

14 Feb 2021: PIB Summary & Analysis

1. Kakinada deep-water port

Context:

Rice shipment flagged off from Kakinada deep-water port.

About Kakinada Port:

- Kakinada Port is located at Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh) off the east coast of India.
- It is 170 km south of Visakhapatnam Port.
- Kakinada Port is a large complex comprising Kakinada Anchorage Port, Kakinada Deep Water Port, Kakinada Fishing Harbour and Ship-Breaking Unit.
- Kakinada Anchorage Port has a century-long tradition.
- Kakinada forms the main gateway port for the rich agricultural belt of East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna Districts of Andhra Pradesh.
- Kakinada Deep Water Port is an all-weather port with a channel depth of 12 meters.

Also read: [Major ports in India](#)

2. Maharaja Suheldev

Context:

PM to lay the foundation stone of Maharaja Suheldev Memorial and development work of Chittaura Lake.

About Maharaja Suheldev:

- Maharaja Suheldev, also spelt Suhaldev, was a ruler of Shravasti (Uttar Pradesh).
- He is mentioned in the 17th-century Persian-language historical romance Mirat-i-Masudi.
 - Mirat-i-Masudi was written by Abd-ur-Rahman Chishti during the reign of the Mughal emperor Jahangir.
 - In this chronicle, Suheldev was the son of King Mordhwaj of Shravasti.
- Suheldev is popularly known to have defeated and killed the Ghaznavid general Ghazi Saiyyad Salar Masud (a nephew of Mahmud of Ghazni) at Bahraich in 1034 CE.

- Suheldev is alternatively known as Sakardev, Suhirdadhvaj, Sahardev, etc.
- The Maharaja Suheldev Memorial is being built in Bahraich, UP.

3. LRSAM Missiles

Context:

Final production batch of Long Range Surface to Air Missiles (LRSAM), designed and developed by [DRDO](#) in collaboration with various industry partners and integrated by BDL, was flagged off at DRDL, APJ Abdul Kalam Missile Complex, Hyderabad.

LRSAM Missile System:

- LRSAM is jointly developed by DRDO and IAI Israel to equip the latest ships of the Indian Navy.
- The missile system can provide point and area defence against various aerial targets including fighter aircraft, subsonic & supersonic cruise missiles.
- The missile is powered by indigenously developed dual-pulse rocket motor and dual control system to impart the required manoeuvrability at the terminal phase.
- This state of art weapon system is designed with active Radio Frequency (RF) seeker to identify, track, engage and destroy the target with high kill probability.

4. FASTag

Context:

FASTag declared mandatory.

Details:

- The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has decided that all lanes in the fee plazas on National Highways shall be declared as “FASTag lane of the fee plaza” w.e.f midnight of 15th/16th February 2021.

- Therefore, as per NH Fee Rules 2008, any vehicle not fitted with FASTag or vehicle without valid, functional FASTag entering into the FASTag lane of the fee plaza shall pay a fee equivalent to two times the fee applicable to that category.
- According to the Ministry, this has been done to further promote fee payment through digital mode, reduce waiting time and fuel consumption, and provide for a seamless passage through the fee plazas.

Read more about [FASTags](#) in the linked article.

