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Implementation of the 'PM SVANidhi Scheme' in Rajasthan



Why in News?

- Recently, Under the 'PM SVANidhi Scheme' in Rajasthan, loans worth ₹439 crore have been sanctioned for 3,06,255 beneficiaries out of the eligible applicants (as of June 10, 2026); of this, loan amounts exceeding ₹428.93 crore have been disbursed to more than 3 lakh beneficiaries.

PM SVANidhi

Prime Minister Street Vendor's
AtmaNirbhar Nidhi



Key Points:

- Implementation of the 'PM SVANidhi Scheme' in Rajasthan:** By the Department of Local Self Government.
- In Rajasthan, approximately 34 percent of the scheme's beneficiaries are women, while about 70 percent belong to Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBC), and other marginalized communities.

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Top 5 districts with the highest number of applicants under the scheme:

S.No.	District Name	No.of Application
1.	Jaipur	60,000+
2.	Jodhpur	18000+
3.	Bikaner	14068
4.	Ajmer	13165
5.	Udaipur	10665

Facts for Prelims:

PM SVANidhi Scheme:

- **Launched on:** June 1, 2020.
- **Scheme Validity:** Until March 2030.
- **Full Form:** Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi).
- **Related Ministry:** Jointly implemented by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and the Department of Financial Services (DFS).
- It is the country's first micro-finance scheme designed specifically for street vendors, backed by a credit guarantee from the Central Government.
- **Loans:** Under the scheme, working capital loans of ₹15,000, ₹25,000, and ₹50,000 are provided to beneficiaries in a phased manner without any collateral. The repayment periods are 12 months, 18 months, and 36 months, respectively.
- **Interest Subsidy:** The PM SVANidhi scheme encourages timely and early loan repayment. Beneficiaries are provided an annual interest subsidy of 7 percent.
- **Additional Incentives:** Vendors who successfully repay the second-tranche loan become eligible for a UPI-linked RuPay credit card with a limit of up to ₹30,000. Additionally, beneficiaries receive cashback of up to ₹1,600 to promote their digital transactions.

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Objectives of the Scheme:

- To provide accessible loan facilities to needy and vulnerable families in urban areas.
- To increase the flow of capital into small businesses and enterprises.
- To promote financial inclusion.

Eligibility Criteria (in Rajasthan):

- **Age limit:** 18 to 60 years; must be a native of Rajasthan.
- The applicant must possess a 'Jan-Aadhaar' card for the local urban area.
- The beneficiary must hold a work permit/license issued by the relevant department.
- **Lending Institutions:** Nationalized commercial banks, Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), and private sector scheduled commercial banks and scheduled small finance banks authorized by the RBI.

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'Central Financial Assistance' under the 'PM-KUSUM Scheme'



Why in News?

- The Government of India has approved Central Financial Assistance (CFA) of ₹531 crore for 553 energy providers in the state who have set up solar power plants under Component-C of the PM-KUSUM scheme.

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ऊर्जादाताओं को मिलेंगे
531 करोड़ रुपये

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Key Points:

- This amount will be disbursed by the 'Ajmer and Jodhpur' Electricity Distribution Corporations directly into the bank accounts of the respective energy providers.
- The Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has approved assistance of ₹379.41 crore for 432 energy providers under the Jodhpur Electricity Distribution Corporation (installing 429 MW capacity plants) and ₹151.21 crore for 121 solar energy producers under the Ajmer DISCOM (installing 169 MW capacity plants).
- So far, claims for Central Financial Assistance totaling ₹1,012 crore have been submitted to the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy by the Jaipur, Jodhpur, and Ajmer Electricity Distribution Corporations.
- **Projects of 3,371 MW under Component-C:** A total of 1,312 projects with a capacity of 3,371 MW have been established in the state under Component-C. These include solar power plants with capacities of 2,647 MW under Jodhpur DISCOM, 373 MW under Ajmer DISCOM, and 352 MW under Jaipur DISCOM.

Facts for Prelims:

PM-KUSUM:

- **Launched In:** March 2019
- **Full Form:** Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM).
- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
- **Objective:** To ensure energy security for farmers and fulfill India's commitment to increasing the share of installed electric power capacity from non-fossil-based sources to 40 percent by the year 2030.

