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CHAPTER 1

Polity Governance and Social Issues

PEOPLE FIRST CAMPAIGN

- This campaign has been planned by the **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)**.
- The main objective will be to conduct State specific **Atal Pension Yojana mobilization Campaigns** at various states across the country to increase the outreach of Atal Pension Yojana.

Atal Pension Yojana

*It is a government backed pension scheme in India targeted at the **Unorganised sector**. This **social security** scheme was introduced as a replacement to previous government's **Swavalamban Yojana NPS lite** which was not well accepted by the people.*

PFRDA

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority is the pension regulator of India which was established under GoI and authorized by Ministry of Finance, currently PFRDA is administering NPS along with Atal Pension Yojana.

SECOND NATIONAL JUDICIAL PAY COMMISSION

- This commission has been approved by Union Cabinet for the **development of Subordinate Judiciary** in the country.
- The **retired justice** of the **Supreme Court J.P Venkatrama Reddihe** will head the commission.
- The main objective is to establish this commission is to examine the present structure of emoluments and conditions of service of Judicial Officers in the States and UTs.

Significance

- The recommendations provided by the Commission will assist in:
  - Enhancing efficiency in Judicial Administration
  - Optimizing the size of judiciary
  - Remove anomalies created in implementation of earlier recommendations.

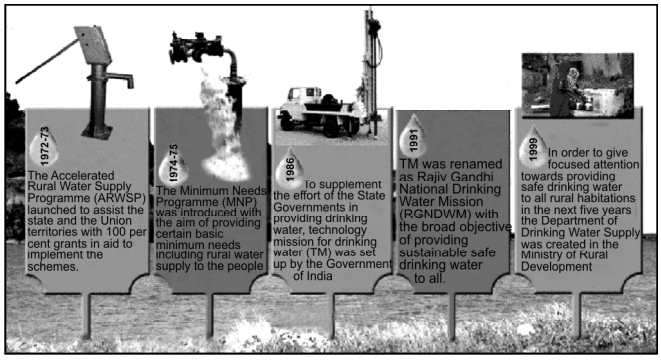
NATIONAL RURAL DRINKING WATER PROGRAMME (NRDWP)

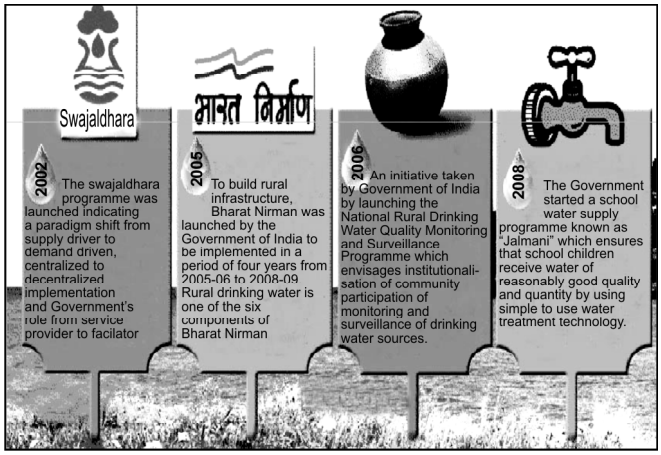
- This scheme was launched to ensure sustainable source of water availability in terms of portability, adequacy, convenience, affordability and equity.
- Its **objective** is **to provide each and every rural person with sufficient quantity of safe water** for various household activities such as drinking, cooking and other basic domestic needs on a sustainable basis.
- It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme started in 2009.
- Under the scheme, the fund sharing between the Centre and the States stands at **50: 50**.
- The drinking water provided under the scheme is of minimum water quality standard and is easily accessible at all times and in all situations.

Note: *Recently, the union cabinet has approved the* ***continuation*** *and* ***restructuring*** *of National Rural Drinking Water Programme.*

The ***main objective*** *of restructuring this scheme is* ***to make it outcome-based, competitive and better monitored*** *with increased focus on its* ***sustainability*** *and ensuring good quality service delivery to the rural people of the country.*

Timeline of National Rural Drinking Water Programme





PRIME MINISTER'S LADAKH RENEWABLE ENERGY INITIATIVE (LREI)

- This project aims at minimizing dependence on diesel in the Ladakh region and meet power requirement through local renewable sources.
- It will be implemented by the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy**.
- The approach of the project is to meet power requirements through small / micro hydel and solar photovoltaic power projects /systems and use solar thermal systems for water heating/space heating / cooking requirements.
- The project also envisages setting up of 10 solar photovoltaic power plants in defence establishments.
- It will replace use of diesel to a great extent and reduce greenhouse emissions in the region.

Note: *The Biaras Small Hydro Power Project in Drass (Jammu & Kashmir) is the first project to be commissioned under Prime Minister's Ladakh Renewable Energy Initiative.*

The project has been developed by Kargil Renewable Energy Development Agency (KREDA) under Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council.

The project is fully funded by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy.

