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Kharif MSP 2026-27: 14 crops

Paddy (common) at Rs 2,441 per quintal.

Coal gasification and semi high-speed rail approved.

Rs 2,441

PADDY MSP

**Rs 37,500
cr**

COAL GASIFICATION

**Rs 20,667
cr**

**SEMI HIGH-SPEED
RAIL**

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MSP

14 Kharif crops.

Rail

Ahmedabad-Dholera.

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Editor's briefing and contents

Three Cabinet decisions of 13 May lead this edition: Kharif MSP, a coal gasification scheme and a semi high-speed rail project.

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Reading guide

3 verified stories, each linked to its source. Earlier developments are explicitly carried forward. Not every possible update is covered. The separate 9-question test uses this same dataset. Original practice, not an actual previous-year paper.



Government Schemes

Cabinet approves Kharif MSP for 2026-27: paddy (common) at Rs 2,441 per quintal

13 May 2026 | Press Information Bureau

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved on 13 May 2026 an increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for 14 Kharif crops for Marketing Season 2026-27, PIB said. The highest absolute increases over the previous year are for sunflower seed (Rs 622 per quintal), cotton (Rs 557), nigerseed (Rs 515) and sesamum (Rs 500).

From PIB's table, paddy (common) MSP is Rs 2,441 per quintal against Rs 2,369 in 2025-26, an increase of Rs 72, and tur/arhar is Rs 8,450 per quintal. The table also shows each crop's cost, margin over cost and the increase over 2013-14.

Key facts

Approved by: CCEA, 13 May 2026; 14 Kharif crops; Marketing Season 2026-27

Paddy (common): Rs 2,441 per quintal (up Rs 72 from Rs 2,369)

Tur/Arhar: Rs 8,450 per quintal

Highest increase: sunflower seed, Rs 622 per quintal

Exam takeaway: MSP is the price at which the government is willing to buy a crop, announced for Kharif and Rabi seasons.

One-minute recall: Kharif MSP 2026-27: 14 crops; paddy common Rs 2,441; highest rise sunflower Rs 622 (PIB, 13 May).

Press Information Bureau

Cabinet approves Rs 37,500 crore scheme for surface coal and lignite gasification

13 May 2026 | Press Information Bureau

The Union Cabinet approved on 13 May 2026 a Scheme for Promotion of Surface Coal/Lignite Gasification Projects with a financial outlay of Rs

37,500 crore. PIB said the scheme advances the national target of gasifying 100 million tonnes of coal by 2030 and aims to cut import dependence on LNG (more than 50% imported), urea (about 20%), ammonia (about 100%) and methanol (about 80 to 90%).

As an accompanying reform, the Government extended coal linkage tenure up to 30 years under the 'Production of Syngas leading to Coal Gasification' sub-sector in the Non-Regulated Sector linkage auction framework.

Key facts

Outlay: Rs 37,500 crore

Target: gasify 100 million tonnes of coal by 2030

Reform: coal linkage tenure up to 30 years for syngas projects

Aim: reduce imports of LNG, urea, ammonia and methanol

Exam takeaway: Syngas, produced by gasifying coal, can be converted into fertiliser, methanol and other products that India now partly imports.

One-minute recall: Coal gasification scheme: Rs 37,500 crore; 100 MT target by 2030; linkage up to 30 years (PIB, 13 May).

Press Information Bureau

National and International Affairs

Cabinet approves Ahmedabad (Sarkhej)-Dholera semi high-speed rail line costing Rs 20,667 crore

13 May 2026 | Press Information Bureau

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved on 13 May 2026 the Ahmedabad (Sarkhej)-Dholera Semi High-Speed Double Line project of the Ministry of Railways at an estimated cost of about Rs 20,667 crore, to be completed up to 2030-31, PIB said.

It will be Indian Railways' first semi high-speed project, planned with indigenously developed technology. It will connect Ahmedabad with Dholera SIR, the upcoming Dholera Airport and the Lothal

National Maritime Heritage Complex.

Key facts

Project: Ahmedabad (Sarkhej)-Dholera Semi High-Speed Double Line

Cost: about Rs 20,667 crore; completion up to 2030-31

First: Indian Railways' first semi high-speed project

Links: Dholera SIR, Dholera Airport, Lothal National Maritime Heritage Complex

Exam takeaway: Dholera is a Special Investment Region in Gujarat, and Lothal is the site of an ancient Harappan port city.

One-minute recall: Cabinet 13 May 2026: Ahmedabad-Dholera semi high-speed rail, Rs 20,667 crore, India's first (PIB).

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Rapid revision and vocabulary

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Coal gasification scheme: Rs 37,500 crore; 100 MT target by 2030; linkage up to 30 years (PIB, 13 May).

Cabinet 13 May 2026: Ahmedabad-Dholera semi high-speed rail, Rs 20,667 crore, India's first (PIB).

MSP: Minimum Support Price.

CCEA: Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.

Syngas: Gas mixture from coal gasification.

SIR: Special Investment Region.

Kharif: Crops sown with the monsoon.

Rapid-revision prompts

What changed in Kharif MSP?

What does the coal gasification scheme target?

What is special about the Ahmedabad-Dholera line?

Sources and publication information

Every figure comes from the linked source page for that story. Where an official page was not read, the story names the publication that reported it. Items we could not verify, or whose outcome was not settled, were left out. This edition has 3 stories because that is what we could verify for the day.

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