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Three Components of the Scheme:

Component-A:

- Installation of 10,000 MW of solar capacity through individual plants with capacities ranging from 500 kW to 2 MW.
- Installation of solar power plants within a five-kilometer radius of notified sub-stations to avoid high costs and transmission losses.
- Procurement of generated electricity by local DISCOMs (Distribution Companies) at pre-determined tariffs set by the respective State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SERC).
- **Note:** Implementation of Component-A in Rajasthan was initially handled by the Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Limited (RRECL); however, on July 23, 2024, it was transferred to Rajasthan DISCOMs following directives from the Energy Department of the Government of Rajasthan.

Component-B:

- Installation of 20 lakh (2 million) standalone solar-powered agricultural pumps.
- This component provides for the installation of standalone solar-powered agricultural pumps ranging from 3 to 10 horsepower (HP), with the maximum subsidy applicable for pumps up to 7.5 HP.
- Farmers who do not possess an agricultural electricity connection for irrigation and rely on diesel-based pump sets are eligible to install solar-powered pump systems under this scheme.
- Under this scheme, the farmers' share is 40 percent. The remaining 60 percent is contributed equally (30 percent each) by the Government of India and the Government of Rajasthan.

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- Out of the 40 percent share, farmers can avail a bank loan of up to 30 percent, while the remaining 10 percent must be contributed by the farmers themselves.
- Component-B of the scheme is being implemented through the Department of Horticulture.

Component-C (Feeder-level Solarization):

- Under Component-C of the scheme, decentralized solar power plants of up to 5 MW capacity are installed on barren or uncultivable land within a 5 km radius of a substation. The Government of India provides a subsidy of up to 30 percent—based on the plant's cost and capacity—to solar power producers who install these plants to solarize entire agricultural feeders. The maximum financial assistance for this is capped at ₹1.05 crore per megawatt.
- The Ministry has approved a target to solarize 400,000 pump sets.

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1st World Yogasana Championship – 2026 (Rajasthan's Performance)



Why in News?

- Rajasthan won 6 gold medals at the '1st World Yogasana Championship – 2026' held in Ahmedabad.



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Key Points:

- **India's Performance:** Secured the top spot on the medal tally by winning 114 medals (102 gold, 9 silver, 3 bronze).
- **Venue:** EKA Arena, Ahmedabad (from June 4 to 8, 2026).
- **Organizing Body:** Yogasana Bharat Federation.
- **Mascot:** 'Veer the Lion'.

Rajasthan's Gold Medalists:

S.No.	Name of Medal Winner	Category
1.	Hrithik Bishnoi (Jodhpur)	Gold medal in the Junior Artistic Singles event.
2.	Devanshi Sharma (Jaipur)	Gold medal in Senior-B Hand Balance (Individual).
3.	Gayatri Chaudhary (Mandota, Sikar)	Gold medal in Senior-C Women's Back/Balance Bending (Individual).
4.	Aryanshi Swami (ShriDungargarh, Bikaner)	Two gold medals i.e. Gold medal in both Artistic Pair and Artistic Group events.
5.	Arjun Parihar	Gold medal in Artistic Pair.

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NEWS IN SHORTS



S. No.	News
1.	Plog Run Organized by Greenfit and Aravalli Foundation ■ A 'Plog Run' (an activity involving picking up litter while running or jogging) was organized in Jaipur by Greenfit and Aravalli Foundation to mark World Environment Day.
2.	Electric Loco Shed with Capacity for 500 Three-Phase Electric Locomotives in Kota ■ An electric loco shed with a capacity to house 500 three-phase electric locomotives will be constructed by the Kota Railway Division in the Kala Talab area of Kota. ■ Area: Approximately 8 hectares. ■ Project Nodal Agency: Kota Division, West Central Railway (WCR).
3.	Khelo Rajasthan Youth Games ■ The Rajasthan Government has launched the 'Khelo Rajasthan Youth Games' modeled after 'Khelo India' and has announced a budget of ₹50 crore for organizing the event. ■ The primary objective of these games is to provide a platform for local athletes from the state to showcase their talent at the block, district, and state levels.

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IPS Paris Anil Deshmukh

- Paris Anil Deshmukh, a 2010-batch IPS officer of the Rajasthan cadre, has been appointed as a Deputy Inspector General (DIG) in the Border Security Force (BSF) by the Central Government.
- As per the order issued by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, his appointment to this post on central deputation has been approved for a period of five years.

