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1. Online education to students

Context:

Steps taken by the government to provide online education to students – information provided by the Union Minister for Education.

Details:

- **PM eVIDYA:** Facilitating digital/online learning and teaching materials of various types among teachers and students. Know more about [PM eVIDYA](#) in the link.
- **DIKSHA:** Digital infrastructure for providing quality e-content for school education in states/UTs and QR coded Energized Textbooks for all grades are available on it. Know more about [DIKSHA](#) in the link.
- **Swayam Prabha:** TV channel for classes 1 to 12 (one channel per class).
- **Shiksha Vani:** Extensive use of Radio, Community radio and CBSE Podcast.
- Special e-content for the visually and hearing impaired developed on Digitally Accessible Information System (DAISY) and in sign language on NIOS website/YouTube.
- All these schemes/programmes are free of cost and available to all the students across the nation.

Also read: [Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan](#)

2. Pani Maah

Context:

Ladakh launches 'Pani Maah' to raise awareness about clean water.

About 'Pani Maah':

- 'Pani Maah' or water month has been launched in Ladakh to inform villagers about the importance of clean water.
- The Ladakh government has also announced a reward of Rs 2.5 million for the first block in each district that achieves the status of 'Har Ghar Jal'.
- The campaign will run at block and panchayat levels in two phases.

- The campaign will adopt a three-pronged approach — focussing on water quality testing, planning and strategizing water supply, and seamless functioning of Pani Sabha in villages.
 - The Pani Maah campaign is expected to expedite the implementation of [Jal Jeevan Mission](#) in the union territory.
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3. VOC Port

Context:

VOC Port became the first major port in India to launch e-cars.

About VOC Port:

- Previously known as Tuticorin Port, the V. O. Chidambaranar Port was declared a major port in 1974.
 - It is second largest port in Tamil Nadu and third largest container terminal in India.
 - It is an artificial port.
 - It has services to the USA, China, Europe, Sri Lanka and the Mediterranean countries.
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4. Prelims Facts

Central Ground Water Board (CGWB)

- Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), a subordinate office of the Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India, is the National Apex Agency entrusted with the responsibilities of providing scientific inputs for management, exploration, monitoring, assessment, augmentation and regulation of ground water resources of the country.
- It was established in 1970 by renaming the Exploratory Tube Wells Organization under the Ministry of Agriculture. It was merged with the Ground Water Wing of the Geological Survey of India during 1972.
- Its vision is the sustainable development and management of the country's groundwater resources.

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