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Polity & Governance

Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)

PM Jan Arogya Yojana to now provide health cover for gig workers.

• **Launched in** – *2018*.
• **Umbrella scheme** – Ayushman Bharat.
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry Of Health & Family Welfare.
• **PM-JAY** – It is the *largest health assurance scheme* in the world.
• **Aim** – To provide a health cover for family, secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to poor and vulnerable families.
• It was earlier known as the *National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS)*.

Pradhan Mantri Dhan Dhanya Krishi Yojana

• **Launched in** – *2025*.
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare.
• **Coverage** – *100 districts* with low productivity, moderate crop intensity, and below-average parameters.
• **Objectives** – Enhance agricultural productivity.
  - Adopt crop diversification and sustainable agricultural practices.
  - Augment post-harvest storage at panchayat and block level.
  - Improve irrigation facilities.
  - Facilitate availability of long- and short-term credit.
• It is also known as *Developing Agri-Districts Programme*.

Tailings Policy

• **Launched in** – *2025*.
• **Nodal Ministry –** Ministry of Mines.
• **Concept** – A policy for recovery *of valuable critical minerals from mining tailings*, which are the left-over materials from the processing of mined ore.
• **Objectives** – It further bolsters the objectives of the National Critical Mineral Mission.
• The good tailings management will increase domestic availability of critical minerals.
• It will strengthen strategic industries, including clean energy, semiconductors, defense, and space.
• It also promote the domestic processing industry.

Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme

• **Launched in** – *2025*.
• **Nodal Ministry –** Ministry of Education.
• **Concept** – To *provide digital books in Indian languages* for school and higher education students.
• **Aim** – To make learning more accessible by offering study materials in regional languages.
• **Accessibility** – Students *across schools and universities* will have access to textbooks and learning resources in digital formats.

Environment

Important Ramsar sites in India

Harike wetlands

• It is one of the *largest man-made wetlands* of northern India.
• **Located in** – Confluence of the river Beas and Sutlez at the Ferozepur and Amritsar border, Punjab.
• **Wetland status in** – *1990.*
• **Important species** – It hosts migratory birds like the Siberian crane, bar-headed geese, and many waterfowl.
• It is also known as *Harike Pattan*.

Kanjli wetlands

• It is one of the *man-made wetlands* in India.
• **Located in** – Kapurthala district along the Kali Bein river, Punjab.
• **Wetland status in** – *2002*.
• **Important species** – It hosts various fish species, turtles and migratory birds.

Ropar Wetlands

• It is a *man-made freshwater riverine*.
• **Located in** – Banks of the Sutlej River, Punjab.
• **Wetland status in** – *2002*.
• **Important species** – About 154 species of birds have been identified till now and housing over 20,000 water birds.

Nangal Wetlands

• It is a *human-made reservoir* constructed as part of the Bhakra-Nangal Project in 1961.
• **Located in** – Foothills of Shiwalik in the state of Punjab.
• **Wetland status in** – *2019*.
• **Important species** – It is home to over 40,000 migratory birds that come to India annually during the winter.

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State Mining Index (SMI)

• **SMI** – It is a transformative step that will enhance *professionalization of state mining departments*.
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Mines.
• **Objectives** – It will encouraging state to innovate and adopt best practices in mineral exploration, auctioning, and sustainable mining.
• It will drive efficiency, attract investments, and unlock the immense potential of our mineral resources.

Miscellaneous

World Forum of Accountants (WOFA) 2025

• **WOFA** – A *global gathering of accounting and finance professionals* dedicated to shaping the future of the profession.
• It provides a global platform to address the evolving landscape of finance.
• **Theme** – Accountability Meets Innovation (AI): For a Sustainable Planet.
• **Aim** – To inspire innovative approaches to environmental management and conservation.

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