5.

Rural and Urban Service Camp Campaign

- The Government of Rajasthan is organizing the 'Rural and Urban Service Camp Campaign' from June 12 to July 15, 2026, to resolve local issues faced by the general public and to ensure the speedy disposal of pending cases.
- The primary objective of this campaign is to bring the administration directly to the people and extend the benefits of various public welfare schemes.

6.

Assistive Devices Worth ₹75 Lakh Distributed to 800 Senior Citizens

- Recently, assistive devices worth ₹75 lakh were distributed to 800 senior citizens at the Indira Priyadarshini Auditorium in Chittorgarh. This initiative was carried out by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) under the 'Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana' (National Scheme for Senior Citizens), which is administered by the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

7.

12th International Yoga Day - 2026

- State-level event: To be held on June 21, 2026, at Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur.
- **Theme for 2026: 'Yoga for Healthy Ageing'.**



Economic Developments



Report on Datasets for State Finance Commissions (SFCs)

[PIB]



Why in News?

- The Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj has recommended creating a robust 'information structure' to empower State Finance Commissions (SFCs).
- The objective is to promote data-driven fiscal decentralization and make the governance structure effective at the grassroots level.



Key Points:

State Finance Commissions (SFCs)

- **Constitutional Provision:** State Finance Commissions are constitutional bodies constituted under Article 243-I of the Indian Constitution.
- **Key Function:** Their primary function is to recommend the distribution of state revenues between the state government and local bodies.

Key Challenges Faced by State Finance Commissions

- **Fragmented Data Collection:** Due to data being held by disparate organizations and a lack of coordination among them, a comprehensive picture of local bodies' performance is unavailable.
- **Lack of Sector-wise Data:** A shortage of accurate data regarding panchayat-level and sector-wise expenditure makes it difficult to conduct performance-based financial analysis of local bodies.
- **Non-standardized Accounting:** Variations in accounting systems across states and the absence of consolidated financial statements make inter-state comparisons difficult.

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- **Lack of Skilled Workforce:** A shortage of trained staff at the grassroots level hinders the proper maintenance and management of data in digital formats.
- **Others:** The Delays that occur in the constitution of State Finance Commissions, and there are inadequacies in the devolution of financial powers.

Key Recommendations

- **Performance Audit:** The implementation of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment across states should be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG).
- **Permanent SFC Cells:** States should establish dedicated cells to keep financial data continuously updated.
- **Standardized Accounting:** A uniform accounting system and a shared reporting format should be adopted for transfers to local bodies to ensure consistency across states and enable inter-state data comparability.
- **Systematic Performance Indicators:** The parameters of the 'Panchayat Development Index' should be categorized into "Needs," "Performance," and "Equity" to make the financial allocation formula more precise.



Inclusive Transformation of Vulnerable Sections

[PIB]



Why in News?

- Over the past decade, India has witnessed an inclusive transformation driven by the expansion of welfare schemes and social security measures, leading to a significant reduction in deprivation and an improvement in the quality of life for vulnerable sections.



Key Points:

Inclusive Transformation

- Inclusive transformation refers to a development process that ensures the benefits of economic growth, social progress, and public policies reach all segments of society—particularly the poor, the marginalized, and vulnerable groups.
- Its objective is not merely to raise income levels but also to improve access to basic services, opportunities, and human capabilities, thereby reducing social and economic inequalities.

Initiatives for Inclusive Transformation

Poverty Alleviation and Social Security:

- Free food grains are provided to over 81 crore beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana.
- 'One Nation One Ration Card' ensures food security for migrant workers.
- Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) has enhanced transparency in the delivery of welfare schemes and curbed corruption.

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Financial Inclusion:

- Over 58 crore beneficiaries have gained access to banking services through the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana.
- The PM Mudra Yojana provides collateral-free loans to micro and small entrepreneurs.
- UPI and digital payments have facilitated financial inclusion and digital transactions.

Healthcare and Nutrition:

- Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY provides health insurance coverage of ₹5 lakh per family.
- The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission promotes access to digital health records and seamless healthcare services.
- Mission Indradhanush and maternal health schemes are improving infant and maternal healthcare outcomes.

