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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

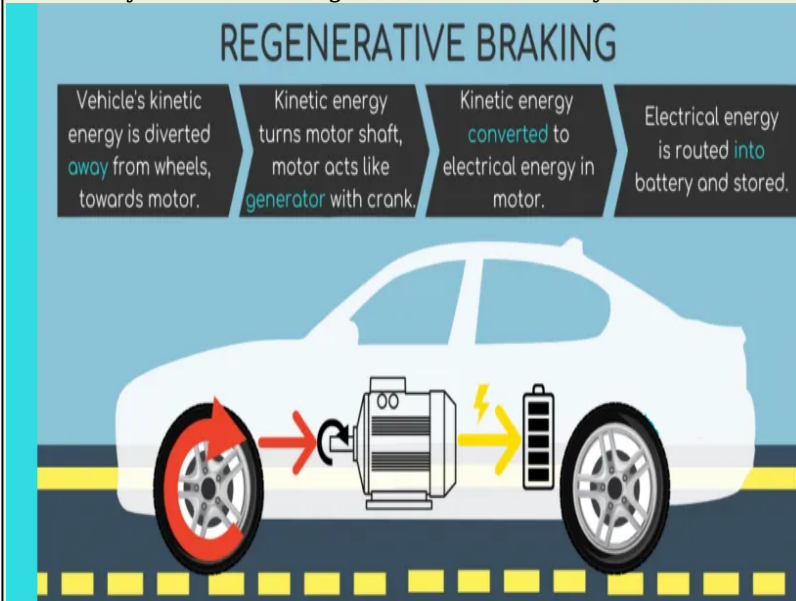
Kazipet Rail Manufacturing Unit

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 collection 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.

