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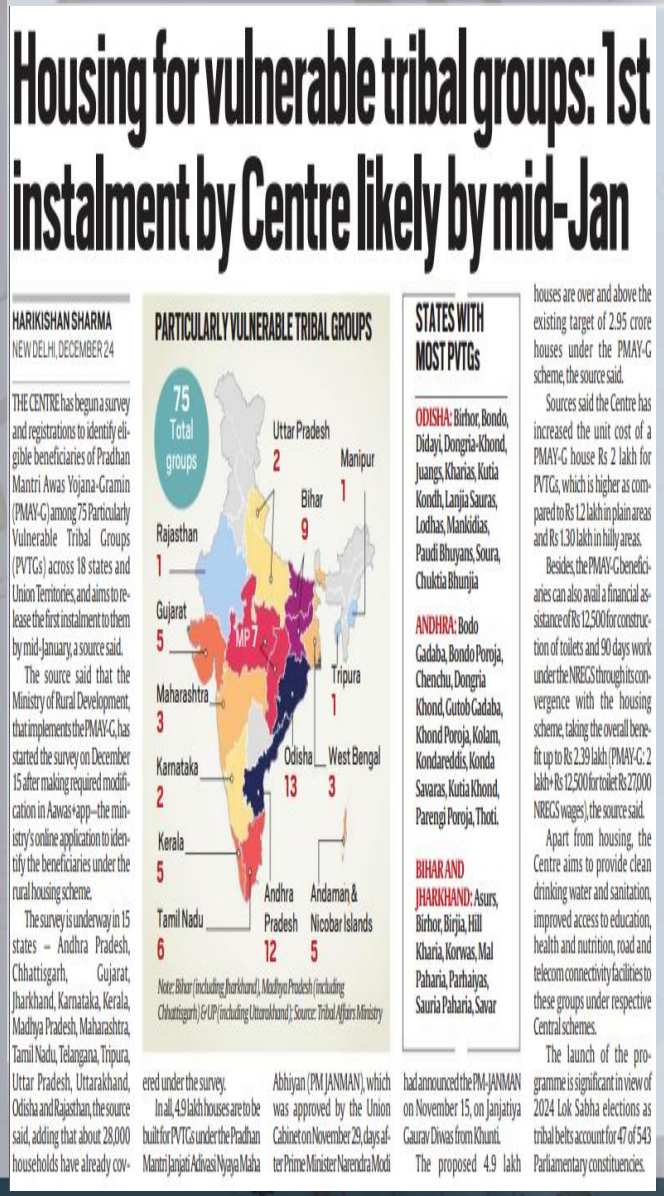
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(Syllabus: GS Paper 2 – Govt Schemes)



Housing for vulnerable tribal groups: 1st instalment by Centre likely by mid-Jan

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 24

THE CENTRE has begun a survey and registrations to identify eligible beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) among 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) across 18 states and Union Territories, and aims to release the first instalment to them by mid-January, a source said.

The source said that the Ministry of Rural Development, that implements the PMAY-G, has started the survey on December 15 after making required modification in Aawas+app—the ministry's online application to identify the beneficiaries under the rural housing scheme.

The survey is underway in 15 states – Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Odisha and Rajasthan, the source said, adding that about 28,000 households have already covered under the survey.

In all, 4.9 lakh houses are to be built for PVTGs under the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN), which was approved by the Union Cabinet on November 29, days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced the PM-JANMAN on November 15, on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas from Khunti.

The proposed 4.9 lakh houses are over and above the existing target of 2.95 crore houses under the PMAY-G scheme, the source said.

Sources said the Centre has increased the unit cost of a PMAY-G house Rs 2 lakh for PVTGs, which is higher as compared to Rs 1.2 lakh in plain areas and Rs 1.30 lakh in hilly areas.

Besides, the PMAY-G beneficiaries can also avail a financial assistance of Rs 12,500 for construction of toilets and 90 days work under the NREGS through its convergence with the housing scheme, taking the overall benefit up to Rs 2.39 lakh (PMAY-G: 2 lakh+Rs 12,500 for toilet; Rs 27,000 NREGS wages), the source said.

