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Cabinet approves Revision of Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP)

Posted On: 05 MAR 2025 3:11PM by PIB Delhi

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has today approved the Revision of Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP).

The scheme has three components namely National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP), LH&DC and Pashu Aushadhi. LH&DC has three sub-components i.e. Critical Animal Disease Control Programme (CADCP), Establishment and Strengthening of existing Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries - Mobile Veterinary Unit (ESVHD-MVU) and Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD). The Pashu Aushadhi is new component added to the LHDCP scheme. The total outlay of the scheme is Rs.3,880 crore for two years i.e. 2024-25 and 2025-26, which includes provision of Rs. 75 crore to provide good quality and affordable generic veterinary medicine and incentive for sale of medicines under Pashu Aushadhi component.

News

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About

- The scheme has three components namely National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP), LH&DC and Pashu Aushadhi.
- The total outlay of the scheme is Rs.3,880 crore for two years i.e. 2024-25 and 2025-26, it will help in prevention and control of livestock diseases through vaccination, surveillance and upgradation of healthcare facilities.
- Productivity of livestock is impacted adversely due to diseases like Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Brucellosis, Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR), Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF), Lumpy Skin Disease, etc.
- Implementation of the LHDCP will facilitate reduction in these losses by preventing diseases through immunization.

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Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)



Cabinet approves development of ropeway project from Govindghat to Hemkund Sahib Ji (12.4 km) in Uttarakhand under National Ropeways Development Programme – Parvatmala Pariyojana

Posted On: 05 MAR 2025 3:08PM by PIB Delhi

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the construction of 12.4 km ropeway project from Govindghat to Hemkund Sahib Ji in Uttarakhand. The project will be developed on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) mode at a total capital cost of Rs. 2,730.13 crore.

Currently, the journey to the Hemkund Sahib Ji is a challenging 21-km uphill trek from Govindghat and is covered on foot or by ponies or palanquins. The proposed ropeway is planned to provide convenience to pilgrims and visiting the Hemkund Sahib Ji and the tourists visiting the Valley of Flowers and will ensure all-weather last mile connectivity between Govindghat and Hemkund Sahib Ji.

News

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved two major ropeway projects in Uttarakhand under Parvatmala Pariyojana.

Govindghat to Hemkund Sahib Ji

- Currently, the journey to the Hemkund Sahib Ji is a challenging 21-km uphill trek from Govindghat and is covered on foot or by ponies or palanquins.
- The proposed 12.4 km ropeway project is planned to provide convenience to pilgrims visiting the Hemkund Sahib Ji and the tourists visiting the Valley of Flowers.
- The trek to Hemkund Sahib Ji also serves as the gateway to the famous Valley of Flowers, a national park recognized as the UNESCO World Heritage site.

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Cabinet approves development of Ropeway Project from Sonprayag to Kedarnath (12.9 km) in Uttarakhand under National Ropeways Development Programme – Parvatmala Pariyojana

Posted On: 05 MAR 2025 3:05PM by PIB Delhi

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the construction of 12.9 km ropeway project from Sonprayag to Kedarnath (12.9 km) in Uttarakhand. The project will be developed on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) mode at a total capital cost of Rs. 4,081.28 crore.

The ropeway is planned to be developed in public-private partnership and will be based on the most advanced Tri-cable Detachable Gondola (3S) technology with a design capacity of 1,800 passengers per hour per direction (PPHPD) carrying 18,000 passengers per day.

The ropeway project will be a boon to the pilgrims visiting Kedarnath as it would provide an environment-friendly, comfortable and fast connectivity and reduce travel time in one direction from about 8 to 9 hours to about 36 minutes.

The ropeway project will also generate substantial employment opportunities during construction and operations as well as in allied tourism industries like hospitality, travel, foods & beverages (F&B) and tourism throughout the year.



Sonprayag to Kedarnath

- Kedarnath is one of the 12 sacred Jyotirlingas situated at an elevation of 3,583 m (11968 ft) in the Rudraprayag district of the State of Uttarakhand.
- The construction of 12.9 km ropeway project from Sonprayag to Kedarnath (12.9 km) will reduce the travel time in one direction from about 8 to 9 hours to about 36 minutes.

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The Hindu :IR and Economy (Page -1)



THE HINDU

Trump address to Congress highlights: Donald Trump announces reciprocal tariffs against India, China from April 2

“Our country will be woke no longer,” Mr. Trump said in his joint address to the U.S. Congress

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News

- U.S. President Donald Trump criticised the high tariffs charged by India and other countries, terming them as “very unfair” and announced reciprocal tariffs from April 2 on nations that impose levies on American goods.

What are reciprocal tariffs?

- Reciprocal tariffs are measures designed by a country to ensure a level playing field by matching the import duties imposed by other nations. The aim is to ensure that no country takes undue advantage of lower tariffs while imposing higher duties on imports.

Trade in numbers

Tables show top exports and imports between the U.S. and India from April 2024 to Nov. 2024

India's total exports to the U.S.

\$52.9 billion

TOP EXPORTS TO U.S.

Electrical machinery	\$7.6bn
Precious stones/ metals	\$6.3bn
Pharmaceuticals	\$5.9bn

India's total imports from the U.S.

\$29.6 billion

TOP IMPORTS FROM U.S.

Mineral fuels and oils	\$9.9bn
Precious stones/ metals	\$3.2bn
Nuclear reactors & boilers	\$2.8bn

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Indian Express: Government Initiative (Page -1)

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News

- Under Delhi's Mahila Samridhhi Scheme, women with an annual income up to ₹3 lakh are eligible for a ₹2,500 monthly payout.

About

- Only those aged between **18 and 60**, who do not hold government jobs and are not receiving any other government financial assistance, will get the grant under this scheme.
- The government has estimated that around 15-20 lakh women will meet the criteria.

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Indian Express: Space (Page -15)

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Could Europe's Eutelsat help to replace Starlink in Ukraine?

The stock price of Eutelsat, a Franco-British company, has more than quadrupled since the February 28 public showdown between Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and US President Donald Trump.



News

- Suggestions that Ukraine could lose access to Elon Musk's Starlink satellite Internet system, which has been vital in maintaining its military communications, have focused investor interest on Starlink's smaller European rival Eutelsat.

About

- Eutelsat already supports government and institutional communications in Ukraine, and can provide an alternative for certain government and defence applications
- Since its merger in 2023 with Britain's OneWeb, Eutelsat controls the only operational global-coverage constellation, besides Starlink, of satellites in low earth orbit ([LEO](#)).

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Indian Express: Species (Page -15)

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What the first-ever comprehensive survey of India's river dolphins revealed

The estimation survey was done by the Wildlife Institute of India under the Union Environment Ministry between 2021 and 2023. It covered the main channels and tributaries of the Ganga and Brahmaputra rivers, as well as the Beas river in Punjab

News

- The findings of the first-ever comprehensive exercise to determine the population of riverine dolphins in India were published recently.

About

- It estimated the aquatic mammals' population to be 6,327, spread mostly across the Ganga and Brahmaputra river systems.
- The Indian subcontinent boasts two extant species of riverine dolphins: the Ganges river dolphin (*Platanista gangetica*), and the related but smaller Indus river dolphin (*Platanistaminor*).
- Both are classified as **endangered**, and accorded the highest protection under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.