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Polity & Governance

Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G)

• **Launched in -** 2016
• To realise *Housing for All by 2029*, provides pucca houses with basic amenities (roads, electricity, LPG, toilets, drinking water).
• **Initiated by –** Ministry of Rural Development
• **Women Empowerment** – 75% houses sanctioned in women's name or joint ownership.
• **Campaign –** PMAY-G beneficiary to plant at least one sapling under the campaign "*Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam*" on World Environment Day, 5 June 2026.

President of India's Police Colour

• It is *highest honour for a police force, conferred by the President of India* in recognition of exceptional service, discipline, and contribution to peace & security also known as *Rashtrapati ka Nishan.*
• **Recent Update (2026) –** Awarded to Sikkim Police (est. 1897) for maintaining peace & harmony by President of India.
• **Eligibility –**
- States/UTs Police – 15 years
- Central Armed Police Forces / Central Police Organisations – 15 years
- Police Training Academies/Institutes – 10 years

International Relations and Issues

India–Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue

• **Focus Areas** – Defence industry collaboration, military engagements, capacity building, and emerging domains (cyber security, AI, maritime security, unmanned systems, advanced defence technologies)
• **Regional Cooperation** – Strengthened ties under ASEAN-led mechanisms and *ADMM-Plus (ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus) framework.*
• **Indo-Pacific Commitment** – Both nations reaffirmed support for an open, inclusive, rule-based Indo-Pacific security architecture.
• **Indo-Pacific security architecture –** It is a framework designed to ensure regional stability, free maritime trade, and sovereign independence.

Canada-India Trade & Investment Forum

A key platform connecting Canadian and Indian business leaders to foster partnerships and engagement.
• **Key Focus Sectors –** Clean energy, critical minerals, agri-food, advanced manufacturing, digital tech, skills.
• **Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) –** By end of 2026; Aims at expanding market access & resilient supply chains.
• **Upcoming –** Team Canada Trade Mission to India (2026).

CEPA (Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement)

• **India–Korea CEPA –** In force since 2010; currently under 12th round (2026) of upgrade talks to address India's trade deficit and expand cooperation in digital trade, supply chains, strategic industries.

• **Objective –** Enhance market access, resilient supply chains, balanced trade, and future-oriented partnership.

• **India's CEPA –** United Arab Emirates (UAE), Oman, Japan, and South Korea

Term	Meaning	Key Point
FTA	Free Trade Agreement – lowers tariffs on goods.	Limited scope.
CECA	Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement – covers goods + services.	Wider than FTA.
CEPA	Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement – covers goods, services, investment, standards.	Broadest, most ambitious pact.

Economy

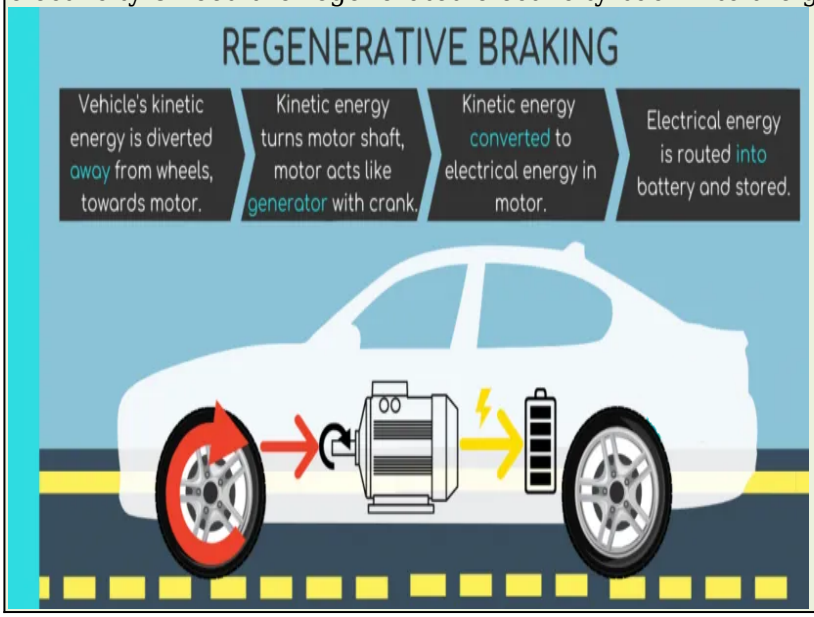
Kazipet Rail Manufacturing Unit

It is a versatile rolling stock unit nearing completion at *Kazipet, Telangana.*

Aim – Manufacture 200 intercity trains in 5 years.

