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## Person in News

### Appointments

- **Rajeshwar Singh** - A retired IAS officer Appointed as **8<sup>th</sup> State Election Commissioner** By Governor Haribhau Kishanrao Bagde On September 16, 2025.
  - He also served as the Chairman of the Revenue Board, Ajmer, [for a period of three years, from July 2021 to July 2024.]
  - Madhukar Gupta, was the 7<sup>th</sup> State Election Commissioner.
- **Three new members to the RPSC** - On September 23, 2025, Governor Haribhau Kishanrao Bagde appointed three new members under **Article 316(1)** of the Indian Constitution.
  1. IPS Hemant Priyadarshi
  2. Dr. Ashok Kumar Kalwar
  3. Dr. Sushil Kumar Bissu
- **Sanjeev Prakash Sharma** - Appointed as the Acting Chief Justice when the 43<sup>rd</sup> Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court, K.R. Shriram, retired just 69 days after assuming office.
- **Dr. Mohan Choudhary** - working in the Education Department of Rajasthan, who was appointed as the Technical Officer in the '**World Para Athlete Championship**' held in New Delhi from 27 September to 5 October, 2025.

## Places in News

### Jodhpur

- **Shri Parsmal Bohra College for the Blind** Rajasthan's first college for the blind in Ramraj Nagar, Chaukha, Jodhpur. Inaugrated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on September 21, 2025. He also released the Braille version of the book "**Main Na Thaki Na Haari**," the biography of **Sushila Bohra**, President of the Blind Development Institute.

- The **Matri Van** was established in the Lalsagar Forest Block on September 5, 2025, under the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam campaign.

### Barmer

- **Malani Mahotsav** - Jointly organized by Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Academy, Jodhpur, and Barmer District Administration. From September 27-28, 2025, in Kiradu, Barmer. It is organised as part of the Cultural Creation Fortnight organized by the Department of Art, Literature, Culture and Archaeology, Government of Rajasthan.

### Dausa

- **Abhaneri Festival** - September 26-27, 2025, at Chand Bavdi Abhaneri, Dausa, organized by the Department of Tourism, Archaeological Survey of India and the District Administration, Dausa.

### Dungarpur

- Rajasthan's **second largest** hanging bridge, after Kota, was completed in **Chikhali Gram Panchayat** of **Dungarpur district**.

## Schemes/Programs/Campaigns

### Vishwakarma Yuva Udyami Protsahan Yojana

- **Approved** - August 23, 2025, in the Cabinet meeting.
- **Objective** - To promote entrepreneurship by encouraging the spirit of self-employment among youth.
- **Eligibility** -
  1. Youth in the age group of 18-45.
  2. Provide loans at low interest rates to through, financial institutions.
- Under the scheme, an 8% interest subsidy will be provided on loans up to a maximum of Rs. 2 crore.
- Additional 1% interest subsidy to women, SC & ST, persons with disabilities, rural enterprises, cardholder weavers and artisans on loans above Rs. 1 crore and up to Rs. 2 crore.

- Provision for a margin money grant of up to Rs. 5 lakh on loans.

**Rajasthan Coaching Centres (Control and Regulation) Bill, 2025**

- **In news** - On September 3, 2025, Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Premchand Bairwa introduced the Rajasthan Coaching Centres (Control and Regulation) Bill, 2025 in the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly.
- **Key Provisions -**
  - 1. No Lump-Sum Fees -**
    - Coaching centers are prohibited from taking the entire fee upfront.
    - If a student drops out, tuition and hostel fees must be refunded proportionately.
  - 2. Mandatory Installment Payments -**
    - Coaching institutes must collect fee payments in at least four equal installments, instead of a one-time payment.
  - 3. Increase in Minimum number of Students**
    - The minimum student registration requirement has been increased from 50 students to 100 to help small or unorganized centers legitimize their operations.
  - 4. Reduced Penalties for Violations -**
    - First Violation - The fine has been reduced from Rs. 2 lakh to Rs. 50,000.
    - Second Violation - The fine has been reduced from Rs. 5 lakh to Rs. 2 lakh.
    - Continued non-compliance will result in the cancellation of the coaching center's registration.
  - 5. Establishment of Regulatory Authority -** Monitoring, Management, Transparency, Online Portal.
  - 6. Student Welfare Mandate -**
    - Coaching centers must provide psychological counselors for students.
    - Stress-free students, opportunities for parent-student interaction, and effective management of misleading promotional claims.

**Rajasthan Anti-Conversion (Prohibition) Bill, 2025**

- **Approval** - On September 9, 2025, the Rajasthan Government approved this bill in the public interest.
- **Objective** - Prevent forced religious conversions through stringent penalties, heavy fines and institutional monitoring.
- **Forced Conversion** - Conversion by force, fraud/deception, financial inducement, online inducement and false promises of marriage as a means of conversion, or under social stigma.
- **Punishment and Penalty-**

1. Fraudulent conversion	Imprisonment = 7-14 years Fine = Rs. 5 lakh
2. Conversion of minors, women, SC & ST and persons with disabilities	Imprisonment = 10-20 years Fine = Rs. 10 lakh
3. Mass conversion	Imprisonment = 20 years to life Fine = Rs. 25 lakh
4. Receiving money from foreign/illegal organizations for religious conversion	Imprisonment = 10-20 years Fine = Rs. 10 lakh
5. Marriage by threatening a person with life or property, or by deceiving them, for the purpose of conversion.	Imprisonment = 20 years to life Fine = Rs. 30 lakh

*Anti-conversion laws are in effect in the following states.*

- Anti-conversion laws have been enacted in Arunachal Pradesh in 1978, Andhra Pradesh in 2007, Uttarakhand in 2018, Himachal Pradesh in 2019, Uttar Pradesh in 2021, Karnataka in 2021, and Haryana in 2022.
- **Key Points -**
  - A person involved in conversion must inform the District Magistrate 90 days in advance.
  - A religious authority must be informed 60 days in advance.
  - A victim of forced conversion must be given compensation of up to Rs.10 lakh.
  - **Love Jihad** (marriage-induced conversion) declared illegal.
  - An individual, institution or NGO aiding in forced conversion will be fined Rs. 1 crore, registration cancelled and all offenses will be cognizable and non-bailable.
  - All cases will be heard in the Sessions Court.

### Rajasthan Fisheries Sector (Amendment) Bill, 2025

- ❑ **Passed on** - September 8, 2025
- ❑ **Punishment for First Offense** -
  - Earlier = Rs. 500 fine / 3 months imprisonment or both
  - Now = Rs. 25000 fine/3 months imprisonment or both
- ❑ **Punishment for Second Offense** -
  - Earlier = Rs. 1000 fine/ 6 months imprisonment or both
  - Now = Rs. 50,000 fine / 6 months imprisonment or both
- ❑ **Punishment for Third Offense** - Same penalty as before, fine, imprisonment or both for each offense.
- ❑ **Objective** - Toughening of fisheries offenses, prohibiting fishing without permits & explosives/poison and increasing fines and sentence periods.

### Bartan Bank Scheme

- ❑ **Objective** - Promoting plastic-free events in rural areas and an innovative step by the Rajasthan government towards environmental protection.
- ❑ **Budget 2025-26** - In the first phase, steel utensils worth Rs 1 lakh each were provided to 1,000 Gram Panchayats.
  - These utensils will be used in socio-economic events organized in rural areas.
- ❑ The state's first Bartan bank was established in **Khairabad Panchayat Samiti** (Kota).
- ❑ **Utensil Pattern** -
  1. Minimum 400 utensils sets, each containing 6 items.
  2. Each utensil set includes 1 plate, 3 bowls, 1 spoon and 1 glass.
  3. In case of damage or loss to any utensil, the user will bear its cost.
  4. Rent of Rs 3 per use is fixed for each utensil set.
- ❑ **Operation and Monitoring** - **Rajivika** through Self Help Groups.
- ❑ **Selection Process** - Based on the principle of 'first come, first served' and will be implemented by the district level committee.

- ❑ **Composition of the Committee** -
  1. Chief Executive Officer
  2. Additional Chief Executive Officer
  3. Executive Engineer, District Council
  4. District Project Coordinator (Rajivika)

### New Hill Policy (Model Regulations-2024)

- ❑ The Rajasthan High Court struck down the old policy in 2018.
- ❑ It will be effective in the declared urban areas of the entire state, except for the Mount Abu Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- ❑ Construction prohibited on hills with slopes greater than 15 degrees.
- ❑ Hills are classified into three categories based on their slope:
  1. **Category A (slope up to 8 degrees)**
    - ✓ Permission for land use change and construction in accordance with the permitted uses in the Master Plan for this area.
  2. **Category B (slope 8-15 degrees)**
    - ✓ Permitted activities: farmhouses, resorts, wellness centers, camping sites and power plants.
  3. **Category C (slope more than 15 degrees)**
    - ✓ No construction will be permitted; only limited public uses will be conditionally permitted.
- ❑ **Special Protection of Water Structures and Buffer Zones**
  - Special provisions regarding buffer zones for water sources in Category B and C areas:
    1. A 9-meter buffer is mandatory along canals, drains and stormwater drains with a width of more than 10 meters.
    2. A 6-meter buffer zone has been established around small water bodies or stepwells.
    3. The boundaries of biological reservoirs are not fixed; they will be determined by the Irrigation Department.
    4. It will be necessary to obtain a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the relevant departments.
    5. The Rajasthan Lake Conservation and Development Authority Act, 2015 and notifications issued by the Ministry of Environment will also be valid.

**General Conditions and Mandatory Provisions**

1. In Category 'B' areas, at least 40% of the proposed area must be reserved for dense plantation of native trees.
2. A bio-digester system for sewage disposal must be installed. Natural drains must not be obstructed during construction.

**Penal Action for Violations:**

1. A notice will be issued within 15 days if construction standards are found to be violated.
2. If necessary, the construction will be demolished, and the reimbursement amount will also be recovered from the builder.
3. Registration of registered technicians will be suspended for improper conduct or concealment of information.

**Rural and Urban Service Camps, 2025**

- **Tagline:** "With Every Person, the Path to Development and Upliftment"
- **Rural Service Camps**
  - **Launch** - Birajpura (Todabhata), Bassi (Jaipur)
  - **Date** - September 17, 2025
  - The "Village Chalo Abhiyan," previously scheduled to begin on September 18, has been renamed Rural Service Camps.
  - **Duration** - Until camps are held in every Gram Panchayat of every Panchayat Samiti.
- **Urban Service Camps -**
  - **Launch** - Malviya Nagar Community Center, Jaipur
  - **Date** - September 17, 2025

Major activities at the camps	
Rural Service Camps	Urban Service Camps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening of paths, partitions and mutations by mutual consent.</li> <li>• Serving pending notices and completing the Karmar Registry.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve sanitation and eliminate black spots.</li> <li>• Restarting defunct lights under the public lighting system.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating and distributing ownership leases under the Pool Residence, Caste Certificate, and Swamitva Scheme, and conducting Girdawari through the Virsaan Girdawari App.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land identification and approvals for investment proposals received from Rising Rajasthan.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BPL survey of more than 10,000 villages for the Deendayal Upadhyaya Garibi Mukta Gaon Yojana.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issuing birth, death, and marriage registrations, fire NOCs, trade licenses, signage licenses, sewer connections, OFC-Mobile Tower NOC/EWS certificates, etc.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination, treatment, and vaccination of animals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing the Namu Park and undertaking road repairs work.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approvals and works for the repair of schools and other services by MLAs, MPs, and Regional Development Programs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capturing stray animals.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tree planting, development of Namu Van, and works under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decontaminating and developing parking spaces.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repair of damaged schools, Anganwadis, hostels, and roads.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repairing drains, manholes, and repairing sewer line leaks.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work related to maternal, child health, and the TB-Free India Campaign.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receiving applications under the PM and CM SVNIDHI schemes and distributing grants to pending cases.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating and distributing PMJAY cards and distributing seed mini-kits.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issuing leasehold/freehold leases in residential areas on agricultural land.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities under PMJDY, PMJIBY, PMSBY, APY, and the Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issuing lease release certificates, mutations, and transfers.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolving pending cases under the NFSA, e-KYC and Aadhaar seeding of members.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issuance of leasehold/freehold leases for land/plots allotted for sale under the schemes of local bodies.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work related to the Social Security Pension Scheme, Palanhar Scheme, Chief Minister Nomadic Aayas Scheme, and UDID card issuance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conversion of leasehold to freehold leases (except for land allotted under Allotment Policy, Kachchi Basti, State Grant Leases, Rules 18 to 19 of the Rules, 1974).</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maternity Nutrition Scheme for women.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atal Pension Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, old age, widow and disability pensions, etc.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receiving applications for loss of life, animal loss, and house loss and issuing approvals.</li> </ul>	

**Rajasthan College of Health Sciences (Amendment) Bill, 2025**

- ❑ Passed by voice vote in the Assembly
- ❑ A 'Super Specialty Rajasthan Institute of Medical Sciences' will be built in Jaipur, modeled after AIIMS
- ❑ RUHS to be upgraded, RIMS (Rajasthan Institute of Medical Sciences) to be built on 40 acres

**State-Level Teachers' Honor Ceremony**

- ❑ **Organising** : September 5, 2025, Birla Auditorium, Jaipur
- ❑ **Honor** : 75 teachers honored (66 selected on merit, 9 selected at the government level)
- ❑ Jhunjhunu and Phalodi received the highest number of honors, with six each, and Jaipur received three.
- ❑ 13 districts with no teachers selected.

**Land Lease Allotment Policy for Airstrips**

- ❑ **Approved on** : August 23, 2025, Government of Rajasthan
- ❑ **Objective** : To promote aerospports activities and ensure maximum utilization of currently underutilized airstrips.
- ❑ **Provisions** -
  - The land lease fee will be Rs. 100 per square meter per year and the concession fee will be Rs. 6 lakh per airstrip per year.
  - The rates will be increased by 5% annually for the first five years and by 10% annually from the sixth to the 20th year.
  - The maximum lease period will be 20 years.
  - A maximum of 2,000 square meters of land can be allotted.
- ❑ **Special** -
  - The Central Government has allotted 12,778 square meters of land for the construction of the State Terminal at Jaipur Airport.

- Free land allotted to the Airports Authority of India for Kishangarh Airport.
- VAT on aviation fuel for Regional Connectivity (RCS) flights has been reduced from 26% to 1%.
- The state government owns 19 airstrips in Uttar Pradesh.

**RSRTC's 160 Blue Line Express buses**

- ❑ **Launch** - September 6, 2025, by the Chief Minister from Amar Jawan Jyoti Memorial, Jaipur.
- ❑ Flagging off 160 Blue Line Express buses including a super luxury bus from Jaipur to Kathgodam (Kainchidham, Uttarakhand).
- ❑ **Compliance Bus Depots** - 12 different bus depots (Vaishali Nagar, Vidyadhar Nagar, Shahpura, Jaipur, Hindaun, Dausa, Ajmer, Ajaymeru, Kotputli, Dholpur, Sawai Madhopur, Bhilwara).
- ❑ **Panic Button Service** - Safe travel, immediate relief from the Abhay Command Center in case of emergency.
- ❑ **Candidates (Exam)** - The state government provided free travel to candidates for a total of five days, from two days before the exam to two days after the exam.
- ❑ **Senior Citizens** - The fare discount for senior citizens aged 60-80 has been increased from 30% to 50%.

**Shekhawati Haveli Conservation**

- ❑ **Budget Announcement** - Shekhawati Haveli Conservation Scheme in the year 2025-26.
- ❑ **Identified** - 662 historical mansions from Jhunjhunu, Sikar and Churu have been identified so far under the scheme.
- ❑ **Development** - As heritage walks, cultural centers, art galleries, homestays and tourism hubs.
- ❑ **Formation of a joint committee** - For the heritage conservation of the Shekhawati towns of Ramgarh, Nawalgarh, Mandawa, Khetri, Laxmangarh, Fatehpur and Mahansar.

- ❑ A total of 30 heritage certificates have been awarded to Shekhawati mansions, and 50 MoUs have been signed so far regarding tourism.

**Maharana Pratap Sports University Bill, 2025**

- ❑ **Approval** - September 19, 2025 Cabinet meeting, Government of Rajasthan, 'The Maharana Pratap Sports University Jaipur Bill-2025'.
- ❑ The establishment of this university was announced in the State Budget 2024-25 to provide sports and physical education and scientific training to youth with modern equipment.
- ❑ It will function as a Centre of Excellence under the new National Education Policy (NEP) - 2020.

