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#### History, Art and Culture

##### Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya

- **Born in** - 1916 in Nagla Chandrabhan village, now Deendayal Dham, UP.
- Deendayal Upadhyay is an Indian politician, one of the most important leaders of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, the forerunner of Bharatiya Janata Party.
- Started monthly magazine "**Rashtra Dharma**", weekly "**Panchajanya**", and daily "**Swadesh**".
- His mantra for the journalism was 'Don't distort the news'.
- **Books** - Samrat Chandragupt, Jagatguru Shankaracharya, Political Diary, Integral humanism, Ekatmamanav - vad and an analysis of the Five Year plans in India.
- In 2019, PM unveiled a 63 feet statue of Pandit Upadhyaya at the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Memorial Centre in Padao on the Varanasi.

#### Polity & Governance

##### Scholarships for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS)

- **Initiated by**- Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- **Offers scholarship** - Programs for (SC), (OBCs) & Divyangjan.

##### SHREYAS for Scheduled Castes

- Central Sector Umbrella Scheme which comprises 04 sub-schemes.
- **Sub-schemes**
  - Top Class Education for SC students (TCS)
  - National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste students (NFSC)
  - National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Castes (NOS)
  - Free Coaching for SC and OBC Students (FCS)

##### SHREYAS for OBC and Others

- Central Sector Umbrella Scheme which comprises two sub-schemes namely
  - National Fellowship for OBC, Scholarship scheme.
  - Dr.Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs).

##### Scholarship for Students with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

- **Implementing Agency** - Department of Persons with Disabilities.
- Comprises 6 sub-schemes
  - (a) Pre-Matric (b) Post-Matric (c) Top Class Education (d) National Overseas Scholarship (e) National Fellowship for PwDs and (f) Free Coaching Scheme.
- It does not come under SHREYAS.

### Hostel Facilities under Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY)

- It is a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme** since 2021-22.
- **3 main parts**
  - Adarsh Gram',
  - 'Grants-in-aid for District/State-level Projects for Socio-Economic betterment of Scheduled Caste (SC) Communities', and
  - 'Hostel.
- **Objectives** - To improve socio-economic developmental indicators in the SC dominated villages.
- To reduce poverty of the SC communities by generation of additional employment opportunities.
- To increase literacy and encourage enrolment of SCs in schools and higher educational institutions, especially in the aspirational districts/ SC dominated blocks and elsewhere in India.

### Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS)

- **Implementing Agency** - National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture
- **Aim** - To establish Science Cities, Science Centres, Digital Planetarium, Innovation Hubs across the country.
- It established the above ones based on the proposals received from different State Government and UTs.

### Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) scheme

*Government recently approved the continuation of the PM- AASHA during the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission Cycle up to 2025-26.*

- **Aim** - Provide remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce and also controlling price volatility of essential commodities by ensuring their availability at affordable prices to consumers.
- **Components** - Price Support Scheme (PSS), Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS), Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) and Price Stabilisation Funds (PSF).
- **Ministry** - Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.

## **International Relations and Issues**

### Dunki Routes

- "Dunki" or "donkey journey" refers to the long-winding, often *dangerous routes* that people across the world take to reach the places they want to immigrate to.
- These difficult journeys are undertaken due to a **lack of requisite legal permits** or financial resources.
- The American authorities recently deported those who have taken this illegal route to reach America.

## **Security**

### **Hindustan Jet Trainer (HJT) Renamed 'Yashas'**

*HJT 36, the flagship training aircraft of HAL has been renamed 'Yashas', unveiled at Aero India 2025.*

- **Aim** - To Enhance improvised training effectiveness and operational efficiency.
- **Upgrades**
  - Stage-II pilot training, counter-insurgency and counter-surface force operations, armament training and aerobatics.
  - **Powered by** - FADEC controlled AL55I Jet engine, providing best in class thrust to weight ratio, optimised thrust management and reliability.
  - A stepped up rear cockpit provides excellent all-around vision and enhanced situational awareness with multi-function displays (MFDs) and head-up displays (HUDs).
  - **Capabilities** - Stall and spin, aerobatics, armament carriage up to 1,000 kg, single point ground refuelling and defuelling.

