

# Daily Current Affairs

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### “Sahkar” Taxi

- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has announced that the government will **launch the ‘Sahkar’ taxi, a cooperative-run ride-hailing service** modeled after Uber and Ola.
- Mr. Shah said the initiative is in line with **Sahkar Se Samridhhi** (Prosperity through Cooperatives). He mentioned that in a few months, a very large cooperative taxi service will be started, in which the **registration of two-wheelers, taxis, rickshaws**, and four-wheelers will be possible, and the profit will go directly to the driver.



- Mr. Shah emphasized that **“Sahkar Se Samridhhi”** is not just a slogan, and the Ministry of Cooperation has worked day and night over the past three and a half years to realize it. He also stated that a cooperative insurance company is soon going to be formed, which will handle insurance within the cooperative system of the country.

## Chilean President To Embark Visit To India

- President of the Republic of Chile, **Gabriel Boric Font**, will be on a five-day state visit to India starting on the 1st of April. **He will be accompanied by a high-level delegation**, including Ministers, Members of Parliament, senior officials, business associations, media and prominent Chileans involved in the India-Chile cultural connection.
- This will **be President Boric's first visit to India as President**. During the visit, President Boric will hold talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the 1st of April, covering the **entire gamut of India- Chile relations**.



- The Prime Minister will host a lunch in honour of the visiting dignitary. President Boric will meet President Droupadi Murmu, who will host a banquet in his honor. **President Boric will also visit Agra, Mumbai, and Bengaluru** before returning to Chile on the 5th of April. In Mumbai and Bengaluru, he will meet the political leadership, business and industry representatives, startups, innovators and tech leaders.
- **India's relations with Chile have traditionally been warm and friendly**. Chile is an important partner for India in the Latin American region. Chile was the only country in the LAC region to send a **Special Envoy to India's Independence Day celebrations in 1947**.
- The two countries have commonality of views on several international issues including UNSC reforms, climate change, renewable energy and terrorism. Chile is also an important trading partner for India in the LAC region.

- **The forthcoming State Visit of President Boric** will provide an opportunity for the leaders to undertake a comprehensive review of bilateral ties, as well as to discuss regional and international issues of mutual interest.



## DNA Preservation Project

- **Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park in Darjeeling** has become India's first zoo to preserve DNA samples of wildlife found in snowy regions. The project, launched in collaboration with the **Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB)**, Hyderabad, aims to aid conservation efforts for endangered species.
- Chief Wildlife Warden Debal Roy confirmed that 60 DNA samples from indigenous animals, including red pandas and snow leopards, have already been collected. This **cryogenic conservation initiative will support future** research and genetic studies, ensuring that even if certain species face extinction, their genetic material remains preserved.



- Objectives of the Initiative
- **Conserve Genetic Material** – To aid in future species restoration.
- **Advance Scientific Research** – Supports biodiversity and genetic studies.
- **Ensure Wildlife Protection** – Helps mitigate the risk of species extinction.
- **Utilize Modern Cryogenic Techniques** – Ensures DNA longevity for research and breeding programs.

## MoRD & UNICEF YuWaah

- **Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) YuWaah** have signed a Statement of Intent (SOI) to empower rural women and youth across India.
- The three-year partnership focuses on **creating livelihood opportunities**, promoting entrepreneurship, and enhancing digital infrastructure for rural communities.
- Objectives of the Partnership
- **Strengthen livelihood opportunities** for Self-Help Group (SHG) women through jobs, self-employment, and entrepreneurship.
- Enhance female labor force participation in rural India.
- **Develop digital infrastructure** through initiatives like Computer Didi Centers and Didi ki Dukan.

- **Expand youth skilling** and job aggregation through innovative platforms like Youth Hub.
- **Support the government's Lakhpati Didi initiative**, enabling women to become successful entrepreneurs.



- Key Initiatives Under the Collaboration
- Digital Empowerment through “**Computer Didi Centers**” and “**Didi ki Dukan**”
- These centers will provide digital literacy training and help women establish online businesses. The initiative will begin as a pilot project in five blocks across five states: Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and Rajasthan. If successful, it will scale up to benefit 35 lakh women across 7,000+ blocks in India.