**Amendment to Rajasthan Civil Services (Pension) Rules**

- ❑ This decision was taken by the Rajasthan Government in its cabinet meeting on September 19, 2025.

<p>The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs stated that Rule 62(IV) of the Rajasthan Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1996, currently provides for a family pension of 30% of the employee's total emoluments to the parents of a deceased employee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The State Cabinet decided to repeal this rule. Now, the parents will also receive the enhanced</li> </ul>	<p>pension (up to a maximum of 50%) as per Rule 62(II), which is payable during the employee's lifetime.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Also, an amendment to Rule 67 of the Rajasthan Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1996, was approved.</li> <li>▪ According to this amendment, a son or daughter suffering from a mental or physical disability will now be able to receive a family pension even after marriage.</li> </ul>
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**Awards/Honors**

**Mamta Devda, Ajmer**

- ❑ Awarded the 'Gandhi Seva Ratna Award 2025' by Adarsh Samaj Samiti India for her exceptional contribution to art and social welfare at the national and international level.

**Dr. Himanshu Bhatia**

- ❑ A resident of Bikaner, honored by the Language and Library Services Department, Jaipur, with the "Hindi Seva Puraskar-2025" for his outstanding contribution to Hindi literature (Prize amount: Rs. 50,000).
- ❑ **Book:** Cerebral Palsy - Medical Aspects and Disability Plight, Fiction and Law.

**Alwar and Udaipur Honored**

- ❑ On September 10, 2025, Alwar and Udaipur, Rajasthan, were honored in the **Clean Air Survey 2025**, organized by the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change.
  - **Alwar** - For "Clean Air for All."
  - **Udaipur** - For "Wetland City Accreditation Scheme."

**Pt. Suresh Mishra**

- ❑ A resident of Jaipur, was honored with the "National Atal Award 2025" at the Prime Minister's Museum in New Delhi.

**67<sup>th</sup> Ramon Magsaysay Award, 2025**

- ❑ **Awarded to** - "Educate Girls" (an NGO)
  - Becomes the 1st Indian organisation to receive this award
- ❑ **Educate Girls :**
  - Founded in 2007 by Safina Hussain
  - **Originated from** - Rajasthan
  - **Objective** - To reconnect dropout and out-of-school girls from remote rural areas with educational activities.
  - It operates in several districts, including Pali and Jalore.
- ❑ The award ceremony will be held on November 7, 2025, in Manila, Philippines.

**SMS Trauma Center, Jaipur**

- ❑ Sawai Mansingh Hospital's Neurotrauma and Trauma Center receives the **Best Institution Award, 2025**
- ❑ The institution claims to begin treatment within 6-8 minutes of arrival at the emergency room, which is better than the National Health Mission (NHM) standards.
- ❑ **Established - 2014** (Country's largest trauma and modern center)
- ❑ Rajasthan among the top 5 states in the country in the field of organ donation.

**Rajasthan Education Department**

- ❑ For the 'Digital School Health Checkup' initiative, the Rajasthan Education Department was honored with the '**Gold Scotch Award-2025**'. The Union Ministry of Education released Rs. 580 crore to Rajasthan for the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan.

**Under the Hariyalo Rajasthan campaign, the Education Department created a world record:**

- Under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam Abhiyan', on the occasion of Hariyali Teej on July 28th, a record was registered in the World Book of Records, London, for planting more than 1.74 million rare, endangered, and threatened species of plants, namely Khejri, Kharapilu, Meethapilu, Rohida and Phog, in a single day.
- On September 15, 2025, the certificate was presented to Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma.

**Science and Technology**

**Mahi Banswara Nuclear Power Project**

- ❑ **Inaugurated** on September 25, 2025, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Napla Village, Banswara (on the banks of the Mahi River), and also organized the 109<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary celebrations of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, the pioneer of 'Antyodaya' and 'Integral Humanism' and founding member of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh.

- ❑ **Estimated cost** = Rs. 42,000 crore
- ❑ **Units** = Four state-of-the-art units of 700 MW each, with a total capacity of 2,800 MW
- ❑ Rajasthan receives projects and development projects worth over Rs. 1,08,468 crore, including a nuclear power project worth Rs. 42,000 crore, and three new trains, including two Vande Bharat Express trains:
  1. Bikaner and Delhi Cantt
  2. Jodhpur and Delhi Cantt
  3. Udaipur City-Chandigarh Express Train

} Vande Bharat Express

**The Mahi Banswara Nuclear Power Project will be established in the villages of Aadibhit, Bari, Katumbi, Sajwania, and Rail in the Chhoti Sarwan tehsil of Banswara district.**

- The project will have a total capacity of 2,800 MW, consisting of four 700 MW units. The plant will be built on 602.72 hectares of land, and a colony on 57.43 hectares.
- The project, estimated to cost ₹42,000 crore, will utilize pressurized heavy water reactor technology.
- The water source for the plant is the Mahi River (upstream of the Mahi Bajaj Sagar Dam). Commercial operation of the project's first unit is scheduled for May 2032, with the remaining units commissioned every six months.
- This project will be Rajasthan's second nuclear power project.

- ❑ During his visit to Banswara on September 25, 2025 the Prime Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for the following projects.

<b>Foundation Stone Laying</b>	
❖ Ashwini Mahi Banswara Rajasthan Atomic Power Project 1-4 (4x700 MW)	❖ Three transmission schemes of POWERGRID to evacuate 15.5 GW of renewable energy from Rajasthan to Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab
❖ 590 MW FDRE Project [1560 MWp Solar and 2500 MWh BESS], Bikaner (Awada)	❖ 300 MW Solar PV Project, Ramagiri, Andhra Pradesh
<b>Inauguration</b>	
❖ 925 MW Nokh Solar Park, Phalodi, Rajasthan (RSDCL)	❖ 200 MW Solar Project, Badnu, Rajasthan (Awada)
❖ 400 MW Solar Power Project (JSW Energy)	❖ 300 MW Solar Project, ACME Solar
❖ 300 MW Solar Project (Eden Renewables)	❖ Under PM-KUSUM Component-C (Feeder Level Solarization) ❖ <b>Decentralized Solar Power Plants =</b> 1. Rajasthan (895 MW) 2. Maharashtra (2458 MW) 3. Madhya Pradesh (99 MW) 4. Karnataka (65 MW)
❖ 200 MW Solar Project (Sunfree Energy)	

### **Copper and Gold Reserves**

- ❑ The Geological Survey of India (GSI) confirmed the discovery of copper and associated gold deposits in the **Beawar**, Rajasthan region.
- ❑ Similar deposits have also been found in the **Kuratiya** and **Shahpura** regions.

### **Coal-Based Power Generation Project**

- ❑ **Approval** - In September 2025, the Central Government's Empowered Committee approved the establishment of a 3,200-megawatt coal-based project in Rajasthan.
- ❑ **Benefits** - Investment of approximately 40,000 crore rupees, revenue growth, and employment generation.

### **Anemia Screening - Rajasthan Tops**

- ❑ In camps organized under the "Healthy Women, Empowered Family Campaign," which has been running since September 17, 2025, **Rajasthan ranked first** in anemia screening relative to its population.

### **Thalassemia Family Scheme**

- ❑ **Launched** - On September 17, 2025, from Jaipur on the occasion of the Healthy Women, Empowered Family Campaign.
- ❑ Approximately 4,000 children in Rajasthan suffer from thalassemia.
- ❑ Under the scheme, any organization will take the responsibility of donating 15-20 units of blood annually for a child with thalassemia.

○ **Thalassemia** - A genetic disease characterized by a deficiency of hemoglobin, lack of oxygen supply to the body, leading to anemia.

### **Institutional deliveries 94.9%**

- ❑ According to the NFHS-5 (National Family Health Survey) the institutional deliveries in the state are 94.9%.
- ❑ A total of 2,065 delivery points are operational in the state.

- ❑ A free MAA voucher scheme for sonography is being implemented in villages and towns.
- ❑ The maternal mortality rate in the state has declined to 86 per 100,000 live births, which is lower than the national average.

## Sports Activities

### Kiyana Parihar

- ❑ **In the News** - The chess player from Udaipur won the bronze medal by scoring 8.5 points in 11 rounds while representing India in the No. 10 Girls category at the 2025 World Cadet Chess Championship held in Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- ❑ **Achievements** -  
This is her 8th international medal.
  - 2023 - Asian Youth Chess Champion
  - 2024 - National U-9 Chess Champion
  - 2025 - Also won a bronze medal at the World Cadet and Youth Blitz Championship held in Greece.

### Sundar Gurjar

- ❑ A resident of Karauli, Rajasthan
- ❑ **In the News** - Won the **silver medal** in the men's javelin throw event at the "**2025 World Para Athletics Championships**" held in New Delhi by throwing the javelin 64.76 meters. (in F-64 category)

## Miscellaneous

### Suraksha Sakhi Samvad Pakhwada

- ❑ From September 1-15, 2025
- ❑ Rajasthan Police will conduct door-to-door visits with "Suraksha Sakhis" to educate women about personal safety and their legal rights.

### Important MoUs

#### Government of Rajasthan +PNB

- On September 6, 2025.
- Under the agreement, PNB (Punjab National Bank) has committed to invest Rs. 21,000 crore over the next five years under the state's "Rising Rajasthan" initiative.
- **Objective**-Socio-economic development.
- **Investment areas** - Digital banking, financial inclusion, road and transport, urban transport, energy, drinking water and sanitation.

#### Maruti Suzuki + RTO

- The Transport and Road Safety Department, (RTO) of Rajasthan has signed a three-year agreement with Maruti Suzuki.
- **Objective** - To obtain a driving license in Rajasthan, applicants will be required to take a test on an automated driving track at the RTO office. Initially, this system will be implemented in 20 RTO and DTO offices across the state.
- A Maruti Suzuki Company will provide the track cameras, sensors and technical equipment and the RTO will operate it.

#### Veterinary University, Jobner + BITS Pilani

- On September 15, 2025.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Regional Technology Enabling Center at BITS Pilani and the Veterinary University.

#### Rajasthan Mandapam - RIICO + NBCC

- ❑ A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between RIICO and the National Building Construction Company on September 10, 2025.

- ❑ **Objective :-** To develop Rajasthan Mandapam, Global Capacity Center IT Tower, 5 star and 4 star hotels, residential and commercial towers in Jaipur.
- ❑ Rajasthan Mandapam will be built on the theme of Heritage to development.

**Rajasthan Spice Conclave, 2025**

- ❑ **Held on :-** September 8, 2025, at the Birla Auditorium, Jaipur.
- ❑ **Launched :** Spice Scheme Folder, Labor Honor Card, Raj-Spice Mobile Application.
- ❑ **Incubation Centers – Eight centers** will be established in Rajasthan.  
Useful for testing, sorting, grading, warehousing, and cold storage of agricultural produce. .
- ❑ **Virtual Inauguration -**
  1. Krishi Mandi Samiti - Anganwa, Jodhpur
  2. Mandi Yard Incubation Center - Sohela, Tonk
  3. Food Park - Sonwa, Tonk
- ❑ **Rajasthan in Spice Production (India)**
  1. Cumin - First Place
  2. Fenugreek and Fennel - Second Place
  3. Coriander and Celery - Third Place

**Rajasthan Millet and Mustard Conclave, 2025**

- ❑ Held in Jaipur from September 14-18, 2025 by FICCI Rajasthan in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture.
- ❑ **Theme -** 'Resilient Crops with Innovative Technologies'
- ❑ **Special Feature -** The upcoming Global Rajasthan Agritech Meet (GRAM) will be held from January 10-12, 2026 at GECC Sitapura, Jaipur.
- ❑ CoE (Centre of Excellence) for Artificial Intelligence to promote innovative technologies in the agricultural sector in the state

**Establishment of District Legal Services Authorities**

- ❑ **Approval by -** Rajasthan Government in eight (08) districts after consultation with the Rajasthan High Court.

- ❑ **Objective -** Each DLSA will provide comprehensive legal services covering the entire revenue jurisdiction of its respective district.
- ❑ **Eight Districts -** Phalodi, Kotputli-Behror, Didwana-Kuchaman, Beawar, Salumber, Barmer, Deeg, Bhartrihari Nagar (formerly known as Khairthal-Tijara)

**5<sup>th</sup> Rajasthan Domestic Travel Mart, 2025**

- ❑ **Held on -** September 12-14, 2025 at Birla Auditorium, Jaipur, jointly organized by the Rajasthan Hospitality and Tourism Federation and the Tourism Department of the Government of Rajasthan.
- ❑ The State Government will allocate Rs. 5,000 crore for tourism development.

**Chief Justice B.R. Gavai Visits Rajasthan**

- ❑ In September 2025 Visited Ranthambore National Park.
  - A Supreme Court bench comprising Chief Justice B.R. Gavai and Justice K. Vinod Chandan held a crucial hearing on September 13, 2025, in the Ranthambore Sanctuary case.
  - During this hearing, the Court made strong comments, particularly regarding illegal mining in Rajasthan. This hearing concerned the conservation of the environment, natural resources and wildlife in the T.N. Godavarman case.
- ❑ On September 20, 2025, the Bikaner Bar Association organized an event to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Constitution in the auditorium of Maharaja Ganga Singh University. CJI B.R. Gavai also attended the inauguration of the third phase of the e-Courts Mission Mode Project in Bikaner.

**Native/Medicinal Plants of Rajasthan**

- ❑ Native plants of invaluable human health thrive in Rajasthan, even in a carbon-rich climate characterized by low rainfall (300-400 mm), intense temperatures (around 48°C), and alkaline-sandy soil.

- ❑ **Examples:** Ker, Sangri, Khejri, Gunda, Ber, Bael, etc.
- ❑ **Scientific Experiments:** Research at CAZRI, Jodhpur and ICSR-IIMR, Hyderabad, also classifies these plants as superfoods. They are rich in natural nutrients, medicinal properties, dietary fiber etc.
- ❑ **Major Medicinal/Native Plants of Rajasthan-**
  1. **Ker (Capparis decidua)**
    - **Nectar of the Desert**
    - Nutrition : Vitamin B, Flavonoids, Fiber
    - Benefits : Aids in Digestion, Antioxidant
    - Uses : Pickles, Dried Vegetable
  2. **Sangri (Prosopis Cineraria)**
    - Green pod/fruit of the Khejri tree
    - Nutrition : Protein (12-15%), Iron, Calcium
    - Benefits : Strengthens bones, controls diabetes
    - Uses : Ker-Sangri vegetable, medicinal use
  3. **Gunda (Cordia Myxa)**
    - Sticky but nutritious food
    - Nutrition : Protein, Fiber, Vitamin B
    - Benefits : Lowers cholesterol, cleanses the intestines
  4. **Ber (Ziziphus mauritian)**
    - **Tonic and bitter in taste**
    - Nutrition : Potassium, Vitamin B, Fiber
    - Benefits : Relief from stress and insomnia, improves immunity growth.
  5. **Kumtia Seeds and Phalsa**
    - A hidden nutritional gem and disease resistance
    - Kumtia Seeds: Rich in Omega-3A, fatty acids
    - Phalsa: A source of Vitamin C and iron
  6. **Custard Apple (Annonascuamosa)/ Sitaphal**
    - A sweet gift from the Aravallis
    - Nutrition: Vitamin B6 and Magnesium
    - Benefits: Beneficial for the brain and bones
  7. **Bael (Aegle Marmelos)**
    - A religious and medicinal plant
    - Nutrition : Vitamin B and betacarotene
    - Benefits: Beneficial for stomach ailments, sugar control

**Ayurveda Day Celebration**

- ❑ A state-level function organized by the Ayurveda Department in RIC Jaipur on the occasion of the 10th National Ayurveda Day on September 23, 2025.
- ❑ Year 2025 Theme: "Ayurveda for People and Planet"
- ❑ **Special Facts -**
  - 39 Ayurveda doctors and building construction contributors, including retired teacher Ashok Kumar, donated Rs. 1 crore for the Ayurveda Bhawan in Padampura, Sri Ganganagar, in memory of his late wife, Praveenlata Sharma.
  - Vaidya Banwari Lal Gaur, a resident of Jaipur, was honored with the "**Dhanvantari Award 2025**" (amounting to Rs. 5 lakh) for Ayurveda medicine and research at the 10th National Ayurveda Day celebrations in Goa.
  - A total of Rs. 348.88 crore was approved under the State Annual Action Plan for the year 2025-26, with the support of the National AYUSH Mission. This will include the construction of a Government Ayurveda College in Chaksu, Jaipur and integrated AYUSH hospitals in Dudu and Bundi.