Apart from housing, the Centre aims to provide clean drinking water and sanitation, improved access to education, health and nutrition, road and telecom connectivity facilities to these groups under respective Central schemes.

The launch of the programme is significant in view of 2024 Lok Sabha elections as tribal belts account for 47 of 543 Parliamentary constituencies.

PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TRIBAL GROUPS

Note: Bihar (including Jharkhand), Madhya Pradesh (including Chhattisgarh) & UP (including Uttarakhand); Source: Tribal Affairs Ministry

STATES WITH MOST PVTGs

ODISHA: Birhor, Bondo, Didayi, Dongria-Khond, Juangs, Kharias, Kutia Kondh, Lanjia Sauras, Lodhas, Mankidias, Paudi Bhuyans, Soura, Chuktia Bhunjia

ANDHRA: Bodo Gadaba, Bondo Poroja, Chenchu, Dongria Khond, Cutob Gadaba, Khond Poroja, Kolam, Kondareddis, Konda Savaras, Kutia Khond, Parengi Poroja, Thoti.

BIHAR AND JHARKHAND: Asurs, Birhor, Birjia, Hill Kharia, Korwas, Mal Paharia, Parhaiyas, Sauria Paharia, Savar

Context: Recently, the Centre initiated a survey and registration process to identify eligible beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) among 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) across 18 states and Union Territories, with the goal of releasing the first installment to them.

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin

- **Launched**: In 2016 to address the housing gaps existing in the rural areas.
  - IAY (Indira Awaas Yojna) was overhauled and transformed into Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G), starting from April 1, 2016.
- **Ministry Involved**: Ministry of Rural development.
- **Aim**: To provide a pucca house with basic amenities to all rural families who are homeless or living in kutcha or dilapidated houses by 2022.
  - It was initiated with the objective of achieving "Housing for All" by 2022.
- **Beneficiaries**: SCs/STs, former bonded laborers, non-SC/ST populations, widows or the next-of-kin of defense personnel who died in action, ex-servicemen and retired paramilitary members, disabled individuals, and minorities.
- **Cost Sharing:** Divided between the Central and State Governments, with a ratio of 60:40 in plain areas and 90:10 in North Eastern and hilly states.

PVTG (Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups)

- PVTGs represent the most susceptible **segment among India's tribal communities**, necessitating enhanced support and development efforts.
- Among the **705 Scheduled Tribes in India**, 75 have garnered the PVTG classification, and their populations are dispersed across 17 states and one Union Territory.

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INSACOG

Syllabus GS Paper 2 – Sci and Tech)

Fourth dose of COVID-19 vaccine not required, says INSACOG chief

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

Senior health officials say there is no decision yet to recommend administration of a vaccine booster dose following the Union Health Ministry's recent direction to the States to be prepared for any possible surge in COVID-19 cases in the wake of the emergence of the JN.1 variant.

N.K. Arora, who heads the India SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG), told *The Hindu* on Sunday that there was no need for a fourth booster dose. "Those over 60 years of age who have co-morbidities and high-risk patients in this age group may take a precautionary third dose, if they have not taken one till now. As of now, there is no need for a fourth dose for the general public. We will advise precaution and not panic," Dr. Arora said.

He said new variants, sub-variants and mutations were being reported from around the world.

"Fortunately, none of these Omicron variants have really been associated with more severe disease or hospitalisation. Symptoms of the JN.1 sub-variant include fever, nasal discharge, cough, occasional diarrhoea, and severe body aches, with recovery typically within a week. The Health Ministry has already directed States to increase testing and submit positive samples for further probe," he said.

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India saw a single-day rise of 656 COVID-19 infections on Sunday.

