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Polity & Governance

Nanha sa Dil

• **Launched in** – *2024*.
• **Launched by** – Ministry of Coal.
• **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** – Initiative of Coal India Limited (CIL).
• **Objective** – To *provide life-saving surgeries* for children suffering from *Congenital Heart Disease (CHD).*
• **In collaboration with** – Sri Sathya Sai Health & Education Trust (SSSHET), leveraging the trust's expertise in paediatric cardiac surgeries.

Prime Minister's Yoga Awards

• **Awarded on** – International Day of Yoga (21st June).
• **Awarded for** – Exemplary contribution in the field of Yoga towards the development and promotion of Yoga.
• **Recognition** – Both at the National and International levels.
• **Eligibility:**
  - **Minimum age –** 40 years.
  - **Minimum track record** – 20 years of service.
• **Award –** The winners will be felicitated by means of a *Trophy, Certificate and a Cash Award*.

Rashtriya Karmayogi Jan Seva Program

• **Aim** – At capacitating officers across various levels, from Assistant Section Officer to Director/Deputy Secretary.
• **Objective** – To promote a culture of excellence within the public service and build a more effective, accountable, and transparent administration.
• It is a dynamic and interactive training programme.
• **Organized by –** Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) and Capacity Building Commission.
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions.

Foreign Relations of India

India-United States (US) Ties

• **Mission 500** – A goal for bilateral trade, to *double total bilateral trade to USD 500 billion by 2030*.
• **Transforming the Relationship Utilizing Strategic Technology (TRUST)** – It focuses on *semiconductors*, *quantum computing, and AI*, with a commitment to developing an AI infrastructure road map this year (2025).
• It is *rebranded* from the Biden-era Initiative on *Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET)*.
• **Catalysing Opportunities for Military Partnership, Accelerated Commerce and Technology (COMPACT)** – To drive *transformative change across key pillars of cooperation* between the nations.

Economy

Mutual Fund Investment Tracing and Retrieval Assistant (MITRA)

• **MITRA** – It is a digital platform to assist investors in tracking and reclaiming *inactive or unclaimed mutual fund folios*.
• **Objective** – To encourage investors to search for forgotten Mutual Fund (MF) investments and update Know Your Customer (KYC) as per the current norms.
• **Launched by –** Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
• **Developed by** – Registrar and Transfer Agent (RTAs).
• **Significance** – It will lead to reduction in the unclaimed mutual fund folios.

Unit Holder Protection Committee (UHPC)

• **Constituted by** – Board of Trustees and Asset Management Company (AMC).
Asset Management Company (AMC) *is a SEBI-registered financial institution that pools funds from multiple investors and invests in various financial instruments, such as stocks, bonds, and real estate, to generate returns for the investors.*
• **Objective** – To protect interest of unit holders of Mutual Fund schemes and responsible for *reviewing inactive folios* along with unclaimed dividends and redemptions.
• **Composition** – At least 3 directors as members and at least 2/3rd members of the UHPC shall be independent directors of AMC.

Environment

Starry Night Gecko (Cnemaspis vangoghi)

• It is a *new species of lizard*, spotted with blue geckos.
• **Found in** – Western Ghats of Tamil Nadu.
• It is the only species to be named after *Vincent van Gogh*, a famous artist who painted an iconic painting "The Starry Night".
• **Habitat** – Rocks and trees.
• **Behavior** – It reach close to 1.4 inches in length and live over 1,300 feet above sea level.
• It is *diurnal* active during the cooler hours of the day.

Security

Exercise Komodo

• It is a *multilateral naval exercise* by Indonesia.
• **Aim** – At enhancing maritime interoperability and regional security cooperation.
• **Indo-Pacific region** – It allows for several exchanges that support multilateral cooperation in the maritime environment across the Indo-Pacific.
• **Participation by –** INS Mumbai & the P8I aircraft of Indian Navy.
• **Indian Navy's participation** – It reaffirmation of India's commitment to engage with the regional Navies to maintain Security and Growth for All in the Region (*SAGAR*).

Miscellaneous

International Women's Conference (IWC)

• **Aim** – To promote *women as agents* of peace, development, and ethical leadership.
• **Launched in** – *2005*.
• **Hosted by** – Art of Living Foundation.
• **IWC** – It is a *bi-annual conference* that is hosted in Bengaluru, India.
• **Purpose** – It draws business, politics, academia, civil society leaders, and grassroots activists who share their insights about the connection between political, economic, and social progress and inner peace.

Bharat Tex 2025

• It is a *mega global event for the largest textile industries*.

• **Uniqueness** – It brings together the *entire textile value chain* from raw materials to finished products including accessories under one single roof.

• **Feature** – Over 70 conference sessions, Roundtables, Panel Discussions, and master classes.

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