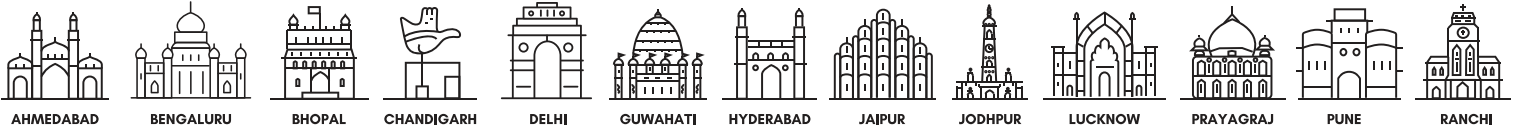
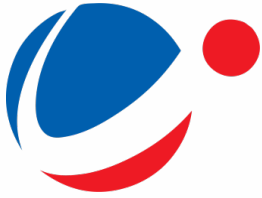


# YEAR-END REVIEW *of*

# MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS

**Part -1 (AN ENRICHMENT DOCUMENT 2024)**





## YEAR END REVIEW OF MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS (PART - I) (AN ENRICHMENT DOCUMENT)

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**Note:** This document provides a concise overview of the Year-end Reviews for 2024 pertaining to different Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, as published on the Press Information Bureau (PIB). Consider it a resourceful document offering insights into the initiatives, progress, and accomplishments across various government sectors. It serves as a valuable tool for quick revision for the upcoming Personality Tests and can be utilized as supplementary material by students to enhance their notes.

Part - I encompasses the Year-end reviews of 20 Ministries/Departments, as outlined in the Table of Contents. A summary of Year-end reviews for the remaining ministries/departments will be provided in Part II.

# 1. Ministry of Coal

Themes	Key Initiatives/Achievements/ Measures
<b>Key achievements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Coal production:</b> The country has witnessed the highest ever coal production in the Year 2023-24. During Calendar Year 2024 (up to 15th December, 2024), the country has supplied about 963.11 MT(Provisional) of coal.</li> <li>• <b>Mission Coking Coal:</b> To Increase domestic raw coking coal production to 140 MT by FY 2029-30 to reduce imports.</li> <li>• <b>Commercial Mining:</b> As of now, total 113 coal mines have successfully been auctioned under commercial mining.</li> <li>• <b>Coal Gasification Project:</b> Under the Coal gasification Mission, Ministry of Coal has set an ambitious target to achieve 100 MT of coal gasification by 2030.</li> </ul>
<b>Reforms / policy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Coal Linkage Policy Implementation:</b> Policy for Auction of Coal Linkages to Non-Regulated Sector (NRS).</li> <li>• <b>Modification in Price Notification for Coal (Coal Gasification):</b> New Sub-Sector (Syn-Gas Production) Created under NRS linkage auction policy for coal gasification projects.</li> <li>• <b>Launch of Mine Closure Portal:</b> It Monitors closure activities, timelines, and expenditures.</li> <li>• <b>Launch of National Coal Mines Safety Report Portal:</b> Ensure high safety standards in coal mining.</li> </ul>
<b>Sustainable development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Compensatory Afforestation:</b> 4695.65 Ha of de-coaled afforested land identified as an Accredited Compensatory Afforestation (ACA) land bank for future coal mining projects.</li> <li>• <b>"Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" Initiative:</b> Inaugurated in the coal sector by Union Minister</li> </ul>

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## 2. Ministry of Environment

<b>Climate change</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Climate Action and Net Zero:</b> India, committed to climate change mitigation, aims for net-zero by 2070.</li> <li>• <b>National Clean Air Programme (NCAP):</b> Launched in 2019, NCAP aims for 40% particulate matter reduction by 2025-26.</li> <li>• <b>Circular Economy &amp; EPR Framework:</b> MoEFCC has implemented an EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) framework for waste management in sectors like plastics, tyres, batteries, used oil, and e-waste.</li> <li>• <b>Eco-mark Scheme:</b> The MoEFCC notified new Eco-mark Rules (2024), replacing the 1991 scheme, aligned with the 'LiFE' (Lifestyle for Environment) mission. It promotes environment-friendly products, resource efficiency etc.</li> <li>• <b>India Cooling Action Plan (ICAP):</b> ICAP focuses on synergizing with government schemes to maximize socio-economic benefits.</li> <li>• <b>Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats &amp; Tangible Incomes (MISHTI):</b> Launched on 5th June 2024, MISHTI focuses on mangrove restoration and coastal habitat sustainability.</li> </ul>
<b>Forest Protection and Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>National Workshop on Application of Space Technology in Forest and Wildlife Management:</b> The MoEFCC and IIFM, Bhopal organized a two-day National Workshop on Application of Space Technology in Forest and Wildlife Management on 21st-22nd August 2024, involving participation from all States/UTs.</li> <li>• <b>Key Achievement:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In the <b>2023-24 forest fire season</b>, the percentage of <b>large forest fires doused within 24 hours</b> increased to <b>67%</b> from <b>33%</b> in the previous season.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Biodiversity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP):</b> It aligns with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.</li> <li>• <b>Participation in COP-16:</b> An Indian delegation, led by, Minister of State for Environment, attended the Convention on Biological Diversity in Cali, Colombia.</li> </ul>
<b>National Afforestation and Eco-development Board (NAEB)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nagar Van Yojana:</b> National Afforestation and Eco-development Board(NAEB) is implementing Nagar Van Yojana (NVY) which envisages developing 600 Nagar Vans and 400 Nagar Vatikas in the country during the period from 2020-21 to 2026-27.</li> <li>• <b>Financial assistance:</b> The Scheme provides financial assistance of Rs.4 lakh per hectare for the creation and maintenance of these urban forests.</li> </ul>



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### 3. Ministry of Science and Technology

<b>Major achievements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>India’s Ranking in Global S&amp;T Indices Continues to Rise:</b> India secured 39th position in Global Innovation Index among the top innovative economies globally as per Global Innovation Index (GII) 2024.</li> <li>● <b>Anusandhan National Research Foundation:</b> It has been established by ANRF act 2023. The provisions of the ANRF Act, 2023 came into force on 5th February, 2024. It represents India’s pioneering efforts to unleash Indian research and innovation talent to achieve global scientific and technological excellence.</li> <li>● <b>National Quantum Mission:</b> it aims to seed, nurture and scale up scientific and industrial R&amp;D and create a vibrant &amp; innovative ecosystem in Quantum Technology.</li> <li>● <b>Geospatial Data, Infrastructure and Technology Leading to Improved Citizen Services:</b> Under the Geospatial Capacity Building Sub-scheme aligning with the National Geospatial Policy 2022, Spatial Thinking Program in Schools across the country has been initiated covering 7 states (Gujarat, Haryana, Odisha, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Kerala and Rajasthan).</li> <li>● <b>National Supercomputing Mission (NSM):</b> This Mission is jointly implemented by Meity and DST, and has created 27 Peta Flop(PF) of computing capacity at 28 sites across the country till 2023.</li> </ul>
<b>Significant Scientific &amp; Technical Attainments of CSIR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Indigenous road construction technology “REJUPAVE”</b> developed by CSIR-Central Road Research Institute to construct high altitude bituminous roads at low and sub-zero temperature conditions.</li> <li>● <b>India’s First National Highway Steel Slag Road</b> section on NH-66 Mumbai-Goa National Highway inaugurated.</li> <li>● CSIR-NIO, Goa launches <b>an underwater vehicle, C-Bot</b>, to monitor coral reefs.</li> <li>● India's <b>first Lithium battery recycling pilot facility</b> Inaugurated.</li> <li>● Successful Flight Tests of <b>High-Altitude Pseudo Satellite</b>.</li> <li>● <b>Developed CL-20 fuel</b> which offers superior performance over traditional propellants like RDX and HMX, boasting a higher energy release and better oxidiser-to-fuel ratio, crucial for rockets and missiles.</li> <li>● CSIR-CCMB Develops <b>Non-Invasive Blood Test for Early Breast Cancer Detection</b>.</li> <li>● CSIR-NAL Unveils <b>Indigenous Kamikaze Drones</b> for India’s Defense.</li> <li>● CSIR-NCL and CeNS Develop <b>New Piezoelectric Nanocomposite</b> for Energy Harvesting.</li> <li>● <b>Asia's first highway with a bio-bitumen</b> blended surface developed using CSIR-CRRI technology</li> <li>● CSIR-NEIST Discovers <b>A New Flowering Plant, "Begonia Narahari"</b> in Arunachal Pradesh; named 'Narahari' to honor former Director.</li> </ul>
<b>New initiatives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Climate Risk Assessment Study:</b> A detailed study on district-level flood and drought risks was completed using the IPCC framework, creating hazard, exposure, vulnerability, and risk maps for all states and UTs.</li> <li>● <b>21-day Capacity Building Program in Glaciology:</b> Conducted on-field training at Machoi Glacier in Drass, Ladakh, for twenty doctoral and postdoctoral students across the nation.</li> <li>● <b>Women In Science And Engineering (WISE)-Knowledge Involvement In Research Advancement Through Nurturing (KIRAN):</b> Launched two new programmes namely, Women’s International Grants Support (WINGS) for research training in international labs and Women Leadership Programme for early and mid-level women scientists.</li> </ul>

