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Famous Personalities

S.No.	Prominent Personalities	Why in the News? /Achievements
1.	Prof. Madan Mohan Jha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice-Chancellor appointed: Jagadguru Ramanandacharya Rajasthan Sanskrit University, Jaipur • Appointment order: Issued by Governor Haribhau Kishanrao Bagde.
2.	Sunil Sharma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New 'State Information Commissioner' appointed. • Appointment order: Issued by the Governor on December 8, 2025. • Tenure: For a period of 3 years or until the age of 65. • Oath administered by Chief Information Commissioner (former DGP) ML Lather on December 10.
3.	Dr. Rajendra Babu Dubey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice-Chancellor appointed: Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner • Appointment order: Issued by Governor Haribhau Kishanrao Bagde. • He is also an international maize scientist.
4.	Raghavendra Kachhwal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District and Sessions Judge of Rajsamand appointed as 'Principal Secretary' of law & Legal affairs department.
5.	Manasvi Agarwal, Udaipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Indian flag was hoisted on the highest mountain peak of the Antarctic continent, "Vinson Massif" (height = 4892 meters). • On December 12, 2025, she became the 'first Rajasthani woman' to achieve this historic feat.

Popular Places

Siliserh Lake, Alwar

- ❑ Given Ramsar Site status.
- ❑ India's 96th and Rajasthan's 5th Ramsar Site.
- ❑ **Declaration: December 12, 2025**
- ❑ **Significance:** Located near Sariska Tiger Reserve, it is home to rich biodiversity and over 100 species of birds.

○ **Rajasthan now has a total of 5 Ramsar Sites**

1. Keoladeo National Park, Bharatpur (1981)
2. Sambhar Lake, Jaipur (1990)
3. Khichan, Phalodi (June 5, 2025)
4. Menar, Udaipur (June 5, 2025)
5. Siliserh Lake, Alwar (December 12, 2025)

Raj Bhavan: Jaipur

- ❑ The name of Raj Bhavan has now been changed to 'Lok Bhavan'.
- ❑ **Notification issued:** By Governor Haribhau Kishanrao Bagde, the name Lok Bhavan will be effective from December 1, 2025.
- ❑ **Reason:**
 - The word 'Raj' was a symbol of the British mentality.
 - In democracy, the 'people' are paramount, therefore the Governor's workplace will now be known as 'Lok Bhavan'.

Lokayukta Secretariat: Jaipur

- ❑ Rajasthan Chief Secretary V. Srinivas unveiled the logo/emblem of the Lokayukta Secretariat, Jaipur on December 24, 2025.
- ❑ **Motto:** 'न्यायो नीतिः च शासनम्'



Sawaipura Village, Pali

- ❑ **Launch:** A mission-mode project on 'Smart Village' by CSIR (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research) under the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India.
- ❑ **Nodal Laboratory:** CSIR-CBRI (Central Building Research Institute), Roorkee
- ❑ **Objective:** "Integrated implementation of climate change, livelihood-oriented, and digital/ AI-enabled solutions in line with the Developed India @2047 vision.

Gagron Fort, Jhalawar

- ❑ **Event:** The 'Biggest Group Painting Competition' on December 10, 2025, in which more than 5000 students participated.
- ❑ **Record Registered:** In the World Book of Records, London.
- ❑ Under 'Panch-Gaurav Yojana' the Government of Rajasthan's (Five Glories Scheme): Heritage conservation, cultural upliftment, and tourism promotion.
- ❑ **The Panch-Gaurav of Jhalawar district as follows :**
 1. **One Crop:** Orange
 2. **One Species:** Teak
 3. **One Product:** Kota Stone products
 4. **One Tourist Destination:** Gagron Fort
 5. **One Sport:** Basketball

Rajasthan Police Academy, Jaipur

- ❑ **Evaluation:** A CBC team visited the academy on December 9-10, 2025, and tested 8 key pillars and 43 stringent standards, where excellence was observed.
- ❑ **Status of Excellent Institution:** Awarded by the Capacity Building Commission (CBC), Government of India.
- ❑ **Achievement:** The first state police academy in the country to receive this honor. Included among the top five best training institutions in the country.
- ❑ **Innovation:** The 'training course' for the new criminal laws implemented from July 1, 2024, was first started Jaipur in the country by RPA.

Schemes/Programs/Campaigns

Rajasthan Film Tourism Promotion Policy: 2025

- ❑ **Issued:** December 24, 2025
- ❑ **Occasion:** During the Tourism Conclave organized by the Chief Minister in Mandawa (Jhunjhunu).
- ❑ **Provisions:** 100% reimbursement of fees at government locations.
 1. 100% reimbursement of permission fees/ charges (maximum five days) for shooting at locations under the control of the State Government and Central Government.
 2. Special incentives for award-winning films (in Rajasthan):
 - Maximum ₹1 Crore for International Award winning feature films.
 - Up to ₹50 lakh as incentive for films that have won National Film Awards from the Government of India.
 3. Mandatory theatrical release:
 - Hindi films: Minimum 200 screens
 - Rajasthani films: Minimum 25 screens
 - Films in other languages: Minimum 100 screens

- 4. All subsidized films are required to give credit to the State Government and the Tourism Department.
- 5. Rajasthan Film Directory and a new online portal.

छात्रवृत्ति योजना

राजस्थान के छात्र लाभान्वित होंगे

फिल्म एंड टेलीविजन इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ इंडिया पुणे, सत्यजीत रे फिल्म एंड टेलीविजन इंस्टीट्यूट कोलकाता और नेशनल स्कूल ऑफ ड्रामा, नई दिल्ली (एनएसडी) में अध्ययन या प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त करने वाले राजस्थान निवासी छात्रों को छात्रवृत्ति दी जाएगी

प्रत्येक वर्ष 10 छात्रों को चयनित कर अधिकतम 50,000 रुपये की 100% ट्यूशन फीस सहायता एवं 5,000 रुपये प्रतिमाह तक 100% स्टाइपेंड प्रदान किया जाएगा।

Location screen-time based incentives	Locations in Rajasthan will receive subsidies of 10%, 20%, and 30% respectively for being featured on screen for 5.15%, 16.30%, and more than 30% of the screen time.
50% of the shooting days in Rajasthan	A maximum subsidy of up to 30% will be available for shooting feature films in Rajasthan and meeting the minimum expenditure requirements.
100% for shooting the entire project in Rajasthan	An additional 5% subsidy will be provided within the maximum subsidy limit if the entire film is shot in Rajasthan.

Rajasthan Tourism Policy: 2025

- ❑ **Approval:** December 3, 2025
- ❑ **Objectives:** To encourage private sector investment, develop infrastructure, and improve connectivity to tourist destinations.
- ❑ **Replaced:** Rajasthan Tourism Policy: 2020.
- ❑ **Vision:** To establish Rajasthan as a leading destination for tourism, art, and culture, which promote sustainable development.
- ❑ **Duration:** The 2025 policy will remain in effect until a new policy is issued; a comprehensive review will be conducted after two years.
- ❑ **Implementation:**
 - **State Level Committee:** Constituted under the Rajasthan Tourism Board.
 - **PIU (Policy Implementation Unit):** Constituted under the Department of Tourism, chaired by the Director/Commissioner (Tourism), which will report to the 'State Level Committee'.

- ❑ **Key Provisions:** Special tourism zones, development of new circuits and religious tourism, tourism security (24x7 call center), digitalization, film tourism, etc.

Rajasthan Honour of Dead Body Act, 2023

- ❑ New rules notified on December 4, 2025, under the Rajasthan Honour of Dead Bodies Act, 2023 - 'Rajasthan Honour of Dead Bodies Rules, 2025':
- ❑ Rajasthan is the first state in the country to implement this law.
- ❑ **Main Penal Provisions (2025)**

○ If the body is not taken into possession	Up to 1 year imprisonment/fine
○ If relatives protest with the body	Up to 2 years imprisonment/fine
○ If any other person protests with the body	6 months to 5 years imprisonment
○ Misuse of data related to unclaimed bodies	3 to 10 years imprisonment

Rajasthan Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Ordinance, 2025

- ❑ Approved in Cabinet Meeting: December 3, 2025
- ❑ Gazette Notification: December 12, 2025
- ❑ **Principle:** 'Minimum Government: Maximum Governance'
- ❑ **Affected Laws:** Amendments to 11 state laws
- ❑ **Source:** Government of India's Jan Vishwas Act, 2023
- ❑ **Main Objectives:**
 - Decriminalization of minor offenses.
 - Improvement in Ease of Doing Business.
 - Reduction of unnecessary criminal burden on citizens and businesses.
 - These acts mainly pertain to forest, municipal bodies, agriculture, labor, industry, and administrative matters.
- ❑ Main Changes/Amended Laws:
 1. **Section 26(1)(a) of the Rajasthan Forest Act, 1953**
 - ◆ **Previously:** Provision for 6 months imprisonment or a fine up to Rs. 500 or both for grazing cattle on forest land.
 - ◆ **Amendment:** Now only a fine of Rs. 500 is applicable.

2. **Rajasthan State Aid (Industries) Act, 1961**

- ◆ **Previously:** Provision for imprisonment for minor procedural offenses on the person in charge of the industry receiving aid.
- ◆ **Amendment:** Now limited to a fine.

3. **Jaipur Water Supply and Sewerage Board Act, 2018**

- ◆ **Previously:** Provision for imprisonment for illegal water connections/wastage of water.
- ◆ **Amendment:** Now limited to a fine.

Non-Resident Rajasthani Policy (NRR Policy): 2025

- **Approval:** December 3, 2025
- **Objective:** To involve Non-Resident Rajasthanis in the state's development process under the 'Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit'.
- **Nodal Agency/ Implementation:** Rajasthan Foundation
- **Global Connect:** Creating small clusters of the 'Rajasthani Diaspora' globally (6 key initiatives: Apna Vidyalaya, Arogya Bandhan, Apni Anganwadi, Apni Virasat, Hariyalo Pradesh, Pashu Sarathi).
- **5 Strategic Pillars:**
 - ◆ Accelerate
 - ◆ Bridge
 - ◆ Celebrate
 - ◆ Drive
 - ◆ Ensure
- **Key Features:**
 1. Homeland Honour - 'Pravasi Rajasthani Samman' (Award for Non-Resident Rajasthanis)
 2. Issuance of Pravasi Rajasthani Card.
 3. Establishment of Single Window Clearance.
 4. Provision of NRR Investment Fund.
 5. Pravasi Rajasthani Centre: Rajasthan Mandapam, Jaipur

Rajasthan Trade Promotion Policy: 2025

- **Cabinet Approval:** December 3, 2025
- **Objective:** To empower the state's retail and wholesale trade by providing e-commerce facilities to small traders and logistics network facilities to large entrepreneurs.

- **Target Group:** Over 10.5 lakh retail stores and MSME enterprises in the state.
- **Nodal Department:** Department of Industries and Commerce
- **Implementation:** 'State Level Empowered Committee'
- **Applicability:** Applicable to all trading units/enterprises within Rajasthan.
- **Validity:** Effective till March 31, 2029.
 - Rajasthan has an 8% market share of India's total 13 million retail stores.
 - There are approximately 1.05 million retail stores in the state.
- **Areas outside the scope of the policy/ exceptions -**
 - Automobile dealers and wholesalers.
 - Fuel trade (petroleum products)
 - Trading of polythene carry bags with a thickness of less than 20 microns.
 - Liquor trade.

Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Policy

- **Department:** Urban Development Department
- **Applicability:** Implemented for the first time in Rajasthan in all cities and crowded places on the lines of New York.
- Notification issued after approval from Cabinet Circular.
- **Key Technical Points:**
 - ◆ **ToD Zone:** 800-meter radius around selected stations.
 - ◆ **Eligibility:** Applicable to metro and railway stations where 5,000 or more passengers travel per hour in one direction.

'100% Digitization' of Voter List

- **Program:** Special Intensive Revision: 2026 (SIR)
- **Achievement:** The state became the first in the entire country to achieve 100% digitization of the voter list.
- **Voter Mapping:** 97% completion.
- **Information:** Provided by the Chief Electoral Officer, Rajasthan (Naveen Mahajan) on December 6, 2025.

Sabhasar Initiative: Rajasthan's Status

- ❑ **Launch:** August 14, 2025
- ❑ **Ministry:** Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India
- ❑ **Objective:** An AI (Artificial Intelligence) based initiative designed to automatically generate structured minutes of meeting (MoM) from audio/video recordings of Gram Panchayat and Gram Sabha meetings.
- ❑ **Rajasthan's Status -** Ranked 14th in the country with approximately 1500 Gram Panchayats using AI.
(As per the report dated December 3, 2025)

City Accelerator Program

- ❑ **Launched by:** Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, GoI
- ❑ **Objective:** To promote 'Rooftop Solar Installation' under the 'PM Suryaghar' scheme.
- ❑ **Target:** To achieve 500 GW of renewable energy capacity by the year 2030.
- ❑ **Selected Cities:** A total of 100 cities from India have been selected under the program, including 4 cities from Rajasthan: **1. Jaipur 2. Udaipur 3. Jodhpur 4. Ajmer**
- ❑ **Key Provisions:**
 - ◆ Loans available from banks at an interest rate of 5.75%.
 - ◆ **New Policy:** Virtual net metering and group net metering have been permitted in the state (even those without rooftops will be able to benefit).
 - ◆ Additional subsidy of ₹17,000 from DISCOMs under the free electricity scheme up to 150 units.
 - ◆ Districts with the highest number of installations (plants):
 1. Jaipur (15,932)
 2. Jodhpur (6,436)
 3. Udaipur (5,794)

'Karmabhoomi to Matrubhoomi' Campaign - Update

- ❑ **Launch:** January 2025, from 11,195 Gram Panchayats in 41 districts.
- ❑ **Objective:** To encourage Pravasi Rajasthanis residing in their places of work to participate in water conservation efforts in their homeland and improve groundwater levels.

- ❑ **Inspiration:** 'Catch the Rain' campaign, Government of India
- ❑ **Target:** Construction of approximately 45,000 recharge and water conservation structures in 4 years.
- ❑ **Progress/Update:**
 - More than 14,500 water structures constructed by December 1, 2025.
 - 42,081 recharge sites selected by Gram Vikas Adhikaris through the e-Panchayat mobile app.


Effective Monitoring Structure		
• State Committee members)	Level (31)	Formation: Chaired by the Chief Minister.
• State Steering Committee members)	Level (20)	Formation: Chaired by the Chief Secretary.
• District Committee members)	Level (17)	Formation: Led by the District Collector.


1st Pravasi Rajasthani Divas: 2025

- ❑ **Event:** December 10, 2025 at JECC Sitapura, Jaipur.
- ❑ **Organizers:** Rajasthan Foundation, BIP, RIICO and Industry Partner (CII)
- ❑ **Government Initiatives for Non-Resident Rajasthanis -**
 1. Formation of a new department (Department of National and International Non-Resident Rajasthani Affairs).
 2. New Non-Resident Rajasthani Policy: 2025
 3. Expansion of Rajasthan Foundation: Announcement of opening a total of 14 new chapters (branches).
 - India (5): Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Sikkim, Kerala
 - Abroad (9): South Africa, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Malaysia, Thailand, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Canada
 - 12 old chapters reactivated. Now there will be a total of 40 chapters.
- ❑ **Investment:** Groundbreaking MoU of ₹1 lakh crore
- ❑ **Special:** Vedanta Group (Anil Agarwal) announced the establishment of the country's largest fertilizer factory in Rajasthan.

- ❑ **Book Launch: 'Commitment in Action' Coffee Table Book**
- ❑ **8 Special Sessions Organized -**
 1. Non-Resident Rajsthani Dialogue
 2. New and Renewable Energy
 3. Industry
 4. Health
 5. Education
 6. Tourism
 7. Water Resources
 8. Mining
- ❑ **9 Non-Resident Personalities Awarded 'Pravasi Rajsthani Samman'**
 1. Anil Agarwal → Vedanta Group
 2. Kumar Mangalam Birla → Aditya Birla Group
 3. Vineet Mittal → Mittal Group
 4. Ajay Piramal → Piramal Group
 5. Madhav Singhania → JK Singhania Group
 6. Entrepreneur Narsi Kulharia → Narsi Group
 7. CM Mudanda → Memorial Charitable Group
 8. Pradeep Ghisulal Rathore → Cello World
 9. Entrepreneur Poonamchand Rathi → Bikaner

Awards

1.	<p>Pt. Madhukar Gaur Sarthak Sahitya Samman (Rajsthani Language): 2025</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner: Litterateur Sangram Singh Sodha (Sachiyapura, Bajju-Bikaner) • Contribution: Long literary journey, research work in Rajsthani language. • Famous works: Shiksha Ki Saarvabhaumikta, Saina Hundi Seekh, Kirtiyan Samhi Kotri
2.	<p>Rajasthan Shilpguru and National Handicrafts Award Year: 2023 & 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded on: December 9, 2025 • Presented by: President Smt. Draupadi Murmu • Ministry: Ministry of Textiles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ National Handicrafts Award: 2023 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dhaapa Devi and Kavita Chaudhary: Master craftswomen of Jaipur Rugs 2. Pawan Kumar Kumawat: (Category - Jewellery and Semi-Precious Gemstones) 3. Roshan Chhipa, Jaipur: (Category-Artistic Textile) ❖ National Handicrafts Award: 2024 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motilalwani, Jodhpur: Metal Craft 2. Gayatri Rani: Jaipur (Meenakari traditional art on flute) 3. Anil Kumar Prajapat: (Special Category: Differently-abled artisan - Terracotta Craft) ❖ Shilpguru Award: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Smt. Kamlesh Sharma (Woodwork: Tarkashi work)
3.	<p>International Women of Courage Award: 2025</p> <p>All India Council of Human Rights, Liberties & Social Justice</p>  <p>(15th INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS SUMMIT AND AWARDS 2025) "15th BHARTIYA MANAV HAKA SAMMELAN 2025" Protecting, Promoting, and Upholding Human Rights INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY INDIA ISLAMABAD NEW DELHI</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner: Dr. Kriti Bharti, Jodhpur (Founder of Sarathi Trust) • Award: Presented at the 15th International Human Rights Summit : 2025 New Delhi ceremony. • Contribution: For preventing "child marriage" in rural areas of Rajasthan.
4.	<p>19th National Scout Guide Jamboree: 2025 (Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rajasthan's Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First place in Wing-wise Scout and Guide. ▪ First place for excellent performance in both wings combined. • Highest award of the Jamboree: Chief National Commissioner Flag and Shield.
5.	<p>SMC-Mentor Award: 2025 (Society For Materials Chemistry)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner: Prof. Neelima Gupta, Head of Chemistry Department, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur • Contribution: For research and development in science education. • Award: 7th National Workshop on Materials Chemistry 2025 Mumbai

6.	National IIMM President's Appreciation Award: 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner: Dr. Virendra Singh Rathore • Post: RTO and Deputy Transport Commissioner (Road Safety), Rajasthan • Awarded by: Indian Institute of Materials Management, Mumbai • Contribution: Outstanding materials management and administrative system in the field of road safety.
7.	National Empowerment Award for Persons with Disabilities: 2025 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner: Deepali Sharma, Jaipur • Category: Individual Excellence, Best Person with Disability in Hearing Impairment Art (Painting : 'Captivity and Cloud') is considered a blend of reality and imagination. • Awarded: By President Smt. Droupadi Murmu at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, on December 3, 2025, on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities.
8.	IGBC Fellowship Award: 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner: Dhirendra Madan (Mahima Group, Jaipur) • Awarded by: Indian Green Building Council (IGBC), a part of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). • Contribution: For promoting the green building movement, sustainable development, and environmentally friendly construction practices.
9.	IAPC (Indian Association of Palliative Care) "Gold Medal for Nurses: 2025"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner: Meenu Yadav, AIIMS Nursing Officer, Jodhpur • Selection Process: Achieved the highest marks in a rigorous 6-hour examination held on November 3, 2025, in Karamsad, Gujarat. • Award Presentation: IAPCON 33rd International Conference, Hyderabad, (February 2026) : ₹25,000 and a gold medal.

