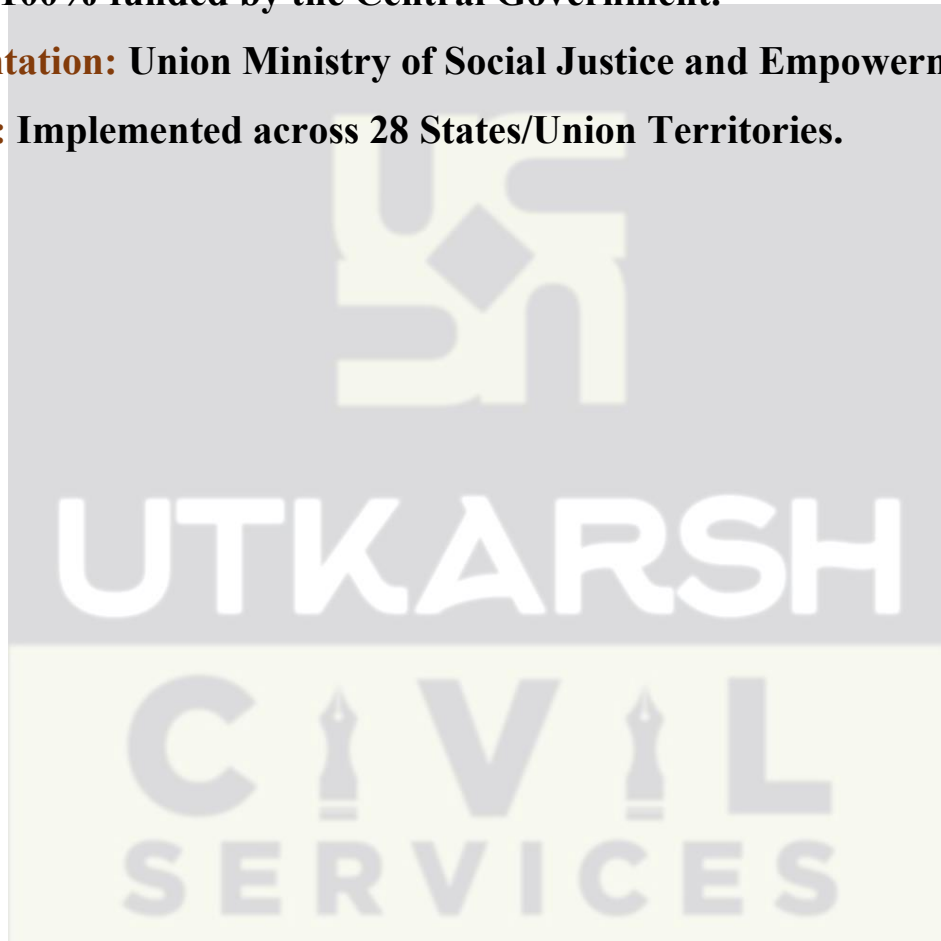
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- **Objective:** Socio-economic upliftment of Scheduled Castes (SCs).
- **Key Focus Areas:** Poverty reduction, enhancement of educational opportunities, and improvement of infrastructure in Scheduled Caste-majority areas.
- **Funding:** 100% funded by the Central Government.
- **Implementation:** Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- **Coverage:** Implemented across 28 States/Union Territories.



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SARTHAK-PDS Scheme

(Source: DD NEWS)



Why in News?

- The Union Cabinet has approved the SARTHAK-PDS scheme to modernize the Public Distribution System (PDS).



Key Points:

- SARTHAK-PDS stands for: "Scheme for Assistance in Ration Transport and Handling – Income with Automation in PDS."
- This scheme has been formulated by merging the following two existing schemes:
 - o Assistance to State Agencies for Intra-State Movement of Foodgrains and FPS Dealers' Margins under the NFSA; and
 - o Scheme for Modernization and Reforms through Technology in the Public Distribution System (SMART PDS).

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Key Highlights of SARTHAK-PDS

- **Scheme Period:** Up to March 31, 2031 (coinciding with the tenure of the 16th Finance Commission).
- **Budget:** An allocation of ₹25,530 crore for the next five years.
- **Beneficiaries:** The benefits of this scheme will accrue to approximately 81.35 crore beneficiaries covered under the 'National Food Security Act' (NFSA).

