# Prelim Bits 24-09-2017 & 25-09-2017

## Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana

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- The Scheme, also known as Saubhagya aims to provide last mile electrical connectivity to all rural and urban households.
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- It will provide subsidy on equipment like transformers, meters and wires.
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- The government has set the target of providing 24X7 power for all by 2019.
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## LPG Panchayat

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- Union Petroleum Ministry has launched LPG Panchayat, aimed at encouraging rural communities to turn to clean fuel.
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- The first LPG Panchayat was held in Gandhinagar, which brings LPG users of a village and officials of fuel companies together.
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- It created an interactive platform to discuss safe and sustainable usage of LPG, its benefits and linkages between using clean fuel and empowering women.
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## Soil Quality Scheme

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- Government aims to analyse the soil quality of farms through Hyper Spectral Imaging (HSI) technique developed by IIT Bombay.
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- HSI means analysing extremely detailed images of an object, to the scale of

nanometres and then reconstructing its constituent elements.
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- The technique can picture the nutrient balance of a patch of land without necessarily collecting soil sample.
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- Thus Satellite-images, images from low lying drones can be used to calculate the proportion of nitrogen, potassium and phosphorous as well as other minerals in the soil.
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## Pralay Sahayam

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- Ministry of Defence hosted a multi-agency exercise “Pralay Sahayam” on the banks of Hussain Sagar Lake in Hyderabad.
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- The event demonstrated efforts of all central and state agencies, NDRF and the Armed Forces towards jointly tackling an urban flooding scenario in Hyderabad.
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## Bharat ke Kaushalzaade

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- Ministry of Rural Development has organized ‘Bharat ke Kaushalzaade’ on the occasion of Antyodaya Diwas 2017.
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- It is an event honouring beneficiaries of its Ministry of Rural Development key skilling programmes i.e. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETI).
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- Antyodaya mission aims at reaching out to the last person in the rural areas.
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## Kaushal Panjee

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- Ministry of Rural Development has launched a mobilization platform ‘Kaushal Panjee’ (Skill Register).
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- The skill register aims to be citizen centric end-to-end solution to aid mobilization of candidates for RSETIs and DDU-GKY.
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- It facilitates mobilization through Self Help Group members, Gram Panchayat Functionaries, Block Officials, CSCs and directly by the candidate.
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- RSETIs and DDU-GKY Partners can access the Kaushal Panjee to connect with the mobilized rural youth.
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- Kaushal Panjee is connected to the Social Economic Caste Census 2011 which will help the States plan and target their mobilizations based on the socio-economic profile of households in their State.
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## DDU-GKY

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- DDU-GKY was launched with a focus on building capacity of rural youth to address the needs of domestic and global skills requirements.
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- It focused on rural youth between the ages of 15 and 35 years from poor families.
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- Special initiatives under DDU-GKY -\n
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  - Himayat : A special scheme for the youth (rural & urban) of Jammu & Kashmir.
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  - Roshni: A special initiative for the rural youth of poor families in 27 Left-wing Extremist (LWE) districts across 9 states.
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## Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETI)

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- RSETIs are established in each district with dedicated infrastructure to impart training and skill up gradation of rural youth geared towards entrepreneurship development.
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- RSETIs are managed by banks with active co-operation from the Central and State Governments.
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## Nanny State

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- It is a term that refers to any government that intervenes excessively in the daily lives of its citizens.
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- It is usually used to refer to governments that engage in heavy taxation and regulation of the economy.
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- The term was used to criticise government intervention in people’s lives but supporters believe it can improve the lives of citizens through careful policies.
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