The government plans to offer production-linked sops worth around $500 million to develop **‘niche’ batteries to achieve climate goals and cut reliance on fossil fuel imports.**

A new PLI is coming on niche advanced chemistry cell, unlike other PLI schemes where the focus is on manufacturing, this scheme is likely **to provide sops for research and development of newer chemistries, along with production.**

The search for new technologies and battery chemistry comes against the **backdrop of an acute shortage of lithium in India.**