

### One Nation, One Subscription

On 1st January 2025, the Government launched the "One Nation, One Subscription" scheme.

#### Key Points

- ❖ The initiative is **designed to provide nationwide access to the latest scholarly research articles and academic journals.**
- ❖ This initiative aims to foster scientific research and innovation by offering affordable, country-wide access to high-quality academic content. Through ONOS, students, faculty, and researchers in universities, colleges, and research organizations will benefit from seamless access to valuable resources that drive innovation in various fields.
- ❖ **Budget Allocation:** ₹6,000 crore for three years (2025–2027). It will also provide central funding support of 150 crore rupees per year for beneficiary authors to publish in selected good-quality Open Access journals.
- ❖ It is classified as a **Central Sector Scheme**. Applies to government higher education institutions (HEIs) and central R&D laboratories.
- ❖ This scheme is overseen by the **Ministry of Education, through the Department of Higher Education.**
  - It is coordinated by the Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET), an autonomous inter-university center under the **University Grants Commission (UGC).**
- ❖ **Target Beneficiaries**
  - Covers **over 6,300 institutions**, including:
    - ✓ Central and state government HEIs.
    - ✓ Central R&D institutions.
  - Benefits **1.8 crore students, faculty, and researchers** across disciplines.



- ❖ ONOS aligns with national goals such as **Viksit Bharat @2047, National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**, and the aspirations of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF).

### NIA's Conviction Rate

The National Investigation Agency achieved a 100 percent conviction rate in 2024.

#### Key Points

- ❖ The National Investigation Agency, **NIA has announced a record-breaking achievement for 2024, boasting a 100 per cent conviction rate** with the conviction of 68 accused in 25 cases.
- ❖ According to the agency, a total of 210 accused were arrested across key categories of crimes in 80 cases registered by the NIA in 2024. Among these, Left Wing Extremism with 28 cases and North East insurgency with 18 cases topped the list.
- ❖ The list also comprises seven terrorism-related cases in Jammu and Kashmir, six involving explosive substances, and five human trafficking cases.

#### About NIA

- ❖ The National Investigation Agency (NIA) is a **specialised counter-terrorism law enforcement agency in India.**
- ❖ The agency came into existence with the enactment of the **National Investigation Agency Act 2008 by the Parliament of India** on 31 December 2008, which was passed after the deadly 26/11 terror attack in Mumbai.
- ❖ It functions under the **Ministry of Home Affairs.**

### India's First Glass Bridge

India's first glass bridge over sea is now open in Kanyakumari.

### Key Points

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin inaugurated India's first-ever glass bridge over sea.
- ❖ It is located in Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ It connected the **Vivekananda Rock Memorial and the 133-foot Thiruvalluvar statue.**
- ❖ It is **77 meters in length and 10 meters in width.**
- ❖ The transparent glass surface provides breathtaking views of the sea, offering visitors a sense of walking above the ocean.



### National Mission for Clean Ganga

The 59th Executive Committee (EC) meeting of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), chaired by Shri Rajeev Kumar Mital, took place recently.

### Key Points

- ❖ The meeting approved several critical projects dedicated to the conservation and rejuvenation of the Ganga River.
- ❖ These initiatives are aimed at promoting the cleanliness, sustainable development, and preservation of the environmental and cultural significance of the river. Following are the approved Projects:
- ❖ **In Uttar Pradesh:** Projects worth ₹272 crores were approved for **Chandauli and Manikpur**. The **project in Chandauli**, with an estimated cost of ₹263 crores, is based on the hybrid annuity model and involves the construction of a 45 MLD capacity Sewage Treatment Plant and other supporting structures. Additionally, a **Faecal Sludge Management Project in Manikpur, Pratapgarh district**, has been approved at a cost of ₹9 crores.

- ❖ **In Bihar:** Taking a significant step toward river conservation in **Buxar, Bihar, an ambitious project has been approved at a cost of ₹257 crores.** Based on the DBOT model, this project goes beyond construction by ensuring a robust operation and maintenance system for the next 15 years. Under this initiative, a state-of-the-art Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) with a capacity of 50 MLD and supporting structures will be constructed.
- ❖ **In West Bengal:** With the **objective of accelerating river rejuvenation and sanitation management in West Bengal**, several initiatives have been approved for Uttarpara-Kotrung Municipality. As part of these efforts, an integrated septage treatment plant will be established in Uttarpara-Kotrung Municipality at a cost of ₹8 crore.

### Green Army

PM Narendra Modi has sent a letter to Nirmala Devi, a member of 'Green Army'.

### Key Points

- ❖ The **Green Army is a group of determined women in Deora in Varanasi.**
- ❖ They **raise awareness against drugs and gambling, celebrate the birth of every girl child like a festival**, and fight against dowry.
- ❖ The group's journey began with the establishment of a slipper-making factory, with the first pair of slippers sent to the prime minister.
- ❖ After a few days, the group received a letter of appreciation from Mr. Modi, where he expressed pride over the group.

### Person In News- Appointments

#### Justice V Ramasubramanian

- ❖ He is a retired Supreme Court **Justice who** has been **appointed** as the new **Chairperson** of the National Human Rights Commission (**NHRC**). He has succeeded Justice Arun Kumar Mishra. **Justice Ramasubramanian's** selection was finalised by a high-powered committee chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



### Important News- Other States

#### Kerala

- ❖ The central government has declared the devastating Wayanad landslides that occurred on 30th July 2024 in Kerala a disaster of **"severe nature,"** acknowledging its significant impact.

### Important News- Worldwide

#### China

- ❖ China has revealed its **next-generation high-speed train, the CR450 prototype**, which has reached test speeds of 450 km/h, surpassing all existing models to become the fastest train globally.

### Books in News

#### Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh: Through the Ages

- ❖ Home Minister Amit Shah to **release a book, titled 'Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh: Through the Ages'** in New Delhi
- ❖ The title attempts to document the story of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh from a perspective and format that enables an overview for both the subject specialist and those less conversant. It is presented in seven sections that cover over three thousand years of the region's history.
- ❖ It is **published in Hindi and English**, this book is the result of collaborative efforts of the **National Book Trust, India, and the Indian Council of Historical Research.**

### Miscellaneous

- ❖ The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has extended the deadline of the **Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme from 31st December 2024 to January 31, 2025.**

