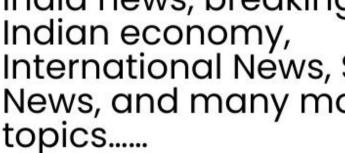


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ENEC and **NPCIL Sign Agreement** for **Nuclear Cooperation**

• The Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation (ENEC) and Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) have signed a landmark agreement to enhance collaboration in various fields. The agreement was formalized in New Delhi, marking the first nuclear sector cooperation between the UAE and India.

Key Points:

- Entities Involved: ENEC (UAE) and NPCIL (India).
- Areas of Cooperation:
- Supply chain development.
- Human resource development.
- Nuclear consultancy services.
- Significance: This is the first agreement between the UAE and India in the nuclear energy sector.

ENEC:

- Established: 2009.
- Headquarters: Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- Key Project: The Barakah Nuclear Power Plant, located in the Al Dhafra region of Abu Dhabi, is the flagship project of ENEC. It is the first nuclear power plant in the Arab world.
- The Barakah plant has four reactors with a total capacity of 5,600 megawatts (MW), enough to supply up to 25% of the UAE's electricity needs.
- Q. Which organization from India signed the nuclear cooperation agreement with Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation (ENEC)? Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL).



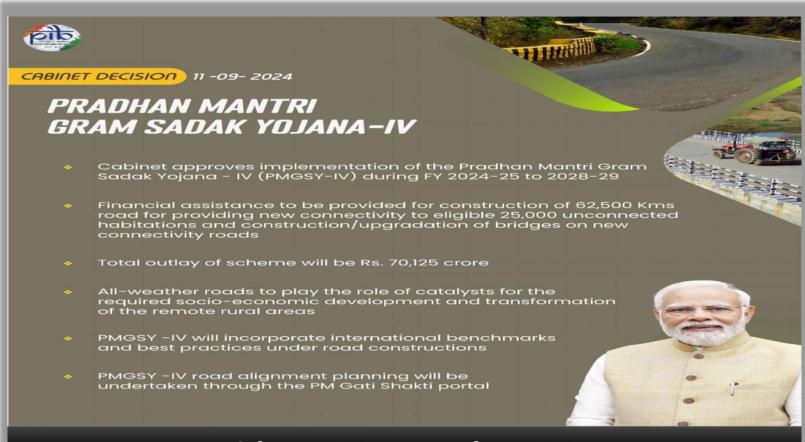












Union Cabinet Approves ₹70,125 Crore for PMGSY-IV (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana)

The Union Cabinet has approved the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-IV (PMGSY-IV) for the period 2024-25 to 2028-29, with a total outlay of ₹70,125 crore.

Key Points:

- Scheme: Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-IV (PMGSY-IV).
- Duration: 2024-25 to 2028-29.
- Total Outlay: ₹70,125 crore.

Objective:

- Construction of 62,500 km of all-weather roads.
- Provide connectivity to 25,000 unconnected habitations.
- Employment Generation: The scheme is expected to create 40 crore human-days of employment.
- Socio-Economic Impact:
- Enhance socio-economic development in rural and remote areas.
- Improve access to educational, health, and market centers.
- Q. How many kilometers of roads are planned to be constructed under PMGSY-IV? 62,500 kilometers.



