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YEARLY REVIEW 2021 CURRENT AFFAIRS PART - 5

Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry

- Initiatives & Highlights:
- Economy started showing signs of recovery from Covid with GDP growth rebounding to 20.1% in Q1 and 8.4% in Q2 of current FY.
- Several high-frequency indicators like E-way bills, rail freight, port traffic, GST collections, and power consumption demonstrated a V-shaped recovery.
- Revival of Industrial Production as indicated in trends of IIP and ICI.
- IIP surges by 20% during April- October 2021 compared to a contraction of -17.3% during the same period last year; Mining, Manufacturing, and Electricity sectors record double-digit growth over significant declines during the period.
- PLI schemes to make India 'Atmanirbhar' and enhance India's manufacturing capabilities.
- PLI schemes rolled out with an outlay of INR 1.97 lakh crore (US\$ 26 billion) for 14 key sectors.
- FDI policy further liberalized, FDI limit raised from 49% to 74% in Insurance sector & up to 100% in PNG & Telecom sectors under automatic route.



- India registered the highest ever annual FDI inflow of \$81.97 billion in 2020-21.
- Launch of PM Gati Shakti, a National Master Plan for Infrastructure Development.



- Start-ups created around 2 lakh jobs in 2021, the highest in four years
- Launch of National Single Window System (NSWS) a one-stop for regulatory approvals.
- DPIIT launched Regulatory Compliance Portal on 1st January 2021, more than 25,000 compliances reduced.





Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare

- JEEVAN PRAMAAN (Digital Life Certificate):
- Launched in 2014, It aims to streamline the process of getting a Life certificate and make it hassle-free and much easier for pensioners.
- It is an AADHAR Biometric Authentication-based digital life certificate for Pensioners.
- It will do away with the requirement of a pensioner having to submit a physical Life Certificate in November each year, to ensure continuity of pension being credited into their account



- **Bhavishya** (an online tracking system for pension sanction and payment developed by DOPPW) related reforms The 'Bhavishya' platform, an integrated online pension processing system was made mandatory for all central government departments w.e.f. 01.01.2017.
- This system is at present being successfully implemented in the main Secretariat of 96 Ministries/ Departments including 812 Attached Offices.
- As of date at a total number of 1,34,856 cases have been processed i.e., PPOs issued which include more than 55,000 PPOs.



- Reforms for Divyang:
- Keeping in view special needs of a child suffering from a disability, orders were issued on 8.2.2021 that the child of a deceased Government servant/pensioner,

suffering from a mental or physical disability, shall be eligible for family pension for life, if his/her overall income from sources other than a family pension is less than the entitled family pension at the ordinary rate and the dearness relief admissible thereon, payable on the death of the Government servant/pensioner concerned. This



Department Of Posts

- Postman Mobile App implemented in 1.43 lakh Pos including 98,454 Post Offices in rural areas.
- Election Commission of India ties up with Department of Posts for delivery of Electors Photo Identity Card through Speed Post across the country.
- Postal Department installs **Global Positioning System (GPS)** in approx. 1263 operational Mail Motor Services (MMS) vehicles across the country.
- Enters into a multilateral agreement with **120 countries** to enable faster customs clearance of Postal items.
- **Postal Department** facilitates clearance, processing, and delivery of COVIDrelated emergency shipments received through the post from abroad during the 2nd COVID wave.
- India Post Payments Bank is a division of India Post which is under the ownership of the Department of Post a department under the Ministry of Communications of the Government of India. Opened in 2018, the bank had acquired about 4.0 crore customers by December 2020.
- 1.67 crore new accounts opened: Approx. Rs. 8.19 lakh crore volume of transactions handled in CBS (Core Banking Service) POs



• Sukanya Samriddhi Accounts:

- (SSA) is a social welfare scheme launched in 2014 to promote the welfare of a girl child and facilitate the interests of a girl child such as her education and marriage.
- Parents (legal guardians) can open only one account in the name of one girl child and a maximum of two accounts in the name of two different girl children.
- The account can be opened to the age of 10 years only from the date of birth of the girl child, whereas investment can be made till the child attains the age of 15 years.
- The interest rate on the Sukanya Samriddhi account is revised every quarter, like other small savings instruments such as the public provident fund (PPF), and Senior Citizen Savings Scheme (SCSS).
- Sukanya Samriddhi account will mature on completion of 21 years from the date of opening of the account.
- Partial withdrawal will be allowed on the account holder attaining the age of 18 to meet educational or marriage expenses. Withdrawal will be limited to 50% of the balance standing at the end of the preceding financial year.
- Normal premature closure will be allowed for the account holder's marriage if she has attained the age of 18.
- Contribution to SSA qualifies for tax deduction under Section 80C.
- 2.26 Crore Sukanya Samriddhi Accounts opened by the Department of Posts, till October 2021 since the introduction of the scheme; Approx. 86% of total SSA accounts in the country are through Post Offices only.



