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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 (21<sup>st</sup> 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 <u>Trophy, Certificate and a Cash</u> <u>Award</u>.

#### 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 <u>double total bilateral trade to USD 500 billion</u> <u>by 2030</u>.
- 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 <u>rebranded</u> from the Biden-era Initiative on <u>Critical and Emerging Technologies</u> (iCET).
- Catalysing Opportunities for Military Partnership, Accelerated Commerce and Technology (COMPACT) To drive <u>transformative change across key pillars of cooperation</u> 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  $2/3^{rd}$  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 <u>entire textile value chain</u> from raw materials to finished products including accessories under one single roof.
- **Feature** Over 70 conference sessions, Roundtables, Panel Discussions, and master classes.

