

# Important Schemes launched by Government for RBI Grade B Exam May 2023

## MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

### 1. Swachhata Pakhwada

#### Recent News:

- The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs celebrated Swachhata Pakhwada from **16th to 30th April 2023**.

#### About:

- Started in **April 2016**
- Aimed at bringing a **fortnight of intense focus on the issues and practices of Swachhata** by engaging Ministries/Departments in their jurisdictions.
- An **annual calendar is pre-circulated** among the Ministries to help them plan for the Pakhwada activities.
- The Ministries observing Swachhata Pakhwada are **monitored closely using the online monitoring system of Swachhata Samiksha** where action plans, images, and videos related to Swachhata activities are uploaded and shared.
- Some of these activities included a **cleanliness drive, reviewing and weeding out of old physical files, identifying old obsolete items for auction, cleaning of electrical switchboards/fans/AC, and whitewashing in all rooms** of the Ministry.
- After observing Swachhata Pakhwada, Ministries/ Departments announce their achievements through a press conference and other communication tools.
- For the Pakhwada fortnight, observing ministries are considered **Swachhata Ministries** and are expected to bring qualitative Swachhata improvements in their jurisdictions.
- Swachhata Pakhwada **2023** concluded with **prize distribution to the top three sections of the Ministry** that stood best on Swachhata Parameters during Pakhwada.

## MINISTRY OF FINANCE

### 2. Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme

#### Recent News:

- The Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, has launched the scheme, **“Vivad se Vishwas I – Relief to MSMEs”** for providing relief to Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) during COVID-19.
- The scheme was announced in the **Union Budget 2023-24** by Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman.

#### About:

- The scheme **aims to provide relief to MSMEs** affected by the pandemic.
- It helps **taxpayers end their tax disputes with the Department** by paying disputed tax, getting a waiver from payment of interest and penalty, and getting immunity from prosecution.
- The scheme is **applicable for all tax disputes pending as on 31st March 2023**, irrespective of the stage of litigation.
- Under the scheme, Ministries **refund performance security, bid security, and liquidated damages forfeited/ deducted** during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Certain relief has also been provided to MSMEs debarred for default in the execution of contracts during the COVID-19 period.

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- Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has developed a dedicated web page for the implementation of this scheme.
- Eligible claims shall be processed only through **GeM**.
- Relief will be provided in **all contracts** for procurement of Goods and Services, entered into by any Ministry/Department with MSME.

### Eligibility:

- **Registered as a Medium, Small, or Micro Enterprise** as per the relevant scheme of the Ministry of MSME on the date of the claim by supplier/ contractor. MSME could be registered for any category of Goods and Services.
- The original delivery period/ completion period stipulated in the contract was between **19.02.2020 and 31.03.2022 (both dates are inclusive)**.

### Amount of Relief:

- 95% of the **performance security** forfeited shall be refunded.
- 95% of the **Bid security** shall be refunded.
- 95% of the **Liquidated Damages (LD)** deducted shall be refunded.
- 95% of the **Risk Purchase amount** realized shall be refunded.
- In case any firm has been debarred only due to default in execution of such contracts, such **debarment shall also be revoked**, by issuing an appropriate order by the procuring entity.
- **No interest** shall be paid on such refunded amount.

## MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS

### 3. Mission Karmayogi

#### Recent News:

- Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh provided details about "**Mission Karmayogi**" while addressing the iGOT Karmashala 2023 – a consultative workshop.

#### About:

- Launched in **September 2020**.
- It is a **National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCP)**.
- The program aims at **building a future-ready civil service** with the right attitude, skills, and knowledge, aligned to the vision of New India.
- The Mission **envisages a comprehensive reform** of the capacity-building apparatus at the individual, institutional, and process levels for efficient public service delivery.
- The training of Civil Servants at various Academies will be restructured to include the optimum use of the digital learning platform of **iGOT**.

#### Components:

Mission Karmayogi will have the following six pillars:-

- Policy Framework

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- Institutional Framework
- Competency Framework
- Digital Learning Framework (Integrated Government Online Training Karmayogi Platform (iGOT-Karmayogi))
- Electronic Human Resource Management System (e-HRMS)
- Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.