Science & Technology

High-Tech Cyber Fusion Center

- ❑ **Objective:** To provide prompt and coordinated technology-based response to cybercrimes, the Union Home Ministry will establish 20 high-tech cyber fusion centers across the country.
- ❑ **Five police districts of Rajasthan selected-**
 1. Bhiwadi
 2. Alwar
 3. Khairthal-Tijara (Bhartrihari Nagar)
 4. Deeg (Braj Nagar)
 5. Sawai Madhopur

5th Harimau Shakti Exercise: 2025

- ❑ **Location:** Mahajan Field Firing Range, Bikaner
- ❑ **Duration:** December 5-18, 2025.

- ❑ **Joint Military Exercise:** India-Malaysia
- ❑ **Indian:** Dogra Regiment
- ❑ **Malaysian:** Royal Malaysian Army, 25th Battalion
- ❑ **Objective:** To jointly rehearse sub-conventional operations under Chapter VII of the United Nations Mandate, a counter-terrorism mission.

Earthquake Map Update Zone: Rajasthan

- ❑ Status according to the new seismic map released by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in December 2025.
- ❑ BIS used the 'Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Assessment Model', which accurately analyzes historical data and ground structure.

Zone 4: High Risk

- **Areas covered:** Jaipur, Alwar, Bhiwadi
- **Previous Status:** This area was previously in Zone 2. Now placed in Zone 4 (hazardous category). Therefore, a 5-6 Richter scale earthquake is expected.

Zone 3: Moderate Risk

- **Areas covered:** Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Jhunjhunu, Sikar, Dausa, Udaipur, Dungarpur, parts of Sirohi.

'Apoorva App'

- **Developed by:** Dr. Apoorva Tak of Bhagwan Mahavir Cancer Hospital, Jaipur.
- **Benefits:** Real-time monitoring of cancer patients will become easier and communication between doctors and patients will improve.
- **Representation:** She was the only doctor representing India at the International Gynecological Cancer Society's Global Summit held in Cape Town, South Africa.

Mining Sector: Rajasthan's Progress

- Mineral exploration, auctions, and simplification of policies.
- **Ranked second** in the mining sector.
- Also ranked second in the auction of major mineral blocks.
- Became the leading state in the country in the auction process of 8 pre-embedded mineral blocks.
- Use of AI and machine learning in mineral exploration, and exploration of strategic and critical minerals in mineral dumps and tailings.
- **Ongoing policies related to the mining sector:**
 1. Rajasthan Mineral Policy: 2024
 2. Rajasthan M. Sand Policy: 2024
 3. Rajasthan City Gas Distribution Policy: 2025
- With the implementation of the new mineral policy, the aim is to increase Rajasthan's contribution to GDP from 3.4% to 5% by 2029-30 and to 6-8% by 2046-47.

'Legal Officer' Portal

- **Launched by:** Law and Legal Affairs Minister Jogaram Patel, Government of Rajasthan, in the Law and Legal Department at the Government Secretariat.
- **Objective:** Effective and secure management and transfer of personnel-related data, and simple, transparent, and easy correspondence between departments and personnel.

World's First Ayurveda Centre of Excellence

- **Location:** National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur.
- **Established:** 1845 AD "T Received 'Denovo' University status in 2020.
- **Objective:** DNA barcoding, genome sequencing, and quality testing of medicinal plants.
- **Special:** Transforming 'faith-based medicine' into 'evidence-based medicine'.
- **Outlay:** A DNA bank will also be created with a cost of ₹9.32 crore..

केंद्र सरकार के क्रिटिकल मिनरल मिशन का राजस्थान प्रमुख हिस्सेदार प्रदेश बना

माइनिंग सेक्टर में राज्य सरकार के दो साल के नित नए नवाचारों के साथ ही केंद्र सरकार के क्रिटिकल मिनरल मिशन का राजस्थान प्रमुख हिस्सेदार प्रदेश बन गया है।

□ राजस्थान में रेयर अर्थ एलिमेंट, लिथियम, टंगस्टन, नायोबियम, टिन, जिर्कोनियम, रुबिडियम, ग्रेफाइट एवं फास्फोराइट आदि प्रमुख क्रिटिकल एवं स्ट्रेटेजिक मिनरल्स के डिपोजिट्स अच्छी मात्रा में है।

□ भारत सरकार ने ई-नीलामी की प्रक्रिया भी आरंभ कर दी है। प्रदेश के बाड़मेर के सिवाणा

रिंग, जालौर व नागौर में दुर्लभ व आज के समय में महत्वपूर्ण रेयर अर्थ एलिमेंट आरईई के भण्डार मिले हैं।

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□ इसी तरह से नीलाम खानों को शीघ्र परिचालन में लाने के लिए एलओआईधारकों और संबंधित विभागों के बीच समन्वय व सहयोग के लिए पोस्ट ऑक्शन फेसिलिटेशन सेल स्थापित कर सहयोग की दिशा में कदम बढ़ाए हैं।

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में आयोजित समारोह में केंद्र सरकार द्वारा पुरस्कृत कर गौरवान्वित किया गया है।

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Innovation Day Startups Conclave

- **Event:** December 12, 2025, at Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur, commemorating 2 years of the government's tenure.
- **Key Announcements/Achievements**
 1. Launch of AVGC-XR Policy (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics & Extended Reality)
 2. Establishment of a 'Cyber Security Simulation Lab'.
 3. 294 new B2C services launched on the e-Mitra portal for citizen safety.
 4. 10,609 cameras installed for security and surveillance.

Centre of Excellence for Climate Change Adaptation

- **Establishment:** The first such center in the state, located in Jagatpura, Jaipur.
- **Budget Announcement:** In the year 2025-26.
- **Responsibility:** Pollution Control Board
- **Knowledge Partner:** IIT Jodhpur

Sports Activities

S.No	Famous Players/Competitions	Why in the news?/Achievements
1.	Ojaswini Saraswat, Jaipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won the DGC Ladies Open Amateur Golf Championship. • Became the youngest player (12 years old) to win the title. • Won the overall championship and the Gold Category title. • Name entered in the World Amateur Golf Ranking. • Member of Rambagh Golf Club, Jaipur.
2.	Sanskar Saraswat, Jodhpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won his first Super-100 title at the 'Guwahati Badminton Masters'. • Defeated Mithun Manjunath of India in the final.
3.	Vanshika Grewal, Jaipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won a bronze medal in the boxing event representing the University of Rajasthan at KIUG: 2025.
4.	Samyak Singhal, Jaipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Indian team won a bronze medal at the Special Olympics Unified Basketball 3x3 World Cup held in San Juan, Puerto Rico from December 3-7, 2025. • Samyak Singhal from Rajasthan was also a part of the team.
5.	Rohit Kumawat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won a silver medal in the Senior National Archery Competition held in Hyderabad, Telangana, scoring 340 out of 360 at a distance of 30 meters.
6.	Tulip Ojha, Jaipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won a gold medal in the 46 kg weight category at the 14th Senior National Taekwondo Tournament held in Hyderabad, Telangana. • This was his first senior-level tournament.
7.	Gautam Parik, Jaipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won two medals at the 6th National Para Shooting Championship, New Delhi. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Silver medal - 10m Air Pistol Men SH.1 Junior Category 2. Bronze medal - 50m Free Pistol Mixed SH.1 Junior Category
8.	Sarika Yadav, Jaipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represented Rajasthan in the 'All India Civil Services Athletics' sports competition held in Patna, Bihar, and won a bronze medal in the long jump event. • Works as a Physical Education Teacher at a Government Senior Secondary School in Hirapath, Mansarovar. • Became the first player from the state to win a medal in this competition for three consecutive times.
9.	Khwaish Sharma, Sikar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National rifle shooter Sharma won a silver medal in the 50-meter rifle event at KIUG: 2025. •
10.	Yogyasingh, Jodhpur (Swimming)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won 2 medals in KIUG : 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Silver medal → 50m Freestyle ▪ Bronze medal → 100m Freestyle
11.	Gaurav Sahu, Udaipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won two silver medals at the 'Asian Senior Powerlifting Championship' held in Istanbul, Turkey, lifting 230 kg in squat and 112.5 kg in bench press in the 59 kg weight category. • Won a bronze medal in deadlift with a weight of 232.5 kg.

12.	Shiksha Jain, Jaipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won the 'US Kids Golf Indian Championship' title held in Manesar, Haryana from December 17-19, 2025. 																		
13.	Manisha and Chandni Prajapat, Jodhpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won bronze medals at the Western India National Level Classic Powerlifting Championship. Senior category - Manisha = won a bronze medal in the 84+ kg weight category by lifting 315 kg. Sub-junior category - Chandni = won a bronze medal in the 84+ kg weight category by lifting 197.5 kg. 																		
14.	Arjuna Award: 3 players from Rajasthan nominated for 2025	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Padmanabh Singh → Polo → Jaipur Rudransh Khandelwal → Para Shooter → Bharatpur Nirmala Bhati → Kho-Kho → Didwana-Kuchaman 																		
15.	KIUG: 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rajasthan University's 'Women's 25m Sports Pistol Team' won a silver medal. Participating players: Anuya Prasad (Deaflympics medalist), Purvi Pratap Kachhawa, Anshika Kanwar 																		
16.	'Born to Win Multi Sports Tournament': SMS Stadium, Jaipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizer: Bharat Tibet Coordination Association Slogan: 'Soil of India, Victory of India' Youth Message: "Get off the screen, come to the field" Special: Emphasis on traditional games (Kabaddi, Tug-of-war, Sitoliya, One-legged race). 																		
17.	37th Federation Cup Handball Championship: Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rajasthan team was the runner-up. In the final, Punjab defeated Rajasthan by 32-33. 																		
18.	11th CS Challenger Trophy: 2025 Event : 25-29 December, 2025 in Jaipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First-time inclusion of Cricket: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winner: Rajasthan Accounts Service Team (RACs) (Captain: Apurva Joshi) - Gold Medal Runner-up: Indian Administrative Service (IAS) Winning margin: 24 runs Semi-final: RACs team vs. Rajasthan Administrative Service Achievements of the RACs Women's Team: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Badminton: Gold Medal Tennis: Bronze Medal 																		
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Famous Festivals/Celebrations/Conferences/Fairs

1.	19th Kumbhalgarh Festival: Kumbhalgarh Fort, Rajsamand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date: December 1-3, 2025 Organizer: Rajasthan Tourism Department and District Administration, Rajsamand
2.	Kurja Festival: Khichan Village, Phalodi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date: December 26-27, 2025 Organizer: Rajasthan Tourism Department and District Administration, Phalodi
3.	Shilpgram Festival: Udaipur 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date: December 21-30, 2025 Inaugurator: Governor and Chairman of West Zone Cultural Centre Theme: "Lok ke Rang-Lok Ke Sang" Dr. Komal Kothari Memorial Lifetime Achievement Folk Art Award: 2025 - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ramnath Chaudhary - Algoja Player (Jaipur) Dr. Niranjana Vallabh Bhai (Rajguru) Rajkot, Gujarat
4.	Marwar Festival: Sambalpur, Odisha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date: December 23, 2025 Objective: To take the culture, civilization, investment and development of Pravasi Rajasthanis (Marwaris) and Odisha to new heights.
5.	Sharad Festival: Mount Abu, Sirohi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date: December 29-31, 2025 Organizer: Tourism Department and District Administration, Sirohi
6.	Western Rajasthan Industry Handicrafts Festival: 2026 (Jodhpur)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date: December 25 - January 4, 2026 Theme: "Operation Sindoor"
7.	Saras Rajasakhi National Fair: Shilpgram J.K.K., Jaipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date: December 18 - January 4, 2026 Organized by: Rajeevika Sponsored by: Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India
8.	State Level Women's Conference: Dholpur December 19, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occasion: Organized on the completion of two years of the state government's tenure on the theme "Nav Utthan - Nai Pehchan: Badhta Rajasthan Hamara Rajasthan" Direct benefit transfer of Rs. 1,320 crore to the women of the state.
9.	State Level Farmers' Conference: Nagaur 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Venue: Dangawas, Merta City, Nagaur Occasion: Kisan Diwas (Farmers' Day) on December 23, 2025 Chief Guest: Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shivraj Singh Chouhan Theme: 'Nav Utthan - Nai Pehchan: "Badhta Rajasthan - Hamara Rajasthan" and "Unnat Khet Samraddh Rajasthan."
10.	State Level Lakhpati Didi Dialogue Program: Harishchandra Mathur Rajasthan State Institute of Public Administration, Jaipur (December 21, 2025)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objective: To make women associated with Self-Help Groups (SHGs) self-reliant. Lakhpati Didi Progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximately 12 lakh + women in the state have become "Lakhpati Didis". The government's upcoming target is to create 20 lakh Lakhpati Didis.

11.	State Level Employment Fair: Commerce College, JLN Marg, Jaipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: December 25, 2025 (on Good Governance Day) • Organizer: Department of Skill Development, Employment and Entrepreneurship
12.	7th Jaipur Tiger Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue: JKK Shilpgram, Jaipur • Date: December 11-14, 2025
13.	Ransi Marwari Horse Show	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event: Organized by the All India Marwari Horse Society in Ransi village, Jodhpur.

India Tourism Compendium Report - 2025

- ❑ **Issued by:** Ministry of Tourism, Government of India
- ❑ **Basis:** Number of domestic and foreign tourists who visited in the year 2024-25.
- ❑ **Rajasthan's Performance:**
 - Included in the top 5 states in the country.
 - In 2024, 23 crore domestic tourists and 20 lakh foreign tourists visited Rajasthan, which accounts for 7.8% and 9.90% of the country's share respectively.
 - Abhaneri Stepwell, Dausa, under the Archaeological Survey of India, was declared among the top 5 major monuments. (1.16 lakh tourists in 2024)

'Gang Canal' Centenary Celebrations: December 5, 2025

- ❑ **Venue:** Sadhuvasi, Sri Ganganagar
- ❑ **Occasion:** Completion of 100 years of the 'Ganganagar' canal.
- ❑ **Gang Canal Establishment:** December 5, 1925 by Maharaja Ganga Singh.
- ❑ **Firozpur Feeder Reconstruction**
 - **Foundation Stone Laid by:** Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma.
 - **Beneficiaries:** Farmers of 3.14 lakh hectares.
 - **Participation:** Rajasthan, Punjab
 - **Total Cost :** Rs. 647.62 crore
 - **Objective:** To divert the excess water from Harike Barrage to the Firozpur Feeder to provide irrigation and drinking water to the farmers.

Dairy and Animal Husbandry Sector: Update

- ❑ The annual turnover of milk production and cattle feed in the state has increased from Rs. 8,000 crore to Rs. 10,000 crore per year.

- ❑ An increase of approximately 44% has been recorded in annual profits.
- ❑ All 24 milk units in the state are in a profitable position.
- ❑ RCDF, Jaipur has been selected in all three categories of the highest national honor 'Gopal Ratna Award' for its outstanding performance in the dairy sector.
- ❑ RCDF has constituted an infrastructure fund of Rs. 1,000 crore to increase milk processing capacity by 70 lakh liters. Dairy Plant Upgradation: Kota, Bharatpur, Alwar, Udaipur, Jodhpur
- ❑ **Upgradation of Narwa and Bassi Semen Stations**
 - **Objective:** To improve the genetic quality of livestock.
 - Upgradation by RCDF under the "National Gokul Mission".
 - To produce 1 lakh sex-sorted semen doses annually.

National Judicial Conference: Jaisalmer

- ❑ **Date:** December 13-14, 2025
- ❑ **Chief Guest:** 53rd CJI Justice Surya Kant
- ❑ **Objective:** To evaluate the impact of technology on the justice system and discuss potential cyber challenges.
- ❑ **Organizers:** National Judicial Academy, Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh) + Rajasthan State Judicial Academy, Jodhpur + Rajasthan High Court
- ❑ **Theme:** 'Advancing the Rule of Law through Technology: Challenges and Opportunities'

Inland Port: Rajasthan

- ❑ Deendayal Port Authority provides affordable transport facilities for the export sector.
- ❑ Inland port facilities operating in Rajasthan are available through 12 Inland Container Depots (ICDs) notified by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).

❑ **12 Inland Container Depots operating in Rajasthan:**

1. Bhilwara
2. Bhiwadi
3. Jaipur
4. Jodhpur
5. Kota
6. Udaipur
7. Rawtha Road, Kota
8. Mandawariya, Kishangarh, Ajmer
9. Hindaun City, Karauli
10. Kathuwas and Mandhan Village, Alwar
11. Dhankya
12. Kishangarh

12th RIFF (Rajasthan International Film Festival): 2026

- ❑ **Approved by:** Federation of Film Societies of India (FFSI) North Region.
- ❑ **Organized at:** Mehrangarh Fort, Jodhpur from January 31 to February 4, 2026.
- ❑ **Theme:** "Cinemastan: Your Lens, Our Rajasthan"
- ❑ **Organizers:** Rajasthan Tourism Department + Art, Literature and Culture Department + Stage OTT Platform.
- ❑ **Brand Ambassador:** Mayumi (Japan) Urf 'Rajasthani Madhu'

'Honor Run' Marathon: Albert Hall, Jaipur

- ❑ **Event Date :** December 7, 2025
- ❑ **Occasion :** It will be organized by the South Western Command of the Indian Army on January 15, 2026 (Indian Army Day) and in honor of ex-servicemen.
- ❑ **Commanding-in-Chief of South Western Command - Lieutenant General Manjinder Singh**

'Atal Gyan' Centre

- ❑ **Establishment:** At the Gram Panchayat level.0
- ❑ **Announcement:** By Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma on December 25, 2024, on the occasion of Good Governance Day.
- ❑ **Objective:** To provide rural youth with digital education, e-library, and career counseling facilities.

❑ **Latest Updates (as of December 2025)**

Step-1	Priority will be given to Gram Panchayat headquarters with a population of over 3,000.
'Atal Prerak' appointed	At each Gram Panchayat center. Which will facilitate daily operations, management, and citizen assistance.
Reconstituted Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan	Approval has been granted for 1047 PLC (Panchayat Learning Centers) for Rajasthan.

