

16 May 2020: PIB Summary & Analysis

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1. Sikkim Statehood Day

What's in News?

PM greets people of **Sikkim on their Statehood Day**.

Details:

- On **16 May 1975**, **Sikkim** became the **22nd state of the Indian Union**, and the monarchy was abolished.
- To enable the incorporation of the new state, the Parliament amended the Indian Constitution.

History:

- The Kingdom of Sikkim was founded by the **Namgyal dynasty in the 17th century**. It was ruled by a **Buddhist priest-king known as the Chogyal**.
- It became a **princely state of British India** in 1890.
- After 1947, Sikkim continued its protectorate status with the Republic of India.
- In 1973, anti-royalist riots took place in front of the Chogyal's palace.
- In 1975, the monarchy was deposed by the people.
- A **referendum** in 1975 led to Sikkim joining India as its 22nd state.

Constitutional Provisions:

- Indian constitution **empowers the Union government to create new states out of existing states or two merge one state with other**. This process is called the reorganisation of the states.
- The basis of reorganisation could be **linguistic, religious, ethnic or administrative**.
- Article 3 of the Indian Constitution** provides for the formation of new States and alteration of areas, boundaries or names of existing States.

2. Atma Nirbhar Bharat scheme

What's in News?

The PM announced an economic stimulus package for **₹20 lakh crore** (estimated at **10% of the GDP**), with a clearly defined leap towards **economic reforms** with an aim to transform the country to **Atmanirbhar Bharat, or a self-reliant, resilient India**.

This topic has been covered in detail in [13th May 2020 Comprehensive News Analysis](#) and [14th May 2020 Comprehensive News Analysis](#).

Highlights of Structural reforms across Eight Sectors:

- Commercial Mining introduced in Coal Sector
- Diversified opportunities in Coal Sector
- Liberalised regime in Coal Sector
- Enhancing Private Investments and Policy Reforms in the Mineral Sector
- Enhancing Self Reliance in Defence Production
- Policy Reforms in Defence Production
- Efficient Airspace Management for Civil Aviation
- More World-Class Airports through PPP
- India to become a global hub for Aircraft Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO)
- Tariff Policy Reform in Power Sector; Privatization of Distribution in UTs
- Boosting private sector investment through revamped Viability Gap Funding Scheme in Social Sector
- Boosting private participation in space activities
- Reforms in Atomic Energy Sector

3. Operation Samudra Setu

What's in News?

INS Jalashwa departs Male with Indian Nationals embarked, in **Operation Samudra Setu Phase-2**.

Operation Samudra Setu has been covered in detail in [6th May 2020 Comprehensive News Analysis](#).

4. ARCI scientists develop next-generation biodegradable metal implants

What's in News?

Scientists at the International **Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI)** and **Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Sciences**, Thiruvananthapuram both **autonomous institutes** under the **Department of Science & Technology (DST)** have jointly **developed new generation Iron-Manganese based alloys** for **biodegradable metal implants** for use in humans.

Details:

- **Iron-Manganese based alloy Fe-Mn** is a promising **biodegradable metallic implant**.
- It exhibits a single austenitic phase (a **non-magnetic form of iron**) with MRI compatibility.

Significance:

- Biodegradable materials (Fe, Mg, Zn, and polymer) **can participate in the healing process** and then **degrade gradually** by maintaining mechanical integrity **without leaving any implant residues in the human body**.
- These are better alternatives to currently used metallic implants.
- **Metallic implants remain permanently in the human body** and can cause long-term side effects like **systemic toxicity, chronic inflammation, and thrombosis**.

5. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan interacts with PMUY beneficiaries

What's in News?

Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel interacted with **over 1500 PMUY beneficiaries** across the country.

Details:

- Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana (PMUY) has completed **four years of its successful journey**.
- It was launched in the year 2016.
- The scheme aims at **distributing LPG connections (clean fuel)** to women of BPL families.

Read more about [Pradhan Mantri Ujjawala Yojana](#)