### Implementation

- **New National Architecture** for Civil Services Capacity Building
- Comprehensive reform of the capacity-building apparatus at **individual, institutional, and process levels** for efficient public service delivery
- **PM led HR Council** to approve and monitor Civil Service Capacity Building Plans
- **Capacity Building Commission** to harmonize training standards, create shared faculty and resources, and have a supervisory role over all Central Training Institutions
- **Wholly owned SPV** to own and operate the online learning platform and facilitate world-class learning content market-place

## MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING

### 4. AHDF KCC Campaign

#### Recent News:

- Union Cabinet Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala will officially launch the **Nationwide AHDF KCC Campaign for 2023-24** through virtual mode

#### About:

- Organized from **1st May 2023 to 31st March 2024**.
- The campaign is aimed to expand the benefit of the **Kisan Credit Card to all eligible animal husbandry, dairy, and fishery farmers**.
- The campaign will focus on providing credit facilities to small landless farmers involved in animal husbandry and fisheries activities.
- District Level KCC Camps will be organized weekly during the current campaign.
- These camps will be coordinated by the **KCC Coordination Committee** led by the Lead District Manager (LDM).

#### About KCC scheme

- Introduced in **August 1998** by Indian banks.
- Prepared by the **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** on the recommendations of the R. V. Gupta committee to provide term loans for agricultural needs.
- Aims to meet the comprehensive **credit requirements** of the agriculture sector and by 2019 for fisheries and animal husbandry by giving financial support to farmers.
- Participating institutions include all **commercial banks, Regional Rural Banks, and state cooperative banks**.

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- KCC covers **post-harvest expenses, produce marketing loans, consumption requirements of farmer households, working capital for maintenance of farm assets and activities allied to agriculture, and investment credit requirement** for agriculture and allied activities.
- The scheme comes with an **ATM-enabled RuPay debit card** with facilities for one-time documentation, built-in cost escalation in the limit, and any number of withdrawals within the limit.
- The scheme has **short-term credit limits** for crops and term loans.
- Individuals involved in farming and agricultural activities can apply for the KCC.

### MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

#### 5. Food Street Project

##### Recent News:

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya reviewed the **'Food Street Project'** to develop **100 healthy and hygienic food streets** across the country with senior officers of the Health Ministry and Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)

##### About:

- The fundamental goal of this project is to **encourage healthy and safe healthy food practices** among community members and food businesses
- The project aims to create **100 food streets across the country**, where vendors will sell nutritious and delicious food items that meet the guidelines of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- The project will be implemented through the **National Health Mission (NHM)** in convergence with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and with technical support from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- Financial assistance of **₹1 crore per food street/district** will be given to States and Union Territories.
- Assistance will be provided under the NHM in the ratio of **60:40 or 90:10**.
- Financial assistance would be provided for activities such as the **provision of safe drinking water, hand washing, toilet facilities, tiled flooring of common areas, appropriate liquid & solid waste disposal**, etc.
- The technical assistance will include assistance in **designing food streets, preparation of an SOP, and providing training under the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) protocol**.
- These initiatives also include training of **food handlers, independent third-party audits, and certification** under the Clean Street Food Hub initiative of the Eat Right India movement.

##### Features:

- The Food Street Project works with **local communities, authorities, and stakeholders to identify, develop and manage food streets** in different cities across India.
- The project provides **training, mentoring, and support to food vendors**, who are mostly women and youth from marginalized backgrounds.
- The project also helps them improve their **hygiene, quality, and sustainability standards**, as well as their marketing and branding skills.
- It organizes **events, festivals, and workshops** to showcase the food streets and attract more customers and tourists.

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### 6. Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojana Phase- III

#### Recent News:

Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare launched the third phase of the Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojana (TBSY) of the Health Ministry which is being supported by Coal India Limited as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative to commemorate World Thalassemia Day.

