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Polity & Governance

Replacement of Old Trucks and Buses in Delhi-NCR

DICV recently joins scheme to provide discounts for the replacement of old trucks and buses in Delhi-NCR.

- **DICV** - Daimler India Commercial Vehicles.

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It provides an 8 % discount on the ex-showroom price on trucks and buses purchased under the scheme.

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For electric vehicles, par with discount applicable to an Internal Combustion Engine vehicle of the equivalent category.

- **Additional benefits** - In addition to 8%

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Central Government provide 5% interest subvention and fixed monthly fuel vouchers for a period of 5 years.

- **State Governments** provide up to 100% concession on motor vehicle tax for a period of 10 years and waiver of registration fees.

- **Significance** - Signed companies have a combined market share of 85% marks successful implementation of the scheme.

Vande Mataram Camp

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Initiative by - *Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports*

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Through - MY Bharat platform.

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Organized in - Kolkata, West Bengal (1st camp).

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Features -

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Immersive *seven-day residential camps*.

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150 participants drawn from six different states (with *mandatory representation from the Northeast*).

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At least *50% participation from women* and socially disadvantaged groups.

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Age group -15 to 29.

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Objectives -

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National integration.

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Constitutional values.

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Youth leadership.

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Significance - The camps are *aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047*.

Summit on “Textiles for Global Markets”

Recently, Departmental summit on “Textiles for Global Markets” is been organised.

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Inaugurated by - Ministry of Textiles.

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Location - New Delhi.

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Organised under - Cabinet Secretariat

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Focus on -

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To fostering cooperative federalism

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To bridging national and state policies

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To double the country's textile exports from \$37 billion to \$100 billion by 2030.

Trade Watch Quarterly

NITI Aayog recently launched Eighth Edition of "Trade Watch Quarterly".

- **Published by** - NITI Aayog.

- **Role** -

- It tracks export/import trends, structural shifts, and global trade dynamics.

- Featuring deep-dive thematic analyses of critical Indian industries.

- **Objective** - To provide a comprehensive, data-driven assessment of India's *domestic and international* trade performance.

8th Edition (Q4 FY2025-26) Highlights

- India's total *international trade for FY2025-26 reached \$1.84 trillion.*

- Merchandise *exports grew by 4.2% and imports by 6.5%.*

Economy

Auction Tranches for Critical and Strategic Mineral Blocks

Ministry of Mines the successful completion of recent auction tranches for critical and strategic mineral blocks.

- **Conducted by** - *Central government* through the Notice Inviting Tender.

- **Organized under** -

- *Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.*

- *Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015.*

- **Highlights** - Successfully Auctioned

- 56 Critical Mineral Blocks

- 11 Exploration Licence Blocks

- **Significance** - This event strengthens domestic mineral supply chains and advancing [*India's critical mineral mission.*](#)

India - World's Top Ship Recycling Nation

India has emerged as the world's leading ship recycling nation in 2025.

• India's Ship Recycling Share Jumps to 35.4% in 2025 as per UNCTAD.

Key supporting initiatives -

- Hong Kong Convention Compliance by modernisation of ship recycling yards.

- Inclusion under European Union Ship Recycling Regulations (EUSRR)

- Stakeholder Engagement.

- Ship-breaking Credit Note Scheme.

• **Significance** - India achieves Maritime India Vision 2030 ship recycling target five years ahead of schedule.

GTE Exemption List of Medical Devices

Department of Pharmaceuticals Invites Stakeholder Comments on Proposed GTE Exemption List of Medical Devices recently.

• This list lets governments bypass local-content mandates to import critical medical tech when domestic production falls short.

• **Current List** - contains 354 high-end medical devices valid until March 2027.

- Includes 3T Digital PET/MR systems and Advanced High Energy Linear Accelerators (LA).

Completely exempt -

- Intra-Aortic Balloon Pumps (IABP).

- Cardiopulmonary Bypass Machines.

- Pacemakers (MRI Conditional).

• **Objective** - To ensure patients retain access to critical healthcare equipment not yet manufactured locally.

Environment

Specialized El Niño Bulletins

Recently, a member of parliament released first specialized el niño advisory for maritime operator.

- **Released by** - Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services.

- **Objective** - To study possible impacts of the ongoing El Nino on the Maritime Sectors.

- **Key highlights**

- **Atmospheric event** - *El Nino event continues to develop* and peak in winter.

- Sea surface temperature in Indian Ocean will be higher.

- **Environmental impacts** - Increased bleaching of coral reefs.

- More episodes of marine heat waves.

- *Reduction in the fish catch* (particularly sardine and mackerel species) *due to migration of fish*.

- Fish may not reach the desired sizes.

- Increased *coastal erosion and flooding* in east coast of India.

Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)

- It is an autonomous organisation under *Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)*.

- **Established in** - 1999, as a unit of the Earth System Science Organisation (ESSO).

- **Location** - *Hyderabad*,

- **Role** - Critical national and international repository for marine data

- **Functions** -

- Provides real-time ocean advisories.

- Forecasts tracking, and environmental monitoring.

- Conducts systematic oceanographic research.

- Issues Potential Fishing Zone (PFZ) advisories.

- **Objective** - To provide continuous ocean data, forecasts, and advisory services to coastal communities.

3D-Printed Artificial Reef Modules

Tamil Nadu is set to deploy India's first 3D-printed artificial reef modules in coastal waters.

• It is a custom-designed, eco-friendly concrete or ceramic structures used to restore damaged marine ecosystems.

• **Features -**

- Mimic natural coral formations.

- Provide shelter and settlement surfaces for marine organisms.

• **Advantages -**

- Combat reef degradation.

- Actively deployed in restoration projects worldwide.



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