**Menar Wetland Complex**

- ❑ In News - On World Environment Day (June 5, 2025), new sites from Rajasthan - Menar (Udaipur) and Kheechan (Phalodi) - were added to the Ramsar list of wetlands. Menar is a unique example of rural participation and community conservation.
- ❑ **A Bird Paradise -**
  - **Location** - Dhand and Brahma Talab are unique water reservoirs in Menar village, located 50 km from Udaipur.
  - **Area** = 463.44 hectares, Dhand Talab (64 hectares), Brahma Talab (53.1 hectares), Kheroda Talab (46.3 hectares).
  - **Conservation of Threatened Species** - 259 bird species have been recorded so far, including 110 waterfowl and 67 migratory species.

**Machli Tigris (T-16)**

- ❑ **Born** - 1997, **Died** - August 18, 2016
- ❑ **Nicknames** - Queen of Ranthambore, Lady of the Lake
- ❑ **Legacy** - Icon of tiger conservation, Lifetime Achievement Award, National Award for Documentary: "The World's Most Famous Tiger", known as the "Crocodile Killer" for hunting crocodiles, the world's most photographed tigress.
- ❑ **Machli's successor** - Arrowhead (T-84), born in 2014 and died on June 19, 2025, title - "Crocodile Hunting Tigress."

**State-Level Amrita Haat**

- ❑ **Event** - September 21-30, 2025, at Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur.
- ❑ **Organized by:** Department of Women's Empowerment and Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Rajasthan
- ❑ **Objective:** To exhibit and sell handicrafts and local products made by women self-help groups (SHGs) and entrepreneurial women.

**State-Level Committee for Census 2027**

- ❑ **Objective:** To ensure the successful implementation of Census 2027 in Rajasthan and oversee census operations.
- ❑ **Composition:**
  - Chairman: Chief Secretary (Sudhansh Pant)
  - Coordinator: Director, Census Operations Directorate
  - Administrative Department: Department of Statistics
- ❑ **First Meeting:** September 15, 2025 To prepare data by fixing village, town, tehsil, and district-level boundaries for census accuracy.

**National Conference of Urban Cooperative Banks**

- ❑ Held on September 10 at Birla Auditorium, Jaipur
- ❑ Organized by: Sahakar Bharati and the Department of Cooperation
- ❑ 236 branches operate in Rajasthan. These banks have provided easy loans to small entrepreneurs, shopkeepers, artisans and middle-class families.

- ❑ The Central Government has launched the first comprehensive National Cooperative Policy in the country.
- ❑ The Ministry of Cooperatives was established in 2021 to realize the vision of prosperity through cooperation. (Sahakar se Samridhi)
- ❑ The year 2025 was declared the International Year of Cooperatives. The theme is: "Cooperatives Build a Better World."

**Rare Creature - Caracal**

- ❑ Spotted in the following places in Rajasthan:
  - **Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve:** Photographic evidence of a caracal was also found in this tiger reserve in January 2025.
  - **Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve:** A caracal was captured by camera traps here in March 2025.
  - **Jaisalmer Desert:** A rare caracal cub was confirmed in the National Desert Park in September 2025.
  - **Ranthambhore National Park:** Caracals have also been sighted in the outskirts of this park.



**The caracal (a rare animal)**

- The caracal cat, listed on the IUCN Red List, is a medium-sized wild cat.
- It is found mostly in the forests of the Middle East, Africa, and Central Asia.
- Only about 50 caracal cats remain in India.
- It is a cross between a leopard and a small wild cat.
- It is very beautiful and agile in appearance.

**Khejri (Prosopis Cineraria)**

- ❑ **Thar Shobha** - An improved thornless variety of Khejri was developed by the Central Institute for Arid Horticulture, Bikaner, using grafting. With proper maintenance, these grafted plants begin producing sangri in the third year.
- ❑ Grafted Khejri-based Agroforestry Model - According to Dr. Dheeraj Singh (winner of the Agricultural Scientist Award 2025) at CAZRI, Jodhpur, grafted Khejri trees are planted at appropriate distances alongside dryland crops such as Mung beans and millet.
- ❑ **Benefits** - Economically beneficial instead of chemical fertilizers. Loong - (Nutritious fodder made from Khejri leaves.)
  - **Nutrients found in Loong**
    - Crud Protein: 14-18%
    - Fiber: 15-20%
    - Mineral salts: 8%
  - **Nutrients found in raw sangri**
    - Protein: 8%
    - Carbohydrate: 58%
    - Fiber: 28%
    - Fat: 2%
    - Calcium: 0.4%
    - Iron: 0.2%

**Oran Land (Devbani)**

- ❑ **Definition** - An Oran/Devbani/Sacred Groves is a common protected area of forest, protected by each village in the name of a deity or goddess for its specific needs.
- ❑ Example - **Bhadariya Oran, Jaisalmer** (covering 17,804.13 hectares), is the largest Oran in the country. According to one estimate, the total area of Oran in Rajasthan is over 600,000 hectares, comprising approximately 25,000 Oran.
- ❑ **Significance** -

<b>1. Natural resources</b>	Sources of fodder, fuel, timber, forest produce, and herbs
<b>2. Economic resources</b>	Symbols of a livestock-based economy
<b>3. Spiritual resources</b>	Deities: Pabuji, Tejaji, and Veeratara Mata

- ❑ The Supreme Court also passed an order in July 2018, directing the declaration of various natural groups in Rajasthan, such as Oran, Devvan, Rudra and sacred groves known by other names, as Deemed Forests to identify and properly conserve existing Orans in the state.
- ❑ The Supreme Court again highlighted the importance and characteristics of Orans on December 18, 2024.
- ❑ It recommended declaring them as Community Reserves under Section 36C of the Wildlife Act, 1972. It also recommended the formation of a five-member committee headed by a former High Court judge to ensure compliance with the directives.
- ❑ The Aravalli Devvan (Sacred Grove) Conservation Campaign -
  - The Aravalli Devvan Conservation Campaign program was launched by the Udaipur Forest Division in 1992 to restore the sacred groves of the Aravalli.
  - The Rajasthan government issued the first Joint Forest Management (JFM) resolution on March 15, 1991, becoming one of the leading states to introduce Joint Forest Management (JFM).

**First Ghoomar Festival**

- ❑ Organized on November 15, 2025, in Jaipur by the Tourism Department, Government of Rajasthan.
- ❑ To be directed by Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Diya Kumari.
- ❑ The Tourism Department will also compose the official song.

**Gau Mahakumbh**

- ❑ Organized on September 6, 2025, at Vidyadhar Nagar Stadium, Jaipur, organized by Shri Devraha Baba Gau Seva Parisar.
- ❑ Gokul Gram model being developed in Bichoon, Jaipur, was also observed by C.M.
- ❑ Grant amount: Rs. 2,791 crore for cow conservation and promotion schemes.
- ❑ Assistance amount - Rs. 50 per cow per day and Rs. 25 per day for small calves to each registered cowshed.

- ❑ **Benefits** - A subsidy of Rs. 5 per liter of milk for support to milk producers under the Chief Minister's Milk Producer Support Scheme, with a provision of Rs. 500 crore.

**Reorganization of Polling Stations**

- ❑ The Election Commission of India has approved 8,840 new polling stations. The state will now have 61,309 polling booths.
- ❑ According to Chief Electoral Officer Naveen Mahajan, the Election Commission of India has directed that the maximum number of voters per polling station be limited to 1,200.
- ❑ Total number of polling stations at seven divisional headquarters after the reorganization. Lowest (Salumbar district = 354).

1.	Jaipur	5046 (Highest)
2.	Jodhapur	2457
3.	Udaipur	2255
4.	Bikaner	1951
5.	Bharatpur	1247 (Lowest)
6.	Kota	1704
7.	Ajmer	1640

**Tree Producers Fair**

- ❑ Organized by (AFRI -Arid Forest Research Institute), Jodhpur on September 23, 2025.
- ❑ Objective: Climate change mitigation through tree plantation, organic farming with herb and other quality local species, soil quality improvement, advanced agroforestry techniques, rainwater harvesting and biodiversity conservation.
- ❑ Release: AFRI's quarterly magazine, "AFRI Darpan."

**National Tribal Food Festival, 2025**

- ❑ **Organized:** Manikyalal Verma Tribal Research and Training Institute, Udaipur, September 17-19, 2025, inaugurated by Tribal Affairs Minister Babulal Khradi.
- ❑ Organized by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, on the 150th birth anniversary of Lord Birsa Munda.
- ❑ Participation: Nearly 100 culinary artists from various states across the country prepared traditional tribal dishes.

**At the Food Festival:**

- Maswadi from the Mahadev Koli tribe of Maharashtra
- Red sorghum laddus from the Barela, Bega, and Malasi tribes of Madhya Pradesh
- Pumpkin and oyster mushrooms from the Gujjar tribe of Jammu and Kashmir

**Important one liners**

- ❑ **61<sup>st</sup> National Lalit Kala Akademi Awards** -
  - Two personalities from Rajasthan were honored.
    1. Dr. Giriraj Sharma (Sculpture)
    2. Dr. Kanupriya (Mixed Media)
- ❑ **Manju Sharma** - became the third woman member of the Rajasthan Public Service Commission to resign prematurely. Tenure - (15.10.2020 - 15.09.2025)
  - **First** - Kanta Khaturia (22.12.1989 to 23.05.1995)
  - **Second** - Divya Singh (30.11.2011 to 30.09.2012)
- ❑ **Dr. Suman Bissa** - renowned litterateur from Jodhpur was honored with the 'Rajasthani Poetry Award' for her work 'Antas Ra Sur Santra'.
- ❑ **Durlabh Nath Ji Maharaj Panorama** - To be built in Bandikui, Dausa.
- ❑ **Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple** - The country's third and Rajasthan's first Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple was inaugurated in Jodhpur on September 25, 2025, built in Nagara style and interlocking stone system.
- ❑ **Global Happiness Forum** - Held in Jaipur from September 27-28, 2025.
- ❑ **Rajasthan's first Amrit Bharat Express**
  - **Inaugurated** - On September 29, 2025 by Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav.
  - **Operation** - Between Darbhanga in Bihar and Madar, Ajmer.

- **Dunes Aviation Academy** - Inaugurated by Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma on September 23, 2025 in **Hamirgarh, Bhilwara**.
- **JK Lon Hospital, Jaipur** - The dedicated unit of the Pediatric Cardiac Department of Rajasthan's first government hospital was inaugurated on September 18, 2025, by Health Minister Gajendra Singh Khinvsar at a cost of Rs. 20 crore.
- **Namo Toy Bank** - The Paridhan Uphaar Kendra, Gumanpura, Kota, was inaugurated on September 18, 2025, by Om Birla, Member of Parliament from Kota-Bundi Lok Sabha constituency and current Speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha.
- **Mission Pankh** - This initiative, launched in Pratapgarh district, aims to empower women and ensure the holistic rehabilitation of girls who have been sexually assaulted.
- **The country's first government cosmetic laser institute**
  - The Institute of Dermatology was completed at a cost of Rs. 7 crore at Sawai Mansingh Hospital in Jaipur. (The second center after London)
  - **Solutions** - Hair regrowth, facial wart removal, unwanted hair removal and white spots treatment using excimer technology.
- **First Pravasi Rajasthani Diwas** -
  - To be celebrated on December 10, 2025, national and international Pravasi Rajasthani conferences will be held in Hyderabad, Surat and Kolkata, as well as the United Arab Emirates (Dubai and Abu Dhabi).
- **40<sup>th</sup> National Eye Donation Festival** -
  - Organized by the Department of Ophthalmology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Jodhpur, from August 25 to September 8, 2025.
  - The theme for 2025 is "Light for Two Lives - One Decision. Two Journeys. Infinite Impact."
- **Jojri River Dispute** -
  - A Tributry of luni river.
  - More than 400 industrial units, including textile and steel mills located in Jodhpur and Pali, discharge their toxic waste directly into the Jojri River, without proper treatment, within the Dhawa-Doli Wildlife Sanctuary and surrounding villages, disrupting the environment, wildlife and the lives of villagers.
  - **Supreme Court:** In September 2025, the Supreme Court took suo motu cognizance of the pollution of the Jojri River, stating that the lives of millions of people were at risk. The court ordered a hearing on the matter on October 9, 2025.
  - **National Green Tribunal (NGT):** The NGT has also intervened in the matter and directed strict measures to prevent pollution.
- **Navya Initiative**
  - **Launch** - June 24, 2025
  - **Objective** - To train girls aged 16-18 years in non-traditional, emerging fields such as digital marketing, cyber security and others under Digital India 4.0.
  - This initiative will cover 3,850 girls from 27 aspirational and northeastern districts across 19 states and is currently being implemented in nine districts across nine states.
  - **Dholpur, an aspirational district from Rajasthan, has been selected under the Navya initiative** (Nurturing Aspirations through Vocational Training for Young Adolescent Girls). The initiative is a pioneering joint effort by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (DACM) and the Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) to provide skill training to adolescent girls for job roles in emerging sectors.

## Person in News

### OPN Kalyan

- ❑ Retired Lieutenant Colonel of the Indian Army, resident of Bengaluru.
- ❑ Completed an expedition to the North Pole and Arctic Islands on a ship called Polar Quest with a group of 48 people from August 22 to September 1.

### Vivekanand Gupta

- ❑ Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO).
- ❑ Selected for the Public Financial Asset Management (PFAM) Program 2025-26, jointly organized by the World Bank and the Milken Institute.
- ❑ The only participant from India to be selected for the PFAM group and the first representative of the EPFO.

### Surekha Shankar Yadav

- ❑ Asia's first female locomotive pilot.
- ❑ She is from Satara, Maharashtra, retired from the Indian Railways on September 30 after 36 years of service.

## Schemes/Programs/ Campaigns

### Incentive Scheme to Promote Recycling of Critical Minerals

- ❑ Part of the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCCM).
- ❑ **Objective** - To ensure supply chain sustainability in the near future, rather than waiting for new production processes.
- ❑ **Financial Outlay** - Rs. 1,500 crore.
- ❑ **Duration** - Six years (FY 2025-26 to FY 2030-31).

- ❑ Includes e-waste, lithium-ion battery (LIB) scrap and catalytic converters from end-of-life vehicles.

### Bharati Initiatives

- ❑ Bharat's Hub for Agritech, Resilience, Advancement and Incubation for Export Enablement (BHARATI) -
- ❑ Initiative of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).
- ❑ **Objective** - To promote innovation in high-value categories such as GI-tagged agricultural products, organic foods, superfoods, innovatively processed Indian agri-foods, livestock products and AYUSH products.
- ❑ Target of the Bharati Initiative (by 2030) -
  - To support 100 agri-food startups with incubation and mentorship.
  - To foster a culture of innovation in the agricultural sector.
  - To achieve the target of \$50 billion in agri-food exports.

### Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) Campaign 2025

- ❑ **9<sup>th</sup> Edition.**
- ❑ A 15-day campaign running from September 17 to October 2 (Gandhi Jayanti) under the Swachh Bharat Mission.
- ❑ Jointly organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India and the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- ❑ **Theme** - "SWACHCHHOTSAV"

### Swasth Naari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan

- ❑ **Launched** by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 17<sup>th</sup> from Dhar, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❑ **Duration:** September 17<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup> (Gandhi Jayanti).

- ❑ Jointly implemented by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD).
- ❑ **Objectives:**
  - Strengthen healthcare and nutrition services for women, adolescent girls and children.
  - Promote maternal, child and adolescent health through antenatal care, immunization, nutrition, menstrual hygiene, lifestyle and mental health awareness activities.
  - Strengthen the link between screening, early detection and treatment of non-communicable diseases, anemia, tuberculosis, sickle cell disease and cancer.
  - Motivate communities to adopt healthy lifestyles, with special emphasis on obesity prevention, improved nutrition and voluntary blood donation.
- ❑ Real-time monitoring through the Sashakt portal to ensure transparency and efficiency.
- ❑ From September 17th to October 2nd, over 100,000 health camps will be organized across the country at Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, Community Health Centers (CHCs), district hospitals and other government health facilities.

