

TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

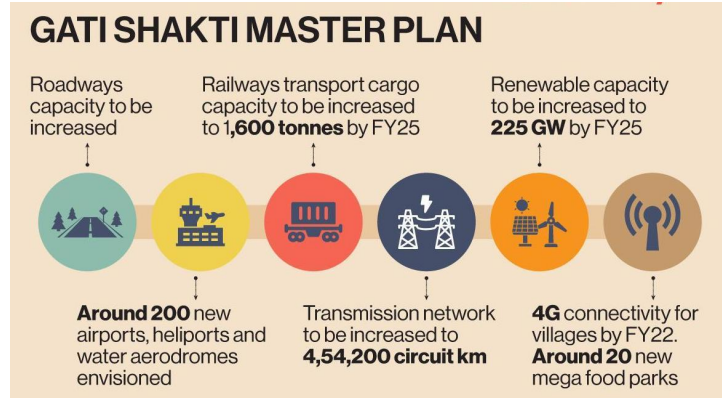
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CONFERENCE & INITIATIVE

77th PM Gati Shakti meeting evaluates infrastructure projects across Railways, Roads, Aviation and Ports

- ❖ The 77th meeting of the Network Planning Group (NPG) under the PM Gati Shakti initiative was convened in New Delhi.
- ❖ The meeting focused on evaluating six important infrastructure projects from Ministry of Railways (MoR), Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) and Ministry of Ports Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) were evaluated for their alignment with the principles of integrated planning outlined in the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP).



I&B minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launches 'Create in India Challenge Season One'



- ❖ Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched 'Create in India Challenge-Season One' in New Delhi in the run-up to the World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit.
- ❖ This creator economy was recognized by Prime Minister Narendra Modi who presented the first National Creator Awards. The World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit WAVES is set to take place for the first time.

- ❖ The global summit is scheduled to be held between **November 20 and 24** in **Goa**, alongside the **International Film Festival of India (IFFI)**.
- ❖ It aligns seamlessly with the Prime Minister's visionary call of '**Design in India, Design for the World**' as articulated during the **78th Independence Day** address.

The "Aarambh" programme, launched in Punjab: aims at enhancing early childhood education

- ❖ Focuses on holistic development of children attending **Anganwadi centres**. Promotes **cognitive, pre - literacy, pre - numeracy, social-emotional**, fine and gross motor skills. Grounded in the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**.
- ❖ Activities for parents and educators align with the state's curriculum for easy implementation at home. Encourages a **nurturing, play-based learning environment** with active participation from **parents and Anganwadi workers**.
- ❖ Aligned with national initiatives like "**Aadharshila**" and "**Poshan bhi Padhai bhi**" by the **Ministry of Women and Child Development**.

IEC Campaign on PM - JANMAN mission

- ❖ The **IEC (Information, Education and Communication)** Campaign on the **PM JANMAN** mission is being launched by the **Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs**.
- ❖ To raise awareness and ensure the saturation of government schemes in **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) areas**.
- ❖ **PM JANMAN** is a **government scheme** that aims to **bring tribal communities into the mainstream**.

PM JANMAN <small>(Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan)</small> <small>A Visionary Initiative towards Tribal Welfare</small> <small>11 Basic Amenities 24,000 Crore Allocated Convergence with 9 Ministries</small>	
	Sabko Pucca Ghar
	Har Ghar Nal Se Jal
	Gaon-Gaon Tak Sadak
	Har Ghar Bijli
	Shiksha Ke Liye Hostel
	Kaushal Vikas
	Door Daraz Gaon Tak Mobile Medical Unit
	Sabko Poshan
	Unnat Aajeevika
	Door Daraz Gaon Tak Mobile Network



HONORS

90 - foot tall bronze statue of Lord Hanuman becomes new landmark in Texas

- ❖ A massive **90 - foot tall bronze** statue of **Lord Hanuman** has been unveiled near Houston, Texas, called the "**Statue of Union**".
- ❖ The **third tallest** in the **United States**, behind only the **Statue of Liberty** in New York and the **Pegasus and Dragon statue** in Florida. It is the tallest outside of India and the tallest in Texas.
- ❖ The project was the vision of **Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamiji**, a Padma Bhushan awardee and renowned Vedic scholar, who aimed to create a **spiritual epicenter** for **North America**.

SPORTS

Neeraj Chopra finishes second in Men's Javelin Throw event at Lausanne Diamond League 2024

Anderson Peters of Grenada set a new meet record with a monster throw of **90.61 meters** to take the first place while Julian Weber of Germany settled for third with 87.08 meters.



Khelo India ASMITA Wushu League (West Zone) to begin on August 25 in Uttar Pradesh

- ❖ The Khelo India ASMITA Wushu League (West Zone) is all set to begin from **24th august** at Godwin Public School in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh. The four-day league will last till the 27th of August.
- ❖ Women athletes from various West Zone states including **Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat** and others will be participating in this event.

First-ever Women's Test match between India and England to be played in 2026 at Lord's Cricket Ground



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