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India ranks 7th in global coffee production

India is now the seventh-largest coffee producer globally with exports reaching \$1.29 billion in FY 2023-24, almost double the \$719.42 million in 2020-21.

- In the first half of January 2025 India exported over 9,300 tonnes of coffee with top buyers including Italy, Belgium, and Russia.
- India's coffee is primarily grown in the ecologically rich Western and Eastern Ghats, areas famous for their biodiversity.
- Karnataka leads in production, contributing 248,020 MT in 2022–23, followed by Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

24 Companies selected under PLI Scheme for White Goods

The PLI Scheme (Production Linked Incentive Scheme) is an initiative by the of India Government aimed manufacturing encouraging domestic industries and strengthening (Self-Reliant "Atmanirbhar Bharat" India) campaign.

- 24 Companies selected under PLI Scheme for White Goods (ACs and LED Lights) with committed investment of Rs. 3,516 crore in Third Round.
- * 18 new companies committed investments of Rs. 2,299 crore and 6 existing PLI beneficiary committed additional investment of Rs. 1,217 crore.
- \$ 15 AC Companies to invest Rs.

 3,260 crore, 9 LED Companies to invest Rs. 256 crore.
- Total of 84 companies under the PLI Scheme for White Goods (ACs and LED Lights) are set to bring investments of Rs 10,478 crore, resulting in production worth Rs 1,72,663 crore during the Scheme period.

Total Impact under PLI for White Goods:

- Total Companies: 84.
- Total Committed Investments: Rs 10,478 crore.
- Production Value: Rs 1,72,663 crore.
- Domestic Value Addition: Expected growth from 15-20% to 75-80%.

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National Conference of DMs on PM

JANMAN on 21st January 2025 at

Bharat Mandapam.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs is organizing "National Conference of DMs on PM JANMAN" on 21st January2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi under guidance of Sh. Jual Oram, Minister of Tribal Affairs and Sh. Durgadas Uikey Minister of State for tribal Affairs.

This conference is focusing on O6 core areas under the Abhiyan viz. Rural Development (Awas & Roads), PVTG) Hostels (schools) Drinking water under JJM, operationalization of Anganwadis and operationalization of Multi-Purpose Centers (MPCs).

Participants:

 88 districts from 18 states, grouped into 6 batches. Teams per district: District Magistrates, PO ITDA, DSWO/DWO, and other tribal welfare officials.

G.P. Singh appointed CRPF chief

- Gyanendra Pratap Singh appointed as Director General (DG) of CRPF.
- ❖ Approved by Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).
- From the date of assuming charge till November 30, 2027 (superannuation) or until further orders.
- Current Position: Director General of Police (DGP) of Assam.
- Singh succeeds Anish Dayal Singh, who retired on December 31, 2024.

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