

**14<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

## PM E-DRIVE Scheme

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) for the implementation of a scheme titled 'PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme' for the promotion of electric mobility in the country.



### Key Point

- ❖ This scheme has been launched by the Ministry of Heavy Industries.
- ❖ It has the budget of Rs. 10900 crore for two years only.
- ❖ The goal is to increase utilization of electric vehicles all over the country.
- ❖ It will be a replacement for the now-scrapped FAME programme that was enacted for nine years up to March 2024.
- ❖ On the other hand, electric cars do not fall under this scheme.
- ❖ Hybrid cars have also been excluded from this list.

## Rangeen Machhli' App

Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh Alias Lalan Singh, launched the "Rangeen Machhli" mobile app at ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar.



### Key Point

- ❖ Developed by ICAR-CIFA with support from the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).
- ❖ The app is designed to meet the growing needs of the ornamental fisheries sector, providing crucial knowledge resources for hobbyists, aquarium shop owners, and fish farmers.
- ❖ The "Rangeen Machhli" app provides multilingual information on popular ornamental fish species in eight Indian languages, making it accessible to a wide audience.

### About Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)

- ❖ Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana or PMMSY Scheme launched in 2020, by the Department of Fisheries; Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying
- ❖ To bring about ecologically healthy, economically viable, and socially inclusive development of the fisheries sector of India.

### “Urban Good Governance – Human Rights”

A program on ‘Urban Good Governance – Human Rights’ has been organized at Noronha Administration Academy on 13 September to mark the foundation day of the Madhya Pradesh Human Rights Commission.



#### Key Point

- ❖ The program will be presided over by Shri Manohar Mamtani, Chairman (Acting) of the Human Rights Commission.

- ❖ This program will be held in the auditorium of RCVP Noronha Academy of Administration and Management.
- ❖ The program will also include information about the schemes of the Urban Development and Housing Department, a presentation of Municipal Corporation Bhopal, the Town and Country Planning Department, and the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis.

### About State Human Right Commission

- ❖ The Protection of Human Rights Act of 1993 provides for the creation of not only the NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION but also a State Human Rights Commission at the state level.
- ❖ Twenty-three states have constituted the State Human Rights Commissions through Official Gazette Notifications.
- ❖ A multi-member body consisting of a chairperson and two members.
- ❖ Chairperson and members are appointed by the GOVERNOR on the recommendations of a committee.

- ❖ Chairperson ,Should be a retired Chief Justice of a HIGH COURT.
- ❖ The chairperson and members hold office for a term of five years or until they attain the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier.

### Bahoriband Lift Micro Irrigation Project

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav launched the construction of the Bahoriband lift micro irrigation project, which will be built at a cost of Rs 1011 crore.



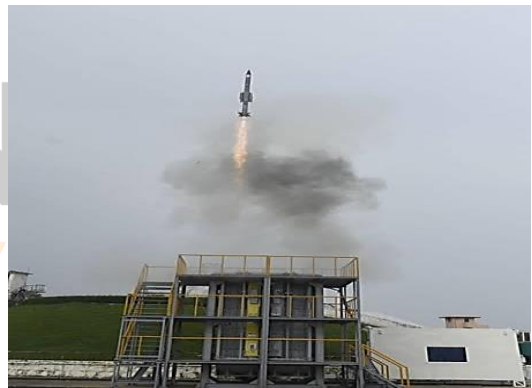
#### Key Point

- ❖ Bahoriband project will irrigate 32 thousand hectares of land .
- ❖ In this project, 151 villages will get the irrigation facility by lifting 128.50 MCM (12.39 cumecs) water from R.D. 102.50 km of the right bank main canal of Bargi Dam from village Bhanpura Tehsil Dhimarkheda. With this, 23m of pressurized water will be provided to a 2.5-hectare area through an underground pipe canal system.

- ❖ Farmers will be able to use every drop of water for their fields through sprinkler systems, drips, etc.
- ❖ Land will not be used to build the canal; water will be directly available to the fields.

