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Monthly Progress Report on 'De-regulation Phase – 1' in Rajasthan



Why in News?

- Recently, the Office of the Chief Secretary of Rajasthan released the monthly progress report (for the month of April) on 'De-regulation Phase-1' with the aim of promoting 'Ease of Doing Business' within the state.



Key Points:

- According to this report, out of 9,010 applications received on the 'Raj Nivesh Portal', 6,103 applications (reflecting an approval rate of 67.7 percent) were granted expedited approval. This marks a significant achievement and represents a crucial step toward establishing the state as a preferred investment destination and simplifying administrative processes.
- It is noteworthy that the monthly progress report regarding investment proposals within the state is prepared by the 'De-regulation Cell,' which operates under the aegis of the Chief Secretary's Office.
- **Raj Nivesh Portal:** Various investment applications are granted online and expedited approval through the 'Raj Nivesh Portal.'
- **District with the Highest Approvals:** Jaipur (Out of 1,932 applications received, 1,351 were approved).
- Additionally, Kota and Hanumangarh demonstrated high disposal efficiency, achieving approval rates of approximately 83.8 percent and 82.5 percent, respectively.

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Key Sectors:

- According to the report, during the month of April, applications were received from various districts across the state in emerging sectors such as AYUSH, Agro-processing, Defense, and Education. This trend reflects the regional diversification and the expansion of investment opportunities within Rajasthan.

Sector-wise Progress:

- **Tourism and Hospitality Sector:** This sector recorded the highest volume of proposed investment, with significant contributions from Jaipur, Udaipur, Pali, Rajsamand, and Sikar.
- **Engineering:** Alwar and Kotputli-Behror emerged as the leading districts in this sector.
- **Waste Management:** Ajmer and Bhilwara.
- **Textile Sector:** Jodhpur.

Selection of 15 Youths from Rajasthan for the 'Viksit Bharat Vibrant Village Program'



Why in News?

- 15 'MY Bharat' volunteers from Rajasthan have been selected to participate in the Central Government's ambitious 'Viksit Bharat Vibrant Village Program'.



Key Points:

- As part of a contingent of 100 youths selected from across the country, the 15 volunteers from Rajasthan will participate in nation-building and public awareness activities in the border villages of Himachal Pradesh.
- Implementation of the 'Viksit Bharat Vibrant Village Program':** Jointly conducted by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Objective:** To expose the youth to the country's diversity and challenges by deploying them to border villages.
- The selection of youths for this program was conducted through a national competition, under which the 'Viksit Bharat Vibrant Village Quiz' was organized on the 'MY Bharat Portal' (under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports).
- A total of 2.59 lakh youths from across the country participated in this nationwide quiz, including over 16,000 youths from Rajasthan.

Raholi: Rajasthan's Only Government School to Receive the ToFEI Award



Why in News?

- Recently, the PM-SHRI Government Senior Secondary School, Raholi (Tonk), was conferred with the 'Tobacco-Free Educational Institution Challenge Award' (ToFEI). This makes it the only government school in Rajasthan to receive the ToFEI award.



Key Points:

- The ToFEI Award is a prestigious national award presented by the Department of School Education and Literacy, under the Union Ministry of Education.
- Main Objective:** To encourage schools to adhere to the guidelines for becoming 'Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions' and to raise awareness among students regarding the adverse effects of substance abuse.

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- The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL) is currently implementing a three-year 'Drug-Free School Action Plan' (2026–2029), the primary objective of which is to strengthen initiatives related to tobacco prevention, awareness, monitoring, and capacity building.
- **Note:** Recently, the World Health Organization (WHO) conferred a global honor upon Rajasthan under the 'World No Tobacco Day Award' for the year 2026.

Other Important Points:

Efforts undertaken by the Government of Rajasthan to control tobacco consumption:

- **Statewide Special Enforcement and Public Awareness Campaign:** From May 22 to May 30, 2026, the Department of Medical and Health conducted a statewide special enforcement and public awareness campaign under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 (COTPA).
- **Tobacco De-addiction Treatment and Counseling Centers:** More than 500 Tobacco De-addiction Treatment and Counseling Centers are currently operational across the state, extending down to the block level. These centers have been geo-tagged and made available on digital platforms for the convenience of the general public, enabling individuals in need to easily locate and access the nearest center.
- Additionally, Nicotine Replacement Therapy has been included in the list of essential medicines for the treatment of tobacco addiction.
- **'Devadarvadi Dhumra':** A herbal and Ayurvedic cigarette developed by the National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur, designed primarily with the objective of helping people overcome nicotine and tobacco addiction.