Key Features:

- An integrated national database, AI-based analytics dashboards, automated grievance redressal systems, etc., will be utilized for the real-time monitoring of the distribution network.

Objectives:

- To provide financial assistance for the intra-state movement, storage/handling, and Fair Price Shop (FPS) dealers' margins for foodgrains.
- To develop an integrated, citizen-centric, and inter-connected Public Distribution System (PDS) to ensure improved last-mile delivery and to minimize leakages.



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Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD)

(Source: The Indian Express)



Why in News?

- The 11th meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD) was held in New Delhi. The Foreign Ministers of the Quad nations India, the United States, Japan, and Australia participated in this meeting held in New Delhi.



Key Points:

Key Initiatives Announced

- **Quad Critical-Minerals Initiative Framework:** This is a \$20 billion initiative. Its objective is to coordinate investment in mining, processing, and recycling. This will strengthen global critical minerals supply chains.

- **Indo-Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA):** Initially, its primary focus will be on the Indian Ocean Region. This initiative will facilitate real-time information sharing and enhance awareness regarding maritime activities by leveraging the joint surveillance capabilities of the Quad nations.
- **Quad Energy Security Initiative:** Through this initiative, Quad partner nations will identify areas of cooperation such as technology, management, policy, international market analysis, and emergency response exercises to ensure open and stable energy markets as well as diversified supply chains.
- **Indo-Pacific Connectivity:** A pledge has been made to connect the nations of the Pacific Islands Forum via undersea cables by the year 2026. Additionally, a commitment has been expressed to develop port infrastructure in Fiji under the 'Quad Ports of the Future Partnership.'

Other Significant Outcomes of the Meeting

- **Commitment to UNCLOS:** The Foreign Ministers of the Quad nations emphasized adherence to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) to ensure freedom of navigation in regions such as the Red Sea, the Strait of Hormuz, and the South China Sea.
- **Coast Guard-led 'Quad-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission':** India will host the next edition of this mission, aimed at monitoring maritime activities.
- **6G Communication:** The Quad nations will collaborate on the development of next-generation communication standards, specifically 6G technology.

The Quad (QUAD)

- **Members:** India, the United States, Japan, and Australia.
- **History:** It was initiated following the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami to coordinate the delivery of humanitarian aid.
- **2007:** The then-Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe proposed it as a formal dialogue mechanism; however, it subsequently became dormant.

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- **2017:** It was revived amidst concerns regarding the rules-based order and growing assertiveness within the Indo-Pacific region.
- **Impact:** The Quad grouping represents 24% of the world's population, 35% of global GDP, and 18% of global trade.

Significance of the Quad for India

- **Counterbalancing China's Growing Influence:** The Quad is crucial for balancing the dominance of any single nation within the Indian Ocean Region. To this end, the annual 'Malabar' naval exercises are conducted.
- **Cooperation in Economic and Climate Sectors:** Economic cooperation (e.g., the Quad Investment Network, 2024); cooperation in the climate sector (e.g., the Quad Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Package), etc.

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ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY



Long-tailed Dusk-hawker

(Source: THE HINDU)



Why in News?

- The presence of a dragonfly the Long-tailed Dusk-hawker has been recorded in Namdapha National Park.



Key Points:

