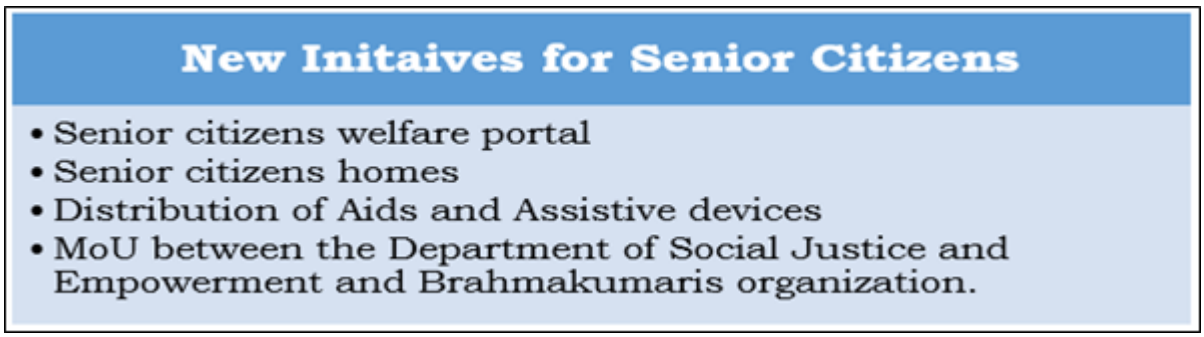
New Initiatives for Senior Citizens

Prelims - *Social Development- Inclusion, Social Sector Initiatives, etc.* | *Current events of national and international importance*

Why in News?

Recently, President of India launched key initiatives for Senior Citizens at 'Ageing with Dignity' Event at Rashtrapati Bhawan.

- **Ageing with Dignity' Event** – It was organised by the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment that aimed at *fostering an inclusive society for the senior citizens*.



- **Senior Citizen Welfare Portal** – It is a comprehensive digital platform aimed at empowering elderly citizens through ***seamless access to government services.***
    - **For example**, accessing government schemes, healthcare benefits, welfare services, and updates on relevant events.
- It *bridges the information gap and promote digital inclusion* and thereby it will enable senior citizens to lead more informed, independent, and fulfilling lives.
- **5 new Senior Citizen Homes** - These facilities are aligned with the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens (MWPSC) Act.
    - Tawang (Arunachal Pradesh), Wokha (Nagaland), Vellore (Tamil Nadu), Anakapalli (Andhra Pradesh), and Nainital (Uttarakhand).
- They are designed to provide *safe, nurturing, and dignified living environments* for indigent senior citizens across the country.
- **Distribution of Aids and Assistive Devices** – They are implemented *under the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY).*
- **Signing of MoU with the Brahma Kumaris** – It reaffirms a collective commitment to *inter-generational bonding*, overall wellbeing and creating an *inclusive society for the senior citizens*.

***Brahma Kumaris** is a worldwide spiritual movement led by women, dedicated to personal transformation and world renewal through Rajyoga Meditation.*

Quick Facts

- **Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY)** – It is a *Central Sector Scheme* for providing Physical Aids and Assisted-living Devices for Senior citizens belonging *to BPL category*.
- The expenditure for implementation of the scheme will be met from the "*Senior Citizens' Welfare Fund*".
- It will be implemented through Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation (*ALIMCO*), a PSU under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

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