

1. 'SVANidhi se Samriddhi' Programme

Topic: Government Schemes

In News: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched 'SVANidhi se Samriddhi' program in additional 126 cities across 14 States/ UTs.

More on the Topic:

- Street vendors have always been at the receiving end of the social and economic system for years and Covid-19 pandemic further aggravated their economic and social conditions.
- Keeping this in view, the PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) – a central sector scheme has come as a big relief for them.
- This welfare programme covers lakhs of street vendors and their families, **linking them to the present welfare programmes of the Government of India**, so that they receive social security benefits also and could be able to holistically develop themselves.
- It is **an additional program of PMSVANidhi**, launched in January 2021 in 125 cities to map the socio economic profile of the PM SVANidhi beneficiaries and their families.

Significance of the Programme:

- Despite the challenges posed due to COVID-19 pandemic in the year 2020-21, the program was huge successful providing **social security benefits to lakhs of street vendors** and their families and thereby protecting them from risks and vulnerabilities of life and livelihoods.
- In Phase 1, it covered approximately 35 Lakh Street vendors and their families.
- Phase 2 aims to cover 28 Lakh Street vendors and their families, with a total target of 20 Lakh scheme sanctions for FY 2022-23. The remaining cities would be gradually added to the program.
- PM SVANidhi is also aims to provide an affordable working capital loan to street vendors and has successfully crossed the 30 Lakh mark.

Source: Indian Express



2. Domestic patent filings

Topic: Indian Economy

In News: The number of domestic patent filing has surpassed the number of international patent filing during January-March 2022 for the first time in 11 years.

More on the Topic:

- 54 per cent of patents were filed by Indian applicants.
- There has also been a nearly five-fold jump in grant of patents in 2021-22 to 30,074 as compared to 2014-15.
- Similarly, patent examination time has reduced to 5-23 months now from 72 months in December 2016.



Government Initiative to improve Patent Filings:

- **National Intellectual Property Rights Policy** has led to more coordinated and systematic efforts to improve IPR ecosystem.
- **India Innovation Index** promotes Innovation.
- Patent filing fee has **been reduced by 80 per cent for eligible educational institutions.**
- There is a **10 per cent rebate in fees for online filing** vis-à-vis physical filing of trade mark applications.
- The ministry of commerce and industry has been conducting **awareness programmes** in schools, colleges and universities across India, including through **Atal Tinkering Labs**, to foster IP awareness and generation.

Source: Indian Express

3. National Monetisation Pipeline

Topic: Economy

In News: In a short period of seven months since the launch of National Monetisation Pipeline, the government has garnered about Rs 96,000 crore through asset monetisation in financial year 2021-22 for the last fiscal.

More on the Topic:

- According to the report, assets worth Rs 23,000 crore were monetised in the roads and highways sector.



- Meanwhile, power sector generated Rs 9,500 crore, coal mining generated Rs 40,000 crore and mineral mining fetched Rs 18,700 crore.

About National Monetisation Pipeline:

- National Monetization Pipeline **aims to unlock value in brownfield projects** by engaging the private sector, transferring to them revenue rights and not ownership in the projects, and using the funds generated for infrastructure creation across the country.
- The NMP has been announced to provide **a clear framework for monetisation and give potential investors a ready list of assets to generate investment interest.**
- Union Budget 2021-22 has identified monetisation of operating public infrastructure assets as a key means for **sustainable infrastructure financing.**
- Currently, only assets of central government line ministries and Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) in infrastructure sectors have been included.
- **Roads, railways and power sector assets will comprise over 66% of the total estimated value of the assets to be monetised,** with the remaining upcoming sectors including telecom, mining, aviation, ports, natural gas and petroleum product pipelines, warehouses and stadiums.

About Monetisation:

- In asset monetisation, the government parts with its assets such as roads and coal mines for a specified period of time in exchange for a lump sum payment.
- At the end of the period, the assets return to the government. Unlike in privatisation, no sale of government assets is involved.

Source: Indian Express

4. White spot syndrome virus (WSSV)

Topic: Health

In News: A novel diagnostic tool for detecting white spot syndrome virus (WSSV) has recently been granted a patent.

More on the Topic:

- It is one of the pathogens that cause most damage to the shrimp farming sector.
- The peptide-based diagnostic tool has been developed by scientists of Agharkar Research Institute (ARI), an autonomous institute of India's Department of Science and Technology (DST).



- WSSV infections in vannamei shrimp results in huge losses of shrimp around the world each year. Technologies for early and rapid detection of pathogens in the field should help to prevent losses.

