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#### **Social Issues**

New Helpline Number for POSHAN and PMMVY

- Announced by Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- **New helpline number** 1515, will be live from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025, replacing the existing number 14408.
- **Aim** To simplify recall and improve accessibility for beneficiaries seeking assistance under POSHAN and PMMVY schemes.

# Remember 1515 — Your new Poshan & PMMVY Helpline!

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1515











If you cannot reach 1515 immediately, continue to use 14408

**Polity & Governance** 

## National Workshop on NAKSHA programme for District Collectors

- **Organised by** Department of Land Resources (DoLR), with LBSNAA's B N Yugandhar Centre for Rural Studies (BNYCRS).
- **Aim** To build administrative and technical readiness for the <u>NAKSHA (NAtional</u> <u>geospatial Knowledge-based land Survey of urban Habitations)</u> programme's nationwide rollout.
- · Key highlights -
  - Comprehensive overview of NAKSHA's workflow and ground-truthing.
  - Technical training on GIS and modern survey techniques.
  - Practical insights on data acquisition.
  - Discussions on the administrative and legal implementation framework.

## Security

## ICGS Ajit and ICGS Aparajit

- These vessels are the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in a series of 8 indigenously built Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs).
- **Constructed by -** Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL).
- **Features** Equipped with *Controllable Pitch Propellers (CPP)* the 1<sup>st</sup> of their kind in this class in India, offering superior manoeuvrability and propulsion efficiency.
- **Role** The multi-mission roles including fisheries protection, coastal patrol, antismuggling, anti-piracy and search & rescue operations.
- **Aim** To enhance the nation's coastal surveillance and response capabilities.

## Project Arunank (BRO)

Project Arunank of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) celebrated its 18th Raising Day at Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh.

- Launched in 2008.
- Constructed & maintained over 696 km of roads and 1.18 km of major bridges.
- It provides vital connectivity to remote valleys & forward areas of Arunachal Pradesh while meeting the operational requirements of the Armed Forces.
- **Achievements** Completion of the 278 km *Hapoli-Sarli-Huri Road*, blacktopped for the first time since Independence.
- **Adoption of** Innovative and sustainable technologies such as <u>Steel Slag</u>, <u>Cut-and-Cover Tunnels</u>, <u>Geo Cells</u>, <u>Plastic Sheets</u>, <u>GGBFS Concrete and Gabion Walls</u>, enhancing the durability and environmental sustainability of road infrastructure in the region.
- **Green initiative** <u>'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam,'</u> 23,850 trees were planted across Arunachal Pradesh, reflecting BRO's commitment to environmental conservation.

## 18<sup>th</sup> Joint Hydrographic Survey

INS Sutlej completes hydrographic survey at Mauritius.

- Conducted under MoU between India and Mauritius.
- **Coverage** Approximately 35,000 square nautical miles.
- **Aim** To contributes to marine charting, coastal regulation, resource management, and long-term environmental planning, thereby supporting Mauritius' Blue Economy goals.
- **Significance** It aligns with the vision of <u>MAHASAGAR</u> <u>Mutual and Holistic</u> <u>Advancement for Security and Growth Across the Regions.</u>
- Other activities It carried out joint EEZ surveillance and anti-piracy patrols with the Mauritius National Coast Guard, strengthening regional maritime security.

## **IKSHAK**

- It is an *Indian Navy's indigenously built 3<sup>rd</sup> Survey Vessel (Large)*.
- **Ikshak, meaning** <u>'The Guide'</u>, aptly symbolises her mission to chart the unknown, ensure safe passage for mariners, and strengthen India's maritime power.
- **Built by -** Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Ltd, Kolkata, under the supervision of the Directorate of Ship Production and the Warship Overseeing Team (Kolkata),
- **Indigenous content** <u>Over 80%</u> which reflects the spirit and strength of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.
- **Primary role** Hydrographic survey operations.
- **Designed with -** Dual-role capability, serving as a <u>Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster</u> <u>Relief (HADR) platform</u>, and as a Hospital Ship during emergencies.
- **Inclusive fleet** It is the 1<sup>st</sup> SVL ship with dedicated accommodation for women, reflecting the Indian Navy's inclusive and progressive approach towards a future-ready fleet.

## Places in News

## Failaka Island, Kuwait

An archaeological team has unearthed a 4,000-year-old temple of the Bronze Age <u>Dilmun</u> <u>Civilisation</u> on Failaka Island.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Dilmun temple** Discovered at the same site, indicating two temples built successively <u>between 1900-1800 BCE</u>, a rare architectural phenomenon.
- Excavation states The complete temple layout, stone foundations, multi-room structures, and a central chamber <u>resembling ritual sites in Bahrain and Eastern Arabia.</u>
- Artefacts Pottery sherds, seals and seal impressions, beads, and carved fragments.

## Miscellaneous

## **Display Monthly and Annual Pass Information at Toll Plazas**

NHAI has issued directions to field offices to display pass information.

- Display detailed information about these passes at <u>all fee plazas on National Highways</u> that come under NHAI jurisdiction.
- **Displayed on -** Signage boards at visible locations, including fee plaza approaches, customer service areas, and entry/exit points.
- Languages English, Hindi, and/or local regional language.
- **Aim -** To ensure that users are well-informed about the availability, rates, and procedures for availing of the Local Monthly Pass and Annual Pass facility.

#### **Local Monthly Pass**

- **Available for -** Private vehicles residing within <u>20 km (or as applicable) radius of a fee</u> plaza.
- **Required documents include** Aadhar card, Vehicle Registration Certificate and proof of residential address etc. also listed at all Fee Plazas.
- Issued at Fee Plaza helpdesk after verification of documents.

#### **Infantry Day**

- It is also known as *Shaurya Diwas*, with a solemn Wreath Laying Ceremony at the National War Memorial, New Delhi, paying tribute to the valour, sacrifice and indomitable spirit of the Infantry.
- Annually observed on 27th October.
- **Nation's history** On this day in 1947, Infantrymen of the Indian Army were the 1<sup>st</sup> troops to land at Srinagar airport.