Water, Sanitation, and Housing:

- The Jal Jeevan Mission provides functional tap water connections to households.
- The Swachh Bharat Mission has achieved near-universal sanitation coverage.
- The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana promotes affordable housing for the urban and rural poor.

Women's Empowerment:

- The PM Ujjwala Yojana provides clean cooking fuel to women from poor families.
- The Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign promotes the education and empowerment of the girl child.
- Initiatives like DAY-NRLM, Lakhpati Didi, and Drone Didi encourage women-led enterprises.

Livelihood and Employment Generation:

- The Viksit Bharat- Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM G] provides wage-based employment and facilitates rural asset creation.
- PM SVANidhi supports street vendors by providing collateral-free loans.
- The Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma program empowers traditional artisans and craftspeople.

Tribal Development

- The Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan focuses on holistic tribal development.
- Eklavya Model Residential Schools improve access to education in tribal areas.

Progress Achieved in Inclusive Transformation

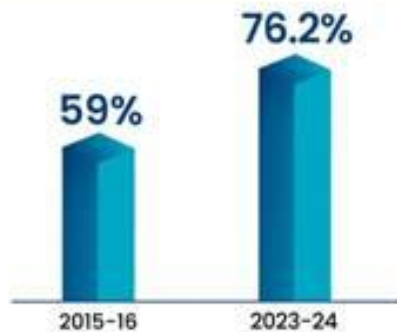
- **Poverty and Deprivation:** Multidimensional poverty declined from 29.17% in 2013-14 to 11.28% in 2022-23, marking a reduction of 17.89 percentage points.
 - Approximately 25 crore people escaped multidimensional poverty during this period.
- **Water, Sanitation, and Basic Amenities:** Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, tap water availability in rural areas increased from 3.23 crore households in 2019 to 15.84 crore households by May 2026, covering 81.87% of rural households.
 - Rural sanitation coverage rose from 39% in 2014 to 100% in 2019.
- **Improvement in Maternal and Child Health:** The Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) declined from 130 (2014-16) to 88 (2021-23) per 100,000 live births.

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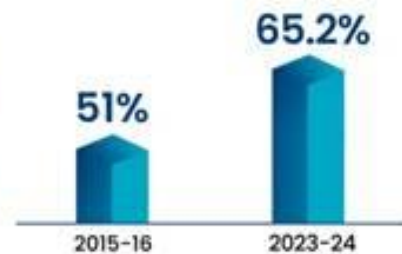
Findings of National Family Health Survey - 6 (2023-24)



Proportion of Pregnant Women having Antenatal Care (ANC) in First Trimester



Women Receiving Four or More ANC visits



Source: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

- **Clean Energy and Electricity:** 10.57 crore free LPG connections provided under PM Ujjwala Yojana.
 - Average supply of electricity in rural areas increased from 12.5 hours/day in 2014 to 22.6 hours/day in 2025.
- **Livelihood and Women-led Development:** Under DAY-NRLM, the number of women associated with Self-Help Groups has increased from 2.37 crore to 10 crore.

Viksit Bharat

Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin)



Indicator	FY 2006-14	FY 2014-25	% Increase
Persondays generated (crore)	1,660	3,036.7	~83%
Central funds released (₹ crore)	2,13,220	7,81,635.65	~267%
Works completed (lakh)	153	809.05	~429%

Source: Ministry of Rural Development

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Challenges

- **Persistence of regional disparities:** Development outcomes remain uneven across states, districts, and tribal areas.
- **Lack of quality in public services:** While access has improved, inconsistencies persist in the quality of healthcare, education, and sanitation services.
- **Income insecurity:** Informal employment dominates the labor market, and job creation has failed to keep pace with the expanding workforce.
- **Nutritional challenges:** Malnutrition, anemia, and stunting among children remain significant areas of concern.
- **Digital divide:** Disparities in internet connectivity and digital literacy persist, particularly in remote and tribal areas.
- **Social exclusion:** Certain vulnerable groups—including migrants, the urban homeless, the elderly, and persons with disabilities—face barriers in accessing welfare benefits.
- **Fiscal sustainability:** Expanding welfare commitments requires sustained fiscal resources and efficient targeting.



Schemes and Policies



Gyan Bharatam Mission

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Why in News?

- Over 10 million (one crore) manuscripts across India have been cataloged under the Gyan Bharatam survey.



