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Social Issues

Manthan-2025

• **Held at –** Regional Ayurveda Research Institute (RARI), Lucknow.
• **Organized by –** Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS).
• **Objectives –** To focus on comprehensive performance review, strategic planning, and alignment of research activities for the *financial year 2026–27.*
• To strengthen coordination, streamline processes, and ensure effective planning to advance the Council's research mandate.

National Homoeopathy Conference

• A 2-day National Homoeopathy Conference on the occasion of World Mental Health Day 2025.
• **Organised by –** National Homoeopathy Research Institute in Mental Health (NHRIMH).
• **Nodal ministry –** Ministry of AYUSH.
• **Central theme –** 'Access to Services – Mental Health in Catastrophes and Emergencies'.
• **Aim –** To focus on the growing relevance of Homoeopathy in psychiatric emergencies and explored innovative research and integrative approaches to mental health care.

National Homoeopathy Research Institute in Mental Health

• An apex institution under the *Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH).*
• **Established in –** 1974.
• **Upgraded as -** National Homoeopathy Research Institute in Mental Health (NHRIMH), in 2016.
• **Aim –** To introduce academic courses *to enhance the academic standards* in Homeopathy along with quality research activities.

Polity & Governance

'Fare Se Fursat' initiative

• **Initiative by –** Alliance Air, India's government-owned regional carrier, under Ministry of Civil Aviation.
• **Implemented on –** A pilot basis from October 13 to December 31, 2025 across select routes, to evaluate its operational feasibility and passenger response.
• **Aim –** To give passengers freedom from the stress of fluctuating airfares and promote ease of flying in the country.
• **Significance –** It perfectly aligns with the core principles of the UDAN scheme.

Economy

'Employees' Enrolment Campaign, 2025' (EEC 2025)

• **Announced by –** Ministry of Labour and Employment.
• **Aim –** To bring a large number of workers under the ambit of *organized social security through EPFO.*
• **Operational from –** November 1, 2025, to April 30, 2026.
• **Legal basis –** *Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952*, to voluntarily declare and enroll eligible employees.
• **Registered employers** – Eligible to avail the benefits of *Pradhan Mantri-Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana.*
• **Eligibility –** All establishments irrespective of facing inquiries under section *7A of the Act or under paragraph 26B of the scheme* or under *paragraph 8 of the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995.*
• **Previous successful enrolment campaign conducted in** – 2017 for enrolment of left-out eligible employees from *2009 to 2016.*

PM Gati Shakti - National Master Plan for Multi-modal Connectivity

DPIIT, commemorated the completion of 4 transformative years of the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP) and launched PM GatiShakti Public.
• A digital platform to bring 16 Ministries including Railways and Roadways together for integrated planning and coordinated implementation of infrastructure connectivity projects.
• **Launched in –** October 2021.
• **Developed by –** Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N).
• **Powered by –** National Geospatial Data Registry (NGDR).
• **Objectives –** To provide integrated and seamless connectivity for movement of people, goods and services from one mode of transport to another.
• To facilitate the last mile connectivity of infrastructure and also reduce travel time for people.

PM GatiShakti Public

• PM GatiShakti Public through the *Unified Geospatial Interface (UGI).*
• This is a query-based web platform provides regulated access to selected *non-sensitive data sets* from the PM GatiShakti national master plan (NMP).
• It enables private entities, consultants, researchers, and citizens to leverage advanced analytics for infrastructure planning and investment decisions.
• **Launched by –** Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
• **Aim –** To Democratize Access to Geospatial and Infrastructure Data.

Miscellaneous

World Standards Day 2025

• **Observed on** – 14th October.
• **1st celebration in –** 1970.
• **Established by –** International Organization for Standardization (ISO), International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
• **Aim –** To raise global awareness about the importance of standards in ensuring safety, quality, and international trade.

World Standards Day programme

• **Held at –** National Institute of Training for Standardization (NITS).
• **Organized by –** Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).
• **Theme 2025 –** "A Shared Vision for a Better World: Standards for Sustainable Development Goals,".
- It emphasizes the crucial role of international standards as enablers of cooperation and progress.
• **Launched –** Learning Management System (LMS) and the Online Standards Development (OSD) Module of the BIS Standards Portal.
• **Released –** National Lighting Code of India 2025.

'Samarth' Program

• A cutting-edge Incubation Program for startups in *Telecom & ICT Sector* in March 2025.
• **Launched by –** Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), an autonomous telecom R&D institution under Department of Telecommunications (DoT).
• **Implementation partners –** Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) and The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE).
• **Aim –** To offers holistic support to startups and innovators working in telecom applications, cybersecurity, 5G/6G technologies, artificial intelligence, IoT, and quantum technologies.

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