WHO calls for raising vigilance

NEW DELHI

The World Health Organization (WHO) has urged countries in Southeast Asia to strengthen surveillance in view of the increasing cases of respiratory diseases, including COVID-19 and its new variant of interest, JN.1. » PAGE 14

Context: Recently, the India SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) stated that there was no need for an additional fourth booster dose of vaccine against COVID-19 amid the surge in cases and the detection of the JN.1 sub-variant.

India SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG)

- **About**: It is jointly initiated by the Union Health Ministry of Health, and Department of Biotechnology (DBT) with Council for Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).
- **Formation**: It is a collaborative effort involving 54 laboratories.
- **Aim**: At monitoring genomic variations in the SARS-CoV-2 virus through sentinel sequencing.
- **Initiative Facilitated by**: National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Delhi, in partnership with the Central Surveillance Unit (CSU) under the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP).
- **Purpose of INSACOG**: In response to the unprecedented global public health challenges posed by the SARS-CoV-2 virus (COVID-19), INSACOG was established to conduct comprehensive whole genome sequencing across the nation.
- **Genetic Code Monitoring**: Changes or mutations in the genetic code of the SARS-CoV-2 virus are closely observed through analysis and sequencing of samples conducted in laboratories under INSACOG.
- **Objectives of INSACOG**
  - INSACOG seeks **to ascertain the status of Variants of Interest (VoI)** and Variants of Concern (VoC) within the country.
  - **Establishing sentinel surveillance and surge surveillance mechanisms** to detect genomic variants early on, aiding in the formulation of effective public health responses.
  - Determining the presence of genomic variants in samples collected during super-spreader events and in areas reporting an increasing trend of cases, deaths, etc.

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VGF SCHEME FOR BATTERY STORAGE

(Syllabus: GS Paper 3 – Economy)

At least 85% of power from VGF-funded Battery Energy Storage Systems projects to be first offered to Discoms before making it available for others: Union Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister

Context: Recently, the Union Minister for Power, New & Renewable Energy has informed that the Government has approved the scheme for Viability Gap Funding (VGF) for development of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) with capacity of 4,000 megawatts hours (MWh).

VGF Scheme for Battery Storage

- **About**: VGF stands for Viability Gap Funding, which aims at supporting infrastructure projects that are economically justified but fall marginally short of financial viability.
- **Initiated:** In 2004, supports projects falling under Public-Private Partnerships (PPP).
  - This scheme operates as a Plan Scheme, with budget allocations made on an annual basis by the Ministry of Finance.
- **Aim:** VGF grants are given as capital subsidies to encourage private sector involvement in financially unviable PPP projects.
  - These projects often lack commercial viability due to extended gestation periods and limited future revenue prospects.
- **Benefits of VGF**
  - **VGF grants for Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) developers** are awarded through a competitive bidding process.
  - It **supports a production-linked incentive program** that encourages domestic manufacturing, driving technology innovation.
  - VGF serves a crucial role in covering the **development costs for battery manufacturers** during technology development phases.

Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)

- **About**: BESS is a technology developed for storing electric charge by using specially developed batteries.
- They enable energy from renewables like solar and wind to be stored and released on demand later.

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KUNO NATIONAL PARK
(Syllabus: GS Paper 3 – Env and Eco)

Captive for months, experts fear cheetahs at Kuno may face breeding issues

Context: After almost five months of confinement in the boma (enclosure), four cheetahs — three males and one female have been released in the wild.

Kuno National Park

- **Situated**: Between the Aravallis and the Madhav National Park, Kuno serves as an important wildlife corridor
- **Establishment**: It was notified as a sanctuary in 1981 and then upgraded to a national park in 2018.
- **Area**: 750 kilometers of pristine wilderness.
- **Vegetation**: The tropical dry deciduous forest mainly consists of Anogeissus pendula (Kardhai), Senegalia catechu (Khair) Boswellia serrata (Salai), and associated flora.

Project Cheetah

- **About**: It is India's cheetah relocation program. This is the first intercontinental reintroduction of a wild, large carnivore species.
- **Began on**: 17 September 2023
- **Historic cheetah in India**: Asiatic Cheetahs were once abundant in India but the last cheetah in the country died in 1952.
- **Reintroduced cheetah**: The animals brought from Namibia and South Africa are the Southeast African cheetahs.
- **IUCN Status**
    - **African Cheetah**: Vulnerable
    - **Asiatic Cheetah**: Critically endangered (Iran).