Facts for Prelims:

- **World No Tobacco Day:** Observed annually on May 31st by the World Health Organization.
- **Theme for 2026:** "Unmasking the appeal – countering nicotine and tobacco addiction."

Rajasthan Moves Towards a 'Circular Economy' Through E-Waste Management



Why in News?

- Rajasthan is rapidly advancing towards adopting a 'Circular Economy' through the effective management of E-waste (electronic waste).

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आज का ई-वेस्ट, कल का संसाधन | स्वच्छ पर्यावरण, समृद्ध राजस्थान

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संसाधनों का संरक्षण कीमती धातुओं की पुनः प्राप्ति

रोजगार और उद्यमिता नए अवसर, नया भविष्य

आत्मनिर्भर राजस्थान सस्टेनेबल और सशक्त

1 'रिड्यूस, रीयूज और रिसाइकल' (3R)

REDUCE रिड्यूस कम उपयोग, कम ई-वेस्ट

REUSE रीयूज पुनः उपयोग, जीवन बढ़ाएँ

RECYCLE रिसाइकल वैज्ञानिक तरीके से पुनर्चक्रण

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1. संग्रह एवं छंटई

ई-वेस्ट का सुरक्षित संग्रह और वर्गीकरण

2. डीसेम्बलिंग

कुशलतापूर्वक अलग करना

3. रिकवरी

पुनः उपयोग, रीसायकल या सुरक्षित

स्वच्छ तकनीक

सुरक्षित प्रक्रिया

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Key Points:

- The State Government is transitioning away from the 'Linear Economy' model to embrace the principles of 'Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle' (3R).
- **E-Waste:** E-waste, or electronic waste, refers to all discarded, obsolete, or non-functional electrical and electronic equipment that is disposed of by its users. When a mobile phone, computer, or household appliance ceases to function or reaches the end of its useful life, it becomes E-waste.

Key Initiatives Undertaken by the Government of Rajasthan:

- **Rajasthan E-Waste Management Policy – 2023:** The Government of Rajasthan announced the 'Rajasthan E-Waste Management Policy – 2023' on June 5, 2023 (World Environment Day).
- **Rajasthan Circular Economy Incentive Scheme (RCEIS):** A flagship initiative launched to promote waste management, recycling, and environmental conservation.
- **Integrated Resource Recovery Park:** A state-of-the-art Integrated Resource Recovery Park has been established at Jamwaramgarh (Tholai village) in Jaipur.
- **E-Waste Collection Vehicles:** On June 5, 2023, the Chief Minister flagged off 11 dedicated E-waste collection vehicles for the collection of electronic waste across seven divisional headquarters and industrial cities.

Other Important Points:

Rajasthan E-Waste Management Policy – 2023:

- **Announcement:** Made on the occasion of World Environment Day – 2023.
- **Primary Objective of the Policy:** To address the challenges posed by the rising volume of E-waste in the state and to establish a robust framework for its effective management.



- **Nodal Agency:** Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB)

Key Objectives and Vision

- **Scientific Disposal:** To promote the scientific and environmentally safe management of e-waste.
- **Circular Economy:** To steer the state towards a circular economy by operating on the principles of 'Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle' (3Rs).
- **Pollution Control:** To prevent air, water, and soil pollution resulting from the improper disposal of electronic waste.

Facts for Prelims:

- **India's Status:** India is the world's third-largest producer of e-waste, following China and the United States.
- According to data presented in the Rajya Sabha in 2024, India has witnessed a massive surge in e-waste generation over the past five years, rising from 1.01 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) in 2019-20 to 1.751 MMT in 2023-24.
- In light of the growing pressure posed by e-waste in India, the Central Government has introduced the E-Waste (Management) Rules in 2022 and 2024.
- These regulations emphasize key aspects such as Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), the importance of the scientific reuse, recycling, and refurbishing of e-waste, and taking steps towards a circular economy, with the aim of mitigating the adverse environmental impacts generated by e-waste from industrial sources.

Development of 'Bijak ki Pahari' under the 'Nagar Van Yojana'



Why in News?

- The historic 'Bijak ki Pahari' (Bijak Hill), located in the Viratnagar region of Kotputli-Behror, is being developed by the Rajasthan Forest Department under the 'Nagar Van Yojana' (City Forest Scheme) of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).



Key Points:

- This project is a significant step towards strengthening the ecological balance in the Aravalli region and promoting eco-tourism.
- **Objective:** To conserve biodiversity, protect the environment, and provide a new direction to green development in the region.