Hariyalo Rajasthan Environment Conclave

- ❑ **Event:** December 18, 2025, Jaipur
- ❑ **Poster Launch:** 'My Life - Sustainable Lifestyle for the Environment'
- ❑ **Recent Government Initiatives for Hariyalo Rajasthan**
 1. Vande Ganga Water Conservation Public Campaign
 2. Hariyalo Rajasthan Tree Plantation Campaign
 3. Karmabhoomi to Matrubhoomi Campaign
 4. Ram Jal Setu Link Project
 5. Leading in Clean and Green Energy Production
 6. Centre of Excellence for Clean and Green Technology
 7. Operation of Sustainable Air Quality Monitoring Stations
 8. Campaign against Single-Use Plastics
 9. Circular Economy Incentive Scheme: 2025

Scarcity hit Villages of Rajasthan : Update

- ❑ **November 2025** - The state government issued a notification declaring 16,000+ villages in 204 tehsils of 30 districts Scarcity hit.
- ❑ **Provisions in effect:** Until March 31, 2026.
- ❑ **Benefits to villages:** Agricultural subsidies distributed to farmers affected by 33% or more crop damage, as per the Girdawari report.
- ❑ **Amendment in December 2025:** 19 tehsils in 6 districts were removed from the Scarcity hit category.

Possible Objective Questions

- ❑ Name three books written by author Brijmohan Dwivedi that were released by Rajasthan Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani in December 2025?
 - Mere Eard-Gird
 - Marudhara Vani
 - Lalsot Ka Itihas
- ❑ Where will Rajasthan's 'First Sensor-Based Disabled Park' be developed?
 - Shrinathpuram Vikaspath, Kota
- ❑ Vice President Shri C.P. Radhakrishnan released which book written by Vasudev Devnani on December 23, 2025, which is based on former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee?
 - Sanatan Sanskriti Ki Atal Drishti
- ❑ Based on the 'Gen-G Theme' inaugurated in Rajasthan under National Scheme for Modernization of Postal Services in Educational Campuses of the department of post, Ministry of Communication?
 - IIT, Jodhpur
- ❑ Where did Rajasthan Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani announce the construction of the 'Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati Panorama' on December 14, 2025?
 - Ajmer
- ❑ Which Indian hotel topped the category 3 in the global ranking recently released by the prestigious French magazine 'Michelin Guide'?
 - Taj Lake Palace, Udaipur
- ❑ Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, the Chief Minister approved the 'Naunera Brihad and Parwan-Akawad Drinking Water' projects in December 2025, which will provide drinking water to the general public of which area?
 - Naunera Brihad (Kota-Bundi)
 - Parwan-Akawad (Jhalawar, Baran, Sangod area-Kota)
- ❑ Where is the temporary operation of the 'First Government Law College of Jaipur District', started after permission from the Bar Council of India?
 - Shaheed Punintnath Dutt Government Higher Secondary School, Sanganer, Jaipur
- ❑ Where will the Central and Rajasthan governments jointly open a 'Wooden Handicraft Common Facility Center' at a cost of approximately 18 crore?
 - Jodhpur
- ❑ Which MP from Rajasthan introduced a private bill in the Lok Sabha in December 2025 to change the name of 'India' to 'Bharat'?
 - Rao Rajendra Singh (MP: Jaipur Rural)
- ❑ What was the name given to the 'Rural Digital Library' recently inaugurated in the Kachpura Angai area of Dholpur district?
 - Constitution House (Samvidhan Ghar)
- ❑ Where was the 'AI Impact Summit: Pre-Summit 2026' organized by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, on December 10, 2025?
 - Swami Keshavanand Institute of Technology, Jaipur
- ❑ In which district of Rajasthan was the Vedanta Tour de Thar International Cycling Race: 2025, held for the first time in India, held on November 23, 2025?
 - Naurangdesar to Desalsar (Bikaner)
- ❑ According to the November-December 2025 report, where did Rajasthan rank in the country in maintaining digital health records and IDs under the Ayushman Bharat Health Scheme (Abha)?
 - Position: Third
 - Record: Total 6.366 crore Abha IDs
 - Top districts: Jaipur, Udaipur, Alwar
- ❑ On December 13, 2025, a 21-foot-tall equestrian statue of which war hero, who was the hero of the 1971 Indo-Pak war (who made the 'Chhachro Mission' successful by providing information and logistical support to the 10 Para Special Force of the Indian Army on difficult terrain), was unveiled in the border village of Bakhasar in Barmer district?
 - Late Balwant Singh Chauhan

Consumer Care Awards: 2025

- ❑ **Announcement:** By the Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Government of Rajasthan, in November 2025.
- ❑ **Objective:** To strengthen the consumer movement, promote innovation, ensure timely grievance redressal, and improve the quality of government and private services.
- ❑ **Award Categories:**
 1. Government/Autonomous Bodies: Rs. 5 lakh (1 award)
 2. Voluntary Organizations: Rs. 2 lakh (1 award)
 3. Individuals: Rs. 51000 each (3 awards)
- ❑ **Application Deadline:** November 30, 2025
- ❑ **Award Presentation:** To be distributed for the first time at a state-level ceremony on National Consumer Day (December 24, 2025).



Important agreements of Rajasthan: December 2025

S.No.	Between whom:	Objectives
1.	Rajasthan Rural Livelihoods Development Council (Rajeevika) & Suvarn Path Edutech Ventures Pvt. Ltd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide high-quality training to women associated with Rajivika and Self-Help Groups.
2.	Rajasthan Rural Livelihoods Development Council (Rajeevika) & Manjari Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote micro-enterprises run by rural women for their economic empowerment.
3.	Government of Rajasthan & Investor (Sukhdev Jangid, NRI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A ₹60,000 crore MoU to develop Jodhpur into an 'IT Technocity' on the lines of Dubai.
4.	Energy Department, Government of Rajasthan & India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make Rajasthan a leading state in energy storage and renewable energy management. • Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES) • Green Hydrogen, EV Infrastructure. • Nodal Agency: Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Limited
5.	Government of Rajasthan & FICCI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To organize the Global Rajasthan Agritech Meet: 2026. • Event : March 2026, JECC Sitapura, Jaipur
6.	An MoU worth Rs. 130 crore signed under CSR for water conservation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement: At the Water Secure Rajasthan Conference. • To strengthen the Mukhyamantri Jal Swavalamban Abhiyan 2.0

Rajasthan Cabinet Meeting: Important Decisions of December 30, 2025

1. Approval of Rajasthan Vehicle Scrapping Policy-2025

- ◆ **Objective:** Government vehicles older than 15 years, unfit/unregistered vehicles, accident-damaged, unusable vehicles, and vehicles voluntarily submitted for scrapping will be scrapped in a phased manner.
- ◆ **Benefits:** This policy is a significant step towards promoting a clean environment, road safety, and the use of new technology-based pollution-free vehicles.
- ◆ **Provisions:** A discount of up to 50% (maximum Rs. 1 lakh) on motor vehicle tax will be available on the purchase of a new vehicle based on the Certificate of Deposit.

2. Approval of Green Credit/Voucher Initiative-2025 Scheme

- ◆ **Goal:** This initiative will establish an innovative financial and incentive-based mechanism to accelerate green growth-related projects in the state.
- ◆ **Objective:** To encourage investment in environmentally sustainable projects by providing tradable/redeemable green credits in the form of vouchers.
- ◆ **Benefits:** Enterprises and urban local bodies will be encouraged to work in renewable energy, energy efficiency, waste management, water conservation and management, air pollution control measures, sustainable building and infrastructure, sustainable agriculture, and other environmentally friendly sectors.

3. Approval of Rajasthan AI/ML Policy-2026

- ◆ **Objective:** To make public service delivery faster, more transparent, and citizen-centric using AI, increase administrative efficiency, and encourage innovation-based economic development.
- ◆ **Special Emphasis:** On making AI systems transparent, accountable, fair, and privacy-protected, as well as reducing bias in AI systems, ensuring data security, and clarity in the decision-making process.
- ◆ **Provisions:** The policy includes clear procedures for reporting and resolving cybercrimes related to AI.

4. Approval of the Revised Cost of the Refinery

- ◆ The estimated initial cost of HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Limited was Rs. 43,129 crore, and the work was to be completed by October 31, 2022.
- ◆ During the previous government's tenure, the project cost increased to Rs. 72,937 crore on June 2, 2023.
- ◆ HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Ltd. submitted a proposal for the second revision of the refinery's cost to the state government on July 24, 2025.
- ◆ The state government had evaluated the proposal by MECON Limited, a Government of India undertaking, and examined it through a constituted committee.
- ◆ The Cabinet approved HRRL's second revised cost proposal, keeping the state's interests in mind.
- ◆ **Joint Venture:** This is a joint venture between HPCL (74%) and the Government of Rajasthan (26%).
- ◆ **Annual Capacity:** Total capacity of 9 million metric tons per annum (MMTPA).
- ◆ The refinery is located in Balotara district of Rajasthan.

Census of India 2027

- ❑ The Union Cabinet approved the conduct of the Census of India 2027 on December 12, 2025.
- ❑ The 2027 Census will be the 16th census in the country and the 8th census after independence.
- ❑ **Total cost:** Rs. 11,718.24 crore.
- ❑ **Conducted in two phases:**
 - **House listing and Housing Census** - April to September 2026
 - **Population Enumeration (PE)** - February 2027
- For the Union Territories of Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir, and the states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, the population enumeration will be conducted in September 2026.
- ❑ **India's first digital census.**
 - Census Management and Monitoring System (CMMS) portal: Developed for management and monitoring on a real-time basis.
 - House Listing Block (HLB) Creator Web Map Application
- ❑ Citizens will be given the option of self-enumeration.

Other facts related to the Caste Census:

- ❑ **Organizing body:** Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- ❑ **Legal basis:** Census Act 1948 and Census Rules 1990
- ❑ The Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs (CCPA) announced on April 30, 2025, that a caste census would be conducted along with the 2027 Census.
- ❑ The Indian Census is considered the world's largest administrative and statistical exercise.

New Definition of Aravalli

- ❑ The Supreme Court accepted the recommendations of a committee constituted under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF-CC) regarding the definition of the Aravalli Mountains and ranges.
- ❑ **Aravalli Hill:** Any landform located in 37 Aravalli districts, with an elevation of 100 meters or more above the local topography.
- ❑ **Aravalli Range:** Two or more Aravalli hills located within a distance of 500 meters from each other.
- ❑ **Supreme Court's Direction:** The Supreme Court directed the MoEF-CC to prepare a Management Plan for Sustainable Mining (MPSM) for the entire Aravalli range through the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE).
 - **Ban on New Mining Leases:** The SC ordered that no new mining leases would be granted until the MPSM is prepared along the lines of the plan prepared by ICFRE for the Saranda forests of Jharkhand.

- ❑ On December 29, 2025, a bench headed by Justice Surya Kant stayed this order of the Supreme Court.
- ❑ **Note :** Prior to the Supreme Court's decision, only Rajasthan had been following a formal definition to regulate mining in the Aravalli range since 2006.

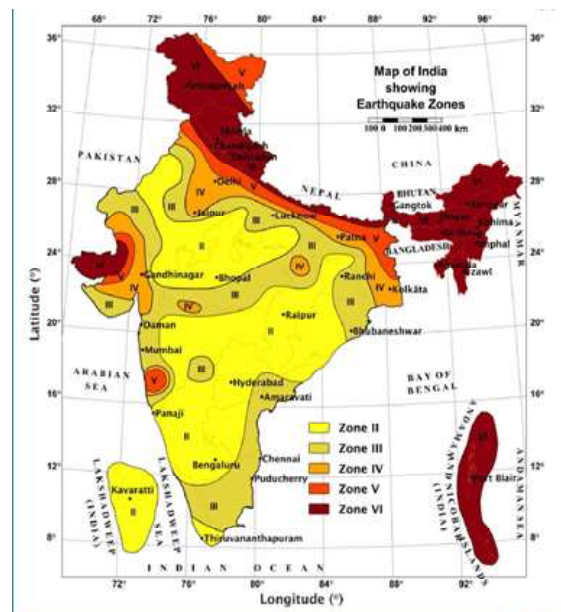
Supreme Court Decision on Great Indian Bustard Conservation

The Supreme Court, in the case of **M.K. Ranjitsinh and others vs. Union of India**, ruled that:

- ❑ **CSR is a Constitutional Duty:** The allocation of CSR funds by companies for environmental protection is a constitutional duty, not a voluntary philanthropic act.
- ❑ **Constitutional Agent:** Corporations, being legal entities and important organs of society, have a fundamental duty under Article 51A(g) of the Constitution to protect the environment and wildlife.
- ❑ According to the Supreme Court, CSR inherently includes environmental protection.
- ❑ **The primary conservation area** for the Great Indian Bustard has been revised to 14,013 square kilometers in Rajasthan and 740 square kilometers in Gujarat.
- ❑ The SC banned large new wind energy and solar park projects and high-tension overhead transmission lines.
 - It directed that existing lines be laid underground or rerouted.

India's Revised Seismic Map

- ❑ **The Bureau of Indian Standards** has released India's revised seismic zone map.
- ❑ It was released as part of the Indian Standard IS 1893 (Part 1): 2025 'Design Earthquake Hazard and Criteria for Earthquake Resistant Design of Structures'.
- ❑ The Indian landmass has been classified into five seismic zones, from Zone VI to Zone II.
 - Zone VI is the most severe and Zone II is the least susceptible.
 - Zone VI: Zone VI (highest risk) is a new addition. The entire Himalayan arc (from Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh) has been classified under a uniform Zone VI.
- ❑ The revision is based on the Probabilistic Earthquake Hazard Assessment (PEHA) model.
- ❑ According to the new map, approximately 61% of India's land area (where more than 75% of the population resides) is susceptible to moderate to severe earthquake shaking intensities.
- ❑ The provisions of this standard will apply to the planning, design, and construction of structural elements and architectural elements and utilities (AEUs) in new buildings and structures.



India Hosts UNESCO's 20th ICH Session

- ❑ India hosted the UNESCO 'Intangible Cultural Heritage' (ICH) session for the **first** time.
- ❑ Held to commemorate 20 years of India's ratification of the 2003 Convention.
- ❑ **Event:** December 8-13, 2025, in New Delhi
- ❑ **Presidency :** Vishal V. Sharma, Permanent Representative of India to UNESCO
- ❑ **Organizers :** Ministry of Culture, Government of India and its autonomous body, Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi.
- ❑ UNESCO declared **Diwali** as 'Intangible Cultural Heritage' on December 10, 2025.
- ❑ Diwali is the **16th** element listed by India (including the Kalbelia folk songs and dances of Rajasthan, 2010).

Disruptions in IndiGo Flight Operations

- ❑ **Main reasons:** Regulation of pilots' rest and duty hours under Flight Duty Time Limitations and airline cancellation warnings.
- ❑ Pilot-friendly rules issued in 2011 based on the recommendations of the Naseem Zaidi Committee were amended in 2019, but pilot organizations opposed them.
- ❑ Following the intervention of the Delhi High Court, the DGCA notified revised standards again in January 2024.
- ❑ **Rules:** Weekly rest increased from 36 to 48 hours, maximum flight time limited to 8 hours, and duty time to 10 hours.
- ❑ Night duty rules were to be implemented by November 1, 2025.
- ❑ **Regulatory body:** Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) (Headquarters: New Delhi)
- ❑ The DGCA granted an exemption from the new rules until February 10, 2026, due to the cancellation of several flights caused by a shortage of pilots.
- ❑ **Inquiry Committee:** Constituted under the chairmanship of Sanjay K. Brahmane, Joint Director General of DGCA.

Appointment**Central Information Commission**

- ❑ **Raj Kumar Goyal:** Appointed as the 13th Chief Information Commissioner.
- ❑ **Appointment of eight new Information Commissioners:** Surendra Singh Meena, Ashutosh Chaturvedi, Swagat Das, Sudha Rani Relangi, P.R. Ramesh, Khushwant Singh Sethi, Jaya Verma Sinha, Sanjeev Kumar.
- ❑ **Current Information Commissioners:** Anandi Ramalingam and Vinod Kumar Tiwari.

Sangeeta Barua

- ❑ Elected as the first woman president of the Press Club of India (PCI).
- ❑ She was elected Vice President in the PCI elections of 2024.

Press Club of India

- ❑ Established: December 20, 1957
- ❑ Headquarters: New Delhi
- ❑ First President: Durga Das

Ravi Ranjan

- ❑ Appointed as Managing Director of State Bank of India (SBI).
- ❑ Previously, Ravi Ranjan was the Deputy Managing Director at the bank.

Person in News**Jayant Narlikar**

- ❑ Astrophysicist Jayant Narlikar was posthumously awarded the Vigyan Ratna Purashkar - 2025 for Lifetime Achievement.
- ❑ **Contribution:** He was the founder of the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune.
 - **Hoyle-Narlikar Theory:** Developed the Conformal Gravity Theory with Sir Fred Hoyle.
 - Proposed the Steady State Cosmology theory, contrary to the Big Bang theory.

Emperor Perumbidugu Mutharaiyar

- ❑ The Vice President released a commemorative postage stamp in honor of Emperor Perumbidugu Mutharaiyar.
- ❑ He was the ruler of Tiruchirappalli (705 AD - 745 AD).
- ❑ The Mutharaiyars were feudal lord of the Pallavas.

Jay Shah

- ❑ Received the 'Transformational Leader of the Year' award at the NDTV Indian of the Year 2025.
- ❑ He served as the Secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) from 2019 to 2024 and became the Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) in December 2024.
- ❑ His tenure saw reforms such as pay parity and the launch of the WPL.

Demise**Sculptor Ram Vanji Sutar**

- ❑ The sculptor of the world's tallest statue, the 'Statue of Unity' in Gujarat, passed away.
- ❑ He was awarded the Padma Shri in 1999, Padma Bhushan in 2016, and the Maharashtra Bhushan award.

Shivraj Patil Chakurkar

- ❑ Former Union Home Minister Shivraj Patil passed away on December 12, 2025.
- ❑ He served as the 10th Speaker of the Lok Sabha (1991-1996).
- ❑ He served as India's Union Defence Minister and Home Minister (2004-2008) and resigned from the Home Minister's post after the 26/11 Mumbai terrorist attacks.
- ❑ He served as the Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh (2010-2015).

Litterateur Vinod Kumar Shukla

- ❑ Passed away on December 23, 2025.
- ❑ He was awarded the 59th Gyanpith Award (2024) and the Sahitya Akademi Award (for his novel 'Deewar Mein Ek Khidki Rehti Thi').

Biswa Bandhu Sen

- ❑ Tripura Assembly Speaker Biswa Bandhu Sen passed away on December 26, 2025.
- ❑ He was a four-time MLA from the 56-Dharmanagar constituency in North Tripura district.

Shri Swaraj Kaushal

- ❑ The former Governor of Mizoram passed away.
- ❑ He also served as a Rajya Sabha member from Haryana.

Places In News**Gujarat**

- ❑ After the permanent presence of a tiger was recorded in the Ratanmahal Wildlife Sanctuary, Gujarat regained the status of a 'Tiger State' after 33 years.
- ❑ The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) announced that Gujarat will be included in the 2026 National Tiger Census.
- ❑ Gujarat is the first state in the country to have three major big cat species (Asiatic lions, leopards, and tigers).

Rashtra Prerna Sthal

- ❑ **Inauguration** : By the Prime Minister on the 101st birth anniversary of Atal Ji (December 25) in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❑ The complex houses 65-foot-tall bronze statues of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee, and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.
- ❑ **State-of-the-art museum**: Built in the shape of a lotus, it showcases India's national journey and the contributions of visionary leaders using advanced digital and engaging technologies.

Nagaon District

- ❑ Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Batadrava Than Redevelopment Project in Nagaon district of Assam on December 29, 2025.
- ❑ Batadrava Than is the birthplace of Srimanta Sankardeva.
- ❑ Srimanta Sankardeva founded the Neo-Vaishnav religion and promoted the 'Ekasarana Nama Dharma' tradition.