Key Points:

Gyan Bharatam Mission

- **Objective:** A national mission aimed at surveying, documenting, and preserving over 10 million manuscripts across India.
- **Nodal Ministry:** Union Ministry of Culture.
- **Focus:** Preservation, cataloging, and sharing of India's manuscript heritage in digital format.
- **Manuscripts Included:** These include manuscripts written on palm leaves, birch bark, and paper in Sanskrit, Persian, and regional languages.
- **Five Pillars:** Survey and cataloging, preservation, digitization, translation, and research & outreach.



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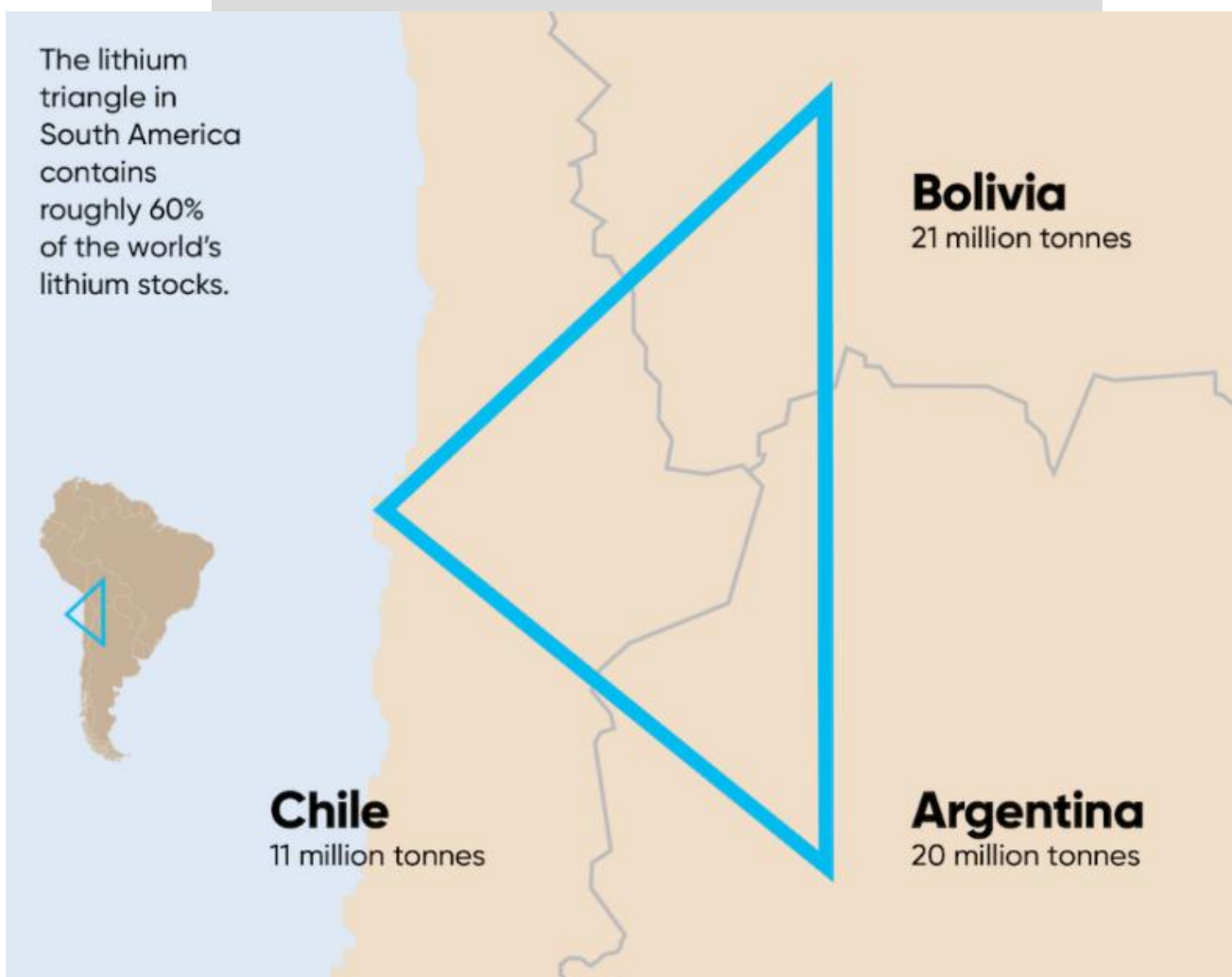
Khanij Bidesh India Limited (KABIL)

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Why in News?