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- Under this same scheme, city forests are also being developed in Jhalawar's famous forest area Thandi Jhiri (Mangalnath ki Dungri) as well as in major cities such as Udaipur, Kota, Ajmer, and Jaipur.
- **Target:** To develop 1,000 city forests by the year 2027, with financial assistance from the National Fund of the National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA).
- **Financial Support:** Under this scheme, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) provides financial assistance of ₹4 lakh per hectare for the creation and maintenance of urban forests.
- **Area:** A city forest area can range from a minimum of 10 hectares up to 50 hectares. This scheme covers all cities that have Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils, or Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).
- In each city forest, at least two-thirds of the area must be covered by trees, and it will include components such as biodiversity parks, memorial forests, butterfly conservation centers, and herbal gardens.
- This initiative will help protect forest lands located within and around cities from degradation and encroachment, while also addressing environmental issues such as air pollution, the urban heat island effect, biodiversity loss, habitat degradation, etc.



NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

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1.	301st Birth Anniversary of Punyashlok Ahilyabai Holkar (State-Level Ceremony) ■ On the occasion of the 301st birth anniversary of Punyashlok Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar, a state-level ceremony was organized at the Birla Auditorium in Jaipur on May 31, 2026. ■ During the event, a book based on the life of Ahilyabai Holkar was released. ■ Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar (1725–1795) was a great and visionary ruler of the Holkar dynasty within the Maratha Empire.
2.	Vaibhav Suryavanshi (Rajasthan Royals) ■ In IPL 2026, Rajasthan Royals (RR) batsman Vaibhav Suryavanshi claimed the Orange Cap. ■ He is the youngest player in the history of the IPL to win the Orange Cap. In the 16 matches played this season, Vaibhav scored a total of 776 runs at an average of 48.50 and a strike rate of 237.31. Total 5 Awards: ■ Orange Cap (Most Runs – 776) ■ Most Valuable Player (436.3 points) ■ Emerging Player of the Season ■ Super Striker of the Season (Strike rate of 237.31) ■ Most Sixes in the Tournament (Most sixes – 72)

3.

Thar Dry Port: Hirnoda (Jaipur)

- Recently, under the 'Rising Rajasthan Initiative' and the 'PM Gati Shakti Master Plan,' a new Thar Dry Port was inaugurated in Hirnoda, Jaipur district.
- Equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, this multimodal logistics hub will boost regional connectivity, manufacturing, and import-export activities.
- **Port Operations:** Jointly managed by Hasti Petrochemicals and Shipping Limited (HPCSL) and Brookman Logistics.

4.

9th Grand Convention of the Rajasthan Municipal Employees Federation

- The 9th Grand Convention of the Rajasthan Municipal Employees Federation concluded on May 30, 2026, at the Rajasthan International Centre (RIC), Jaipur.
- **Release of the Souvenir:** During the event, the 'Employees' Welfare Souvenir' was released by the Chief Minister.





National Seed Reserve (NSR)

(Source: NEWS ON AIR)



Why in News?

- The Union Minister of Agriculture has announced the establishment of a 'National Seed Reserve' with a capacity of 174,000 quintals.



Key Points:

National Seed Reserve (NSR)

- This is an initiative launched under the 'Krishonnati Yojana' of the 'National Food Security and Nutrition Mission' (NFSNM).
- **Objective:** To ensure the availability of high-quality certified and foundation seeds to farmers, particularly during times of crisis or natural disasters.
- **Implementing Agencies:** National Seeds Corporation, State Seeds Corporations, and the Agriculture Departments of State Governments/Union Territories (in regions where State Seeds Corporations do not exist).
- The production of seeds to be stored in the National Seed Reserve will be managed through the 'SATHI' (Seed Traceability, Authentication, and Holistic Inventory) portal.

Skycast System

(Source: PIB)



Why in News?

- Under the recently approved 'Mission Mausam' initiative, India has become the 19th country in the world to install a 'Skycast System' at the Indira Gandhi International Airport.



Key Points:

Skycast System

- Skycast is a state-of-the-art atmospheric monitoring and weather forecasting system developed to enhance aviation safety by providing real-time meteorological information.
- It integrates technologies such as Radar Wind Profilers, SODAR, Microwave Radiometers, Ground-Based Fog Aerosol Spectrometers (GFAS), and CL61 LiDAR-based Ceilometers.
- The Skycast system is based on the experiences and findings derived from the Winter Fog Experiment (WiFEX).
- This project was initiated in 2015 at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) and the India Meteorological Department (IMD), under the aegis of the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

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Schemes and Policies



New Digital Maritime Initiatives

(Source: PIB)



Why in News?