Events/Conferences/Meetings

2nd Global Traditional Medicine Summit

- ❑ **Date:** December 17-19, 2025, New Delhi
- ❑ **Organizers:** Jointly by the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India and the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ❑ **Theme:** 'Restoring Balance: The Science and Practice of Health and Well-being'
- ❑ A postage stamp was released outlining the future roadmap for **Ashwagandha** (*Withania somnifera*) at the conference.
- ❑ **Key Outcomes:**
 - Inauguration of the WHO South-East Asia Regional Office building - New Delhi.
 - Launch of the My AYUSH Integrated Services Portal (MAISP).
 - **'Delhi Declaration':** Focused on four areas -

1. Strengthening evidence-based knowledge,
 2. Ensuring safety, quality, and public trust.
 3. Integration of traditional medicine for safe healthcare.
 4. Utilization of innovation and digital technology.
- ❑ Release of the book **'From Roots to Global Reach: 11 Years of Transformation in AYUSH'**.
 - ❑ **Note:** The WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine has been established in Jamnagar, Gujarat.
 - **Director-General of WHO :** Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

2nd EARTH Summit - 2025

- ❑ **Date:** Gandhinagar (Gujarat)
- ❑ **Organizers:** NABARD in collaboration with the Ministry of Cooperation.
- ❑ **Objective:** To provide a new economic direction to rural India and empower the cooperative sector.

'Sahakar Sarathi' Platform

- ❑ Launched by NABARD during the EARTH Summit.
- ❑ **Objective:** Digitization of the rural banking sector.
- ❑ An umbrella platform that will integrate all state, district, agricultural, and urban cooperative banks.

47th All India Public Relations Conference

- ❑ **Venue:** Dehradun, Uttarakhand (December 13-15, 2025)
- ❑ **Organizer:** Public Relations Society of India (PRSI)
- ❑ **Theme:** 'Empowering Development, Preserving Roots - Public Relations Vision for 2047'
- ❑ Two PRSI National Awards 2025 were presented by PRSI to the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM).
 - **'Har Ghar Sangrahalaya Initiative'** : In the Best Use of Social Media in a Corporate Campaign category.
 - **'Waste to Art' Publication:** In the Prestigious Publication category.
- ❑ Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) was honored with eight national awards by PRSI.
 - **Categories:** Best Use of AI in a Public Relations Campaign, Best Advertising Campaign using AI, Corporate Website, Most Impactful Event Management, Make in India (Defence Sector), E-Newsletter, Best Communication Campaign (Internal Publics), Sustainable Development Report.

Major Conferences: 2025	Subject/Description
Global Energy Leaders Summit: Puri, Odisha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized by: Government of Odisha in collaboration with the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change (TBI) • Theme - Empowered India: Sufficiency, Balance, Innovation
12th Annual Big Picture Conference: Mumbai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized by: Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in collaboration with Waves Bazaar • Theme - 'The AI Era: Bridging Creativity and Commerce' • Objective: To promote investment and growth in the media and entertainment sector
National Cooperative Conference: Panchkula, Haryana (December 24, 2025)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized by: Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO) • Theme: 'Role of Cooperatives in Sustainable Agriculture'
National Conference of Chairpersons of Public Service Commissions: Hyderabad, Telangana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized by: Telangana Public Service Commission
Counter-Terrorism Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized by: National Investigation Agency (NIA), Ministry of Home Affairs • To develop coordination and cooperation among all stakeholders under the Whole of Government Approach.
Reformed Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized by: Ministry of Power • Theme - 'Application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) for Smart, Efficient and Sustainable Power Distribution'.
Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana (PM-DDKY) - Farmer Producer Organization (FPO) Sangam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized by: Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in collaboration with the Gates Foundation. • More than 72 FPOs from 33 PM Dhan-Dhan Yojana (PM-DDKY) districts across 15 states participated.

Campaign/Week

'Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore' Campaign

- ❑ **Duration:** December 19-25, 2025.
- ❑ **Launched by:** Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances under 'Good Governance Week 2025'.
- ❑ **Coverage:** All States and Union Territories.
- ❑ Special camps were organized by District Collectors at Tehsil, Block, and Panchayat levels.

'Child Marriage Free India' Campaign

- ❑ **Launch:** 100-day awareness campaign on Child Marriage Free India: December 4, 2025, New Delhi

- ❑ **Duration:** November 27 - March 8, 2026
- ❑ **Implementation:** Ministry of Women and Child Development.

National Handicrafts Week

- ❑ Celebrated annually from December 8-14.
- ❑ **Key Programs:**
 - **Master Creation II :** Held at Delhi Haat from December 1-15, 2025, showcasing and connecting people with the artistic masterpieces of India's best artisans, including those awarded Padma Shri, Shilp Guru, Sant Kabir Award, and National Awards.
 - **Chaupal Program:** In the first phase of the program launched in New Delhi, 100 aspirational districts for handicrafts were selected.

Agreements

Important Agreements (Between whom)	Objectives/Description
❖ National Highways Authority of India & Reliance Jio	• To establish a telecommunication-based safety warning system on national highways.
❖ Public Sector Undertakings - Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) and Oil India Limited (OIL) with National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation	• To empower tribal students enrolled in Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) through career mentorship, digital education, and infrastructure development.
❖ Department of Posts, Government of India + Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)	• To increase the reach of mutual funds in Tier-2, Tier-3, and rural areas, and encourage informed investment behavior.
❖ Department of Posts, Government of India + JSC Russian Post: International Tracked Packet Service Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To strengthen cross-border postal cooperation. • To increase e-commerce trade between the two countries.
❖ Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises + Amazon Seller Services Private Limited	• To provide artisans registered under the PM Vishwakarma Yojana with access to online marketplaces, increasing product visibility and enabling them to expand their customer base across the country.
❖ India and Netherlands Memorandum of Understanding	• Objective: To establish collaboration for the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) in Lothal, Gujarat.
❖ Department of Social Justice and Empowerment + Shivananda Yoga Vedanta Dhanvantari Ashram and Patanjali University.	• To transform the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) into a mass movement under the aegis of spiritual organizations.

Awards

Pradhanmantri Rashtriya Baal Purashkar - 2025

- ❑ Awarded to 20 children from 18 states/union territories on Veer Bal Diwas (December 26).
- ❑ **Eligibility:** Indian citizens aged 5-18 years.
- ❑ A maximum of 25 awards can be given annually for outstanding achievements in six categories.

Award Categories	Name (Place)
Bravery	Vyoma Priya (Posthumous, Tamil Nadu), Kamlesh Kumar (Posthumous, Bihar), Muhammad Sidan (Kerala), Ajay Raj (Uttar Pradesh)
Art and Culture	Esther Lalduhawmi Hnamte (Mizoram), Suman Sarkar (West Bengal)
Environment	Pooja (Uttar Pradesh)
Social Service	Shravan Singh (Punjab), Vansh Tayal (Chandigarh)
Science and Technology	Aishi Prisha Borah (Assam), Arnav Anupriya Maharshi (Maharashtra)
Sports	Shivani Hosuru Uppara (Andhra Pradesh), Vaibhav Suryavanshi (Bihar), Yogita Mandavi (Chhattisgarh), Vaka Lakshmi Pragnika (Gujarat), Jyoti (Haryana), Anushka Kumari (Jharkhand), Dhinidhi Desingu (Karnataka), Jyoshna Sabar (Odisha), Vishwanath Karthikeya Padakanti (Telangana)

National Handicrafts Awards for year 2023-2024

- ❑ A total of 48 awards (20 female winners) were distributed by President Droupadi Murmu on December 9, 2025.
- ❑ Shilp Guru Awards: Number of winners = 12
- ❑ National Handicrafts Awards: 36 winners (2 in Design and Innovation category)

Awards	Prize Money	Features:
Shilp Guru Handicrafts Award	₹3.50 lakh in cash	The highest honor bestowed upon senior and outstanding master craftsmen.
National Handicrafts Award (including Start-up Enterprise Category)	₹2.00 lakh in cash	Awarded to exceptional artisans across various craft categories.
National Handicrafts Award (in Design Innovation Category)	₹3.00 lakh in cash (to be divided equally between the designer and the craftsman)	Recognizes innovative designs through artisan-designer collaboration.

National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities 2025

- ❑ 32 awards were presented to winners for the year 2025 on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3).
- ❑ **Category I:** National Awards for Individual Excellence

Award Name	Winners
Best Person with Disability	Abholi Vijay Jarit, Megha Patangi, Bhagyashree Manohar, Basant Vikas Sahu, C. Dwarkesh, Rajesh Sharad Ketkar
Best Disabled Child (Boy/Girl)	Master Muhammad Yazin, Kumari Dhriti Ranka
Best Individual for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities	Rajiv Bhatt, Devangi Parag Dalal
Best Rehabilitation Professional	Dr. Shruti More
Best Research/Innovation in the Disability Sector	Prateek Madhav

- ❑ **Category II:** National Awards for Institutions Working for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

Award Name	Winning Institutions/States
Comprehensive Rehabilitation	Jay Vakil Foundation and Research Center
Inclusive Education	Army Welfare Education Society
Best Employer for Persons with Disabilities	Vindhya E-Infomedia Private Limited
Best Placement Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Sarathi CRM Private Limited, Gurugram
Accessible India Campaign (Best District)	Lunglei, Mizoram
Best Accessible Transportation/Information Technology	Barrier Break Solutions Private Limited, Mumbai
Implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (Best Commissioner)	Odisha State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities
Best Institution in the Development of Rehabilitation Professionals	Pramila Katiyar Special Education Institute, Kanpur Dehat, Uttar Pradesh

National Energy Conservation Awards 2025

- ❑ Distributed by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) on the occasion of National Energy Conservation Day (**December 14**).
- ❑ Awards given in 28 sub-sectors under **7 categories**.
- ❑ State Performance Awards under the Institutional Category

Group	First Prize
Group 1	Karnataka
Group 2	Andhra Pradesh
Group 3	Kerala
Group 4	Assam
Group 5	Chandigarh

- ❑ **Note:** Under the Building category, the second Certificate of Merit (COM) for colleges/universities was given to Engineering College (Bikaner).
- ❑ **Awards under the Transport category:**
 - Railway Station: Miana Guna, Madhya Pradesh
 - Metro Railway Station: DMRC East Vinod Nagar, Delhi

Shrilal Shukla Smriti IFFCO Sahitya Award 2025

- ❑ **Awarding Institution:** Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO).
- ❑ This award is given for outstanding writing focused on rural and agricultural life.
- ❑ **IFFCO Sahitya Samman 2025:**
 - Hindi writer Maitreyi Pushpa
 - For her contributions to rural life, women's experiences, and human sensibilities.
- ❑ **IFFCO Yuva Sahitya Samman 2025:**
 - Awarded to young writer Ankita Jain (Book: 'Oh Re! Kisan')

Biometrics SDK Benchmarking Challenge 2025

- ❑ **Organizer:** Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)
- ❑ **Objective:** To identify high-performance 1:1 fingerprint matching solutions for the fingerprint modality.
- ❑ **Winners:**
 - **First Place:** Neurotechnology, Lithuania.
 - **Second Place:** Innovatrix, Slovakia.

International Space Apps Challenge 2025

- ❑ Winner of NASA's Satellite Internet Concept International Space Apps Challenge 2025: **Indian team Photonics Odyssey.**

- ❑ The team proposed an independent, phased satellite internet infrastructure to expand broadband access in remote areas.

Festival

PESA Festival: 2025

- ❑ **Venue:** Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- ❑ **Duration:** December 23-24, 2025
- ❑ **Organizer:** Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India.
- ❑ **Occasion:** Organized on the anniversary of the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA).
- ❑ Launch of important national activities related to PESA on PESA Day (December 24).
 - PESA Portal: Information dissemination, implementation monitoring
 - PESA Indicators: Assessment of state-wise progress.

PESA Act 1996

- ❑ *Article 243M(4)(b) - Enacted to extend the provisions of Part IX of the Constitution to Scheduled Areas with certain exceptions and modifications.*
- ❑ *Article 244(1) and Fifth Schedule - Governance of Scheduled Areas.*
- ❑ *List of Scheduled Areas and States: These areas are determined by notification of the President.*
- ❑ **10 PESA-implementing states:** Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Telangana.

Kashi Tamil Sangamam 4.0

- ❑ **Inauguration:** December 2, Namoo Ghat, Kashi
- ❑ **Theme:** Let's Learn Tamil - Tamil Karkalam.
- ❑ The initiative is based on Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat (One India, Great India).
- ❑ **Key Programs**
 - **Tamil Karkalam:** Teaching Tamil in Varanasi schools.
 - **Tamil Karpom:** Educational tour for 300 students from the Kashi region to learn Tamil.

- **Rishi Agastya Vaahan Abhiyan :** Tracing the civilizational route from Tenkasi (Tamil Nadu) to Kashi (Uttar Pradesh).

26th Hornbill Festival

- Held on Nagaland Statehood Day (December 1)
- **Venue:** Naga Heritage Village Kisama
- **International Partners:** United Kingdom, France, Ireland and Switzerland.
- **Name:** Named after the Hornbill bird, which is considered a symbol of bravery, beauty and tradition in Naga folklore.

Divya Kala Mela 2025

- **Event:** December 13-21, 2025, New Delhi
- **Organizer:** Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Saras Aajeevika Food Festival 2025

- **Event:** New Delhi
- **Organizer:** National Institute for Rural Development and Panchyati Raj (NIRD-PR) in collaboration with Kudumbashree.
- **Objective:** To provide market access to women of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), especially the Lakhpati Didis .

'Udbhav 2025'

- 6th National EMRS Cultural, Literary and Art Festival
- **Event:** December 3-5, 2025, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh
- **Organizer:** National Tribal Students Education Society.
- More than 1,600 students from 405 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) across the country participated.
- **Telangana** was the overall championship winner.
- The winners of the 12 selected categories of Udbhav 2025 will represent EMRS at the upcoming National Art Festival in Pune.

Indian Languages Festival 2025

- **Event:** New Delhi
- **Organizer:** Ministry of Education.
- **Theme:** 'Many Languages, One Emotion'
- The festival was organized on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Mahakavi Subramanya Bharati (December 11).

Sansad Khel Mahotsav 2025

- **Duration:** September 21 - December 25, 2025.
- **Objective:** To strengthen the vision of a fit, healthy, and sports-oriented India under the Fit India Movement, and to honor grassroots sporting talent.
- **Event:** Organized at three levels (Gram Panchayat, Assembly Constituency, and Parliamentary Constituency)
- The 'Sansad Khel Mahotsav Portal' was launched on National Sports Day (August 29, 2025) for registration.

Environment

Two Indian Wetlands Included in the Ramsar List

- Siliserh Lake in Rajasthan and Kopra Reservoir in Chhattisgarh have been included in the Ramsar List.
- The total number of Ramsar sites in India has now reached 96.
- **Kopra Reservoir:** Chhattisgarh's first Ramsar site.
 - It is a backwater wetland located in the upper catchment area of the Mahanadi River.
 - **Species:** Greater Spotted Eagle and Egyptian Vulture.

Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve

- **Location:** Nauradehi, Sagar district, Madhya Pradesh
- **In the news:** The Madhya Pradesh government has approved its development as the third cheetah habitat.
- Kuno National Park, Sheopur and Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary, Mandsoor in Madhya Pradesh have been established as cheetah habitats.

Project Cheetah

- ❑ Launched by the Government of India in 2022.
- ❑ Operated under Project Tiger.
- ❑ **Objective:** To reintroduce African cheetahs to India.
- ❑ 2022: 8 cheetahs were brought from Namibia to Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh.
- ❑ 2023: 12 cheetahs were brought from South Africa.
- ❑ Recently, during President Droupadi Murmu's visit to Botswana, Botswana announced that it would provide 8 cheetahs.
- ❑ The world's first trans-continental translocation program of large wild carnivores.
- ❑ Implementation: National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)

Cheetah

- ❑ The world's fastest land mammal.
- ❑ Declared extinct in India in 1952.
- ❑ Two subspecies:
 - African Cheetah (IUCN Red List = Vulnerable)
 - Asiatic Cheetah (IUCN Red List = Critically Endangered).

First-ever 'Table-Top Red Marking' on a Highway in India

- ❑ The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has introduced a 5 mm thick 'Table-Top Red Marking' on a 2-kilometer stretch of the Bhopal-Jabalpur National Highway (NH-45) in Madhya Pradesh.
- ❑ **Objective:** To improve road safety and protect wildlife by reducing wildlife-related accidents.
- ❑ **Features:**
 - Implemented on a 2.0-kilometer section of the 11.96-kilometer highway project passing through the Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh.
 - The red marking is a 5 mm thick layer of hot thermoplastic red surface laid on top of the road.
 - The bright red color immediately alerts drivers that they are entering a wildlife-sensitive area.
 - The marking system has been adopted from Dubai's Sheikh Zayed Road.

Portal/App**Bharat-WiN Portal**

- ❑ **Launched:** By the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, along with the Jal Shakti Hackathon-2025.
- ❑ **Objective:** To provide practical, scalable, and field-based solutions for grassroots water challenges.

'Sujalam Bharat' App

- ❑ **Launched:** By the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India.
- ❑ **Developed by:** Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG-N).
- ❑ **Objective:** To manage rural water supply infrastructure under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).
- ❑ **Sujalam Bharat - Sujal Village ID:** Each scheme and its service area will be assigned a unique ID.

'Sanchar Saathi' Initiative

- ❑ **Objective:** To prevent cyber fraud, misuse of telecommunication resources, and strengthen telecommunication cybersecurity.
- ❑ **Operated by:** Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India.
- ❑ Verification of mobile handset authenticity through International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) number.

National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)

- ❑ A mission mode project under Digital India.
- ❑ **Objective:** To digitize all 37 State/Union Territory Legislatures.
- ❑ **Implementation Status:** Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with 28 State/Union Territory Legislatures.
- ❑ 20 Legislatures have fully implemented the system and become digital houses.
- ❑ NeVA service centers have been established for MLAs.

Miscellaneous News

10th Swachh Survekshan 2025-26

- Launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh) on December 20, 2025.
- Theme:** 'New Initiatives in Cleanliness - Join Hands, Clean Together'

10 Pillars of Swachh Survekshan



Energy Expansion in India 2025

- Installed solar energy capacity - 132.85 GW, wind energy - 53.99 GW.
- India added a record 44.51 GW of renewable energy capacity in 2025 (until November), almost double the previous year (24.72 GW).

All India Electricity Installed Capacity (as on 30.11.2025)		
Sector	Capacity	Percentage
Thermal (A)	246.90 GW	(48.45 percent)
Nuclear (B)	8.78 GW	(1.72 percent)
Renewable Energy (including large hydro) (C)	253.96 GW	(49.83 percent)
Total Non-Conventional Energy (B+C)	262.74 GW	(51.55 percent)
Total Installed Capacity (A+B+C)	509.64 GW	(100 percent)

Indian Standards Issued by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

- Released by the Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Pralhad Joshi, on the occasion of National Consumer Day 2025.

- IS 19445: 2025** - 'Bomb Disposal System - Performance, Evaluation and Requirements'
- IS 19262: 2025** - 'Electric Agricultural Tractors - Test Code'

Paramveer Gallery

- Inaugurated:** By President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Vijay Diwas (December 16).
- Significance:** The gallery displays portraits of all 21 Param Vir Chakra recipients.
- Param Vir Chakra:** India's highest military honor.
 - Awarded for exceptional bravery, courage, and supreme self-sacrifice during wartime.
 - Started: 1950 (First recipient - Major Somnath Sharma).

