

# Seva Teerth –India's New Prime Minister's Office (PMO)

## Inauguration:

- PM Narendra Modi shifted to the new office complex, Seva Teerth, on February 13, 2026.

## Symbolism:

- The date marks 95 years since New Delhi was made the capital (1931). The move symbolizes a shift from "colonial-era thinking" to a "citizen-first" approach.

## Location:

- Part of the Central Vista Redevelopment Project, located on Dara Shikoh Road (formerly Dalhousie Road).

# Myth Busters by Chandan Sharma

December 12, 1911:

- During the Delhi Durbar, King George V officially announced the transfer of the capital from Calcutta (now Kolkata) to Delhi.

December 15, 1911:

- The foundation stone for the new city, designed by architects Sir Edwin Lutyens and Sir Herbert Baker, was laid.

February 13, 1931:

- After nearly 20 years of construction, the city of New Delhi was formally inaugurated as the capital by the Viceroy, Lord Irwin.

August 15, 1947:

- Upon independence, New Delhi remained the capital of the Dominion of India and later the Republic of India.

# Key Features

## Centralization:

- For the first time, the PMO, the Cabinet Secretariat, and the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) are housed under one roof.

## Efficiency:

- Designed to reduce coordination gaps between top departments and save on office rent/logistics.

## Modernity:

- It includes "Kartavya Bhavan 1 & 2" and features digitally integrated offices and high security.

## Motto:

- The wall of the complex bears the phrase "Nagriko Devo Bhava" (The citizen is akin to God).

# First Major Policy Decisions

Immediately after shifting, the PM approved four major welfare and economic measures:

## PM RAHAT Scheme:

- A new life-saving scheme for road accident victims. It provides cashless treatment up to ₹1.5 lakhs to ensure no one dies for lack of immediate funds.

## Lakshpati Didi Scheme:

- The target to empower rural women in Self-Help Groups (SHGs) has been doubled from 3 crore to 6 crore by 2029.

## Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF):

- The fund's outlay was doubled from ₹1 lakh crore to ₹2 lakh crore to boost farming logistics.

## Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0:

- A new corpus of ₹10,000 crore was approved to support "deep-tech" and early-stage startups.

# PM RAHAT Scheme: 3rdEye Angle

## Objective:

- A life-saving healthcare initiative for road accident victims launched on February 13, 2026.

## Coverage:

- Provides immediate cashless medical care up to ₹1.5 lakh per person.

## Duration:

- Covers hospitalization for up to 7 days, focusing on the "Golden Hour" to prevent fatalities.

## Eligibility:

- Applies to all motor vehicle accident victims on any Indian road.

## Good Samaritan Reward:

- Individuals who help victims reach a hospital (Good Samaritans) can be awarded up to ₹25,000 (known as 'Rahavi').



# Important

To qualify for the cashless benefit, the victim must generally be hospitalised within 24 hours of the accident.

Benefits can only be availed at designated hospitals (typically those empanelled under Ayushman Bharat - PMJAY)

# Drone Didi Scheme

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A Central Sector Scheme with a total outlay of ₹1,261 crore for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26.

To provide drones to 15,000 selected Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) registered under the DAY-NRLM (Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission).

To empower rural women by turning them into drone pilots and providing them with a sustainable livelihood through drone rental services for farmers.

# Financial Assistance and Funding

## Subsidy:

- The Central Government provides a 80% financial assistance(subsidy) on the cost of the drone and its accessories, capped at ₹8 lakh per SHG.

## Affordable Loans:

- For the remaining 20% cost, SHGs can avail of loans via the National Agriculture Infrastructure Financing Facility (AIF) with a 3% interest subvention.

## Expected Income:

- The initiative aims to help each SHG member earn an additional income of at least ₹1 lakh per annum.

# Implementation and Training

## Nodal Governance:

- Governed by an Empowered Committee of Secretaries from various departments, including Agriculture, Rural Development, Fertilizers, Civil Aviation, and Women & Child Development.

## Training Module:

- A comprehensive 15-day training is provided:
- 5 days: Mandatory drone pilot training (as per DGCA norms).
- 10 days: Specialized training for agricultural applications like nutrient and pesticide spraying.

