

PIB Gist : April Month - Part 2

1. **Samudrayaan Project** was launched in September, 2021 under Deep Ocean Mission with a budgetary outlay of Rs 119 Crores. India will send three personnel to 6,000 metre depth in a vehicle called Matsya 6000 for the exploration of deep-sea resources like minerals. MATSYA 6000 vehicle is being designed and developed by Chennai-based National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) which is an autonomous society under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
2. The **Stand Up India Scheme** was established on **5 April 2016** to foster entrepreneurship and employment development at the grassroots level. The seventh anniversary of the Stand Up India scheme is being celebrated recently. Over 40 thousand 700 crore rupees have been sanctioned under Stand Up India Scheme to more than 1 lakh 80 thousand 630 accounts since inception of the Scheme.
3. The Government said that over **1 lakh 60,000 farmers** have received benefits during the **Biotech-KISAN scheme** in the last one year
4. Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah will launch '**Vibrant Villages Programme**' in Kibithoo, a border village in **Arunachal Pradesh**
5. The Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Mr. Pushkar Singh Dhama launched '**A-HELP (Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production)** programme in the State of Uttarakhand
6. The Union government has drawn up the **country's first animal pandemic response plan** in collaboration with the World Bank, which will be implemented as a central government scheme to deal with outbreaks. This project will be a part of World Bank funded Animal Health System Support for One Health (AHSSOH) project under the aegis of National One Health Mission. The collaborative project will be implemented over a five-year period as Central sector scheme with a financial provision of **Rs. 1228.70 Cr.**
7. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India has introduced a new scheme "**Marketing and Logistics Development for Promotion of Tribal Products from North -Eastern Region (PTP-NER)**". TRIFED, the nodal agency under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, continues to strive in endeavors to improving the quality of the life of the tribal people, while preserving their age-old traditions.
8. The Ministry of Rural Development's **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)** launched "**Sangathan Se Samridhhi- Leaving no Rural Woman Behind**", a national campaign
9. The Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched the 5th round of the **Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN)** to further enhance the connectivity to remote and regional areas of the country and achieve last mile connectivity.
10. The Prime Minister will launch nine campaigns under the **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav-Inclusive Development (Samaveshi Vikaas)** theme led by the **Ministry of Rural Development**.
11. The government is planning to develop more than **250 projects** with a ropeway length of over 1,200 km in five years under **Parvatmala Pariyojana**. The scheme was launched in Union Budget **2022-23**.
12. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will participate in a programme marking **20 years** of completion of the **SWAGAT** initiative in Gujarat. SWAGAT (State Wide Attention on Grievances by Application of Technology) was started by the Prime Minister in April 2003, when he was the Chief Minister of Gujarat.
13. Total enrolment under **Atal Pension Yojana** crossed **5.20 crore mark** as on 31 March 2023. The scheme enrolled more than 1.19 crore new subscribers in FY 2022-23 as compared to 99 lakh in the last financial year.

14. The **10th edition** of IN-SLN bilateral maritime exercise **SLINEX-23** is scheduled at Colombo from 03 - 08 April 2023.
15. The Indian Air Force (IAF) and the United States Air Force (USAF) kicked off the first phase of **Exercise Cope India 23**. The joint military exercise is being held at Air Force Stations Arjan Singh (Panagarh), Kalaikunda and Agra.
16. **Exercise Orion**, a bilateral military drill between the Indian Air Force and the **French** Air and Space Force (FASF) started at the Mont-de-Marsan airbase in France recently
17. The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** will be participating in **Exercise INIOCHOS-23**, a multi-national air exercise hosted by the **Greece Air Force** from April 24 to May 4
18. The 7th edition of joint military exercise "**AJEYA WARRIOR-23**" between **India and the United Kingdom** was recently started at Salisbury Plains, United Kingdom.
19. The **National Health Accounts Estimates report for India (2019-20)** has been released, revealing various health outcomes.

The share of Out-of-Pocket Expenditure (OOPE) in Total Health Expenditure in 2019-20 was **47.1%**. This indicates that almost half of the healthcare expenses were borne by individuals directly from their pockets, which is a cause of concern.

The percentage increase in Government Health Expenditure's share in the country's total GDP between 2014-15 and 2019-20 was **0.22%**.

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This indicates that the government is allocating more funds towards the healthcare sector, which is a positive sign.

The percentage increase in the share of primary healthcare in **Current Government Health Expenditure** between 2014-15 and 2019-20 was **4.6%**.

The percentage increase in government spending on health between 2018-19 and 2019-20 was **12%**. This indicates that the government has increased its spending on healthcare significantly.

MCQ for Practice

Q1. Consider the following statements about National Health Accounts Estimates report for India (2019-20):

1. **The percentage increase in government spending on health between 2018-19 and 2019-20 was 12%.**
2. **The share of Out-of-Pocket Expenditure (OOPE) in Total Health Expenditure in 2019-20 was 47.1%.**
3. **The percentage increase in the share of health sector spending in General Government Expenditure between 2014-15 and 2019-20 was 1.08%.**

Which of the statements are correct?

- (a) 1,2
- (b) 2,3
- (c) 1
- (d) 1,3
- (e) 1,2,3

Ans.(e)

Q2. How many farmers are being benefited by Biotech-KISAN scheme?

- (a) 1 lakh
- (b) 1.2 lakh
- (c) 1.4 lakh
- (d) 1.6 lakh
- (e) None

Ans.(d)

Q3. State Wide Attention on Grievances by Application of Technology is a scheme of ____

- (a) Central Government
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Delhi
- (e) Madhya pradesh

Ans.(b)

Q4. Consider the following statement about country's first animal pandemic response plan:

- 1.** This project will be a part of WHO funded Animal Health System Support for One Health (AHSSOH) project
- 2.** It is under the aegis of National One Health Mission.
- 3.** Its budget is **Rs. 1228.70.**

Which of the statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 1,2,3
- (d) 2,3
- (e) 1,3

Ans.(d)

Q5. Name the ministry for the following schemes:

- 1. Sangathan Se Samridhhi- Leaving no Rural Woman Behind**
- 2. Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav-Inclusive Development (Samaveshi Vikaas)**

- (a) Home affairs
- (b) Rural development
- (c) PMO
- (d) Tribal Affairs
- (e) None