Report on 'Carbon Uptake by Concrete'

- The report, in the Indian context, assesses CO₂ absorption through carbonation in concrete.
- Jointly prepared by the National Council for Cement and Building Materials (NCB) and the Global Cement and Concrete Association (GCCA).
- The cement industry contributes approximately 7% of anthropogenic CO₂ emissions, mainly due to process emissions from the calcination of limestone.

Operation Hinterland Brew

- Under this operation, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) uncovered a mephedrone manufacturing facility in Maharashtra. Mephedrone is a psychoactive substance.

Film Homebound

- The Indian film Homebound (director - Neeraj Ghaywan) has been nominated in the Best Feature Film category for the 98th Oscar Awards.

Important One-Liners

- ❑ In which state was the state declared Naxalism-free after the surrender of two Maoists recently?
→ **Madhya Pradesh**
- ❑ Where was the Bio-CNG and fertilizer plant built by Banas Dairy inaugurated?
→ **Vav-Tharad, Gujarat**
- ❑ Who has been awarded the 40 Under 40 Lawyer Award 2025 for legal excellence and humanitarian contribution?
→ **Supreme Court advocate Shubham Awasthi**
- ❑ Which state has launched the 'Otter' conservation initiative in the Cauvery basin?
→ **Tamil Nadu**
- ❑ Where was the 3rd Carnatic Music Festival - Krishnaveni Sangeet Neerajanam 2025 held on the theme 'Celebrating the Richness of Telugu Musical Traditions'?
→ **Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh**
- ❑ With whose collaboration did the Union Health Ministry launch the Delhi Metro campaign for the health and well-being of women and girls?
→ **World Health Organization (WHO)**
- ❑ Where was the Indian Medical Association's 100th National Conference IMA Netcon 2025 held?
→ **Ahmedabad**
- ❑ Where did the National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC), in collaboration with the Ministry of Textiles, organize the special handloom exhibition 'Saree Mahotsav'?
→ **New Delhi**
- ❑ Where was the conference organized by Brahma Kumaris Shanti Sarovar on the theme "Timeless wisdom of Bharat : Pathway to Peace and Progress" to commemorate its 21st anniversary?
→ **Hyderabad**
- ❑ The Ministry of Home Affairs has increased the quota for ex-Agniveers for Constable recruitment in the Border Security Force (BSF) from 10% to?
→ **50%**
- ❑ In which state was the Dhanu Yatra festival, based on the world's largest open-air theatre, organized?
→ **Bargarh, Odisha**
- ❑ President Draupadi Murmu participated in the 22nd Parsi Maha and Ol Chiki Centenary celebrations held in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand on December 29, 2025. Which community is this ceremony related to?
→ **Santhal tribe**
- ❑ Where was 'Namotsav', a grand musical multimedia presentation dedicated to the life and vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, organized?
→ **Ahmedabad**
- ❑ Where did Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah inaugurate the Jyoti-Vishnu International Art Temple?
→ **Guwahati, Assam**



Economy Current Affairs

Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission - (Gramin) VB - GRAM G Act, 2025

- ❑ Viksit Bharat - G RAM G Act has been introduced to replace the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) 2005.
- ❑ **Objective:** The bill seeks to establish a rural development framework aligned with the national vision of Viksit Bharat@2047.
- ❑ **Passed by Lok Sabha:** December 18, 2025; **Passed by Rajya Sabha:** December 19, 2025; **Presidential assent:** December 21, 2025

Key legal provisions

- ❑ **Enhanced Employment Guarantee:** Provision of a legal guarantee of 125 days of wage-based employment per financial year for every adult member of a rural household willing to undertake unskilled manual work.
- ❑ **Timely Wage Payment:** This Act mandates that wages be paid on a weekly basis or, in any case, within fifteen days of the completion of the work.
- ❑ **Planning based on Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans:** Planning will be done through Viksit Gram Panchayat plans prepared by the Gram Panchayats.
 - These will be linked with National Spatial platform, including PM Gati Shakti.
- ❑ **Employment linked with durable and long term rural infrastructure:** Employment linked with four priority sectors.
 - **Four priority areas :** water security, Rural infrastructure, livelihoods and special measures for climate resilience.
 - All activities will be integrated with the Viksit Bharat National Rural Infrastructure Stack.
- ❑ **Relaxation in agricultural peak season:** State governments may notify a maximum period of 60 days per year during which labourers will not be required to work.
- ❑ **Centrally sponsored scheme:** The funding will be shared 60:40 between the central and state governments, except for the North-Eastern and Himalayan states where the ratio will be 90:10.
 - There is a provision for 100 percent central funding for Union Territories with legislatures.
- ❑ **Strengthening Administrative Capacity:** The maximum limit for administrative expenses has been increased from 6% to 9%.
- ❑ **Normative Allocation:** The Central Government will release Normative allocations based on predetermined objective parameters. The state government will be responsible for any expenditure exceeding the standard allocation.
- ❑ **Special Exemptions:** In cases of natural disasters or other extraordinary circumstances, the Central Government may provide special exemptions as needed.
- ❑ **Transparency and Accountability:** Transparency will be ensured through biometric and spatial technology-based planning, mobile/dashboard monitoring, weekly public disclosure, and social audits.
- ❑ **Institutional monitoring :** A Central Gramin Rozgar Guarantee Council and State Gramin Rozgar Guarantee Councils will be constituted for reviewing and effectively implementing the Act.
 - The steering committees formed at the central and state levels will make recommendations on various issues, including standard allocation.

- ❑ **Wage Rate Determination:** The Central Government will notify the new rates; the current MGNREGA rates will remain in effect until the new rates are implemented.
- ❑ **State Schemes:** Each state will notify its scheme within six months of the date the Act comes into force.
- ❑ **Unemployment Allowance:** If employment is not provided within the stipulated period, state governments will be obligated to provide unemployment allowance after 15 days, as per the Act.

What makes Viksit Bharat-G RAM G better than MGNREGA?	
MGNREGA	Viksit Bharat-G RAM G
100 days of wage employment per rural household	125 days of wage employment per rural household
Multiple and scattered categories of works with limited strategic focus	4 clearly defined priority areas focusing on water security, rural infrastructure, livelihoods and climate resilience
Center bears unskilled wage costs, states bear unemployment allowance	State cost-sharing for wages, 60:40 for most states, 90:10 for certain special-category regions
No explicit statutory "pause window"	States can notify up to 60 days in a FY when work will not be executed
Demand based funding with unpredictable allocations	Normative funding ensuring predictable budgeting while protecting the employment guarantee
Gram Panchayat planning is central	Integrates institutionalised convergence and infrastructure planning

Source: Ministry of Rural Development

'SHANTI' BILL : 2025

- ❑ (The Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India)
- ❑ **Objective:** To make historic reforms in nuclear energy laws.
- ❑ This bill will replace the old 'Atomic Energy Act' of 1962 and the 'Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act' (CLND) of 2010.
- ❑ **Key provisions**
 1. **Entry of the Private Sector:** Until now, nuclear energy was a government monopoly. Now, Indian private companies will also get a chance to participate. They will be able to work in joint ventures (JVs) with the government.
 2. **Real Power to the Regulator:** The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) has been given statutory status, strengthening its oversight and safety powers.
 3. **Elimination of 'Right to Recourse':** Previously, if an accident occurred due to a defect in machinery, the operator could claim compensation from the company that manufactured the machine (supplier), but this right has now been abolished. This will allow foreign and private companies to invest in India without the fear of facing heavy penalties in the future.
 4. **No-Fault Liability:** If an accident occurs, it is not necessary to prove who was at fault. The operator will now have to pay compensation, regardless of whether there was negligence or not. Insurance will also be mandatory for the operator.
 5. **Liability Rules:** In the case of a nuclear accident, the amount of compensation will now

depend on the 'reactor capacity', with lower liability for smaller reactors and up to Rs. 3,000 crore for larger reactors.

If the damage exceeds this amount, the central government will compensate for it. A separate 'Nuclear Liability Fund' will be created for this purpose.

6. **Cross-Border Safety:** Now, not only within India's borders, but if an accident in India affects neighbouring countries, they will also be compensated based on certain conditions.
7. **New Framework for Hearings:** If a victim has a grievance against a decision of the government or the regulator, a 'Atomic Energy Redressal Advisory Council' (AERAC) will be established.
 - **Appellate Tribunal Provisions:** The Electricity Appellate Tribunal established under the Electricity Act, 2003, will function as the appellate authority, empowered to hear appeals under the provisions of the Bill and any additional matters as notified by the Central Government.
 - **Appointment of Claims Commissioner:** This Bill empowers the Central Government to appoint Claims Commissioners to settle compensation claims related to nuclear damage.
 - **Nuclear Damage Claims Commission:** It provides for a dedicated commission to handle cases involving serious nuclear damage and ensure timely adjudication.
8. The Bill aims to encourage the development and use of modern technologies such as Small Modular Reactors (SMRs).
9. To achieve India's goals of a developed India by 2047 and net-zero (zero carbon emissions) by 2070.

India's current nuclear energy capacity

- ❑ Currently, India's total installed nuclear power capacity is 8780 megawatts (MW).
- ❑ A total of 56,681 million units of nuclear power were generated in the country during the year 2024-25.
- ❑ The government has announced the 'Nuclear Energy Mission' (NEM) to achieve a nuclear power capacity of 100 gigawatts (GW) by the year 2047.
- ❑ In 2024-25, nuclear energy accounted for approximately 3.1% of the country's total electricity generation.

100% FDI is permitted in insurance companies.

- ❑ Parliament passed the 'The Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha' (Insurance Laws Amendment) Bill, 2025 on December 17, 2025.
- ❑ The bill amends three major acts: the Insurance Act, 1938, the Life Insurance Corporation of India Act, 1956 and the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India Act, 1999.
- ❑ **Key provisions**
 - 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) permitted in insurance companies.
 - For insurers the limits of seeking prior regulatory approval for transfer of share capital has been raised from 1% to 5%.
 - The net owned fund requirement for Foreign Reinsurance Branches has been reduced from ₹5,000 crore to ₹1,000 crore.
 - LIC has been granted autonomy to open regional offices and adapt its foreign offices to the laws of the respective countries.

Prime Minister's Young Authors Mentorship (PM-YUVA) Scheme

- ❑ Under the third phase of PM-YUVA, 43 young authors have been selected through an all-India competition.
- ❑ **Objective:** To promote inclusive literary development by encouraging writing in various Indian languages.
- ❑ **Implementation:** National Book Trust, Ministry of Education
- ❑ **Features :**
 - **Subject:** Contribution of the Indian Diaspora to Nation Building, Indian Knowledge Systems, and the Architects of Modern India
 - 43 young authors below the age of 30 have been selected at the national level based on their book proposals in 22 official Indian languages and English.
 - The selected book proposals will be developed into books over a period of 6 months under the guidance of eminent scholars.
 - Each selected author will also receive a scholarship of Rs. 50,000 per month.
 - A lifetime royalty of 10% will be paid on the published book.

National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) 2025-30

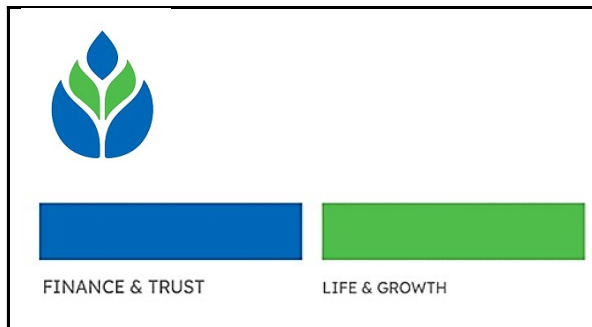
- ❑ **Issued/Prepared by:** Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ❑ **Objective:** To ensure access to financial services at the last mile and improve their effective utilization, quality, and sustainability.
- ❑ **Panch-Jyoti:** Five strategic goals have been set to improve financial inclusion.
 - To improve the availability and use of equitable, responsible, appropriate, and affordable financial services to ensure financial security and protection for families and micro-enterprises.
 - To adopt a gender-sensitive approach to women-led financial inclusion and implement differentiated strategies to enhance the financial resilience of families from vulnerable and marginalized groups.
 - To coordinate financial inclusion initiatives with livelihoods, skills development, and supporting ecosystems.
 - To utilize financial education as a powerful tool for promoting financial discipline.
 - To strengthen the quality and reliability of consumer protection and grievance redressal mechanisms.

Raajmarg Infra Investment Trust (RIIT)

- ❑ Raajmarg Infra Investment Trust (RIIT) sponsored by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), has been approved by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) as an Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT).
- ❑ **Objective:** To raise funds from national highway assets and provide retail investors with an option to invest in infrastructure projects.
- ❑ **Operator:** Raajmarg Infra Investment Managers Private Limited (RIIMPL)
 - RIIMPL has been established as a joint venture with equity participation from leading banks and financial institutions.
- ❑ **Investment Manager:** M/s Raajmarg Infra Investment Managers Private Limited.

New logo unveiled for Regional Rural Banks

- ❑ NABARD and the Government of India launched the OneRRBOneLogo initiative.
- ❑ A new logo was unveiled, representing a single and unified brand identity.



- ❑ There are 28 RRBs (Regional Rural Banks) operating in the country.
- ❑ The Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, integrated 26 RRBs across 11 states/union territories, which became effective on May 1, 2025.

Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)

- ❑ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has retained the Domestic Systemically Important Bank (D-SIB) status for **State Bank of India (SBI), HDFC Bank, and ICICI Bank.**
- ❑ D-SIBs are banks whose failure could have a significant impact on the entire financial system and the economy.

Risk-based deposit insurance framework for banks

- ❑ The Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the insurance framework.
- ❑ This framework will be effective from the next financial year (FY) 2026-27.
- ❑ The existing flat-rate premium-based deposit insurance scheme will be replaced with a **Risk-Based Premium (RBP)** model.

The 'CoalSETU' Policy

- ❑ **Coal Linkage for Seamless Efficient & Transparent Utilisation (CoalSETU)**

- ❑ The Union Cabinet approved the coal linkage auction policy for CoalSETU.
- ❑ The 'CoalSETU' policy: A new CoalSETU window has been created to allow the allocation of long-term coal linkages on an auction basis for any industrial use of coal and for export.
 - This window is included in the 2016 Non-Regulated Sector (NRS) Linkage Auction Policy.
 - Coking coal will not be offered in this window.

Numaligarh Refinery Limited gets 'Navratna' status

- ❑ Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) is the **27th** Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) in the country to receive the '**Navratna**' status.
- ❑ **Established:** In 1993 in Golaghat, Assam, under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India.
- ❑ **Capacity:** 3 million metric tons per annum (MMTPA).

Virtual Reality Mine Simulator (VRMS)

- ❑ Union Minister of Coal and Mines, G. Kishan Reddy, inaugurated the Centre of Excellence and the Virtual Reality Mine Simulator (VRMS) established at **IIT (ISM) Dhanbad** under the **National Critical Minerals Mission.**
- ❑ The VRMS was developed by IIT (ISM) Dhanbad in collaboration with Coal India Limited (CIL), Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL), and Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL).
- ❑ This is India's **first** VR-based coal mining safety and productivity simulator.

Ponduru Khadi gets GI tag

- ❑ Ponduru village, **Andhra Pradesh's** Traditional handmade cotton fabric.
- ❑ Mahatma Gandhi praised it in the magazine 'Young India'.

Hurun India - 2025 Report

- ❑ The IDFC First Private and Hurun India Top 200 Self-Made Entrepreneurs of the Millennium 2025 report has been released.
- ❑ **Top position:** Deepinder Goyal [Founder of Eternal (formerly Zomato Limited)]

- ❑ **Second position:** Radhakishan Damani (Avenue Supermarts - DMart), who held the top spot last year.

Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project

- ❑ Union Power Minister Manohar Lal inaugurated the commercial operation of Unit-2 (250 MW) of the **2000 MW** Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project.
- ❑ This is the country's largest hydroelectric project.
- ❑ This run-of-the-river project comprises 8 units of 250 MW each.
- ❑ **Location:** North Lakhimpur (on the border of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam)

Ammonia-urea fertilizer project

- ❑ The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for the ammonia-urea fertilizer project of Assam Valley Fertilizer and Chemicals Company Limited in Namrup, Assam (Dibrugarh).
- ❑ The brownfield project will be established within the existing Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL) complex.

The world's third largest domestic aviation market.

- ❑ India has become the world's **third** largest domestic aviation market.
- ❑ The country's aircraft fleet has increased from 395 in 2014 to 844 in 2025.

Monetary Policy Committee Report

- ❑ The repo rate was reduced by 25 basis points (0.25%) to 6.25%.
- ❑ The GDP growth rate forecast for the current financial year was increased from 6.8% to 7.3%.

Important One-Liners

- ❑ Who released the report on "Strengthening the Corporate Bond Market in India"?
→ **NITI Aayog**
- ❑ The Government of India signed five loan agreements with which institution, including supporting the Prime Minister's Skill and Employment Transformation through the upgraded Industrial Training Institute program and accelerating the development of affordable and inclusive rooftop solar systems?
→ **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**
- ❑ Under the **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Yojana**, launched with the objective of providing good quality generic medicines at affordable prices, how many Jan Aushadhi Kendras are targeted to be opened across the country by March 2027?
→ **25,000** (A total of 17,610 Jan Aushadhi Kendras have been opened across the country as of November 30, 2025)
- ❑ Which payments bank has recently been approved by the RBI to be converted into a Small Finance Bank (SFB) for the first time?
→ **Fino Payments Bank**
- ❑ Which state has been declared as the 'Ginger Capital of India' by NITI Aayog?
→ **Mizoram**



Important Journeys

- ❑ Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on a visit to Jordan, Ethiopia and Oman from December 15-18, 2025.

Jordan trip

- ❑ On December 15, 2025, the Prime Minister arrived in Amman, Jordan and was welcomed by Jordanian Prime Minister Dr. Jafar Hassan.
- ❑ He held extensive talks with King Abdullah II of Jordan on December 15, 2025.
- ❑ This was his first full bilateral visit to Jordan. He had previously stopped in Jordan on his way to Palestine in February 2014.
- ❑ The visit coincided with the **75th anniversary** of diplomatic relations between the two countries. Diplomatic relations between the two countries were established in 1950.
- ❑ **Key agreements were signed.**
 1. On technical cooperation in the field of new and renewable energy.
 2. On cooperation in the field of water resource management and development.
 3. Twinning between Petra and Ellora.
 4. Renewal of the cultural exchange program for the years 2025-2029.
 5. Sharing of successful digital solutions implemented at the population level for digital transformation.

- ❑ The Prime Minister proposed that both countries should aim to increase bilateral trade to \$5 billion in the next five years and also called for cooperation between Jordan's digital payment system and India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

- ❑ Jordan is one of India's largest suppliers of phosphate and potash fertilizers.
- ❑ India is third-largest trading partner of Jordan.
- ❑ Currently, approximately 17,500 Indian citizens reside in Jordan, mostly working in the textile, construction, manufacturing, and healthcare sectors.