INDIA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX AND REPORT 2017

- India Youth Development Index is released to track the trends in Youth Development in all the states.
- It recognizes the high and low performing states, identifies the weak domains and informs about priority areas of intervention for youth development in the states to the policy makers.
- This index and the report is released by **Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**
- The index is developed by the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (Tamil Nadu).
- Latest definition of youth is used in the index as per the National Youth Policy 2014, World Youth Development Report of Commonwealth (15–29 years) and the Commonwealth Indicators in order to facilitate Global comparison.

Note: *As per the* ***National Youth Policy*** *(2014), Youths in India are defined as* ***those who are aged between 15 and 29*** *and it constitutes 27.5% of India's population.*

Global Youth Development Index

The index includes ***18 indicators*** *that measure multi-dimensional progress on youth development in 183 countries.*

This index is guided by ***Commonwealth definition of youth*** *which states that youths are people between the ages of 15 and 29.*

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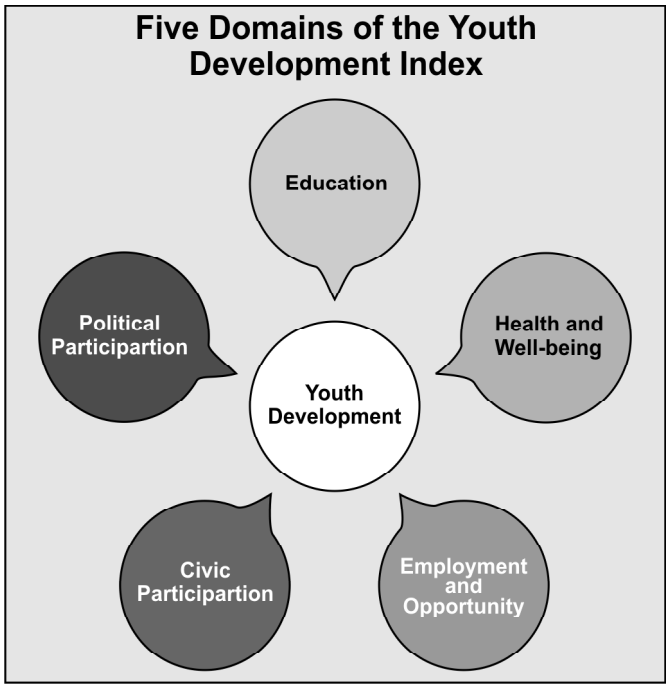
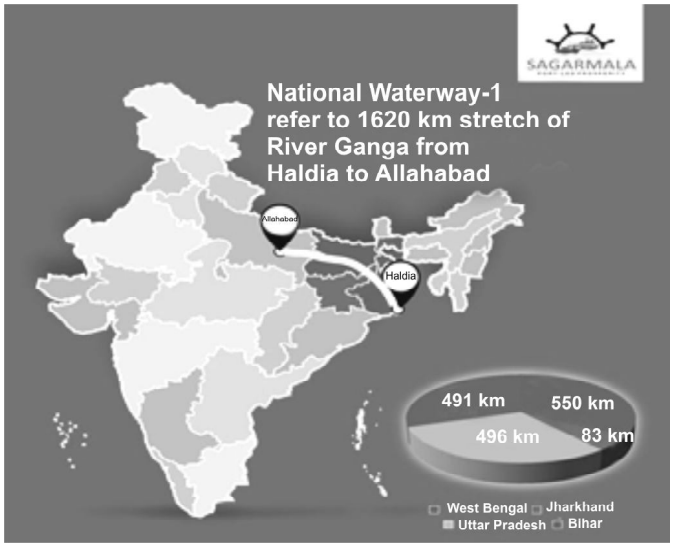
***Five Indicators** of Youth Development Index*



***India** has been ranked at **133rd position** in **2016 Global Youth Development Index**.*

JAL MARG VIKAS PROJECT

- The first phase of this project will be implemented on river Ganga to develop a waterway (National Waterway-1) between **Allahabad and Haldia** over a distance of 1620 km cost Rs. 5369 cr.
- The technical and financial assistance to the project is provided by the **World Bank**.
- It includes the development of fairway, multi-modal terminals, strengthening of open river navigation technique, modern River Information System etc.
- The main objective of this project is to enable commercial navigation of at least 1500 tons vessels on the river Ganga
- Recently, Inland Waterways Authority of India has awarded a contract to a consultant to provide technical support services for the Multi-Modal Terminal at Haldia and new Navigation Lock at Farakka.



River Information System

It is a combination of modern tracking equipment (hardware and software), designed to advance transport and traffic processes in inland water navigation.