- The Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has launched new digital initiatives for the maritime sector.



Key Points:

- These digital governance platforms will enhance service delivery, transparency, and accountability within the shipping sector.

New Digital Maritime Initiatives

- **Unified Ship Recycling Credit Note Module:** A portal has been launched under the new 'Ship Recycling Credit Scheme.' Under this scheme, shipowners who recycle their vessels at Indian shipyards in compliance with the Hong Kong Convention will be issued a credit note equivalent to 40% of the ship's scrap value.
- This scheme is part of the government's ₹70,000 crore Maritime Sector Development Package, which was announced in 2025.
- **Significance:** This platform will boost shipbuilding and the circular economy in India.
- **Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships:** This is a global treaty under the International Maritime Organization (IMO). It came into effect in June 2025. Its objective is to ensure that ship recycling does not pose a threat to human health or the environment.

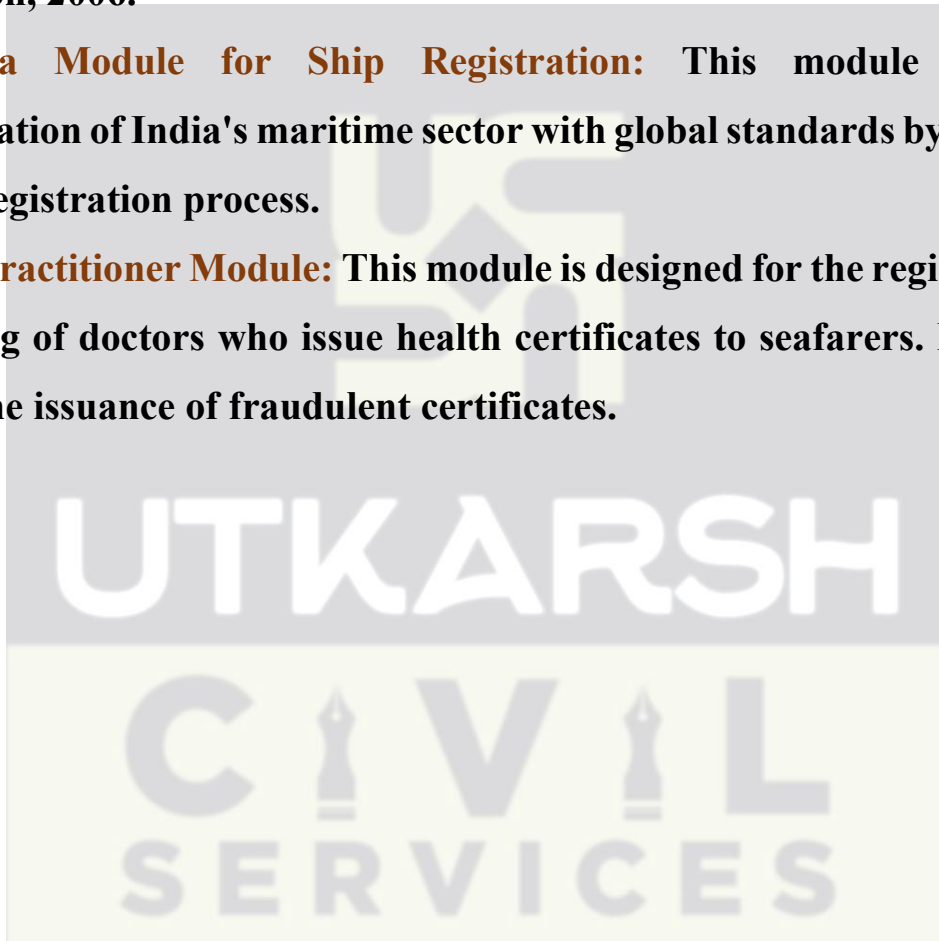
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- **e-Navik:** This is a 24x7 grievance redressal portal. Through this platform, Indian seafarers can register their grievances from anywhere via WhatsApp, a helpline, or email.
- This initiative reflects India's commitment to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006.
- **e-Samudra Module for Ship Registration:** This module aligns the administration of India's maritime sector with global standards by simplifying the ship registration process.
- **Medical Practitioner Module:** This module is designed for the registration and monitoring of doctors who issue health certificates to seafarers. Its aim is to prevent the issuance of fraudulent certificates.