- **“Youth Hub” – A Platform for Job Opportunities and Skilling** : Youth Hub will serve as an aggregator for jobs, skilling programs, and volunteering opportunities. It aims to connect rural youth with employment avenues through public-private partnerships.
- **Creation of “Lakhpati Didis” – Women Entrepreneurs Initiative** : Aims to develop scalable models to support SHG women in starting and scaling businesses. Aligns with the government’s vision to increase women entrepreneurs in rural India.

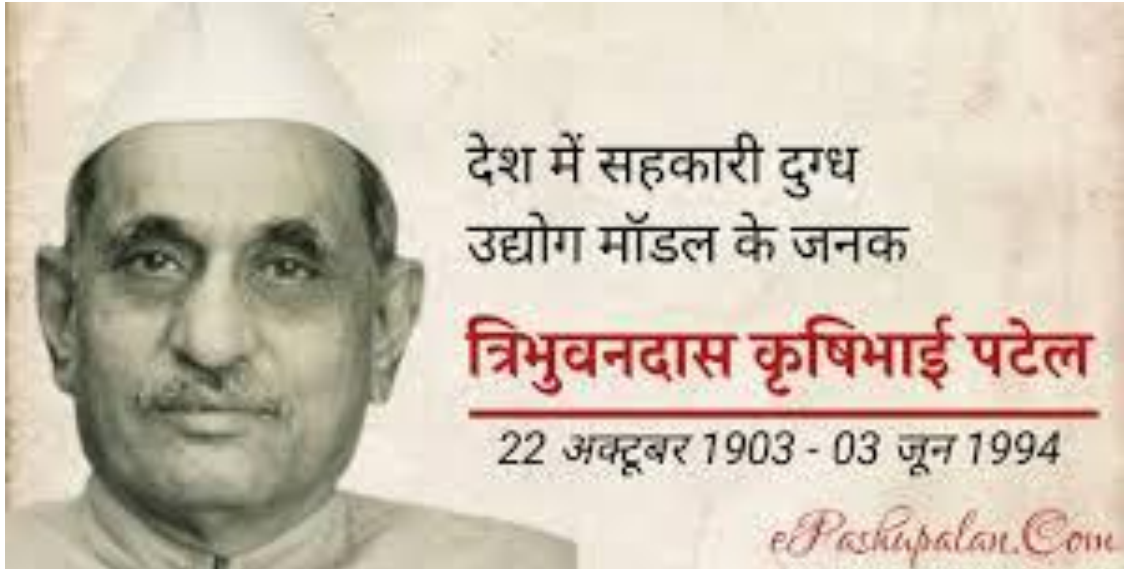
## India’s First National Cooperative University

- Lok Sabha recently passed the **Tribhuvan Sahkari University Bill, 2025**, marking step in cooperative education in India. This initiative aims to establish the **country’s first national cooperative university** at the **Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) in Gujarat**.



- The university is designed to enhance education, research, and training in the cooperative sector nationwide. The **Tribhuvan Sahkari University** will serve as a hub for cooperative training. It will register cooperative training institutes across all states as affiliated colleges. The university will offer degree, diploma, and PhD courses. It is projected that **around 800,000 individuals** will receive certification annually.
- The university is named after **Tribhuvandas Kishibhai Patel**, a pioneer of the cooperative movement in India and the founder of Amul. The cooperative

model initiated by Patel transformed the dairy industry, boosting rural economies.



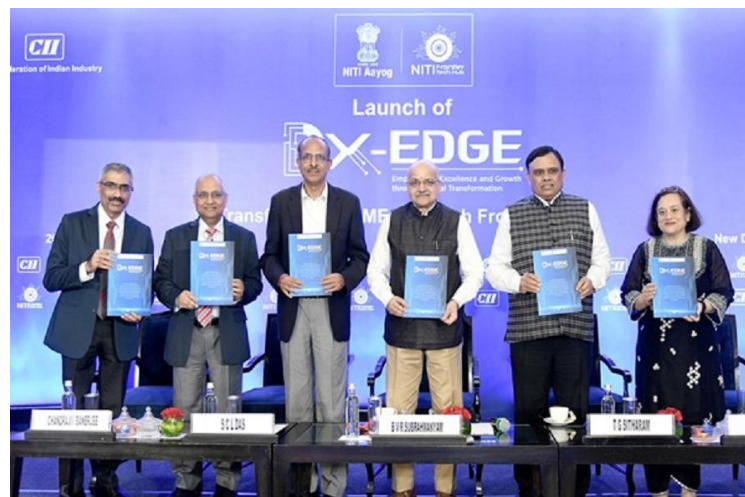
- The **government plans to infuse ₹10,000 crore** into the cooperative dairy sector. This funding will promote a circular economy, facilitating the provision of resources like fodder and veterinary services. Plans also include the establishment of a cooperative insurance company and the introduction of 'Sahkar Taxi', which will operate similarly to ride-sharing services.

