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**UPSC SYLLABUS
RELEVANCE**
GS I | GS II | GS III
PRELIMS FACTS
& MAINS ANALYSIS

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SAMUDRA MANTHAN – NATIONAL OFFSHORE EXPLORATION SCHEME

Why in News?

PIB highlighted the Samudra Manthan initiative to boost India's offshore hydrocarbon exploration and strengthen energy security.



Key Points

- Promotes exploration of offshore oil and natural gas.
- Reduces dependence on crude oil imports.
- Encourages advanced exploration technologies.
- Supports India's long-term energy security.



Prelims Facts

- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.
- Focus: Offshore exploration and production.



GS Mains Link

- GS III – Energy Security
- Infrastructure
- Blue Economy

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INDIA'S SOLAR GROWTH ENTERS A NEW ERA

Why in News?

PIB released an explainer on India's rapid expansion in solar energy capacity and renewable energy transition.



Key Points

- Rapid increase in installed solar capacity.
- Supports Net Zero commitments.
- Encourages domestic solar manufacturing.
- Strengthens clean energy transition.



Prelims Facts

- Ministry: Ministry of New & Renewable Energy.
- Renewable Energy Mission.



GS Mains Link

- Climate Change
- Renewable Energy
- Sustainable Development

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DIGITAL AGRICULTURE MISSION – PROGRESS REVIEW

Why in News?

Ministry of Agriculture reviewed the implementation of Digital Agriculture Mission to accelerate technology-driven farming through digital public infrastructure.



Key Points

- Promotes digital land records and farmer databases.
- Enables AI, GIS and remote sensing in agriculture.
- Improves crop planning and advisory services.
- Enhances transparency in agricultural schemes.



Prelims Facts

- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
- Supports Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for Agriculture.
- Integrates AgriStack initiatives.



GS Mains Link

- GS III – Agriculture
- Digital Governance
- Food Security
- Technology in Agriculture

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PM MATSYA SAMPADA YOJANA – FISHERIES SECTOR PROGRESS

Why in News?

Department of Fisheries highlighted the progress of PM Matsya Sampada Yojana in enhancing fish production, exports and livelihood opportunities.



Key Points

- Promotes sustainable fisheries and aquaculture.
- Improves cold-chain and post-harvest infrastructure.
- Supports fishermen through modern fishing facilities.
- Aims to increase fish exports and farmers' income.



Prelims Facts

- Launch: 2020
- Nodal Ministry: Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying.
- Vision: Blue Revolution through sustainable fisheries.



GS Mains Link

- GS III – Blue Economy
- Agriculture & Allied Sectors
- Rural Livelihoods
- Food Processing

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CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR HANDLOOM TECHNOLOGY INAUGURATED AT IIT DELHI

Why in News?

Union Minister inaugurated the Centre of Excellence for Handloom Technology at IIT Delhi to modernise India's handloom sector.



Key Points

- Integrates technology with traditional weaving.
- Supports innovation and skill development.
- Enhances productivity and quality.
- Strengthens sustainable textile sector.



Prelims Facts

- Ministry: Ministry of Textiles.
- Focus on handloom technology and research.



GS Mains Link

- GS III – MSMEs
- Skill Development
- Textile Industry
- Inclusive Growth

PRELIMS RAPID REVISION



Samudra Manthan
Boosts offshore exploration and reduces oil import dependence.



Solar Growth
Expanding solar capacity, supports Net Zero and clean energy.



Digital Agriculture
Uses digital tools for data-driven farming and farmer services.



PM Matsya Sampada
Strengthens fisheries infrastructure and promotes exports and livelihoods.



Handloom Technology
Promotes innovation and sustainability in the handloom sector.