## 4. Ministry of Defence

<b>Aatmanirbharta in Defence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Positive Indigenisation List:</b> Department of Defence Production notified fifth Positive Indigenisation List (PIL) with 346 items, including critical components and materials. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This is in addition to the 4,666 items in the earlier four PILs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Record Defence Production:</b> India achieved its highest-ever defence production in FY 2023-24, marking a 16.7% growth from the previous year. Of the total, 79.2% was contributed by DPSUs/PSUs and 20.8% by the private sector.</li> <li>• <b>Record Defence Exports:</b> Defence exports surged to an all-time high of Rs 21,083 crore in FY 2023-24, growing 32.5% over the previous fiscal. This represents a 31-fold increase compared to FY 2013-14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The private sector contributed 60%, while DPSUs accounted for 40%.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>C-295 TATA Aircraft Complex:</b> In October 2024, the TATA Aircraft Complex in Vadodara, Gujarat, was inaugurated for manufacturing C-295 transport aircraft. The first made-in-India C-295 will be rolled out in 2026, with the remaining delivered by 2031.</li> <li>• <b>Indian Light Tank 'Zorawar':</b> Zorawar developed by DRDO and manufactured by Larsen &amp; Toubro, has demonstrated exceptional performance in high-altitude (4200m) and desert environments.</li> </ul>
<b>Major Acquisitions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved <b>40 Capital Acquisition proposals</b> worth Rs 4,22,129.55 crore.</li> <li>• <b>94.19% dedicated to indigenous sources.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Major Inductions/ Commissioning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>INS Arighaat:</b> The second Arihant-Class submarine 'INS Arighaat' was commissioned into the Indian Navy on August 29, 2024 at Visakhapatnam in the presence of Raksha Mantri.</li> <li>• <b>INS Tushil:</b> INS Tushil (F 70), the latest multi-role stealth-guided missile frigate, was commissioned into the Indian Navy at the Yantar Shipyard in Kaliningrad, Russia on December 09, 2024.</li> <li>• <b>LCH Prachand:</b> Induction of all Light Combat Helicopters LSP was completed in February 2024</li> </ul>
<b>Indian Army</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Infrastructure:</b> The Indian Army, in collaboration with BRO and other agencies, is advancing border and defence infrastructure, including roads, troop housing, and aviation facilities, with plans to construct 27,000 km of roads by 2028.</li> <li>• <b>Tri-Services synergy:</b> Tri-Services synergy was showcased through joint exercises like JAL PRAHAR-I, Operation Sea Test, and a live demonstration at Pokhran.</li> <li>• <b>Initiatives Taken to Promote Technology Infusion:</b> The Army Design Bureau (ADB) fosters indigenous defence innovation through initiatives like 'Make Projects,' iDEX, and PILs, driving R&amp;D, prototype development, and partnerships with industries and academic institutions. Key innovations by service personnel and <b>projects like AKASHTEER</b> are strengthening India's defence ecosystem and operational capabilities.</li> <li>• <b>Women Officers in UN Peace Keeping Missions:</b> Presently 23% of appointments of Staff Officers/Military Observers are being tenanted by WOs in various missions which is in accordance with UN Directives.</li> </ul>
<b>Indian Navy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-piracy and maritime security operations have saved lives, protected merchant vessels, and combated piracy and narcotics.</li> <li>• Notable events include <b>MILAN 2024 with 47 countries.</b></li> <li>• The Indian Navy has embraced gender neutrality by inducting women across all branches <b>Eg. 1,321 women Agniveers currently in service.</b></li> </ul>

<b>Indian AirForce</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Indian Air Force (IAF) is establishing <b>six new defence wings in Spain, Armenia, and Ivory Coast</b>, while expanding its presence globally.</li> <li>• Key exercises in 2024 include <b>Ex Desert Knight, Ex Pitch Black, and Ex Gagan Shakti</b>, showcasing IAF's operational capabilities.</li> <li>• The Cabinet Committee on Security approved projects for airfield creation and expansion in <b>Lakshadweep and infrastructure development in Nyoma and Deesa</b>.</li> <li>• A Tri-Services women contingent participated in RDP-2024, which <b>consisted of forty-eight IAF Agniveervayu women</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Ex-Vayushakti-24</b>, held at Pokhran Range, demonstrated the IAF's powerful strike capabilities.</li> <li>• <b>Ex Gagan Shakti-24</b> involved a full-spectrum tri-service operation across all domains, preceded by a tabletop war-game for contingency planning.</li> </ul>
<b>Indian Coast Guard (ICG)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ICG signed a contract in January 2024 with BEL for Software <b>Defined Radios for ICG ships</b> and establishments.</li> <li>• Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL) is constructing <b>two indigenously designed Pollution Control Vessels</b> for ICG. The first vessel, Samudra Pratap, was launched in August 2024.</li> <li>• In August 2024, Raksha Mantri inaugurated the <b>Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre in Chennai</b>.</li> <li>• In July 2024, ICG launched <b>operation 'Op Sahayata 02/24'</b> to provide assistance during a major landslide at Meppadi Village, Wayanad District, Kerala.</li> </ul>
<b>National cadets corps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Government approved <b>Three Lakh Cadet Expansion Plan</b>, which will increase the NCC's strength to 20 lakh cadets with close to 40% girl cadets.</li> </ul>
<b>Defence Research &amp; Development Organisation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful <b>flight-test of the New Generation AKASH (AKASH-NG)</b> missile from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.</li> <li>• Four flight trials of High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) - ABHYAS were successfully carried out by DRDO from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur.</li> <li>• successful flight tests of the <b>Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) missile</b>.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ VSHORADS is a Man Portable Air Defence System (MANPAD) designed and developed indigenously by Research Centre Imarat (RCI) in collaboration with other DRDO laboratories</li> </ul> </li> <li>• First <b>successful flight test of indigenously developed Agni-5 missile</b> with Multiple Independently Targetable Re-Entry Vehicle (MIRV) technology under Mission Divyastra.</li> </ul>
<b>Border Roads Organisation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Inauguration of Sela Tunnel:</b> Constructed at an altitude of 13,000 feet on the road connecting Tezpur, Assam to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh.</li> <li>• <b>Inauguration of Shinkhun La Tunnel:</b> project consists of a 4.1 km long Twin-Tube tunnel to be constructed at around 15,800 feet on the Nimu-Padum-Darcha Road to provide all-weather connectivity to Leh.</li> <li>• <b>Mudh-Nyoma Airfield:</b> Nyoma-Mudh Airfield Project (2.7 km) located 46 km from the LAC, at an altitude of 13700 ft, will be one of the highest Fighter Bases in the World.</li> </ul>

