

Schemes (1)

- **PMFME scheme crosses 2 lakh credit-linked micro food-processing loans**

Body: Ministry of Food Processing Industries
Detail: PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (2020, ₹10,000 cr); 35% credit-linked subsidy up to ₹10 lakh; One District One Product (ODOP) approach; ~90% first-gen, 44% women
Exam hook: PMFME (micro) vs PMKSY/Kisan SAMPADA (infrastructure)

Welfare (3)

- **AISHE 2022-23 & 2023-24 released; GER reaches 30, GPI 1.08**

Body: Ministry of Education
Detail: All India Survey on Higher Education; GER = enrolment ÷ 18–23 population; 23.7 (2014-15) → 30 (2023-24); enrolment 4.5 cr; STEM crosses 1 cr; NEP 2020 targets 50% GER by 2035
Exam hook: GER vs NER; GPI = female GER ÷ male GER

- **3rd NAMASTE Day marks the sanitation-ecosystem scheme**

Body: Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Detail: NAMASTE = National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (2023, replaced SRMS); implemented by NSKFDC with MoHUA; ends hazardous sewer cleaning; manual scavenging banned by PEMSAR Act 2013
Exam hook: Article 17 (untouchability); SC 2023 fixed ₹30 lakh for sewer deaths

- **EPFO launches the Amnesty Scheme 2026 for exempted PF Trusts**

Body: EPFO / Ministry of Labour & Employment
Detail: EPFO = statutory body under EPF & MP Act, 1952; runs EPF + EPS (1995) + EDLI; governed by the Central Board of Trustees; now framed by the Code on Social Security, 2020
Exam hook: Four Labour Codes; EPFO (labour) vs NPS (PFRDA); UAN portability

Polity/Bodies (3)

- **5th Foundation Day of the Ministry of Cooperation (Sahkar Se Samriddhi)**

Body: Ministry of Cooperation
Detail: Created 2021 (carved from Agriculture); motto 'Sahkar Se Samriddhi'; cooperatives under State List; drives like model bye-laws, PACS computerisation, new multi-state cooperative bodies
Exam hook: Cooperative societies = Part IXB, 97th Amendment; 'Prosperity through Cooperation'

- **Narmada Award: one-time settlement among MP, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra**

Body: Ministry of Home Affairs / Jal Shakti
Detail: Settles Sardar Sarovar cost-sharing dues; Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal (1969, award 1979); Article 262 + Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956; courts barred, tribunal decides
Exam hook: Water = State List; inter-state rivers = Union List; cooperative federalism

- **Library dedicated to Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan inaugurated**

Body: Ministry of Home Affairs
Detail: JP gave the call for 'Sampoorna Kranti' (Total Revolution) from Patna (1974); led resistance to the Emergency (1975–77, Article 352); Bharat Ratna (1999); Quit India (1942)
Exam hook: 42nd Amendment (mini-Constitution); 44th Amendment tightened Emergency; Shah Commission

Economy (7)

- **India–EFTA TEPA: Chintan Shivir on the seafood/marine-exports opportunity**

Body: Department of Commerce
Detail: EFTA = Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland (NOT the EU); TEPA (Trade & Economic Partnership Agreement) signed 2024, includes a \$100 bn investment commitment over 15 years
Exam hook: EFTA ≠ EU; TEPA is India's first FTA with an investment target

- **India's steel sector records growth in Q1 FY2026**

Body: Ministry of Steel
Detail: India = world's 2nd-largest crude-steel producer; National Steel Policy 2017 targets 300 MT capacity by 2030; PLI for specialty steel; SAIL, Tata, JSW major producers
Exam hook: Steel = core-sector; India 2nd after China; per-capita consumption rising

- **ECLGS 5.0 crosses 4.11 lakh guarantees (₹1.55 lakh crore); 98% to MSMEs**

Body: Dept of Financial Services / NCGTC
Detail: Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme first launched 2020 (Aatmanirbhar Bharat); 100% guarantee to MSMEs via NCGTC; ECLGS 5.0 approved 5 May 2026 for West Asia shock
Exam hook: Credit guarantee mitigates lender risk; CGTMSE = standing MSME guarantee

- **Index of Services Production (ISP), base year 2024-25, unveiled by MoSPI**

Body: MoSPI
Detail: First monthly measure of the formal services sector (~53% of GVA); built from aggregated GST data; complements the IIP (base 2011-12)
Exam hook: IIP = industry monthly; ISP = services monthly; GDP = GVA + net product taxes