**Benefits of Tribhuvan Sahkari University**

- The university will ensure the supply of trained human resources for the successful implementation of new initiatives.
- The university will bring together cooperative training institutes/centers operating under 284 different authorities across India.
- The university will enhance the annual capacity of existing training institutes.
- The university will lead to an increase in the number of long-term courses related to cooperatives across India.
- The university will ensure a comprehensive and integrated institutional system for education and training in the cooperative sector.

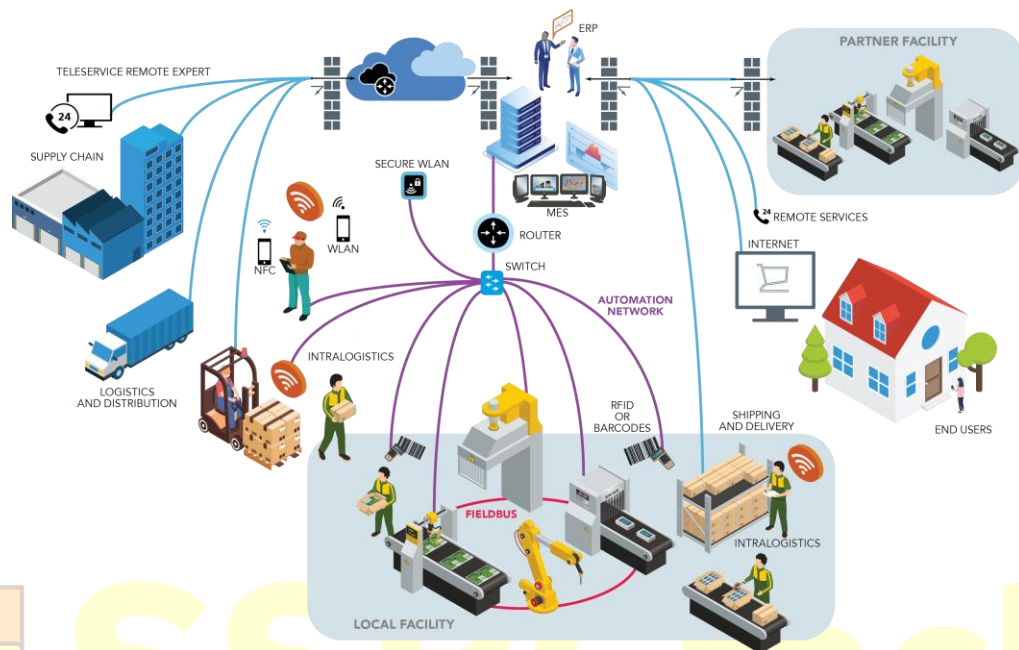
## What Is Dx-EDGE Initiative

- India launched the **‘Digital Excellence for Growth and Enterprise’ (Dx-EDGE)** initiative. This platform aims to empower **micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs)** with essential digital tools and knowledge.





- The initiative is a collaboration between the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), NITI Aayog, and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)**. It seeks to enhance MSME performance through digitalisation, making them competitive and resilient.



- The primary goal of **Dx-EDGE is to future-proof MSMEs**. It provides them with access to cutting-edge technology and digital skills. The initiative aims to democratise innovation and skill development across the country. This platform is integral to India's vision of becoming a developed nation, termed **Viksit Bharat**. MSMEs in India face challenges. These **include improving technology adoption, developing a skilled workforce**, and obtaining quality certifications.
- Addressing these issues is crucial for enhancing their competitiveness and operational efficiency. The **success of Dx-EDGE relies on a Public-Private-Academia Partnership (PPAP) approach**. This collaborative framework includes private sector involvement, government support, and academic resources. Such partnerships are vital for facilitating MSMEs' digital transformation journeys.
- Notable feature of Dx-EDGE is the **creation of digital excellence centres**. These centres will guide MSMEs in identifying tailored digital transformation paths. They will **offer training and resources, ensuring that MSMEs** can effectively adopt new technologies.