- Over 12 lakh applications processed through **Post Office Passport Seva Kendras** from January 2021 to October 2021.
- More than 1.49 Crore requests for **Aadhaar enrollments**/updation processed by 13,352 Post Office Aadhaar Centres from January 2021 to October 2021.
- 1789 Branch Post Offices opened in 90 identified Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts in the country; 3114 new Branch Post Offices (BOs) to be made functional by March 2021.



Department of School Education & Literacy

- National Education Policy 2020:
- Universalization of education from preschool to secondary level with 100% Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in school education by 2030.
- To bring 2 crores out of school children back into the mainstream through an open schooling system.
- The current 10+2 system to be replaced by a new 5+3+3+4 curricular structure corresponding to ages 3-8, 8-11, 11-14, and 14-18 years respectively.
- Class 10 and 12 board examinations to be made easier, to test core competencies rather than memorized facts, with all students allowed to take the exam twice.
- School governance is set to change, with a new accreditation framework and an independent authority to regulate both public and private schools.

- Emphasis on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, no rigid separation between academic streams, extracurricular, vocational streams in schools.
- Vocational Education to start from Class 6 with Internships.
- Teaching up to at least Grade 5 to be in mother tongue/regional language. No language will be imposed on any student.
- Assessment reforms with 360-degree Holistic Progress Card, tracking Student Progress for achieving Learning Outcomes.
- By 2030, the minimum degree qualification for teaching will be a 4-year integrated B.Ed. degree



- **SARTHAQ:** Indicative and suggestive Implementation Plan for School Education, called 'Students' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement through Quality Education **(SARTHAQ)'** released.
- SARTHAQ will pave the way for our children and youth to meet the diverse national and global challenges of the present and the future and help them to imbibe 21st-century skills along with India's tradition, culture, and values system as envisioned in National Education Policy 2020.
- Shri Pokhriyal stated that it is envisaged that the implementation of SARTHAQ would benefit all stakeholders including 25 crore students, 15 lakh schools, 94 lakh teachers, Educational Administrators, Parents, and community as education is the backbone of an equitable and just society.

- NIPUN Bharat:
- National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat) launched.
- The mission will focus on children of the age group of 3 to 9 years including preschool to Grade 3. The children who are in Class 4 and 5 and have not attained the foundational skills will be provided individual teacher guidance and support, peer support, and age-appropriate and supplementary graded learning materials to acquire the necessary competencies. The goals and objectives of the mission are required to be achieved by all Govt., Govt. Aided and Private Schools so that universal acquisition of FLN skills can be achieved by 2026-27.



- Vidya Pravesh :
- 3 Months Play-Based 'School Preparation Module Vidya Pravesh, launched.
- Vidya Pravesh Module or School Preparation Module is a three-month playbased school preparation module for Grade 1 students. With schools having been closed for the last year and a half due to COVID-19, the Central government has issued a 12-week play-based module as a transition aid to help students ease into physical classes for the first time. This preparatory module should be used for all Class 1 students across the country even after the pandemic, according to the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) professors who prepared the Vidya Pravesh module.
- National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021:
- NAS was conducted for grades- 3, 5, 8 & 10 on 12 Nov 2021 by the Ministry of Education to evaluate children's progress and learning competencies as an indicator of the health of the education system, to take appropriate steps for remedial actions at different levels. About 1,18,000school participated in NAS

2021 About 34 lakh students from 718 Districts, including 22 lakh from rural areas and 11 lakh from urban areas, have appeared in NAS 2021



- NISHTHA :
- An integrated teacher training program 1.0, 2.0, and 3.0 has been introduced for different stages of school education Teachers, Head Teachers/Principals, and other stakeholders in Educational Management and Administration.
- NISHTHA 1.0 for Elementary level (Classes I-VIII). The course has been completed by nearly 41 lakh stakeholders.
- NISHTHA 2.0 for Secondary level (Classes IX-XII) targeted for 10 lakh teachers.
- NISHTHA 3.0 for NIPUN Bharat (ECCE to Class V) targeted for 25 lakh teachers.
- NISHTHA, for "Improving Quality of School Education through Integrated Teacher Training" has been conducted in the states/UTs to build competencies among all the teachers and school principals.