- KABIL acquired five critical mineral blocks in Argentina.
- Argentina, Chile, and Bolivia together form the "Lithium Triangle," which holds more than half of the world's lithium resources.
- Argentina possesses the world's third-largest lithium reserves and is the fourth-largest lithium producer.



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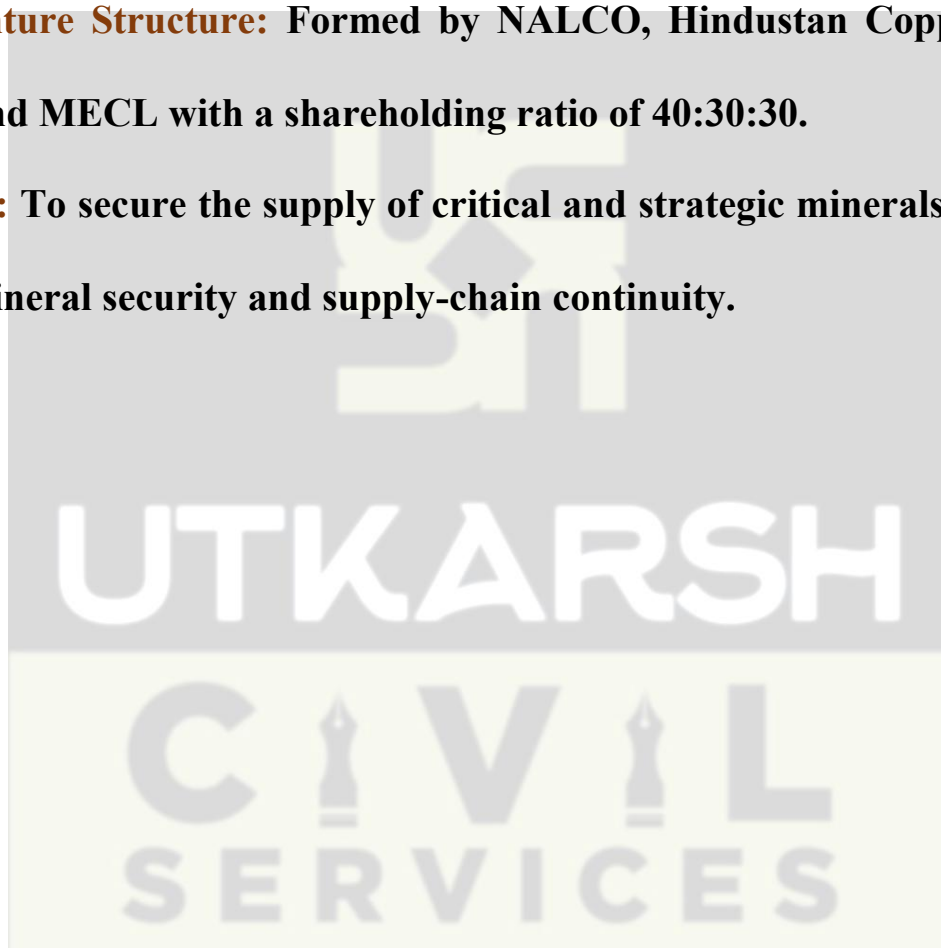
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Key Points:

KABIL

- **Establishment:** Established in 2019 under the Union Ministry of Mines.
- **Joint Venture Structure:** Formed by NALCO, Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL), and MECL with a shareholding ratio of 40:30:30.
- **Objective:** To secure the supply of critical and strategic minerals and ensure India's mineral security and supply-chain continuity.



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H-1B

[TIMES OF INDIA]



Why in News?

- A US federal court struck down the decision to raise H-1B visa fees to \$100,000, declaring it unlawful.



Key Points:

H-1B Visa

- The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant work visa. It allows US employers to hire foreign professionals for roles requiring specialized knowledge and at least a bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification.
- **Eligible sectors:** Information technology, engineering, healthcare services, finance, research, education, biotechnology, etc.
- **Duration:** Initially granted for 3 years, it can be extended up to 6 years (and even longer in certain cases involving the Green Card process).
- **Significance for India:** Indian citizens are the largest beneficiaries of the H-1B program; Indians constitute the largest group of recipients of this visa.