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Centre's Proposed NFSA Revision Triggers Food Security Debate

NEWS ITEM

A report analysed the Centre's proposed amendment to the **National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013**, which seeks to change **Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY)** foodgrain entitlement from a household-based system to a per-person system. Under the proposal, each AAY beneficiary would get **7 kg of foodgrains per month**, subject to a maximum cap of **35 kg per household per month**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The Centre has proposed an amendment to the **National Food Security Act, 2013**.
- The amendment relates to **Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY)** foodgrain entitlements.
- Current AAY entitlement: **35 kg per household per month**.
- Proposed AAY entitlement: **7 kg per person per month**, capped at **35 kg per household per month**.
- **Priority Households** under NFSA receive **5 kg per person per month**.
- The draft amendment was published by the **Union Food and Public Distribution Ministry**.
- Public comments were invited till **July 11**.
- **Tamil Nadu** and **Kerala** have opposed the proposed amendment.
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **M.K. Stalin** opposed the proposal on **June 2, 2026**.
- Kerala Food Minister **G.R. Anil** also expressed reservations.
- The South's AAY household ceiling was shown at **52.51 lakh**, with actual AAY coverage around **49.36 lakh households**.
- All-India AAY household ceiling was shown at **250 lakh**, with actual coverage around **217.01 lakh households**.
- Puducherry follows a **Direct Benefit Transfer** model and therefore had no foodgrain allocation in the table.

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Building Water Security in a Drying India

NEWS ITEM

An editorial highlighted India's worsening **water stress**, with cities such as Bengaluru, Delhi and Mussoorie facing severe water shortages. It argued that India cannot depend only on monsoon rainfall and must invest in climate-proof water systems, wastewater reuse, efficient irrigation, better urban finance and reliable river-basin-level water data.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The editorial was written by **Nitin Bassi**, Fellow at the **Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW)**.
- India has about **4% of global water resources** and supports nearly **18% of the world's population**.
- **Water stress** threshold: annual water availability below **1,700 cubic metres per person**.
- **Water scarcity** threshold: annual water availability below **1,000 cubic metres per person**.
- **11 of 15 major river basins** in India are experiencing water stress.
- Basins mentioned below the scarcity threshold include **Krishna, Cauvery, Mahi and Tapi**.
- Delhi's water supply was stated to have fallen to around **70%** of total demand of **1,250 million gallons per day**.
- A **UNU-INWEH** report warned of global water bankruptcy.
- Nearly **three-fourths of the global population** lives in water-insecure countries.
- The editorial suggests climate risk assessment, water reuse, efficient irrigation and basin-level water data as key reforms.
- CEEW analysis estimated that treated wastewater sale could create an economic opportunity of **₹3 lakh crore** and **1,00,000 additional jobs by 2047**.
- **Urban Challenge Fund** has central assistance of **₹1 lakh crore** and supports Cities as Growth Hubs, Creative Redevelopment of Cities, and Water and Sanitation.
- Under UCF, the Centre can finance up to **25%** of the cost of bankable projects, with significant funding expected from market sources such as bonds, bank loans and PPPs.

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ACME Signs Green Ammonia and Methanol Offtake Deals with Japan

NEWS ITEM

Under the **National Green Hydrogen Mission**, **ACME Cleantech Solutions Private Limited** signed long-term offtake agreements with Japanese companies for green hydrogen derivatives. It will supply **405 kTPA green ammonia** to **IHI Corporation** and **100 kTPA green methanol** to **Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Company** from its Paradip facility.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The agreements were signed at **Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan, New Delhi**.
- **ACME Group** signed long-term offtake agreements with **IHI Corporation** for green ammonia and **Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Company** for green methanol.
- **National Green Hydrogen Mission** was approved in January 2023 with an outlay of **₹19,744 crore**.
- **SIGHT Programme** provides financial support for production through bidding conducted by **SECI**.
- ACME Group has been awarded **370 kTPA** production capacity under the SIGHT Programme.
- ACME will supply **405 kTPA green ammonia** to IHI Corporation.
- ACME will supply **100 kTPA green methanol** to Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Company under a **10-year agreement** from its **Paradip facility**.
- Japan's **METI** administers the CfD scheme supporting low-carbon ammonia.