• Home learning guidelines: The role of parents and caregivers besides school, teachers, community, and volunteers is pivotal in supporting Home-based learning for their children, especially during this period of Covid-19.



Department of Sports

- Commendable performance of India in Tokyo Olympics, 2020:
- India won a total of 7 medals in the Olympics, 2020 which is the highest medal tally from India in any Olympic including 1 Gold, 2 Silver, and 4 Bronze.
- **Ms. Mira Bai Chanu** won a Silver medal in 49 Kg Weightlifting on 24.07.2021, which was the second-ever medal in the Weightlifting discipline in Olympics.
- **Ms. Lovlina Borgohain** won a Bronze in Welter Weight Boxing on 30.07.2021. Commendable performance of India in Tokyo Olympics, 2020. Hockey Men's Team won the Bronze in Tokyo, 2020 after 41 years after the 1980 Olympics.
- **Neeraj Chopra** won Gold, which is the first-ever medal in athletics discipline and he is the second Indian to win individual Gold in any Olympics.
- **Ms. PV Sindhu** won Bronze in Women's Singles Badminton becoming the Second Consecutive Olympic Medal Winner in two consecutive Olympics.
- Shri Ravi Dahiya won Silver Medal in 57 Kg Men and Mr. Bajrang Punya won Bronze in 65 Kg Men in wrestling.



- Stupendous performance of India in Tokyo Paralympics 2020:
- A record number of 54 para-Athletes participated in 9 different sports disciplines. India won 19 medals Tokyo Paralympics. Till Tokyo, India had won a total of only 12 medals in all previous Paralympics.
- This is also the highest-ranking (24th) India has achieved in Paralympic Medal Table. The previous best was 25th, which came way back in 1972.



• National Sports Awards:

- National Sports Awards are given every year to recognize and reward excellence in sports. This year, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, President of India, presented the Awards to 72outstanding Athletes/Coaches in a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan on November 13, 2021.
- A Function, chaired by Minister of MYAS Shri Anurag Thakur, was held in New Delhi on 1st November 2021, to meet and honor the winners of National Sports Awards, 2020. It may be mentioned that the winners of these awards had already received the cash awards during the last year's event, which was held virtually owing to the Covid-19 Pandemic, but they were not able to collect the trophy and citation, which they collected during this ceremony.



- Sports Authority of India (SAI) Institutional Awards: The Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports Shri Anurag Thakur conferred the first-ever Sports Authority of India (SAI) Institutional Awards to 246athletes and coaches at a ceremony held on 17th November 2021, at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi. These awards were given for exceptional performance under the various sports promotion schemes at the national and international level for the years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20.
- Fit India Freedom Run was organized from 13 August to 2 October Fit India Mobile App was launched on 29 August. It is available for download on both Android and iOS platforms. Fit India Quiz organized.



- Other Initiatives:
- Central Athlete Injury Management System(CAIMS) was launched for streamlining sports medicine and rehabilitation support offered to the athletes
- National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) regains the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) accreditation
- 143 Khelo India Centres across 7 States with a total budget estimate of Rs.114.30 crore launched
- **Special Support Cell** created to provide medical, financial, and logistical support to the ex-international athletes and coaches during Covid-19
- Honour Sporting Heroes: To honor sporting heroes of the country, the Department of sports has decided on 17.01.2021 to name all upcoming and upgraded sporting facilities of the Sports Authority of India (Sal), after renowned athletes, who have contributed to sports in India.

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• State Bank of India contributed of Rs 5 crores to the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) on18.01.2021, with the primary aim of meeting the needs.