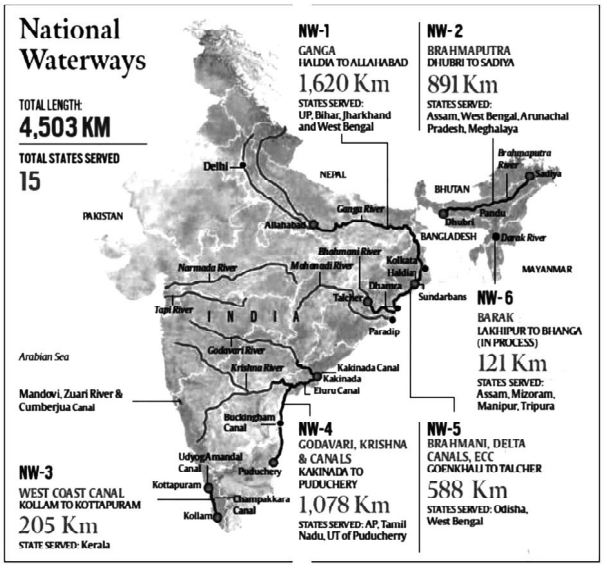
*It is implemented by **Inland Waterway Authority of India**.*

It provides swift electronic data transfer between mobile vessels and base stations through advance and real-time exchange of information.

It enables safe and efficient inland water transport and avoids the following risks:

- *Ship-to-Ship collisions*
- *Ship-Bridge collisions*
- *Groundings*

National Waterways of India



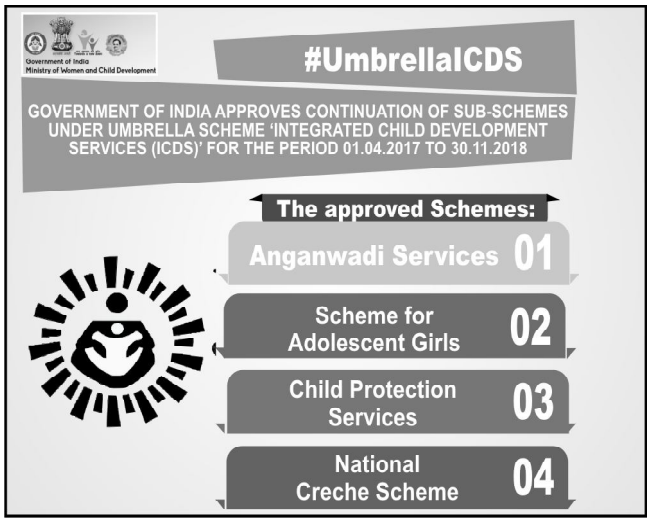
IndiaRAP PROGRAMME

- IndiaRAP is an acronym which stands for India Road Assessment Programme.
- It will work in collaboration with government agencies, investors, researchers and NGOs to analyze existing highways and advance the use of better and sustainable design for better road safety.
- It will provide ratings ranging from five-star roads (most safe) to one-star roads (least safe) and are assigned on the basis of level of safety which is 'built-in' to a road for vehicle occupants, motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians.
- This programme is supported by FedEx Express and Asian Institute of Transport Development will host it.
- It was recently unveiled by Global Charity.
- Its main **objectives** are:
  - To rate highways' safety levels and to eliminate the most unsafe roads.
  - To make Indian roads safer and curb fatalities.

Note: *Ministry of Road, Transport and Highway reports that more than 150,000 people were killed on roads in India in 2016, euqating to 17 deaths per hour.*

SUB-SCHEMES UNDER INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (ICDS)

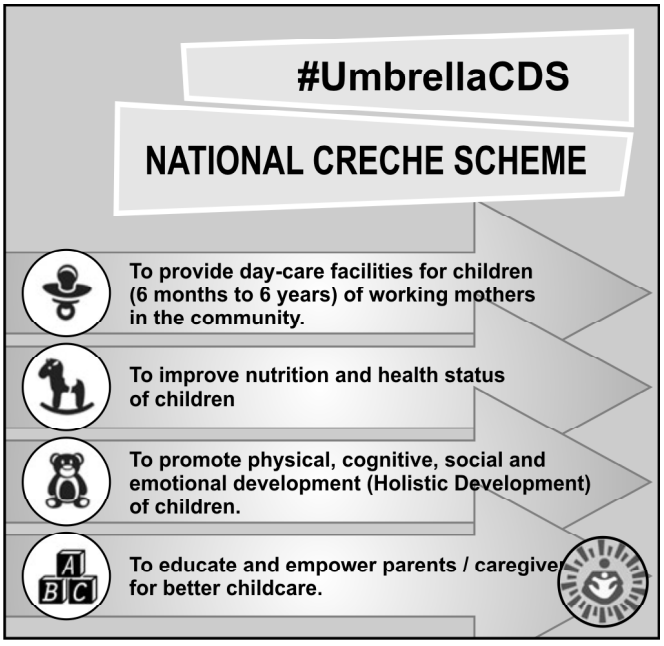
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved various sub-schemes under the umbrella scheme "Integrated Child Development Services".
- The approved schemes includes:



Anganwadi Services

Scheme for Adolescent Girls

National CRECHE Scheme



WORLD DIABETES DAY 2017

- The world diabetes day is observed across the world annually on **14 November** to raise awareness about diabetes.

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