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Government Policies & Interventions

Department of Posts - ONDC Online Order

Department of Posts delivers first-ever ONDC online order as logistics service provider.

- **Integration of** - Department of Posts with Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)
- **Objective** - To enable sellers on ONDC-enabled buyer applications to select the Department of Posts for parcel pickup, booking, transmission, and delivery through its extensive nationwide postal network.

Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)

- It serves as a unified platform where stakeholders can interact freely without the constraints of exclusive ecosystems.
- **Launched in** - 2022, by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce.
- **Based on** - Open-sourced methodology, using open specifications and open network protocols independent of any specific platform.
- **Objective** - To promote open networks for all aspects of exchange of goods and services over digital or electronic networks.
- **Significance** - By fostering open protocols and reducing dependency on monopolistic platforms.

Economy

Composite Salary Account Package for Central Government Employees

- **Launched by** - Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance.
- **Associated with** - Public Sector Banks.
- **3 core segments** - *Banking, Insurance and Cards.*
- **Objective** - To provide a comprehensive suite of banking and insurance benefits under a single, seamless account structure.
- To ensure maximum coverage, uniformity and convenience for employees across *all cadres [Group A, B and C].*
- **Significance** - It aligned with Viksit Bharat 2047 and the national commitment towards Insurance for All by 2047.

National Campaign on Entrepreneurship

- **Launched by** - Ministry of Rural Development.
- **Aim** - To train and build capacity of 50,000 community resource persons (CRPs) on enterprise promotion and impart EDP training to 50 lakh SHG members of DAY-NRLM.
- **Significance** - It presents a strategic opportunity to deepen enterprise development across India's rural landscape, foster local economic growth and unlock the entrepreneurial potential of SHG women.

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)

- **Implemented by** - Ministry of Rural Development.
- **Objective** - To bring a transformational change in the income levels of rural women by promoting diversified and sustainable livelihoods.

Womaniya Initiative

GeM marks 7 years of womaniya initiative to strengthen women-led MSE.

- **Launched under** - Government e-Marketplace (GeM), in 2019.
- **Objectives** - To address the limited access of women entrepreneurs and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to government markets.
- To provide a direct, transparent and fully digital interface with government buyers.
- To eliminate intermediaries and reduced entry barriers that had historically constrained women participation.

Science

Paripoorna Mediclaim Ayush Bima for CGHS beneficiaries

- **Launched by** - Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance.
- **Eligibility** - Exclusively available to CGHS beneficiaries with a maximum of 6 members per policy.
- **Coverage** - It provides indemnity-based in-patient hospitalization coverage within India, with sum insured options of Rs.10 Lakh or Rs.20 Lakh.
- Product will have Co-payment component allowing beneficiaries to choose between 70:30 or 50:50 co-sharing between insurance company and the subscribers.
- **Objective** - To provide cashless facilities, modern treatments and access to a wide network of hospitals.

Pilot for Real-Time Stray Cattle Safety Alert on National Highways

- **Launched by** - National Highways Authority of India.
- **Implemented on** - Jaipur-Agra and Jaipur-Rewari National Highway corridors.
- **Mechanism** - Location-based alerts will be triggered for the National Highway commuters, providing advance warnings approximately 10 km before identified high-risk stretches.
- **Objectives** - To deliver real-time safety alerts to National Highway users approaching stray cattle-prone zones.
- To reduce accidents caused by sudden cattle movement on the National Highways, particularly during fog and low-visibility conditions.

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"Eco-restoration of the Aravalli Landscape"

- **Report prepared by** - Sankala Foundation.
- **Highlights** - It provides a scientific, community-driven and scalable framework to strengthen the 'Aravalli Green Wall Project'.
- It emphasises that restoration efforts must be landscape-scale, data-driven, community-anchored and multidisciplinary.
- **Note** - Aravalli ecosystem is protected by *4 tiger reserves and 18 protected areas.*

Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)

- It is the primary source of data on activity participation and employment and unemployment conditions of the population.
- **Conducted by** - National Statistical Office (NSO), under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- **Key labour market indicators** - Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), Worker Population Ratio (WPR) and Unemployment Rate (UR) at the all-India level following the Current Weekly Status (CWS) approach.
- **Key highlights - Age group 15 years and above.**
 - Overall LFPR continued its upward trend since June, 2025 and stood at 56.1% in December, 2025.
 - Female LFPR, recorded a sustained increase since June, 2025 and stood at 35.3% in December 2025, marking the highest level observed during the year.
 - Following a decline in June, 2025, the overall WPR, showed a sustained recovery and reached its yearly peak of 53.4% in December, 2025.
 - Rural male and female workforce participation increased in December 2025, reaching 76.0% and 38.6%, respectively.