#### About:

- **Coal India Ltd** launched Phase-III of its Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojana (TBSY) on World Thalassemia Day 2023, with a project outlay of **Rs 30 crores**.
- As many as **300 children** suffering from Thalassemia are expected to receive Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) assistance during this phase.
- It also launched a dedicated **patient-friendly web portal** in Phase – III to make the online application to avail benefits of Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojana (TBSY), a flagship CSR scheme of Coal India.
- The company extends financial assistance of **up to Rs. 10 lakhs to each patient** affected with Thalassemia, Aplastic Anemia, and MUD (Matched Unrelated Donor) subject to their eligibility to avail of benefits of the scheme.
- The first phase of the scheme was launched in **March 2017** and the second phase was launched in **October 2020**.
- **Phases I and II** of 'Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojana' had benefited **356 BMTs** at a total project outlay of **Rs 40 crores**.
- The initiative funds BMTs in **10 hospitals** nationwide.
- Coal India Ltd is the **first Central Public Sector Enterprise** to use its CSR fund for curative treatment of children with Thalassemia and Aplastic Anemia with a total project outlay of **Rs 70 crores**.

### 7. iDrone Initiative

#### Recent News:

- Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Union Health Ministry conducted a trial run of blood bag delivery by drones under its **iDrone initiative**.

#### About:

- **Launched by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)**
- **First used in the COVID-19 pandemic to distribute vaccines to inaccessible regions.**
- **This initiative aims to transport essential medical resources to remote areas within the country.**
- It is now being used to deliver blood and blood-related products which are supposed to be kept at a low temperature.
- The inaugural trial flight carried **10 units of whole blood samples** from the **Government Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS), Greater Noida, and Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC), New Delhi** in visual line of sight
- The protocol development, study designing, implementation, and coordination of the project are being undertaken by scientists from **ICMR headquarters**.

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- Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Union Health Secretary launched the **SAKSHAM (Stimulating Advanced Knowledge for Sustainable Health Management)**, a Learning Management Information System (LMIS) of the Ministry of Housing & Family Welfare.

### About:

- The initiative aims to provide all **health-related training programs** to healthcare professionals of the country in digital mode.
- The digital learning platform has been developed by the **National Institute of Health & Family Welfare (NIHFW)**, New Delhi.
- The portal will host theme-based customized courses developed in collaboration with global healthcare agencies like **WHO, UNICEF, UNDP, and reputed national/international institutes**.
- Currently, SAKSHAM is hosting more than **200 public health and 100 clinical courses** through online mode.
- The Courses offered include **Medical courses** offered by Medical Courses by National Medical College Network (NMCN) and Public Health Related Courses.

### Features:

- A common portal for quality-driven, up-to-date, globally relevant courses in the health sector.
- A central repository for training and teaching materials.
- An enabler for case-based learning in the sector.
- A central database of trained healthcare professionals in the country.

## MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

### 9. Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM)

#### Recent News:

- Recently, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's Skill India Mission, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) organized the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM) on May 8th, 2023, in **200+ districts** across the country.

#### About:

- It will be organized **every month** from now onwards.
- The objective is to provide relevant apprenticeship training opportunities to local youth.
- Through a single platform, participating organizations can connect with potential apprentices and choose from their qualifications on the spot.
- The **selected individuals will also receive a monthly stipend by government criteria** for gaining new skills.
- The candidates who are **Class 5 to Class 12 pass-outs** or have skill training certificates or are **ITI certificate holders or Diploma holders or graduates** can apply in this apprenticeship mela.
- The candidates will be given a **choice of 500+ trades**, including welders, electricians, housekeepers, beauticians, mechanics, and others.
- The program will also provide **National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET)**-recognized certifications to the candidates.

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- It aims to raise apprenticeship opportunities in India to **15 lakhs per annum** and 60 lakhs by 2026.

### MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

#### 10. National Action Plan for skill development of Persons with Disabilities

##### Recent News:

- The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment organized a National-Level Stakeholder Consultation under National Action Plan (NAP) for Skill Development of Persons with Disabilities on 4th May 2023 at the National Institute of Social Defence, Dwarka, New Delhi.

