



Initiatives on 75th Independence Day

Why in News

Commemorating the **75th Independence Day**, Prime Minister announced a slew of measures/initiatives and called for **making the next 25 years a glorious one for India**.

- A day before Independence day, the Prime minister also declared 14th August would now be observed as **Partition Horrors Remembrance Day**.

Key Points

▪ Gati Shakti Master Plan:

- It is a Rs.100 lakh-crore project for **developing 'holistic infrastructure'**.
- It will help **raise the global profile of local manufacturers** and help them compete with their counterparts worldwide. It also **raises possibilities of new future [economic zones](#)**.
- It will be a **source of employment** opportunities for the youth in future.

▪ National Hydrogen Mission:

- The [National Hydrogen Mission](#) and the [green hydrogen](#) sector will give India a quantum jump in meeting its climate targets.
 - **Green hydrogen** is produced by splitting water into hydrogen and oxygen using an electrolyzer powered by electricity from renewable energy sources such as wind and solar.
- It will also **help India to become energy independent**. Today India spends over Rs 12 lakh crore on importing energy.

▪ Rice Fortification Plan:

- The rice distributed under various government schemes will be **fortified** by 2024. It includes the [Public Distribution System \(PDS\)](#), [Mid-Day Meals](#) in schools and [Integrated Child Development Scheme \(ICDS\)](#).
- It is a significant initiative as the country has high levels of malnutrition among women and children.
 - According to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, **every second woman in the country is [anaemic](#) and every third child is stunted**.
 - India ranks 94 out of 107 countries and is in the 'serious hunger' category on the [Global Hunger Index \(GHI\)](#).
- Six states, including Maharashtra and Gujarat, **have started distributing [fortified rice](#) as part of the pilot scheme**.
 - Food fortification or enrichment is the process of **adding micronutrients to food**.

▪ Vande Bharat Trains:

- 75 [Vande Bharat' trains](#) will connect different parts of the country in 75 weeks to mark the ongoing '**Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**'.

- Vande Bharat, the **indigenous semi-high speed train** set, is being given a boost, with the Railways gearing to roll out at least 10 of them, linking around 40 cities, by August 2022 to commemorate 75 years of Independence.

▪ **Sainik Schools for Girls:**

- All Sainik Schools in the country will now be open for girls also. At present, 33 **Sainik schools are operating in the country.**
- Sainik schools are **run by the Sainik Schools Society which is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Defence.**
- The aim of establishing Sainik schools was **to prepare the students from an early age for their entry into the Indian armed forces.**

▪ **E-commerce platform for Self-Help Groups:**

- This digital platform will **connect the products of women [Self-Help Groups](#) with people in far flung areas of the country as well as abroad** and it will have far-reaching consequences.
- The government will create an e-commerce platform to ensure a huge market in the country and abroad for their products.
 - More than eight crore women in the villages are associated with Self-Help Groups and they design top-end products.

▪ **Partition Horrors Remembrance Day:**

- **14th August** would now be observed as **Partition Horrors Remembrance Day.**
- This day will remind Indians of the **need to remove the poison of social divisions, disharmony** and further **strengthen the spirit of oneness, social harmony and human empowerment.**

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