Ministry of Panchayati Raj

- SVAMITVA (Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas) Scheme was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on National Panchayati Raj Day, 24th April 2020 with a resolve to enable economic progress of Rural India by providing "Record of Rights" to every rural household owner. The scheme aims to demarcate inhabited (Abadi) land in rural areas through the latest surveying drone technology, which is a collaborative effort of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, State Revenue Departments, State Panchayati Raj Departments, and Survey of India. The scheme covers multifarious aspects viz. facilitating monetization of properties and enabling bank loan; reducing property-related disputes; comprehensive village level planning would be the stepping-stone towards achieving Gram Swaraj in true sense and making rural India Atmanirbhar.
- Phase I Pilot Scheme (April 2020 March 2021): Covers States of Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, and establishment of Continuous operating Reference systems (CORS) in the State of Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Rajasthan
- Phase II (April 2021 March 2025) Complete survey of remaining villages by 2025 and CORS network coverage across the Country by 2022.
- As of December 2021, drone flying has been completed in 90,504 villages; out of which feature extraction is completed in 70,554 villages and ground-truthing completed in 43,487 villages. Nearly 36 Lakh Property cards have been prepared in 28,603 villages.



- **eGramSwaraj:** To strengthen e-Governance in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), eGramSwaraj, a Simplified Work-Based Accounting Application for Panchayati Raj, was launched on National Panchayati Raj Day on April 24, 2020. It has been developed amalgamating the functionalities of all the applications under the e-panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP).
- Under **e-Gram Swaraj** e-Financial Management System 2.54 lakh Gram Panchayats have uploaded approved Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP).
- eGramSwaraj assists in enhancing the credibility of Panchayat through inducing greater devolution of funds to PRIs. It brings better transparency through decentralized planning, progress reporting, and work-based accounting.
 Furthermore, the application provides a platform for effective monitoring by higher authorities.
- **Geo-tagging of assets:** As of December 2021 2.52, lakh photographs of the assets have been uploaded by the Gram Panchayats for the activities taken under Fifteenth Finance Commission in the current year.
- Ministry has developed mActionSoft a mobile-based solution to help in capturing photos with Geo- Tags (i.e., GPS Coordinates) for the works which have an asset as an output.
- The SKOCH Challenger Award for best performance in the area of Transparency in Governance was conferred on the Ministry of Panchayati Raj virtually during the 70th SKOCH Summit (SKOCH Public Policy Forum) held on 16th January 2021. Shri Sunil Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj received the SKOCH Challenger Award conferred to Ministry of Panchayati Raj (PR) under "Transparency in Governance" category for IT-led initiatives and transformational reforms leading to outcome-based performance improvement, better transparency, and strengthening of the e-Governance in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) across the country.
- The National Panchayati Raj Day was successfully commemorated on 24th April 2021 despite the constraints and challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. On this occasion, the Hon'ble Prime Minister launched the distribution of e-property cards under the SWAMITVA scheme through video conferencing. More than 4.09 lakh property owners were given their e-property cards on this occasion, which also marked the rolling out of the SVAMITVA scheme for implementation across the country.



- For enhancing effective **COVID-19 management** in rural areas **MoPR** launched the COVID-19 Dashboard.
- MoPR has also developed an online portal with a dashboard to assimilate and display key performance parameters related to the operationalization of Vibrant Gram Sabhas in the States /UT's.

Ministry of Power

- Highlights & Initiatives:
- Highest All India demand of 200570 MW achieved on 07th July 2021.
- Revised **Coal Stocking Norms** in Coal Based Thermal Power Plants issued.
- Over 5 Lakh **Smart Meters** installed in Andaman Nicobar Islands, Bihar, HP, MP, Punjab & Rajasthan.
- Total cleared volume in **GREEN Term** Ahead market increased from 785.83 MU in 2020-2021 to 2744 MU in 2021-22.
- 211 MU have been traded in **Green Day** Ahead Market from 27.10.2021 to 07.12.2021 at an average Price of Rs.4.52 per unit.





ICK EXAMS

• **IPDS:** More than 7,000 km of Aerial Bunched/Underground cables laid to reduce losses; 45 new Power Sub-Stations commissioned.

POWER

- Ministry of Power notifies **Electricity (Promotion of generation of Electricity from Must-Run Power Plant) Rules, 2021** for RE growth.
- Renewable Energy Certificate mechanism redesigned to promote new renewable technologies.
- National Mission on use of Biomass in coal-based networker plants launched.
- Energy Accounting mandated for DISCOMs.

