

13th September 2024**Mission Mausam**

On 11th September 2024, the Union Cabinet approved 'Mission Mausam'.

Key Points

- ❖ It is a mission to upgrade the capabilities of India's weather department in forecasting, modelling and dissemination.
- ❖ **Budget:** It will have a budget of Rs 2,000 crore for the first two years of its implementation.
- ❖ **Aim:** The mission aims to **invest heavily in improving weather surveillance, modelling, forecasting** to directly benefit key numerous sectors, such as agriculture, disaster management, defence, environment, aviation, water resources, power, tourism, shipping, transport, energy, and health.
 - It aims to cover all aspects of weather and forecasting services offered in the country.
- ❖ **Objective:** The mission's primary objective is to **provide accurate and timely weather forecasts** and alerts at various geographical and temporal scales, provide alerts and warnings ahead of extreme weather events, introduce weather interventions that will help manage fog, hail and rainfall in addition to capacity building and training of personnel.
- ❖ **Implementation:** Mission Mausam will be spearheaded by three institutions funded by the Ministry of Earth Sciences the IMD, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune, and National Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasting, Noida.

- These institutions will be supported by other MoES institutions (Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services, National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research, and National Institute of Ocean Technology), along with collaborating national and international Institutes, Academia and Industries, furthering India's leadership in weather and climate sciences and services.

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-IV

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the implementation of the fourth phase of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY-IV).

Key Points

- ❖ **Implementation years:** It has been approved for the financial years 2024-25 to 2028-29.
- ❖ **Budget outlay:** It has been approved with a total outlay of 70,125 crore. The central share is Rs 49,087.50 crore and the state share is Rs 21,037.50 crore.
- ❖ Under this scheme **25,000 unconnected habitations of population size 500+ in plains, 250+ in NE & Hill States/UTs, special category areas** (Tribal Schedule V, Aspirational Districts/Blocks, Desert areas) and 100+ in LWE affected districts, as per Census 2011 will be covered.

**PMGSY**

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
(Prime Minister's Rural Roads Programme)

- ❖ Under this scheme 62,500 Km of all-weather roads will be provided to unconnected habitations. Construction of required bridges along the alignment of the all-weather road will also be provided.

Benefits

- ❖ The all-weather roads will play the role of catalysts for the required socio-economic development and transformation of the remote rural areas.
- ❖ While connecting habitations, the nearby government educational, health, market, growth centres will be connected, as far as feasible, with the all-weather road for the benefit of the local people.

PM E-DRIVE Scheme

The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) for implementation of a scheme titled '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.

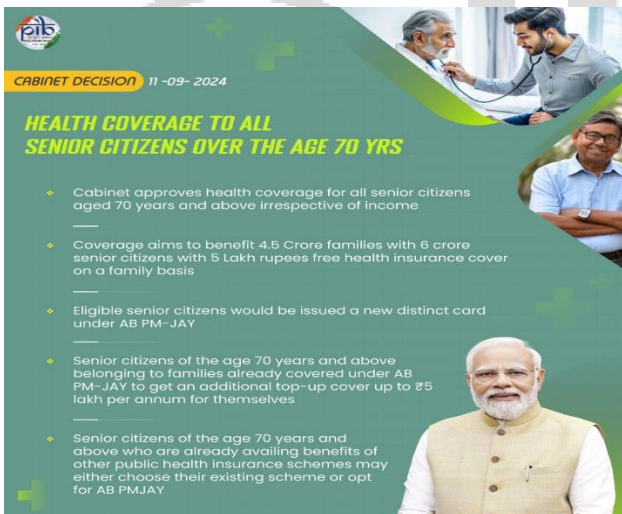
Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana

The Union Cabinet has approved the health coverage to all the senior citizens aged 70 years and above irrespective of income under the flagship scheme Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY).

Key Points

- ❖ The senior citizens will get the facility of free treatment up to 5 lakh rupees.

