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History, Art and Culture

One Product, One District

- **Merged with** - 'Districts as Export Hubs Initiative' (DEH) by Department of Commerce (DoC) with Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
- **Identification of** - 1243 products from 775 districts across the country encompassing various sectors such as *textiles, agriculture, food processing, handicrafts and more.*
- **Aim** - To select, brand, and promote at least One Product from each District (One District - One Product) of the country for enabling holistic growth across all regions.

Social Issues

National Overseas Scholarships for Sc Students

During the last five years, 600 students have been awarded National Overseas Scholarship, out of these 133 are women students.

- **Nodal ministry** - Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- **Courses afforded** - It supports their pursuit of higher education, such as *Master's degree or Ph.D. courses.*
- **Aim** - To empower low-income students from marginalized communities, including the Scheduled Castes, Denotified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes, Landless Agricultural Labourers, and Traditional Artisans.

Polity & Governance

New Criminal Laws for Speedy Judiciary Process

• Faster and Fair Resolution -

Stages of Investigation & Trial	Stipulated Time Period
Preliminary enquiry	To be completed in 14 days
Further investigation	To be completed in 90 days
Supply of document to the victim and accused	Within 14 days
Commitment of a case for trial	Within 90 days
Filing of discharge applications	Within 60 days
Framing of charges	Within 60 days
Pronouncement of judgment	Within 45 days
Filing of mercy petitions	30 days before Governor and 60 days before President

- **Fast-Track Investigations** - Investigations for offences against women and children, timely completion within 2 months of recording information.
- **Adjournments** - Provision of a *maximum of 2 adjournments* to avoid unnecessary delays in case hearings, ensuring timely justice delivery.
- **Technology driven** - To significantly improve the speed, efficiency and transparency of the judicial process, applications like e-Summons, e-Sakshya and Nyaya- Shruti (VC) have been developed.

Science

MAITRI-2 STATION

- Maitri-II Station is a state-of-the-art, *year-round research hub in Antarctica.*
- **Replacement of** - The existing *Maitri Research Station.*
- **Operationalization** - Expected completion *by 2032.*
- **Detailed Project Report & approval by** - Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- **Upgrading features** - Modern laboratories, advanced ice-core storage and processing systems, a dedicated biological and microbial research suite and expanded atmospheric observation facilities.
- **Aim** - To improve India's scientific capability in biology, earth sciences, glaciology, atmospheric sciences, climate studies and long-term environmental monitoring.
- **Significance** - It will enhance India's ability to conduct multidisciplinary scientific research in Antarctica.

Application of NavIC Navigation Systems

DoS has made efforts for inclusion of NavIC in national/ international industry standards.

- **Currently** - It is supported by 60+ smart phones from various manufacturers.
- **Expansion of NavIC based applications** -
 - Real-time train tracking,
 - Fishing vessel tracking equipped with NavIC enabled transponders,
 - Tracking of public & commercial vehicles,
 - Setting up of secondary timescales with NavIC time transfer receivers for dissemination of common IST throughout India.

Technology Transferred Agreement

New Space India Limited (NSIL) has signed 70 Technology Transfer Agreements to transfer technologies developed at ISRO to Industry.

- **Technology transfer by** - ISRO to Non-Governmental Entities (NGEs)/ Private industries.
- **Transfer under** - Technology Transfer Agreements (TTAs) and Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs).
- **Information disclosure under** - Section 4 of RTI Act, 2005.

Electricity Generation Capacity Through Nuclear Energy

- India operates the *6th largest nuclear reactor* fleet in the world.
- **Present installed capacity** - 8.78 GW (excluding RAPS-1, 100 MW).
- **Total electricity generation (2024-25)** - *About 3.1%.*
- **Deployment of** - *Indigenous PHWR technology 700 MW reactors and 1000 MW reactors* with international cooperation.
 - The present capacity will *increase to 22.38 GW* (excluding RAPS-1, 100 MW) by 2031-32.
- **Current policy** - Foreign direct investment (FDI) in atomic energy is prohibited.

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GST Rationalisation on Dairy Cooperatives

- **GST on** -
 - Milk & Paneer - 'nil'.
 - Butter, Ghee, Cheese, Milk cans etc. - Reduced from 12% to 5%.
- **Impact** -
 - Direct boost to dairy farmers by making their products more competitive.
 - The consequent reduction in prices of milk and dairy products will lead to increase in demand thereby increasing the revenue of dairy cooperative societies.

GST Rationalisation on Food Processing Industries

- **GST on** - Majority of food items have been *revised to 5%*.
- For instance, GST on Jams and jellies, Fruit pulp, Fruit juice-based drinks, chocolates, corn flakes, Ice creams, Pastry, cakes, biscuits etc. *have been reduced from 12/18% to 5%*.
- **Impact** -
 - Lower rates will boost the demand for the said products thereby increasing the revenue of cooperatives in the food processing sector.

GST Rationalisation on Agriculture and Rural Enterprises Sector

- **GST on** -
 - Fertiliser inputs such as Ammonia, Sulphuric Acid, Nitric Acid - Reduced from 18% to 5%.
 - Many Bio-Pesticides & several Micronutrients - Reduced from 12% to 5%.
 - Tractors below 1800 cc capacity - Reduced to 5%.
 - Tractor components such as tyres, tubes and Hydraulic pumps etc. - Reduced from 18% to 5%.
- **Impact** -
 - Reduction of input cost for fertilizer companies leading to reduction in fertilizer price.
 - Timely availability of affordable fertilizer.
 - Availability of affordable biobased inputs encouraging farmers to shift from chemical pesticide to bio pesticide thereby improving soil health and crop quality.
 - Direct benefit to small farmers and FPOs.