## 5. Ministry of Consumer Affairs

<b>Price Monitoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Price Monitoring Division (PMD), established in 1998, It <b>monitors daily retail and wholesale prices</b> of 38 essential commodities.</li><li>• It also manages the <b>Price Stabilization Fund</b>.</li><li>• <b>Ladakh was added to the price monitoring network</b> with new centers in Leh and Kargil, increasing coverage to 35 States/UTs.</li></ul>
<b>Price stabilization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) was established with an initial <b>corpus of ₹500 crore</b> to address price volatility in agri-horticultural commodities like onion, potato, and pulses.</li><li>• The PSF has now been integrated into the <b>PM-AASHA scheme</b> under the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.</li><li>• Conversion of Chana, Moong and Masur stocks for retail disposal <b>under Bharat Dal brand</b>.</li></ul>
<b>e-Filing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Under the provisions of Consumer Protection Act, 2019, a Consumer Commission <b>online application portal named “edaakhil.nic.in”</b> has been developed to file the consumer complaint online.</li><li>• With the recent launch of <b>e-daakhil in Ladakh UT</b>, the e-Daakhil portal can now be accessed across the country in NCDRC and in all States/UTs.</li></ul>
<b>Roll out of E-Jagriti</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For the <b>facilitation of consumers and with a mandate to bring justice at their doorsteps</b>, it has been launched.</li></ul>
<b>Legal Metrology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A National Legal Metrology Portal is being <b>developed with NIC and State Legal Metrology Departments</b>.</li><li>• All services under <b>Legal Metrology are now online to ease business processes</b> and reduce compliance burdens.</li><li>• <b>International organization of Legal Metrology(OIML)</b>: India has become <b>the 13th country worldwide to issue OIML pattern approval</b> certificates marking a milestone in legal metrology, boosting its global standing and facilitating international trade in weighing and measuring instruments.</li></ul>
<b>Consumer Welfare Fund</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• States/UTs receive seed money as a one-time grant on a 75:25 basis (90:10 for Special Category States/UTs) to create a Consumer Welfare (Corpus) Fund.</li><li>• <b>Current Status</b>: 25 States have established the Consumer Welfare (Corpus) Fund.</li></ul>
<b>New Initiatives in Standards Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Standards National Action Plan (SNAP) 2022-27: identified 7 strategic imperatives in order to strengthen the standardization ecosystem in the country.</li><li>• Creation of BIS Standardization Chairs in Premier Technical Institutions</li></ul>



## 6. Ministry of Tourism

<b>Infrastructure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a total of 76 projects under the <b>Swadesh Darshan Scheme</b>, out of which 75 projects are physically complete.</li> <li>The Ministry of Tourism has revamped its Swadesh Darshan Scheme as <b>Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)</b> with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible destinations following a tourist &amp; destination centric approach.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>34 projects</b> have been sanctioned under SD2.0.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Ministry of Tourism has <b>sanctioned a total of 48 projects under the PRASHAD Scheme</b>, out of which 23 projects have been completed.</li> </ul>
<b>Challenge Based Destination Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ministry of Tourism has formulated guidelines for ‘Challenge Based Destination Development’ as a <b>sub scheme of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme</b>.</li> <li>Under this scheme, proposals have been invited under four thematic categories (i) Spiritual Tourism, (ii) Culture &amp; Heritage, (iii) Vibrant Village Program, (iv) Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites.</li> </ul>
<b>Promotion and Marketing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ministry of Tourism organized "<b>Bharat Parv</b>" event at the Red Fort grounds, Delhi, as part of the Republic Day Celebrations.</li> <li><b>Thematic Pavilions of States/ UTs</b> were set up to showcase diverse tourist attractions of the country.</li> <li><b>‘Dekho Apna Desh People’s Choice 2024’</b> – a Nationwide poll to identify the most preferred tourist attractions.</li> <li><b>Chalo India Global Diaspora Campaign</b> was launched to enable Indian diaspora members to become Incredible India ambassadors.</li> </ul>
<b>Tourism Statistics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>International Tourist Arrivals (ITAs)</b> in India during 2023 were 18.89 Million.</li> <li><b>Domestic Tourist Visits (DTVIs)</b> in India during <b>2023</b> were <b>2509 Million</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Sustainable development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ministry of Tourism <b>launched the second edition of the Best Tourism Village Competition 2024</b> with the aim to acknowledge villages which best exemplify tourism destinations.</li> </ul>

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## 7. Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

<b>Sanctioned Projects for NE States</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Total Projects Sanctioned:</b> 86 projects worth ₹1970.54 crore.</li> <li>• <b>Schemes Covered:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>NESIDS-OTRI:</b> North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (Other than Roads).</li> <li>○ <b>NESIDS-Roads:</b> North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (Roads).</li> <li>○ <b>PM-DevINE:</b> Prime Minister’s Development Initiative for North East Region.</li> <li>○ Schemes of NEC (North Eastern Council).</li> <li>○ Special Development Packages.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Digitization Initiatives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Simplified Scheme Guidelines:</b> Guidelines for PM DevINE, NESIDS (OTRI), and NESIDS (Roads) have been streamlined to jointly consider concept notes, reducing lead time for project conceptualization and approval.</li> <li>• <b>Rationalization of Financial and Sectoral Demarcation:</b> Financial and sectoral boundaries among MDoNER schemes have been rationalized to prevent duplication of projects.</li> <li>• <b>Poorvottar Vikas Setu Portal:</b> Digitizes submission and tracking of concept notes.</li> <li>• <b>PM Gati Shakti Portal:</b> MDoNER’s version of the portal track geotagged details of ongoing and completed projects</li> </ul>
<b>Setting up of Task Forces</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Agarwood Task Force:</b> Agar is one of the world’s most valuable trees, <b>native to North East Region(NER)</b> used for medicine and fragrance purposes.</li> <li>• <b>Tourism Task Force:</b> To develop <b>one world-class tourism site per NE state</b> to attract global visitors.</li> </ul>
<b>Key Initiatives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cultural Events Showcasing Northeast India:</b> This includes North East Sammelan, Vividhtaka Amrit Mahotsav, Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav etc.</li> <li>• <b>Policy and Development Dialogues:</b> Purvottar Vikas Chintan Shivir (Sept 2024), Engaged 54 Union Ministries/Departments and NE States to streamline project implementation in NER.</li> <li>• <b>Promoting Sustainable Agriculture:</b> World Food India highlights sustainable agriculture for livelihoods in NER.</li> <li>• <b>Economic and Financial Initiatives:</b> Bankers’ Conclave focused on financial inclusion, credit delivery, and promoting SHGs and MSMEs in NER.</li> </ul>
<b>Five-point framework for the development of Northeast Region</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Competitive Matrix and SWOT Analysis:</b> MDoNER assessed the competitiveness of Northeast States against each other.</li> <li>• <b>Vibrant Village Program:</b> Aims to develop villages along the northeastern border (Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim) by enhancing infrastructure.</li> <li>• <b>Capital Investment Strategy:</b> Focuses on completing major projects under MDoNER schemes.</li> <li>• <b>100% Saturation Approach:</b> MDoNER aims to implement one key idea per state and achieve complete saturation of the initiative across the region for maximum impact.</li> <li>• <b>Performance-Based Incentives:</b> States demonstrating greater efficiency in project completion and operationalization will receive higher budget allocations.</li> </ul>

## 8. Ministry of Chemicals

<b>New Scheme/Initiatives of Petrochemicals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals <b>implements the New Scheme of Petrochemicals with sub-schemes</b> on (i) Scheme for Setting up of Plastic Parks; (ii) Scheme for Setting up of Centres of Excellence; and (iii) The Petrochemicals Research &amp; Innovation Commendation Scheme.</li> </ul>
<b>Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering &amp; Technology (CIPET)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is a <b>Centrally funded technical higher education</b> institution under the Department of Chemicals &amp; Petrochemicals.</li> <li><b>key activities/ achievements of CIPET:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Academics And Skill Development Programmes:</b> Conducts NSQF-aligned and National Skills Qualifications Committee (NSQC) approved Skill Development Training Programs (SDTP) in the field of Petrochemicals Engineering.</li> <li><b>Technology Support Services:</b> Undertaken 59,756 Technology Support Service Assignments (TSS) in the area of plastics processing, design and tooling.</li> <li><b>well-established R&amp;D wing</b> in the form of Schools for Advanced Research in Petrochemicals</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Other Achievements of departments/Other Institutes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals organised the <b>13th edition of the mega event "India Chem 2024"</b>, under the CPDS Scheme.</li> </ul>



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## 9. Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs

<b>Key Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Smart Cities Mission</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Integrated Command and Control Centres (ICCC) at all 100 smart cities</li> <li>○ 84,000 CCTV surveillance cameras, 1,884 emergency call boxes, more than 3,000 public address systems Installed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Swachh Bharat Mission</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Key Financial Update:</b> The government has released more than Rs 1,123 crore for projects in 9 State.</li> <li>○ <b>Key Infrastructure Development Update:</b> Waste-to-Energy plant of 1000 Metric tonnes with 15 Mega Watt capacity worth Rs 375 crore launched in Piplaj, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.</li> <li>○ <b>Legacy Waste Management Update:</b> Two major dumpsites in Ahmedabad &amp; Hyderabad completely remediated.</li> <li>○ <b>100 Cities Programme for Solid Waste Management:</b> With ADB and World Bank 100 cities programme for bankable projects for saturation of solid waste management is underway.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>AMRUT and AMRUT 2.0:</b> creation of 4,649 MLD water treatment capacity and 4,429 MLD sewage treatment capacity.</li> <li>● <b>Key Updates of DAY-NULM:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Over 1 Crore urban poor women have been mobilised into more than 9.96 Lak Self Help Groups (SHGs).</li> <li>○ Over 39.39 lakh livelihoods created through skill training and placement.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Other Key Achievements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Urban Mobility and Sustainability Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Expansion of Regional Rapid Transit Systems (RRTS)-</b> 42 kms of this stretch has been made operational</li> <li>○ <b>PM-e-Bus Sewa” launched</b> on 16th August 2023 aims to augment urban bus operations in urban areas</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) 2.0:</b> A new Rental Housing Vertical has been introduced benefiting migrant population/ working women/industrial workers etc.</li> </ul>