##### About:

- Implemented in **2016**.
- The Key objective is to create a **robust and vibrant ecosystem for quality education and skill development** for Persons with Disability in the country
- **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** is the implementing agency for the National Action Plan.
- The plan is implemented through a network of **training providers, vocational training centers, and employers**.
- The plan envisages the use of **Information Technology** for content, training delivery, and employer connect
- Financial assistance is provided by way of **Grant-in-Aid** for organizing training programs for the training institutions.
- The candidate should not be **less than 15 years** and **not more than 59 years** of age

##### Components:

- Training needs assessment unit
- Content Generation unit
- Training Monitoring and Certification unit
- Employer Connect unit
- IT Unit to provide support for the creation of E-learning modules, monitoring of training, E-certification, and training centers.

### MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

#### 11. Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi

##### Recent News:

- The Ministry of Women and Child Development is launching “**Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi**, a groundbreaking Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) program to ensure that India has the world’s largest, universal, high-quality preschool network, as suggested by the National Education Policy.

##### About:

- It is an **Early Childhood Care and Education program** under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0.
- The program will ensure the **holistic development** of all children **under the age of 6 years**
- It will provide **two hours of daily preschool instruction** in the mother tongue to children at Anganwadis, using various teaching-learning materials and methods.

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- The key target areas under the program are **physical/motor, cognitive, socio-emotional-ethical, cultural/artistic, and the development of communication and early language, literacy, and numeracy**
- It will train **Anganwadi workers** to implement ECCE with the help of the **National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD)**.
- It will involve communities and civil society organizations in creating awareness and mobilizing support for ECCE.

### MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING & WATERWAYS

#### 12. Harit Sagar

##### Recent News:

- To meet the larger vision of achieving the Zero Carbon Emission Goal, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways has launched '**Harit Sagar**' the Green Port Guidelines

##### About:

- The primary objective of the 'Harit Sagar Guidelines is to **minimize waste** and attain zero waste discharge from port operations.
- It provides a framework for major ports to develop an **action plan for reducing carbon emissions** within defined timelines.
- The 'Harit Sagar Guidelines align with **global sustainability standards** by providing provisions for adopting the Green Reporting Initiative (GRI) standard.
- The guidelines focus on the use of cleaner fuels such as **green hydrogen, green ammonia, and green methanol/ethanol**, and the development of port capabilities for storage, handling, and bunkering of these fuels.

### MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

#### 13. SVASTIK Initiative

##### Recent News:

- CSIR-NIScPR has launched the nationwide initiative with the brand name/tagline "SVASTIK" - Scientifically Validated Societal Traditional Knowledge.

##### About:

- Launched by **CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (NIScPR)**
- Various **research organizations, higher education institutions, experts, and NGOs** have joined hands with SVASTIK to document and disseminate content on scientifically validated Indian traditional knowledge.
- The campaign using **attractive infographics, short audio-visuals, virtual lectures, webinars**, etc., has been launched on all popular social media platforms
- The dissemination has been done in **English and 16 Indian languages**.
- The campaign has reached approximately **3 lakh** people through its social media handles, and with the partnership with MyGov, it has reached more than 22 million people.
- **Objectives:**
  - To inculcate a scientific temper of verifying tradition in a scientific manner
  - To instill confidence in citizens regarding the scientific value of our traditional knowledge/practices.

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- To conserve the practice of the right tradition

### MINISTRY OF ROADS, TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

#### 14. Kaziranga Elevated Road Project

##### Recent News:

- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari reviewed the progress of the **Kaziranga Elevated Road project**.

##### About:

- The project entails the construction of approximately **34 kilometers of elevated roads** at sites identified by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), where animal crossings occur.
- The elevated highway will run alongside the present **NH 715**.
- Additionally, it involves widening the intervening at-grade road to a **4-lane highway**, totaling approximately 50 kilometers in length, and **building tunnels** for approximately **3 kilometers**.
- The Total project cost of the project will be **Rs 6,000 crore**

### MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISE

#### 15. Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Scheme

##### Recent News:

- The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India organized the first meeting of the National MSME Council at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 10th May 2023. The Council advised and monitored the progress of the reforms mandated in the MSME sector including the **RAMP program**.

