



# DAILY PT POINTERS

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# HEADLINES OF THE DAY



The Hindu: Page 2\_Governance (GSII)

## Slum dwellers likely to get over 3,000 flats by March; L-G reviews housing projects

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The projects were initiated under the Centre's flagship scheme, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

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- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has been implementing Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) under 'Housing for All' Mission since June, 2015 by giving Central assistance to implementing agencies through States/Union Territories (UTs) for providing all-weather pucca houses with basic civic amenities to all eligible urban beneficiaries.
- The implementation period of PMAY-U scheme which was earlier from 25.06.2015 to 31.03.2022, has since been extended up to 31.12.2024, except Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) vertical, to complete all the houses sanctioned under the scheme without changing the funding pattern and implementation methodology.
- PMAY-U is a demand driven scheme and Government of India has not fixed any target for construction of houses
- The scheme also promotes women empowerment by providing the ownership of houses in the name of female member or in a joint name.

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**The Hindu: Page 13\_Environment (GSIII) / Economy (GSIII)**

## ₹8,500-crore aid for coal gasification

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The government on Wednesday said it has approved an outlay of ₹8,500 crore as financial aid for promotion of coal/lignite gasification projects. The decision was taken during a Cabinet meeting under the chairmanship of PM Narendra Modi.



- The Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the scheme for promotion of Coal/Lignite Gasification Projects of Government PSUs and Private Sector with an outlay of Rs.8,500 crore towards incentive for coal gasification projects under three categories.
- In gasification process, coal is partially oxidised by air, oxygen, steam, or carbon dioxide under controlled conditions to produce a liquid fuel known as syngas. Syngas or synthesis gas can be used for power generation and to make methanol as well.

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The Hindu: Page 14\_Health (GSII)

## Centre releases three-drug regimen for treating leprosy

Government aims at stopping transmission of leprosy at the sub-national level by 2027; the new regimen will replace two-drug medication for six months; this was conveyed to States on Jan. 17



- Leprosy is a chronic infectious disease caused by a type of bacteria, *Mycobacterium leprae*.
- The disease predominantly affects the skin and peripheral nerves. Left untreated, the disease may cause progressive and permanent disabilities.
- The bacteria are transmitted via droplets from the nose and mouth during close and frequent contact with untreated cases. Leprosy, reported from all the six WHO regions, is curable with multi-drug therapy (MDT). The majority of new cases detected are from Southeast Asia.

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Indian Express: Page 20\_Defence (GSIII)

## As Army launches Op Sarvashakti, recalling Sarpvinash of 2003, that crushed terror base in Pir Panjal

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- The Army has launched Operation Sarvashakti in the Rajouri-Poonch sector of Jammu and Kashmir, deploying forces on both sides of the Pir Panjal range to target terrorists who have carried out a series of attacks on troops in the area.
- There were three major attacks on the security forces in 2023, and over the past few years, 20 soldiers have been killed in terrorist ambushes in this area. Most terrorists here are believed to be foreigners.
- Operation Sarvashakti, as part of which at least three brigades of additional troops are being deployed in the sector from various reserve and strike corps formations in order to increase the density of troops and, therefore, the likelihood of contact with terrorists, recalls an earlier operation by the Army in the same forests more than two decades ago.

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Indian Express: Page 20\_Defence (GSIII)

## Why Punjab moved SC against the expansion of BSF jurisdiction

*Why was the BSF jurisdiction expanded? Which other states are impacted, and why has only Punjab moved court? What issues will the SC decide?*

- The BSF was created after the enactment of the Border Security Force Act in September 1968.
- The BSF is meant to secure India's borders with its neighbouring nations and is empowered to arrest, search and seize under a number of laws, such as the Criminal Procedure Code, the Passports Act, the Passport (Entry into India) Act, and the NDPS Act, to name a few.
- Section 139(1) of the BSF Act allows the central government, through an order, to designate an area "within the local limits of such area adjoining the borders of India" where members of the BSF can exercise powers to prevent offenses under any Acts that the central government may specify.
- Prior to the notification issued in October 2021, the BSF could exercise its powers within 15 kilometres of the border in Punjab, West Bengal and Assam. The Centre expanded this to within 50 kilometres of the border.