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<b>Unprecedented Achievements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Paris Olympic:</b> With a remarkable haul of 6 medals, including 1 silver and 5 bronze.</li> <li>• <b>2024 Paris Paralympic Games (Largest-ever contingent):</b> Winning 29 medals, including 7 gold, 9 silver, and 13 bronze, securing 18th place in the medal tally.</li> <li>• <b>Groundbreaking Achievements in Chess:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>45th FIDE Chess Olympiad in Budapest, Hungary:</b> Indian Men’s and Women’s Chess Teams made history by both winning gold medals.</li> <li>○ <b>D. Gukesh</b> also made history as youngest World Chess Champion in 2024 by defeating China’s Ding Liren in World Chess Championship in Singapore.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Key Initiatives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Promoting Women’s Sports with ASMITA Women’s Leagues:</b> ASMITA (Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women through Action) Women’s Leagues have been conducted across 20 sport disciplines.</li> <li>• <b>KIRTI (Khelo India Rising Talent Identification) Program:</b> Over 1.8 lakh assessments have been conducted nationwide to identify school-going children between the ages of 9 and 18, ensuring a seamless and efficient talent identification system.</li> <li>• <b>RESET (Retired Sportsperson Empowerment Training) Programme:</b> Launched on 29th August 2024 with the goal of empowering retired athletes.</li> </ul>

## 11. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)

<b>Major initiatives and Achievements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PM VISHWAKARMA:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Registrations:</b> Around 25 lakh applications were successfully registered under the scheme</li> <li>○ <b>Central Sector scheme</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Formalization of MSMEs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ As many as <b>5.70 crore MSMEs</b> are registered on <b>Udyam Registration Portal and Udyam Assist Platform (UAP)</b>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Credit Guarantee Scheme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Flagship schemes for providing <b>collateral free loans</b> to Micro and Small Enterprises.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>‘MSME - Trade Enablement and Marketing (MSME-TEAM)’ Scheme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For <b>digitalization of trade and commerce</b> among MSMEs, aiming to empower <b>5 lakh MSEs, out of which 2.5 lakh MSEs will be women entrepreneurs</b>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Centre for Rural Enterprise Acceleration through Technology (CREATE)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Setup at Leh, it will provide a Pashmina wool roving facility, training for development of production facility for essential oil extraction from roses and other flowers, etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Other Schemes/ initiatives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Access to Credit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Prime Minister’s Employment Generation Programme (2008)</b></li> <li>○ <b>Self-Reliant India Fund Scheme (2021):</b> Provides equity funding to those MSMEs which have the potential and viability to grow and become large units.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Procurement &amp; Marketing Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises:</b> Public Procurement Policy for MSEs, Order, 2012, mandates 25% annual procurement from MSEs by Central Ministries/Departments/ CPSEs, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; 4% from MSEs owned by SC/ST, and</li> <li>&gt; 3% from MSEs owned by Women entrepreneurs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Access to Technology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>MSME Champions Scheme:</b> Three components - ‘MSME-Sustainable’ (ZED), ‘MSME Competitive’ (LEAN) and ‘MSME-Innovative’ (Incubation, Design, IPR).</li> <li>○ <b>Technology Centres (also known as Tool Room &amp; Technical Institutions).</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Promotion of MSMEs among SC/STs and in NER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>National SC-ST Hub (NSSH):</b> Aimed at promoting entrepreneurship amongst SC/ST and fulfil the 4% procurement mandate by the CPSEs.</li> <li>○ <b>Promotion of MSMEs in NER and Sikkim Scheme:</b> Provides <b>financial</b> support to create or upgrade infrastructure and common facilities for MSMEs located in NER.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>MSME Performance Programme (RAMP) Scheme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ World Bank supported Central Sector Scheme aimed at improving access of MSMEs to market, finance and technology upgradation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Promotion of Khadi, Village Industries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Khadi and Village Industries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Central Sector Scheme.</li> <li>&gt; <b>Major Components:</b> Khadi Vikas Yojana and Gramodyog Vikas Yojana.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Achievements of NSIC &amp; MGIRI</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provides credit support for raw material procurement by making the payment to suppliers in Raw Material Assistance scheme against Bank Guarantee.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Rural Industrialization (MGIRI)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A National Autonomous Institute, founded on Gandhian principles of self-sufficiency and empowerment for rural communities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Grievance Redressal Portal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CHAMPIONS portal</b> launched which covers many aspects of e-governance, including grievance redressal and handholding of MSMEs</li> </ul>

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## 12. Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

### 12.1. Department of Fisheries

<b>Seaweed &amp; Pearl and Ornamental Fisheries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)</b> aims to increase seaweed production of the country over 1.12 million tonnes by 2025.</li> <li>• <b>Department launched standard operating procedure</b> for Pearl cultivation in Hazaribagh, Ornamental fisheries in Madurai along with seaweed cluster in Lakshadweep.</li> </ul>
<b>Support to Fisheries Startups and Fisheries Farmer Producer Organization (FFPO)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of <b>3 Incubation Centres</b> for promoting at least 100 fisheries start-ups, cooperatives, FPOs, and SHGs.</li> </ul>
<b>Initiatives and Projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NFDP (National Fisheries Development Program) Portal:</b> It will serve as a central hub for registry of fisheries' stakeholders, information, services, and support related to fisheries. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ NFDP has been created under the <b>Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana</b>,</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Guidelines launched to transform <b>100 coastal villages</b> into climate-resilient communities with sustainable fishing practices.</li> <li>• <b>Five Integrated Aqua Parks (IAPs)</b> approved under the PMMSY.</li> <li>• <b>Rangeen Machhli mobile app:</b> to meet the growing needs of the ornamental fisheries sector</li> <li>• <b>Other Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Launch of <b>5th Marine Fisheries Census</b> for data-driven policymaking.</li> <li>○ <b>Launched National Plan for Sharks and joined regional cooperation with Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Maldives to prevent illegal fishing.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Partnered with IMO-FAO' for GloLitter Partnership Project</b> to combat marine plastic litter.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Schemes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Blue Revolution Scheme:</b> Centrally Sponsored scheme for Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries.</li> <li>• <b>Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana:</b> Implementation during a period of 5 years from FY 2020-21 to FY 2024- 25 in all States/Union Territories.</li> <li>• <b>Fisheries &amp; Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund:</b> It offers concessional finance through NABARD, National Cooperative Development Corporation and Scheduled Banks</li> <li>• <b>Kisan Credit Card:</b> During 2018-19, government has extended the KCC facility to fishers and fish famers.</li> </ul>

## 13. Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

<b>Green Waterway Initiative</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inaugurated in Varanasi, two hybrid electric catamaran vessels were dedicated to the nation.</li> <li>• Designed to operate on the <b>River Saryu in Ayodhya and the River Ganga in Varanasi.</b></li> </ul>
<b>India-Middle East Europe Economic Corridor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Union Cabinet approved the <b>Inter-Governmental Framework Agreement</b> signed during India-UAE's High Level visit to strengthen bilateral relations in Ports, Maritime, and Logistics sectors.</li> </ul>
<b>World Bank's Logistics Performance Index (LPI) Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• India has reached <b>22nd rank in International Shipment category as against 44th rank in 2014.</b></li> <li>• Indian Ports "<b>Turn Around Time</b>" has reached 0.9 days which is better than USA (1.5 days), Australia (1.7 days), Singapore (1.0 days) etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Council of International Maritime Organisation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• India <b>re-elected</b> to the Council of International Maritime Organisation for the biennium 2024-25.</li> </ul>

