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Rs 24,736
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SBFAS

20

NICDP NODES

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Auctions.

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Corridors.

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Editor's briefing and contents

Three PIB-verified stories on coal, shipbuilding and industrial corridors lead this edition.

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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 7-question test uses this same dataset. Original practice, not an actual previous-year paper.



Government Schemes

Six coal blocks auctioned in the 15th round and 2nd attempt of the 13th round

4 August 2026 | Press Information Bureau

PIB said the Ministry of Coal successfully auctioned six coal blocks under the 15th round and 2nd attempt of the 13th round of commercial coal mine auctions. The rounds were launched on 17 April 2026, and forward auctions were held from 3 to 4 August 2026.

Four of the six blocks are fully explored and two are partially explored. Together they hold geological reserves of about 1,503.93 million tonnes with a cumulative Peak Rated Capacity of 11.62 MTPA.

Key facts

Blocks auctioned: six

Rounds launched: 17 April 2026

Geological reserves: about 1,503.93 million tonnes

Cumulative PRC: 11.62 MTPA

Exam takeaway: Commercial coal auctions are run by the Ministry of Coal.

One-minute recall: Six coal blocks auctioned (PIB, 4 August 2026).

Press Information Bureau

Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme Rs 24,736 crore; Maritime Development Fund Rs 25,000 crore

4 August 2026 | Press Information Bureau

In a Parliament answer, PIB said the Government has approved the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS), an extension of the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy, with an outlay of Rs 24,736 crore to address the cost disadvantage of Indian shipyards. Guidelines were issued on 26 December 2025.

The Maritime Development Fund (MDF) has a corpus of Rs 25,000 crore, comprising a Maritime Investment Fund of Rs 20,000 crore with 49 per cent Government participation and an Interest Incentivization Fund of Rs 5,000 crore. MDF guidelines were issued on 20 February 2026 and SBI Ventures Limited is the Fund Manager.

Key facts

SBFAS outlay: Rs 24,736 crore

MDF corpus: Rs 25,000 crore

Maritime Investment Fund: Rs 20,000 crore

Interest Incentivization Fund: Rs 5,000 crore

Exam takeaway: MDF supports long-term financing for shipbuilding and the maritime sector.

One-minute recall: SBFAS Rs 24,736 crore and MDF Rs 25,000 crore (PIB, 4 August 2026).

Press Information Bureau

20 industrial nodes approved under NICDP; Rs 16,172.95 crore sanctioned

4 August 2026 | Press Information Bureau

PIB said the Government has approved 20 industrial nodes under the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP) and sanctioned Rs 16,172.95 crore for industrial corridor development. Four industrial corridor projects have been completed and the remaining nodes are being fast-tracked.

Townships are developed through Special Purpose Vehicles formed jointly with State Governments; States contribute land and the Government of India contributes equity and/or debt.

Key facts

Industrial nodes approved: 20

Sanctioned: Rs 16,172.95 crore

Corridor projects completed: four

Contribution: States give land; Centre gives equity or debt

Exam takeaway: NICDP develops industrial townships through State-Centre SPVs.

One-minute recall: NICDP: 20 nodes, Rs 16,172.95 crore (PIB, 4 August 2026).

Press Information Bureau

Rapid revision and vocabulary

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PRC: Peak Rated Capacity.

SBFAS: Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme.

MDF: Maritime Development Fund.

NICDP: National Industrial Corridor Development Programme.

SPV: Special Purpose Vehicle.

Rapid-revision prompts

What is SBFAS?

What is NICDP?

What is PRC?

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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