### Flight Tests Vertical Launch Short Range Surface To Air Missile (VL-SRSAM)

India successfully test-fired the Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Surface Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) from the test facility off the Odisha coast.



#### Key Point

- ❖ The indigenously built short-range surface-to-air missile was test-fired from the launchpad of the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur in Balasore district off the coast of Odisha this afternoon.
- ❖ The test was conducted jointly by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy.

- ❖ The missile test reportedly met all necessary performance parameters.
- ❖ The VL-SRSAM, a ship-borne weapon system, is designed to neutralise various aerial threats at close ranges, including sea-skimming targets.

### India Oman Joint Military Exercise "Al Najah"

The Indian Army's contingent has departed for the 5th edition of India-Oman Joint Military Exercise "AL NAJAH" in Salalah, Oman.



### Key Point

- ❖ Indian Army contingent is comprising of 60 personnel and is being represented by a battalion of the Mechanised Infantry Regiment.
- ❖ While the Royal Army of Oman contingent also comprises 60 personnel, which will be represented by the troops of the Frontier Force.
- ❖ The aim of the joint exercise is to enhance the joint military capability of both sides to undertake counterterrorism operations.
- ❖ The exercise will focus on operations in the desert environment.
- ❖ The Exercise AL NAJAH has been held biennially since 2015, alternating between India and Oman.

### Major Indian Bilateral Military Exercises in 2024

Exercise Name	Participants Country	Place where exercise held	Duration of exercise
Desert Cyclone	India – UAE	Rajasthan, India	2nd Jan – 15th Jan 2024
Ex Cyclone-I	India – Egypt	Anshas, Egypt	22nd Jan – 1st Feb 2024
Ex Khanjar	India – Kyrgyzstan	Himachal Pradesh, India	22nd Jan – 3rd Feb 2024
'SADA TANSEEQ'	India – Saudi Arabia	Rajasthan, India	29th Jan – 10th Feb 2024



Dharma Guardian	India – Japan	Rajasthan, India	25th Feb – 9th Mar 2024
Samudra Lakshmana	India – Malaysia	Visakhapatnam, India	28th Feb – 2nd Mar 2024
Tiger Triumph	India – USA	Kakinada, India	18th Mar – 31st Mar 2024
Ex LAMITIYE – 2024	India – Seychelles	Seychelles	18th Mar – 27th Mar 2024
Ex DUSTLIK – 2024	India – Uzbekistan	Termez, Uzbekistan	15th Apr – 28th Apr 2024
Exercise Cyber Suraksha	India	–	20th May – 24th May 2024
Military Exercise SHAKTI	India – France	Umroi, Meghalaya, India	13th May – 26th May 2024

### Short News

- ❖ IBM and L&T Semiconductor Technologies (SiLT) have signed an agreement to co-develop advanced processors for edge devices, hybrid cloud systems and areas like mobility, industrial, energy, and servers.
- ❖ The 2nd Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation concluded on 12 September with the adoption of Delhi Declaration.
- ❖ The third edition of the INDUS-X Summit concluded in the United States, marking a progress in the advancement of a joint defence innovation ecosystem in India and the USA.
- ❖ All eligible senior citizens covered under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PMJAY) will be issued a new, distinct card under the scheme.
- ❖ CPI(M) General Secretary Sitaram Yechury passed away on 12 September after a prolonged illness. The 72-year-old veteran leader breathed his last at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.
- ❖ NITI Aayog released an Expert Group report titled “Future Pandemic Preparedness and Emergency Response: A Framework for Action.”

❖ India will be partnering in the European Hydrogen Week 2024. This was officially announced on the second day of the International Conference on Green Hydrogen in New Delhi.

❖ R. Ravindra, currently serving as India's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Iceland.



Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. The construction of the Bahoriband lift micro irrigation project, launched by Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, has begun in which of the following districts?

- (a) Katani
- (b) Bhopal
- (c) Sehore
- (d) Dewas

Answer -A

2. The joint military exercise "AL NAJAH" is conducted between which of the following countries?

- (a) India and UAE
- (b) India and Oman
- (c) India and Saudi Arabia
- (d) India and Qatar

Answer -B

○○○○

