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Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY)

• **Launched in** – *2021-22*.
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
• **PM-AJAY** – It is a *merged scheme of 3* centrally sponsored scheme namely,
- Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY).
- Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCA to SCSP).
- Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana (BJRCY).
• **Aim –** To reduce poverty of the SC communities by generating additional employment opportunities through skill development, income-generating schemes, and other initiatives.

Amrit Sarovar Scheme

• **Launched in** – *2022*.
• **Initiated by** – Ministry of Rural Development.
• **Aim** – At developing/rejuvenating *75 Amrit Sarovars (ponds)* in each district, totaling 50,000 across the country.
• **Objective** – To conserve water for the future.
• **Phase II** – To continue with a renewed focus on ensuring water availability, with community participation (Jan Bhagidaari) at its core.
• **Mission involves collaboration** - Ministry of Rural Development and the Ministry of Water Resources, Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Application & Geo-informatics (BISAG-N).

Pradhan Mantri Dakshata Aur Kushalata Sampanna Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH)

• **Launched in** – *2020-21*.
• **Launched by** – Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
• **Aim** – To *empower target marginalized session by boosting their skills* to improve their employability and income prospects.
• **Target Groups**:
- **Artisans –** who can enhance their revenue in their trades.
- **Women** – who can achieve self-employment and financial empowerment while balancing domestic responsibilities.
- **Youth** – who can gain training and specialization for better job market prospects.
- SCs & OBCs.
• **Age criterion** – 18-45 years.
• **Timeline** – *5 years* (2021-2026).

Madak-Padarth Nished Asoochana Kendra (MANAS)

• **Operated by –** Narcotics Control Bureau.
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Home Affairs.
• **MANAS** – It is a *National Narcotics Helpline Portal* stands as a digital initiative.
• **Aim** - To stop drug supply by catching importers and preventing production and sales.
• **Features** – It is an integrated system providing a single platform for citizens to log, register, track and resolve drug related issues/ problems through various mode of communications like call, SMS, Chat-bot, email & web-link.
• To provide *toll-free 24x7 telecom service* to drug addicts, informers, and citizens seeking support and information.

Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA)

• **Launched on** – ***15th August 2020 (Independence Day)*** Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.
• **Launched by** – Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
• **Objective**- Preventive measures, mass education, service provider training, partnerships, and treatment facilities.
• It is for 272 Districts across 32 State/UT that have been identified as the most vulnerable in terms of usage of drugs in the country.

Schedule 'M' of Small And Medium Manufacturers

• **Part of** – Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1945.
• **Schedule M** – It outlines *Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)* for pharmaceutical products in India.
• **Coverage** – The requirements for premises, plants, and equipment used in the manufacturing process.
• **Types**:
- Schedule M – 1 is titled "Good Manufacturing Practices and Requirements of Premises, Plant and Equipment for Homoeopathic Medicines".
- Schedule M - 3 is titled **"**Quality Management System –For Notified Medical Devices And In-Vitro Diagnostics**"**.
• **Revised Schedule M** – GMP was upgraded to "good manufacturing practices and requirements of plan and equipment for pharmaceutical products".

Science

Epilepsy

• **Epilepsy** – It is a *chronic non-communicable disease* of the brain that affects people of all ages.
• **Conditions** – Recurrent *seizures of involuntary movement* that may involve a part of the body or the entire body.
• **Symptoms** – Vary and depend on where the disturbance first starts in brain and how far it spreads.
- Loss of awareness, consciousness, disturbances of movement, sensation (including vision, hearing & taste), mood etc.
• Around 50 million people worldwide have epilepsy which make it one of the *most common neurological diseases* globally.

International Epilepsy Day

• **Celebrated on** – *2nd Monday of February* every year.
• **Organised by**:
  - International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE)
  - International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE).
• **Theme 2025** – My Epilepsy Journey.
• **Aim** – To raise awareness about epilepsy, a common neurological disorder that can affect anyone, at any age.
• An estimated *4.7 million people* with epilepsy live in the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

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Devolution Index Report

• **Released by –** Ministry of Panchayati Raj & Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
• It specifically examines how *autonomous panchayats* are to make and implement independent decisions, reflecting the true spirit of *Article 243G* of the Constitution.
• **Evaluation** – Based on 6 critical dimensions:
  1. Framework
  2. Functions
  3. Finances
  4. Functionaries
  5. Capacity Building
  6. Accountability of the Panchayats.
• It provides insights into the progress of decentralization across states and union territories.

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