Source: Business Standard

5. Mirat Ul Akhbar

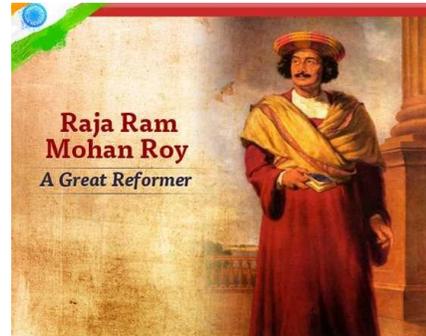
Topic: Modern Indian History

In News: Mirat Ul Akbar has completed 200 years of publication.

More on the Topic:

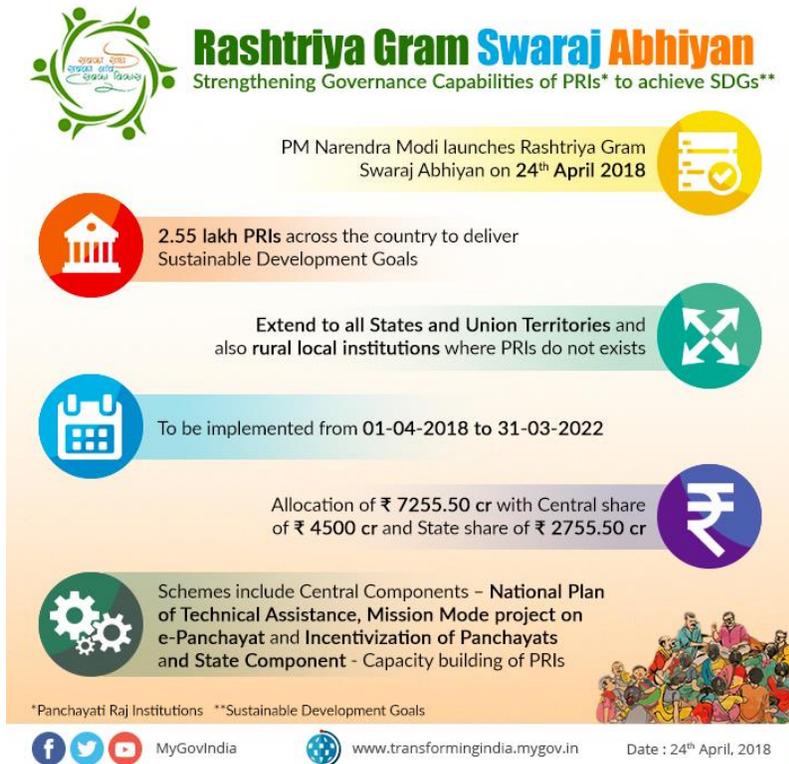
- Mirat-ul-Akhbar was a Persian language journal founded and edited by Raja Rammohan Roy.
- The newspaper was first published on 12 April 1822.
- It was published on a weekly basis.

Source: Hindu



6. Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)

Topic: Government Schemes



Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan
 Strengthening Governance Capabilities of PRIs* to achieve SDGs**

PM Narendra Modi launches Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan on 24th April 2018

2.55 lakh PRIs across the country to deliver Sustainable Development Goals

Extend to all States and Union Territories and also rural local institutions where PRIs do not exist

To be implemented from 01-04-2018 to 31-03-2022

Allocation of ₹ 7255.50 cr with Central share of ₹ 4500 cr and State share of ₹ 2755.50 cr

Schemes include Central Components - National Plan of Technical Assistance, Mission Mode project on e-Panchayat and Incentivization of Panchayats and State Component - Capacity building of PRIs

*Panchayati Raj Institutions **Sustainable Development Goals

www.transformingindia.mygov.in Date : 24th April, 2018

In News: The Union Government has approved the continuation of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA).

More on the Topic:

- Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) was launched on 24th April 2018 as an umbrella scheme of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India. It is a unique scheme proposed to develop and strengthen the Panchayati Raj System across India in the rural areas.

Objectives of RGSA:

- Develop governance capabilities of PRIs to deliver on the SDGs.
- Enhance capabilities of Panchayats for inclusive local governance with focus on optimum utilization of available resources and convergence with other schemes to address issues of national importance.
- Enhance capabilities of Panchayats to raise their own sources of revenue.
- Strengthen Gram Sabhas to function effectively as the basic forum of people’s participation, transparency and accountability within the Panchayat system.
- Promote devolution of powers and responsibilities to Panchayats according to the spirit of the Constitution and PESA Act 1996.
- Develop a network of institutions of excellence to support capacity building and handholding for PRIs.
- Strengthen institutions for capacity enhancement of PRIs at various levels and enable them to achieve adequate quality standards in infrastructure, facilities, human resources and outcome based training.



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- Promote e-governance and other technology driven solutions to enable good governance in Panchayats for administrative efficiency and improved service delivery.
- Recognize and incentivize PRIs based on performance

Source: PIB

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