- State-wise Actions on Annual targets and Headways on Energy Efficiency (SAATHEE) Portal Launched.
- Central Transmission Utility of India Ltd formed.
- Electricity (Transmission Planning, Development, and Recovery of ISTS Transmission Charges) Rules, 2021 issued to give power sector utilities easier access to electricity transmission networks across the country.

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

- **PM Gati Shakti** National Master Plan (NMP)" for providing multi-modal connectivity launched.
- Prime Minister launched PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan for Multi-modal Connectivity, essentially a digital platform to bring 16 Ministries including Railways and Roadways together for integrated planning and coordinated implementation of infrastructure connectivity projects.
- The multi-modal connectivity will provide integrated and seamless connectivity for movement of people, goods, and services from one mode of transport to another. It will facilitate the last mile connectivity of infrastructure and also reduce travel time for people.



- National Highways construction goes up by more than 50%.
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- Vehicle Scrapping Policy launched.
- Under the scrappage policy, old vehicles will have to pass a fitness test before re-registration and, as per the policy, government commercial vehicles more than 15 years old and private vehicles which are over 20 years old will be scrapped.

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- The government also proposed that all vehicles of the central government, state government, municipal corporation, panchayats, state transport undertakings, public sector undertakings, and autonomous bodies with the Union and state governments may be de-registered and scrapped after 15 years from the date of registration.
- The tentative date for scrappage of government and PSUs vehicles above 15 years was April 1, 2022.
- Old vehicles will be tested at the Automated Fitness Centre and the fitness test of the vehicles will be conducted according to international standards. Emission test, braking system, safety components will be tested and the vehicles which fail in the fitness test will be scrapped.
- The rules for creating Fitness Test and Scrapping Centers will come into effect from October 1, 2021, while the scrapping of vehicles of 15-year-old government and PSUs will start from April 1, 2022, and heavy vehicles from April 1, 2023. The fitness test will be made mandatory for commercial vehicles and from June 1, 2024, the fitness test will be made mandatory for all other categories of vehicles in a phased manner.

Scrap value:

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price of new

vehicle to be

given to the

owner by the

scrapping

centre

4-6% of



HOW PROCESS WILL UNFOLD

A vehicle older than 20 years, if found unfit or registration certificate is not renewed, will be de-registered

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Registered owners to hand over such vehicles to a Registered Vehicle **Scrapping Facility with** certificate of the vehicles' registration, their PAN details, and other documents

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Scrapper to verify records of the vehicles from database of the stolen vehicles and issue a Certificate of Deposit, mandatory for the owner to avail incentives

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The certificate once used will be stamped "Cancelled" by the agency

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Government will maintain a database of the vehicles scrapped every year

INCENTIVES FOR VEHICLE OWNERS

Tax rebate:

States may be

a road tax

25% for

personal

to 15% for

commercial

advised to offer

rebate of up to

vehicles and up



Vehicle

new vehicle:

manufacturers

will be advised

to give 5%

against a

discount on

new vehicles







Fee waiver: Registration fees may also be waived for purchase of new vehicle against the scrapping certificate



- New registration mark for vehicles under **BH series** notified.
- The Central Government introduced a new registration mark for new vehicles Bharat series (BH-series). "A personal vehicle of this registration mark won't require assignment of a new registration mark when the vehicle owner shifts from one State to another," said Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha.
- "This vehicle registration facility under "Bharat series (BH-series)" will be available on a voluntary basis to Defence personnel, employees of Central Government/ State Governments/ Central/ State Public Sector Undertakings and private sector companies/organizations, which have their offices in four or more States/Union territories," the ministry said.
- It further said that this will facilitate the free movement of personal vehicles across states/UTs of India upon relocation.
- Common format of the **Pollution Under Control Certificate** issued across the country.



• **FASTag** made mandatory at all the toll plazas.

- Reward scheme for **Good Samaritan** announced, Road Safety Board constituted.
- According to the guidelines issued by the ministry, each Good Samaritan would also receive a certificate of appreciation besides ₹5,000 in cash for saving a road accident victim.
- An individual could be awarded a maximum of five times in a year, the guidelines added. The ministry also said there will be 10 national-level awards each year for the worthiest Good Samaritans, who would be selected from all those who have been awarded during the whole year and they would be given an award of ₹1 lakh each.

• The guidelines further stated that if more than one Good Samaritan saves the life of more than one victim, the amount of award would be ₹5,000 per victim saved, subject to a maximum ₹5,000 per Good Samaritan.



