

CHINMAYA ACADEMY FOR CIVIL SERVICES

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INDIA

PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)

- Launched by: Government of India to develop 100 Aspirational Agriculture Districts across 29 States/UTs.
- Lead States: Uttar Pradesh (12 districts), Maharashtra (9), Madhya Pradesh & Rajasthan (8 each).
- Selection Criteria: Based on low productivity, moderate crop intensity, and low credit access.

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Main Objectives:

- 1. Boost agricultural productivity
- 2. Promote crop diversification
- 3. Encourage sustainable farming
- 4. Improve post-harvest storage & irrigation
- 5. Expand agricultural credit access
- Implementation: No separate budget convergence of 36 schemes from 11 departments (19 from Agriculture Department); ₹24,000 crore annual investment.
- Monitoring: 100 Central Nodal Officers (Joint Secretaries) appointed to ensure implementation, coordination, and regular progress evaluation.

<u>Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma-MedTech</u> <u>Sector Scheme (PRIPMS):</u>

- 1. Launched by: Government of India to boost research, innovation, and global competitiveness in the Pharma and MedTech sector.
- 2. **Total Budget:** ₹5,000 crore; aims to support **around 300 projects** with total R&D investment of **₹11,000 crore**.

3. Objective:

- Promote innovation-driven growth in pharmaceuticals and medical technology.
- Focus on rare diseases, antimicrobial resistance, vaccines,
 and pandemic/tropical disease devices.

4. Project Categories:

- Early-stage projects: up to ₹9 crore cost; MSMEs/startups
 eligible for up to ₹5 crore support.
- Later-stage projects: up to ₹285 crore cost; assistance up to
 ₹100 crore (35-50% of total cost).

5. Strategic Priority Innovation (SPI) Areas:

- Rare diseases
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Vaccine-preventable diseases
- o Tropical & vector-borne diseases
- Outbreak & pandemic-causing pathogens

6. Collaboration Focus:

- Encourages industry-academia-startup partnerships with national-level research institutions.
- Special incentives for collaborative innovation and infrastructure sharing.

7. Expected Impact:

- Strengthen India's R&D ecosystem and self-reliance in Pharma-MedTech.
- Position India as a **global innovation hub** for advanced medicines and medical devices.

 Supports Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat in healthcare innovation.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

ICGS Akshar:

- Commissioned on: 4 October 2025
- Location: Karaikal, Puducherry
- Built by: Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)
- Class: Adamya-class Fast Patrol Vessel (2nd in series)
- Initiative: Part of 'Make in India' & Atmanirbhar Bharat in defence

Propulsion & Performance

- Engines: Two 3,000 KW diesel engines
- Propellers: Two Controllable Pitch Propellers (CPP) indigenously developed
- Speed: Up to 27 knots
- Endurance: 1,500 nautical miles (at economical speed)

Armament & Combat Systems

- Main Gun: 30 mm CRN 91
- Secondary Weapons: Two 12.7 mm Stabilized Remote-Controlled Guns (SRCG)

Advanced Systems

- Integrated Bridge System (IBS) automated navigation
- Integrated Platform Management System (IPMS) ship control
- Automated Power Management System (APMS) energy efficiency

India's Hypersonic Missile - Dhvani:

- Dhvani is India's upcoming hypersonic glide vehicle (HGV) capable of flying faster than Mach 5, marking a major defence breakthrough.
- The missile, about 9 m long and 2.5 m wide, features a blended wing-body design and stealth shaping for radar evasion.
- It can withstand 2,000–3,000°C using ultra-high-temperature ceramic composites during atmospheric reentry.
- **Range:** Estimated 6,000–10,000 km, nearly double that of Agni-5, with high manoeuvrability making interception difficult.
- Developed after the HSTDV scramjet trials, its first test is due in 2025 and deployment expected by 2029–30.
- **Strategic Impact:** Strengthens India's deterrence posture, creates a technological edge over Pakistan, and places India among elite hypersonic powers (US, Russia, China).

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

11th World Green Economy Summit (WGES 2025):

- Held at: Dubai World Trade Centre, UAE, in 2025; attended by 3,300+ participants from 30+ countries.
- **Theme:** "Innovating for Impact Accelerating the Future of the Green Economy."
- **Co-located Event: WETEX 2025** (Water, Energy, Technology & Environment Exhibition) highlighting Dubai's sustainability leadership.
- **Focus Areas:** Net-zero goals, green innovation, SMEs' role, climate finance, youth engagement, and equitable climate policies.

- Regional Initiative: Arab Foundations Forum (AFF) launched the
 Arab Regional Climate Commitment to unite regional actors for local climate solutions.
- Global Alliance on Green Economy (GAGE): Announced 2024–2025
 flagship initiatives to help member nations transition toward
 sustainable and innovation-led economies.
- Core Message: Collaboration, accountability, and innovation are key to achieving global green transformation and sustainable economic growth.