<b>Cruise Bharat Mission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mission aims to boost the <b>tremendous potential of cruise tourism</b> in the country.</li> <li>• It is envisaged that the <b>activities under the mission will propel country's cruise tourism industry</b> by doubling cruise passenger traffic within five years: i.e. <b>by 2029</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NMHC at <b>Lothal</b> in Gujarat.</li> <li>• An ambitious initiative to <b>create a world-class maritime museum and cultural center</b> dedicated to India's rich maritime history, heritage, and its strategic position as a maritime power.</li> <li>• Lothal was thriving <b>Harappan-era port</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>International Container Transshipment Port (ICTP) at Galathea Bay, Great Nicobar Island</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of <b>Mega Transshipment Port</b> at Galathea Bay, Great Nicobar Island.</li> <li>• Envisaged to capture transshipment cargo from ports on the Indian East Coast, Bangladesh, and Myanmar, significantly boosting the region's cargo handling capacity.</li> </ul>
<b>Vadhavan port</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundation stone laid for <b>Major Port</b> at Vadhavan near Dahanu in Maharashtra.</li> </ul>
<b>Sagar Aankalan Guidelines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Sagar Aankalan" guidelines aim to benchmark and improve Indian Ports' Performance.</li> </ul>
<b>Shahid Beheshti Port Terminal, Chabahar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• India Port Global Limited and Iran's Ports and Maritime Organisation signed a long-term Main Contract for the development of Shahid Beheshti Port Terminal, Chabahar.</li> <li>• Development of the Chabahar Port Project is an India-Iran flagship project &amp; the signing of the contract is a really important step in opening up the INSTC to Central Asia.</li> </ul>
<b>Green Tug Transition Programme (GTTP)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For to transition from <b>conventional fuel-based tugs to green ones</b>, aligning with the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047.</li> </ul>
<b>Shipping</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• India Maldives Shipping Service commenced with the flagging off of MV MSS Galena from VOC Port, Tuticorin.</li> <li>• <b>Resumption of International Passenger Ferry Service (India and Sri Lanka):</b> Ferry service between Nagapattinam (India) and Kankesanthurai (Sri Lanka).</li> <li>• <b>Shipping Corporation of India Bharat IFSC Ltd:</b> Formation of Wholly Owned Subsidiary of SCI in GIFT CITY.</li> </ul>
<b>Inland Waterways</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cargo Promotion Scheme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ IWT Cargo Promotion Scheme launched for providing 35% incentive to promote the utilisation of inland waterways transport sector by cargo owners and for establishing scheduled service for cargo movement on NW-1 and NW-2 and NW-16 via Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>First Inland Waterways Development Council (IWDC) Meeting in Kolkata and launched</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>'Harit Nauka' – Inland Vessels Green Transition guidelines</b> with an aim of 100% Green Vessels by 2047 and</li> <li>○ <b>'River Cruise Tourism Roadmap, 2047'</b>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Deployment of First Hydrogen Fuel Cell vessel in Varanasi.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Lighthouses and Ships</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of Lighthouse Tower at <b>Rani Lakshmbai Shila (In-Mid sea) off East Coast of Andaman Island.</b></li> </ul>

## 14. Ministry of Jal Shakti

<b>Schemes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Swachh Bharat Mission – Grameen</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Centrally sponsored scheme</li> <li>○ 460% surge in ODF Plus villages between December 2022 to December 2023.</li> <li>○ <b>GOBARDhan</b> is an important initiative of SBM-G Phase II: Under this more than 990 community Biogas Plants are functional.</li> <li>○ <b>Light House Initiative:</b> In collaboration with the with India Sanitation Coalition- FICCI (ISC- FICCI) to develop 209 Villages as Model ODF plus villages.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jal Jeevan Mission (2019)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Providing Tap Water Connections to 15.30 crore Rural households.</li> <li>○ <b>Coverage of potable tap water to</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Aspirational districts- In the 112 aspirational districts identified by the government, 15 districts have reported 100% tap water coverage.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Citizen Corner-</b> provides a user-friendly interface for real-time village water quality and supply information.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Rural WASH Partners ‘Forum – SBMG and JJM:</b> where development partners along with sector partners can come forward for effective implementation.</li> <li>• <b>PM Gati-Shakti:</b> A key aspect of JJM's strategy is the integration of its infrastructure data with the PM GatiShakti portal.</li> </ul>
<b>Swachhata Green Leaf Rating(SGLR)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation and Ministry of Tourism</b> have implemented a SGLR System for hospitality facilities.</li> <li>• Aiming to improve sanitation technologies and achieve a higher Swachhata Green Rating.</li> </ul>
<b>Nal Jal Mitra Programme (NJMP)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide skill-based trainings to local persons from villages working as masons, mechanics, plumbers &amp; develop “Nal Jal Mitras”</li> </ul>
<b>Nal Jal Seva Portal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portal aims to revolutionize rural water supply management with a user-friendly interface for village-level use and comprehensive dashboards for state-level administrators.</li> </ul>
<b>Innovation Challenge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>National Jal Jeevan Mission</b>, in a joint effort with Startup India launched it.</li> <li>• Aimed to find <b>modular and cost-effective solutions</b> to ensure the provision of clean drinking water.</li> </ul>
<b>Others</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Syama Prasad Mookerjee National Institute of Water and Sanitation</b> as Centre for Excellence for WASH (SBM and JJM).</li> <li>• <b>International WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Conference</b> held with focus on Sustainable Development Goal 6.</li> </ul>

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## 15. Ministry of Home Affairs

Empowering Citizens through Landmark Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Three New Criminal Laws</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam</b>—came into force on <b>July 1, 2024</b>.</li> <li>○ <b>Launched e-Sakshya, Nyaya Setu, Nyaya Shruti, and eSummon App</b> for proper implementation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Citizenship Amendment Act:</b> Rules were notified in March 2024.</li> </ul>
Social Equity for Jammu and Kashmir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Bill, 2024:</b> Aimed at empowering the Pahari Ethnic Group, Padari Tribes, Koli, and Gadda Brahmin.</li> </ul>
Left-Wing Extremism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Death toll</b> in LWE-affected areas, has fallen below <b>100 for the first time in 4 decades</b>.</li> <li>• Aim to end the menace of left-wing extremism before <b>March 31, 2026</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Bastar Olympics</b> held at Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh.</li> <li>• A <b>dairy cooperative</b> is being started by giving a cow or buffalo to every family in Naxal-affected areas.</li> <li>• Chhattisgarh government has <b>the best surrender policy</b>, and is to replicate across country.</li> </ul>
Zero Tolerance Against Drugs: Breaking the Narco-Terror Nexus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>National Narcotics Helpline ‘MANAS’</b> launched .</li> <li>• Fight this battle in the last 5 years based on the <b>‘Whole of Government Approach’</b> and on the three pillars of <b>structural, institutional, and informational reforms</b>.</li> </ul>
Zero Casualties in Disasters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill:</b> Empowers response forces to tackle disasters with more efficacy and agility.</li> <li>• <b>“Expansion and Modernization of Fire Services in the States”</b> for Chhattisgarh, Odisha, and West Bengal.</li> </ul>
Northeast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mantra is <b>‘Act East, Act Fast, and Act First</b></li> <li>• <b>A tripartite agreement</b> signed between the <b>Government of India, Government of Tripura and The Indigenous Progressive Regional Alliance/TIPRA &amp; other stakeholders</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Scrap the Free Movement Regime (FMR) between India and Myanmar</b> to ensure the internal security of the country and maintain the demographic structure.</li> </ul>
Terror-free Bharat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designated <b>Hizb-ut-Tahrir</b> as a terrorist organisation under UAPA.</li> <li>• <b>Nine organisations</b> have been declared as Unlawful organizations</li> <li>• Designated <b>Goldy Brar &amp; Qasim Gujjar</b> as terrorist.</li> <li>• <b>Digital Criminal Case Management System Platform</b> of the National Investigation Agency was launched.</li> </ul>
Digital Defenses and Sharpening Forensic Expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cabinet approved Central Sector Scheme “National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme” (N.F.I.E.S).</b></li> <li>• <b>Cyber Fraud Mitigation Centre</b> is a body represented by both law enforcement agencies and the private sector to create seamless coordination to tackle cybercrime.</li> <li>• <b>Samanvay</b> is a data repository platform that enables data sharing and analysis.</li> <li>• An army of 5,000 <b>‘Cyber Commandos’</b> in States/UTs and Central Police Organizations (CPOs).</li> <li>• <b>Suspect Registry</b> of various identifiers is being created based on <b>National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP)</b></li> </ul>
Empowering Women: Safety, Security, and Dignity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Establishment of the first all-women battalion of CISF.</b></li> <li>• Continuation of implementation of the <b>Umbrella Scheme on ‘Safety of Women’</b></li> </ul>
Secured Border to Secure Bharat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inaugurated the <b>Passenger Terminal Building and Maitri Dwar</b> in Petrapole, West Bengal.</li> </ul>
Other important initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ladakh:</b> Created <b>5 new districts</b> namely <b>Zanskar, Drass, Sham, Nubra, and Changthang</b>.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rename the capital of Andaman &amp; Nicobar Islands Port Blair as "<b>Sri Vijaya Puram</b>".</li> <li>• <b>Fast Track Immigration – Trusted Traveller Programme</b> at Terminal-3 of Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi.</li> <li>• <b>Launch of the Civil Registration System (CRS) mobile application.</b></li> </ul>
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## 16. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