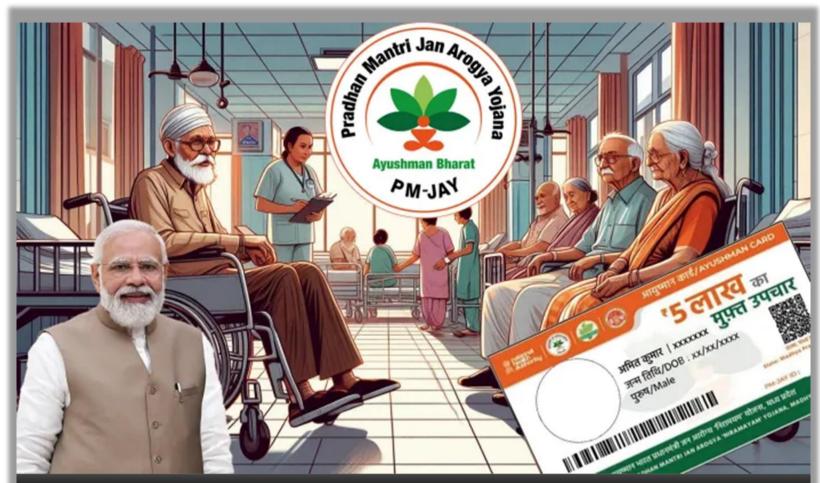












Cabinet Approves ₹5 Lakh Health Insurance for Senior Citizens Above 70 Years

The Union Cabinet has approved health insurance coverage for all senior citizens aged 70 years and above under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), regardless of income.

Key Points:

- Scheme: Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY).
- **Coverage Amount:** Free treatment up to ₹5 lakh per year.
- Eligibility: Senior citizens aged 70 years and above.
- Families Covered: About 4.5 crore families will benefit, including 6 crore senior citizens.
- Distinct Card: Eligible senior citizens will be issued a new distinct card under AB PM-JAY.
- Top-up for Existing Beneficiaries: Senior citizens in families already covered under AB PM-JAY will receive an additional ₹5 lakh top-up cover.
- Q. What is the maximum health coverage amount approved for senior citizens aged 70 years and above under AB PM-JAY? ₹5 lakh per year















Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to Inaugurate **IDAX-24** and Observe Tarang Shakti Exercise

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will inaugurate the Defence Aviation Expo (IDAX-24) at the Jodhpur Air Force Station and observe the ongoing Tarang Shakti exercise from September 12-14, 2024.

Key Points:

- Event: Defence Aviation Expo (IDAX-24).
- Location: Jodhpur Air Force Station, Rajasthan.

Significance:

- Showcasing products and technologies from Indian Aviation Industry.
- Participation of DPSUs, DRDO, private industries, and start-ups.
- Interaction opportunity for decision-makers, end users, and Global Air Forces.

Tarang Shakti Exercise:

- A large multinational air exercise conducted by the Indian Air Force.
- Participation of seven major countries: USA, Japan, Australia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, UAE, and Greece.
- 16 countries are participating as observers.
- Objective: Showcase indigenous aviation skills and foster international cooperation in defense and aviation.
- Q. How many countries are participating in Exercise Tarang Shakti? Seven major countries.















Manipur's T.G. English School Wins Junior Boys Title at 63rd Subroto Cup

■ In the 63rd Subroto Cup International Football Tournament, T.G. English School from Manipur won the Junior Boys title by defeating Myngken Christian Higher Secondary School from Meghalaya.

Key Points:

- Event: 63rd Subroto Cup International Football Tournament.
- Title Winner: T.G. English School, Manipur.
- Opponent in Final: Myngken Christian Higher Secondary School, Meghalaya.
- Final Score: 4-3 in sudden-death tiebreaker.
- **Historic Achievement:** This is the first time in 44 years and the third time in history that a team from Manipur has won the title.

Key Moments:

- Manipur's Namdigong Kamei scored in the 32nd minute.
- Meghalaya's Banpliebok Khongjoh equalized in the 64th minute.
- In the sudden-death tiebreaker, Meghalaya's goalkeeper missed a crucial penalty, securing victory for Manipur.
- Q. How many times has a team from Manipur won the Subroto Cup Junior Boys title before this victory? Twice (this was the third time in history).















Former Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori dies at 86

- Former Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori passed away at age 86.
- **Background:** He was the son of Japanese immigrants and a university chancellor before becoming president in 1990.
- **Economic Reforms:** He combated hyperinflation, privatized state companies, and promoted free-market reforms.
- Controversies: Seen as an autocrat for shutting down Congress in 1992, redrafting the constitution, and enacting strict anti-terrorism laws.
- Exile and Arrest: Fled to Japan in 2000, but was arrested in Chile in 2005, extradited, and jailed in 2009 for human rights abuses.