### **Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan**

- ❑ Formally launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 17th from Dhar, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❑ Launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs under the Tribal Pride Year.
- ❑ Aim: To create a cadre of 20 lakh tribal Karmayogis in over 100,000 tribal villages across more than 550 districts in 30 states and union territories.
- ❑ **Adi Seva Parv -**
  - **Duration:** September 17th - October 2nd.
  - Adi Seva Parv, celebrated in 100,000 tribal-dominated villages as part of the Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan, will be inaugurated by the Prime Minister.

- Each village will collectively prepare its own Tribal Village Vision 2030, which will lay the foundation for a developed India by 2047.

### **Seva Parv - 2025**

- ❑ Organized by the Ministry of Culture from September 17 to October 2, 2025.
- ❑ Objective - To bring together communities, institutions, and individuals in a collective movement of service, creativity, and cultural pride.

### **Project Vijayak**

- ❑ A special project of the Border Roads Organization (BRO).
- ❑ Celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> Raising Day on September 21, 2025, in Kargil, Ladakh.
- ❑ The important responsibility of connecting the remote valleys and forward areas of Ladakh with the national mainstream, while also meeting the operational requirements of the armed forces.

### **Adi Yuva Fellowship and Adi Karmayogi Volunteer Program**

- ❑ **Launched by -** The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, in partnership with the United Nations, under the Adi Karmayogi Campaign on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- ❑ The Adi Yuva Fellowship, supported by the United Nations India, is the first program of its kind designed to empower tribal youth through structured education, mentorship, and career development.
  - 12-month paid fellowship.
  - 16 fellows selected in the first batch.
- ❑ The Adi Karmayogi Volunteer Initiative, supported by UNFPA, will enable tribal youth to become catalysts for grassroots change and strengthen last-mile service delivery in tribal areas.

- 82 UNFPA-supported volunteers, known as Adi Karmayogi, have been deployed in 82 blocks across 13 districts in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan for two months of intensive grassroots engagement.

**Construction of World-Class Blue Ports in India**

- The Department of Fisheries, Government of India and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations signed a Technical Cooperation Program (TCP) agreement for the development of world-class Blue Ports.
- Under this program, the construction of three world-class Blue Ports in India has been approved - **Wanakbara (Diu), Karaikal (Puducherry), and Jakhau (Gujarat).**
- Total Investment - Rs. 369.8 crore
- The Blue Ports framework focuses on developing smart and integrated fishing ports with technological innovation and environmental protection.

**Never Alone**

- An Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based mental health and wellness program launched by **AIIMS, New Delhi**, to address student suicides and increase mental health awareness.
- Launched on September 10th, World Suicide Prevention Day.
- 24/7 virtual and offline counseling with mental health experts through a web-based app accessible via WhatsApp.
- For institutions with up to 5,000 students, personalized and secure mental health checkups are available for just 70 paise per student per day.

**ANGIKAR 2025**

- Last Mile Outreach Campaign under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban 2.0 (PMAY&U 2.0).
- Launched on September 4<sup>th</sup> by Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal in New Delhi.

- Objective: Accelerate implementation by creating widespread awareness about PMAY&U 2.0 across the country.
- To expedite the verification of applications under the scheme and construction of houses already approved under PMAY&U 2.0.

**Events/Conferences/Meetings**

**International Space Conference 2025**

- **Held:** September 8-9 in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in collaboration with ISRO, INSPACE, and NSIL.
- **Theme** - "Harnessing Space for Global Progress: Innovation, Policy, and Growth."

**DialogueNEXT**

- Held: September 8-9 in New Delhi.
- Organized by the World Food Prize Foundation in partnership with CIMMYT, the Borlaug Institute for South Asia (BISA), and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
- **Theme** - "Take it to the Farmer."

**28<sup>th</sup> Universal Postal Congress**

- Held: September 8-19 in **Dubai**, United Arab Emirates.
- India was represented by Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region.
- The Unified Payments Interface Universal Postal Union (UPI-UPU) Integration Project was launched.
- The objective is to facilitate cross-border remittances.

**16<sup>th</sup> Combined Commanders' Conference - 2025**

- Held - September 15-17 in **Kolkata**.
- Inaugrated by - Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- ❑ Theme - 'Year of Reforms - Transforming for the Future'

**2<sup>nd</sup> India MedTech Expo 2025**

- ❑ Held - September 4-6, 2025 in New Delhi.
- ❑ Held by the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, in collaboration with -
  1. Export Promotion Council for Medical Devices (EPCMD)
  2. Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India,
  3. Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

**The 6<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and 11<sup>th</sup> Governing Body Meeting of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)**

- ❑ Held on September 4 in New Delhi.
- ❑ Headed by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports and Labour and Employment.
- ❑ Started a webportal NADA India Data Administration and Management System (NIDAMS)

**SAMHITA Conference**

- ❑ South Asian Manuscript Histories and Textual Archive (SAMHITA) -
- ❑ Held in New Delhi.
- ❑ Inaugurated by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar on September 5.
- ❑ To create a relational database and digital repository of Indian and broader South Asian manuscripts held in libraries, archives, and other repositories outside India.

**International Mediation Conference 2025**

- ❑ Held on September 5 in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- ❑ Jointly organized by Trilegal, Asian Centre for International Arbitration and Mediation (ACIAM) and National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal.

**Roundtable conference on Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin (SBM&G)**

- ❑ Held - September 1 in New Delhi.
- ❑ Organized by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- ❑ Participation from 28 States/Union Territories.

**20<sup>th</sup> Global Sustainability Summit**

- ❑ **Held** - September 2-3 in New Delhi.
- ❑ Organized by the CII-ITC Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Development.

**SEMICON India 2025**

- ❑ A premier platform uniting global leaders, innovators, academics, policymakers, and the entire electronics ecosystem to shape the future of semiconductors in India.
- ❑ **Held:** September 2-4 in New Delhi.
- ❑ Jointly organized by the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) and SEMI (a global industry association).
- ❑ Inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

**56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the GST Council**

- ❑ Held in New Delhi under the chairmanship of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- ❑ Approval of next-generation reforms in the eight-year-old indirect tax system, the Goods and Services Tax (GST).
- ❑ Two-rate structure under the Goods and Services Tax (GST): Merit Rate - 5% and Standard Rate - 18%  
A special Demerit Rate - 40%  
(Luxury, Sin, and Demerit Goods).

**Northeast Region Ministers' Conference on Civil Aviation and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Northeast Aviation Summit**

- ❑ **Held on** September 4 in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❑ Jointly organized by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in collaboration with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

### First National Conference of Committees on Women Empowerment of Parliament and State/Union Territory Legislatures

- ❑ Held - September 14-15, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.
- ❑ Inaugrated by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.
- ❑ **Theme** - "Empowering Women to Face Challenges of Emerging Technologies."
- ❑ Held by Ministers of the Andhra Pradesh Government, Members of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council, and Chairpersons and Members of Committees on Women Empowerment of Parliament and State/Union Territory Legislatures.

### Fourth World Food India (WFI) 2025

- ❑ Held - September 25-28, New Delhi.
- ❑ Inaugrated by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Government of India.
- ❑ Held by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ❑ **Objective** - To establish India as the "Food Hub of the World" by fostering collaboration, innovation, and investment in the food processing value chain.
- ❑ To Partner Countries - New Zealand and Saudi Arabia.
- ❑ To Focus Countries - Japan, UAE, Vietnam, and Russia.

### National Agriculture Conference - Rabi Campaign 2025

- ❑ Held on September 15-16 in Pusa, New Delhi.
- ❑ The Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- ❑ Theme - 'One Nation, One Agriculture - One Team'.

### Corp-Con 2025

- ❑ Held on September 12-13 in Hyderabad.
- ❑ By NALSAR University and the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI).

### Second National Conference of Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) Chiefs of States and Union Territories

- ❑ Held on September 16-17 in New Delhi.
- ❑ By the Narcotics Control Bureau.
- ❑ Theme - 'United Resolve, Shared Responsibility'.

### 5<sup>th</sup> All India Official Language Conference

- ❑ Held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

### Blue Tides - Two Shores One Vision

- ❑ Held - September 18-19 in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- ❑ By the Fisheries Department of Kerala in collaboration with the Government of India and the European Union (EU).

### 89<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)

- ❑ Held - September 15-19 in New Delhi.
- ❑ This is India's fourth time hosting the IEC General Meeting.
- ❑ Inaugrated by Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and New and Renewable Energy.
- ❑ India will serve as the global secretariat for standardization in the field of low voltage direct current (LVDC).

### Sarpanch Samvad National Quality Conference

- ❑ Held on September 15 in New Delhi.
- ❑ Held by the Quality Council of India (QCI) in collaboration with the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) of the Ministry of Jal Shakti and the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- ❑ **Theme:** "From Developed Villages to Developed India."
- ❑ Participated by 75 Sarpanches from 22 states.

**11<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific MedTech Forum (APACMed) 2025**

- ❑ Held on September 16-17 in New Delhi.
- ❑ By the Asia Pacific Medical Technology Association.
- ❑ **Theme: "Swastha Bharat - A Healthier India, Together"**

**Prime Minister Vishwakarma and National Scheduled Castes-Tribes Hub Mega Conclave**

- ❑ Held on September 17 at the International Convention Center in Bodh Gaya, Bihar.
- ❑ Organized by - Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)
- ❑ Organized to commemorate the second anniversary of the Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana.
  - Commenced on September 17, 2023.
  - **Objective** - To provide holistic support to traditional artisans and craftsmen in 18 sectors to enable them to become successful entrepreneurs.
- ❑ Ministry of MSME signed MoU with National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmedabad and Institute of Rural Management (IRMA), Anand to strengthen the implementation of the PM Vishwakarma Yojana.

**MANTHAN**

- ❑ Two-day national conference organized by Directorate General of Defense Estates.
- ❑ **Event** : September 18-19 in New Delhi.
- ❑ **Theme** - "Strategic Roadmap to Viksit Bharat @ 2047"
- ❑ Inaugurated by - Defense Minister Rajnath Singh.

**50<sup>th</sup> Golden Jubilee Meeting of the National Committee of Archivists (NCA)**

- ❑ **Event**: September 18-19 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- ❑ **Organised by** - National Archives of India (NAI), New Delhi + TamilNadu Archives and Historical Research Centre, Chennai

**Third Island Initiative Dialogue**

- ❑ **Held** - September 19-20, in Sri Vijayapuram, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- ❑ Organized by the Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC), India's only operational joint service command.

**First Tri-Services Academic Technology Symposium (T-SATS)**

- ❑ **Held** - September 22-23, at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.
- ❑ Inaugurated by Chief of Defense Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan.
- ❑ **Theme** - Victory through Wisdom and Research.

**Chief Science Advisors Roundtable 2025**

- ❑ **Held** - September 21, 2025, in Pretoria, South Africa.
- ❑ Organized by the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (DSTI) and the National Innovation Advisory Council (NACI) of South Africa.
- ❑ On 'Equity-based Science, Technology and Innovation for Inclusive Human Development and Global Sustainability' Focused
- ❑ Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA) to the Government of India, Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Scientific Secretary Dr. Parvinder Maini, and Chief Policy Advisor Dr. B. Chhagun Basha, joined the Chief Science Advisors and their designated counterparts from G20 member and guest countries.
- ❑ This initiative was conceptualized during India's G20 presidency in 2023 and led by the Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor (OPSA) to the Government of India.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Global Food Regulators Summit 2025**

- ❑ Held from September 26 to 27 in New Delhi.
- ❑ Organized by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India under the aegis of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

- ❑ **Theme** - "Evolving Food Systems - Yatha Annam Tatha Manah"\*\*\*
- ❑ Unveiling of the book "Eat Right Thali".

**Council of Central and State Statistical Organizations (CoCSSO) 29<sup>th</sup> Conference**

- ❑ To be held on September 25-26, 2025, in Chandigarh.
- ❑ To be organized by the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MOSPI), Government of India.
- ❑ **Theme** - 'Strengthening Local Level Governance'
- ❑ **Launching of "Eat Right Thali" Book**

**Agreements**

- ❑ Agreement between the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, Zomato, and Uber - to spread awareness about road safety.
- ❑ Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Department of Posts (DoP) and Geographic Information System (GIS) software and solutions provider ESRI India Technologies Private Limited (ESRI India) -
- ❑ Use of ESRI India's high-resolution imagery and street basemaps for the Digipin portal.
- ❑ Agreement between the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) and Punjab National Bank (PNB) - to strengthen PNB's IT infrastructure and accelerate its technology transformation journey.
- ❑ Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of India and the International Labour Organization (ILO) to promote the 'International Occupational Classification'.
- ❑ Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Oil India Limited and Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) for cooperation in the exploration and development of critical and strategic minerals, including copper and related minerals.

- ❑ The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$125 million loan agreement to enhance urban livability and strengthen resilience to climate change in six district headquarters and Guwahati in Assam.
- ❑ The Indian Railways (IR) and the State Bank of India (SBI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to provide insurance benefits to railway employees.

**Awards**

**Dadasaheb Phalke Award**

- ❑ **Malayalam actor Mohanlal** was honored with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2023 at the 71st National Film Awards ceremony.
- ❑ A Golden Lotus Medal, a shawl, and a cash prize of Rs. 10 lakh.
- ❑ **First Dadasaheb Phalke Award** - Devika Rani in 1969.

**National Dhanvantari Ayurveda Award 2025**

- ❑ Conferred by the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India.
- ❑ Conferred on the 10th Ayurveda Day on September 23<sup>rd</sup> for their outstanding contributions to Ayurveda and allied sciences:
  - Professor Banwari Lal Gaur (Rajasthan) - a distinguished scholar, educationist, and writer with over six decades of contribution to Ayurveda and Sanskrit education.
  - Vaidya Neelkanthan Moosat - a pioneer of the glorious Ashtavaidya tradition of Kerala.
  - Vaidya Bhavana Prashar - for his work integrating Ayurveda with modern genomics and personalized medicine.

**Kedar Singh Rawat Environment Award 2025**

- ❑ **Dr. Harshwanti Bisht** (mountaineer and educationist) was awarded for forest conservation and development.

## Festivals/Festivals

### First Sunrise Festival

- ❑ Held in Dong, Arunachal Pradesh, from December 29, 2025, to January 2, 2026.
- ❑ Organized by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❑ Held in Dong, India's easternmost point, where the first rays of the sun fall every day.
- ❑ **Objective:** promoting tourism, adventure sports, local entrepreneurship, and cultural heritage.

### Saras Aajeevika Mela

- ❑ Held in Delhi from September 5 to 22, 2025.
- ❑ Organized by the Union Ministry of Rural Development.

### Shilp Samagam Mela 2025 Festival

- ❑ Held in Bengaluru from September 5 to 14.
- ❑ Organized by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, in collaboration with 'Tadhulip' (Traditional Artisans Upliftment Livelihood Programme).

### Bathukamma Festival

- ❑ The Telangana State Government announced the celebration of Bathukamma on the lines of Brazil's Rio Carnival.
- ❑ Bathukamma is a flower festival celebrated in Telangana before the Dussehra festival.
- ❑ Women worship Goddess Gauri by placing her on a garland of flowers.
- ❑ The nine-day festival began on September 21 at the Thousand Pillar Temple in Warangal.

### 14<sup>th</sup> Sirarakhong Hathai Chilli Festival

- ❑ Held from September 16-29 in Sirarakhong village, Urul district, Manipur.
- ❑ **Objective:** To promote Sirarakhong Hathai, a GI-tagged chilli variety grown in Sirarakhong village.

### 6<sup>th</sup> River Festival

- ❑ Held from September 25-27 in New Delhi.
- ❑ Organized by the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), Ministry of Culture, Government of India.
- ❑ Inaugurated by Union Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil.

## Exercise/Operation/Campaign

### Siom Prahar

- ❑ A major field training exercise conducted by the Indian Army from September 8 to 10 in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❑ **Objective:** To train the use of drone technology in tactical operations under war-like conditions.

### Yuddha Kaushal 3.0

- ❑ An exercise conducted by the Indian Army in the high-altitude Kameng region of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❑ Operational debut of newly formed ASHNI platoons.