Ministry of Rural Development

- Highlights & Initiatives:
- Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) has its footprints in 6769 blocks of 706 districts in 30 states and 6UTs. It has mobilized a total of 8.01 Crore women from poor and vulnerable communities into 73.19lakhs SHGs.
- The DAY-NRLM is essentially a poverty relief program of the Central government. It was launched as 'Aajeevika – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM)' by the GOI's Ministry of Rural Development in the year 2011. It was renamed DAY-NRLM in 2015.
- The scheme is an improved version of the earlier Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY).
- The program is supported partially by the World Bank.
- It aims at creating effective and efficient institutional platforms to enable the rural poor to increase their household income using sustainable livelihood enhancements and better access to financial services.
- Additionally, the poor would also be enabled to attain improved access to rights, public services, and other entitlements.

- The mission aims at harnessing the inherent capabilities of the poor and equipping them with capacities (such as knowledge, information, tools, finance, skills, and collectivization for them to take part in the economy.
- The scheme started with an agenda to cover 7 Crore rural poor households via Self Help Groups (SHGs) and federated institutions and support them for livelihoods collectives in 8-10 years.
- In 2021, the Union Cabinet had approved a special package worth Rs. 520 crore in the Union Territories (UTs) of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and Ladakh for five years (till the financial year 2023-24) under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM).
- The decision is in line with the government's aim to universalize all centrally sponsored beneficiary-oriented schemes in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh in a time-bound manner.



भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय Ministry of Rural Development

DAY-NRLM

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission e-Governance Application

- Rural Self Employment Training Institutes: A total of 39.17 lakh candidates have been trained under Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs) in 64 courses and 27.34 lakh candidates settled in either self-employment or wage employment till November 2021. Around 3.06 lakh candidates have trained under the program between 01.01.2021 and 30.11.2021, while 1.88 lakh candidates have been settled.
- RSETIs are Rural Self Employment Training Institutes, an initiative of the Ministry
 of Rural Development (MoRD) to have dedicated infrastructure in each district
 of the country to impart training and skill up-gradation of rural youth geared
 towards entrepreneurship development.



- **Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana:** During FY 2021-22, a total of 23,186 candidates have been trained and 22,067 candidates have been placed till 30.11.2021 under the DDU-GKY program.
- DDU-GKY was launched on 25 September 2014 by Union Ministers Nitin Gadkari and Venkaiah Naidu on the 98th birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.
- The Vision of DDU-GKY is to "Transform rural poor youth into an economically independent and globally relevant workforce". It aims to target youth, in the age group of 15–35 years. DDU-GKY is a part of the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), tasked with the dual objectives of adding diversity to the incomes of rural poor families and catering to the career aspirations of rural youth. A corpus of Rs 1,500 crore is aimed at enhancing the employability of rural youth.
- Under this program, disbursements would be made through a digital voucher directly into the student's bank account as part of the government's skill development initiative.



- Under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin:
- total of 2.15 Crore houses have been sanctioned and 1.68 Crore houses have been completed. Against the total target of completion of 44.09 lakh houses in the FY 2021-22, a total of 31 lakh houses has been completed.
- Housing is one of the basic requirements for human survival. For a normal citizen owning a house provides significant economic and social security and status in society. For a shelter-less person, a house brings about a profound social change in his existence, endowing him with an identity, thus integrating him with his immediate social milieu.
- In pursuance of the goal Housing for all by 2022, the rural housing scheme Indira Awaas Yojana has been revamped to Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin and approved during March 2016. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for the construction of pucca houses to all houseless and



households living in dilapidated houses. The scheme would be implemented in rural areas throughout India except for Delhi and Chandigarh. The cost of houses would be shared between Centre and States.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. Current Minister of Commerce and Industry
- A. Anupriya Patel
- B. Piyush Goyal
- C. Anurag Thakur
- D. Som Prakash Mishra ANSWER: B
- 2. It is not among the eight core sectors of the Indian economy
- A. Electricity
- B. Steel
- C. Refinery Products
- D. Banking ANSWER: D
- 3. It aims to streamline the process of getting a Life certificate and make it hassle-free and much easier for pensioners.
- A. Jeevan Pramaan
- B. Jeevan Raksha
- C. Jeevan Jyoti
- D. Jeevan Suraksha