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11 Years of Digital India: Transforming Governance and Empowering the Poor

NEWS ITEM

Marking the 11th anniversary of the **Digital India** initiative, Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted its massive success in redefining governance and making life easier for millions. From laying optical fibres in remote villages to executing seamless **Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT)**, the scheme has empowered the underprivileged, fueled rural startups, and positioned India as a global leader in emerging technologies like AI and quantum computing.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Launch Year:** 2015, operating under the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)**.
- **Nine Pillars:** Includes Broadband Highways, Public Internet Access, e-Governance, e-Kranti, Information for All, Electronics Manufacturing, IT for Jobs, Early Harvest Programmes, and Universal Access to Mobile Connectivity.
- **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT):** Works seamlessly on the backbone of the **JAM Trinity**, ensuring targeted delivery without middlemen.
- **Future Focus:** The initiative is now driving emerging sectors through missions like the **India Semiconductor Mission**, **National Quantum Mission**, and **IndiaAI Mission**.

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10 Years of PMKSY: Transforming Indian Agriculture with Assured Irrigation

NEWS ITEM

The **Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)** has successfully completed over a decade of transforming India's agricultural landscape. Since its launch in 2015, the scheme has provided assured irrigation, promoted smart water conservation, and expanded irrigation coverage across 24.61 million hectares, directly benefiting over 27 million farmers.

PRELIMS FACTS

- Launched on **July 1, 2015**, PMKSY aims to enhance physical access to water on farms.
- Planning is highly decentralized; implementation relies heavily on the creation of **District Irrigation Plans (DIPs)** and **State Irrigation Plans (SIPs)**.
- Achieved the creation and restoration of irrigation potential across **24.61 million hectares** in the last 10 years.
- Promotes **Micro-Irrigation Fund (MIF)** with a corpus created under NABARD to facilitate state efforts.

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VB-G RAM G Act: MGNREGA's New Avatar or Diluted Right to Work?

NEWS ITEM

The **Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM G] Act, 2025** has come into force across rural India from **1 July 2026**, replacing **MGNREGA, 2005**. It raises the rural employment guarantee from **100 days to 125 days** per eligible rural household and ensures that no notified daily wage is below **₹300**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **VB-G RAM G Act, 2025** came into force across rural India from **1 July 2026**.
- It replaced **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005**.
- It provides **125 days** of guaranteed wage employment per eligible rural household.
- Under MGNREGA, the guarantee was **100 days** per rural household.
- No notified daily wage under VB-G RAM G will be below **₹300**.
- The national average notified wage increased from **₹298.8 per day** under MGNREGA to **₹327.4 per day** under VB-G RAM G.
- The average wage increase is more than **10%**.
- The Act is administered by the **Ministry of Rural Development**.
- Existing e-KYC verified MGNREGA job cards will remain valid until new **Gramin Rozgar Guarantee Cards** are issued.
- If employment is not provided within the prescribed time, workers remain entitled to **unemployment allowance**.
- Wages will continue to be paid through **Direct Benefit Transfer** into bank or post office accounts.
- Under PRS summary, the fund-sharing pattern is **60:40** for most states and **90:10** for North-Eastern and Himalayan states.
- The Centre will determine state-wise **normative allocation**; expenditure beyond it will be borne by the state.
- States must announce in advance a period of up to **60 days** in a financial year during which works will not be undertaken during peak agricultural seasons such as sowing and harvesting.
- Gram Panchayats will prepare plans for works focusing on water security, rural infrastructure, livelihood-related infrastructure and mitigation of extreme weather events.
- The planning framework will be integrated with the **PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan**.
- Technology provisions include biometric authentication, geospatial technology, mobile application-based dashboards and weekly public disclosure systems.
- **Article 41** of the Constitution is related to right to work, education and public assistance under DPSP.

