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Important News: India

GoI–UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023–27



Why in News?

- Recently, NITI Aayog and the United Nations organized a day-long national validation workshop on the upcoming **Government of India–UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2023–27**.
- This was the first such congregation that saw the participation of officials from 30 Union ministries, heads of 26 UN agencies, and representatives from all states and union territories.

Key Points

- The previous GoI–UNSDCF 2018–22 was an agenda of cooperation, results and strategies to achieve national development priorities and the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.
- The 2018–22 framework is guided by the joint steering committee, chaired by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman and UN Resident Coordinator India, with members from the Department of Economic Affairs and the Ministry of External Affairs.
- The 2023–27 framework aims to align the four pillars of the 2030 Agenda—People, Prosperity, Planet and Participation—with India's national priorities and provide direction to the efforts of all the UN entities working across the country.
- The new framework has identified six outcome areas: (i) health and well-being (ii) nutrition and food (iii) quality education (iv) economic growth and decent work (v) environment, climate, wash and resilience (vi) empowering people, communities, and institutions.

Source: PIB

Govt approves continuation of revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan till March 2026



Why in News?

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved continuation of revamped Centrally Sponsored Scheme of **Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)** for implementation during the period from 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2026 (co-terminus with XV Finance Commission period) to develop governance capabilities of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs).

Key Points

Financial implications:

- The total financial outlay of the scheme is Rs.5911 crore with the Central Share of Rs.3700 crore and that of State Share of Rs.2211 crore.

Major impact including employment generation potential:

- The approved scheme of RGSA will help more than 2.78 lakh Rural Local Bodies including Traditional Bodies across the country to develop governance capabilities to deliver on SDGs through inclusive local governance with focus on optimum utilisation of available resources.

Background:

- The then Finance Minister, in his budget speech for 2016-17, announced the launch of new restructured scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA), for developing governance capabilities of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- In compliance of this announcement and the recommendations of the Committee under the Chairmanship of the Vice Chairman-NITI Aayog, Centrally Sponsored Scheme of RGSA was approved by the Union Cabinet on 21.04.2018 for implementation from Financial Year 2018-19 to 2021-22 (01.04.2018 to 31.03.2022).

Source: PIB

PM Modi inaugurates 'Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya'

Why in News?

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the '**Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya**' (Prime Ministers' Museum) in New Delhi.



Key Points

- The Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya is built at Delhi's Teen Murti Estate and covers the lives and contributions of all the 14 former Prime Ministers of the country.
- The facility has as many as 43 galleries, displays on freedom struggle and a framing of the Constitution of India.

Source: TOI

Allow colour blind candidates to study film editing courses, Supreme Court tells FTII



Why in News?

- The Supreme Court has directed the **Pune-based Film and Television Institute of India (FTII)** not to exclude candidates suffering from **colour blindness** from its courses on film making and editing and asked it to make changes to its curriculum instead.

Key Points

Colour blindness:

- Colour blindness, also known as colour deficiency, is the inability to see colours in the normal way.
- Colour blind individuals often cannot distinguish between certain colours — usually greens and reds, and sometimes blues as well.
- Two types of cells in the retina detect light — the “rods”, which distinguish between light and dark, and the “cones” that detect colour.
- There are three types of cones that see colour — red, green, and blue — and our brains use the information from these cells to perceive colour.
- Colour blindness can be the result of the absence of one or more of these cone cells, or their failure to work properly.
- Colour blindness may be of different kinds and degrees.

Causes:

- Most colour blind people are born with the condition (congenital colour blindness). Congenital colour vision deficiencies are usually passed on genetically.
- A problem with colour vision that arises later in life could be the result of disease, trauma, or ingested toxins.
- Medical conditions that may increase the risk of getting colour blindness include glaucoma, diabetes, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, alcoholism, leukaemia, and sickle-cell anaemia.

Note: In June 2020, India's Ministry of Road Transport and Highways amended the Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989 to enable citizens with mild to medium colour blindness to obtain a driver's licence.

Source: Indian Express

Government launches country's biggest ever Quiz Contest Sabka Vikas Mahaquiz



Why in News?

- MyGov under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology is organising the **Sabka Vikas Mahaquiz Series**, which is part of an outreach effort to build awareness in citizens.
- **This quiz has been fittingly launched on the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar on 14th April 2022.**

Key Points

- The quiz aims to sensitise the participants about the various schemes and initiatives and how to avail the benefits.
- **The first quiz is the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.**

About Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY):

- PMGKAY is a pro-poor scheme intended to reduce the challenges encountered by the poor because of disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Under the scheme, all National Food Security Act (NFSA) beneficiaries are entitled to 5 kgs of free food grain every month.
- This is over and above the highly subsidised food grains available to NFSA beneficiaries.

Source: newsonair

Important News: Sports

Australia's Victoria state to host 2026 Commonwealth Games

Why in News?

- **Australia's Victoria state** will host the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

Key Points

- The Games will be staged in March 2026 across multiple cities and regional hubs including Melbourne, Geelong, Bendigo, Ballarat and Gippsland, each with its own athletes' village.
- An initial list of 16 sports, including Twenty20 cricket, have been put forward for the Games, with further sports to be added later this year.



- It will be the sixth time that Australia has staged the Commonwealth Games and the second time in Victoria.
Note: The 2022 Commonwealth Games are due to be held in Birmingham, England, from July 28 to August 8.

About Commonwealth Games:

- The Commonwealth Games, often referred to as the Friendly Games, is an international multi-sport event involving athletes from the Commonwealth of Nations.
- The event was first held in 1930, and, with the exception of 1942 and 1946, has taken place every four years since then.

Source: Indian Express

Rohit Sharma becomes 2nd Indian to score 10,000 runs in T20



Why in News?

- **Rohit Sharma** has become only the second Indian after Virat Kohli to score 10,000 runs in the T20 cricket.

Key Points

- India and Mumbai Indians skipper achieved this milestone during the IPL 2022 match of Mumbai Indians against Punjab Kings in Pune.
- Rohit Sharma became the seventh batter overall to reach the 10 thousand runs in T20s.
- West Indian legend Chris Gayle is leading the list of run-getters with 14,562 runs to his name followed by Pakistan's Shoaib Malik (11698), West Indies Kieron Pollard (11474), Australia's Aaron Finch (10499), Virat Kohli (10379) and Australia's David Warner (10373).

Source: newsonair