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Polity & Governance

Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)

PM Jan Arogya Yojana to now provide health cover for gig workers.

- **Launched in** - 2018.
- **Umbrella scheme** - Ayushman Bharat.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry Of Health & Family Welfare.
- **PM-JAY** - It is the *largest health assurance scheme* in the world.
- **Aim** - To provide a health cover for family, secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to poor and vulnerable families.
- It was earlier known as the *National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS)*.

Pradhan Mantri Dhan Dhanya Krishi Yojana

- **Launched in** - 2025.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare.
- **Coverage** - *100 districts* with low productivity, moderate crop intensity, and below-average parameters.
- **Objectives** - Enhance agricultural productivity.
 - Adopt crop diversification and sustainable agricultural practices.
 - Augment post-harvest storage at panchayat and block level.
 - Improve irrigation facilities.
 - Facilitate availability of long- and short-term credit.
- It is also known as *Developing Agri-Districts Programme*.

Tailings Policy

- **Launched in** - 2025.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Mines.
- **Concept** - A policy for recovery of *valuable critical minerals from mining tailings*, which are the left-over materials from the processing of mined ore.
- **Objectives** - It further bolsters the objectives of the National Critical Mineral Mission.
- The good tailings management will increase domestic availability of critical minerals.
- It will strengthen strategic industries, including clean energy, semiconductors, defense, and space.
- It also promote the domestic processing industry.

Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme

- **Launched in** - 2025.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Education.
- **Concept** - To provide *digital books in Indian languages* for school and higher education students.
- **Aim** - To make learning more accessible by offering study materials in regional languages.
- **Accessibility** - Students *across schools and universities* will have access to textbooks and learning resources in digital formats.

Environment

Important Ramsar sites in India

Harike wetlands

- It is one of the *largest man-made wetlands* of northern India.
- **Located in** - Confluence of the river Beas and Sutlej at the Ferozepur and Amritsar border, Punjab.
- **Wetland status in** - *1990*.
- **Important species** - It hosts migratory birds like the Siberian crane, bar-headed geese, and many waterfowl.
- It is also known as *Harike Pattan*.

Kanjli wetlands

- It is one of the *man-made wetlands* in India.
- **Located in** - Kapurthala district along the Kali Bein river, Punjab.
- **Wetland status in** - *2002*.
- **Important species** - It hosts various fish species, turtles and migratory birds.

Ropar Wetlands

- It is a *man-made freshwater riverine*.
- **Located in** - Banks of the Sutlej River, Punjab.
- **Wetland status in** - *2002*.
- **Important species** - About 154 species of birds have been identified till now and housing over 20,000 water birds.

Nangal Wetlands

- It is a *human-made reservoir* constructed as part of the Bhakra-Nangal Project in 1961.
- **Located in** - Foothills of Shiwalik in the state of Punjab.
- **Wetland status in** - *2019*.
- **Important species** - It is home to over 40,000 migratory birds that come to India annually during the winter.

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State Mining Index (SMI)

- **SMI** - It is a transformative step that will enhance *professionalization of state mining departments*.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Mines.
- **Objectives** - It will encourage state to innovate and adopt best practices in mineral exploration, auctioning, and sustainable mining.
- It will drive efficiency, attract investments, and unlock the immense potential of our mineral resources.

Miscellaneous

World Forum of Accountants (WOFA) 2025

- **WOFA** - A *global gathering of accounting and finance professionals* dedicated to shaping the future of the profession.
- It provides a global platform to address the evolving landscape of finance.
- **Theme** - Accountability Meets Innovation (AI): For a Sustainable Planet.
- **Aim** - To inspire innovative approaches to environmental management and conservation.