##### About:

- It is a **World Bank-assisted Central Sector Scheme**
- The total outlay for the scheme is **Rs.6,062.45 crore** out of which **Rs. 3750 crore** would be a loan from the World Bank
- The program aims to **enhance access to market and credit** by strengthening institutions and center-state partnerships
- It will bolster the inadequately addressed blocks of capacity building, handholding, skill development, quality enrichment, technological upgradation, digitization, outreach, and marketing promotion, amongst other things.
- The scheme includes the preparation of **Strategic Investment Plans (SIPs)**, to which all states and union territories will be invited.
- The overall monitoring and policy overview of RAMP would be done by an apex National MSME Council, headed by **Minister for MSME**,

##### Components:

- Strengthening Institutions and Governance of the MSME Program, and
- Support to Market Access, Firm Capabilities, and Access to Finance.

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- Implementing the National MSME Reform Agenda
- Accelerating MSME Sector Centre-State Collaboration
- Enhancing the effectiveness of the Technology Upgradation Scheme (CLCS-TUS)
- Strengthening Receivable Financing Market for MSMEs
- Enhancing Effectiveness of Credit Guarantee Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) and “Greening and Gender” Delivery
- Reducing the incidence of delayed payments

### MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

#### 16. One Station One Product’ (OSOP) scheme

##### Recent News:

- Ministry of Railways has launched the ‘**One Station One Product’ (OSOP) scheme** over Indian Railways with objectives to promote a market for local/indigenous products and create additional income opportunities for the marginalized sections of society.

##### About:

- The pilot project of the scheme was launched in **March 2022**
- It aims to make each railway station a **promotional hub** and showcase destination for a local product giving a major boost to local industry.
- Stalls under the scheme are designed through **National Design Institute** for uniformity
- As of 01.05.2023, **728 stations** are covered with **785 OSOP outlets** in 21 States and 3 Union Territories across the country.
- The **Vishakapatnam station** is the first station in the East Coast Railway to implement the “One Station One Product” concept.

##### Type of Products:

Product categories, under this scheme, include the following:

- Handicrafts/ Artefacts
- Textiles and Handlooms
- Traditional Garments
- Local agricultural produce (including millet)/ Processed/semi-processed foods.

### MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

#### 17. Sanchar Saathi portal

##### Recent News:

- Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Communications, Railways, and Electronics & IT, launched the Sanchar Saathi portal to protect users from various frauds.

##### About:

- Sanchar Saathi portal is a **citizen-centric initiative** of the Department of Telecommunications
- It is designed to empower **mobile subscribers, enhance their security, and raise awareness** about government initiatives that benefit citizens.

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- The portal consists of several modules, including CEIR and TAF COP.
- The **Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) module** enables the tracing of lost or stolen mobile devices and facilitates their blocking across all telecom networks in India
- The **Telecom Authority's Facility for Checking Own Connections (TAF COP) module** allows mobile subscribers to review the number of mobile connections registered under their name
- The portal includes a “**Keep Yourself Aware**” feature, which provides up-to-date information and materials on various topics related to end-user security, telecommunications, and information security.
- The portal also features an **Artificial Intelligence** and **Facial Recognition** solution to identify fraudulent subscribers.
- Over **40 Lakh** fraudulent connections have been detected and more than 36 Lakh connections have been disconnected through the portal.

### MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS & IT

#### 18. Production Linked Incentive Scheme 2.0 for IT Hardware

##### Recent News:

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, approved the **Production Linked Incentive Scheme 2.0 for IT Hardware** with a budgetary outlay of Rs. **17,000 crores**.