### 16.1. Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

<b>Disability Inclusion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Suganya Bharat Abhiyaan:</b> Marks nine years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Creating a <b>barrier-free nation, where accessibility is a fundamental right.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Accessibility and Information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ National Helpline for Divyangjan</li> <li>○ <b>Making Information Accessible:</b> Collaboration with the National Association for the Blind aimed to make approximately 10,000 pages of documents, including government schemes and legal reliefs, accessible to persons with visual disabilities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Skill Development &amp; Employment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Training of Trainers (ToT) Programmes</b></li> <li>• <b>Collaboration for Employment Opportunities:</b> Providing vocational training with guaranteed placements and minimum wage compliance.</li> <li>• <b>Skills for the Deaf Community:</b> An MoU signed with YUNIKEE aimed to provide free and accessible skills to the deaf community, promoting career advancement and self-reliance.</li> <li>• <b>Purple Talks:</b> Engagement with <b>start-ups and organizations developing innovative technologies for PwDs</b> led to MoUs with national institutions and CRCs to expand the department's reach.</li> </ul>
<b>Inclusivity and Awareness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New guidelines for identification of posts</b> for persons with benchmark disabilities and their reservation in Central Government Establishments were issued.</li> </ul>

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## 16.2. Department of Social Justice & Empowerment

<b>Initiatives for Welfare of Scheduled Caste</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship:</b> Centrally Sponsored Scholarships Schemes.</li> <li>• <b>Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS) – SC:</b> Consists of four Sub-schemes :-             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Free coaching scheme for SCs and OBCs:</b> run by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF), the Central Nodal Agency, through the Dr. Ambedkar Centre for Excellence (DACE) established in 19 empaneled Central Universities.</li> <li>○ <b>Top Class Education for SCs</b></li> <li>○ <b>National overseas Scholarship Scheme for SCs</b></li> <li>○ <b>National Fellowship for SCs.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SRESHTA):</b> enhance reach of education through the efforts of grant-in-aid institutions (run by NGOs) and residential high schools offering high quality education, etc.</li> <li>• <b>Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY):</b> aims to reduce poverty of the SC communities by generation of additional employment opportunities through skill development, income generating schemes</li> <li>• <b>Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes (VCF-SC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Ambedkar Social Innovation and Incubation Mission:</b> Promotes innovation among SC students, researchers, and those working with technology business incubators and Atal Incubation Centers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Legislations:</b> Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and The Scheduled Castes and The Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989</li> <li>• <b>Dedicated Institutions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation</b></li> <li>○ <b>National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; <b>e-Grievance Management Portal (e-GMP):</b> 24x7 grievance redressal platform by NCSC, with real-time tracking of complaints, as part of the Digital India Programme.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Initiatives for Welfare Of Backward Classes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PM-YASASVI and SHREYAS</b> are the two umbrella schemes for welfare of Other Backward Class (OBC), Economically Backward Class (EBC) &amp; <b>De-Notified Tribes (DNT)</b> students and one Scheme for DNTs.</li> <li>• <b>National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>PM-SURAJ Portal:</b> Launched with aim to consolidate and streamline economic empowerment initiatives under a single digital platform.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Traditional Artisans’ Upliftment Livelihood Promotion Programme (TULIP):</b> For marketing and promotion of products of our artisans to facilitate broader consumer engagement, enhancing artisans’ income potential and market visibility.</li> <li>• <b>Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Yojna:</b> Skilling of SC, OBC and Safi Karamcharis</li> <li>• <b>Venture Capital Fund for Backward Classes (VCF-BC)</b></li> <li>• <b>VISVAS:</b> VISVAS Yojana is an initiative of the department to support livelihood activities for marginalized SC, OBC, and Safai Karamcharis (including manual scavengers and waste pickers) with a 5% interest subvention on income-generating loans.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Will run from <b>2024-25 to 2025-26</b>, leveraging convergence with existing programs like MUDRA, NRLM, and PRAYAAS of SIDBI.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Economic Empowerment of DNTs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constitution of <b>Development and Welfare Board for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Communities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To formulate, implement, review Welfare and Development programmes, as required for DNT communities, after identifying gaps in accessing existing programmes and entitlements.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Scheme for Economic Empowerment of DNTs (SEED)</b></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A <b>Central Sector Scheme</b>, joint initiative of the M/o SJ&amp;E and the MoHUA.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>Initiatives for Welfare of Safai Karamcharis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The scheme envisages safety and dignity of sanitation workers in urban India by providing sustainable livelihood.</li> <li>○ <b>Waste Pickers</b> have been included as an additional target group along with sewer septic tank workers</li> <li>○ <b>Self-Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers (SRMS)</b> component.</li> <li>● <b>National Safai Karamcharis Finance &amp; Development Corporation (NSKFDC)</b></li> <li>● <b>National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Initiatives Under Social Defence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Scheme takes care of the top five needs of the senior citizens viz shelter, financial security, food, health care and human interaction /life of dignity.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction</b>, a centrally sponsored scheme.</li> <li>● <b>Persons Engaged in Begging: Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise (SMILE)</b> scheme, is aimed at comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in begging.</li> <li>● <b>Transgender Persons: SMILE Scheme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Set up 6 new Garima Greh shelter homes for destitute transgender persons</li> <li>○ 19 Transgender Welfare Boards (TWB) have been set up by States/UTs</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>National Institute Of Social Defence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ National Centre for Drug Abuse Prevention (NCDAP)</li> <li>○ Transgender and Beggary (T&amp;B) Division of NISD</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Dr. Ambedkar Foundation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Dr. Ambedkar Medical Aid Scheme</b></li> <li>● Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Award Scheme for meritorious students of Secondary School Examinations (10th), belonging to SCs and STs</li> <li>● <b>Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Social Integration</b></li> <li>● <b>Dr. Ambedkar National Relief to the Scheduled Castes/Tribes Victims of Atrocities</b></li> <li>● <b>Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC)</b> New Delhi, has been envisaged to be the <b>Centre of Excellence</b> for study, research, analysis and policy briefs in the field of socio-economic transformation and Buddhist Studies.</li> <li>● <b>Dr. Ambedkar National Memorial (DANM)</b> at Delhi is the important place related to Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.</li> </ul>

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<b>Green Steel Mission</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helping the Steel Industry to <b>reduce carbon emission and progress towards the Net Zero Target.</b></li> <li>Mission includes <b>PLI Scheme</b> for Green Steel, incentives for use of renewable energy and mandates for Government agencies to buy Green Steel.</li> <li>Ministry of New and Renewable Energy's <b>National Green Hydrogen Mission</b> aims to integrate the steel sector into green hydrogen production, promoting decarbonisation.</li> <li><b>Taxonomy for Green Steel:</b> To provide standards for defining and categorizing the low emission steel, facilitating the green transition of the steel industry.</li> </ul>
<b>Specialty Steel -PLI Capacity Expansion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aimed at <b>attracting capital investments and reducing imports.</b></li> <li>Steel is a <b>de-regulated sector.</b></li> <li>Creating a <b>conducive policy</b> environment for the development of steel sector across all states in the country, including Maharashtra.</li> <li>Implementation of <b>Domestically Manufactured Iron &amp; Steel Products (DMI&amp;SP)</b> policy for promoting 'Make in India' steel for Government procurement.</li> <li><b>Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS) 2.0</b> revamping for more effective monitoring of imports to address the concerns of domestic steel industry</li> </ul>
<b>Raw Material Security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procuring <b>coking coal</b> from a diversified group of countries mainly Australia, United States, Russia, Indonesia, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>International Strategy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working Group has been formed to formulate India's Steel Global Outlook Strategy with focus on the four strategic areas for collaboration viz. <b>Raw Materials, Investments, Technologies, and Steel Exports.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Ensuring the Quality of Steel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensuring <b>through Standardization and Quality Control Order.</b></li> <li><b>TCQCO portal</b> through which the applications of the imported steel consignments are examined, has been merged with SIMS 2.0 Portal which will be integrated with Custom's ICEGATE under the SWIFT 2.0 initiative.</li> </ul>