Features – Short-distance shuttle-style trains with frequent stops, regenerative braking, designed for 130 kmph.

Regenerative braking – It means that when the train applies brakes, it will become a generator of electricity & feed the regenerated electricity back into the grid.



NHAI Asset Monetisation

• NHAI identified 17 projects across 9 States (Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra) for monetisation.
• **NHAI** - Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.
• **Mechanism** – Monetisation via TOT, InvIT and excludes assets under RIIT

Term	Meaning	Key Idea
TOT (Toll-Operate-Transfer)	Govt builds a highway, then leases it to a private company to collect tolls for some years.	Company pays upfront, earns from tolls.
InvIT (Infrastructure Investment Trust)	Like a mutual fund for roads and infra projects; investors pool money and get returns.	Regular income for investors.
RIIT (Raajmarg Infra InvIT)	NHAI's own special InvIT for highways.	Separate trust

FPI Sell-off in Indian Equities

MSCI EM outperformed Nifty in recent months, showing India's relative underperformance.
• **Morgan Stanley Capital International Emerging Markets Index (MSCI EM) –** A benchmark index that tracks the performance of stocks from emerging economies (like India, China, Brazil, South Africa, etc.).
• **Nifty 50 Index -** The stock market index of the *National Stock Exchange (NSE), India.* It tracks the performance of 50 large, companies across major sectors of the Indian economy.
• *MSCI EM Index vs Nifty 50 is a benchmark for global investors.*
• **Bond Yields Impact –** When US bond yields rise, investors get safer and better returns there.
- FPIs pull money out of Indian stocks, causing capital outflow and pressure on the rupee/markets.
• **Rupee Depreciation –** Weak rupee reduces foreign investor confidence and triggers sell-off.
• **FPI (Foreign Portfolio Investment)** – Short-term capital in equities/debt; Highly volatile.
• **National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) –** India's *1st and largest depository, established in 1996*, that holds securities (shares, bonds, mutual funds) in *electronic form.*
• Tracks FPI flows into Indian markets; operates under SEBI.
• **FDI (Foreign Direct Investment)** – Long-term capital in businesses/assets; stable, not easily withdrawn.

Agriculture

Tripura Queen Pineapple Mission (2026–2028)

• **Queen Pineapple –** A GI-Tagged fruit (received in 2018), grown in north eastern states noted for its intense, aromatic sweetness, deep golden-yellow flesh, and unique crispy texture.
• **Launched by –** Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) to promote GI-tagged Queen Pineapple.
• **Aim –** To build a complete value chain—from farm to global markets.
• **Infrastructure** – Hub and Spoke ecosystem – *1 central hub near Agartala airport + 8 spoke colletion centers* for grading, cold storage, reefer logistics, Internet of Things (IoT) monitoring, digital traceability.
• **Bio-Economy** – Utilisation of 60% plant waste: Bromelain extraction and Pineapple Leaf Fiber (PALF) processing, GI-branded confectionery.
• **Key highlights –**
- State Fruit of Tripura – Queen Pineapple.
- Flagship Tripura Queen Pineapple Festival aligned with International Pineapple Day (27 June).

Science

Codeine Phosphate & Triprolidine Hydrochloride

• **Codeine Phosphate –** It is an opioid derivative used in cough syrups.
• **Triprolidine Hydrochloride –** It is an antihistamine.
• **Legal Aspect** – Classified as a narcotic & psychotropic substance under the NDPS Act, 1985; diversion or misuse is punishable.
• **Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) –** The apex intelligence agency under Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
Empowered by the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act 1985.
• It curbs narcotics smuggling through intelligence-driven seizures and investigation of trafficking networks.

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