##### About:

- It encourages the **localization of components** and allows for a **longer duration of development of the supply chain** within the country.
- The scheme provides increased **flexibility and options for applicants** and is tied to incremental sales and investment thresholds to further incentivize growth
- **Semiconductor design, IC manufacturing, and packaging** are also included as incentivized components of the PLI Scheme 2.0 for IT Hardware.
- The Scheme shall extend an average incentive of **around 5% on net incremental sales** (over the base year) of goods manufactured in India
- The scheme will have a tenure of **6 years**
- The Target Segment under PLI shall include (i) **Laptops** (ii) **Tablets** (iii) **All-in-One PCs** (iv) **Servers and Ultra Small Form Factor (USFF)**.

### MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

#### 19. PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel Parks (MITRA) Park

##### Recent News:

- The proposal to set up **PM MITRA Park** in village Bhensola, Badnawar Tehsil, **Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh** received formal approval from the Government of India in March 2023.

##### About:

- The parks will be set up by **2026-27**.

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- The total outlay for the project is **Rs 4,445 crore**, though the initial allocation in the 2023-24 Budget is only **Rs 200 crore**.
- The **seven** Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) parks will be established at Greenfield or Brownfield sites located in different states.
- These parks will be located at sites that have inherent strengths for the textile industry to flourish and have the necessary linkages to succeed.
- It aims to reduce logistics costs and enhance the competitiveness of the textiles industry by achieving economies of scale.
- It will be developed by a **Special Purpose Vehicle** which will be owned by the Central and State Governments and in a Public-Private Mode.

### Components of the project:

- The parks will have **50%** area for manufacturing activity, **20%** for utilities, and **10%** area for commercial development.
- The textile parks will include an incubation center **and plug-and-play facility, developed factory sites, roads, power, water, and waste-water system, a common processing house and CETP, and other related facilities like a design center, and testing center**, among others.
- The parks will also have **workers' hostels and housing, a logistics park, warehousing, medical, training, and skill development facilities**.

### Capital Support:

- For a **Greenfield PM MITRA park**, the Government of India development capital support will be **30 percent** of the project cost, with a cap of **Rs 500 crore**.
- For **Brownfield sites**, after assessment, development capital support at **30 percent** of the project cost of balance infrastructure and other support facilities is to be developed and restricted to a limit of **Rs 200 crore**.
- The Centre will also provide a fund of **₹300 crores for each** PM MITRA Park to incentivize the establishment of manufacturing units.
- This will be known as competitiveness incentive support (CIS) and will be paid up to 3 percent of the turnover of a newly established unit in the parks.

### Benefits:

- Offers an integrated textiles value chain right from spinning, weaving, processing/dyeing, and printing to garment manufacturing at 1 location.
- Reduces logistics costs of the industry.
- Generates employment
- Attracts cutting-edge technology and boosts Foreign Direct Investment and local investment in the sector.

## MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

### 19. National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)

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Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal recently attended the **National Workshop on National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)**

### About:

- Approved in **2020**.
- It is a **Mission Mode Project (MMP)** under Digital India Programme.
- **The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (MoPA)** is the 'Nodal Ministry' for its implementation in all 31 States/ UTs with Legislatures.
- The total project cost of the project is over 738 crores and funding of NeVA is on the pattern of a **Central Sponsored Scheme i.e. 60:40; or 90:10**
- Technical support is provided by the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)**.
- It enables automation of the **entire law-making process**, tracking of decisions and documents, and sharing of information.
- **Himachal Pradesh Assembly** was the first to become the digital legislature of the country.

### Users of NeVA

The following stakeholders can use the application for different purposes:-

- The Members of the Houses across the country
- The Ministers of the concerned Government Ministries/Departments
- The Assembly/House Secretariat Staff
- The Government department staff
- The reporters/media
- The citizens/public at large for accessing information, etc.

