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## 1. Rani Velu Nachiyar

### Prelims Perspective: What needs to be learned?

- Who is she?
- Other name
- Contemporary Events

### Mains Perspective: Notes need to be prepared

- Personalities (GS I - Modern History, Society)

### What needs to be known?

- Rani Velu Nachiyar (1730 - 1796)

- **Who is she?**: Rani Velu Nachiyar was a queen of Sivaganga and she was the first Indian queen to wage war with the East India Company in India.
- **Other Name**: Veeramangai ("brave woman").
- **Alliance**: With the support of Hyder Ali, gained power in 1780.
- **Fact to Know**: First to introduce all women's military unit.

- Contemporary Events

- **First Anglo-Mysore War (1767–1769)** : Treaty of Madras
- **Second Anglo-Mysore War (1780–1784)**: Treaty of Mangalore
- **Third Anglo-Mysore War (1790–1792)**: Treaty of Seringapatam

## 2. Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana

### Prelims Perspective: What needs to be learned?

- What is it?
- Nature of the scheme
- Beneficiaries
- Features
- Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY)

### Mains Perspective: Notes need to be prepared

- Welfare Scheme for Vulnerable Section, Health (GS II- Social Justice)

### What needs to be known?

- Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana

→ **What is it?**: It is a maternity benefit programme launched by union government in 2017.

→ **Nature**: It is a central sector scheme

→ **Beneficiaries**

★ All Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers (PW&LM), excluding those who are in regular employment with the Central Government or the State Governments or PSUs or those who are in receipt of similar benefits under any law for the time being in force.

★ All eligible Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers who have their pregnancy on or after 1st January 2017 for the first child in the family.

→ **Other Benefits**

★ Direct benefit transfer of beneficiaries of rupees 5000 with aim to meet enhanced nutritional needs and partially compensate for wage loss.

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- ★ Digital monitoring of scheme through Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana - Common Application Software (PMMVY-CAS).
- ★ The eligible beneficiaries also receive cash incentive under Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY)

- **Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY)**

- **Launched in:** 2005
- **Type of Scheme:** Centrally sponsored scheme
- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- **Aim:** To reduce maternal and neonatal mortality by promoting institutional delivery through financial incentives.
- **Beneficiaries:** Pregnant women, especially from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and BPL households.

### 3. OSIRIS-REX Mission and Bennu

#### Prelims Perspective: What needs to be learned?

- OSIRIS-REX Mission
- Bennu
- Asteroid

#### Mains Perspective: Notes need to be prepared

- Space Technology (GS III -Science and Technology)

#### What needs to be known?

- **OSIRIS-REX Mission**
  - ➔ **Fullform:** Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security, Regolith Explorer.
  - ➔ **What is it?:** *It is a space mission launched by NASA with the aim to collect a sample from asteroid Bennu and returning it to Earth for study.*
  - ➔ **Facts**
    - ★ The spacecraft is now on an extended mission (OSIRIS-APEX) to study asteroid Apophis.
    - ★ It is the first U.S. spacecraft to collect a sample from an asteroid.
- **Asteroid**
  - ➔ Asteroids are small, rocky bodies orbiting the Sun, primarily found in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.
  - ➔ They are remnants from the early solar system, ranging from dust-sized particles to objects hundreds of kilometers across, like dwarf planet Ceres.