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UPSC SYLLABUS RELEVANCE

GS I | GS II | GS III
PRELIMS FACTS
& MAINS ANALYSIS

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ADVANCE TAX DEVOLUTION TO STATES

Why in News?

The Union Government released an additional ₹1,09,019 crore as tax devolution to States, over and above the regular monthly instalment, to boost capital expenditure and development.

Key Points

- Amount released: ₹1,09,019 crore.
- Over and above the regular monthly instalment.
- Aims to accelerate capital expenditure by States.
- Supports infrastructure creation and welfare schemes.
- Strengthens cooperative federalism.

Prelims Facts

- Governing Article: Article 270 of the Constitution.
- Distribution based on the recommendations of the Finance Commission.
- Part of divisible pool of central taxes.

GS Mains Link

- GS II – Centre-State Relations
- Fiscal Federalism
 - Finance Commission
 - Cooperative Federalism
- GS III – Indian Economy
- Public Finance
 - Resource Devolution

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NAXAL-FREE INDIA – PIB BACKGROUNDER

Why in News?

PIB released a background document highlighting the Government's strategy and progress towards achieving a Naxal-Free India through security operations and development initiatives in Left Wing Extremism-affected areas.

Key Points

- Whole-of-Government approach with "Security + Development".
- Focus on good governance, infrastructure, livelihoods and basic services.
- Strengthened security grid and coordination among agencies.
- Surrender & rehabilitation policy for sustainable peace.

Prelims Facts

- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Affects several districts in states such as Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, etc.

GS Mains Link

- GS III – Internal Security
- Left Wing Extremism
 - Security & Development
 - Government Policies & Interventions

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NATIONAL MISSION ON NATURAL FARMING (NMNF) – IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Why in News?

The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare reviewed the implementation of the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) to promote sustainable agriculture and reduce dependence on chemical inputs.

Key Points

- Promotes chemical-free natural farming using locally available bio-inputs.
- Improves soil fertility, biodiversity and water conservation.
- Reduces cultivation costs and enhances farmers' income.
- Encourages climate-resilient and sustainable agriculture.
- Implemented through capacity building, farmer training and convergence with State Governments.

Prelims Facts

- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
- A Centrally Sponsored Scheme promoting natural farming.
- Encourages use of indigenous farming practices.
- Supports SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDG 13 (Climate Action).

GS Mains Link

- GS III – Agriculture
- Sustainable Farming
 - Food Security
 - Environment
 - Rural Development

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PM e-BUS SEWA SCHEME – IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Why in News?

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs reviewed the implementation progress of the PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme to strengthen electric public transport and promote sustainable urban mobility.

Key Points

- Facilitates deployment of 10,000 electric buses in selected cities.
- Promotes clean, affordable and sustainable public transport.
- Reduces dependence on fossil fuels and lowers urban air pollution.
- Supports development of charging infrastructure and electric mobility ecosystem.
- Contributes towards India's Net Zero and climate commitments.

Prelims Facts

- Launched: August 2023.
- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
- Implemented under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.
- Covers cities with population of 3 lakh and above (as per scheme guidelines).

GS Mains Link

- GS III – Infrastructure
- Urban Development
 - Environment & Climate Change
 - Clean Energy
 - Sustainable Urban Transport

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FLOOD RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO STATES

Why in News?

The Central Government continues to provide advance financial assistance and support to flood-affected states for relief, restoration and rehabilitation.

Key Points

- Advance assistance released under SDRF to affected States.
- NDRF teams deployed for rescue and relief operations.
- Support for restoration of infrastructure and essential services.
- Coordination with State Governments and local administration.

Prelims Facts

- SDRF: State Disaster Response Fund (75:25 Centre-State sharing).
- NDRF: National Disaster Response Fund (100% funded by Centre).
- Governed by Disaster Management Act, 2005.

GS Mains Link

- GS III – Disaster Management
- Disaster Response
 - Relief & Rehabilitation
 - Climate Resilience
 - Extreme Weather Events

PRELIMS RAPID REVISION



Tax Devolution:
Article 270 enables devolution of central taxes to States based on Finance Commission recommendations.



Naxal-Free India:
Whole-of-Government approach: Security + Development to tackle Left Wing Extremism.



Natural Farming (NMNF):
Promotes chemical-free farming using bio-inputs for sustainable agriculture and soil health.



PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme:
10,000 e-buses to promote clean and sustainable urban public transport.



Flood Relief:
SDRF (75:25) and NDRF (100% Centre) provide financial and operational support to States.