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LITHIUM RESERVES

(Syllabus: GS Paper 3 – Economy)

India set to buy 5 lithium reserves in Argentina

To invest ₹200 crore over 5 years for exploration and development

NITIN KUMAR
New Delhi, 24 December

India is close to striking a deal to acquire five lithium blocks for exploration and development in Argentina with the negotiations entering "final stages", a senior official said, even as the country is engaged in talks with other nations rich in critical minerals.

The agreement will be signed between Khanij Bidesh India Ltd. (KABIL) — a joint venture company focused on identifying, acquiring, developing, processing and making commercial use of strategic minerals in overseas locations for supply in India — and Catamarca Minera Y Energética Sociedad Del Estado (CAMYEN), a state-owned mining and energy company in the Argentine province of Catamarca.

The Centre will also invest around ₹200 crore over five years for the exploration and development of these mines, *Business Standard* has learnt.

"The talks are in the final stages, and a proposal has already been submitted to the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs for approval," said the government official aware of the development.

After Australia, this is India's second attempt to sign a foreign partnership for sourcing critical minerals. In 2022, India signed a memorandum of understanding with Australia's Critical Minerals Facilitation Office (CMFO) to explore five blocks — two dedicated to lithium and three to cobalt.

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WORLD'S TOP 5 LITHIUM RESOURCES

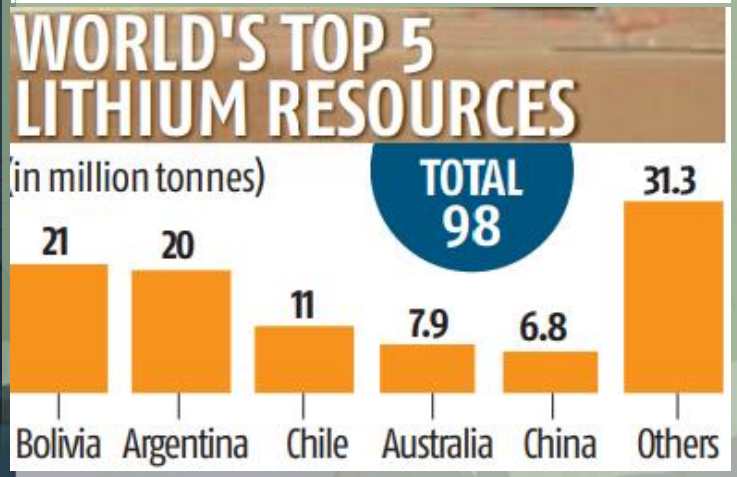
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21 Bolivia, 20 Argentina, 11 Chile, 7.9 Australia, 6.8 China, 31.3 Others

Others include Germany, Congo, Canada, Mexico, Czechia, Serbia, Russia, Peru, Mali, Brazil, Zimbabwe, Spain, Portugal, Namibia, Ghana, Finland, Austria, and Kazakhstan.
Source: US Geological Survey, Mineral Commodity Summaries, January 2023

INDIA'S LITHIUM EXPEDITION

- India is dependent on China for lithium imports, total imports in FY23 were roughly $3 bn
- Imports incurred costs of ₹25,000 crore in FY23
- Agreement signed with Australia for exploring two lithium and three cobalt blocks in 2022
- Started bidding on November 29 for two blocks, including a 5.9 million block in J&K
- In talks with Bolivia, Chile, and other nations for critical mineral extraction, development



Context: India is close to striking a deal on acquiring five lithium blocks for exploration and development in Argentina with the negotiations entering final stages.