ANSWER: A

- 4. It is an online tracking system for pension sanction and payment developed by Dept of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare
- A. Bhavishya
- B. E-Pension
- C. Swarajya
- D. Apna Pension

ANSWER: A

- 5. "India Post" was formed in
- A. 1854
- B. 1856
- C. 1857
- D. 1858

ANSWER: A

- 6. Who was the Governor-General of India when the Postal system was introduced?
- A. Lord wellington
- B. Lord Dalhousie
- C. Lord Warren Hastings
- D. Lord Wellesley ANSWER: B

7. GLONASS is a global navigation satellite system owned and operated by

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Russia
- D. EU

ANSWER: C

- 8. What is the operational name for 'The Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS)'
- A. MusaFir
- B. IndiSys
- C. IndiMap
- D. NavIC

ANSWER: D

- 9. India Post Payments Bank was founded in
- A. 2016
- B. 2017
- C. 2018
- D. 2019

ANSWER: C

10.Pick The Wrong Statement About 'Sukanya Samriddhi Accounts'

- A. It is is a social welfare scheme launched in 2014
- B. The account can be opened to the age of 15 years only
- C. The account will mature on completion of 21 years
- D. Contribution to SSA qualifies for tax deduction under Section 80C **ANSWER: B**
- 11.It aims at Students' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement through Quality Education
- A. NIPUN Bharath
- B. NISHTHA
- C. Samgra Siksha
- D. SARTHAQ ANSWER: D

12.NIPUN Bharat will focus on children of the age group of

- A. 2 to 8 years
- B. 3 to 9 years
- C. 10 to 12 years
- D. 5 to 11 years ANSWER: B

13.National Achievement Survey (NAS) was last conducted in

- A. 2016
- B. 2017
- C. 2018
- D. 2019

ANSWER: B

14.____ won a silver medal in 49 Kg Weightlifting at Tokyo Olympics 2020

- A. Ms. Mira Bai Chanu
- B. Ms. Lovlina Borgohain
- C. Ms. Swathi Singh
- D. Ms. Neelam Sethi ANSWER: A

15._____ won a Bronze in Welter Weight Boxing at Tokyo Olympics 2020

- A. Ms. Mira Bai Chanu
- B. Ms. Lovlina Borgohain
- C. Ms. Mary Com
- D. Ms. Pooja Rani ANSWER: B

16. won Silver Medal in 57 Kg Men and won Bronze in 65 Kg Men in wrestling at Tokyo Olympics 2020

- A. Ravi Dahiya, Bajrang Punya
- B. Amit Phangal, Vijender Singh
- C. Bajrang Punya, Ashish Thapa
- D. Ravi Dahiya, Ramesh Kaushik ANSWER: A

17.Ms. PV Sindhu won _____ in Women's Singles Badminton at Tokyo Olympics 2020

- A. Gold
- B. Silver
- C. Bronze
- D. Copper ANSWER: C

18.____ won gold medal, women's 10m air rifle shooting standing, Tokyo 2020

- A. Avani Lekhara
- B. Bhavina Patel
- C. Manisha Agarwal

D. Gauri Kapoor ANSWER: A

19.HQ of World Anti-Doping Agency.

- A. Paris
- B. Montreal
- C. New York
- D. London ANSWER: B

20.SVAMITVA Scheme is associated with

- A. Ministry of Rural development
- B. Ministry of Post & Telecommunication
- C. Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- D. Ministry of Urban & Housing Affairs ANSWER: C
- 21.SKOCH Challenger Award 2021 for best performance in the area of Transparency in Governance was conferred
- A. Ministry of Rural development
- B. Ministry of Post & Telecommunication
- C. Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- D. Ministry of Urban & Housing Affairs ANSWER: C

22. The National Panchayati Raj Day is celebrated on

- A. 14th April
- B. 24th April
- C. 26th April
- D. 28th April

ANSWER: B

- 23. _____ Schedule contains the provisions that specify the powers, authority, and responsibilities of Panchayats.
- A. 9th
- B. 10^{th}

 $C. 11^{th}$

D. 12th ANSWER: C

24.Ninth Schedule consists of

- A. Languages
- B. Scheduled Areas
- C. Land Reforms
- D. Anti-Defection
 - **ANSWER: C**

25.National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) was launched in 2011 as

- A. Grameen Udyog
- B. Gram Upadhi Yojana
- C. Aajeevika
- D. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana



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