

## 06 Dec 2021: PIB Summary & Analysis

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### 1. North East Rural Livelihood Project

**Topic: GS 2 related, Govt Schemes**

**Context:**

Fishery project in Nagaland village to create self-employment under North East Rural Livelihood Project.

**Details:**

- The objective of the project is to improve the socio-economic condition of the rural populace, to generate sustainable employment opportunities among the village communities and unemployed youths through fishery-related activities.
- The basic aim is to promote modern scientific technologies for effective management and optimum utilization.

Know more about the [North East Rural Livelihood Project](#) in the linked article.

### 2. Make-In-North-East Initiative

**Topic: GS 2 related, Govt Schemes**

**Context:**

Make-In-North-East Initiative launched.

**Details:**

- This programme has been initiated as a follow-up to the government's [Make in India](#) programme.
- The 'Make in Northeast' approach will not only generate revenue and livelihood opportunities in the region, but it can also reinforce the Government of India's "Act East" policy.
- Under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), a dedicated Northeast Desk has been set up within Invest India, which supports the North East States in their outreach activities to the investors as well as in facilitating and handholding select companies.
- The desk is working closely with One District One Product (ODOP), StartUP and other sector desks of Invest India for their initiatives in the region.
- The Invest Northeast Portal, presenting investment opportunities in the region across sectors and States to both domestic and foreign investors, has also been developed.

**Additional information****North East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS):**

- This scheme was launched in 2017 for five years (up to March 2022).
- It is under the [DPIIT](#), Minister of Commerce and Industry.
- The scheme covers the manufacturing and service sectors of all the States of the North Eastern Region.
- Benefits under the scheme:
  - Central Capital Investment Incentive for access to credit
  - Central Interest Incentive
  - Central Comprehensive Insurance Incentive
  - Income Tax Reimbursement
  - Goods and Services Tax Reimbursement
  - Employment Incentive
  - Transport Incentive
- There is an overall cap of Rs.200 crore per unit for benefits under all components subject to investment in Plant and Machinery.

**3. Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)****Topic: GS 2 related, Govt Schemes****Context:**

The Minister for Education talked about the RUSA in the Lok Sabha in a written reply.

**Know more about RUSA in [PIB dated March 1, 2021](#).**

#### **4. Mahaparinirvan Diwas**

**Topic: GS 1 related, Freedom Movement**

**Context:**

Mahaparinirvan Diwas is observed every year on 6th December to commemorate the death anniversary of Dr. B R Ambedkar.

**Know more about [Babasaheb Ambedkar](#) in the linked article.**

#### **5. MoHUA and UNDP sign MoU**

**Topic: GS 2 related, Govt Schemes**

**Context:**

MoHUA and [UNDP](#) sign MoU for Strengthening Waste Management Sector in India under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0.

**Background:**

- Solid waste management has been a key focus of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban since its launch in 2014.
- With a concerted focus on source segregation and scientific processing of municipal solid waste, the waste processing capacity in India has gone up by nearly 4 times, from 18% in 2014 to 70% now.

**About the MoU:**

- It will cover interventions in the areas of capacity building, digital interventions, research and development, monitoring and evaluation, and social and behaviour change communication.

- Through this MoU, UNDP India will also be facilitating the setting up of 75 Smart Swachhata Kendras across the country, working with local partners and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).
- It will also focus on integrating informal waste pickers – Safai Saathis - and linking them to various government welfare schemes.
- The MoHUA-UNDP model will also make use of digital enablers such as Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning to digitize the waste flow and streamline activities in the Swachhata Kendras.

Read more about the [Swachh Bharat Abhiyan](#) in the linked article.

## 6. Swachh Technology Challenge

**Topic: Related to GS 2, Govt Schemes**

**Context:**

Swachh Technology Challenge launched.

**About the Challenge:**

- The challenge was launched by the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 (SBM-U 2.0), under the aegis of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
  - The Challenge seeks to harness the entrepreneurial potential of the waste management sector in India and promote an enabling environment for enterprise development under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0.
  - The challenge seeks solutions in four thematic areas:
    - Social inclusion
    - Zero dump (solid waste management)
    - Plastic waste management
    - Transparency through digital enablement
  - The challenge invites solutions not just from start-ups but also individual entrepreneurs, educational institutions, local businesses, research and development organisations, NGOs, and other citizen groups.
  - The top three solutions in each of the four thematic categories from across the country will be felicitated at the Swachh Survekshan award ceremony hosted by MoHUA.
  - Also, the top three state-level solutions will be rewarded with a cash prize by respective State governments.
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