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MoSPI Releases SDG Progress Reports on 20th National Statistics Day

NEWS ITEM

On the occasion of the 20th National Statistics Day (June 29, 2026), the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released several key publications tracking India's progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including the **National Indicator Framework (NIF) Progress Report, 2026**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Total Indicators:** The NIF 2026 consists of 277 national indicators to track all 17 SDGs.
- **Social Protection:** The population covered by social protection systems/safety nets increased from 22.0% in 2016 to 65.3% in 2026.
- **Maternal Health:** The Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) declined from 122 (2015-17) to 87 per 1,00,000 live births (2022-24).
- **Sex Ratio:** Sex ratio at birth improved from 896 to 918 females per 1,000 male births (between 2015-17 and 2022-24).
- **Employment:** The unemployment rate dropped from 6.1% (2017-18) to 3.1% in 2025.
- **Environment:** The proportion of Ramsar sites area in the total wetland area increased from 4.15% (2016) to 8.66% (2026).
- **Energy:** Installed renewable energy capacity tripled from 64.04 Watts per capita (2014-15) to 193.36 Watts per capita (2025-26).

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Union Health Minister Launches 'e-Sushrut@Clinic' for Small Clinics

NEWS ITEM

Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda has launched **e-Sushrut@Clinic**, a simple and low-cost digital software. Developed by C-DAC, it helps small clinics and primary health centres (PHCs) easily manage patient records and daily operations using computers or smartphones.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Developed by:** Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC).
- **Mandatory Registry:** Doctors must be registered on the **Healthcare Professionals Registry (HPR)** to access the system.
- **Cost:** Highly subsidized effective rate of ₹299 per month for up to 5 users, with the first 3 months completely free.
- **ABDM Integration:** Includes features to create ABHA IDs and scan/share health records seamlessly.

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Union Health Minister Launches 'SUMAN Roadmap 2030' to Zero Preventable Maternal Deaths

NEWS ITEM

Imagine a healthcare system where not a single mother or newborn loses their life to preventable causes. Taking a giant leap towards this vision, the Union Health Minister unveiled the **SUMAN Roadmap 2030** at the 16th conference of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare (CCHFW). This action plan aims to drastically reduce maternal and newborn deaths by combining advanced technology, better hospitals, and community participation.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Global Target:** The roadmap aligns with the SDG target to reduce the **Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR)** to below **70 per 100,000 live births** by 2030.
- **Geographical Focus:** It implements highly targeted strategies in **130 districts across 13 high-focus states** (including UP, Bihar, MP, and Assam).
- **Innovative Tools:** Introduces **Non-pneumatic Anti-Shock Garments (NASG)** to manage obstetric hemorrhage (severe bleeding), which is a leading cause of maternal death.
- **Community Engagement:** Promotes '**SUMAN Panchayats**' (to ensure local accountability) and a '**Mothers Picnic**' platform to raise awareness about positive health practices.
- **Digital Push:** Utilises the **Janani Portal** for rigorous monitoring, AI-enabled delivery rooms, and a centralized SUMAN Call Centre for grievance redressal.

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PM Modi Addresses 135th Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat'

