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Polity & Governance

Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY)

- **Launched in** - 2021-22.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- **PM-AJAY** - It is a *merged scheme of 3* centrally sponsored scheme namely,
 - Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY).
 - Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCA to SCSP).
 - Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana (BJRCY).
- **Aim** - To reduce poverty of the SC communities by generating additional employment opportunities through skill development, income-generating schemes, and other initiatives.

Amrit Sarovar Scheme

- **Launched in** - 2022.
- **Initiated by** - Ministry of Rural Development.
- **Aim** - At developing/rejuvenating 75 Amrit Sarovars (ponds) in each district, totaling 50,000 across the country.
- **Objective** - To conserve water for the future.
- **Phase II** - To continue with a renewed focus on ensuring water availability, with community participation (Jan Bhagidaari) at its core.
- **Mission involves collaboration** - Ministry of Rural Development and the Ministry of Water Resources, Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Application & Geo-informatics (BISAG-N).

Pradhan Mantri Dakshata Aur Kushalata Sampanna Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH)

- **Launched in** - 2020-21.
- **Launched by** - Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- **Aim** - To *empower target marginalized session by boosting their skills* to improve their employability and income prospects.
- **Target Groups:**
 - **Artisans** - who can enhance their revenue in their trades.
 - **Women** - who can achieve self-employment and financial empowerment while balancing domestic responsibilities.
 - **Youth** - who can gain training and specialization for better job market prospects.
 - SCs & OBCs.
- **Age criterion** - 18-45 years.
- **Timeline** - 5 years (2021-2026).

Madak-Padarth Nished Asoochana Kendra (MANAS)

- **Operated by** - Narcotics Control Bureau.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Home Affairs.
- **MANAS** - It is a *National Narcotics Helpline Portal* stands as a digital initiative.
- **Aim** - To stop drug supply by catching importers and preventing production and sales.
- **Features** - It is an integrated system providing a single platform for citizens to log, register, track and resolve drug related issues/ problems through various mode of communications like call, SMS, Chat-bot, email & web-link.
- To provide *toll-free 24x7 telecom service* to drug addicts, informers, and citizens seeking support and information.

Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA)

- **Launched on** - **15th August 2020 (Independence Day)** Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.
- **Launched by** - Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- **Objective**- Preventive measures, mass education, service provider training, partnerships, and treatment facilities.
- It is for 272 Districts across 32 State/UT that have been identified as the most vulnerable in terms of usage of drugs in the country.

Schedule 'M' of Small And Medium Manufacturers

- **Part of** - Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1945.
- **Schedule M** - It outlines *Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)* for pharmaceutical products in India.
- **Coverage** - The requirements for premises, plants, and equipment used in the manufacturing process.
- **Types:**
 - Schedule M - 1 is titled "Good Manufacturing Practices and Requirements of Premises, Plant and Equipment for Homoeopathic Medicines".
 - Schedule M - 3 is titled "Quality Management System -For Notified Medical Devices And In-Vitro Diagnostics".
- **Revised Schedule M** - GMP was upgraded to "good manufacturing practices and requirements of plan and equipment for pharmaceutical products".

Science

Epilepsy

- **Epilepsy** - It is a *chronic non-communicable disease* of the brain that affects people of all ages.
- **Conditions** - Recurrent *seizures of involuntary movement* that may involve a part of the body or the entire body.
- **Symptoms** - Vary and depend on where the disturbance first starts in brain and how far it spreads.
 - Loss of awareness, consciousness, disturbances of movement, sensation (including vision, hearing & taste), mood etc.
- Around 50 million people worldwide have epilepsy which make it one of the *most common neurological diseases* globally.

International Epilepsy Day

- **Celebrated on** - 2nd Monday of February every year.
- **Organised by:**
 - International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE)
 - International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE).
- **Theme 2025** - My Epilepsy Journey.
- **Aim** - To raise awareness about epilepsy, a common neurological disorder that can affect anyone, at any age.
- An estimated 4.7 million people with epilepsy live in the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

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Devolution Index Report

- **Released by** - Ministry of Panchayati Raj & Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
- It specifically examines how autonomous panchayats are to make and implement independent decisions, reflecting the true spirit of Article 243G of the Constitution.
- **Evaluation** - Based on 6 critical dimensions:
 1. Framework
 2. Functions
 3. Finances
 4. Functionaries
 5. Capacity Building
 6. Accountability of the Panchayats.
- It provides insights into the progress of decentralization across states and union territories.