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## **29 November 2024**

### **National and International News**

PM-Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana	<ul> <li>Why in news?</li> <li>Gujarat tops the list in Rooftop Solar System installations under the PM-Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.</li> <li>Key Points: <ul> <li>It is a government scheme launched on February 15, 2024, that aims to provide free electricity to households in India.</li> <li>Under the scheme, households will be provided with a subsidy to install solar panels on their roofs.</li> <li>The subsidy will cover up to 40% of the cost of the solar panels.</li> <li>The scheme is expected to benefit 1 crore households across India.</li> <li>It is estimated that the scheme will save the government Rs. 75,000 crore per year in electricity costs.</li> <li>Under the scheme, DISCOMs are designated as State Implementation Agencies (SIAs) responsible for</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
	facilitating various measures, including net meter availability, timely inspection, and commissioning of installations.  • DISCOMs will receive incentives based on their achievement in the installation of additional grid-connected rooftop solar capacity beyond a baseline level.				
K-4 Missile	<ul> <li>Why in news?</li> <li>India has successfully tested a nuclear-capable ballistic missile, K-4 with a range of approximately 3,500 km, launched from a nuclear-powered submarine in the Bay of Bengal.</li> <li>This marks a significant enhancement of its nuclear deterrence and strategic capabilities.</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Key Points:         <ul> <li>The K-4 is a submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) developed by India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).</li> <li>The K-4 is a variant of the land-based Agni-III missile, and is designed to arm India's nuclear-powered submarines:</li> <li>Range- The K-4 has a range of 3,500 kilometers and can reach almost all of Pakistan and parts of China.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				







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	<ul> <li>Size- The K-4 is 10 meters long, weighs 20 tonnes, and has a diameter of 1.3 meters.</li> <li>Payload- The K-4 can carry a 2 tonne payload.</li> <li>Guidance- The K-4 uses an inertial navigation system with GPS/NavIC satellite guidance for mid-course, and terrain contour matching for terminal guidance.</li> <li>Engine- The K-4 has a two stage solid rocket motor and uses solid rocket propellant.</li> </ul>				
Ayushman Bharat Scheme	<ul> <li>Why in news?</li> <li>Atishi says Delhi is ready in principle to implement the Centre's Ayushman Bharat scheme.</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>It is the world's largest health assurance scheme.</li> <li>Year of Launch – 2018 as recommended by the National Health Policy, 2017</li> <li>Ministry - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)</li> <li>Aim – To achieve the vision of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) which encompasses promotive, preventive, curative, palliative and rehabilitative care.</li> <li>Funding – Centrally Sponsored Scheme (expenditure incurred in premium payment will be shared between Central and State governments)</li> <li>Coverage - Targets over 10 crore families (approximately 50 crore beneficiaries) based on SECC (Socio-Economic Caste Census)</li> <li>Implementing Agency – National Health Authority (NHA)</li> <li>Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) – It was launched in 2021 to provide Unique Digital Health IDs (UHID) for all Indian citizens to help hospitals, insurance firms, and citizens access health records electronically when required.</li> </ul>				
Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP)	Why in news?  ■ The Supreme Court directed the implementation of heightened Stage 4 restrictions under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) to address air pollution in Delhi and the National Capital Region.				
	<ul> <li>Key Points:         <ul> <li>GRAP is a framework designed to combat air pollution in the Delhi-NCR region.</li> <li>It was introduced as an emergency response mechanism, and its implementation is triggered when the Air Quality Index (AQI) reaches "poor" levels.</li> <li>GRAP is particularly important during the winter months when air quality tends to plummet.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) in NCR and adjoining areas oversees the implementation</li> </ul>				



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- It collaborates with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- The CAQM has constituted a sub-committee for the operationalization of the GRAP.
- Different stages of GRAP: GRAP consists of four stages, each with targeted actions to be taken by the necessary authorities and agencies. These are the following:
  - Stage I: "Poor" air quality (Delhi AQI: 201-300)
  - Stage II: "Very Poor" air quality (Delhi AQI: 301-400)
  - Stage III: "Severe" air quality (Delhi AQI: 401-450)
  - Stage IV: "Severe+" air quality (Delhi AQI > 450)

#### What is the Air Quality Index (AQI)?

- AQI is issued by government agencies to gauge air pollution levels and communicate risks to the public.
- It indicates how air pollution can affect health, with higher AQI values indicating more severe health concerns.
- According to the AQI scale, the air quality check between 0 and 50 is "Good", 51 and 100 "Satisfactory", 101 and 200 "Moderate", 201 and 300 "Poor", 301 and 400 "Very Poor", 401 and 450 "Severe" and over 450 as "Severe +

### 'Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat' Campaign

### Why in news?

• The Union women and child development minister recently launched the "Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat Campaign".

#### **Key Points:**

- It was launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India.
- It seeks to engage multiple stakeholders in a collective effort to eliminate child marriage in India.
- It will focus on the seven high-burden states-West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Tripura, Assam, and Andhra Pradesh-and nearly 300 high-burden districts where child marriage rates are high as compared to the national average.
- The campaign will call on every State and Union Territory to devise an action plan aimed at reducing the child marriage rates below 5% by 2029.
- A key feature of the initiative is the launch of the Child Marriage Free Bharat portal, a platform to raise awareness, report cases, and monitor progress.

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