## Environment

### NEW RAMSAR SITES IN INDIA

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#### GOKUL JALASHAY

- Location: Buxar, Bihar
- An oxbow lake located on the southern bank of the Ganges River.

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#### UDAIPUR JHEEL

- Location: West Champaran, Bihar
- It is an oxbow lake surrounded by the dense forest of the Udaipur Wildlife Sanctuary to its north and west.

- With the addition of two new Ramsar sites, Bihar now has a total of five Ramsar sites (other 3: Kanwar Tal Lake, Nagi Bird Sanctuary and Nakati Bird Sanctuary).
- Tamil Nadu has the highest number of Ramsar sites in India (20).
- India ranks first in Asia and third in the world in terms of Ramsar sites.

**Cold Desert Biosphere Reserve**

- ❑ India's 13<sup>th</sup> biosphere reserve to be included in UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR).
- ❑ **Features:**
  - It was declared a biosphere reserve in 2009.
  - Located in the Lahaul-Spiti region (Himachal Pradesh) of the Trans Himalayas (elevation between 3300 and 6600 meters).
  - Protected areas: Pin Valley National Park, Kibber, Sarchu, and Chandratul Wildlife Sanctuaries.
  - Protected species: Snow leopard, golden eagle, blue sheep, Himalayan ibex, etc.

*Note: India has a total of 18 biosphere reserves, of which 13 are included in UNESCO's WNBR.*

**Pallas' Cat (*Otocolobus manul*)**

- The first photograph of the Pallas' Cat was taken in Arunachal Pradesh during a wildlife survey conducted by WWF-India.
- **Conservation Status**
  - IUCN Red List - List of Concern.
  - Included in Schedule 1 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
- **Habitat** - Rocky steppes, montane grasslands, and shrublands of Central Asia, including Iran, Afghanistan, Mongolia, Russia, Pakistan, and northern India.
- ❑ The Ministry of Environment has authorized the creation of a new, independent class of 'Environmental Auditors' to support the work of State Pollution Control Boards (SPBs).
  - Under the Environmental Audit Rules, 2025, private agencies can obtain accreditation as auditors.
- ❑ The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has approved the translocation of eight tigers (three males and five females) from Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve and Pench Tiger Reserve to Sahyadri Tiger Reserve.

**Portal/App****Adi Sanskriti Digital Learning Platform**

- ❑ The Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched the beta version of Adi Sanskriti on the occasion of the National Conference on Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan organized by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs on September 10th at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- ❑ The world's first digital university focused on tribal culture.
- ❑ Inaugurated by Durgadas Uikey, Minister of State for Tribal Affairs.
- ❑ Objective: To preserve and promote the culture and traditional knowledge of tribal communities, and to bring products made by tribal artisans to global markets.
- ❑ The platform comprises three key components:
  - Adi Vishwavidyalaya (Digital Tribal Arts Academy) - 45 immersive courses on tribal dance, painting, crafts, music, and folklore.
  - Adi Sampada (Socio-Cultural Repository) - A collection of over 5,000 compiled documents on five themes: painting, dance, textiles and apparel, artefacts, and livelihoods.
  - Adi Haat (Online Marketplace) - A dedicated online marketplace for tribal artisans.
- ❑ Developed in collaboration with 15 state Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs), including Rajasthan.

**India's first vulture conservation portal**

- ❑ Launched on September 2 by a group of organizations led by the Assam-based V Foundation India in collaboration with the Department of Zoology, Gauhati University.
- ❑ Vulture Network is a cloud-based portal designed as a comprehensive knowledge and awareness platform about India's vultures.

**India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025 App**

- ❑ Union Minister for Communications and Development of North-Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia launched an AI-powered interactive mobile application for the India Mobile Congress.
- ❑ The 9th India Mobile Congress will be held from October 8 to 11, 2025, at the Yashobhoomi Convention Centre in Dwarka, New Delhi.
- ❑ Theme: Innovate to Transform.

**Cotton Farmer App**

- ❑ Launched by Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh.
- ❑ Developed by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), Ministry of Textiles.
- ❑ To facilitate seamless procurement of cotton from farmers under the Minimum Support Price.

**Bima Sugam Portal**

- ❑ Bima Sugam India Federation (BSIF) officially launched the world's largest online marketplace for insurance products and services at the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) headquarters in Hyderabad.
- ❑ Bima Sugam is an integrated digital marketplace for insurance, designed to bring insurers, intermediaries, and customers on a single platform.

**Passbook Lite**

- ❑ A new feature launched by the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) within its Member Portal.
- ❑ This feature allows members to easily view their passbooks and access a summary of contributions, withdrawals, and balances in a simple and convenient format through the Member Portal, without having to visit the Passbook Portal.

**Report/Index**

**National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) India Rankings 2025**

- ❑ Released on September 4 in New Delhi by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.
- ❑ Released in a total of 9 categories and 8 subject areas.
  - Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2025 is a newly added category.
- ❑ Top institutions in 9 categories:

Category	Institutes
Overall	IIT Madras (7 <sup>th</sup> consecutive year)
University	Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru (10 <sup>th</sup> consecutive year)
College	Hindu College, Delhi
Research Institute	Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
Innovation Institute	IIT Madras
Open University	IGNOU New Delhi
Skills University	Symbiosis College and Professional University, Pune
State Public University	Jadavpur University, Kolkata
SDG Institute	IIT Madras

- ❑ **Top institutes in key subject areas-**

Subject areas:	Institutes
Engineering	IIT Madras
Management	IIM Ahmedabad
Medical	AIIMS New Delhi
Law	National Law School of India University, Bengaluru
Agriculture and allied fields	Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi

**Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report, 2023**

- ❑ Released by the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India.

- ❑ Annual estimates of both fertility and mortality rates.
- ❑ **Key Findings:**
  - Total Fertility Rate (TFR) - 1.9 nationally in 2023, below replacement level (2.1).
    - Highest - Bihar (2.8), lowest - Delhi (1.2).
  - Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) - 25 (26 in 2022).
    - Highest - Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh (37), lowest - Kerala (5).
  - Under-5 Mortality Rate (U5MR) - 29 (30 in 2022)
    - Decline primarily due to decline in girl child U5MR.
  - Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) - 917 in 2021-23 (914 in 2020-22).
    - Highest - Chhattisgarh (974), lowest Uttarakhand (868).
    - 914 in rural areas and 925 in urban areas

**Industrial Park Rating System (IPRS) 3.0**

- ❑ Launched on September 20 by Piyush Goyal in New Delhi.
- ❑ Developed by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank.
- ❑ **Objective** - To further strengthen India's industrial environment and enhance the competitiveness of industrial infrastructure.
- ❑ Pilot phase in 2018 and formal launch in 2021.

**Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) Report on State Finances 2022-23**

- ❑ Assessment of fiscal parameters for all 28 states over a 10-year period (2013-14 to 2022-23).
- ❑ **Key Findings:**
  - Total debt of states in 2022-23 will be 22.17% of the country's GDP.
  - Punjab has the highest debt-to-GDP ratio (40.35%).

- Fiscal Deficit -
  - Highest - Himachal Pradesh (6.46% of GSDP)
  - Lowest - Gujarat (0.76% of GSDP)
- Revenue Generation Capacity - Share of State's Own Tax Revenue (SOTR) in State Revenue -
  - Highest - Haryana (70%)
  - Lowest - Arunachal Pradesh (9%)

**Appointments**

**CP Radhakrishnan**

- ❑ Elected as the 15th Vice President of India.
- ❑ Defeated former judge B. Sudarshan Reddy by a margin of 152 votes.
- ❑ Voted in the election by 767 MPs (752 votes were valid and 15 votes were declared invalid) out of a total of 781 voters.

**Justice M. Sundar**

- ❑ Appointed as Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court.

**Ajay Seth**

- ❑ New Chairman of the Insurance and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).

**TCA Kalyani**

- ❑ Appointed the 29th Controller General of Accounts (CGA).

**Deepak Mittal**

- ❑ Appointed as India's Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.

**Acharya Devvrat**

- ❑ Appointed as the 22<sup>nd</sup> Governor of Maharashtra.

**Amit Atre**

- ❑ Appointed Secretary to Vice President CP Radhakrishnan.

**Justice Pawankumar Bhimappa Bajanthri**

- ❑ Appointed as the Chief Justice of the Patna High Court.

**Praveer Ranjan**

- Appointed as the Director General of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).

**Praveen Kumar**

- Appointed Director General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).

**Vandana Gupta**

- Appointed as the Controller General of Communications.

**Death****DD Lapang**

- Former Chief Minister of Meghalaya passes away.

**Miscellaneous****Bistirn Parore**

- Launch of "Bistirn Parore: A Musical Journey from Sadiya to Dhubri" at Guijan, Dibrugarh on September 8th to mark the birth centenary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika.
- Organized by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) under the aegis of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) on National Waterway 2 (NW-2).

**Wangchu Hydroelectric Project**

- A 570 MW run-of-river project located on the Wangchu River (a tributary of the Brahmaputra, Raidak River in India) in Chukha district, Bhutan.
- Signing of a Shareholders Agreement (SHA) between Adani Power Limited and Bhutan's state-owned power generation company, Duka Green Power Corporation Limited (DGPC).

**The Bairabi-Sairang Railway Line**

- It will connect Mizoram's capital, Aizawl, to the Indian railway network for the first time.

- Inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Length - Approximately 51 kilometers.
- It will be the fourth northeastern capital city to be connected to the Indian railway network after Aizawl, Guwahati, Agartala, and Itanagar.

**Fast Track Immigration Trusted Traveler Program (FTI&TTP)**

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah virtually inaugurated FTI&TTP at Lucknow, Thiruvananthapuram, Trichy, Kozhikode, and Amritsar airports.
- Objective - To make the immigration process at Indian airports faster and easier (registered passengers clear immigration in approximately 30 seconds).
- It will first launch at Delhi Airport in 2024.
- FTI & TTP is currently available at a total of 13 airports.

**Royal Bhutan Buddhist Temple**

- Located in Rajgir, Bihar.
- Inaugurated on September 4th by Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay and Union Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju.

**Digital India Achievements**

- The National e-Governance Division (NeGD) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has made 2,000 e-governance services available on the DigiLocker and e-District platforms.
- States/Union Territories with the highest number of services available on the DigiLocker and e-District platforms:
  - Maharashtra - 254
  - Delhi - 123
  - Karnataka - 113
- Rajasthan has made 44 services available on the DigiLocker and e-District platforms.

**Veer Savarkar Sports Complex**

- ❑ India's largest sports complex (119,000 square meters), built at a cost of approximately Rs. 825 crore in Naranpura, Ahmedabad.
- ❑ Inaugurated by Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah on September 14.

**India's first Swastika-shaped 'Lotus Garden'**

- ❑ Located at CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI).
- ❑ Inaugurated by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh.
- ❑ 60 varieties of lotus and 50 varieties of water lilies, and the world's first 108-petal lotus, NBRI-Namoh 108, developed in Lucknow, have been grown.

**Mega Tinkering Day 2025**

- ❑ A flagship initiative of NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM).
- ❑ Made it to the India Book of Records and Asia Book of Records.
  - New record for the maximum number of students participating in a tinkering activity in a single day.

On August 12, 2025, 473,350 students from 9,467 Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) schools created a vacuum cleaner through an online session for Swachh Bharat.

**8<sup>th</sup> National Nutrition Month**

- ❑ Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 17 from Dhar, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❑ **Duration** - September 17 to October 16.
- ❑ Started under the Prime Minister's Samagra Poshan Yojana (POSHAN) Abhiyaan launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 8, 2018, in Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan.
- ❑ **Key Topics** -
  - Reducing sugar and oil consumption to address obesity.

- Early Childhood Care and Education (ECC)/Nutrition with Education (Padhai Bhi Poshan Bhi).
- Ek Ped Maa ke Naam.
- Infant and young child feeding (IYCF) practices.
- Men's involvement in nutrition and care.

*Note - Rajasthan ranked first in the country in organizing the Nutrition Fortnight 2025.*

**Yatri Seva Diwas 2025**

- ❑ It was celebrated at airports across the country on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ❑ It is an initiative of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India.
- ❑ It was launched by Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu from Hindon Airport, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❑ It aims to improve air passenger experience, ensure a service-friendly environment, and promote passenger welfare.
- ❑ It organizes health awareness campaigns, free medical checkups, passenger welcome programs, cultural activities, etc.

**5<sup>th</sup> National Pharmacovigilance Week (NPW)**

- ❑ It is organized from September 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> in New Delhi. Organized by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC).
- ❑ **Theme** - 'Your Safety, Just a Click Away: Report to PvPI'
- ❑ **Objective** - To create awareness among healthcare professionals, regulators, researchers, and the general public to proactively report adverse drug reactions (ADRs) through a simplified digital platform.

**India's first PM MITRA Park**

- ❑ Established in Bhainsol village, Dhar district, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❑ Foundation stone laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 17.

- ❑ Prime Minister's Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Scheme-
  - Launched by the Ministry of Textiles in 2021.
  - Duration - 2021-22 to 2027-28.
  - Objective - To develop large-scale integrated and modern industrial infrastructure facilities for the entire value chain of the textile industry.
  - Inspired by the Prime Minister's 5F Vision (Farm to Fiber, Fiber to Factory, Factory to Fashion, and Fashion to Foreign).
  - Under the scheme, PM MITRA parks will be established at seven locations: Tamil Nadu (Virudhunagar), Telangana (Warangal), Gujarat (Navsari), Karnataka (Kalburgi), Madhya Pradesh (Dhar), Uttar Pradesh (Lucknow), and Maharashtra (Amravati).

**World's first license for exploration of polymetallic sulfide nodules in the Carlsberg Ridge**

- ❑ Granted to India by the International Seabed Authority (ISBA).
- ❑ The Carlsberg Ridge covers an area of Rs. 300,000 square kilometers in the Arabian Sea and the northwest Indian Ocean.
- ❑ It forms the boundary between the Indian and Arabian tectonic plates.
- ❑ Polymetallic sulfides (PSAs) found on the seafloor are rich sources of metals such as copper, zinc, gold, and silver.

**Seven natural heritage sites in India included in the Tentative List of UNESCO World Heritage Sites**

- ❑ Total sites in India included in the Tentative List of UNESCO World Heritage Sites - 69 (49 cultural, 17 natural, and 3 mixed heritage sites).
- ❑ **Newly included sites:**
  - The Deccan Traps in Panchgani and Mahabaleshwar, Maharashtra - located within the UNESCO World Heritage Site Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary.

- The geological heritage of the St. Mary's Islands in Karnataka - famous for its rare columnar basaltic rock formations formed in the Late Cretaceous period (about 85 million years ago).
- The Meghalayan Age Caves in Meghalaya.
- Naga Hills Ophiolite in Nagaland.
- Erra Matti Dibbalu (Red Sand Hills) in Andhra Pradesh.
- The natural heritage of the Tirumala Hills in Andhra Pradesh is part of the Seshachal Biosphere Reserve and Venkateswara National Park.
- Varkala Rocks in Kerala - the Mio-Pliocene Varkalli Formation located along the coast of Kerala.
- ❑ Before any site can be included in the World Heritage List, it is mandatory to include it in the tentative list.

**'Samudra Se Samridhi' Event**

- ❑ Held in Bhavnagar, Gujarat on September 20.
- ❑ Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated development projects worth over Rs. 34,200 crore.
- ❑ **Major Projects:**
  - Inauguration of the Mumbai International Cruise Terminal at Indira Dock.
  - A multi-purpose cargo berth and green bio-methanol plant in Kandla.
  - The foundation stone of ship repair facilities was laid in Patna and Varanasi.
  - Dhordo, a fully solar-powered village in Kutch district, Gujarat, dedicated to the nation.
    - The fourth solar village in the state.
    - Modhera (Mehsana district)- India's first solar village (October 2022).

**Logistics Data Bank (LDB) 2.0**

- ❑ A logistics tracking platform.
- ❑ Launched by Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, on September 20 in New Delhi.
- ❑ Developed by NICDC Logistics Data Services (NLDL).

**Adi Karmayogi Student Chapters**

- ❑ The Ministry of Tribal Affairs formally inaugurated the 'Adi Karmayogi Student Chapters' in prestigious institutions such as IITs, IIMs, AIIMS, NITs, and other top universities on September 22.
- ❑ Nodal Centre - Bhagwan Birsa Munda Cell at IIT Delhi.
- ❑ Objective- To launch a nationwide youth-led movement to promote leadership, innovation, entrepreneurship and social development among tribal students.