NEWS ITEM

In the 135th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat', Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted India's recent achievements in defence indigenisation, sports, environmental conservation, and social initiatives. He emphasized the power of public participation (Jan Bhagidari) in tackling global challenges and preserving the nation's cultural and ecological heritage.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Defence Indigenisation:** INS Dunagiri, INS Sanshodhak, and INS Agray were recently inducted into the Indian Navy in Kolkata. They are indigenously designed and manufactured.
- **Aerospace:** The first 'Made in India' C-295 aircraft successfully completed its maiden flight. A total of 40 such aircraft are being manufactured in India.
- **Missile Technology:** DRDO and Indian Industries Partners successfully tested the indigenous 'Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile'.
- **Sports:** India topped the medal tally at the **World Yogasana Championship** in Ahmedabad, winning 114 medals, including 102 gold medals.
- **Grassroots Sports in Nagaland:** The state is promoting talent through the 'Nagaland Baby League' (football for 5-12 year olds) and the 'Nagaland Women Futsal League' (indoor football with 5 players per team).
- **Education & Heritage:** Nalanda University has revived the ancient tradition of 'Shastrarth' (debate and discussion). Meanwhile, the Central Sanskrit University in Delhi is starting a B.Tech Programme in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science to link traditional knowledge with modern technology.
- **Global Cultural Footprint:** 'Brahmakamal Dominicana', a Spanish-speaking team in the Dominican Republic, is actively learning and chanting Vedic mantras like Purusha Suktam and Sri Rudram.
- **Waste Management:** Women in Biaora, Rajgarh district (Madhya Pradesh) have initiated a campaign to convert plastic waste and empty bottles into eco-bricks to beautify public spaces.

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Launch of PM Family Care Tracker Pilot Project

NEWS ITEM

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah launched the pilot project of the **PM Family Care Tracker** in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The digital platform will track the health, nutrition, and education of beneficiaries from pregnancy until the age of 18 using a unique ID.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Launch Location:** The pilot project was officially launched in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**.
- **Target Age Group:** The system tracks beneficiaries lifecycle starting from **pregnancy up to 18 years of age**.
- **Identification Mechanism:** Beneficiaries are tracked using a unique ID that is linked to the **Birth Registration Number** or the **ABHA ID**.
- **Health Passports:** Alongside the tracker, specialized **health passports** were released for children.
- **Associated Launch:** The first phase of the **PM e-Bus service** was also flagged off concurrently in Gandhinagar.

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Andhra Pradesh Seeks Centre's Aid for Totapuri Mango Farmers Under PDPS

NEWS ITEM

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has urged the Central Government to provide Rs. 281 crore under the **Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS)** to assist Totapuri mango farmers. The farmers are facing a severe price decline caused by the suspension of mango pulp exports and reduced procurement by processing industries.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Affected Region:** The current price crisis primarily affects the **Royalaseema region** of Andhra Pradesh.
- **Market Intervention Scheme (MIS):** To stabilize prices, the Andhra Pradesh State Government is physically procuring 7.03 lakh metric tonnes of Totapuri mangoes under the MIS.
- **Additional Support:** The state government has announced an additional incentive of Rs. 4 per kilogram for the affected farmers.
- **Root Cause:** A sharp decline in export demand for mango pulp and reduced industrial procurement.

11 Years of Digital India: Pushing Frontiers in AI, Semiconductors, and Electronics Manufacturing

NEWS ITEM

Marking the completion of 11 years since its launch on July 1, 2015, the **Digital India** initiative has entered a transformative phase. Transitioning from basic digital connectivity and financial inclusion, the program now strategically focuses on high-tech domains, including the **IndiaAI Mission**, the **India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) 2.0**, expanding **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)** like UPI, and scaling domestic electronics manufacturing to position India as a global tech leader.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Launch Date:** Digital India was launched on **July 1, 2015**.
- **Telecom Infrastructure:** India's 5G network covers 99.9% of districts through 4.74 lakh towers; BharatNet has connected 2.18 lakh gram panchayats via high-speed broadband.
- **Data Sovereignty:** A new National Data Centre for the North-Eastern region was operationalized in **Guwahati** in February 2026.
- **Global Innovation Index (GII):** India's global ranking in the GI improved significantly from **81st in 2015 to 38th in 2025**.
- **Regulatory Milestones:** The **Online Gaming Promotion and Regulation Act** came into effect on May 1, 2026, followed by the establishment of the **Online Gaming Authority of India** in April 2026. The **Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Draft Rules** were released in January 2025 to enforce consent-based data governance.
- **Startup Ecosystem:** Direct employment generated by DPIIT-recognized startups reached **23.36 lakh jobs**, with nearly 48% of these startups having at least one woman director or partner.