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Canada (Capital: Ottawa)

(Source: PIB)



Why in News?

- Canada and India have launched the 'Trade and Investment Forum' as a collaborative platform. This forum serves to bring together business leaders from Canada and India, fostering new opportunities for business partnerships and promoting trade cooperation.



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Key Points:

Geographical Features

- **Size:** After Russia, it is the country with the second-largest land area in the world.
- **Landscape:** Its terrain encompasses Arctic tundra, vast boreal forests, the Rocky Mountains, and fertile grasslands.
- **Freshwater:** Canada's lakes, rivers, and other sources hold 20% of the world's freshwater reserves.
- **The Great Lakes:** The five Great Lakes (Superior, Michigan, Huron, Ontario, and Erie) form a natural boundary between Canada and the United States.
- Of these five lakes, only Lake Michigan lies entirely within the borders of the United States.

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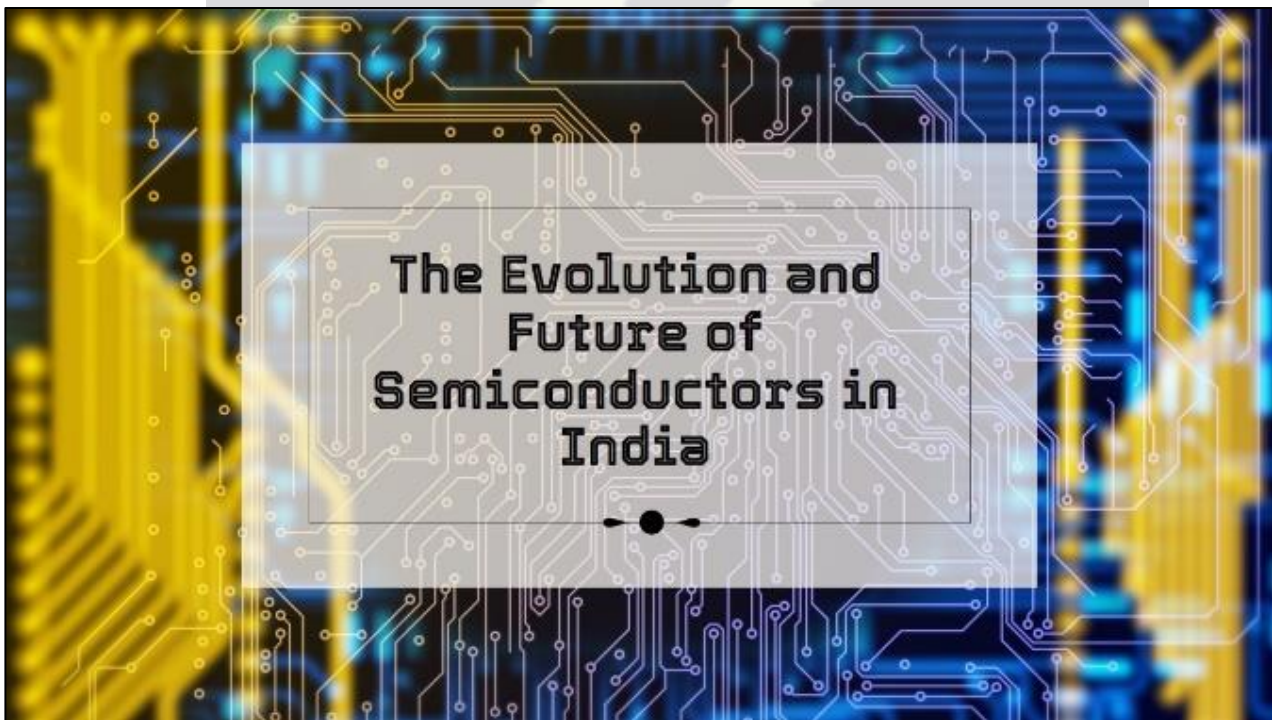
Roadmap Titled "The Future of India's Semiconductor Industry"

(Source: PIB)



Why in News?

- NITI Aayog has released a roadmap titled "The Future of India's Semiconductor Industry."



Key Points:

Key Objectives of the Roadmap

- To build a robust semiconductor value chain worth \$120–150 billion by the year 2035.
- To capture a 10–13% share of the global semiconductor market and to rank among the top 3 global hubs for state-of-the-art packaging and Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Testing (OSAT).