Ethiopia trip

- ❑ Prime Minister Narendra Modi undertook his first bilateral visit on December 16-17, 2025.
- ❑ During his visit to Addis Ababa, he was awarded Ethiopia's highest honor, '**The Great Honor, Nishan of Ethiopia**'.
- ❑ **Major agreements**
 1. Enhancing the 'strategic partnership' in bilateral relations.
 2. On cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs-related matters.
 3. Establishment of a data center at the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
 4. Implementation arrangement for cooperation in training for UN peacekeeping operations.
 5. On debt restructuring for Ethiopia under the G20 Common Framework.
 6. Doubling the scholarships for Ethiopian research scholars under the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) scholarship program.
 7. Under the ITEC (Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation) program, special short-term courses will be launched for Ethiopian students and professionals in the field of Artificial Intelligence.
 8. India will assist in enhancing the capacity of the Mahatma Gandhi Hospital in Addis Ababa in the areas of maternal health care and newborn care.

- ❑ Formal diplomatic relations between India and Ethiopia were established in 1950.
- ❑ The friendship between the two countries dates back more than 2,000 years, when trade flourished during the Aksumite Empire (1st century CE). Indian merchants traded silk and spices for gold and ivory through the ancient port of Adulis in the 6th century CE.
- ❑ In 2024-25, total India-Ethiopia trade was \$550.19 million. India exported goods worth \$476.81 million and imported goods worth \$73.38 million. Indian companies are among the top three foreign investors in Ethiopia.
- ❑ More than 675 Indian companies are registered with the Ethiopian Investment Commission, with a total investment of over \$6.5 billion, primarily in key sectors such as manufacturing and pharmaceuticals, creating more than 75,000 local jobs.

Oman trip

- ❑ Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid an official visit to the Sultanate of Oman on December 17-18, 2025.
- ❑ The Prime Minister was formally welcomed at the airport by Sayyid Shihab bin Tariq, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs. Sultan Haitham bin Tariq welcomed the Prime Minister at Al Baraka Palace on December 18, 2025.
- ❑ This year marks the **70th anniversary** of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.
- ❑ The Sultan of Oman conferred the '**Order of Oman**' award upon Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for his exceptional contribution and visionary leadership to India-Oman relations .
- ❑ **Major agreements**
 - 1) Comprehensive Economic Partnership
 - 2) In the field of maritime heritage and museums

- 3) In the field of agriculture and allied sectors
 - 4) In the field of higher education
 - 5) Between the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Confederation of Indian Industry
 - 6) Adoption of a Joint Vision Document on Maritime Cooperation
 - 7) Work Programme for cooperation in millet cultivation and agri-food innovation
- ❑ **India-Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement**
 - ◆ India and Oman have signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), a significant achievement in India's trade diplomacy in the Gulf region.
 - ◆ This is the first bilateral trade agreement for Oman since 2006 and the second CEPA for India in the GCC after the one with the UAE (2022).
 - ◆ **Key features of CEPA**
 - **Tariff concessions:** Oman has offered zero-duty access on 98.08 percent of its tariff lines, covering 99.38 percent of India's exports to the Omani market. India has committed to tariff concessions on 77.79 percent of its total tariff lines (12,556 lines), which accounts for 94.81 percent of imports from Oman by value.
 - **Improved mobility framework for Indian professionals:** This includes increasing the quota for intra-corporate transferees from 20% to 50%. The permitted duration of stay for contract service suppliers has also been significantly extended. It has now been increased from 90 days to two years, with the option of a further two-year extension.
 - **Services Liberalization:** Oman has made significant commitments in 127 service sub-sectors, including computer-related services, business and professional services, audio-visual services, research and development, education, and healthcare.
 - CEPA also allows Indian companies to have a 100% FDI presence in Oman

through commercial presence in key service sectors.

Russian Federation President Vladimir Putin's visit to India

- ❑ The President of the Russian Federation visited India on December 4-5, 2025.
- ❑ This is Putin's first visit to India since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.
- ❑ **23rd India-Russia Annual Summit**
 - ◆ **Event** : Hyderabad House, New Delhi.
 - ◆ **Date** : December 5, 2025
 - ◆ **Key issues/outcomes**
 - Achieving the target of \$100 billion in bilateral trade by 2030 in a time-bound manner.
 - Cooperation in energy, nuclear, defense, space, and emerging technologies.
 - Discussions on connectivity projects such as the Northern Sea Route, INSTC, and the Chennai-Vladivostok corridor.
 - Coordination on terrorism, extremism and the situation in Afghanistan.
- ❑ **Key outcomes of the visit:**
 - ◆ A program for strategic areas of economic cooperation was adopted for the period up to 2030.
 - ◆ Russia decided to join the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA).
 - ◆ Russian citizens will receive a 30-day free e-visa and group tourist visa facilities.
 - ◆ Russia approved the Reciprocal Exchange of Logistics Support (RELOS) agreement.

Popular places

Afar Region

- ❑ Scientists chose the Afar region to analyze the theory of plate tectonics.
- ❑ **Location:** In the northeastern part of Ethiopia where the Red Sea meets the Gulf of Aden.

Mubarak Al-Kabeer Port

- ❑ **Kuwait** signed an agreement with **China** for the construction of the Mubarak Al-Kabeer Port.
- ❑ **Location:** Located on Bubiyan Island in Kuwait.
- ❑ It is part of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Russia

- ❑ Russia has received an offer for its first naval base in Africa. **Sudan** has offered Moscow a base near the Red Sea for 25 years. Sudan's offer to provide Russia with its first naval base could have a profound impact on the global maritime balance, the security of trade routes, and the increasing competition among great powers in Africa.
- ❑ Russia has decided to adopt a draft agreement to join the India-led **International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)**.

Israel

- ❑ Israeli Army Chief Lieutenant General Eyal Zamir declared the "Yellow Line" drawn in Gaza on December 8th as a new border.

Somaliland

- ❑ Israel has become the first country to recognize Somaliland, a region that seceded from Somalia, as an independent nation.
- ❑ **President of Somaliland:** Abdurahman Mohamed Abdullahi

Poland

- ❑ The US announced it will host the new G20 in 2026, replacing South Africa with Poland.

Italy

- ❑ Italy has become the first country to receive UNESCO recognition for its national cuisine.
- ❑ UNESCO formally inscribed Italian cooking on its list of **intangible cultural heritage**,

granting it UNESCO recognition for its entire national culinary art.

Finland

- ❑ The world's happiest country has closed its embassies in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Myanmar.
- ❑ The Finland government said that maintaining embassies in countries experiencing instability is not prudent. After long deliberations, the government decided to close its embassies in the three countries.

France

- ❑ French President Emmanuel Macron announced the launch of a new **voluntary military service program** for young citizens yesterday.
- ❑ The program will begin in the summer of 2026. It aims to include three thousand young participants aged 19, and the government's goal is to increase this number to ten thousand by 2030. Participants will complete a 10-month service period and will be deployed on domestic missions. The French president said that the program aims to strengthen national preparedness amidst growing crises. Currently, 12 European countries have mandatory military service programs.

Britain

- ❑ British youth will be offered a paid 'Gap Year' by the Ministry of Defence. The government said the scheme, which will begin in March 2026, will give participants the opportunity to train and work for a year in the Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force.
- ❑ Under this program, soldiers enlisting in the army will have to complete 13 weeks of basic training over a two-year period.

Australia

- ❑ Australia has declared India an 'indispensable partner' in the Indo-Pacific region.

Austria

- ❑ The Austrian parliament has banned Muslim headscarves in schools for girls under the age of 14.

Riyadh

- ❑ The metro line built in Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia, has been declared the world's longest driverless rail network. The network is 176 kilometers long and includes 85 stations.

Cotonou

- ❑ Recently, a group of soldiers called the 'Military Committee for Refoundation' attempted a coup against President Patrice Talon in Cotonou, Benin's largest city and economic hub, but the attempt was thwarted by Benin's loyal army with Nigerian military assistance.

Mexico

- ❑ Mexico has imposed import duties ranging from 5% to 50% on imports from 'non-preferential trading partners' (countries with which Mexico does not have a free trade agreement) such as India, to protect its domestic industry.

Famous personalities

Khaleda Zia

- ❑ She recently passed away.
- ❑ She was the first female Prime Minister of Bangladesh and the leader of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).

Jose Antonio

- ❑ Jose Antonio Kast has become the new president of Chile. According to information provided by election officials, Kast, the candidate of the right-wing Republican Party, won a landslide victory in the second round of the presidential election.

Michaela Bethos

- ❑ German female engineer Michaela Bethos has become the world's first wheel chair user to travel to space. She took a 10-minute flight into space aboard by a Blue Origin rocket.

Jared Isaacman

- ❑ The US Senate has approved businessman and private astronaut Jared Isaacman to be the next head of NASA. Isaacman, the founder of the payment company Shift4, will now take charge of NASA.

Ira Ike Schab

- ❑ Ira Ike Schab, a US Navy veteran of World War II who survived the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, recently passed away at the age of 105.

Frenchman Lucas Philippe

- ❑ He has been appointed the new president of Interpol.

Awards

Champions of the Earth Award

- ❑ **Winner:** Supriya Sahu (IAS officer from Tamil Nadu)
- ❑ **Presented by:** United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi.
- ❑ It is considered the UN's highest environmental award, given to those who have done outstanding work in the environmental field.

C-DOT receives IEEE Standards Association Award -

- ❑ **Presented by:** Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Standards Association (IEEE-SA)
- ❑ India's **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)** received two awards.
 - **IEEE-SA Corporate Award 2025:** For C-DOT's pioneering contributions in advancing IEEE standards in wireless broadband, rural 5G, and telecommunications education.

➤ C-DOT is the 5th institution globally and the 1st from India to receive this award.

- **IEEE-SA Standards Medallion 2025:** Awarded to C-DOT scientist **Sandeep Kumar Agarwal** for leadership and innovation in rural broadband standards and solutions development.

Turner Prize 2025

- ❑ **Winner:** Nnena Kalu, British artist
- ❑ **Special Note:** She is the first artist with a learning disability (limited verbal communication) to receive this award.

Time Magazine's Person of the Year 2025

- ❑ **Winner:** 'The Architects of AI'
- ❑ **Category:** Honoring individuals who are shaping artificial intelligence (AI) at the intersection of technology, society, and power.
- ❑ Two Indian-Americans were honored in this list:
 1. Karandeep Anand
 2. Sriram Krishnan

Major operations

Operation Sagar Bandhu

- ❑ Sri Lanka is grappling with Cyclone Ditwa.
- ❑ India launched Operation Sagar Bandhu for humanitarian assistance.
- ❑ During his visit to Sri Lanka, Indian Foreign Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar announced that India would provide \$450 million in assistance to Sri Lanka.
- ❑ This package include a \$350 million concessional line of credit and a \$100 million grant.

Operation Hawkeye

- ❑ The US conducted airstrikes on several locations of the terrorist organization Islamic State of Syria and Iraq (ISIS) in Syria.

- ❑ This military operation was carried out in response to an ISIS attack in Palmyra, Syria on December 13, in which two American soldiers and a military interpreter were killed.

'Operation Thunder'

- ❑ An international campaign against wildlife trafficking.
- ❑ **Conducted by:** INTERPOL and the World Customs Organization (WCO).
- ❑ **Objective:** To prevent the illegal trafficking of wild animals/plants.
- ❑ **Achievement:** In 2025, the campaign involved operations in 134 countries, resulting in the rescue of approximately 30,000 live animals and the arrest of over 1,100 suspects.

United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)

- ❑ **Location/Time:** The 11th COSP (Conference of the States Parties to the UNCAC) was held in Doha, Qatar from December 15-19, 2025 and is the world's largest anti-corruption forum.
- ❑ **Organizer:** Government of Qatar and UNODC
- ❑ **Key Outcomes:**
 - **Doha Declaration 2025:** Called for strengthening global cooperation and increasing technical assistance on corruption prevention through AI and digital tools.
 - **Political Finance Transparency:** Independent oversight of political funding, restrictions on high-risk donors. A resolution was introduced for the first time to prevent foreign interference.

11th United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Conference

- ❑ **Held in:** Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- ❑ Reaffirmed commitment to the ideals of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' and religious harmony.
- ❑ The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations is a UN initiative launched in 2005.

7th United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) Session

- ❑ **Held in:** Nairobi, Kenya
- ❑ India's resolution on 'Strengthening Global Management of Wildfires' was adopted.
- ❑ **Objective:** To strengthen ongoing global activities under the Global Fire Management Hub.
- ❑ **Key provisions:** International cooperation, regional and global collaboration, knowledge sharing and capacity building, support for national action plans, and increased financial access.

Hanukkah Festival

- ❑ Also known as the Festival of Lights, it is a major Jewish festival celebrated for eight days.
- ❑ **Held from:** Sunset on December 14, 2025 to sunset on Monday, December 22.
- ❑ **Why in the news?** A horrific attack took place in Sydney, Australia on the first night of the festival, claiming the lives of approximately 12 people. The attack targeted members of the Jewish community.

Miscellaneous News

India and New Zealand Conclude FTA Negotiations

- ❑ India and New Zealand concluded discussions on a Free Trade Agreement (FTA), which will be signed in the first half of 2026.
- ❑ **Bilateral Trade:** The goal is to double bilateral trade to \$5 billion in the next five years.
- ❑ **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI):** New Zealand has committed to \$20 billion in FDI in India over the next 15 years.
- ❑ **Tariff Reduction:** Tariffs on 95% of New Zealand's exports to India will be zero or reduced.
 - 100% of India's exports will be granted zero-tariff market access.
- ❑ **Employment:** New Zealand will provide employment visas to 5,000 skilled Indian professionals.
 - They will be permitted to stay for a maximum of three years.

Kimberley Process (KP)

- ❑ India was elected to chair the Kimberley Process (for the third time) at the Kimberley Process Plenary Meeting, effective from January 1, 2026.
- ❑ India assumed the Vice-Chairmanship on December 25, 2025.
- ❑ The Kimberley Process is a **tripartite initiative** involving governments, the international diamond industry, and civil society.
- ❑ **Objective:** To prevent the trade of conflict diamonds, which are used by rebel groups to finance conflicts.
- ❑ It has 60 participants, including the European Union (EU), which control over 99% of the global trade in rough diamonds.
- ❑ The Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) was implemented on January 1, 2003, by a United Nations resolution.

Capuchin Monkeys Arrive at Bannerghatta Park from South Africa

- ❑ **Eight Black-capped Capuchin monkeys** from **Induna Primate and Parrot Park** in South Africa arrived at Bannerghatta Park, Karnataka, under an international animal exchange project. The group consists of eight Capuchin monkeys, including four males and four females.

UNESCO Global Learning Cities Network Expansion

- ❑ **New members:** UNESCO has added 72 new cities from 46 countries to the network.
- ❑ **Total members:** The network now comprises 425 cities from 91 countries.
- ❑ This expansion includes 11 capital cities (such as Cairo, Riyadh, and Hanoi) and 12 new countries, including the United States, Chile, and Iraq, which are joining the list for the first time.

- ❑ **It already includes three Indian cities:**
 1. Warangal (Telangana)
 2. Thrissur (Kerala)
 3. Nilambur (Kerala)

Victoria University, Australia: Indian Campus

- ❑ **Location:** Gurugram, Haryana.
- ❑ This will be India's **first international campus** that will deliver education entirely through the Victoria University Block Model.
- ❑ The modern teaching methodology is designed to enhance student success and prepare them for the future.

India's New Consulate General Building

- ❑ **Location:** Downing Center, Changning District (Shanghai), China
- ❑ The new consulate general premises were inaugurated by India's Ambassador to China, Pradeep Kumar Rawat, and Consul General Pratik Mathur. This is the consulate's first relocation in 32 years.

'Rage Bait'

- ❑ Oxford has chosen 'Rage Bait' as its 'Word of the Year' for 2025.
- ❑ **Meaning** - Online content posted on social media with the intention of provoking anger in people is called 'Rage Bait'.

Important One-Liners

- ❑ Brazil handed over the BRICS chairmanship to India, with Brazilian Sherpa Ambassador Mauricio Lyrio symbolically presenting the BRICS gavel to Indian Sherpa Ambassador Sudhakar Dalela. Brazil will formally hold the chairmanship until December 31, 2025.
- ❑ India has been re-elected to the **UNESCO Executive Board** for the 2025-29 term, solidifying its leadership in shaping global policies on education, culture, science and communication.
- ❑ India has been re-elected to the **International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Council** for the 2025-2028 term.
- ❑ Iran has seized a foreign oil tanker in the Gulf of Oman, which had crew members from various countries, including India, on board.
- ❑ The return of the **Shenzhou-20 mission** has been postponed due to the risk of collision with micro-debris from the Chinese space station.
- ❑ The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution endorsing the **United Nations Convention on Negotiable Instruments (Accra Convention), 2025**.

Reports and Indexes

S. No.	Report/Index	India's Position	1 st and Last Rank			
1.	Global Food City Ranking 2025-26 Issue : TasteAtlas	(India's 6 city in top 100) 5 th → Mumbai 48 th → Amritsar 53 rd → New Delhi	1 st → Naples (Italy)			
2.	7th Asia Power Index -2025 Issue : Lowy Institute (Australian based Think Tank)	3 rd Rank (Score-40)	1 st → USA (Score-80.5) 2 nd → China (Score-73.7) Last (27 th) → Papua Guinea			
3.	Global AI Vibrancy Index -2024 Issue : Stanford University for Human Artificial Intelligence (HAI)	3 rd Rank (Score -21.59)	1 st → USA (score-78.60) 2 nd → China (Score-36.95) Last (36 th) → South Africa			
4.	Global Passport Power Ranking Issue : Arton Capital	66 th Rank (Score-73) <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>Visa Free 29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Visa on Arrival 44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Visa required 125</td> </tr> </table>	Visa Free 29	Visa on Arrival 44	Visa required 125	1 st → UAE (Score-179) Last (94 th) → Afghanistan (Score -37)
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5.	Top - 100 Arms Producing and Military Services Companies - 2024 Issue : SIPRI (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 44th → HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited) • 58th → BEL (Bharat Dynamics Limited) • 91st → MDL (Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited) Note : 1 st Rank - Lockheed Martin (USA)				
6.	Global Women Peace and Security Index 2025-26 Issue : The Georgetown Institute for Women Peace and Security	131 st Rank (Score-0.607)	1 st → Denmark (Score-0.939) 2 nd → Iceland Last (181 st) → Afghanistan			
7.	Forbes World's Most 100 Powerful Women of 2025 Issue : Forbes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24th → Nirmala Sitharaman (Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, India) • 76th → Roshni Nadar Malhotra (CEO HCL Corporation & Chairperson, HCL Technologies) • 83rd → Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (Founder, Chair And Managing Director, Biocon) Note : 1 st - Ursula von der Leyen (President, European Commission, European Union) Belgium				

- According to a report by **Ernst & Young (EY)**, India is projected to become a **\$26 trillion** economy by 2047-48, with per capita income exceeding **\$15000** (nearly six times the current level). India is projected to surpass Germany and Japan to emerge as the world's **third** largest economy by 2030 after the United States and China.

Bluebird Block-2

- ❑ The heaviest satellite ever launched from Indian soil, Bluebird Block-2 has been launched.
- ❑ **Objective:** To provide cellular broadband connectivity directly to smartphones without any special hardware.
- ❑ **Launch:** By ISRO using the LVM3-M6 rocket (which was the sixth operational flight of LVM3).
- ❑ **Launch site:** Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.
- ❑ **Orbit:** Low Earth Orbit (LEO).
- ❑ **Development:** AST SpaceMobile company, USA.
- ❑ Approximately 15 minutes after launch, the satellite successfully separated from the rocket and was placed into its designated orbit.

