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#### Social Issues

##### Manipur Housing Relief

*The Union government has sanctioned the construction of 5,000 houses for internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Manipur.*

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**Implemented in accordance with** - Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) guidelines.

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**Background** - Ethnic violence between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities since May 2023 has resulted in the displacement of approximately 62,000 individuals.

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**Identification** - The Awaas+ 2024 survey will identify eligible households that were not included in the 2011 Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC).

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**Registration of beneficiaries by** - State government.

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**Resettlement progress** - The Manipur government initially planned to resettle 10,000 families by March 31, 2026.

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To date, 16,500 internally displaced persons (IDPs) have been resettled.

##### Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G)

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**Launched in** - 2016

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**Program under** - Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD).

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**Implemented by** - Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

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**House Specifications** - Minimum size is 25 sq.m, including a dedicated cooking area.

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**Transfer of funds** - Directly to the Aadhaar-Linked Bank Account / Post-Office Account of the beneficiary.

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**Objective** - To Provide pucca houses with basic amenities to houseless families and those living in kutcha or dilapidated houses in rural India, contributing to the goal of "Housing for All."

## **Road Safety Financing Project in India**

*The United Nations launched a project in partnership with four States for a road safety financing framework.*

- **Launched by** - United Nations

- **Partnership with** - Rajasthan, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Assam.

- **Objectives** - To build national and state-level capacity to implement road safety action plans.

- To reduce fatalities and serious injuries.

- **Supported by** - UN Road Safety Fund.

- **India's Challenge** -

- Around 600 daily deaths from road crashes ( $\approx 25$  per hour).

- Many survivors face lifelong disabilities.

- The World Bank estimates losses at 7% of India's GDP.

- **Global Context** - UN warned the world is not on track to meet the pledge of cutting road deaths and injuries by 50% by 2030 under the *Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030*.

## **Polity & Governance**

### **Supreme Court on EV Charging Infrastructure**

*Supreme Court agreed to examine a plea regarding installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in group housing societies.*

- **Request** - Direction to implement the *EV Charging Infrastructure Guidelines 2024*, enabling residents to install chargers at their own cost.

- **Concerns** - No legislative action despite guidelines issued over a year ago.

- Petitioner unable to charge EV in housing society despite adopting eco-friendly transport.

- **Constitutional Basis** - Petition cites rights under *Articles 14, 15, 16, and 21 (equality, non-discrimination, and right to life)*.

## **Economy**

### **MSP Hike for Raw Jute**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) raised the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of raw jute for 2026-27.

- **Beneficiaries** - Jute farmers in West Bengal, Assam, and other states will benefit.

- **Returns** - It ensures a *61.8% return* over the all-India weighted average cost of production.

- **Policy Principle** - It follows at *least 1.5 times the cost of production*, as per the 2018-19 Union Budget.

- **Trend** - MSP increased from Rs. 2,400 in 2014-15 to Rs. 5,925 in 2026-27, representing *a 2.5-fold rise*.

- **Support Operations** - The Jute Corporation of India (JCI) remains the nodal agency, with losses reimbursed by the Centre.

### **India's \$20 Billion IPO Plan for State-Run Firms**

- **Target** - India aims to raise Rs. 1.79 trillion (\$20 billion) by 2029/30 through IPOs of state-run firms.

- **Sectors** - Railways, power, petroleum & natural gas, aviation, and coal.

- **Significance** - Shift from outright privatisation to asset monetisation after 2024 elections.

- First monetisation plan (2019-25) raised ₹5.3 trillion, nearly 90% of target.

- Funds go directly to firms for reinvestment, reducing burden on government finances.

### **Rail Multitracking Projects**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved 3 railway multitracking projects worth ₹9,072 crore, to be completed by 2030-31.

- **Projects -**

- Gondia-Jabalpur Doubling

- Punarakh-Kiul 3rd & 4th line

- Gamharia-Chandil 3rd & 4th line

- **Coverage -** Spanning 8 districts across Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, and Jharkhand, adding 307 km to the rail network.

- **Impact -**

- Connectivity to 5,407 villages (population ~98 lakh).

- Boosts operational efficiency, service reliability, and freight capacity (additional 52 MTPA).

- Supports transport of coal, steel, cement, fertilizers, foodgrains, and more.

- Tourism - Improved access to destinations like Kanha National Park, Dhuandhar Waterfall, Bargi Dam, Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary, among others.

- **Environmental Benefits -**

- Saves 6 crore litres of oil imports.

- Cuts 30 crore kg CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (equivalent to planting 1 crore trees).

- **Significance -** It aligns with PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, focusing on multi-modal connectivity, logistics efficiency, and regional development.

### **Security**

#### **Garuda Atlas Bird Survey in Tirupati**

The 5th edition of Garuda Atlas, a bird-mapping exercise in Tirupati, concluded successfully.

- **Findings -** Over 55,000 birds recorded, covering 274 species.

- **Highlights -**

- First-ever sighting of the Indian Yellow Tit in the region.

- Notable species - Shaheen Falcon, Yellow-throated Bulbul, Red-necked Falcon, Slaty-breasted Rail, and Black Eagle.

## **Indian Yellow Tit**

- **Scientific name** - Machlolophus aplonotus

- **Appearance** -

- Only crested tit in most of its range.

- Black front, yellow cheek and eyebrow.

- Yellowish-green upperparts, white-spotted wings.

- Underparts yellow-and-black.

- **Females/juveniles** - Duller, shorter crest, thinner/incomplete stripe, yellowish parts fade to dull white.

- **Behaviour** -

- Seen in pairs or family groups.

- Joins mixed-species foraging flocks in non-breeding season.

- Forages in the canopy.

- **Vocalizations** - Loud whistles and harsh chatters.

- **Habitat & Range** -

- Found in hilly regions, most abundant between *500-1800 m elevation*.

- Rarely descends to lower altitudes.



## Garuda Atlas

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- **Originated in** - 2022 as Tirupati Bird Atlas, later renamed Garuda Atlas.
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- **Organized by** - IISER Tirupati, in collaboration with Tirupati Nature Society (TNS) and the Andhra Pradesh Forest Department.
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- **Objective** - To reflect cultural identity and boost public participation.
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- **Significance** - Presence of rare species underscores the ecological richness and health of the Tirupati landscape.