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- To achieve 15–25% self-reliance in semiconductor chip manufacturing by 2030, with the aim of increasing this to 35–50% by 2035.
- To ensure that 55–70% of the value chain components for every chip consumed within the country are sourced domestically by 2035.

The Roadmap: 5 Key Pillars

- **Becoming a Leader (R&D and Design IP):** Developing indigenous capabilities in cutting-edge research and chip design, with the goal of developing over 100 advanced semiconductor Intellectual Property (IP) assets by 2035.
- **Policy and Investment:** Mobilizing an investment of \$135–180 billion for the growth of the semiconductor industry.
- Establishing an autonomous 'National Semiconductor Nodal Agency' backed by a comprehensive incentive framework to provide clear, long-term policy direction and to stimulate demand for semiconductor chips.
- **Production:** Strategically focusing on sectors where the country possesses a natural advantage (such as Defense and Aerospace), with particular emphasis on state-of-the-art packaging, as well as mature and compound wafer fabrication (28–65 nanometers).
- **Human Resources:** Developing a comprehensive 'National Semiconductor Talent Pyramid,' ranging from fab-ready cleanroom technicians to advanced... Enable the training of the workforce across all levels, ranging up to system-level solution experts.
- **Partnerships:** Establish outcome-oriented partnerships with trusted allies such as the US, Japan, and the EU and with the global industry to secure critical minerals supply chains, connect with global R&D networks, and accelerate technology acquisition.

National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-6

(Source: PIB)



Why in News?

- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has released the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-6.

National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6)



Key Points:

- NFHS-6 was conducted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare during 2023-24, with the Mumbai-based International Institute for Population Sciences serving as the nodal agency.
- Covering approximately 679,000 households across 715 districts, this survey provides evidence on population, health, nutrition, and family welfare indicators.
- It supports evidence-based planning and program implementation down to the district level.

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Key Findings

- **Improvements in Maternal and Child Health Care:** 95.9% of pregnant women received antenatal care.
- **Institutional Deliveries:** Institutional deliveries have increased from 88.6% to 90.6%, bringing India closer to achieving Universal Health Coverage. Deliveries conducted by skilled health personnel have improved to 91.3%.
- India has also witnessed a rapid increase in the rate of deliveries via Cesarean section, which has reached 27.2%. In urban areas, the Cesarean section rate stands at 40%. This rate is significantly higher than the ideal range of 10–15% prescribed by the World Health Organization.
- **Maternal Nutrition:** The proportion of mothers who consumed Iron and Folic Acid supplements for 100 days or more during pregnancy reached 54.9%, while the proportion of those who consumed supplements for 180 days or more reached 37.8%.
- **Family Planning:** India's Total Fertility Rate (TFR) remains stable at 2.0. The contraceptive usage rate has increased to 69.1%, with a specific focus on maternal and child health.
- **Success in Child Immunization:** Based on vaccination cards, full immunization coverage among children aged 12–23 months has increased to 87.1%.
- 95.6% of children received the majority of their vaccinations through public health centers.
- **Child Nutrition:** During the survey period, 95.6% of children under six months of age were being breastfed.
- Stunting (low height-for-age) among children under five years of age has declined significantly, dropping to 29.3%.



- Severe wasting (being too thin for one's height) recorded a sharp decline to 5.2%, while the prevalence of underweight children under five years of age also dropped to 31.8%.
- **Expansion of Health Protection:** Coverage of health insurance/financing schemes at the household level has increased from 41.0% to 60.2%.
- **Women's Empowerment and Financial Inclusion:** The proportion of women using the internet has nearly doubled, reaching 64.3%.
- The proportion of women who possess a bank or savings account that they operate themselves has risen to 89.0%, while the proportion of women who own a mobile phone that they use themselves has increased to 63.6%.
- Among women in the 15–24 age group, the use of hygienic methods for menstrual protection has increased to 79.2%.

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Babesiosis Infection

(Source: THE HINDU)



Why in News?

- Eight lion cubs have died in Gujarat amidst suspicions of a Babesiosis infection, raising concerns regarding the health of the Asian lion population.



Key Points:

- Babesiosis is a parasitic disease transmitted by ticks, which can cause weakness, fever, coughing, and nasal discharge in infected animals.
- It is a zoonotic disease, meaning it can be transmitted from animals to humans.
- A combination of Atovaquone and Azithromycin is used to treat most mild to moderate cases.

Asian Lion (*Panthera leo persica*)

Conservation Status:

- **IUCN Red List Status:** Endangered
- **CITES:** Appendix I
- **Wildlife Protection Act, 1972:** Schedule I

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