**Important One Liner**

- ❑ Himachal Pradesh has become the fifth state/UT to achieve full functional literacy under the New India Literacy Programme.
  - The other four states/UTs are Mizoram, Goa, Tripura, and Ladakh.
- ❑ Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) in CBSE-affiliated schools in the UAE on Teachers' Day on September 5.
- ❑ PhonePe, in partnership with the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) and the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), has launched a digital-first enterprise support platform integrated into the PhonePe app.

- The objective is to simplify enterprise registration for informal micro enterprises, providing them with formal recognition, access to government schemes, loans, and digital payments.
- ❑ The Karnataka government has posthumously conferred the Karnataka Ratna, the state's highest civilian award, on Kannada actors Dr. Vishnuvardhan and B. Saroja Devi.
- ❑ The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has announced the establishment of a Centre of Excellence (CoE) as part of its upcoming centenary celebrations (October 1, 2025-October 1, 2026) to collect best practices from the UPSC and various State Public Service Commissions (SPSCs).
- ❑ The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has launched Hallmarking Unique Identification (HUID)-based hallmarking for silver jewellery and articles on a voluntary basis from September 1, 2025.
- ❑ The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has increased the per-UPI person-to-merchant (P2M) transaction limit to Rs. 5 lakh and the 24-hour cumulative limit to Rs. 10 lakh.
- ❑ Indian women's rights activist Varsha Deshpande has been awarded the 2025 United Nations Population Prize in the individual category for promoting gender equality and reproductive rights.
- ❑ The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the aegis of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, successfully launched the second phase of its flagship financial literacy initiative - Investor Didi - in Hyderabad on September 1.
- ❑ The 12-day All India Army Camp was inaugurated in New Delhi on September 2.
- ❑ To promote higher education among Afghan youth, India has announced 1,000 e-scholarships for Afghan nationals for the

- academic year 2025-26 under the Special Scholarship Scheme for Afghan Nationals (SSC) through the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).
- ❑ The regional office of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) was inaugurated in Patna, Bihar by Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on September 11.
  - ❑ The regional office of the Indian Bureau of Information (IBI) was inaugurated in Ranchi by Union Coal and Information Minister G. Kishan Reddy.
  - ❑ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a commemorative Rs. 100 coin in Guwahati to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna singer-composer Dr. Bhupen Hazarika.
  - ❑ The Hornbill Festival of Nagaland was honored with the Silver Banyan Award for Best Cultural Music and Dance by The Week Heritage Awards.
  - ❑ The CSIR Startup Conclave 2025 was held in Lucknow on September 14-15.
  - ❑ The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, announced the nationwide re-release of the National Award-winning film "Chalo Jeete Hain," based on the philosophy and thoughts of Swami Vivekananda, until October 2.
  - ❑ The Chief Minister of Delhi, Rekha Gupta, inaugurated Asia's first dedicated cancer center for women, Apollo Athena, in New Delhi.
  - ❑ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Sex Sorted Semen Centre (capacity - 5 lakh semen production per year) established under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission scheme at the Semen Station in Purnia, Bihar.
  - ❑ The Ahmednagar Railway Station in Maharashtra has been renamed Ahilyanagar.
  - ❑ The first edition of the South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) Vishwakarma Awards saw 75 coal miners receiving awards.
  - ❑ The India-AI Impact Summit 2026 (with three guiding principles: People, Planet, and Progress) organized by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology will be held in New Delhi on February 19-20, 2026.
  - ❑ The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) conducted trials (in collaboration with the National e-Governance Division) of AI-enabled facial authentication technology for quick and secure verification of candidates during the NDA and NA II Examination, 2025 and CDS II Examination, 2025 on September 14.
  - ❑ India has been re-elected to the Governing Council and Postal Governing Council of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) during the 28th UPU Congress held in Dubai, UAE.
  - ❑ India's long-term sovereign credit rating was upgraded to 'BBB+' from 'BBB' by Japan's credit rating agency, Ratings and Investment Information, Inc. (R&I).
    - Upgrade to 'BBB' (from 'BBB-') by S&P in August 2025.
  - ❑ Central Administrative Tribunal (CAIT) organised its 10<sup>th</sup> All India Conference in New Delhi on September 20.
  - ❑ AIIFA STEELEX20255 and the 37<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Sustainable Steel were organised by the Sustainable Steel Manufacturers Association (SMA) in collaboration with the Maharashtra Steel Manufacturers Association (MSA), the Ministry of Steel, Government of India, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on 19-20 September in Mumbai, India.
  - ❑ On the occasion of the launch of Abhiyaan and Poshan Maah on 17 September 2025, 75 Gram Panchayats in Surajpur district of Chhattisgarh have been officially declared as 'Child Marriage Free Gram Panchayats'.

- ❑ Puducherry has become the first Union Territory in India to achieve the target of zero maternal mortality rate.
- ❑ Director Neeraj Ghaywan's film Homebound has been selected as India's official entry in the Best International Feature category for the Oscars 2026.
- ❑ Madhya Pradesh has achieved the lowest price ever in India for purchasing solar power backed by battery storage in a clean energy auction (at Rs. 2.70 per kWh and Rs. 2.764 per kWh CEIGL India and ACME Solar, respectively).
- ❑ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh announced the inauguration of a new defence wing at the Indian Embassy in Rabat, Morocco.
- ❑ The Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) launched the world's largest Indian Sign Language (ISL) digital repository, including 3,189 e-content videos, at the 'Sign Language Day 2025' celebrations held in New Delhi on September 23.
- ❑ Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Startup Conclave 2025 at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ❑ Punjab has launched a first-of-its-kind Artificial Intelligence (AI)-enabled screening device for early detection of breast cancer, cervical cancer, and refractive errors.
- ❑ Toyoake City in Aichi Prefecture has become the first municipality in Japan to pass an ordinance urging residents to limit screen use to two hours per day for entertainment purposes only.
- ❑ India has achieved the target of 250 gigawatts for non-fossil fuel power generation capacity and aims to achieve 500 gigawatts of renewable energy capacity by 2030.
- ❑ Madhya Pradesh became the first state to impose a complete legal ban on cow slaughter.
- ❑ India's first AI-powered Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) was launched in Tirumala, Andhra Pradesh.
- ❑ Tamil Nadu became the first state in India to issue identity cards to women self-help group (SHG) members.
- ❑ **The world's first ceramic waste park -**
  - Khurja, Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh
  - The park was named "Anokhi Duniya."
- ❑ The Technology Development Board (TDB) of the Department of Science and Technology is supporting Rapti Energy Private Limited, Chennai, to develop and commercialize India's first 240-volt electric motorcycle platform.



### BRICS virtual summit

- ❑ Held on 8 September 2025.
- ❑ Chaired by Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.
- ❑ India was represented by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.

### New York Declaration

- ❑ The New York Declaration is a significant document endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2025 addressing the Israel-Palestine conflict and supporting the two-state solution.
- ❑ It is also known as French-Saudi declaration.
- ❑ India voted in favor of this declaration (supporting a two-state solution)
  - Introduced by France.
  - Vote in favour= 142
  - Against = 10 (Israel, U.S., Hungary, Argentina)

### India-Bangladesh Joint River Commission (86th meeting)

- ❑ Held -in Kolkata on September 16, 2025.
- ❑ This Commission (JRC) was established on March 19, 1972.

### G4 Foreign Ministers' meeting

- ❑ Held on September 25 on the sidelines of the 80<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York.

### About G4

- It is a group of four countries – India, Brazil, Germany and Japan
- Aim: jointly campaign for reform of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).

## Index

### 18<sup>th</sup> Global Innovation Index, 2025

- ❑ An annual ranking published by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Rank (out of 139 countries)

1. Switzerland (Score = 66)
2. Sweden
3. USA

India's Performance:

Year	GII Rank	Innovation Inputs Rank	Innovation Outputs Rank
2025	38 <sup>th</sup> (Score = 38.2)	52 <sup>nd</sup>	32 <sup>nd</sup>
2024	39 <sup>th</sup>		

- 48<sup>th</sup> in 2020 and 81<sup>st</sup> in 2015.
- India is ranked 1st among lower-middle-income countries and in Central & Southern Asia and ICT services exports, % total trade.
- Four Indian cities – Bengaluru (21<sup>st</sup>), Delhi (26<sup>th</sup>), Mumbai (46<sup>th</sup>), and Chennai (84<sup>th</sup>) – are among the world's top 100 innovation clusters.

**Global Digital Nomad Report, 2025**

- Published by Global Citizen Solutions (Global Intelligence Unit).
- **Ranking:**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Spain, 2<sup>nd</sup> Netherlands [Out of 64 countries]
  - India (Rank 38<sup>th</sup> & Score 84.85) [Rank 1<sup>st</sup> in Economic Index (one of the six key dimensions)]

**World Talent Ranking 2025**

- Published by the International Institute for Management Development (IMD)
- **Ranking:**
  - 1st Switzerland, 2<sup>nd</sup> Luxembourg
  - 63<sup>rd</sup> India (Score = 36.06) [58<sup>th</sup> rank in 2024]



**Happy City Index 2025**

- ❑ Published by- Institute for Quality of Life
- ❑ Rank: 1. Copenhagen (Denmark) 2. Zurich (Switzerland) 3. Singapore
- ❑ No Indian city features in the ranking.

**Fest/Awards:**

**Ramon Magsaysay Award**

- ❑ **Winners announced-**
  1. Educate Girls (India)
  2. Shaahina Ali (Maldives)
  3. Flaviano Antonio L. Villanueva (Philippines).
- ❑ Educate Girls (India): An NGO, founded by Safeena Husain in 2007, it started in Rajasthan and now operates in over 30,000 villages, helping more than two million girls access education.
- ❑ **Note:** The awards will be presented on November 7 in Manila, Philippines.

**About Award:**

- Established in 1957 to honor Ramon Magsaysay (former Philippine president.)
- Awarded annually to individuals or organizations with outstanding contributions to society in Asia.
- Known as "Asia's Nobel Prize"

**Emmy Awards 2025 (The 77<sup>th</sup> Primetime)**

- ❑ Ceremony was held on September 14, 2025, at the Peacock Theater in Los Angeles.
- ❑ Barack Obama won the Emmy for Outstanding Narrator for "Our Oceans" (his third Emmy) in 2025.

**82<sup>nd</sup> Venice Film Festival 2025**

- ❑ Held from August 27 to September 6.
- ❑ Anuparna Roy won the Best Director award in the Orizzonti section for her film "Songs of Forgotten Trees.
- ❑ Besides this award-winning feature, the festival also showcased a restored 4K version of the classic Indian film "Do Bigha Zamin" by Bimal Roy.

**50<sup>th</sup> Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF)**

- ❑ Held from September 4 to 14, 2025.
- ❑ The Indian film "Vimukt," directed by Jitank Singh Gurjar, won the prestigious NETPAC award at TIFF 2025
- ❑ Indian films at TIFF 50 included are-
  - Neeraj Ghaywan's "Homebound,"
  - Anurag Kashyap's "Bandar"
  - Bikas Mishra's "Bayaan."
  - The festival also screened a restored 4K version of the classic Indian film "Sholay."
- ❑ **Note:** "Homebound" is India's official entry for the Oscars 2026 in the Best International Feature Film category.

**UNEP Young Champions of the Earth Award, 2025**

- ❑ **Awardee:**
  1. Jinali Mody (India): Founded Banofi Leather, which produces leather alternatives made from banana crop waste.
  2. Joseph Nguthiru (Kenya)
  3. Naomi Florea (USA)

**About Award:**

- ❑ It is the UN Environment Programme's flagship initiative on youth engagement.
- ❑ It was established in 2017, re-launched in 2025 in partnership with Planet A.

**Important One Liner:**

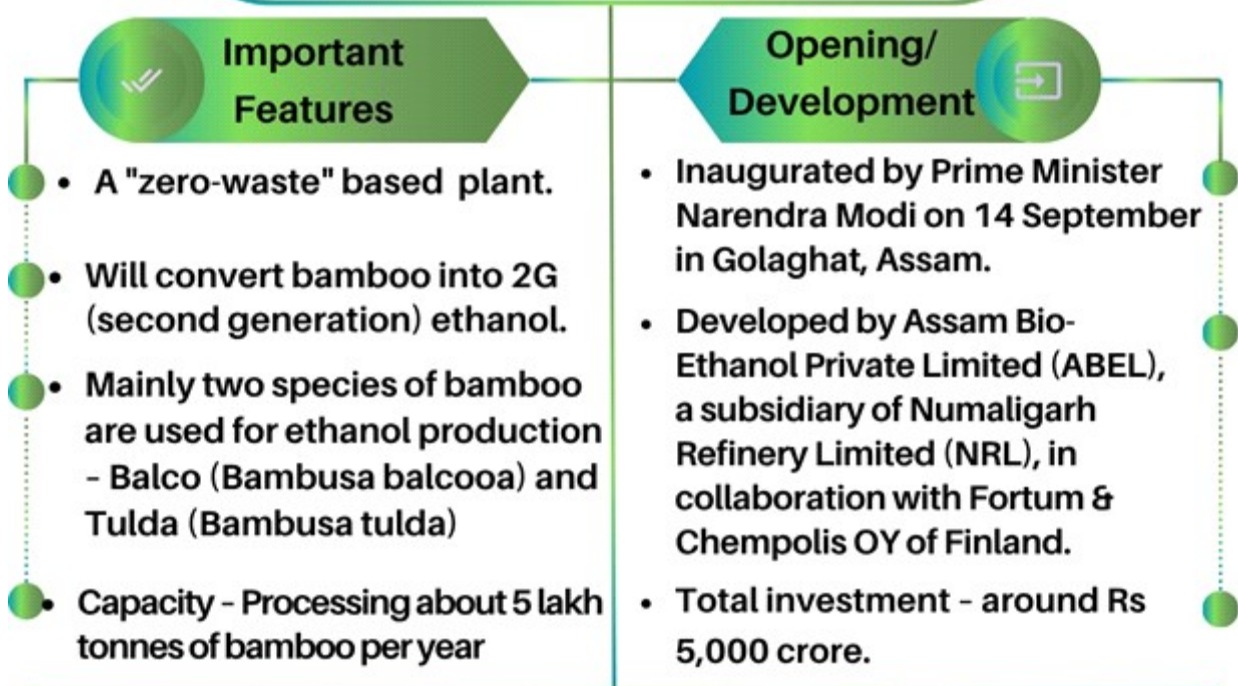
- ❑ A 51-foot Lord Ram statue, North America's tallest, was unveiled in Mississauga, Canada.
- ❑ Diella (an AI-generated bot): World's First AI Minister appointed in Albania.
- ❑ Indian Navy warship INS Kadmat visited Port Moresby to participate in Papua New Guinea's 50th Independence Day celebrations.
- ❑ Several popular beaches in Spain were temporarily closed due to the appearance of venomous Blue Dragon sea slugs (*Glaucus atlanticus*).
- ❑ The 54th Pacific Islands Forum Summit was held from September 8-12, 2025, in Honiara, Solomon Islands.
- ❑ IIM Ahmedabad Dubai campus: first international campus in Dubai was inaugurated by Sheikh Hamdan (Crown Prince of Dubai) and Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on September 11, 2025.
- ❑ Enteromix: A cancer vaccine developed by Russia. It is based on mRNA technology.
- ❑ Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) have signed an agreement to resume cooperation, including restarting inspections of Iran's nuclear facilities.
- ❑ **Maitri 2.0**
  - Brazil-India Cross-Incubation Programme in Agritech.
  - Launched by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in New Delhi.
- ❑ Jupiter (Germany): Europe's first exascale supercomputer. It is Europe's fastest and the world's fourth-fastest supercomputer.
- ❑ Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger (African countries) had announced their immediate withdrawal from the International Criminal Court (ICC).
- ❑ India opened its first-ever overseas defense manufacturing plant (built by Tata Advanced Systems Limited) in Morocco. It was inaugurated by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh.
- ❑ India's sovereign rating was upgraded to 'BBB+' with a stable outlook by Japan's Rating and Investment Information (R&I).
- ❑ IIT Kanpur and Vietnam National University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on advanced research and academic exchange.
- ❑ ISSA-J1 (In-situ Space Situational Awareness- Japan1) satellite will be launched by India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in 2027.
- ❑ India and Mauritius have signed a landmark agreement to set up a satellite tracking and communication station near Diego Garcia in the Chagos archipelago.
- ❑ Atlantic Partnership for Advanced Nuclear Energy: Signed between UK and USA for development of nuclear power plants.
- ❑ 5<sup>th</sup> World Teak Conference was held from September 17 to 20, 2025, in Kochi, Kerala.
- ❑ 89<sup>th</sup> International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) General Meeting was held in New Delhi, India, from September 15-19, 2025.