### Services available through NeVA

The following services are provided through the NeVA platform to cater to the requirements of the various users:-

- List of Business
- Papers to be Laid
- Bills: for Introduction, Consideration & Passing
- Committee Reports
- Questions and Answers
- Bulletins Part: I & II
- Synopsis of Proceedings
- Digital Library
- Notices
- Members Directory

### Features:

- Facilitates Paperless Assembly
- Enables automation of the entire law-making process
- Hosted on National Cloud -**Meghraj** with maintenance, security, and disaster recovery for all legislatures
- Provides all relevant information like Notices, Bulletins which would be issued by legislatures from time to time

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### MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE

#### 20. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the Development of Infrastructure Facilities for the Judiciary

##### Recent News:

Minister of Law & Justice, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal tweeted about the Centrally Sponsored Scheme ([CSS](#)) of the Department of Justice (Ministry of Law & Justice for Development of Infrastructure Facilities for the Judiciary and its progress towards transforming judicial infrastructure at District and Subordinate Courts since its inception,

##### About:

- Implemented in **1993-94**
- Approved for further five years from **01.04.2021 to 31.03.2026** at a total cost of **Rs.9000 crore**.
- It covers the construction of court buildings and residential accommodations for Judicial Officers of District and Subordinate Judiciary
- As per the revised guidelines of 2021, the Scheme now also covers the **construction of Lawyers' Halls, Digital Computer Rooms, and Toilet Complexes** in the District and Subordinate Courts
- For monitoring the status of the projects under the scheme, **three broad monitoring mechanisms** have been provided viz. **High Court Level Monitoring Committee at the State level, and Central Level Monitoring Committee in the Department of Justice** are required to meet **every six months**.
- For online monitoring of construction projects, a web portal and mobile app named "**Nyaya Vikas**" was launched in 2018.
- Geotagging of projects using the Nyaya Vikas mobile application helps in better monitoring of the judicial infrastructure projects.

### MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

#### 21. REWARD Program

##### Recent News:

The Secretary, Department of Land Resources (DoLR), Government of India (GoI) Shri Ajay Tirkey reviewed the Implementation Support Mission of the World Bank Assisted Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development (REWARD) program.

##### About

- Implemented from **2021 to 2026**
- This project is a joint initiative of the Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development in association with the World Bank.
- The state governments of **Karnataka and Odisha** are also main partners in launching the REWARD Project
- World Bank will provide financial support of **USD 115 million** to this project for a period of **15 years**
- Aimed to **Strengthen capacities of National and State institutions** to adopt improved watershed management for increasing farmers' resilience and support value chains in selected watersheds of participating States.
- The project will also help other states in India to learn effective watershed management.

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- At the **central level**, the scope of the REWARD program covers management, **monitoring, communication, and knowledge-sharing functions**.
- At the State level, the REWARD program will support the implementation of key science-based activities and demonstrations.

### Objectives:

- To improve water and land conservation as well as preventing soil run-off, harvesting rainwater, regenerating natural vegetation, and replenishing the groundwater table.
- The project also aims to improve the capacities of the state and the central institutions so that they can develop and deliver better watershed management and development programs.

## MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE

### 22. Environmental Information, Awareness, Capacity Building and Livelihood Programme (EIACP)

#### Recent News:

**Environmental Information, Awareness, Capacity Building and Livelihood Programme (EIACP)** Centres and Eco-clubs are spreading messages on LIFE as an integral part of a mass mobilization drive undertaken in the run-up to the World Environment Day celebrations

#### About:

- Implemented in 1983 as Environmental Information System (ENVIS)
- Renamed as EIACP (Environmental Information, Awareness, Capacity Building, and Livelihood Programme).
- It is one of the Central Sector sub-scheme being implemented in alignment with Mission Life
- It serves as a single-stop web-enabled repository of comprehensive environmental information with collection, collation, storage, retrieval, and dissemination of the same through a nationwide network of ENVIS Hubs and ENVIS Resource Partners (RPs).

#### Objectives:

- To provide information on wildlife sciences.
- To support and facilitate the diverse group of clientele from policymakers to researchers and Industries and the common man at the national and international level
- To provide a comprehensive environmental information database under the identified subject areas, local conditions, and issues about the environment of the country.
- To make an efficient tool to protect and conserve our ecosystems and biodiversity
- To develop green skilled youths having technical knowledge and commitment to sustainable development,
- To conserve and restore the health and resilience of Wildlife Protected Areas/ Zoos with the support of green skilled youth.
- To ensure ecologically sustainable use of biodiversity and benefits the current and future generations of India.

