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## PM E-DRIVE Scheme

On 1st October 2024, the government launched the **PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) scheme**.

### Key Points

- ❖ This new initiative aims to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) across India, replacing the flagship **Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles (FAME) programme**.
- ❖ **Budget Outlay:** Scheme has been approved for two years with a budget of Rs 10,900 crore.



- ❖ **Key Components of the scheme are:**
  - The scheme will support 24.79 lakh electric two-wheelers, 3.16 lakh e-three wheelers, and 14,028 e-buses.
  - Subsidies/demand incentives worth Rs 3,679 crore to incentivise adoption of electric two-wheelers, electric three-wheelers, e-ambulances, e-trucks and other emerging electric vehicles.
  - A sum of Rs 4,391 crore has also been provided for procurement of 14,028 e-buses by state transport undertakings and public transport agencies.
  - Rs 500 crore has been earmarked for the deployment of e-ambulances.

## Way Forward

- ❖ The PM E-Drive scheme is expected to provide significant incentives and support to the EV industry, driving growth and reducing the nation's carbon footprint.
- ❖ The PM E-DRIVE scheme will play a pivotal role in accelerating EV adoption and building critical charging infrastructure nationwide, contributing to a cleaner and more sustainable future.

## World Green Economy Forum

On 2nd October 2024, the World Green Economy Forum was launched in **Dubai**.

### Key Points

- ❖ It brought together global leaders and experts to address pressing environmental challenges.
- ❖ **Forum's theme: "Empowering Global Action: Unlocking Opportunities and Advancing Progress,"**. It sets the stage for discussions on international cooperation and innovative solutions for climate change and sustainability.



- ❖ **Sustainable Aviation Fuel:** A highlight of the forum was a panel discussion on aviation and the green economy, which examined the **future of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)**.

- Panelists discussed the **ambitious goal of scaling up SAF production from the current 200,000 tonnes to 300 million tonnes by 2050**. The UAE government's target of 1% SAF use by 2031 was noted as a key driver for change in the region.
- ❖ The forum also emphasized the **critical role of youth in shaping a sustainable future**, recognizing their importance in driving long-term environmental progress.

### WETEX 2024

On 1st October 2024, the 26th Water, Energy, Technology and Environment Exhibition (WETEX) 2024 began at the Dubai World Trade Centre.

#### Key Points

- ❖ **Organizer:** The event was organized by **Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA)**.
- ❖ **Participants:** WETEX 2024 features 16 international pavilions from 14 countries, underscoring its global significance in promoting sustainable technologies and fostering international partnerships.



- ❖ **Indian Participation:** At the exhibition there was a strong Indian presence with 29 leading companies participating in the Indian pavilion.

- The companies in the Indian pavilion demonstrated advanced technologies and sustainable projects that support the green economy and contribute to realizing the Sustainable Development Goals.
- ❖ At the exhibition cutting-edge innovations in renewable energy, water treatment, and environmental technologies were showcased.

#### Significance

- ❖ The robust Indian presence at WETEX reflects the **flourishing UAE-India economic relationship**, which has gained momentum since the implementation of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement in May 2022.
- ❖ **Trade volume between the two nations reached an impressive \$84.5 billion from April 2022 to March 2023**, with projections suggesting it could hit \$100 billion by 2027.
- ❖ The UAE has emerged as a significant investor in India, ranking seventh with investments totalling \$18 billion in 2023.

### Sanchari Rog Niyamtran Campaign

On 1st October 2024, the Communicable Diseases Control Campaign or Sanchari Rog Niyamtran Campaign started in Uttar Pradesh.

#### Key Points

- ❖ **Launch:** Deputy Chief Minister launched the campaign at the Community Health Center in Aliganj, Lucknow.
- ❖ **Activities:** As part of the campaign, special teams will go door-to-door to sensitize people to control communicable diseases.

- ❖ 13 departments of the state government are engaged in making the campaign successful.
- ❖ Under the campaign, a special drive of cleaning and sanitization, anti-larva spraying and fogging will be conducted throughout the month in urban and rural areas.

### Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan' scheme

In a major step towards empowering the youth of Uttar Pradesh and creating entrepreneurship, the UP government has decided to launch Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan' scheme.

#### Key Points

- ❖ **Target:** The UP-State cabinet meeting has to implement the scheme under which **10 lakh micro units will be set up in the next 10 years.**
- ❖ **Financial help:** This initiative will provide financial help to 1 lakh educated and trained youth in the state each year.
- ❖ **Eligibility:** To apply for this scheme, **applicants must have at least passed class eight, but those who have completed intermediate (class 12) will be given preference.**
  - Applicants must also be trained under government schemes like Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana, One District One Product Scheme, and other skill development programs run by the Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission.
- ❖ **Loan:** The grant on loan will be provided on projects up to 5 lakh rupees in micro enterprises and service sector. For projects costing up to 10 lakh rupees, the rest of the funds must be arranged by the beneficiary.

- ❖ **Special Provision:** Special provisions have also been made in the scheme for the beneficiaries of Bundelkhand, Purvanchal and aspirational districts.
- ❖ The scheme also promotes digital transactions, offering an additional grant of Rupees 1 per transaction, with a maximum benefit of 2,000 rupees per year.

### Persons in News- Worldwide

#### Claudia Sheinbaum



She has been appointed as the **first female president of Mexico.**

Her term will last till 2030.

### Sports

#### China Open Title

- ❖ In tennis, **Spain's Carlos Alcaraz defeated world No. 1 Jannik Sinner** to claim his first China Open title.

#### ICC Women's T20 World Cup

- ❖ **On 3rd October 2024, the ninth edition of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup began in Sharjah, UAE.**
- ❖ A total of ten teams will take part in the marquee event, which will be played between Third and 20th October.



- ❖ India is in Group A with Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. Group B consists of Bangladesh, England, Scotland, South Africa, and West Indies.
- ❖ The Indian women’s team are yet to win an ICC event.
- ❖ The Indian team is led by **Harmanpreet Kaur**.

### Kho Kho World Cup

- ❖ Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI) and the International Kho Kho Federation have announced that the inaugural **Kho Kho World Cup will take place in India in 2025**.
- ❖ The event will witness the participation of **24 countries from 6 continents and will feature 16 men’s and as many as women’s teams**.



- ❖ Ahead of the World Cup, the KKFI plans to take the sport to 200 schools across 10 cities to promote the sport. The federation will also run a membership drive for the school students with the aim of registering at least 50 lakh players ahead of the mega tournament. The tournament will feature a week-long series of matches, with top-tier athletes from across the globe.

- ❖ The **Kho Kho World Cup** aims to elevate this indigenous Indian sport to an international stage.

### Important News- Other States

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**Germany**  
 Recently, the **17th edition of the India-Germany Military Cooperation sub-group (MCSG) meeting was held in Berlin**. MCSG is a forum established to boost defence cooperation between both nations through regular talks at the strategic and operational levels between Headquarters, Integrated Defence Staff, and the Department of International Cooperation Armed Forces, Germany.

