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Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)	Why in the news?
	• The new Union Cabinet took its first decision — to provide assistance for the construction of three crore more rural and urban houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY).
	About PMAY:
	• Launch Date: June 25, 2015
	Ministry: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
	Objective: To provide affordable housing to the urban and rural poor.
	Components:
	 PMAY-Urban (PMAY-U): Targets urban areas.
	 Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS): Provides interest subsidy on housing loans for economically weaker sections (EWS), low-income groups (LIG), and middle-income groups (MIG). In-situ Slum Redevelopment (ISSR): Utilizes land as a resource to provide houses to slum dwellers. Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP): Involves private sector participation to create affordable housing. Beneficiary-led Individual House Construction/Enhancement (BLC):
	Assistance provided to eligible families for
	constructing or enhancing their houses.
	• PMAY-Rural (PMAY-G): Targets rural areas.
	Gramin (PMAY-G): Aims to provide pucca
	houses with basic amenities to all houseless
	households and those living in kutcha and dilapidated houses.











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Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	Why in the news?
(SPS) Agreement	• India and the US have informed the World Trade
	Organization (WTO) about a mutually agreed solution on
	an outstanding issue.
	• The dispute was regarding poultry imports from
	Washington.
	• With this resolution, all seven disputes between the two
	nations at the WTO have been resolved.
	About (SPS) Agreement:
	• A treaty of the World Trade Organization (WTO).
	Came into force with the establishment of the WTO on
	January 1, 1995 .
	• Sets out basic rules for food safety and animal and plant
	health standards.
	Key Provisions:
	 Scientific Basis:
	 SPS measures must be based on scientific
	principles and sufficient evidence.
	 Allows for provisional measures in cases
	where evidence is insufficient.
	 Harmonization: ■ Encourages alignment of SPS measures
	■ Encourages alignment of SPS measures with international standards.
	 International standards set by bodies like
	Codex Alimentarius, OIE, and IPPC.
	• Equivalence:
	SPS measures of other countries should
	be accepted as equivalent.
	 Requires that these measures achieve the same level of protection.
	 Same level of protection. ○ Risk Assessment:
	 Countries must conduct risk assessments to
	determine appropriate protection levels.
	Consider the impacts of pests or diseases.
	 ○ Regionalization:
	 Recognition of pest- or disease-free areas
	and areas of low prevalence.
	 Applies even within a single country or
	group of countries.
	• Transparency:
	Countries must notify changes in SPS
	measures.









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	 Regulatory information must be provided through the WTO's SPS notification system. Dispute Resolution: Disputes can be taken to the WTO's Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) if consultations fail.
Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary (SWS)	 Why in the news? Evidence of a tiger population has been found in the Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary (SWS). Based on this evidence, a decision has been made to establish a new tiger reserve in Uttar Pradesh.
	 About Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary (SWS): Location: Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary is situated in the Balrampur, Shravasti, and Gonda districts of Uttar Pradesh. Establishment: It was established in 1988. Area: The sanctuary covers an area of approximately 452 square kilometers. The sanctuary is connected with the forest or Mahadevpuri in Nepal. The sanctuary is located in the Bhabar-Terai Ecosystem area, known for its rich biodiversity. The Tharu tribe, characterized by mongoloid features, has been residing in this area for a long time. The sanctuary's vegetation is defined by a mix or deciduous and semi-evergreen woodlands.
Greening Education Partnership	 Why in the news? UNESCO launches new initiatives for "greening education" in classrooms under the Greening Education Partnership. About Greening Education Partnership: Launch Year: 2023 Objective: To integrate environmental sustainability integrate education systems and on climate crisis education globally. Target Audience: Students, educators, policymakers, and educational institutions.











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Strategic Interventions for Green	Why in the news?
Hydrogen Transition (SIGHT) programme	 Under the Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition (SIGHT) programme, a new initiative has been launched. This initiative is under Mode 2A of the programme.
	 Key points: The Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) is leading this initiative. SECI has issued a Request for Selection (RfS) as part of this initiative. The RfS aims to select Green Ammonia Producers. The goal is to enhance the production of Green Ammonia in India.
	 About SIGHT programme: This scheme is a part of the National Green Hydrogen Mission, which falls under the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE). The mission's objective is to strengthen domestic electrolyser manufacturing and green hydrogen production. It includes dual incentive mechanisms, with a specific incentive for Electrolyser Manufacturing.

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