



Rapid Fire Current Affairs

Need For Policy to Distribute Sanitary Napkins in Schools

The [Supreme Court](#) tells Centre to set down a national model for the number of girls' toilets per female population across government-aided and residential schools in the country and place on record an "optimum" **menstrual hygiene policy** with focus on the distribution of **sanitary napkins**.

- It was held that certain States had already been implementing their own schemes for distribution of sanitary napkins.
 - In Tamil Nadu, **18 packets with six napkins each were given to girls**.
 - Northeastern States had also shown progressiveness with their own schemes.
- The latest [National Family Health Survey 5 \(NFHS-5\)](#) found a significant improvement in the percentage of women aged 15-24 who use a hygienic method of protection during their menstrual cycle, rising from **58% in NFHS-4 to 78%**.

Read More: [World Menstrual Hygiene Day](#), [Swachh Bharat guidelines](#)

80% of Semiconductor Manufacturing Funds Remain Untouched

An official from the Industry Ministry stated that out of the **USD 10 billion allocated for semiconductor production** through the [Production Linked Incentive \(PLI\) Scheme](#) by the Union government, about **USD 8 billion remains unclaimed**.

- In 2021, India announced its roughly **USD 10 billion dollar PLI scheme** to encourage [semiconductor and display manufacturing](#) in the country.
- The **PLI scheme** was launched by the **Government of India** to boost the domestic manufacturing sector and to reduce the dependence on imports.
 - The scheme offers financial incentives to companies that manufacture products in India.
 - It covers **14 key sectors**:

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SECTORS WHERE PLI SCHEME HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED

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➤ Key starting materials (KSMs)/ drug intermediates (DIs) and active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs)

➤ Large scale electronics manufacturing



➤ Medical devices

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➤ Electronics/ technology products

➤ Pharmaceuticals drugs



➤ Telecom & networking products

➤ Food products

➤ White goods (ACs & LED)



➤ High-efficiency solar PV modules

➤ Automobiles & auto components



➤ Advance chemistry cell (ACC) battery

➤ Textiles— MMF segment and technical textiles

➤ Specialty steel

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➤ Drones and drone components



Read more: [India Semiconductor Mission](#)

Aadhaar Authentication: Reinforcing Prison Security

The [Ministry of Home Affairs \(MHA\)](#) has proposed an initiative to implement [Aadhaar authentication](#) for inmates and visitors in around 1,300 jails across the nation.

- The integration of **Aadhaar services with the ePrisons system developed by the [National Informatics Centre \(NIC\)](#)** is aimed at accurately verifying inmates and visitors, thereby reducing identity fraud within the prison system and enhancing administrative processes related to prisoner management.
- As per the MHA notification, the **authentication process will be voluntary, with the onus on the States and Union Territories** to adhere to relevant guidelines.

Read more: [Safeguarding Aadhaar Data](#)

Uttarakhand State Foundation Day

Annually, **9th November** is celebrated as **Uttarakhand State Foundation Day**, as on this day Uttarakhand became India's **27th state on November 9, 2000**, when it was carved out of northern Uttar Pradesh.

- The state was originally named Uttaranchal, but was renamed Uttarakhand in 2007. The name Uttarakhand comes from the Sanskrit dialect and means "northern city"
- Uttarakhand is a land of natural beauty, cultural diversity, and religious significance. It is home to the **Char Dham, the four sacred Hindu pilgrimage sites** of Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, and Yamunotri.

- Uttarakhand is home to two [UNESCO Heritage sites](#), Valley of Flowers and **Nanda Devi National Park**.



Read more: [Statehood Demand](#)

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