- **Ministry of Coal invites applications under ₹37,500 cr coal/lignite gasification scheme**

Body: Ministry of Coal
Detail: Surface gasification converts coal to syngas (CO + H₂) → methanol, ammonia, SNG; approved 13 May 2026; advances National Coal Gasification Mission target of 100 MT by 2030
Exam hook: Gasification → syngas; liquefaction → liquid fuel; combustion → heat

- **TReDS made mandatory for CPSEs settling MSME invoices**

Body: Ministry of MSME
Detail: TReDS = RBI-regulated platform that discounts MSME invoices into instant, collateral-free cash (RXIL, M1xchange, Invoiceamart); MSMED Act 2006 = 45-day payment rule; Udyam portal
Exam hook: TReDS regulated by RBI; Section 43B(h) income-tax nudge

- **FIU-IND wins runner-up at the Best Egmont Case Award (Baku)**

Body: Ministry of Finance (FIU-IND)
Detail: ₹868 cr cyber-fraud laundering cracked (5,000+ mule accounts, crypto); FIU-IND (est. 2004) under Dept of Revenue, powers from PMLA 2002; Egmont Group = global FIU network; ED investigates
Exam hook: FATF = standard-setter (grey list); Egmont = FIU network; India in FATF 'regular follow-up' (2024)

IR/Diplomacy (2)

- **13th ASEAN–India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) Joint Committee, New Delhi**

Body: Department of Commerce
Detail: ASEAN founded 1967 (Bangkok Declaration), HQ Jakarta, 10 members; AITIGA signed 2009, in force 2010 (goods only); review focuses on Rules of Origin; ASEAN ~11% of India's trade
Exam hook: Act East (2014) vs Look East (1991); India left RCEP in 2019

- **3rd India–Australia Annual Summit (Melbourne); Joint Declaration on Defence & Security**

Body: Ministry of External Affairs
Detail: Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (2020); both in the Quad + Malabar; ECTA trade deal in force Dec 2022; Australia a key critical-minerals & uranium supplier
Exam hook: Quad = India, Australia, US, Japan (not a treaty alliance)

Environment (4)

- **VP launches Letters of Authorisation for sustainable High Seas fishing (BBNJ context)**

Body: Ministry of Fisheries
Detail: UNCLOS (1982) zones — Territorial Sea 12 nm, Contiguous 24 nm, EEZ 200 nm, High Seas beyond; BBNJ ('High Seas Treaty') adopted 2023, India signed 2024 (not yet ratified); deep-sea/blue economy
Exam hook: EEZ = sovereign resource rights (not full sovereignty); ISA governs the seabed 'Area'

- **91st Standing Committee meeting of the National Board for Wildlife (Coimbatore)**

Body: Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

Detail: NBWL = statutory body under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, chaired by the PM (Standing Committee by Environment Minister); Project Tiger (1973, Jim Corbett); NTCA statutory (2006)

Exam hook: WPA 1972 protected areas; Project Elephant (1992); WCCB

- **7th Governing Body meeting of National CAMPA (Coimbatore)**

Body: Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

Detail: CAMPA = Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Authority; CAF Act 2016; NPV = payment for lost ecosystem services; Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 for forest diversion

Exam hook: Divert forest → pay CA + NPV; born of the T. N. Godavarman case

- **Preparations for the 'Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar' coastal-cleanup (10–19 Sept 2026)**

Body: Ministry of Earth Sciences

Detail: 'Clean Coast, Safe Sea' campaign (since 2022) tackles marine litter/plastic & microplastics; India's coast ~11,098 km, 9 coastal states; protects mangroves, corals, blue economy

Exam hook: Sundarbans = largest mangrove; INCOIS forecasts; EPR & single-use-plastic ban

Culture/Sport (1)

- **VP unveils statue of social reformer Mannathu Padmanabhan**

Body: Nair Service Society

Detail: Mannathu Padmanabhan (1878–1970) founded the NSS; 'Bharata Kesari', Padma Bhushan (1966); organiser of the Vaikom (1924) & Guruvayur (1931) temple-entry Satyagrahas → Temple Entry Proclamation 1936

Exam hook: Kerala reformers — Narayana Guru (SNDP), Ayyankali; Article 17/25

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