Lithium Reserves

- **Lithium Reserves in India**: A preliminary survey in Southern Karnataka's Mandya district estimated lithium reserves of 14,100 tonnes.
- **Other potential Sites**: Mica belts in Rajasthan, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, pegmatite belts in Odisha and Chhattisgarh, and Rann of Kutch in Gujarat.
- **Major Global Lithium Reserves**: Chile > Australia > Argentina are the top countries with Li reserves.
- **Lithium Triangle**: Chile, Argentina, Bolivia.
- **INDIA'S LITHIUM EXPEDITION:** India is dependent on China for lithium imports,total imports in FY23were roughly $3 bn.

Applications of Lithium

- **Lithium-Ion Batteries**: Lithium's most well-known application is in rechargeable and lightweight lithium-ion batteries that power electronic devices, ranging from cell phones to laptops.
- These batteries enable the storage of renewable energy from sources like solar and wind, power electric vehicles, and promote development through access to energy.
- **Other Uses**: Lithium finds applications in pharmaceuticals, glass and ceramics production, aerospace and military industries for temperature control, and high-temperature lubricating greases.

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INS IMPHAL
(Syllabus: GS Paper 3 – Sci and Tech)

Indigenously built INS Imphal to be commissioned tomorrow

Context: INS Imphal will be commissioned into the Indian Navy on Tuesday in a boost to its maritime capability amid China's increasing forays into the Indian Ocean region.

INS Imphal

- **About**: INS Imphal stands as the third vessel in the Visakhapatnam-class of stealth-guided missile destroyers.
- **Displacement**: 7,400 tonnes and overall length of 164m
- **Speed Capability**: Capable of reaching speeds surpassing 30 knots (approximately 55 kmph), INS Imphal is designed for swift and agile maneuvering.
- **Versatile Platform**: As a formidable platform, the ship is equipped to undertake various tasks and missions, covering the entire spectrum of maritime warfare.
- **High Indigenous Content**: With a commendable indigenous content of about 75%, INS Imphal features advanced weaponry, including Medium Range Surface-to-Air missiles, BrahMos surface-to-surface missiles, and Indigenous Torpedo Tube Launchers, among others.
- **Crest Design**:The crest design of INS Imphal includes the Kangla Palace and 'Kangla-Sa,' offering symbolic representations of Manipur's historical and mythological significance.
- **Naming Significance**: INS Imphal holds the distinction of being the first capital warship named after a city in the northeast—Imphal, the capital of Manipur.

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DIGI YATRA
(Syllabus: GS Paper 2 – Governance)

Over 91 lakh passengers availed the facility of Digi Yatra in 2023: Civil Aviation Ministry

Context: Ministry of Civil Aviation has said that more than 91 lakh passengers have availed of the facility of Digi Yatra in 2023.

Digi Yatra

- **About:** It is an industry-led initiative co-ordinated by the Ministry in line with the Prime Minister of India's Digital India's vision to transform the nation into a digitally empowered society.
- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Civil Aviation
- **4 Key Pillars:** Connected Passengers, Connected Airports, Connected Flying and Connected Systems
- **Joint Venture:** AAI (26% share) and 5 Airports (BIAL, DIAL, GHIAL, MIAL and CIAL).
- **Benefits:**
  - Pax need not show boarding pass or ID at multiple check points.
  - Minimum human intervention. Less queuing time.
  - The security is enhanced as the system will map the passenger with the PNR. Only bona fide passenger will be allowed entry at every check point.
  - Airport operator will have real time information on Passenger load and resource planning becomes better.
  - Airlines will be benefitted by knowing the passenger position in the airport.

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PM-KUSUM
(Syllabus: GS Paper 2 – Govt Scheme)

Progress and Implementation of PM KUSUM Scheme

Context: The Union Minister for New & Renewable Energy and Power has informed in lok sabha that the main objectives of the PM-KUSUM include de-dieselisation of the farm sector, providing water and energy security.