Peru

- Capital: Lima
- Official languages: Spanish
- President: Dina Boluarte
- Prime Minister: Gustavo Adrianzén
- Currency: Peruvian sol
- Q. What was Alberto Fujimori's major economic achievement as president of Peru? By controlling hyperinflation, privatizing state-owned companies, and implementing free-market reforms.

















ADB approves 100 million USD loan to Sri Lanka

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$100 million policy-based loan to support reforms in Sri Lanka's water supply and sanitation sector.

Programme Structure

- **Subprogramme 1:** Focuses on establishing national policies and strategies, including reforms for the National Water Supply and Drainage Board.
- Subprogramme 2: Aims at implementing reform actions and guidelines to improve water services.

Challenges Addressed

Water resource allocation issues, lack of climate change planning, fragmented governance, and environmental degradation affecting water supply are key concerns the programme seeks to resolve.

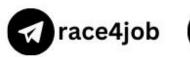
Background

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been a significant supporter of Sri Lanka, especially during its economic crisis.
- In 2023, ADB provided \$908 million in disbursements and committed \$610 million in loans for key reforms and infrastructure projects.
- Q. What recent loan did the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approve for Sri Lanka's water sector? A \$100 million policybased loan















Union Cabinet approves 'Mission Mausam' to tackle extreme weather events, climate change impacts

- The Union Cabinet approved 'Mission Mausam' to enhance India's capabilities in weather and climate science, helping various stakeholders, including citizens, handle extreme weather events and climate change impacts more effectively.
- Financial Outlay: The programme has a budget of Rs 2,000 crore over two years and will be implemented by the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

Key Focus Areas

- Weather Surveillance and Forecasting: Advancing capabilities in weather prediction through improved modelling and management systems.
- Technological Integration: Utilizing advanced observation systems, AI, machine learning, and high-performance computing for precision forecasting.
- and Climate Understanding: Providing Observation highly accurate weather information, such as monsoon forecasts, air quality alerts, and extreme weather warnings (cyclones, fog, hail, etc.).
- Weather Interventions: Supporting interventions for managing adverse weather conditions.
- Q. Which ministry will implement Mission Mausam in India? **Ministry of Earth Sciences**















Sitaram Yechury, CPI(M) general secretary, passes away

- Former Rajya Sabha MP and CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury has passed away at the age of 72 following a prolonged illness.
- Leadership Role: Yechury succeeded Prakash Karat as the general secretary of the CPI(M) in 2015.
- Political Mentorship: He was mentored by late party leader Harkishan Singh Surjeet, who played significant roles in the coalition era, supporting the National Front government of V.P. Singh and the United Front government of 1996-97 from outside.
- Influence and Strategy: Yechury further developed his political skills during the Left parties' support of the first UPA government, often exerting pressure on the Congress-led regime.
- Critical Negotiations: He was instrumental in the negotiations surrounding the Indo-US nuclear deal, which led to the Left parties withdrawing support from the UPA-I government due to disagreements with Karat's stance.

CPI(M) Party Background:

- The Communist Party of India (Marxist) or CPI(M) is a major leftist party in India, founded in 1964 after splitting from the CPI.
- Q. Who was the general secretary of CPI(M) before Sitaram Yechury? Prakash Karat















Switzerland crowned as best country in the world, India ranks 33rd

- Switzerland has been named the world's best country for the third consecutive year in the 'Best Countries Ranking 2024' by U.S. News & World Report.
- **Performance:** Switzerland has held the top position since 2017, with notable strengths in quality of life, entrepreneurship, and social purpose.
- European Dominance: 15 European countries feature in the top 25 spots.
- Categories Assessed: The rankings were based on categories including power, business openness, cultural influence, adventure, agility, heritage, entrepreneurship, and quality of life.

Top 10 Countries are:

• Included: Switzerland, Japan, USA, Canada, Australia, Sweden, Germany, the UK, New Zealand, and Denmark.

India's Position

- Rank: India is ranked 33rd, falling three spots from its 2023 position.
- Q. What position did India hold in the 2024 'Best Countries Ranking'? 33rd



















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