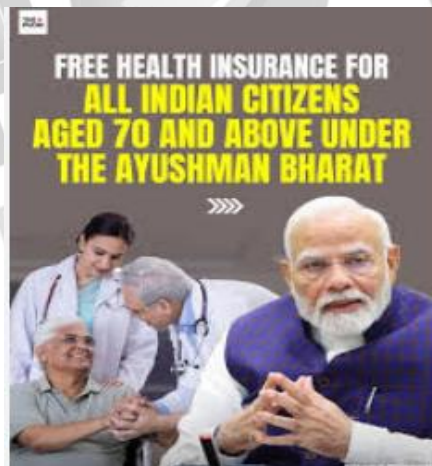


EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

SCHEMES

- **Union Cabinet Approves Health Cover for All Aged 70 and Above**
- ✓ The Union Cabinet has extended the benefits of the Ayushman Bharat PM Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) to all senior citizens aged 70 and above, irrespective of their income.



- ✓ Announced by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, the scheme will provide free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh per year, benefiting around 6 crore individuals and 4.5 crore families.
- **New Scheme to Provide 'Digital Identities' to Fisheries Industry Workers**
- ✓ A key highlight was the launch of the National Fisheries Development Program (NFDP) portal, which will provide digital identities to fisheries industry workers and enterprises across the value chain.



- ✓ This initiative is under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY), a sub-scheme of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), enabling fish workers to access benefits like institutional credit, performance grants, and aquaculture insurance.
- **Cabinet Approves 2,000-Crore 'Mission Mausam'**
- ✓ The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved 'Mission Mausam' on September 11, 2024, with an outlay of 2,000 crore over two years.



- ✓ The mission, led by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, aims to enhance research and development in atmospheric sciences and improve weather forecasting and management.
- ✓ The initiative will integrate advanced observation systems, high-performance computing, and technologies such as artificial intelligence and machine learning to set new standards in weather prediction.
- **PM E-DRIVE Scheme for Electric Vehicle Revolution**



- ✓ The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme to promote electric mobility in India.
- ✓ The scheme, with an outlay of Rs 10,900 crore over two years, aims to expedite EV adoption, improve air quality, and reduce the environmental impact of transportation.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **SEMICON India 2024**
- ✓ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated SEMICON India 2024 at India Expo Mart in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, on September 11, 2024.



- ✓ The three-day conference, running from September 11 to 13, showcases India's semiconductor strategy and policy with the aim of positioning the country as a global semiconductor hub.

RANKING

- **Switzerland crowned as best country in the world**



- ✓ In a new survey which is called “Best countries for 2024” it is found that Switzerland was crowned as the best country in the world.
- ✓ Switzerland achieved this feat for the third year successively.
- ✓ This year India drops three positions with respect to last year to 33.



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