### 23. Modified Semicon India Program

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The government has decided to invite new applications for setting up Semiconductor Fabs and Display Fabs in India from June 01, 2023, under the Modified Semicon India Programme.

### About:

- Approved in **2022** with an outlay of ₹ **76,000 crore**
- The program aims to provide attractive incentive support to companies that are engaged in **Silicon Semiconductor Fabs, Display Fabs, Compound Semiconductors / Silicon Photonics / Sensors (including MEMS) Fabs / Discrete Semiconductor Fabs, Semiconductor Packaging (ATMP / OSAT), and Semiconductor Design.**
- The program will give an impetus to semiconductor and display manufacturing by facilitating capital support and technological collaborations.

### Components:

- **Semiconductor Fabs and Display Fabs:** The scheme extends fiscal support of **50% of the project cost** to execute such highly capital-intensive and resource-intensive projects.
- **Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL):** The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology will take the requisite steps for the modernization and commercialization of the Semi-conductor Laboratory (SCL).
- **Compound Semiconductors / Silicon Photonics / Sensors (including MEMS) Fabs and Semiconductor ATMP / OSAT Units:** Fiscal support of 50% of the Capital Expenditure for setting up of these facilities in India.
- **Semiconductor Design Companies:** The scheme provides a “Product Design Linked Incentive” of up to **50% of the eligible expenditure** subject to a ceiling of **Rs.15 Crore per application** and a “Deployment Linked Incentive” of **6% to 4% of net sales turnover** over 5 years subject to a ceiling of Rs.30 Crore per application.
- **Chips to start-ups’ program:** The “chips to start-ups” program would develop **85,000** well-trained engineers. Semiconductor designers would be allowed to launch start-ups.

## MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN AFFAIRS

### 24. City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain 2.0 (CITIIS 2.0)

#### Recent News:

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain 2.0 (CITIIS 2.0)

#### About:

- The project aims to **transform urban areas** in India into sustainable and resilient cities.
- It is a part of the **Smart Cities Mission** and aims to promote integrated waste management and climate-oriented reform actions.
- The project will be implemented in 18 cities selected through a competitive process.
- The project will span over a period of four years, from 2023 to 2027.

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- The project is implemented in partnership with the **French Development Agency (AFD)**, **Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW)**, the **European Union (EU)**, and the **National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)**.

### Objectives:

- CITIIS 2.0 supports competitively selected projects focusing on circular economy and integrated waste management at the city level.
- It also emphasizes climate-oriented reform actions at the State level and aims to strengthen institutions and disseminate knowledge at the national level.

### Components:

- Financial and technical support for developing climate-resilient projects in up to 18 smart cities.
- Interventions at the center, state, and city levels to enhance climate governance.
- Promotion of climate adaptation and mitigation measures.

## MINISTRY OF POWER

### 25. National Electricity Plan

#### Recent News:

- The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has notified the National Electricity Plan (NEP) (Vol-I Generation) for the period of 2022-32.

#### About:

- It is developed by the **Central Electricity Authority (CEA)** every 5 years.
- The first NEP was announced in **2007**, the second in December 2013, and the third in 2018, which includes the detailed plan for **2017–22** and the prospective plan for 2022–27.
- The CEA develops both **short-term (5-year)** and **prospective (15-year)** plans to assess the need for additional planning capacity and to coordinate the efforts of various planning agencies to make the best use of available resources.

#### Projections:

- In addition to the 25 GW of coal-based capacity that is currently under construction, it acknowledges the requirement for additional coal-based capacity, ranging from **17 GW to nearly 28 GW**, until 2031-32.
- Additionally, the draft Plan emphasizes the need for significant battery storage investments, with an estimated requirement of **51 GW to 84 GW** by 2031-32.
- It extends an expansion in the Plant Burden Element (PLF) of coal-terminated power plants from **55% up to 2026-27 to 62 % in 2031-32**.
- In addition, it emphasizes the difficulties brought on by the growing reliance on renewable energy, which will necessitate careful management and strategic planning in the coming years.

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