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1. PM-KISAN Scheme Extended for Five More Years

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the extension of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme for another five years and allocated ₹3.15 lakh crore for its implementation.

- I. PM-KISAN, one of the flagship schemes of the Central Government, was launched in 2019. Under the scheme, eligible farmers receive ₹6,000 per year, paid in three installments of ₹2,000 each through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).
- II. At the Union Cabinet meeting held in New Delhi under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Modi, the Government approved the continuation of the scheme for 2026–27 to 2030–31 with an allocation of ₹3,15,614 crore.
- III. So far, over ₹4.47 lakh crore has been directly transferred to farmers' bank accounts through 23 installments. In the 23rd installment alone, more than ₹18,984 crore was released, benefiting over 9.49 crore farmers. One-fourth of the beneficiaries are women farmers, who have collectively received more than ₹1.06 lakh crore under the scheme.
- IV. According to the NITI Aayog evaluation, over 92% of the beneficiaries used the financial assistance for agricultural activities, while 85% reported increased income and reduced dependence on informal loans.
- V. The Government stated that the extension of the scheme will help farmers make timely investments in seeds, fertilizers, irrigation, farm machinery, and other agricultural requirements.

2. Around 60,000 Illegal Migrants Enter Spain's Ceuta Enclave

Around 60,000 migrants illegally entered Ceuta, the Spanish enclave bordering Morocco, within the past 24 hours.

- I. This number is equivalent to nearly 70% of Ceuta's normal population. So far, 57 migrants have died due to border clashes and drowning incidents at sea.
- II. Recently, the Supreme Court of Spain ruled that migrants arriving illegally by sea should

not be immediately deported but must be provided due legal process.

- III. The Spanish Government alleged that human trafficking networks misrepresented the ruling by spreading rumors that anyone who swam into Ceuta would not be returned to Morocco, triggering the present crisis.
- IV. Moroccan security forces used tear gas and water cannons to disperse migrants gathered at the border.
- V. Although land borders were closed, hundreds of migrants entered Spanish territory by swimming across the sea and climbing over border fences.
- VI. Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez described the mass border crossing as “a challenge to Spain’s sovereignty.”

3. India Wins More Medals at the Commonwealth Games

- I. Indian judokas Asmita Dey and Harsh Singh won gold medals, while Yamini Maurya secured a silver medal at the Commonwealth Games.
- II. Indian weightlifter Lovepreet Singh won a silver medal, and Seema Kaliramna claimed a bronze medal in the women’s discus throw.
- III. India’s total gold medal tally increased to five, while the country’s medal count in weightlifting rose to eight.

4. Historic Gold Medal in Judo

In judo, Asmita Dey won the women’s 48 kg gold medal, while Harsh Singh claimed gold in the men’s 60 kg category. Yamini Maurya secured silver in the women’s 57 kg event.

- I. Asmita Dey became the first Indian to win a gold medal in Commonwealth Judo history.
- II. She began directly from the quarterfinals, defeating Scotland’s Eva Ewing 100–0. She then beat Scotland’s Summer Shaw 1–0 in the semifinals to reach the final.

5. 2027 ICC Cricket World Cup Schedule Announced

The 2027 ICC Men’s Cricket World Cup will be jointly hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia across 12 cities.

- I. In South Africa, matches will be held in Johannesburg, Tshwane, Cape Town, Durban,

Gqeberha, Bloemfontein, Paarl, and Kgomotso City.

- II. Zimbabwe will host matches in Harare, Bulawayo, and Victoria Falls, while Windhoek in Namibia will also host matches.
- III. The 14th ICC Cricket World Cup will be played from October 4 to November 21, 2027. Under the new tournament format, 57 matches will be played.
- IV. The ODI World Cup will return to Africa after 24 years. The previous edition in Africa was held in 2003, jointly hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Kenya.

6. Union Cabinet Approves ₹29,054 Crore for Khelo India

The Union Cabinet approved an allocation of ₹29,054 crore for the Khelo India programme over the next five years to further expand sports development across the country.

- I. As India prepares to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games and aims to secure the hosting rights for the 2036 Olympic Games, the allocation is intended to identify and nurture talented athletes, including those from rural and underdeveloped regions.
- II. The Cabinet also approved ₹7,387 crore over the next five years to support national sports federations and sports associations.
- III. Since its launch in 2017, the Khelo India programme has supported around 2,800 athletes through government funding to develop their sporting talent.

7. India Closely Monitoring U.S. Bill on Russian Oil Purchases

India has stated that it is closely monitoring the proposed U.S. legislation that would impose a 100% tariff on countries, including India and China, that continue purchasing Russian crude oil.

- I. The bill, approved by the U.S. Senate, would authorize President Donald Trump to impose the 100% tariff.

8. Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment) Bill Passed

The Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment) Bill was passed in the Lok Sabha without any discussion amid protests by opposition parties.

- I. Key Features:
 - The Bill proposes amendments to the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 to

encourage citizens to register births and deaths within the prescribed time.

- Under the existing law, registration is mandatory, and delays of more than one year require an order from the District Collector, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, or an authorized Executive Magistrate.
- Under the new Bill, this provision will continue to apply to delays of up to two years.
- For registrations delayed by more than two years, an order from a Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) will be mandatory before registration can be completed.

9. Union Cabinet's approval of a massive initiative to secure India's energy future through deep-sea resources.

I. Project Overview and Approval

- The Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the "Samudramanathan" project with a total estimated cost of ₹84,084 crore.
- This initiative was first announced by the Prime Minister during his Independence Day speech in 2025.
- The project is scheduled for implementation over a five-year period, concluding in the 2030–31 fiscal year.
- The project is being spearheaded by the Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

II. Primary Objectives

- Identifying crude oil and natural gas reserves in deep-sea and ultra-deep-sea regions.
- Establishing the common infrastructure required for the production and distribution of discovered energy resources.
- Strengthening national energy security and accelerating the goal of becoming a developed nation by increasing domestic production.

III. Detailed Budgetary Allocation

The total budget is divided across several critical operational areas:

- ₹43,200 crore (more than 50% of the budget) is dedicated to high-risk, high-cost drilling operations in deep-sea areas.
- ₹28,534 crore for acquiring and processing marine energy data.
- ₹10,000 crore to build common infrastructure for energy extraction.

- ₹2,000 crore for setting up dedicated energy production and service zones.
- The Government will provide financial assistance of up to ₹650 crore per well for exploration drilling in extreme deep-sea conditions.

IV. Technological and Strategic Significance

- The project incorporates digital system management, skill development, and the use of advanced modern technologies.
- It focuses on fostering international partnerships to bring in global expertise and investment.
- The project aligns with “Make in India” and “Self-Reliant India” (Atmanirbhar Bharat), aiming to create massive employment opportunities and boost domestic manufacturing.

V. Projected Impact and Energy Context

- Experts anticipate discovering hydrocarbon reserves equivalent to 600 million metric tons of crude oil.
- India’s reliance on imported crude oil has surged from 77% to 88% over the last decade, and nearly half of its natural gas demand is met through imports.
- Recent West Asian conflicts and resulting global supply disruptions have made the development of domestic marine energy sources a top national priority.

The Samudramanthan project will serve as a historical milestone, significantly reducing India's dependence on foreign energy and driving long-term economic growth.