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Which Country Has Become The World's Top Milk Producer**

- A. China
- B. India
- C. United States
- D. Brazil

**ANSWER: D**

**2. India's First National Cooperative University Will Be Started In**

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Telangana
- C. Gujarat
- D. Kerala

**ANSWER: C**

**3. Dx-EDGE Initiative Seen In News Is Related To**

- A. Space
- B. Climate
- C. MSME's
- D. Medicines

**ANSWER: C**

**4. Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park Situated In**

- A. West Bengal
- B. Odisha
- C. Gujarat
- D. Kerala

**ANSWER: A**

**5. Which Ministry Has Launched "Baalpan Ki Kavita" Initiative**

- A. Ministry of Women and Child development
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Education
- D. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

**ANSWER: C**

**6. Who Has Been Appointed As The New Finance Secretary Of India**

- A. Tuhin Kanta Pandey
- B. Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- C. Ajay Seth
- D. Subhash Chandra Garg

**ANSWER: C**

**7. In Which Weight Category Did Indian Wrestler Sunil Kumar Win The Bronze Medal At The Asian Wrestling Championship**

- A. 82kg
- B. 87kg
- C. 97kg
- D. 67kg

**ANSWER: B**

**8. To Which Organization Sanjay Kumar Mishra Appointed As A Full-time Member**

- A. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B. Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Enforcement Directorate (ED)

**ANSWER: B**

**9. Who Has Been Nominated As A Whole-time Director To The Board Of Maruti Suzuki India Limited**

- A. Sunil Kumar
- B. Sunil Sharma
- C. Sunil Kakkar
- D. Sunil Gupta

**ANSWER: C**

**10. Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary Is Located In Which State**

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Odisha
- C. Karnataka
- D. Kerala

**ANSWER: C**

**11. Which Ministry Has Launched India's Social Protection Data Pooling Exercise With International Labour Organization**

- A. Ministry of Labour and Employment
- B. Ministry of Law and Justice
- C. Ministry of Finance
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry

**ANSWER: A**

**12. What Is The Primary Objective Of The Blue Ghost Mission**

- A. To enhance understanding of the lunar environment
- B. To analyze the atmospheres of exoplanets
- C. To investigate Jupiter's moon Europa
- D. To study the inner heliosphere and the solar wind

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Who Has Been Selected For The Prestigious Sangita Kalanidhi Award For 2025**

- A. T.R. Govindarajan
- B. Urmila Satyanarayana
- C. R.K. Shriramkumar
- D. Shymala Venkateswaran

**ANSWER: C**

**14. Where Did Dr. P.T. Usha Inaugurate The National Maritime Games 2025**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Navi Mumbai
- C. Mumbai
- D. Pune

**ANSWER: B**

**15. Primary Purpose Of The BAANKNET Portal Launched By The Government**

- A. Loan Disbursement Management
- B. Online Banking Services
- C. E-auctions for Asset Sales
- D. Digital Payment Processing

**ANSWER: C**

**16. Which City's Gabba Stadium Is Set To Be Demolished After The 2032 Olympics**

- A. Sydney
- B. Melbourne
- C. Perth
- D. Brisbane

**ANSWER: D**

**17. Which Country Has Announced Its Decision To Join The New Development Bank**

- A. Malaysia
- B. Thailand
- C. Vietnam
- D. Indonesia

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Which State Is Planning To Develop The Ganga And Sharda River Corridors To Boost Religious Tourism**

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Bihar

**ANSWER: B**

**19. Who Has Been Appointed As A Full-Time Member Of NITI Aayog**

- A. Rajiv Gauba
- B. Amitabh Kant
- C. Narendra Modi
- D. P.K. Sinha

**ANSWER: A**

**20. The HQ Of International Olympic Committee Is Located In Which Country**

- A. Australia
- B. Greece
- C. Switzerland
- D. Poland

**ANSWER: C**