## Role of LFCs:

- Lead Fertilizer Companies (LFCs) act as implementing agencies at the state level, managing drone procurement, repair, and maintenance.

# Key Benefits from Mains Point of View

## Women Empowerment:

- Bridges the gender technology gap by training women in high-tech roles traditionally dominated by men.

## Agricultural Modernization:

- Promotes precision farming, ensuring uniform application of nano-fertilizers and pesticides, which reduces wastage and input costs.

## Health and Safety:

- Minimizes farmers' direct exposure to hazardous chemicals through remote spraying.

## Rural Entrepreneurship:

- Diversifies the income of SHGs beyond traditional activities like handicrafts or small-scale farming.

# The Nikhil Gupta Case (US Court Update)

- Nikhil Gupta, an Indian national, has pleaded guilty in a Manhattan (US) court for his role in a foiled murder-for-hire plot.

## The Target:

- Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, a Khalistani separatist and a dual US-Canadian citizen living in New York.

## The Charges:

- Gupta admitted to conspiracy to commit murder-for-hire and money laundering.
- He faces a maximum of 40 years in prison.

# Complicated Terms Simplified

## Extradition:

- This is the legal process where one country (Czech Republic) sends a person to another country (USA) to face trial. Gupta was extradited in June 2024.

## "CC-1" and Vikash Yadav:

- US prosecutors allege that an Indian government employee (referred to as CC-1, later identified as Vikash Yadav) recruited Gupta.

## Rogue Agent Theory:

- India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has officially dissociated itself from the plot, stating it was against government policy.
- An inquiry committee was set up to investigate the "rogue" elements involved.

### India-US Ties:

- This case has been a point of friction in bilateral relations.

### Transnational Repression:

- The US is using this case to send a message that it will not tolerate foreign actors targeting individuals on its soil.

### Sovereignty:

- The case involves complex legal issues regarding how far a state can be held responsible for the actions of individual employees.

Q1. With reference to the history of New Delhi as India's capital, consider the following statements:

- 1.The announcement to shift the capital from Calcutta to Delhi was made by King George V in 1911.
- 2.The formal inauguration of New Delhi as the capital in 1931 was officiated by Lord Irwin.
- 3.The newly inaugurated 'Seva Teerth' complex is located on the historic Raisina Hill, replacing the South Block.

How many of the statements above are correct?

- A)Only one
- B)Only two
- C)All three
- D) None

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the PM RAHAT Scheme: 1.It provides a cashless treatment limit of up to ₹1.5 lakh for the first 7 days of hospitalization. 2.The scheme is exclusively available to Indian citizens to ensure domestic road safety. 3.A 'Good Samaritan' who assists a victim will be rewarded with an amount up to ₹25,000. How many of the statements above are correct? A)Only one B)Only two C)All three

D) None

Q3. With reference to the 'Drone Didi' initiative, consider the following statements:

1.It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

2.The government provides an 80% subsidy on the cost of the drone, capped at ₹8 lakh per Self-Help Group (SHG).

3.The scheme targets the empowerment of 15,000 women SHGs under the DAY-NRLM framework.

How many of the statements above are correct?

A)Only one

B)Only two

C)All three

D) None

Q4. Regarding the 'Seva Teerth' complex and recent executive approvals, consider the following:

1. Seva Teerth houses the PMO, Cabinet Secretariat, and the National Security Council Secretariat in a single complex.

2. Upon moving to the new office, the PM approved doubling the target of the Lakhpati Didi scheme to 6 crore women.

3. The Udyog Bhawan metro station has been renamed 'Seva Teerth' to mark the inauguration.

How many of the statements above are incorrect?

A) Only one

B) Only two

C) All three

D) None

Q5. Consider the following statements regarding the Harpoon Missile system: 1.It is an all-weather, over-the-horizon, anti-ship missile system. 2.It is manufactured by the European consortium MBDA. 3.The Indian Navy integrates these missiles primarily on its P-8I aircraft. 4.It uses active radar homing for terminal guidance to strike targets. How many of the above statements are correct? A)Only one  
B)Only two

C)Only three

D)All four