

28 May 2022: PIB Summary for UPSC

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1. Jal Jeevan Mission

Syllabus: GS Paper 2: Governance- Government Policies and Interventions for Development in various sectors and Issues arising out of their Design and Implementation.

Prelims: Jal Jeevan Mission- provisions

Mains: Significance of the Jal Jeevan Mission

Context:

• The Jal Jeevan Mission has reached the 50% completion milestone.

Background:

- The <u>Jal Jeevan Mission</u> aims to provide tap water to all rural households in the country by 2024 as part of the 'Har Ghar Jal' programme.
- 'Har Ghar Jal' is a flagship programme of the Union Government, implemented by Jal Jeevan Mission under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- Jal Jeevan Mission also aims to empower the Panchayati Raj Institutions and communities by engaging them in the scheme from the very beginning.

For detailed information on the Jal Jeevan mission refer to the following article:

AIR Spotlight - Jal Jeevan Mission

Details:

• As compared to 3.23 crore households that had tap water connections in 2019 at the launch of the Jal Jeevan Mission, currently over 9.59 crore rural households have tap water connections at their homes.



- 6 States/UTs including Goa, Telangana, A&N Islands, Dadar and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Puducherry and Haryana have achieved 100% household tap water connections. Punjab, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Bihar have coverage of more than 90%
- 108 Districts and 1,51,171 Villages Have Become "Har Ghar Jal".
- In 2022 as part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations, special Gram Sabhas are being convened across the country to discuss and deliberate on issues related to drinking water in a move to attain 'WASH Prabudh Gaon'.

Significance:

- This mission will help ensure the provision of safe drinking water to every rural home. This will have a marked impact on the health and well being of these households, apart from improving their ease of living.
- The provision of water in homes will relieve the women and girls from the drudgery of walking long distances in search of water. This will allow the women and girls to rather engage in more productive activities. This is expected to increase school attendance among the girls.

2. PM pays tributes to Veer Savarkar on his Jayanti

Syllabus: GS Paper 1- Modern Indian History from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present- significant events, personalities, issues.

Prelims: V.D. Savarkar

Context:

• The Prime Minister has paid tributes to Veer Savarkar on his Jayanti.

For detailed information on the life and work of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, refer to the following article:

<u>Veer Savarkar Jayanti</u>

3. National Education Policy 2020



Syllabus: GS Paper 2- Governance- Issues Relating to Development and Management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.

Prelims: Provisions of the National Education policy

Mains: Critical analysis of the NEP, 2020

Context:

• Union Education Minister's address at the roundtable on implementing <u>National Education</u> <u>Policy</u>.

Details:

- The NEP,2020 aims to promote the all-around development of an individual and aims to make education accessible to everyone.
- The NEP 2020 promotes multi-disciplinary and holistic education by allowing for more vibrant, inclusive and flexible teaching and learning.
- The Minister noted the National Education Policy 2020 as being a knowledge document of the 21st century. This policy will go a long way in reaping the vast potential of India's demographic dividend and make India a vibrant knowledge-based economy.
- The Minister noted the emerging technologies and emphasized the need to inculcate the necessary relevant skills to create a work-ready workforce.
- Online education holds immense potential in furthering the vision of education for all and in this direction more effort is needed to develop quality e-learning content.