- ❖ This will cover about 4.5 crore families in the country, and include about 6 crore senior citizens.
- ❖ **Distinct card:** The eligible senior citizens would be issued a new distinct card under AB PM-JAY.
- ❖ **Coverage:** The senior citizens of the 70 years and above belonging to families already covered under AB PM-JAY will get an additional top-up cover upto 5 lakh rupees per year for themselves.
 - All other senior citizens of 70 years and above will get a cover upto 5 lakh rupees per year on a family basis.



- Senior citizens of the age 70 years and above who are already availing benefits of other public health insurance schemes such as Central Government Health Scheme, Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme, Ayushman Central Armed Police Force may either choose their existing scheme or opt for AB PMJAY.

- Senior citizens of 70 years and above who are under private health insurance policies or Employees' State Insurance scheme will be eligible to avail benefits under AB PM-JAY.

- ❖ AB PM-JAY is the world's largest publicly funded health assurance scheme which **provides health cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to 55 crore individuals corresponding to 12.34 crore families.**
- ❖ All members of the eligible families irrespective of age are covered under the scheme. The scheme has covered 7.37 Crore hospital admissions including 49 percent women beneficiaries. The public has benefited to the extent of over Rs. 1 Lakh crore under the scheme.
- ❖ The expansion of cover to senior citizens of the age of 70 years and above was earlier announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in April 2024.

IDAX-24

On 12th September 2024, Raksha Mantri inaugurated the India Defence Aviation Exposition IDAX-24.

Key Points

- ❖ **Aim:** IDAX aims to showcase indigenous skills and indomitable spirit of Indian Aviation Industries to a wide spectrum of decision-makers and end users from Global Air Forces participating in Tarang Shakti 2024.

- ❖ **Host:** It is hosted by the Indian Air Force in Jodhpur.
- ❖ It is scheduled to be held from 12-14 Sep 2024.
- ❖ It is supposed to have a grand participation from industry and host a wide range of products, technologies.
- ❖ This will be an opportunity for the Indian audiences to witness, experience and interact with participants from Indian Aviation Industry including DPSUs, DRDO, Private Industries (Tier-I, II, III) and top-notch Start-Ups.
- ❖ IAF has been playing a pivotal role in nurturing innovators, startups, and MSMEs identifying, developing and implementing innovative solutions.

Military Exercise

EASTERN BRIDGE VII

Bilateral exercise between Royal Oman Air Force and the Indian Air Force

- ❖ The seventh edition of the Exercise EASTERN BRIDGE VII is scheduled to be held at Air Force base Masirah, Oman from 11 to 22 September 2024.
- ❖ An IAF contingent comprising MiG-29s, Jaguars and C-17s is participating in the exercise.
- ❖ Exercise Eastern Bridge VII aims to improve tactical and operational skills, foster mutual understanding and bolster the ability of both air forces to collaborate effectively in diverse scenarios.

Important Days/Dates

September 12 International

Day of South-South Cooperation

Sept. 12



- ❖ On September 12, the United Nations International Day of South-South Cooperation is being celebrated.
- ❖ Theme: "A better tomorrow through South-South Cooperation" is the theme of this year.
- ❖ Celebration of the day annually on September 12, provides an opportunity for member states to reaffirm the value and benefits of South-South cooperation.
- ❖ South-South cooperation is a manifestation of solidarity among peoples and countries of the South that contributes to their national well-being, their national and collective self-reliance and the attainment of internationally agreed development goals, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Important News- Other States

Maharashtra

The Union Minister for Commerce and Industry has inaugurated the **Akurli bridge on the Western Express Highway in Mumbai.**

Nagaland

In Nagaland, the State Government has approved the implementation of the **Inner Line Permit (ILP) in Chumukedima, Niuland, and Dimapur districts.**

Miscellaneous

- ❖ Swami Vivekananda's iconic speech at the Parliament of the **World's Religions in Chicago** was delivered on **11 September 1893**. It is one of the most celebrated events in modern Indian history. It marked the introduction of Vedanta and Yoga to the Western world and emphasised universal brotherhood.



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