PM-KUSUM (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Uttham Mahabhiyan)

- **About**: It envisages income generation for farmers from their infertile land with the establishment of solar power plants.
  - While the farmers can sell the power generated from the solar plants to the power distribution companies, the solar pumps can also be installed for irrigation of agricultural land.
- **Origin**: It was launched in 2019 by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).
- **Aim**: To help farmers access reliable daytime solar power for irrigation, reduce power subsidies, and decarbonise agriculture.
  - State wise targets or fund allocation is not made under PM-KUSUM as it is a demand driven scheme.

Three Components

- **Component A**: 10,000 MW of Decentralized Ground Mounted Grid Connected Renewable Power Plants of individual plant size up to 2 MW.
- **Component B:** Installation of 14 lakh standalone Solar Powered Agriculture Pumps of individual pump capacity up to 7.5 HP.
- **Component C**: Solarisation of 35 Lakh Grid-connected Agriculture Pumps of individual pump capacity up to 7.5 HP.

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BHARATMALA PROJECT

(Syllabus: GS Paper 3 – Infrastructure)

Bharatmala deadline now pushed to FY28

MUKESH JAGOTA
New Delhi, December 24

THE GOVERNMENT HAS extended the deadline for completion of the flagship highway development project Bharatmala Phase-I to 2027-28 — a full six years from the original schedule.

The decision follows an over 100% increase in the estimate cost of the mega project to nearly ₹11 trillion, and reflects the slowing of implementation, and financial constraints. The first phase of Bharatmala was announced in 2017 and was to be completed by 2022.

"It is the ministry of road transport and highways' endeavour to award all projects on completion of land acquisition and obtaining all clearances by the end of 2024-25," a senior official said.

About 26,418 km of highway stretches — 76% of the total length of 34,800 km — have been awarded so far. However, in the first eight months of this financial year, only 102 km of projects under Bharatmala Phase 1 have been awarded.

The pace of award will slow down even further until the revised cost of the project is sanctioned by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) as the ministry of finance has barred the highways ministry from creating any fresh liability under the project till then.

After awarding all the identified stretches, the completion of construction has a new deadline of 2027-28. Till November-end, 15,045 km or 42% of the project has been completed.

The Cabinet committee had approved the first phase in 2017 and it was to cost ₹5.35 trillion. Already, the sanctioned cost of projects that have been awarded are touching ₹8.5 trillion. The Public Investment Board has appraised the revised cost of Bharatmala Phase-I at ₹10.95 trillion.

Context: THE GOVERNMENT HAS extended the deadline for completion of the flagship highway development project Bharatmala Phase-I to 2027-28-afull six years from the original schedule.

Bharatmala Project

- **About**: Bharatmala Pariyojana is an **umbrella program for the highways sector envisaged by the Ministry of Road Transport** and Highways that focuses on optimizing the efficiency of freight and passenger movement across the country.
- **Phase-I of Bharatmala Pariyojana**: The implementation of 34,800 km of national highways in 5 years (from 2017 to 2022) has been approved at an estimated outlay of Rs. 5,35,000 crore.
- **Aim**: To enhance the efficiency of the National Corridor, including the **Golden Quadrilateral and North, South – East West corridors.**
  - This involves alleviating congestion through the construction of elevated corridors, bypasses, ring roads, lane expansion, and logistics parks at specific points.
- **Extension**: 2027-28 full six years from the original schedule.
- **Features**
  - **Strategic Road**: The project plan encompasses the development of Border Roads of strategic significance along international boundaries. Additionally, International Connectivity roads are proposed to boost trade with neighboring countries such as Myanmar, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal.
  - **Economic Corridors and Freight Traffic**: The program has identified approximately 26,200 km of Economic Corridors or routes characterized by heavy freight traffic.
  - **Integration of Scientific**: A key emphasis is placed on utilizing scientific and technological planning for both Project Preparation and Asset Monitoring.
  - **Satellite Mapping**: The project incorporates the **use of satellite mapping for corridors to identify upgradation requirements.**

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WRESTLING FEDERATION OF INDIA

(Syllabus: GS Paper 2 – Governance)

Centre suspends WFI over various violations

Union sports ministry suspends the newly elected WFI executive committee and directs IOA to form an ad-hoc committee to run the federation

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NEW DELHI: The Union sports ministry on Sunday suspended the newly elected executive committee (EC) of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) and directed the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to form an ad-hoc committee to run the federation's operations.