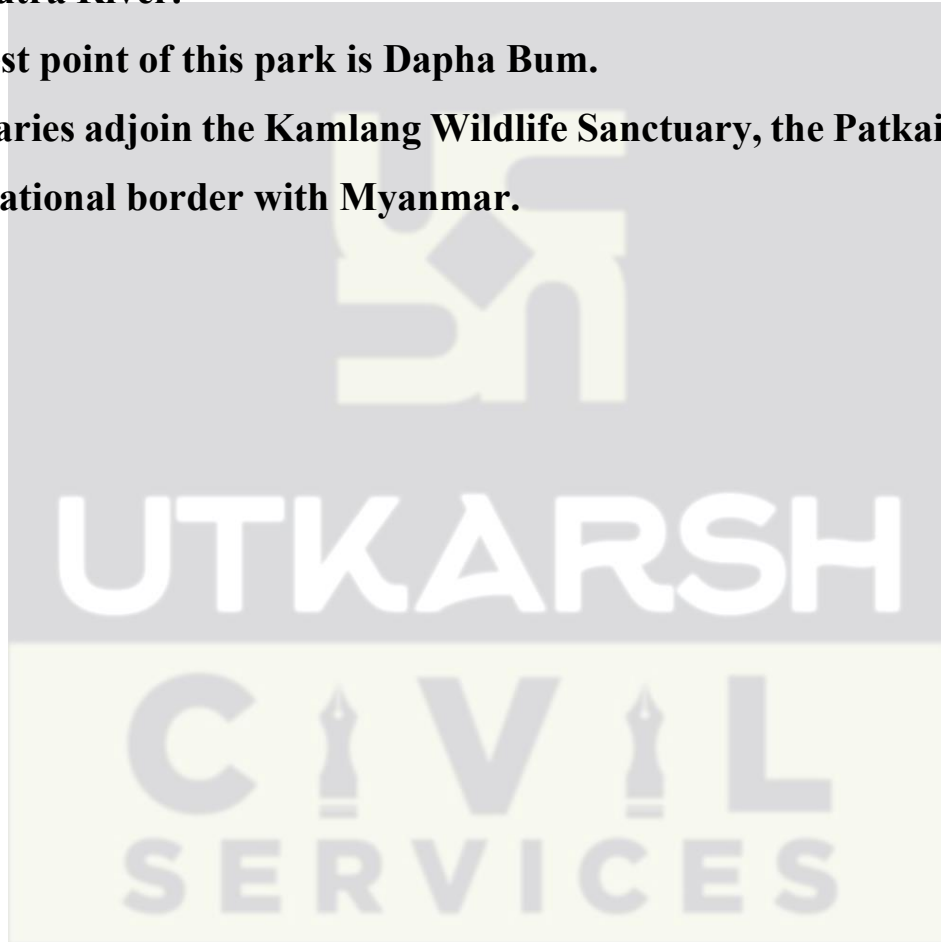
- Dragonflies belong to the order 'Odonata'; they are counted among the world's fastest-flying insects and possess a field of vision of approximately 360 degrees.
- They are vital components of freshwater aquatic ecosystems.



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Namdapha National Park

- **Location:** It is situated in the Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh, at the tri-junction point of India, Myanmar, and China.
- It encompasses the catchment area of the Noa-Dihing River, a tributary of the Brahmaputra River.
- The highest point of this park is Dapha Bum.
- Its boundaries adjoin the Kamlang Wildlife Sanctuary, the Patkai Range, and the international border with Myanmar.



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National Health Accounts (NHA) 2022-23

(Source: PIB)



Why in News?

- The National Health Accounts (NHA) estimates for India for the year 2022-23 have been released. These estimates have been prepared by the National Health Accounts Technical Secretariat, housed within the National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC) under the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

National Health Accounts (NHA) estimates for India 2022-23



Key Points:

Key Highlights of the NHA 2022-23 Report

- The share of government health expenditure in the country's GDP increased from 1.15% in 2013-14 to 1.43% in 2022-23.
- Government expenditure on primary healthcare more than doubled, rising from ₹0.5 lakh crore in 2013-14 to ₹1.4 lakh crore in 2022-23.

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- Out-of-pocket (OOP) health expenditure incurred by individuals declined from 64.2% to 43.4% between 2013-14 and 2022-23.
- Social Security Expenditure (SSE) on healthcare increased from 6% to 9.9% between 2013-14 and 2022-23.

Government Initiatives for Healthcare:

- **National Health Mission (NHM):** Its objective is to provide accessible, affordable, and quality healthcare services to the rural population, particularly the vulnerable sections.
- **Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY):** This scheme provides a cashless health insurance cover of ₹5 lakh per eligible family per year for hospitalization at the secondary and tertiary levels of care.
- **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP):** Its aim is to make available high-quality generic medicines that are 50% to 90% more affordable compared to branded medicines.