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Polity & Governance

Nanha sa Dil

- **Launched in** - 2024.
- **Launched by** - Ministry of Coal.
- **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** - Initiative of Coal India Limited (CIL).
- **Objective** - To *provide life-saving surgeries* for children suffering from *Congenital Heart Disease (CHD)*.
- **In collaboration with** - Sri Sathya Sai Health & Education Trust (SSSHET), leveraging the trust's expertise in paediatric cardiac surgeries.

Prime Minister's Yoga Awards

- **Awarded on** - International Day of Yoga (21st June).
- **Awarded for** - Exemplary contribution in the field of Yoga towards the development and promotion of Yoga.
- **Recognition** - Both at the National and International levels.
- **Eligibility:**
 - **Minimum age** - 40 years.
 - **Minimum track record** - 20 years of service.
- **Award** - The winners will be felicitated by means of a *Trophy, Certificate and a Cash Award*.

Rashtriya Karmayogi Jan Seva Program

- **Aim** - At capacitating officers across various levels, from Assistant Section Officer to Director/Deputy Secretary.
- **Objective** - To promote a culture of excellence within the public service and build a more effective, accountable, and transparent administration.
- It is a dynamic and interactive training programme.
- **Organized by** - Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) and Capacity Building Commission.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions.

Foreign Relations of India

India-United States (US) Ties

- **Mission 500** - A goal for bilateral trade, to *double total bilateral trade to USD 500 billion by 2030*.
- **Transforming the Relationship Utilizing Strategic Technology (TRUST)** - It focuses on *semiconductors, quantum computing, and AI*, with a commitment to developing an AI infrastructure road map this year (2025).
- It is *rebranded* from the Biden-era Initiative on *Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET)*.
- **Catalysing Opportunities for Military Partnership, Accelerated Commerce and Technology (COMPACT)** - To drive *transformative change across key pillars of cooperation* between the nations.

Economy

Mutual Fund Investment Tracing and Retrieval Assistant (MITRA)

- **MITRA** - It is a digital platform to assist investors in tracking and reclaiming *inactive or unclaimed mutual fund folios*.
- **Objective** - To encourage investors to search for forgotten Mutual Fund (MF) investments and update Know Your Customer (KYC) as per the current norms.
- **Launched by** - Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- **Developed by** - Registrar and Transfer Agent (RTAs).
- **Significance** - It will lead to reduction in the unclaimed mutual fund folios.

Unit Holder Protection Committee (UHPC)

- **Constituted by** - Board of Trustees and Asset Management Company (AMC).
Asset Management Company (AMC) is a SEBI-registered financial institution that pools funds from multiple investors and invests in various financial instruments, such as stocks, bonds, and real estate, to generate returns for the investors.
- **Objective** - To protect interest of unit holders of Mutual Fund schemes and responsible for *reviewing inactive folios* along with unclaimed dividends and redemptions.
- **Composition** - At least 3 directors as members and at least 2/3rd members of the UHPC shall be independent directors of AMC.

Environment

Starry Night Gecko (Cnemaspis vangoghi)

- It is a *new species of lizard*, spotted with blue geckos.
- **Found in** - Western Ghats of Tamil Nadu.
- It is the only species to be named after *Vincent van Gogh*, a famous artist who painted an iconic painting "The Starry Night".
- **Habitat** - Rocks and trees.
- **Behavior** - It reach close to 1.4 inches in length and live over 1,300 feet above sea level.
- It is *diurnal* active during the cooler hours of the day.



Security

Exercise Komodo

- It is a *multilateral naval exercise* by Indonesia.
- **Aim** - At enhancing maritime interoperability and regional security cooperation.
- **Indo-Pacific region** - It allows for several exchanges that support multilateral cooperation in the maritime environment across the Indo-Pacific.
- **Participation by** - INS Mumbai & the P8I aircraft of Indian Navy.
- **Indian Navy's participation** - It reaffirmation of India's commitment to engage with the regional Navies to maintain Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR).

Miscellaneous

International Women's Conference (IWC)

- **Aim** - To promote *women as agents* of peace, development, and ethical leadership.
- **Launched in** - 2005.
- **Hosted by** - Art of Living Foundation.
- **IWC** - It is a *bi-annual conference* that is hosted in Bengaluru, India.
- **Purpose** - It draws business, politics, academia, civil society leaders, and grassroots activists who share their insights about the connection between political, economic, and social progress and inner peace.

Bharat Tex 2025

- It is a *mega global event for the largest textile industries*.
- **Uniqueness** - It brings together the *entire textile value chain* from raw materials to finished products including accessories under one single roof.
- **Feature** - Over 70 conference sessions, Roundtables, Panel Discussions, and master classes.