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Indian Express: Page 20\_ Internal Security (GS3)

## ARAMBAI TENGGOL

Arambai Tenggol 'summoned' Manipur's public representatives for a meeting in Imphal on Wednesday

A UNION Minister, an MP, and almost all Meitei MLAs of Manipur gathered at Imphal's Kangla Fort Wednesday in response to a 'summons' issued by Arambai Tenggol, a Meitei radical group.

Here is a look at Arambai Tenggol and why the meeting was held.

### Who are the Arambai Tenggol?

Arambai Tenggol started in 2020 as a cultural outfit, but soon transformed into a radical organisation. It is one of the two hardline Meitei organisations suspected to be involved in a large number of Meitei-Kuki clashes that broke out in May 2023. The other group is Meitei Leepun.

Both the organisations armed themselves and their membership grew rapidly during the conflict, sources had earlier told *The Indian Express*.

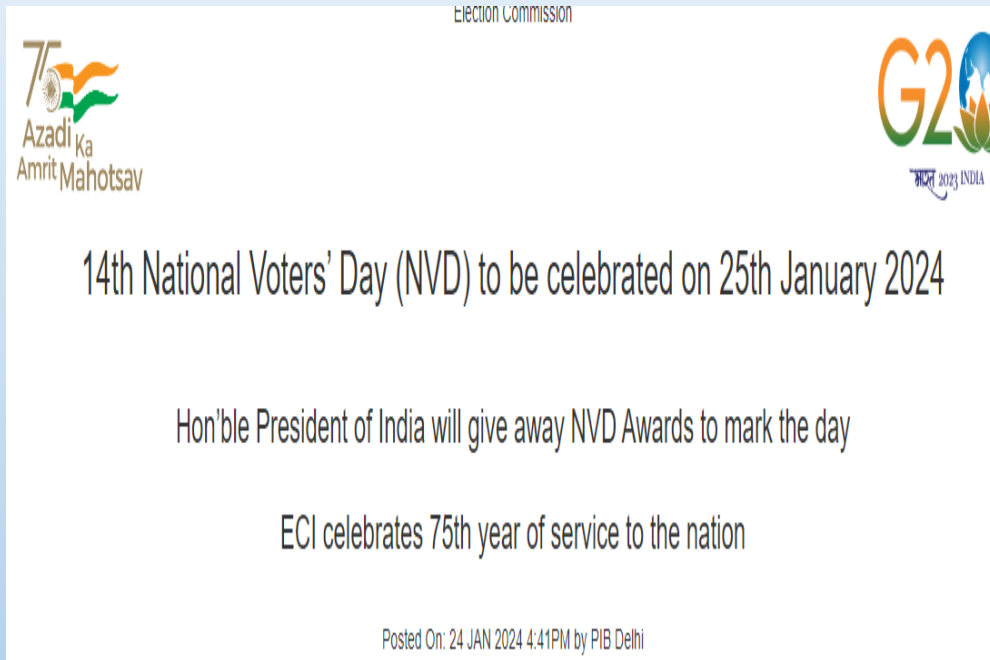


Paramilitary troopers stand guard outside Kangla Fort, Imphal. *Reuters*

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## PIB: Governance (GSII)



- Since 2011, National Voters' Day has been celebrated on January 25 every year, across the country to mark the foundation day of the Election Commission of India, i.e. 25th January 1950.
- The main purpose of the NVD celebration is to create electoral awareness amongst citizens and encourage them to participate in the electoral process.



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## PIB: Defence (GSIII)



- The Indian Air Force (IAF) conducted Exercise Desert Knight along with French Air and Space Force (FASF) and United Arab Emirates (UAE) Air Force.
- The main focus of Exercise Desert Knight was on enhancing synergy and interoperability between the three Air Forces.

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## PIB: Economy (GSIII)



- NITI Aayog, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (MoA&FW), Government of India, and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations jointly launched the 'Investment Forum for Advancing Climate Resilient Agrifood Systems in India' in New Delhi.
- It was launched during a two-day Multi-stakeholder Meeting held on January 18-19, 2024, at the India International Centre, New Delhi. This initiative aims to develop an investment and partnership strategy to advance climate resilient agrifood systems among the government, private sectors, and farmers' organizations and financial institutions in India.