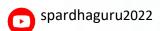


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New Initiatives & Updates

Pension Scheme Flexibility: The Union Finance Ministry has introduced a one-time, one-way facility switch for central government employees. This allows them to move from the newly launched Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) to the National Pension System (NPS). The option is available to employees who had already opted for the UPS.

Support for Exporters: In response to looming US tariffs on Indian goods, the government is preparing a support package worth approximately ₹25,000 crore under the new Export Promotion Mission (EPM). This initiative, which includes the Niryat Protsahan and Niryat Disha schemes, aims to provide affordable credit and improve market access for Indian exporters, particularly MSMEs.

State-Level Policies in Odisha: The Odisha state government has approved two new policies to boost its electronics and IT sectors: the Odisha Electronics Component Manufacturing (OECM) Policy, 2025, and the Odisha IT Policy, 2025. These policies offer significant incentives, including capital subsidies, land allocation, and tax exemptions, to attract new companies and create jobs.

CM's Breakfast Scheme Expansion: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has inaugurated the expansion of the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme. The program, which previously served students in rural areas, will now also cover students in state-aided primary schools in

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urban areas, benefiting an additional 3.06 lakh children.

Key Scheme Developments

Advance Salary Disbursement: The Ministry of Finance announced that central government employees in Maharashtra and Kerala will receive their August 2025 salaries in advance This move is to assist employees ahead of the Ganapati and Onam festivals, respectively.

Infrastructure Projects: The Prime Minister has inaugurated several major infrastructure projects in Bihar, including the Aunta-Simaria bridge project and the Bakhtiyarpur-Mokama section of NH-31. These projects are part of broader government efforts to enhance connectivity and economic activity under schemes like PM Gati Shakti and the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

International Cooperation: As part of a bilateral visit, India has announced several outcomes under existing schemes for Fiji. This includes the supply of medicines under the Janaushadhi Scheme and agricultural drones under the PM-KUSUM initiatives, as well as providing specialized medical treatment under the 'Heal in India' program.

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Answer: B) Move from the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) to the National Pension System (NPS).

The news states, "This allows them to move from the newly launched Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) to the National Pension System (NPS)."

Question 2: Under the new Export Promotion Mission (EPM), what is the approximate value of the support package being prepared by the government for exporters?

- A) ₹10,000 crore
- B) ₹25,000 crore
- C) ₹50,000 crore
- D) ₹70,000 crore

Answer: B) ₹25,000 crore

The news states, "...the government is preparing a support package worth approximately ₹25,000 crore under the new Export Promotion Mission (EPM)."

Question 3: What are the names of the two new policies approved by the Odisha state government to boost its electronics and IT sectors?

- A) Odisha Startup Policy and Odisha Digital Policv
- B) Odisha IT Policy, 2025 and Odisha Technology Policy, 2025
- C) Odisha IT Policy, 2025 and Odisha Electronics Component Manufacturing (OECM) Policy, 2025
- D) Odisha Tech Hub Policy and Odisha IT Policy, 2025

Answer: C) Odisha IT Policy, 2025 and Odisha Electronics Component Manufacturing (OECM) Policy, 2025

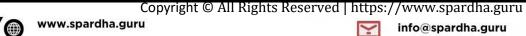
The news states that the Odisha government approved "...the Odisha Electronics Component

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Question 1: The Union Finance Ministry introduced a one-time, one-way switch facility. What does this allow central government employees to do?

- A) Move from the National Pension System (NPS) to the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS).
- B) Move from the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) to the National Pension System (NPS).
- C) Switch from a private pension to a government scheme.
- D) Opt for a lump-sum payout instead of a monthly pension.







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Manufacturing (OECM) Policy, 2025, and the Odisha IT Policy, 2025."

Question 4: The expansion of the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme in Tamil Nadu will now cover which additional group of students?

- A) All students in private schools
- B) Students in state-aided primary schools in urban areas
- C) College students
- D) Students in high schools across the state

Answer: B) Students in state-aided primary schools in urban areas

The news states the program "...will now also cover students in state-aided primary schools in urban areas..."

Question 5: Central government employees in which two states are receiving their August 2025 salaries in advance to assist them ahead of festivals?

- A) Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh
- B) Karnataka and Telangana
- C) Ma<mark>ha</mark>rashtra an<mark>d K</mark>erala
- D) Gujarat and Rajasthan

Answer: C) Maharashtra and Kerala

states, "central The news government employees in Maharashtra and Kerala will receive their August 2025 salaries in advance."

Question 6: The new infrastructure projects inaugurated by the Prime Minister in Bihar are part of which two broader government schemes?

- A) PM-KUSUM and Janaushadhi Scheme
- B) Make in India and Skill India Mission
- C) PM Gati Shakti and the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme
- D) Ayushman Bharat and Swachh Bharat Mission

Answer: C) PM Gati Shakti and the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme

The news states, "These projects are part of broader government efforts...under schemes like PM Gati Shakti and the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme."

Question 7: India is providing assistance to Fiji under existing schemes. Which two schemes were mentioned for supplying medicines and agricultural drones, respectively?

- A) Janaushadhi Scheme for medicines and PM-KUSUM for agricultural drones
- B) PM-KUSUM for medicines and Janaushadhi Scheme for agricultural drones
- C) Ayushman Bharat for medicines and PM Gati Shakti for agricultural drones
- D) Heal in India for medicines and Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for agricultural drones

Answer: A) Janaushadhi Scheme for medicines and PM-KUSUM for agricultural drones The news states, "This includes the supply of medicines under the Janaushadhi Scheme and agricultural drones under the PM-KUSUM initiatives..."

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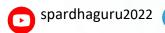






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