- ❑ **44<sup>th</sup> Council** meeting of RATS (Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure) under the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) took place at Cholpon Ata, Kyrgyzstan. The Council strongly condemned the Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu & Kashmir.
- ❑ Saudi Arabia and Pakistan signed a defense agreement stating that any attack on one country will be treated as an attack on both.
- ❑ **H-1B Visa:** US President signs a proclamation imposing a \$100,000 annual fee on H-1B visa applications.
- ❑ **K- Visa:**
  - Introduced by China.
  - Effective from 1 October, 2025
  - Aim: Attracting young science and technology talent globally, particularly in STEM fields.
- ❑ Qatar has become the 8th country to adopt India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) system.
- ❑ Prime Minister of Mauritius, Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam, undertook an eight-day state visit (Mumbai, Varanasi, Ayodhya and Tirupati) to India from September 9 to 16.
- ❑ **India-** Israel Bilateral Investment Agreement was signed on September 8, 2025 in New Delhi.
- ❑ 3<sup>rd</sup> round of Trilateral Talks between India, Iran and Armenia was held in Tehran on 8 September.



Person	In News
Annalena Baerbock (Germany)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chaired the 80<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York.</li> <li>• The theme of this session is "Better Together: 80 years and more for peace, development and human rights."</li> </ul>
Kokichi Akuzawa (Japan)	102-year-old Japanese man recently became the oldest person to summit Mount Fuji, breaking his own Guinness World Record set at age 96.
Anutin Charnvirakul (Thailand)	Became 32 <sup>nd</sup> Prime Minister of Thailand.

## INDIA'S FIRST BAMBOO-BASED BIO-ETHANOL PLANT

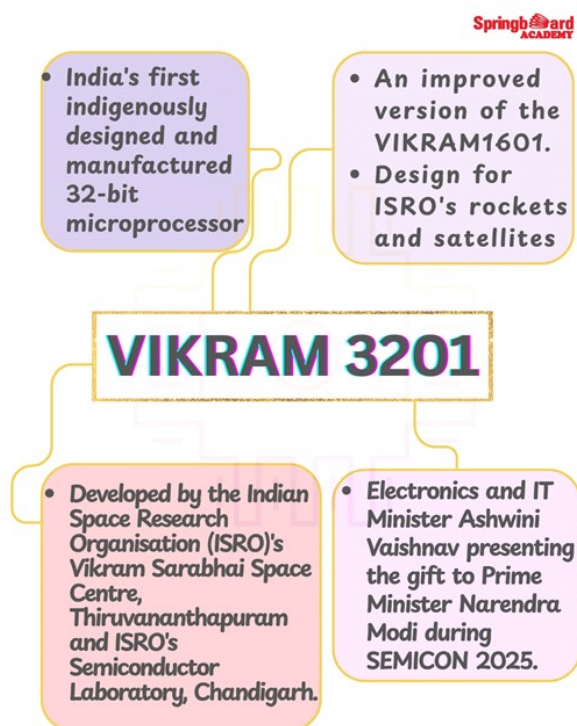


### 18<sup>th</sup> International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO-2025)

- Held from August 8-16, 2025, in Jining, China.
- India won a total of 7 medals (1 gold, 4 silver, 2 bronze).
  - Ryansh Gupta - 1 gold, 1 silver.
    - Won 3rd prize in the International Geoscience Youth Movement (I-GYM) Reporter category.
  - Charuvrat Bains won 2 silver, 1 bronze.
  - Apam Nidhi Pandey (PM Shri KV No. 1, Jaipur, Rajasthan) won 1 silver.
  - Priyanshi Ghanghas won 1 bronze.

### Centre of Excellence for Artificial Intelligence, Skill Development and Innovation

- Established at Graphic Era (Deemed to be University), Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
- Inaugurated by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh.
- Uttarakhand's first NVIDIA AI and High Performance Computing (HPC) Hub facility.
  - Powered by NVIDIA DGX B200 system (8 GPUs and 1.74 TB GPU memory).
- Apple iOS Development Center established in collaboration with Apple and Infosys.
- Graphic Era University is India's first Generative AI-ready campus.



- ❑ AIIMS Delhi is the only institute in the country to have two surgical robots for training - a Hugo training robot provided by Medtronic and a da Vinci robot from Intuitive Surgical.

**Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's AI-Powered Holobox**

- ❑ Installed at the Prime Minister's Museum, New Delhi.
- ❑ Inauguration - September 17, 2025.
- ❑ The state of Hyderabad joined India on September 17, 1948, with the successful completion of Operation Polo.
- ❑ It is a life-size AI-powered holobox featuring a hyperrealistic 3D avatar (meta-human model) of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- ❑ Visitors can ask questions and receive answers on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's life, philosophy, and key moments in the country's history.

**Suman Sakhi Chatbot**

- ❑ Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 17<sup>th</sup> from Dhar, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❑ AI powered chatbot.
- ❑ **Objective:**
  - To raise awareness about maternal and child health.
  - To provide timely and accurate information to pregnant women in rural and remote areas and ensure their access to essential healthcare services.
- ❑ This platform, built with artificial intelligence, will allow beneficiaries to converse in Hindi.

**Da Vinci Robot**

- ❑ Surgical robot installed at AIIMS, New Delhi to train students in robotic-assisted surgery.
- ❑ Provided by Intuitive Surgical.

**India joins the HealthAI Global Regulatory Network (GRN)**

- ❑ MoU signed between India and HealthAI.
- ❑ Objective: To accelerate global efforts for the safe and more effective use of AI in healthcare.
- ❑ The HealthAI Global Regulatory Network is an international platform based in Geneva, Switzerland, that brings together health regulators to strengthen oversight of AI in healthcare.

**Diella**

- ❑ The world's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-generated government minister, appointed by Albania's Prime Minister Edi Rama to make the country corruption-free.
- ❑ Developed by Albania's National Agency for Society in collaboration with Microsoft.
- ❑ Diella is responsible for making all decisions related to public tenders.

**INS Androt**

- ❑ The second of eight anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft (ASW SWC).
- ❑ Handed over to the Indian Navy on September 13.
- ❑ Constructed by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.
- ❑ Powered by a diesel engine-waterjet combination.
- ❑ The name 'Androt' is derived from Androt Island in the Lakshadweep archipelago.
- ❑ India's first anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft - INS Arnala.

**DSC A 22**

- ❑ The third ship of the 05× Diving Support Craft (DSC) project built for the Indian Navy.
- ❑ Launched on September 12 at Titagarh, Kolkata (West Bengal).
- ❑ Built by Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL), Kolkata.

**Sabal**

- ❑ The **sixth 25T** Bollard Pull (BP) tug, Sabal, was commissioned into the Indian Navy on September 4 at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam.
- ❑ Built by Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL), Kolkata (total 6 tugs).
- ❑ Uses - To provide assistance to naval ships and submarines during berthing/unberthing and maneuvers in confined waters by the Indian Navy, and to provide firefighting support to ships ashore or at anchorage.

**ICGS Adamyia**

- ❑ Commissioned into the Indian Coast Guard on September 19 at Paradip Port, Odisha.
- ❑ The first ship of the Adamyia-class series of eight Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs).

- ❑ Indigenously designed and built by Goa Shipyard Limited.

**PRATYUSH**

- ❑ Probing re-ionization of the Universe using signals from hydrogen.
- ❑ Digital receiver system being developed by the Raman Research Institute (RRI).
- ❑ A 'radiometer of the future' to be placed in lunar orbit.
- ❑ Will reveal changes in the universe after the Big Bang.

**Jarosite**

- ❑ team of researchers from the Ahmedabad-based Space Applications Centre (SAC), Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), and the Lucknow-based Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences recently confirmed that the jarosite discovered in 2016 in the **Mata No Madh** village in **Gujarat's Kutch** district is about 55 million years old.
- ❑ A yellow-colored, iron-rich sulfate mineral.
- ❑ Similar to the mineral projected on Mars by NASA's Opportunity mission in 2004.
- ❑ Formed on Earth - when certain compounds containing oxygen, iron, sulfur, and potassium react with each other in the presence of water in the right amounts.

**Methanediene Long Term Metabolite (LTM)**

- ❑ A rare and high-purity Reference Material (RM) developed by the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Guwahati, under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, in collaboration with the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL), New Delhi.
- ❑ Formal launch by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports and Minister of Labour and Employment, during the 22nd Governing Body Meeting of NDTL in New Delhi on September 4.

- ❑ Reference Material (RM) - the most highly purified and scientifically characterized forms of narcotic substances or their metabolites.
- ❑ Capable of detecting over 450 substances banned by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in the context of anti-doping.

**Direct Broadcast Network (DBNet) Stations**

- ❑ A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF), Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Government of India, and New Space India Limited (NSIL), the commercial arm of the Department of Space (DoS), to establish two Direct Broadcast Network (DBNet) stations.
  - The first will be located in **Delhi/NCR** and the second in **Chennai**.
- ❑ DBNet is a global operational infrastructure designed for real-time satellite data acquisition from low Earth orbit (LEO) satellites.
- ❑ It plays a critical role in numerical weather prediction (NWP) and supports a wide range of applications, including weather forecasting, cyclone monitoring, and climate research.

**India's first port-based green hydrogen pilot project**

- ❑ VOC installed at V.O. Chidambarnar (VOC) Port, Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu.
- ❑ Inaugurated by Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal.

**World's First Polymer Mitral Valve Implant**

- ❑ SMS Medical College, Jaipur successfully completed a polymer mitral valve implant on a 38-year-old patient suffering from rheumatic heart disease.

**Vikramaditya Vedic Clock**

- ❑ Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav launched the Vikramaditya Vedic Clock and its mobile application on September 1 at the main gate of the Chief Minister's residence in Bhopal.
- ❑ **Objective:** To integrate the Hindu Panchang (religious calendar) and traditional timekeeping with modern technology.

**ATOR N1200**

- ❑ A specialized amphibious mobility vehicle of the Indian Army.
- ❑ Manufactured by JSW Gecko Motors Pvt. Ltd.
- ❑ These vehicles are being used during the floods in Punjab to rescue stranded residents and deliver food, medicines, and other essential supplies.

**Agni-Prime missile from a rail-based mobile launcher**

- ❑ Successfully tested by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- ❑ Date: September 24, 2025
- ❑ From Chandipur, Odisha
- ❑ India became the fourth country after Russia, China, and North Korea with the capability to launch a missile from a rail-based mobile launcher.
- ❑ **Agni-Prime**
  - *Two-stage solid-fuel medium-range ballistic missile.*
  - *It can strike targets up to 2,000 kilometers away.*
  - *It can carry a payload of approximately 1,000–3,000 kg.*
  - *The missile is stored in a sealed container, allowing it to be rapidly launched from road or rail vehicles.*

## Important One-Liners

- ❑ Innovations for Defence Excellence-Defence Innovation Organisation (IDEX-DIO), a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Defence, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ed.CIL (India) Limited under the new ASPIRE (Accelerating Strategic Advancements in Research and Education) program.
- ❑ Scientists from Stanford University and the Arch Institute have developed the first viral genome entirely using Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- ❑ Scientists from INST, Mohali, have presented cholesterol-based nanomaterials as a novel platform for future quantum technologies and spintronic applications.
- ❑ A technology transfer agreement has been signed between NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN&SPACe), and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the transfer of Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) technology.
  - The SSLV has been developed by ISRO as a rapid, on-demand launch vehicle (to launch satellites weighing up to 500 kg into Lower Earth Orbit (LEO)).
- ❑ The Government of India has granted licenses to five companies - Indian Immunologicals Limited, TechInvention Lifecare Private Limited, Panacea Biotech Limited, Biological E Limited, and Zydus Lifesciences - to manufacture and commercialize its first indigenous multi-stage malaria vaccine, Adfalcivax.
- ❑ Researchers at the Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanical Garden and Research Institute (JNTBGRI) in Kerala have developed a multifunctional wound healing pad using Murikoothi Pacha (*Strobilanthes alternata*).
- ❑ India's largest lithium-ion (Li-ion) battery manufacturing plant (TDK Corporation) was inaugurated by Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw, in Sohna, Haryana on September 4.
- ❑ The Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India will organize the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) in New Delhi in November 2025.
- ❑ The Karnataka government has announced the development of the Greater Bengaluru Integrated Township (GBIT) as India's first and largest Artificial Intelligence (AI) powered integrated township.
- ❑ The first digital census of India will geo-tagged all residential and non-residential buildings for the first time in 2027.
  - Geo-tagging is the process of assigning a unique latitude-longitude coordinate to a specific building on a Geographic Information System (GIS) map.
- ❑ Researchers at the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS), Bengaluru, an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, in collaboration with the Centre for Nano Science and Engineering (CeNSE) of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), have developed a new battery technology using aluminum and a water-based solution.
- ❑ Electric scooter manufacturer Simple Energy has started commercially manufacturing India's first rare earth-free motors at its Hosur, Tamil Nadu production facility.
- ❑ The Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has announced the establishment of 500 data labs across the country under the India AI Mission.
- ❑ **First Sovereign Mobility Cloud**
  - Unveiled by UAE at the Dubai World Congress for Self-Driving Transport.
  - Undedicated by Core 42's sovereign public cloud
  - Powered by Microsoft Azure
- ❑ The first Central Tissue Bank has been established at Maulana Azad College (MAIDS), Delhi.

**First Women's T20 World Cup for the Blind**

- ❑ Held from November 11 to 25 in New Delhi and Bengaluru, India.
- ❑ **Participation** : Teams from Australia, England, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and the United States.
  - India will participate with a 16-member Indian team.
- ❑ Organized by the Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI), the cricket arm of the Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled.

**73<sup>rd</sup> Inline Speed Skating World Championships-2025**

- ❑ Held from September 13 to 21 in Beidaihe, China.
- ❑ India finished 5th in the medal tally, winning a total of 5 medals (3 gold, 2 bronze).
- ❑ Indian Medalists:
  - **Anandkumar Velkumar** -
    - First Indian to win a medal in the senior category.
    - Two gold (1000m sprint and 42,195m marathon) and one bronze (500m sprint) medals.

**US Open**

Categories	Winners	Runners-up
❖ Men's Singles	• Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)	• Jamie Sinner (Italy)
❖ Women's Singles	• Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)	• Amanda Anisimova (USA)
❖ Men's Doubles	• M-Granollers and H. Zeballos	• J-Salisbury and N. Skupski
❖ Women's Doubles	• E-Rot Life, G-Dabrowski	• T-Townsend, K. Siniakova
❖ Mixed Doubles	• S-Irani, A-Vavasori	• I-Swiatek, C-Rudd

- ❑ **Event** - August 18 - September 7
- ❑ **Carlos Alcaraz** - Sixth Grand Slam of his career
  - He won the US Open for the second time (2022).
- ❑ **Aryna Sabalenka** - Second woman to win consecutive US Open titles (first - Serena Williams).

- **Krish Sharma** - India's first junior gold medal in the 1000m sprint.
- **Anish Raj** - Bronze medal in the junior men's one-lap sprint.

**Mariam Fatima**

- ❑ Bihar's first female FIDE Master (WFM)

**17<sup>th</sup> Asia Cup 2025**

- ❑ Venue - Dubai (UAE) September 9-September 28
- ❑ Total Teams - 8  
(Group I: India, Pakistan, Oman, UAE  
Group B: Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Hong Kong)
- ❑ Winner - India (9th time)
- ❑ Player of the Series - Abhishek Sharma
- ❑ Controversy - The Indian team refused to accept the trophy from Pakistan's Mosin Naqvi (ACC President).
- ❑ With nine titles (seven ODIs and two T20s), India is the most successful team in this tournament.