The ministry's decision came days after Sakshi Malik, India's only woman to win an Olympic medal in wrestling, announced her retirement from the sport due to the election results and Bajrang Punia returned his Padma Shri award. But the trigger was WFI president Sanjay Singh announcing the under-15 and under-20 nationals in Uttar Pradesh's Gonda — less than 50km from Brij Bhushan's constituency of Kaiserganj — on the evening of December 21, the day he became WFI president after beating Anita Sheoran with a 40-7 margin.

Calling it "hasty", the ministry noted that the prospective participants of the nationals were not notified and the announcement itself was a con-

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Fresh twist, days after elections



Former WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh with his successor Sanjay Singh on Thursday.

It is the first step towards something good happening. I hope the government understands the cause that we were fighting for. — Sakshi Malik

Now that I have returned it (Padma Shri), I am not going to take it back. The honour of our sisters and daughters is bigger than any award — Bajrang Punia

WHY DID THE SPORTS MINISTRY SUSPEND WFI?

1. The sports ministry cited newly elected WFI president's Sanjay Singh "hasty" announcement of the under-15 and under-20 nationals in Gonda, UP, hours after being voted to the post.
2. The ministry added WFI continues to be in "complete control of former office bearers," noting that the new body continues to function from its old office, which is the site of an alleged sexual harassment incident.
3. It observed violations of the WFI's own constitution by its executive committee, noting the absence of secretary general Prem Chand Lochab from the meeting where the age-group nationals decision was taken.

BRIJ BHUSHAN SAYS HE'S DONE WITH WRESTLING, WILL FOCUS ON LS POLLS

NEW DELHI: Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh announced his "retirement" from wrestling on Sunday, saying, "I am breaking my relationship with the sport... The Lok Sabha elections are round the corner and I have to move ahead." The 66-year-old is facing sexual harassment charges from six female wrestlers. "I served wrestling for 12 years, good or bad only time will tell," the BJP MP said. →P8

Positive move for our struggle, say wrestlers

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NEW DELHI: Protesting wrestlers on Sunday welcomed the sports ministry's suspension of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), calling the move a major boost for their year-long struggle.

"It is a big step in our quest for justice. We were worried for the safety of junior female wrestlers, so the ministry's order is a welcome development," Olympic bronze medallist Sakshi Malik, who announced her retirement on Thursday, said.

Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Bajrang Punia, who left his Padma Shri award at Kartavya Path on Friday, said he won't take back his award.

"I trust God, and I won't take back my award till our sisters and daughters get justice," the 29-year-old said on the social media platform X. →P8

Context: Recently, the Union sports ministry took action by suspending the newly elected executive committee (EC) of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) and instructed the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to establish an ad-hoc committee for overseeing the federation's operations.

Wrestling Federation of India (WFI)

- **About**: The WFI, serves as the governing body for wrestling in India.
- **Headquarter:** New Delhi,
- **Recognized by**: Government of India and the Indian Olympic Association, the WFI holds a significant position in the country's sports landscape.
- **Event Organization**: The WFI actively organizes a variety of wrestling events, including the Pro Wrestling League, National Wrestling Championship, and Asian Championships, fostering both national and international participation.
- **Support for Olympic Athletes**: In addition to event organization, the WFI plays a pivotal role in supporting and training Indian wrestlers for their participation in the Olympic Games.

Indian Olympic Association (IOA)

- **About:** It is the governing body for the Olympic Movement and the Commonwealth Games in India.
- **Recognised by**: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- **Responsibilities:**
  - The entity is tasked with the **selection of athletes to represent India in the Olympic Games, Asian Games**, and various international athletic competitions.
  - It **functions as the Indian Commonwealth Games Association, playing a role in choosing athletes to represent India** in the Commonwealth Games and overseeing the management of Indian teams during these events.

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