

Current Affairs: 25 July 2024

National

1. Revived Interest Subsidy Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) 2.0



The government has reinstated the interest subsidy under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) 2.0, allocating ₹4,000 crore for the Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) and ₹30,170 crore for PMAY-U. This targets EWS, LIG, and Middle-Income Groups, aiming to construct 3 crore additional houses with a total investment of ₹10 lakh crore over five years.

2. Namo Drone Didi Scheme and Support for Natural Farming



The Finance Minister introduced the Namo Drone Didi scheme with a ₹500 crore allocation to provide drones to 15,000 women self-help groups for rental services to farmers. Additionally, the initiative supports 1 crore farmers with certification, branding, and the establishment of 10,000 bio-input resource centers.

3. Bhu-Aadhaar: Unique Identification for Land Parcels



The Union Budget 2024-25 plans to assign unique identification numbers, termed “Bhu-Aadhaar,” to all land parcels in rural areas. This includes digitizing cadastral maps and creating a comprehensive land registry linked to farmers to streamline land administration and reduce fraud.

4. Allocation for Agriculture and Natural Farming



Significant funds in the Union Budget 2024-25 have been allocated for agriculture and natural farming, including ₹1.52 lakh crore for agriculture and allied sectors. The initiative also aims to support 1 crore farmers and establish 10,000 bio-input resource centers for natural farming.

5. Urban Development Initiatives



The Union Budget 2024-25 highlights urban development initiatives with a ₹10 lakh crore investment for PM Awas Yojana Urban 2.0. Additionally, new strategies for transit-oriented development in large cities and the development of 100 weekly ‘haats’ or street food hubs each year for the next five years are included.

International News

6. Rahaab Allana Honored with French Arts and Letters Insignia



Curator and author Rahaab Allana has been awarded the insignia of Officier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres by the French government for his significant contributions to art, culture, and literature.

States News

7. Bihar Passes Anti-Paper Leak Bill to Combat Exam Malpractices



On July 24, 2024, the Bihar Assembly passed the Anti-Paper Leak Bill to combat malpractices in government recruitment exams, with strict penalties including a minimum prison sentence of 10 years and a fine of at least ₹1 crore.

Awards News

8. Shah Rukh Khan, First Indian Actor, Honored With Gold Coins



Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan has been honored with customized gold coins by the Grevin Museum in Paris, becoming the first Indian actor to receive this recognition.

Defence News

9. DRDO Successfully Flight-Tests Phase-II Ballistic Missile Defence System



On July 24, 2024, DRDO successfully conducted a flight test of the Phase-II Ballistic Missile Defence System, showcasing India's growing capabilities in defending against long-range ballistic missile threats.

Sports News

10. France Set To Host 2030 Winter Olympics, Subject To Conditions



The French Alps have been named the host for the 2030 Winter Games by the International Olympic Committee, subject to certain conditions, as assured by French President Emmanuel Macron.

11. Khelo India: Major Beneficiary in Union Budget Allocation for Sports Ministry



Khelo India has received the highest allocation within the Sports Ministry's budget, now at ₹900 crore, a ₹20 crore increase. The overall budget for the Sports Ministry is ₹3,442.32 crore, focusing on nurturing sports talent and supporting athletes between major international events.

Important Days

12. World Drowning Prevention Day 2024: Seconds Can Save a Life



On July 25, 2024, World Drowning Prevention Day is observed to raise awareness and accelerate action on global drowning prevention, highlighting the urgent need for coordinated efforts to combat this leading cause of injury-related death and disability worldwide.