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## 18. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions

### 18.1. Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances

<b>Grievance Redressal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>CPGRAMS:</b> Recognized as a “<b>State-of-the-Art Grievance Redressal System</b>” and a <b>global best practice</b> for grievance redressal at cabinet of Commonwealth Nations meeting in London.</li><li>• <b>Grievance Redressal Assessment and Index (GRAI) 2023: 85 out of 89 Ministries</b> and Departments reflecting enhanced resolution rates within the prescribed timelines as compared to <b>GRAI 2022</b>.</li><li>• <b>Under SEVOTTAM scheme</b>, sanctions for capacity building programs were issued to 22 State Administrative Training Institutes to train 20 thousand State Grievance redressal officers.</li></ul>
<b>Collaboration with States and RTS Commissions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>DARPG's Collaborations</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ With Maharashtra released Published District Good Governance Index 2023</li><li>○ With Jammu &amp; Kashmir, Revamped JK-IGRAMS grief portal, launched as JK-SAMADHA.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>E-Office</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>90.6 % adoption of e-Office</b> in generation of e-Files out of total files, as on November 2024.</li></ul>
<b>State Collaborative Initiative Scheme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promotes collaboration with State Governments to enhance public service delivery. These projects focused on e-office solutions, administrative reforms, doorstep services, litigation management, and more</li></ul>
<b>Rajbhasha Kirti Award 2023-24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For <b>excellent performance in Official language Hindi</b>, the DARPG was awarded the "Rajbhasha Kirti Award (First Prize)" for the year 2023-24</li></ul>

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## 18.2. Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions)

<b>Redressal of Pensioner Grievances</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average grievance resolution time reduced from 36 days (2018) to 26 days (2024).</li> <li>• <b>Centralized Pension Grievances Redress And Monitoring System(CPENGRAMS)</b> Portal: New features include tracking grievances based on their source (online, postal, or call center) and average disposal time for resolution.</li> </ul>
<b>Reforms in Gratuity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Enhancing Gratuity Limits:</b> The maximum gratuity limit for Central Government employees was increased from ₹20 lakh to ₹25 lakh, effective January 1, 2024.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Key Initiatives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>National Anubhav Awards Scheme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Recognized 15 exemplary write-ups by retiring officials</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Coordination with CGDA for Defense Pensioners</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Active collaboration with the Controller General of Defense Accounts (CGDA) for defense pensioners.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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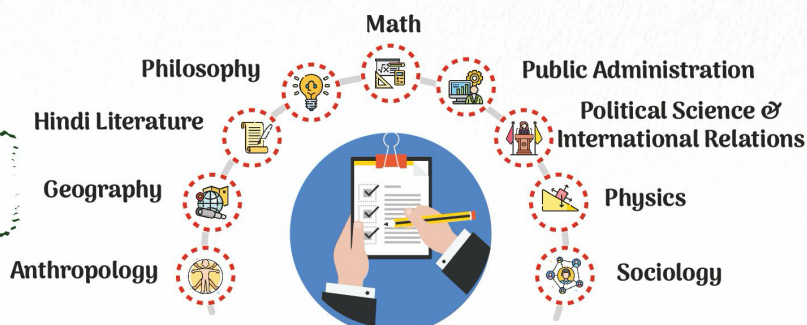
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## 19. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

<b>Ayushman Bharat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Four components and achievements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Ayushman Arogya Mandir:</b> &gt;1,75,338 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAM) have been operationalized.</li> <li>○ <b>Pradhan Mantri-Jan Arogya Yojana</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Currently, 55 Crore individuals corresponding to 12.37 Crore families are covered under the scheme.</li> <li>&gt; ~36 Crore Ayushman Cards have been created.</li> <li>&gt; <b>Women account for approximately 49% of the total Ayushman cards created.</b></li> <li>&gt; <b>Ayushman Vay Vandana card:</b> For all senior citizens of age 70 years and above will be provided all the benefits of AB PM-JAY irrespective of the socio-economic status.</li> <li>&gt; <b>'Ayushman App'</b> has been launched by National Health Authority wherein self-verification feature for beneficiaries has been enabled.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Under Strengthening Surveillance of Infectious Diseases and Outbreak Response being implemented by National Centre for Disease Control.</li> <li>&gt; <b>i Drone Initiative</b> of ICMR successfully demonstrated delivery of covid vaccines, samples, drugs and blood bags.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Ayushman Bharat health accounts created: 71.52 crore</li> <li>&gt; Healthcare professionals are registered under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission: 5,42,132</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Immunization- U-WIN digital platform</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>U-WIN (Universal Immunization Programme-WIN)</b> was launched for nationwide use to improve efficiency of immunization campaign</li> </ul>
<b>Initiatives for Tuberculosis (TB)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP):</b> India's dedicated journey towards tuberculosis (TB) elimination has been recognized globally.</li> <li>● Overall notification of TB cases has improved by <b>64% over the last 9 years, from 2014 to 2023.</b></li> <li>● <b>Introduction of newer anti-TB drugs</b> – Bedaquiline, Delamanid. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ These drugs are given to multi-drug-resistant TB patients with or without resistance to fluoroquinolones.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Nikshay Poshan Yojana:</b> Enhance the incentive to TB patients from Rs 500 to Rs 1000 per month per patient, through DBT for the entire duration of treatment.</li> <li>● <b>Ni-kshay Mitra Initiative:</b> Objectives to provide additional support to TB patients in order to improve treatment outcomes, augment community involvement and leverage Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities.</li> <li>● <b>As per Global TB Report 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The incidence rate of TB in India has shown a 17.7% decline from 237 per 100,000 population in 2015 to 195 per 100,000 population in 2023</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>National AIDS and STD Control Programme (Phase-V) :2023-26</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Central Sector Scheme.</li> <li>● In 2024, <b>more than one crore persons</b> from high-risk and bridge population groups have been offered prevention services</li> </ul>
<b>Maternal Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Defined as number of maternal deaths during a given time period per 100, 000 live births.</li> <li>● Currently stands at <b>97/ lakh live births.</b></li> <li>● <b>Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN):</b> Provides assured, dignified, respectful and quality healthcare at no cost, etc.</li> <li>● <b>Maternal Perinatal Child Death Surveillance Response (MPCDSR) software:</b> All States and UTs are reporting maternal deaths and reviews using MPCDSR portal.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA):</b> Aim to provide fixed-day, free of cost, assured, comprehensive and quality antenatal care on the 9th day of every month.</li> <li>• <b>LaQshya (Labour Room Quality Improvement Initiative):</b> improves the quality of care in labour room and maternity operation theatres.</li> <li>• <b>Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY):</b> JSY is a safe motherhood intervention under the National Health Mission.</li> </ul>
<b>Child Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under 5 Mortality Ratio (U5MR) of India is 32 per 1000 live births for the year 2020.</li> <li>• <b>MusQan</b> - Quality improvement initiative of Child Health services</li> <li>• <b>Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK):</b> 38.23 lakh newborn have been screened at Delivery points under RBSK Program.</li> </ul>
<b>Nutrition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mothers' Absolute Affection (MAA)</b> to improve breastfeeding coverage which includes early initiation of breastfeeding and exclusive breastfeeding for first six months.</li> <li>• <b>Anaemia Mukht Bharat (AMB) programme:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4.7 crore children of age group 6-59 months were provided 8-10 doses of Iron Folic Acid (IFA) Syrup every month.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Adolescent Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Weekly Iron Folic Acid Supplementation (WIFS)</b></li> <li>• <b>Scheme for Promotion of Menstrual Hygiene among Adolescent Girls:</b> In the age group of 10-19 years with specific reference to ensuring health for adolescent girls.</li> <li>• <b>Menstrual Hygiene Policy</b> for school-going girls has been approved by the Government.</li> </ul>
<b>Family Planning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Key highlights of NFHS-5 (2019-21)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Total Fertility Rate (TFR)</b> has declined from 2.7 in NFHS 3 (2005-06) to 2.0 in NFHS 5 (2019-21) which is below replacement level.</li> <li>○ Out of <b>36 States/UTs, 31 States/UTs have achieved replacement TFR of 2.1 or less.</b></li> <li>○ <b>Modern Contraceptive usage is 56.5%.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC &amp; PNDT)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A total 93,366 bodies have been registered under the PC&amp; PNDT Act.</li> <li>• NFHS-5 (2019-21) has also recorded improvement of 10 points in the sex ratio at birth at the national level from 919 in NFHS-4 to 929</li> </ul>
<b>Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FSSAI has developed the <b>State Food Safety Index</b> to measure the performance of States on various parameters of Food Safety.</li> <li>• <b>47th Session of Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC47),</b> held at Geneva, Switzerland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ India's new work proposal of <b>group standard of whole millet grains</b> was approved.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>International Health Regulations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WHO-managed Global Initiative on Digital Health</b> was launched during the India's G20 Presidency to advance digital health tools and strengthen health systems worldwide.</li> <li>• <b>National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS)</b> was awarded by WHO with the 2024 Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion.</li> <li>• <b>Voice of Global South Summit (VoGSS):</b> India hosted the 3rd Voice of Global South Summit in virtual format, with theme of <b>"An Empowered Global South for a Sustainable Future"</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Department of Health Research (DHR)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MedTechMitra Platform:</b> aims to support healthcare innovators in India through critical development stages, ensuring they reach their logical conclusions and empower them in the process.</li> <li>• <b>ICMR Data Repository</b> is a centralized, secure, and accessible platform of high-quality datasets, ensuring data integrity and privacy.</li> <li>• <b>UNNATI Initiative (Upgrading Norms for Nutrition, Growth, and Development Assessment of Indian Children)</b> aims to establish India-specific growth and development standards for children, addressing limitations of existing WHO benchmarks.</li> <li>• <b>Launch of ICMR - Research Infrastructure Sharing Ecosystem (I-RISE) Policy:</b> Democratizes access to state-of-the-art research facilities.</li> </ul>