DHRUV64

- ❑ It is India's first 1.0 GHz, 64-bit dual-core microprocessor.
- ❑ **Developed by:** Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC).
- ❑ **Features :**
 - This processor is suitable for areas such as 5G infrastructure, automotive systems, consumer electronics, and the Internet of Things (IoT).
 - It is a dual-core processor, which means it is capable of high efficiency and better multitasking.
 - This is a major achievement towards India's self-reliance in advanced chip design. Being indigenous, it is more secure and reliable compared to foreign processors, which is crucial for strategic sectors. It has been designed under the Digital India RISC-V (DIR-V) program.

- ❑ Following the success of Dhruva 64, work is now underway to develop the next-generation 'Dhanush' and 'Dhanush+' processors.

Akash-NG missile

- ❑ **Why in the news?:** DRDO successfully completed the user evaluation trials of the Akash missile system.
- ❑ **Development:** By DRDO
- ❑ **Production :** Bharat Dynamic Limited (BDL)
- ❑ **Features:**
 - **Range:** 70-80 kilometers (which is significantly more than the original Akash (25-30 km)).
 - **Speed:** Mach 2.5+
 - **Weight:** 690 kg
 - **Targets:** Drones, etc.
- 1. Capable of engaging high-speed fighter aircraft, cruise missiles, and drones.
- 2. Capable of intercepting targets at low altitude (from 30 m), medium and high altitude (up to 20 km).
- 3. Capable of engaging 10-30 targets simultaneously and preventing saturation attacks.

K-4 Ballistic missile

- ❑ **Why in the news?:** The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully tested the K-4 ballistic missile from INS Arighat.
- ❑ INS Arighat is the second submarine of the Arihant class.
- ❑ **About K-4**
 - **Type:** K-4 or 'Kalam-4' is a nuclear-powered, medium-range, submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM).

- **Range:** 3,500 kilometers.
- It is a crucial part of India's nuclear triad. It provides the country with a credible second-strike capability from under the sea.

Dark Eagle

- This is a non-nuclear, ground-launched hypersonic missile weapon system of the U.S. Army.
- **Developed by:** Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman.
- **Range:** 2,735 kilometers
- **Speed:** Peak speed of Mach 17
- This hypersonic missile is powered by a solid-fueled two-stage rocket booster.
- After launch, the missile reaches the edge of space, then flies through the upper atmosphere, remaining outside the reach of most enemy defense systems, and finally descends towards its target.

'WhAP 8×8'

- **Full form :** Wheeled Armoured Amphibious Platform
- **Why in the news?:** Recently, Tata delivered its consignment to the Moroccan army.
- It is an indigenously developed armored vehicle of India.
- **Manufactured by:** DRDO and Tata Advanced Systems.
- This vehicle has the capability to operate on both land and water (amphibious).

'Anjdeep'

- **Why in the news?:** Anjdeep commissioned into the Indian Navy in Chennai
- It is the third ship of the eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) series.
- **Construction and design:** By Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.
- **Naming:** Named after Anjdeep Island, located the coast of Karwar in Karnataka.

Features:

- At approximately 77 meters long, this ship is **India's largest naval warship** to be powered by waterjets.
- The ship is equipped with state-of-the-art lightweight torpedoes and indigenously designed anti-submarine rockets.
- More than 80% of the ship's components are indigenously sourced, symbolizing 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' (Self-Reliant India).
- It will strengthen the Navy's capabilities in coastal surveillance, anti-submarine operations, and naval mine laying.
- This ship is a reincarnation of the former Petya-class warship INS Anjdeep, which was decommissioned in 2003.

Indian Navy's second air squadron, INAS 335 'The Osprey'

- **Why in the news?:** The Indian Navy has commissioned its second MH-60R air squadron, 'INAS 335', at INS Hansa in Goa.
- **Other name:** 'The Ospreys'
- **Objective:**
 1. To enhance the Navy's capabilities in anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare.
 2. To support tasks such as search and rescue and medical evacuation.
- This squadron includes the world's most advanced and powerful MH-60R 'Seahawk' helicopters.
- This helicopter is capable of operating day and night and in all weather conditions.

Indian Coast Guard Ship 'Amulya' (ICGS Amulya)

- **Why in the news?:** 'Amulya' is the third vessel in the series of eight new-generation 'Adamyah' class Fast Patrol Vessels, commissioned in Goa.

- ❑ **Development and Construction:** By Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), with a total length of 51 meters.
- ❑ **Features:**
 - More than 60 percent of the components of this vessel are indigenously manufactured in the country under the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Make-in-India' initiatives.
 - The vessel is powered by two advanced diesel engines of three thousand kilowatts each.
 - It has a maximum speed of 27 knots and an operational range extending up to 1,500 nautical miles.
- ❑ **Deployment:** In Paradip, Odisha, which will further strengthen the security of India's eastern coast. This vessel will operate under the administrative and operational control of the Coast Guard Region (North East) command.

DSC A20

- ❑ **Why in the news?:** The Indian Navy formally commissioned the first of five Diving Support Crafts (DSC), DSC A20, into the Navy at the Kochi Naval Base.
- ❑ **Development:** Indigenously manufactured by Titagarh Rail Systems Limited, Kolkata.
- ❑ **Hydrodynamic analysis and model testing** - at the Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam.
- ❑ **It is a catamaran-hulled ship.**
- ❑ **Displacement:** Approximately 390 tons.

'Samudra Pratap'

- ❑ 'Samudra Pratap' is the Indian Coast Guard's **first indigenously designed and built pollution control vessel.**
- ❑ **Construction:** Goa Shipyard Limited
- ❑ **Structure:** This 114.5-meter long and 16.5-meter wide vessel, with a displacement capacity of 4,170 tons, is equipped with state-of-the-art technology, including a 30 mm CRN-91 gun and remote-controlled guns.

- ❑ It is the **first Coast Guard vessel** equipped with Dynamic Positioning capability (DP-1). It has received FiFi-2/FFV-2 certification.
- ❑ The vessel is equipped with **advanced oil fingerprinting machines and chemical detector systems for detecting oil spills.**
- ❑ It is capable of recovering pollutants from thick oil and separating oil from contaminated water.

INS Aridhaman

- ❑ **Why in the news:** Navy Chief Dinesh Tripathi stated that India's third indigenously built nuclear ballistic submarine will be commissioned into service very soon.
- ❑ **Development:** Shipbuilding Centre (Visakhapatnam), under the Advanced Technology Vessels (ATV) Project.
- ❑ **Features:**
 - It is the 3rd SSBN (Ship, submersible, ballistic, nuclear) submarine of the Arihant class.
 - It is built with more than 90% indigenous technology.
 - It is an upgraded version compared to INS Arihant and INS Arighat.

INSV Kaundinya

- ❑ The Indian Navy's traditionally built sailing vessel, INSV Kaundinya, departed from Porbandar, Gujarat, for Muscat, Oman, on its maiden voyage.

National Frequency Allocation Plan (NFAP) 2025

- ❑ The NFAP-2025 of the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, came into effect on December 30, 2025.
- ❑ **Frequency Range:** It will provide allocation of radio frequency spectrum for various radio communication services from 8.3 kHz to 3000 GHz.
 - It is an essential reference for spectrum managers, wireless operators, and telecommunications equipment manufacturers.
- ❑ **Key Improvements in NFAP-2025**
 - ◆ New identification of the 6425-7125 MHz band for International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT).

- ◆ Support for high-throughput geostationary orbit (GSO) satellites and large non-GSO satellite constellations; allocation of Ka, Ku, and V bands for next-generation satellite services.
- ◆ Additional spectrum for In-Flight and Maritime Connectivity (IFMC) to ensure seamless broadband access in air and sea transport.
- ◆ Support for emerging technologies such as Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) communication, LEO/MEO satellite services, and enhanced broadband connectivity solutions.

Sarthak

- ❑ The Indian Coast Guard ship 'Sarthak' arrived at Chabahar port in Iran for a four-day official visit.
- ❑ This visit is in line with India's 'SAGAR' (Security and Growth for All in the Region) and 'Mahasagar' vision, which emphasizes secure and cooperative maritime engagement.

AH-64E Apache

- ❑ **Why in the news** - The Indian Army has received the final batch of AH-64E Apache attack helicopters from the USA.
- ❑ **Development:** Boeing Defense
- ❑ **Other name:** Apache Guardian
- ❑ **Lethality:** Has a 93% success rate.
- ❑ **Features** - Equipped with an advanced sensor and targeting suite capable of precise target detection in all weather and conditions.

Michaelangelo dome

- ❑ It is Italy's state-of-the-art multi-domain air defense system.
- ❑ **Developed by:** Leonardo, a defense company.
- ❑ **Features-**
 - It uses artificial intelligence-based predictive analytics.
 - The system integrates surveillance data from air, land, sea, and space to create a real-time operational picture.
 - It is expected to be fully operational by 2030.

Heron Mark-II

- ❑ India has signed an agreement with Israel to purchase an additional batch of Heron MK-II drone aircraft to enhance its defense capabilities.
- ❑ It is a Medium Altitude Long Endurance Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (MALE).
- ❑ It will be included in all three forces.
- ❑ **Developed by:** IAI (Israel Aerospace Industries)
- ❑ **Payload Capacity:** 1430 kg
- ❑ **Speed:** 150 knots
- ❑ **Endurance:** Can fly for up to 45 hours at an altitude of 35,000 feet.

LMG (Light Machine Gun)

- ❑ **Why in the news:** Israel will supply India with 40,000 LMG light machine guns. The first consignment will be received in early 2026.
- ❑ **Other:** The contract for the supply of 170,000 new generation close-quarter battle carbines is in the final stages of signing. Discussions are also underway regarding the local co-production of Advanced Arable technology.

'Vijay Diwas At Home'

- ❑ **Event:** Organized by the Indian Army at Army House, New Delhi on December 15th, to commemorate the historic and decisive victory of the Indian Armed Forces in the 1971 war.
- ❑ During the event, Ekam AI and Sambhav were showcased.

Ekam AI

- ❑ This is a completely indigenous and secure Artificial Intelligence (AI) platform.
- ❑ **Development:** By the Indian Army under the Ministry of Defence's IDEX-ADITI 2.0 scheme.
- ❑ **Objective:** To promote high-tech defense innovations.
- ❑ **Features:**
 - Provides users with effective assistance in information analysis, document management, and decision-making without relying on foreign software or external cloud systems.

- Can be used without requiring any specialized technical expertise.
- Designed for sensitive operational environments.

SAMBHAV

- ❑ **Full Name:** Secure Army Mobile Bharat Version-
- ❑ This is a portable communication system.
- ❑ **Features:**
 - Capable of providing satellite-based mobile connectivity.
 - This system can be deployed very quickly in remote, inaccessible, or disaster-stricken areas.
 - Ensures reliable and robust communication for soldiers as well as civilians.

MahaCrimeOS AI

- ❑ This is a special AI-based crime investigation system.
- ❑ Launched by Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella for the Maharashtra Police, it will be extended to all 1,100 police stations across the state.
- ❑ **Development:**
 1. Microsoft's AI partner CyberEye
 2. Jointly developed by the Maharashtra government and its special AI policing initiative, MARVEL.
- ❑ It primarily uses multimodal AI to accept and process complaints in any format, such as PDF, audio, handwritten notes, or images, in the Marathi language, and then automatically generates a detailed investigation plan.

- ❑ MARVEL (Maharashtra Research and Vigilance for Enhanced Law Enforcement)
- ❑ A special purpose vehicle (SPV) government entity.
- ❑ Established in 2024 to implement AI-based solutions in policing.

- ❑ Maharashtra has become the first Indian state to establish an independent AI body for law enforcement.

National Quantum Communication Hub

- ❑ IIT Madras has established India's first National Quantum Communication Hub under the National Quantum Mission (NQM).
- ❑ **Objective:** To enhance India's national capabilities in quantum-secure communication.
- ❑ **Focus areas:** Quantum networks, post-quantum security, and satellite-based quantum communication.
- ❑ This will protect India's digital infrastructure from future cyber threats.

A roadmap was released to position India among the world's top three quantum economies by 2047.

- ❑ **Issued by:** NITI Aayog and IBM
- ❑ **Roadmap Title:** 'India's Transformation into a Quantum-Powered Leading Economy'
- ❑ **Goals:**
 1. To develop at least 10 globally competitive quantum startups in India.
 2. Each startup will have a revenue exceeding US\$100 million.
 3. To achieve a market share of over 50% in the global quantum software and services market by 2035.

- Quantum Research Park: Karnataka
- Quantum Valley: Amravati, Andhra Pradesh
- National Quantum Communication Hub: IIT Madras

GlowCas9

- ❑ GlowCas9 is a luminescent CRISPR-Cas9 protein developed by Indian scientists, which aids in the live monitoring of gene editing.
- ❑ It is a bioluminescent version of Cas9.
- ❑ It is capable of tracking CRISPR activity in living cells without causing damage.
- ❑ A significant achievement in gene therapy and biomedical research.

Diabetic Retinopathy

- ❑ The Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) has launched India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based community diabetic retinopathy (DR) screening program in New Delhi.
- ❑ **Collaboration:** AIIMS, New Delhi and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- ❑ Launched by the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) at seven locations in the pilot phase:
 - Pune, Gaya, Mumbai, Jorhat, Bengaluru, Kochi, Dharamshala
- ❑ The MadhuNetrAI device will be used in this program.

○ MadhuNetrAI is a web-based artificial intelligence tool that facilitates the automated screening, grading, and triaging of retinal images taken with handheld fundus cameras, developed by the Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences (RPC).

- **Diabetic retinopathy:** This is a serious eye disease caused by long-term diabetes. It damages the blood vessels in the retina at the back of the eye, which can gradually weaken vision and, if left untreated, can lead to blindness.

RAMBHA-LP

- ❑ **Full form:** Radio Anatomy of Moon Bound Hypersensitive Ionosphere and Atmosphere - Langmuir Probe.
- ❑ RAMBHA-LP is a payload on the Chandrayaan-3 lander that confirmed the presence of an active plasma environment in the lunar south polar region.
- ❑ **Objective:** To measure electron density and temperature near the lunar surface.
- ❑ This is a significant scientific discovery in understanding the lunar atmosphere.

Alaknanda Galaxy

- ❑ This is a well-ordered spiral galaxy.
- ❑ **Discovery:** By scientists from the National Centre for Radio Astrophysics - Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Pune, using the James Webb Space Telescope.
- ❑ It is approximately 12 billion light-years away from Earth.
- ❑ **Naming:** Named after the Alaknanda River.
- ❑ **Age:** It is 1.5 billion years old.

MIRA

- ❑ India's lightest space telescope
- ❑ **Full name:** Miniaturized Imager for Research Applications
- ❑ **Developed by:** Eon Space Labs (Hyderabad)
- ❑ **Weight:** 502 gm

India's first indigenous MRI machine

- ❑ **Developed by:** Arjun Arunachalam, founder of the startup Voxgrids, and his team.
- ❑ This startup was supported by Sridhar Vembu's company Zoho. This MRI scanner will also be 40% cheaper than foreign machines.

India's First Large-Scale Battery-Grade Lithium Refinery

- ❑ **Location:** Hyderabad (Telangana)
- ❑ **Company:** Singareni Collieries Company (SCCL) and Hyderabad-based Altmin have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish India's first large-scale battery-grade lithium refinery.
- ❑ **Target:** Aiming to commence operations by 2027.
- ❑ **Estimated Cost:** The proposed project will involve an investment of ₹2,250 crore.
- ❑ **Capacity:** 30,000 tonnes per year capacity.

Lithium

- ❑ A critical mineral for electric vehicles, energy storage systems, and the clean energy transition.
- ❑ Included in the list of 30 critical minerals announced by the Government of India.

Project to establish a 6G testband approved

- ❑ **Development by:** Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering and Research (SMER), Kolkata, under the Telecommunication Technology Development Fund scheme.
- ❑ 3 other participating member bodies: IIT Madras, IIT Guwahati, IIT Patna

Kessler Syndrome

- ❑ The collision of man-made satellites in Earth's orbit, which initiates a chain reaction of debris that damages other satellites. This phenomenon is called the Kessler Syndrome.
- ❑ **Theory** - Proposed by Donald Kessler in 1978.
- ❑ Recently, CRASH (Collision Realization - Significant Hazard) clock Martin issued a warning.

Major Conferences

S.No.	Major Conferences: 2025	Details
1.	AI Regional Conference for Good Governance: Gandhinagar, Gujarat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizer: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and IIT Gandhinagar • This was a crucial preparatory event for the India AI Impact Summit: 2026.
2.	Indian International Science Festival: Panchkula, Haryana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: 'Vigyan Se Samruddhi : for AatamNirbhar Bharat' • It was defined by 3C (Celebration, Communication, and Career).
3.	Vigyanika: Science Literature Festival 2025, New Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizer: CSIR, National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (NISCP), New Delhi • Collaborators: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vigyan Bharati (VIBHA) 2. Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune (Maharashtra) 3. Punjab University, Chandigarh
4.	10th Navy Marathon: 2025, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 17,000 runners participated, including foreign nationals from 17 countries.
5.	Defence Estates Day Celebration: December 16, Defence Estates, New Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presided over by: Rajnath Singh (Defence Minister) • The Defence Estates Department entered its 100th year of establishment.

Major Agreements

- ❑ India and Liberia have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at strengthening pharmacopoeia cooperation. The agreement aims to strengthen drug quality, standardization, testing, and regulatory cooperation.
- ❑ NMDC has signed an MoU with IIT Kanpur to promote cybersecurity and digital innovation.
- ❑ A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Defence Research

- and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) to promote internal security, research, training, and technology development.
- ❑ The Maharashtra government and Microsoft have signed an MoU to establish three AI Centers of Excellence.
- ❑ India Optel Limited (IOL) has partnered with the French company Safran Electronics & Defense to develop and manufacture two high-precision, combat-proven weapon systems in India.
- ❑ A collaborative technology development MoU has been signed between the

- International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI) of the Department of Science and Technology and Hyderabad-based Raghu Vamsi Machine Tools Private Limited for strategic and cutting-edge engineering applications.
- ❑ The Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) located in Bengaluru, and Delhi-based CRISPRBITS Private Limited (CRISP) announced the signing of a Letter of Intent (LOI) to establish a COE-CIT (Center of Excellence for CRISPR-based innovation & translational

technology) for the development of biotechnology based on CRISPR gene-editing technology.

- ❑ India and France have signed an agreement for the joint production of a Direct Firing Site Navigation System in India. This includes two components:
 1. **SIGMA 30N Navigation System:** This enables autonomous artillery operations without GPS.
 2. **CM3-MR Direct Firing Site:** This is designed to enhance artillery efficiency and anti-drone accuracy.

Main Exercises

S.No	Major Exercise: 2025	Event	Participants
1.	2 nd Desert Cyclone	Abu Dhabi (UAE)	Mechanized Infantry Regiment, Indian Army and 53rd Mechanized Infantry Battalion, UAE.
2.	Aviandra Exercise	Indian Air Force (IAF)	Between India and Russia.
3.	8 th Ekatha Exercise	Maldives	Between India and Maldives.
4.	10 th Garuda Shakti Exercise	Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh	Between India and Indonesia.
5.	14 th Ekuverin Exercise (Meaning of Akuarin: Friend)	Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	Garhwal Rifles, Indian Army and Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF)
6.	Regional level Pollution Response Exercise (RPREX)	By the Indian Coast Guard in Mumbai.	Objective: This exercise focused on combating oil spills and controlling marine pollution.

