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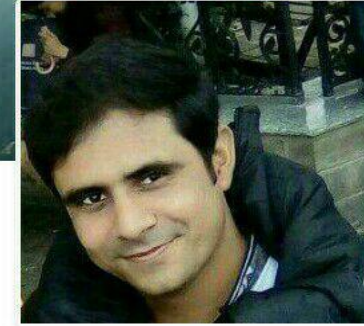
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- Iranian President **Hassan Rouhani's visit**
- PM Modi's visit to **Tehran last May**
- **IranP5+1 nuclear deal** (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or JCPOA), **concluded in 2015.**
- **Obama to Donald** Trump's visceral opposition to it.
- Iran is focussed on **developments in Syria and Yemen**
- India, dealing with China's growing **footprint in Area**
- 2003, President **Mohammad Khatami** was the chief guest at **Republic Day-** New Delhi Declaration was signed,
- Flagging the **role of Chabahar port**
- Viding connectivity to **Afghanistan and into Central Asia.**
- **Uncertainties of JCPOA**
- JCPOA is **not a bilateral deal between** Iran and the U.S
- **Modi tries find a balance with** his stated preference to develop closer ties **with both the U.S. and Israel.**
- **Uncertainties surrounding** the JCPOA provide justification for adopting a '**wait and watch' approach.**



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India

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○ State Capital

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THE WORLD

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Canary in coal mine

- Opening up the coal sector to private players is a timely reform
- **Forty-five years after** India nationalised its coalmining industry, the Central government has allowed the re-entry of commercial mining firms into the sector, **turning the clock back**.
- **Private after Independence** until the **Indira Gandhi government** decided to transfer all coal holdings to Coal India through the **Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973**
- **Key reason cited for taking coal out** of the private sector's hands was that it was essential to **meet power needs**.
- Now, India's coal market is a **virtual monopoly for the public sector**
- Coal India accounts for **over 80% of the country's coal supply**- Another public sector firm, **Singareni Collieries Company**
- India has a high dependence **on coal for power generation**.
- Despite an aggressive push for **renewable and nuclear sources**, **70% of electricity generation** is through coal-fired **thermal plants**
- In recent years there has been a **significant surge in imports as Coal India**, despite its rich coal-bearing belts.

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- In September 2014, the Supreme Court cancelled the allocation of 204 coal mines to public and private players, after the CAG found fault with the allocation mechanism
- Enabling provisions for commercial mining and sale of coal were already included in the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act of 2015; the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has now allowed their operationalisation
- Government says-will boost energy security, making coal affordable and creating jobs.
- Norms to ensure miners' safety must be upgraded.
- Lastly, the integrity of the process is key, so that auctions don't translate into a winners' curse as has happened in sectors like telecom.
- The import-dependent energy sector cannot afford it