<b>National Center for Vector Borne Diseases Control</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch of Dengue Vaccine Trial- of <b>DengiAll</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Malaria</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ As per WHO World Malaria Report (WMR) 2024, country contributed only 0.8% of global malaria cases and 0.6% of malaria-related deaths in 2023.</li> <li>○ Malaria elimination by 2030.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Kala-Azar</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Government has achieved 'zero' no. of endemic blocks reporting &gt;1Kala Azar case/10000 population at block level.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Lymphatic Filariasis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ LF is a priority tropical disease targeted for elimination by the Government of India prior to Global target of 2030.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Japanese Encephalitis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 334 districts covered under Routine Immunization (RI) out of 355 districts.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Government of India has eliminated Trachoma in 2024 as a public health problem.</b></li> <li>• <b>National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission:</b> To eliminate sickle cell disease (SCD) by 2047.</li> <li>• <b>National Telemedicine Service-eSanjeevani</b> provides access to specialized medical healthcare across the country by providing facility for doctor-to- doctor consultation and patient-to-doctor consultation.</li> <li>• <b>National Tele Mental Health Programme, Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (Tele MANAS).</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Tele MANAS Mobile Application-</b> launched which is a comprehensive mobile platform developed to provide support for mental health issues.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Allied Health Education:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Profession (NCAHP)</b></li> <li>○ "<b>Acupuncture Professionals</b>" has been included under the Schedule of National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labelling) Amendment Rules, 2024:</b> will come into effect on <b>1st June 2025</b>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The new rules mandate the display of two sets of health warnings, to be implemented over the first and second twelve-month periods from the effective date.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• MoHFW released the revised <b>Guidelines for Law Enforcers for Effective Implementation of Tobacco Control Laws 2024.</b></li> <li>• <b>National Pharmacovigilance Program of India</b> is a Central Sector Scheme aiming to collect and analyze adverse events related to medical products in India to safeguard public health.</li> <li>• <b>Strengthening of States' Drug Regulatory System:</b> Centrally Sponsored Scheme to strengthen and upgrade the States Drug Regulatory System and laboratory infrastructure in the country.</li> </ul>

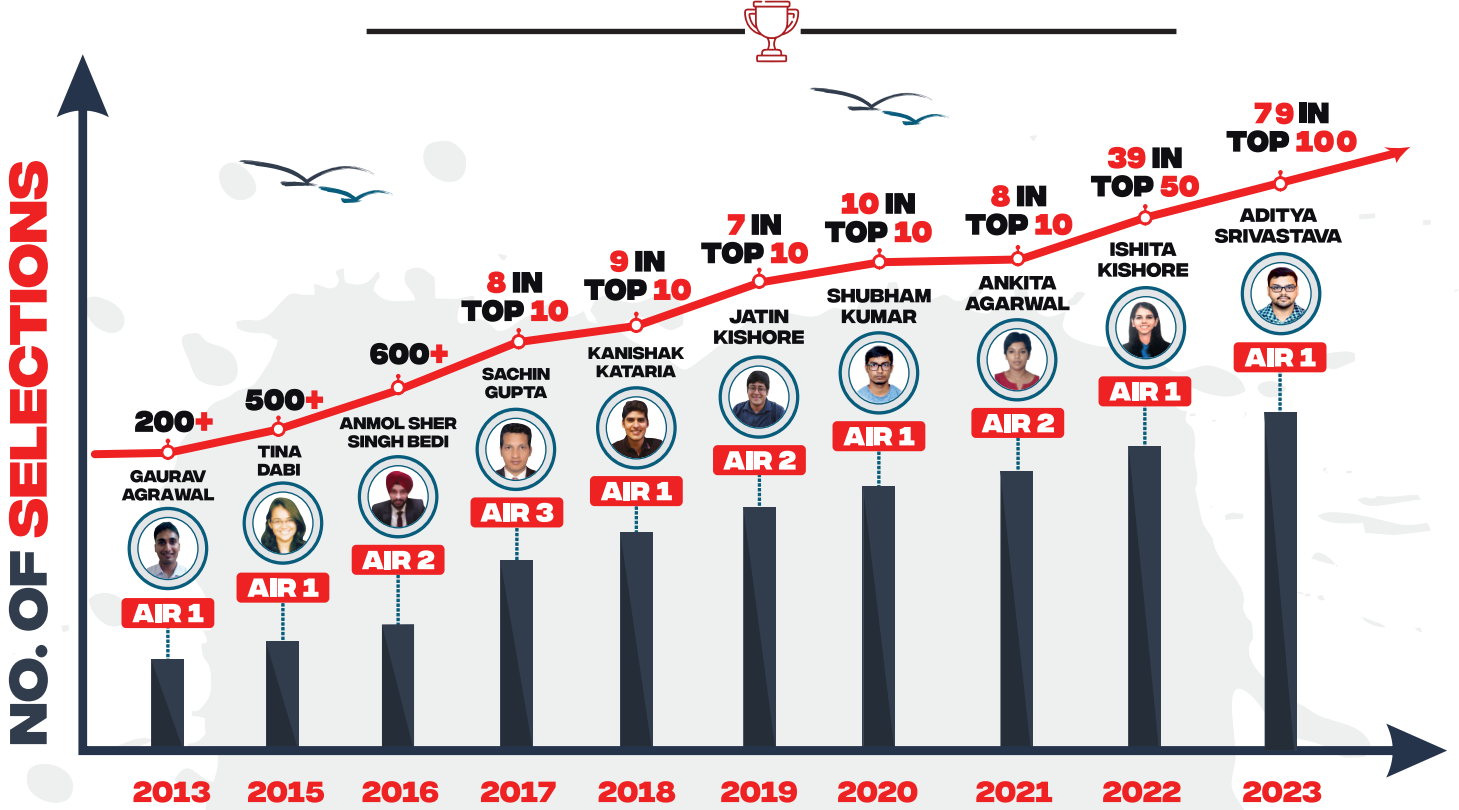
## 20. Ministry of Minority Affairs

<b>Major achievements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Launched MILAN (Minority Loan Accounting Software for NMDFC) app to digitize loan accounting processes between applicants, SCAs &amp; NMDFC.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Haj Suvidha App</b> was launched to leverage information technology for enhancing the pilgrimage experience.</li> </ul>
<b>Jiyo Parsi Scheme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objective:</b> reverse the declining trend of Parsi population by adopting a scientific protocol and structured interventions, stabilize their population and increase the population of Parsis in India</li> </ul>
<b>Waqf</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of Minority Affairs introduced Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024 and has been referred to a Joint Committee of Parliament (JPC).</li> </ul>

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