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Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare Initiatives



- **PM Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana:** Approved for 2026–31 with ₹7,395.55 crore to strengthen 2.55 lakh Gram Panchayats.
- **Ayushman Vay Vandana:** Two years completed; ₹5 lakh annual health coverage for senior citizens aged 70+.
- **DA/DR Hike:** Increased by 3%, from 60% to 63%, effective 1 July 2026.
- **Industrial Schemes:** Cabinet approved Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme and Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme.
- **Transport:** Flex-Fuel Vehicles permitted up to E100 ethanol; concessional annual FASTag local pass introduced.

Miscellaneous

- **PhonePe:** Launched Tatkal NPS for instant National Pension System account opening, with a ₹250 minimum contribution.
- **Skydo:** Received International Financial Services Centres Authority approval as a Payment Service Provider at GIFT City.
- **SEBI:** Introduced a real-time margin waiver framework for Early Pay-in of shares.
- **LTTS–Nokia:** Signed a five-year engineering research and development agreement.

Books, Authors & Important Days

- **Advantage India: Reshaping the Future for an Equitable World** — Anil K. Antony.
- **Triumph of the Indian Republic: My Life, My Struggles** — Autobiography of Ram Nath Kovind.
- **Apnapan** — Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- **The Sage Who Reimagined Hinduism** — Shashi Tharoor, on Sree Narayana Guru.
- **29 October:** International Animation Day and Ayushman Vay Vandana Day.