Grid stability is key

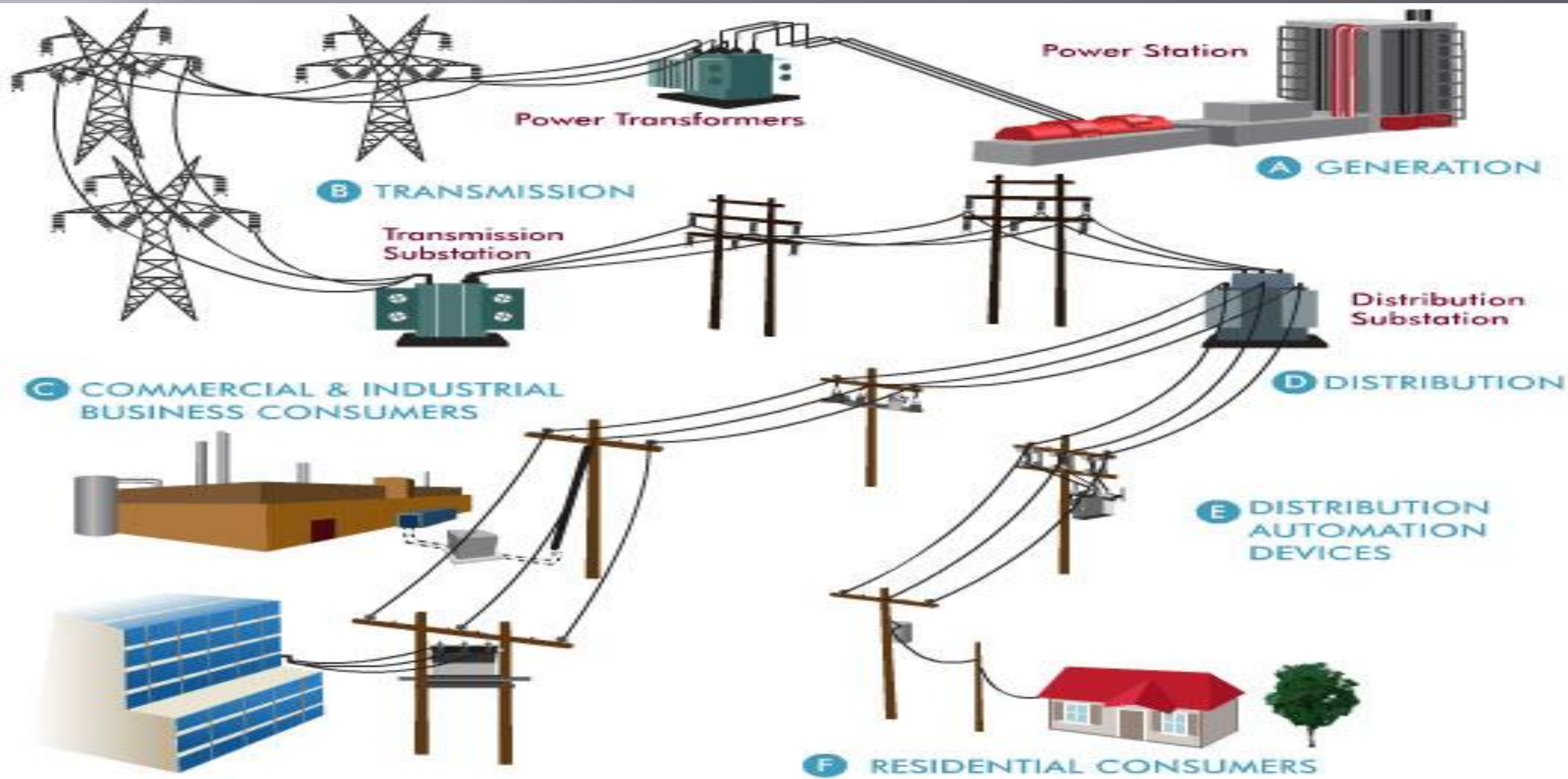
- The ambitious plan to **help farmers earn from solar power generation** hinges on small details
- Electricity is a major concern in rural India, especially for farmers.
- The Government of **India has come up with an original plan** to address this problem.
- Instead of transmitting **electricity to the farmers, the government, to start with**, wants farmers to use solar energy to power **their irrigation pumps**.
- According to the **January 2018 report of the Council on Energy, Environment and Water**, there are about **142,000 solar pumps in India**.
- The government is planning to install **one million solar pumps by 2021**.
- To achieve this, the **Union Budget 2018 has allocated** close to **48,000 crore** to set up the **Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (KUSUM)**
- Will help set up **more than 28 GW of combined solar capacity** through these solar pumps.
- Will almost certainly increase **agricultural incomes and reduce** electricity losses when transmitting **power to remote rural areas**.
- Analysts claim that losses from distribution could **fall to about 12% from the current level of at least 23%**

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- However, the **feasibility of purchasing surplus solar power** seems **problematic**.
- There is a need to address **the issue of grid stability** that this injection of surplus power is **bound to create**.
- Advantage of this scheme-that transmission **losses and power theft would drop significantly**
- Most rural retailers of **power also lose money as they sell power at a subsidised rate to poor and the farm sector**
- State-run distribution companies were thus **running a loss of ₹3 trillion** as of September 2015.
- Solution- All power **grids require balancing**.
- Variations in **weather patterns** make it more difficult for the grid operator to **predict balance of electrical energy** that will be required to meet the demand.
- Most countries **handle inputs from renewable energy sources** similarly
- But India is **short of power**.
- More stability can be **achieved by integrating the grids** into all-India grids
- Expected advances in **storage technology** would also **significantly** improve grid stability

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- The **plan of the Government of India to** purchase solar power from farmers has nevertheless taken on a good note.
- Union Budget 2018, **Finance Minister asked governments to put in place** adequate procedures to purchase the excess solar power from farmers.







Map Practice

Nigeria

Country in West Africa

Capital: Abuja

Currency: Nigerian naira



Prelims Focus Facts-News Analysis

- **Page-1-** U.S. tightens H-1B approval process, IT firms worried
- Fresh documentary requirements specified for workers at third-party worksites



Prelims Focus Facts-News Analysis

- **Page-1-** Govt. schedules meeting on Lokpal for March 1
- Leader of single largest Opposition party too will attend
- In a turnaround from its earlier position, the government will invite the leader of the single largest Opposition party to attend a meeting scheduled for March 1 to discuss the long-pending appointments to the anti-corruption ombudsman, Lokpal.
- Elections to 59 RS seats on March 23
- All Kolkata Metro trains to be air-conditioned by 2020
- Maldives presidential polls in September

Prelims Focus Facts-News Analysis



Public should teach NDA govt. a lesson: Hazare

KOTA (RAJASTHAN)

Social activist Anna Hazare on Friday called on the public to teach the NDA government "a suitable lesson" for its "anti-farmer" policies. He said the Narendra Modi-led government has failed to work in the farmers' interest. PTI



Priyanka Chopra cuts ties with Nirav brand

MUMBAI

Actor Priyanka Chopra terminated her contract as global brand ambassador for Nirav Modi Jewels. She had earlier said that she was seeking legal opinion. "In light of recent allegations, Priyanka Chopra has chosen to terminate her contract with the Nirav Modi brand," her spokesperson said on Friday. Ms. Chopra became the brand ambassador last January and had done several print campaigns.



Holi prep: A worker sifts colours to be used during the Holi celebrations, in Gurugram on Thursday. The festival of colours will be celebrated on March 2. ■ MANOJ KUMAR

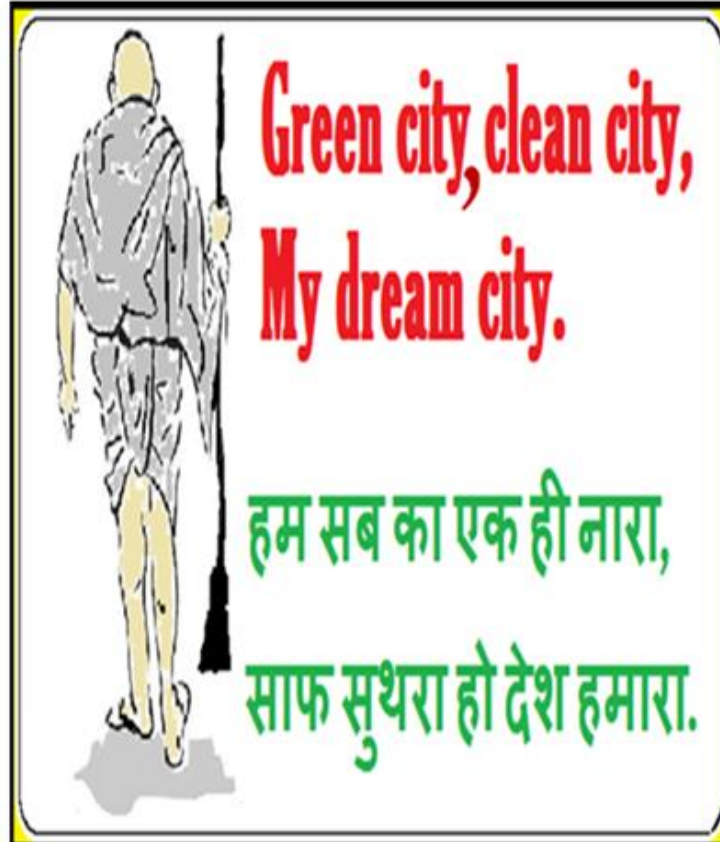
Prelims Focus Facts-News Analysis

- Nagaland battle is between BJP friends
- The Congress is no longer the force it was in Nagaland, having struggled to field 18 candidates for the Assembly election slated for February 27.
- More sanctions on N. Korea: Trump
- U.S. President Donald Trump said on Friday that the United States would launch the “largest-ever” package of sanctions against North Korea, intensifying pressure on the reclusive country to give up its nuclear and missile programmes

Last Day- Q's- Answers...

- ✓ IMR -Infant mortality rate
- ✓ No. Of deaths of child under one year of age per 1000 live births in the same year
- ✓ MMR -Maternal mortality rate
- ✓ No. Of death of the mother/female per 100000 live birth in the same year

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