

DAILY PT POINTERS

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HEADLINES OF THE DAY



The Hindu: GS 2-Polity and Governance (Page 1)

As Andhra Pradesh alters PMAY name, Centre puts ₹4,000-cr. funds on hold

- the Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana- Gramin (PMAY-G) with effect from 1st April, 2016 to provide assistance to construct 2.95 crore pucca houses with basic amenities by March, 2024.
- The beneficiaries under PMAY-G have been identified based on the housing deprivation parameters prescribed under Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC) 2011.
- The PMAY-G guidelines provide that allotment of the house shall be made jointly in the name of the husband and wife, except in the case of a widow/unmarried/separated person. The State may also choose to allot the house solely in the name of the woman.

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The Hindu : Women Empowerment / Defence (GS 1 / GS3) (Page 1)

Leave benefits for women in armed forces made uniform

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved a proposal to grant maternity, childcare and child adoption leave to women soldiers, sailors, and air warriors on a par with the officers.
- the measure would improve the working conditions for women in the military as it would help them balance their professional and family lives in a better manner.
- At present, women officers get maternity leave of 180 days with full pay for each child, subject to a maximum of two children.
- Childcare leave of 360 days is granted in total service career (subject to the child being less than 18 years of age) to women officers.
- Child adoption leave of 180 days is granted after the date of the valid adoption of a child below one year of age,

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No jurisdiction on plea by deceased U.P. official's wife: Lokpal

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- The Lokpal is the first institution of its kind in independent India, established under the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act 2013 to inquire and investigate into allegations of corruption against public functionaries who fall within the scope and ambit of the above Act.
 - The institution of ombudsman originated in Scandinavian countries.
- The Lokpal and Lokayukta Act, 2013 provided for the establishment of Lokpal for the Union and Lokayukta for States.
- The Act states that not less than 50% of the members of the Lokpal should be from among persons belonging to the SCs, the STs, OBCs, minorities and women.
- **Do you know ?**
- India is a signatory to the United Nations Convention against Corruption. The commitment of the Government to provide clean and responsive governance is reflected in passing of the legislation and creation of the body of Lokpal, to contain and punish acts of corruption.

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The Zika genome and insights into the era of emerging outbreaks

The Zika virus has an RNA genome, and thus a high potential to accumulate mutations. The tools, techniques, and modalities we have to track the evolution, genetic epidemiology, and molecular underpinnings of transmission and pathogenesis could be extended to Zika outbreaks as well

- **Zika virus is transmitted primarily by Aedes mosquitoes, which bite mostly during the day.**
- Zika virus is a mosquito-borne virus first identified in Uganda in 1947 in a Rhesus macaque monkey followed by evidence of infection and disease in humans in other African countries in the 1950s.
- The first human cases were detected in 1952 in Uganda and Tanzania. There have since been outbreaks around the world, largely confined to the tropics

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Wolbachia: an unlikely hero



- *Wolbachia* is a genus of bacteria that has evolved complex relationships with the many insects that can host it. It is named for the American pathologist Simeon Burt Wolbach, who identified it along with Marshall Hertig in 1924.
- **Wolbachia** provides a biological method to manipulate mosquito populations and reduce disease transmission
- *Wolbachia* can also reduce the rate at which chikungunya and yellow fever viruses multiply in infected mosquitoes. Scientists have also found that some *Wolbachia* species can strongly protect some mosquito species against the malaria parasite.

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Indian Express: Defence(GSIII)

Russia military says
test-fired ballistic
missile from new
nuclear submarine



- Russia said Sunday it had successfully test-launched an intercontinental ballistic missile capable of carrying nuclear warheads from one of its submarines.
- The 12-metre long Bulava missile was designed to be the backbone of Moscow's nuclear triad and has a range of over 8,000 kilometres (close to 5,000 miles).

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Indian Express: History(Page 4)

An abode for fugitives to an architectural landmark: The story of Balban's Tomb

A few weeks ago, Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena unveiled six renovations nestled inside the park, one among which was the tomb of Balban.



- Ulugh Khan, known in history by the name of Balban, gradually arrogated all power to himself and finally ascended the throne in AD 1266
- Balban ruled in an autocratic manner and worked hard to elevate the position of the Sultan. He did not allow any noble to assume great power. He even formulated the theory of kingship
- Balban was determined to break the power of the Chahalgani
- To keep himself well informed, Balban appointed spies in every department
- Balban re-organised the military department (diwan-i-arz) and deployed army in different parts of the country to put down rebellion
- He also insisted on the ceremony of sijada (prostration) and paibos (kissing of the monarch's feet) in the court

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Indian Express: Polity and Governance(Page 10)

Five-year extension for free ration: The numbers behind the food security programme

In late 2022, ahead of Gujarat and Himachal polls, PMGKAY was extended until Dec 2022 and then for another year, merging it with the NFSA. With the scheme nearing expiry, the govt has again extended it, this time for 5 yrs more



- The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) was launched in April 2020 with the specific purpose of ameliorating the hardships faced by the poor and needy due to economic disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the country.
 - Initially, in 2020-21, the PMGKAY scheme was announced only for a period of three months (April-June 2020), All beneficiaries of the targeted public distribution system (TPDS) for Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and priority household (PHH) ration cardholders are eligible for food grains under this scheme.

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Youth delegation attending Tribal Youth Exchange Programme (TYEP) call on the President



- The Ministry of Home Affairs has been running the Tribal Youth Exchange Programme (TYEP) for the last 15 years.
 - The programme is being run through Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Under this programme, young men and women of the tribal communities from the interior areas most affected by Left Wing Extremism are taken to major cities and metropolitans across the country.

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Inauguration of DSIR-CRTDH Conclave-2023 on 6th November 2023 at Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar supported by Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Ministry of Science and Technology

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The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) has been implementing a program known as “Common Research and Technology Development Hubs (CRTDHs)” which aims to encourage Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) for conducting industrial R&D/innovation activities and strengthening R&D infrastructure in Public Funded Research Institutions (PFRI). CRTDH program, initiated in the year 2014-15

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PIB: Health/IR

Indian delegation led by Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shri Bhagwant Khuba leaves for Netherlands today to participate in the 2nd World Local Production Forum

- The World Local Production Platform is a platform created at the initiative of WHO with the aim of increasing access to medicines and other health technologies.
- This forum provides Member States and the global community with a regular platform to shape strategies, galvanize collective action, and foster partnerships on sustainable local production to improve timely and equitable access to quality assured health products.
- The Local Production and Assistance (LPA) Unit at the WLPF Secretariat is closely working with the Kingdom of the Netherlands as the hosting country to organize this Forum.

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PIB: Environment (GS 3)

NTPC Renewable Energy Limited declares Commercial Operation of its Maiden Project - the 50 MW Dayapar Wind Project in Kachch, Gujarat

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- Dayapar Wind is the first project of NTPC REL and the first capacity in India to be declared commercial under new Indian Electricity Grid Code and General Network Access Regime.
 - NTPC Renewable Energy Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC,