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1. Retail Inflation and Consumer Price Index (CPI)

- **Prelims** - Retail Inflation and Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- **Mains** - GS 3 - Economy (Inflation)

Why in the news?

- Retail inflation in India edged up slightly to 0.7% in November 2025, rising from the record low of 0.25% in October 2025.

Retail Inflation

- **What is it?:** measures the **change in retail prices of goods and services** purchased by households for **daily consumption**, based on a **fixed basket of goods and services**.
- **Assessment:** Assessed using Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

- **Base Year:** 2012
- **Nodal Agency:** Compiled by the **National Statistical Office (NSO)** under the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)** and released **Monthly**
- **Basket for CPI Calculation:**
 - Food and beverages
 - Housing
 - Clothing and footwear
 - Fuel and light
 - Health, education, transport, etc.
- **Uses of CPI:**
 - **Primary inflation indicator** for India
 - Used for Inflation targeting by RBI and Policy formulation by GoI
 - Monitoring **price stability**
 - Calculating **real wages, salaries, and pensions**

2. CoalSETU

- **Prelims** - CoalSETU
- **Mains** - GS 3 - Economy (Energy Sector)

Why in the news?

- The Government of India has cleared the CoalSETU policy.

CoalSETU

- **Expanding the Abbreviation:** Coal Linkage for Seamless, Efficient & Transparent Utilization.
- **What is it?:** It is a recent policy reform by the Indian government to **streamline coal linkages** for industrial users and exports, enhancing energy security and domestic production utilization.
- **Key Features:**
 - Linkages support own consumption, coal washing, group company use, or export (up to 50% of quantity), with **no domestic resale allowed**.
 - Any domestic buyer requiring coal can participate, **excluding coking coal**.
 - Existing auctions for specified NRS sub-sectors like cement, steel, sponge iron, aluminium, and captive power plants continue unaffected.
 - Promotes washed coal production to cut imports and boost exports, aligning with Atmanirbhar Bharat.



3. Blue Economy

- Prelims - Blue Economy
- Mains - GS 3 - Economy (Economic Development)

Why in the news?

- The Indian Ocean's importance with respect to the Blue economy is rising.

Blue Economy

- **What is it?:** Blue Economy refers to the **sustainable use of ocean and coastal resources** for economic growth, improved livelihoods, and jobs, while preserving the health of marine and coastal ecosystems.
- **Objectives:**
 - Promote **sustainable economic growth** from marine resources and ensure **livelihood security** for coastal communities
 - Maintain **marine biodiversity and ecosystem services**
 - Strengthen **maritime security and resilience**
 - Support **climate change mitigation and adaptation**
- **Principles of Blue Economy:**
 - **Sustainability:** Resource use within ecological limits
 - **Inclusivity:** Benefits for coastal and island communities
 - **Innovation:** Blue technologies and data-driven governance
 - **Resilience:** Climate-proofing coasts and ocean economies
 - **Integrated Governance:** Land-sea interface management
- **Importance of Blue Economy:**
 - Oceans cover **~71% of Earth's surface** and support global trade, food security, and climate regulation.
 - Contributes to Employment generation, Energy transition, Food and nutrition security and Carbon sequestration.
- **India and Blue Economy:**
 - India has a **7,500 km coastline**, **2.4 million sq km EEZ**, and island territories.



→ **Key Initiatives** such as- Sagarmala Programme, Deep Ocean Mission, Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and National Coastal Mission.

- **Challenges Faced:**

- Overfishing and resource depletion
- Marine pollution (plastics, oil spills)
- Climate impacts: sea-level rise, coral bleaching
- Weak regulatory enforcement and Limited marine data and technology access

- **Way Forward:**

- Strengthen marine spatial planning
- Promote sustainable fishing practices
- Invest in blue innovation and research
- Enhance regional and global cooperation
- Empower coastal communities through skills and finance



4. PM Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY)

- **Prelims** - PM Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY)
- **Mains** - GS 2 - Governance (Government Policies and Welfare Measures)

Why in the news?

- The Supreme Court has directed that doctors deputed for COVID-19 duties be covered under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY).

PM Garib Kalyan Yojana(PMGKY)

- **Launch:** Launched in March 2020 amid COVID-19 pandemic
- **Objective:** Aimed at protecting the poor from economic distress by ensuring food security, income support, and employment safeguards during lockdowns.
- **Key Components:**
 - **PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY):** Free 5 kg wheat/rice per person and 1 kg dal per family monthly via PDS for 80 crore beneficiaries, extended multiple times till 2023.
 - **Cash Transfers:** ₹500/month for 3 months to 20 crore women Jan Dhan holders; ₹1,000 to 3 crore senior citizens, widows, disabled.
 - **Insurance Coverage:** Insurance cover for **frontline workers**, including healthcare workers engaged in emergency duties.
- **Target Beneficiaries:**
 - **Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY)** households
 - **Priority households** under NFSA
 - **Informal sector workers**, migrant labourers, and economically weaker sections
 - **Frontline workers** involved in crisis response
- **Implementation Mechanism:**
 - **Public Distribution System (PDS)** for distributing food grains
 - **Jan Dhan–Aadhaar–Mobile (JAM)** trinity
- **Nodal Agencies:** Coordinated efforts of Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Ministry of Rural Development