Important one-liners

- ❑ **Where will India's first private sector navigation hub be established?**
 - **Location:** Anant Centre of Excellence, Thiruvananthapuram
 - **Developed by:** Anant Technologies
- ❑ DRDO successfully tested the indigenous 'Escape System'. A high-speed test of the fighter aircraft's escape system was conducted in Chandigarh to save the pilot. India has now joined the select group of countries that possess the capability to test advanced indigenous ejection systems.
- ❑ The PARANGAT Semiconductor training lab located in Mohali will be upgraded with an investment of ₹4500 crore under the "India Semiconductor Mission".

S. No.	Famous Sports/Awards	Detail/Result												
1.	5th Squash World Cup : 9-14 December 2025 in Chennai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India hosted it 3rd time consecutively Final = India (Won) v/s Hond Kong China Indian became 1st Asian and world's 4th country to won Squash World Cup Players- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joshna Chinnappa Abhay Singh Velavan Senthil Kumar Anahat Singh 												
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4.	Men's Under-19 Asia Cup : 12-21 December 2025 in UAE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total 8 teams participated in 2 groups Final : ICC academy ground (Dubai) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pakistan (Won) v/s India Man of the match in final & player of the tournament : Sameer Minhas 												

5.	<p>5th Asian Youth Para Games : 7-14 December 2025 in Dubai (UAE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mascot : Foxy • Over 1000 Young athletes (Age 13-21 years) participated in 11 sports. • India's performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 102 Medal (36Gold, 28Silver, 38Bronze) ▪ 48 Medal won in Athletics ▪ India's most successful campaign ever ▪ India ranked 7th in Medal Tally • 1st Rank : Uzbekistan (197 Medal) 																									
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1.	Cameron Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most Expensive overseas player in IPL History • Australian all rounder Camron Green was bought by Kolkata Kingntriders for Rs. 25.20 crore in the IPL 2026 auction
2.	Virat Kohali	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He broke the record of Sachin Tendulkar in List-A cricket. He completed his 16000 runs in 330 innings while sachin completed in 391 innings.
3.	Sarwagya Kushwaha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born = Sagar (MP) • World's youngest FIDE Rapid rated chess player at just 3 years, 7 Months, 20 Days of age • He breaks the record of Anish Sarkar (West Bengal)
4.	Harmanpreet Kaur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PNB appoints as its 1st female brand ambassador.
5.	Cristiano Ronaldo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perplexity AI appoint as its brand Ambassador.
6.	Liones Messi's G.O.A.T India Tour 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date : 13-15 December 2025 • Cities : Kolkata, Hyadrabad, Mumbai, New Delhi • A-70 Foot high iron statue of Liones messi was unveiled in Kolkata
7.	Vaibhav Suryawanshi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born : Samastipur (Bihar) • Fastest 150 runs in men's cricket in 59 Balls • He breaks the record of AB devilliers. • He becomes the youngest player to score century in men's list-A Cricket . • He becomes the youngest centurion in the world. • He honored with Pradhan mantra Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2025
8.	Josh Tongue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He becomes 1st England bowler this century to take 5 wicket have in men's tests at Melbourne cricket ground.

9.	Deepti Sharma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She becomes the 1st Player in the world to score 1000 runs and take 150 wickets in T-20 Cricket. • She become the 3rd highest wicket taker in women's international cricket (333 Wicket overall) • In ODI Cricket Deepti has 162 Wickets making her India's 2nd most successful bowler after Jhulan Goswami.
10.	Doug Bracewell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former new Zealand cricketer announced his retirement form all forms of the International cricket.
11.	Hugh Morris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former England cricket passed away at the age of 62 years
12.	Sonam Yashey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sonam Yashey become the 1st bowler ever to take eight wicket in T-20 Match (international or otherwise). • Match = Myammar v/s Bhutan

Project Mahadeva

- ❑ **Launched by :** Maharashtra’s chief minister Devendra Fadnavis at Wankhede Stadium (Mumbai)
- ❑ **Objective :** To identify football talent under 13 years of age and develop high quality football players in the state.

Possible Objective Questions

- ❑ Where will the 1st International Indian style werstling event (Dangal) for Rustom-e-Jammu Kashmir title 2025 be held?
→ **Jammu and Kashmir**
- ❑ Where will the FIFA world cup 2026 be held?
-**The united states, Canada and Mexico**
- ❑ Who has received ‘The Prestigious emerging professional sports event of the year’ award at India sports award 2025 during 15th Global sports summit in New Delhi?
→ **Archery Premier League (APL)**

- ❑ Where will the AFC under-17 Asia cup 2026 be held ?
→ **Saudi Arabia**
- ❑ Which team made the highest score in list-A cricket?
→ **Bihar**

○ Bihar v/s Arunachal Pradesh (574/6 [50 Overs]) (In Vijay Hazare Trophy 2025)

- ❑ Where will ICC men’s under-19 World Cup: 2026 to be held?
→ **Zimbabwe and Namibia**
- ❑ According to WADA’s 2024 testing report, India recorded the highest number of Anti-doping rule violations for the Third consecutive year.
 - 2024 Report = 260 Indian athelete positive
 - 2023 Report = 213 Indian athelete positive
- ❑ **DR. Mansukh mandaviya :** India targets top 10 sporting nations by 2036, top 5 by 2047



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Important Days

Date	Day/Event	Theme and key Focus Areas
1 December	World AIDS Day	Theme : 'Overcoming disruption, transforming the AIDS response'.
1 December	BSF Raising Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 61st Anniversary of BSF Established on 1 Dec. 1965 to secure India's Borders
3 December	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	Theme : Fostering disability inclusive societies for advancing social progress.
4 December	Indian Navy Day (2025 Celebration at Kerala)	
5 December	World Soil day	Theme : 'Healthy soils for Healthy cities'
6 December	Mahaparinirvan Diwas	To commemorate the death anniversary of Dr. BR Ambedkar
7 December	Armed Forces Flag Day	
9 December	International Anti-Corruption Day	United with youth against corruption : Shaping Tomorrow's integrity
10 December	Human Rights Day Theme : Human Rights, Our Everyday Essentials On 10 December 1948, UN General Assembly proclaimed universal declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)	
12 December	International universal health coverage day	Theme : unaffordable health costs? Were sick of it!
14 December	National Energy conservation day	
18 December	International Migrants day	Theme : My Great Story : Cultures & Development
19 December	Goa Liberation Day	It is observed every year to commemorate the historic liberation of Goa from Portuguese colonial rule through 'operation Vijay'.
21 December	World Meditation Day (2025 Celebrations at Kanha Shanti Vanam, Telangana)	'Meditation for Global peace & harmony'
22 December	National Mathematics Day	Commemorating the birth anniversary of Mathematical genius sir Srinivasa Ramanujan
23 December	National Farmers day	To commemorating the birth anniversary of Indian's 5 th prime minister Chaudhary Charan Singh.
24 December	National consumer day Theme : 'Efficient and Speedy Disposal through Digital Justice' Ministry of consumer affairs, food & public distribution releases new BIS standard (IS 19412:2025) for incense sticks (Agarbatti) to enhance consumers safety & product quality on the occasion of national consumer day 2025 at Bharat Mandpam, New Delhi	
25 December	Christmas Day	
25 December	Good Governance Day From 25 December 2014, Good Governance Day is celebrated to honour the birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee. It is Celebrated to promote accountability, transparency and citizen centric public service.	
26 December	Veer Baal Diwas It commemorates the martyrdeem of the 10 th sikh Guru Gobind Singh Ji's son Sahibzada Zorawar Singh (9years) and Shahibzada Fateh Singh (7 years)	

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Important Books

S.No.	Book Title	Author
1.	Economic Empowerment of Bharat in the Modi Era <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vice-President Shri CP Radhakrishnan released the book 	Prof. (Dr.) Sikander Kumar (Member of Parliament)
2.	Sanatan Sanskriti Ki Atal Drishti <ul style="list-style-type: none"> About the life, thoughts and legacy of former prime minister Vajpayee 	Shri Vasudev Devnani (Speaker of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly)
3.	Salman Khan : The Sultan of Bollywood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biography of Salman Khan 	Mohan Basu
4.	Kashmir in the line of fire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Released by J&K LG Manoj Sinha 	Major General Ranjan Mahajan
5.	Bharat : That is India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched By Moh. Arif Khan (Governor of Bihar) 	Abhijit Jog
6.	The eleventh hour : A Quintet of stories	Salman Rushdie
7.	The Great Sanctions Hack	Urjit Patel
8.	Mahamana Vangmay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vice President Shri CP Radhakrishnan released the final 12 Volume series of Mahamana Vangmay. It contains 'The collected work of Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya' 	
9.	Bhavesh Jo Kah Na Sake Release by: Cooperation and Civil Aviation Minister Gautam Kumar Dak	Dr. Suraj Singh Negi

Objective Questions

- Under which section of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 has the investigation into the irregularities in the 'Jal Jeevan Mission' been approved?**
[a] Section 18(e) [b] Section 196
[c] Section 17(i) [d] Section 201
- Which cities of Rajasthan are included in the 'City Accelerator Program' operated under the PM Suryaghar Yojana by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India?**
[a] Alwar, Kota, Barmer, Jaisalmer
[b] Barmer, Balotra, Pali, Jalore
[c] Bikaner, Barmer, Jodhpur, Jaipur
[d] Jaipur, Jodhpur, Ajmer, Udaipur
- On December 10, 2025, on the occasion of the first Pravasi Rajasthani Day, Vedanta Group Chairman Anil Agarwal announced the establishment of a large plant in Rajasthan.**
[a] The country's largest textile park
[b] The country's largest solar panel plant
[c] The country's largest fertilizer plant
[d] The country's largest cement park
- Under the restructured 'Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan', how many 'Panchayat Learning Centers' (PLC) have been sanctioned by the Central Government for Rajasthan?**
[a] 1080 [b] 3008
[c] 1047 [d] 8502
- What is the main objective of the Rajasthan Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Ordinance-2025?**
[a] Awareness of judicial rights
[b] To complicate administrative procedures.
[c] To replace imprisonment with fines for minor technical violations.
[d] To increase imprisonment in serious criminal cases.
- Which famous folk artist performed the Kalbelia dance at the cultural evening of the Pravasi Rajasthani Day 2025?**
[a] Mangibai [b] Gulabo Sopera
[c] Teeja Bai [d] Gavari Bai
- Under the state government's Panch Gaurav Yojana, in which historical fort did students create a world record by painting together?**
[a] Kumbhalgarh, Rajsamand
[b] Sonar Fort, Jaisalmer
[c] Kotra Fort, Barmer
[d] Gagron Fort, Jhalawar
- How many old labor laws have been incorporated into the four new labor codes implemented by the Central Government?**
[a] 20 [b] 29
[c] 25 [d] 30
- Which Gram Panchayats were given priority in the first phase of the establishment of Atal Gyan Kendras?**
[a] With a population of more than 5,000
[b] With a population of more than 3,000
[c] With a population of more than 2,000
[d] None of these
- The National Financial Inclusion Strategy 2025-30 was released by whom?**
[a] Ministry of Finance
[b] Reserve Bank of India
[c] NITI Aayog
[d] NABARD
- Consider the statements related to the Census of India - 2027:**
 - The 2027 census will be the 8th census of independent India.
 - It will be India's first digital census.
 - A caste census will not be conducted along with the 2027 census.**Select the correct option based on the true statements above:**
[a] Only 1 [b] Only 2
[c] Both 1 and 2 [d] 2 and 3
- Select the incorrect option related to the Ramsar site from the following:**
 - Kopra Reservoir is the second Ramsar site of Chhattisgarh.
 - A total of 95 wetlands of India have been

- included in the Ramsar list so far.
3. Siliserh Lake is the 5th Ramsar site of Rajasthan.
- Choose the correct option-**
- [a] Both 1 and 2 [b] 2 and 3
[c] Only 1 [d] Only 2
13. **Consider the statements related to the 'Pradhanmantri Rashtriya Baal Purashkar' and select the correct option?**
- [a] A total of 25 awards were given for the year 2025
[b] This award is given in 6 categories.
[c] These awards were distributed on Veer Bal Diwas (December 25)
[d] Vaibhav Suryavanshi was given this award for social service.
14. **Where was the National level PESA Festival - 2025 organized?**
- [a] Andhra Pradesh [b] Gujarat
[c] New Delhi [d] Rajasthan
15. **Consider the following statements about the 7th Asia Power Index: 2025.**
- USA ranked first in this index.
 - India ranked third with a score of 40.
 - This index was released by SIPRI.
- Choose the correct option -**
- [a] Only 1 and 2 are correct
[b] Only 2 is correct
[c] Only 2 and 3 are correct
[d] 1, 2 and 3 are all correct
16. **Where was the 5th Squash World Cup 2025 held?**
- [a] Ahmedabad [b] Chennai
[c] Kolkata [d] Mumbai
17. **What was India's rank in the 5th Asian Youth Para Games-2025?**
- [a] 1 [b] 3
[c] 5 [d] 7
18. **Recently, who became the world's youngest FIDE rated chess player?**
- [a] Aneesh Sarkar
[b] Sarvagya Kushwaha
[c] Arini Lohoti
[d] Tejas Tiwari
19. **Consider the following statements about the World Rapid Chess Championship 2025:**
- It was held in Doha, Qatar.
 - India's Koneru Humpy won the silver medal in the Women's Rapid event.
 - India's Arjun Erigaisi became the first Indian man to win a bronze medal in the Rapid event.
- Choose the incorrect option -**
- [a] Only 1 and 2 are incorrect
[b] Only 2 and 3 are incorrect
[c] Only 3 is incorrect
[d] All 1, 2 and 3 are incorrect
20. **What rank did India achieve in the Global Women, Peace and Security Index 2025-26?**
- [a] 66 [b] 85
[c] 44 [d] 131

<h1>Answer-Key</h1>														
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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B	D	B	B	D										

Topper's Talk



Rank - 10
(RAS-2023)

Vikas Siyag

Father: - Mr. Nathu Ram
Mother - Mrs. Pappu Devi
10th - Adarsh High Senior Secondary School, Bikaner
12th - Apex Public School, Jodhpur (83.60%)
Graduation - B.Com (JNVU Jodhpur)

Question: Congratulations on your achievement in the Civil Services Examination!

Vikas Siyag: Thank you very much.

Question: Tell us about your family and educational background. What role did they play in your preparation?

Vikas Siyag: My parents are not educated; my father works in the transport business. There is no one in my family in government service, but my father dreamt that I would join government service, so he focused on our education. Everything is the result of his hard work and sacrifice.

I scored 78% in 10th grade and 83.60% in 12th grade Commerce. Although Commerce is not used much in the RAS exam, it was helpful in English, Mathematics, and Accounting & Auditing.

Question: When did you start preparing for the RAS exam, and according to you, how much time is sufficient for preparation of this exam?

Vikas Siyag: I started preparing systematically in April 2022. Although I had also given the 2021 Mains exam, without proper preparation, final selection is not possible. So, from April 2022 to July 2024, I studied regularly without wasting a single day. In my opinion, one to one and a half years of regular study is sufficient.

Question: Which study materials did you use during your preparation?

Vikas Siyag: The base or core material was the SBA notes. I was enrolled in the Mains batch of 2023, so I used some class notes as well. For value addition, I used some authentic books such

as Laxmikanth, Spectrum, Majid Hussain (Geography), and NCERT books for Ethics and Public Administration, along with previous year's papers and UPSC question papers. I also used SBA's current affairs magazines and toppers' answer copies.

Question: Was your goal to join the civil services from the beginning, and who were your sources of inspiration for preparing for the civil services examination?

Vikas Siyag: No, I only learned about the civil services after getting a job as an LDC (Lower Division Clerk). Due to financial circumstances, I needed a job, so I became an LDC. After that, this seemed like the best opportunity. My source of inspiration was Ravi Sihag (IAS). I started preparing after watching his interview when he cleared the preliminary exam in 2021. Some of the motivation was self-satisfaction and ego.

Question: What is the utility of a monthly current affairs magazine for the RAS examination?

Vikas Siyag: The monthly current affairs magazine is very beneficial at all three levels: preliminary, mains and interview.

Spring Board's monthly current affairs magazines are in line with the changing pattern of the RPSC. The Mains Specific Current Affairs, especially related to Indian Polity, International Relations, and Economy, have been useful for students.

Question: What is the role of coaching in the civil services examination? Can success be achieved in this examination through self-study?

Vikas Siyag: Undoubtedly, success can be achieved through self-study because no one succeeds without self-study, but it may take a little more time, and coaching saves this time. Candidates should take coaching at least once to develop a basic understanding.

Question: What criteria should be used to select an institute for coaching? Did you prepare from any coaching institute?

Vikas Siyag: The institute's past results, its study material and teachers, and the institute's dedication towards the examination. I took coaching from Springboard Academy in the Mains batch. And my selection based on the above criteria proved correct by my result.

Question: What was your medium of language in the examination? Tell us about the role of the medium of language in succeeding in the civil services?

Vikas Siyag: In the RAS preliminary examination, the question paper comes in both mediums; the translation in Hindi is not mechanical but natural. The main examination has Paper 4th, in which 120 marks are for Hindi and 80 marks for English. Therefore, you should have a good command of both languages for this paper.

Question: What suggestions would you give to improve writing style in the main examination?

Vikas Siyag: Read the question and answer each part of it. Use a format wherever possible in each long answer. Maintain a mixture of facts and analysis. In Geography and Economics, mention data, schemes and initiatives.

In Ethics and Public Administration, focus on contemporary examples and current relevance. See UPSC and UPPCS Questions. Understand Grammar in Hindi and English.

Question: What is the role of short notes in the preliminary and main examinations?

Vikas Siyag: I personally never made short notes. They didn't suit my style. However, they are quite useful for revision and time management.

Question: Tell us about the role of mock interviews and what was your experience like in the Rajasthan Public Service Commission interview?

Vikas Siyag: Mock interviews play a crucial role in boosting your confidence, improving your language skills, and refining your behavioral standards.

Question: Tell us about the contribution of teachers in your success?

Vikas Siyag: The geography taught by Vijay Siyag Sir and Lakshita Ma'am, and Vijay Shekhawat Sir's analytical style of teaching economics played a significant role in developing my fundamental understanding.

Question: What was the role of friends during your preparation?

Vikas Siyag: My colleagues Mahipal Singh and Madhu Singh made a significant contribution during my job. My elder brother, Ramswaroop Ji always guided me through my financial and family situations.

Question: What are your thoughts on Plan B?

Vikas Siyag: There was no Plan B. I was already working as an LDC. I had already decided that I would only give 3 attempts. If I didn't get selected, I would remain a 'clerk' for life.

Question: As an officer, what changes will you work to bring about?

Vikas Siyag: I will try to reduce administrative redtapism and my personal wish is to be able to solve the daily problems faced by people from lower and middle-income groups.

Question: What is the secret to your success?

Vikas Siyag: You can achieve success through hard work, regular study, discipline and by trusting your teachers and study materials.

Question: How did you manage your time during your preparation?

Vikas Siyag: Stay away from social media, be honest with yourself and take your goals very seriously. Time management will then happen automatically.

Question: We wish you a bright future as an administrative officer!

Vikas Siyag: Thank you very much.