- Fourth Grand Slam of her career.
- ❑ **Yuki Bhambri** - Indian tennis player
  - He reached the semifinals of a Grand Slam men's doubles for the first time.
  - **Partner** - Michael Venus (New Zealand)

## Other Sports Competitions

S. No.	Competitions	Events	Winners	Other
1.	Men's Asia Cup Hockey Championship 2025	Rajgir (Bihar)	India defeated South Korea 4-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>India won the 4<sup>th</sup> title.</li> <li>India qualified for the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2026 to be held in the Netherlands and Belgium.</li> </ul>
2.	Women's Hockey Asia Cup Championship 2025	September 14, Gongshu (China)	China defeated India 4-1 to win the title	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japan - 3<sup>rd</sup> place</li> </ul>
3.	World Boxing Championships 2025	Liverpool (United Kingdom)	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>India won a total of 4 medals</li> <li>(2 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze)</li> <li>Women's category</li> <li>1. Meenakshi Hooda - Gold medal, 48 kg</li> <li>2. Jasmine Lamboria - Gold medal, 57 kg</li> <li>3. Nupur Sheoran - Silver medal, 80 kg</li> <li>4. Pooja Rani - Bronze medal, 80 kg.</li> </ul>
4.	CAFA Nations Cup 2025	August 29-September 8 Uzbekistan and Tajikistan	Uzbekistan defeated Iran 1-0 to win the title	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>India defeated Oman to win the bronze medal at the Hisor Central Stadium in Tajikistan.</li> </ul>
5.	75 <sup>th</sup> National Junior Basketball Championship 2025	Ludhiana (Punjab)	<b>Boys Category</b> Tamil Nadu defeated Punjab 81-76 to win the title <b>Girls Category</b> Tamil Nadu defeated Gujarat 100-85 to win the title	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boys Category</li> <li>Rajasthan - Bronze Medal</li> </ul>
6.	FIDE Grand Swiss 2025	-	Vaishali Rameshbabu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won the competition for the second time</li> <li>Third female chess player to qualify for the 2026 Candidates Tournament (the first two being Koneru Humpy and Divya Deshmukh)</li> </ul>
7.	FIBA Under-16 Women's Asia Cup Division B	Malaysia	The Indian basketball team defeated Iran 67-66 to win the title	

8.	World Wrestling Championships 2025	Zagreb, Croatia	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ananthi Panghal won the bronze medal in the 53kg category.</li> </ul>
9.	WTT Young Star Contender Table Tennis Tournament Under-15			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ananya Muralidharan and Divyanshi Bhowmick defeated the Chinese pair of Zhao Weiqing and Liu Zhiling to win the title.</li> </ul>
10.	BWF World Championships 2025 (Men's Doubles)	-	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won the bronze medal.</li> </ul>
11.	Fujairah Global Superstars Chess Tournament 2025		World Junior Champion Pranav Venkatesh defeated Spanish Grandmaster Alan Pichore to win the title. Central Zone defeated South Zone by 6 wickets to win the title.	-
12.	Duleep Trophy 2025	-	World Junior Champion Pranav Venkatesh defeated Spanish Grandmaster Alan Pichore to win the title. Central Zone defeated South Zone by 6 wickets to win the title.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A major domestic cricket competition in India</li> </ul>

### Important One-Liners

- ❑ India will host the 28<sup>th</sup> ITTF-ATTU Asian Table Tennis Team Championships in Bhubaneswar from October 11 to 15.
- ❑ The Rajgir Sports Academy in Bihar, India, officially received affiliation from the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) on September 6.
- ❑ The 10th edition of the Tata Steel World 25k in Kolkata will be held on December 21, 2025.
- ❑ The 2026 World Badminton Championships will be held in New Delhi.
- ❑ Apollo Tyres has signed a two-and-a-half-year (until March 2028) deal with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) as the sponsor of the Indian team.
- ❑ Sarvesh Kushare (the first Indian high jumper to qualify for a World Championship final) finished sixth in the men's high jump final (2.28m) at the 2025 World Athletics Championships in Tokyo.
- ❑ Arshdeep Singh became the first Indian bowler to complete 100 wickets in men's T20 Internationals in the match against Oman in the Asia Cup.

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## Important Days

Date	Days	Theme
1 to 7 September	National Nutrition Week 2025	Eat Right for a Better Life
2nd September	World Coconut Day	Uncovering Coconuts' Power, Inspiring Global Action
5 <sup>th</sup> September	Teacher's Day (India)	Inspiring the Next Generation of Learners
10 <sup>th</sup> September	World Suicide Prevention Day 2025	Changing the Narrative on Suicide
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Hindi Diwas	
15 <sup>th</sup> September	International Day of Democracy	Achieving Gender Equality, Action by Action
	National Engineer's day	
16 <sup>th</sup> September	World Ozone Day	From Science to Global Action
18 <sup>th</sup> September	World Bamboo Day	Next Generation Bamboo: Solution, Innovation and Design
21 <sup>st</sup> September	International Day of Peace	Act Now for a Peaceful World
	National Ayurveda Day (10 <sup>th</sup> edition 2025, started in 2016)	Ayurveda for People & Planet
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	[ <b>DRAVYA</b> ( <i>Digitized Retrieval Application for Versatile Yardstick of AYUSH Substances</i> ) portal and <b>Desh ka Swasthye Parikshan</b> (a nationwide Health Assessment Campaign) were launched on this day.]	
	International Day of Sign Languages	No Human Rights Without Sign Language Rights
25 <sup>th</sup> September	World Maritime Day [Observed on the last Thursday of every September]	Our Ocean, Our Obligation, Our Opportunity
26 <sup>th</sup> September	World Environmental Health Day	Clean Air, Healthy People
27 <sup>th</sup> September	World Tourism Day	Tourism and Sustainable Transformation
28 <sup>th</sup> September	World Rabbis Day (19 <sup>th</sup> edition, 2025)	Act now: You, Me, Community
	International Day for Universal Access to Information	Ensuring Access to Environmental Information in the Digital Age
29 <sup>th</sup> September	World Heart Day	Don't Miss a Beat
30 <sup>th</sup> September	International Translation Day	

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## Important Books

Sr. No.	Book Title	Author
1.	107 Days	Kamala Harris
2.	Trial by Water: Indus Basin and India-Pakistan Relations	Uttam Kumar Sinha
3.	Different But No Less	Anupam Kher
4.	Democracy's Heartland: Inside the Battle for Power in South Asia	S.Y. Quraishi (former Chief Election Commissioner of India)
5.	Demography, Representation, Delimitation: The North-South Divide in India	Ravi K Mishra
6.	Dapaan: Kashmir Stories of Survival	Ipsita Chakravarty
7.	Rocket Dreams	Christian Davenport
8.	Believer's Dilemma (A book on political biography of Atal Behari Vajpayee)	Abhishek Choudhary
9.	Same Heart, Same World <i>[It was released by the Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, Dr. L Murugan]</i>	<b>Dr. Maneesha V Ramesh</b>

# Objective Questions

1. Consider the following statements regarding the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit:
  1. The 25th summit was held in Tianjin, China.
  2. The 26th summit is proposed to be held in Pakistan.
 Select the appropriate option:
  - [a] Only 1 is true
  - [b] Only 2 are true
  - [c] Both 1 and 2 are false
  - [d] Both 1 and 2 are true
2. Where was the 86th meeting of the India-Bangladesh Joint River Commission held?
  - [a] Dhaka, Bangladesh
  - [b] Delhi, India
  - [c] Kolkata, India
  - [d] Rangpur, Bangladesh
3. Consider the following statements regarding the 18th Global Innovation Index (2025):
  1. Sweden ranked first in this index.
  2. India ranked 38th with a score of 38.2.
  3. This index was released by the World Bank.
 Select the correct option:
  - [a] Only 1 and 2 are true
  - [b] Only 2 are true
  - [c] Only 2 and 3 are true
  - [d] All 1, 2, and 3 are true
4. What was India's rank in the World Talent Ranking 2025?
  - [a] 62nd
  - [b] 63rd
  - [c] 65th
  - [d] 66th
5. Where did India open its first overseas defense manufacturing plant in September 2025?
  - [a] Niger
  - [b] Diego Garcia
  - [c] Solomon Islands
  - [d] Morocco
6. Jupiter is
  1. A supercomputer developed by Japan.
  2. The world's fastest supercomputer.
 Select the correct code:
  - [a] Only 1
  - [b] Both 1 and 2 are false
  - [c] Only 2
  - [d] Both 1 and 2 are true
7. In which Indian city was the 5th World Teak Conference held?
  - [a] Mumbai
  - [b] New Delhi
  - [c] Kochi
  - [d] Bengaluru
8. In which city was the first international campus of IIM Ahmedabad opened?
  - [a] Singapore
  - [b] Dubai
  - [c] London
  - [d] New York
9. Match the items in List I with those in List II. Select the correct option from the given options:
 

<b>List I</b> <b>(Exercise)</b> A. 14th Maitri Exercise B. 21st Yudh Abhyas C. Freedom Edge 2025 D. Exercise JAPAD 2025	<b>List II</b> <b>(Venue in 2025)</b> i. Alaska, USA ii. Belarus iii. Meghalaya, India iv. South Korea
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  - [a] iv iii i ii
  - [b] iii i iv ii
  - [c] iii iv ii i
  - [d] iii i ii iv
10. Consider the following statements regarding the G-4 group:
  1. It is a group of four countries consisting of India, Brazil, Japan, and Italy.
  2. The G-4 Foreign Ministers' meeting was held in New York in September 2025.
 Code:
  - [a] Statements 1 and 2 are both true
  - [b] Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false
  - [c] Statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is true
  - [d] Statements 1 and 2 are both false
11. The author of the book "Different But Now Less" is:
  - [a] Anupam Kher
  - [b] Uttam Kumar Sinha

- [c] Ipsita Chakravarty  
[d] Abhishek Chaudhary
12. **The most recent book written by former Chief Election Commissioner of India, S.Y. Qureshi, is:**  
[a] Demography, Representation, Delimitation  
[b] Trial by Water  
[c] Democracy's Heartland  
[d] Believer's Dilemma
13. **Consider the following statements regarding World Ozone Day:**  
1. It is celebrated every year on September 16.  
2. In the year 2025, its theme was 'From Science to Global Action'.  
**Select the appropriate code:**  
[a] Statement 1 is true  
[b] Statements 1 and 2 are both true  
[c] Statement 2 is true  
[d] Statements 1 and 2 are both false
14. **World Tourism Day is celebrated on:**  
[a] September 27 [b] September 26  
[c] September 28 [d] September 25
15. **National Ayurveda Day 2025, celebrated on September 23, marks which edition of the annual event, and what was its theme?**  
[a] 9th edition - "Ayurveda for Longevity"  
[b] 10th edition - "Ayurveda for People and Planet"  
[c] 8th edition - "Ayurveda for Individual Health"  
[d] 11th edition - "Ayurveda for Global Health"
16. **What is the theme of Swachhata Hi Seva Abhiyan-2025?**  
[a] Cleanliness by nature, cleanliness by culture  
[b] Removing legacy waste and improving visual cleanliness in villages  
[c] Swachhatsav  
[d] Cleanliness by nature
17. **Which year has been declared as the "Tribal Pride Year"?**  
[a] 2024-25 [b] 2025-26  
[c] 2021-22 [d] 2023-24
18. **"Project Vijayak" is a project run by which organization?**  
[a] National Highways Authority of India  
[b] Border Roads Organisation  
[c] Central Road Research Institute  
[d] Defence Research and Development Organisation
19. **Which are the "partner countries" of the 4th World Food India 2025?**  
[a] New Zealand, Saudi Arabia  
[b] Russia, Vietnam  
[c] Japan, UAE  
[d] Singapore, Australia
20. **Kerala Fisheries Department organized the "Blue Tides - Two Shores, One Vision" project in collaboration with:**  
[a] BRICS  
[b] African Union  
[c] European Union  
[d] International Maritime Organization
21. **The book "Eat Right Thali" was released at which conference/expo?**  
[a] Global Food Regulators Summit  
[b] World Food India Conference  
[c] National Agriculture Conference  
[d] India MedTech Expo
22. **Consider the following statements regarding the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) India Rankings 2025:**  
1. It is released in a total of 9 categories and 8 subject areas.  
2. In the overall category, IIT. Madras topped the list for the 8th consecutive year.  
3. The Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, topped the Sustainable Development Goals category added in 2025.  
**Select the correct code based on the above statements:**  
[a] Both 1 and 2 are true  
[b] Both 2 and 3 are true

- [c] Only 1 is true  
[d] Only 3 is true
23. According to the Comptroller and Auditor General's report on state finances 2022-23, which of the following states has the lowest fiscal deficit?  
[a] Rajasthan [b] Telangana  
[c] Punjab [d] Gujarat
24. Which of the following pairs is mismatched in the context of recent appointments?  
[a] 15th Vice President - C.P. Radhakrishnan  
[b] Controller General of Accounts - T.C.A. Kalyani  
[c] Ambassador of India - Ajay Seth  
[d] Chief Justice of Patna High Court - Justice Pawan Kumar Bhimappa Bajanthri
25. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the "Wangchu Hydroelectric Project"?  
1. It is a "run-of-river project" located on a tributary of the Brahmaputra.  
2. Bhutan entered into a shareholder agreement with Adani Power Limited for this project.  
Select the correct answer using the code given below:  
[a] Only 2 [b] Only 1  
[c] Both 1 and 2 [d] Both 1 and 2 are false
26. In which state is the fully solar-powered "Dhordo" village, recently dedicated to the nation by the Prime Minister, located?  
[a] Jharkhand [b] Madhya Pradesh  
[c] Gujarat [d] Maharashtra
27. Which of the following statements regarding National Nutrition Month 2025 is false?  
[a] It was launched under the Samagra Poshan Yojana (Poshan) Abhiyaan.  
[b] It was launched in Dhar, Madhya Pradesh.  
[c] Rajasthan ranked second in organizing it nationwide.  
[d] Its main themes include "One Tree for Mother."
28. Consider the following statements regarding the 18th International Earth Science Olympiad (Earth Science Olympiad-2025):  
1. India won a total of 7 medals (1 gold, 4 silver, 2 bronze).  
2. Ryansh Gupta won 1 gold, 1 silver, and Aapam Nidhi Pandey won 1 silver.  
Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
[a] Only 1 [b] Only 2  
[c] Both 1 and 2 [d] Neither 1 nor 2
29. Consider the following statements regarding Diella :  
1. The Albanian government appointed the world's first Artificial Intelligence (AI)-generated government minister to make the country corruption-free.  
2. Developed by the Albanian National Agency for Society in collaboration with Microsoft.  
Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
[a] Only 1 [b] Only 2  
[c] Both 1 and 2 [d] Neither 1 nor 2
30. Consider the following statements regarding Vikram-3201:  
1. India's first indigenously designed and manufactured 64-bit microprocessor.  
2. Developed by ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram and ISRO's Semiconductor Laboratory, Chandigarh.  
Which of the above statements is/are true?  
[a] Only 1 [b] Only 2  
[c] Both 1 and 2 [d] Neither 1 nor 2
31. Consider the following statements regarding India's first bamboo-based bio-ethanol plant:  
1. Developed by Assam Bio-Ethanol Private Limited (ABEL), a subsidiary of Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL), in collaboration with Fortum & Chempolis Ltd. of Finland.  
2. Will convert bamboo into 3G (third-generation) ethanol.

- Which of the above statements is/are false?  
 [a] Only 1 [b] Only 2  
 [c] Both 1 and 2 [d] Neither 1 nor 2
32. Consider the following statements regarding PRATUSH:  
 1. A digital receiver system being developed by the Raman Research Institute (RRI).  
 2. A 'radiometer of the future' to be placed in solar orbit.  
 Which of the above statements is/are not true?  
 [a] Only 1 [b] Only 2  
 [c] Both 1 and 2 [d] Neither 1 nor 2
33. The Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MoEIT) has announced the establishment of how many data labs across the country under the India-IT Mission?  
 [a] 100 [b] 300  
 [c] 500 [d] 1000
34. Consider the following statements regarding the recent performance of Indian athletes at the 73rd Inline Speed Skating World Championships 2025 and choose the correct option:  
 1. Anand Kumar Velkumar won two gold medals (1000m sprint and 42, 195m marathon) and one bronze medal (500m sprint) in the senior category.  
 2. Krish Sharma won a gold medal (1000m sprint) in the junior category.  
 [a] Only statement 1 is true.  
 [b] Both statements 1 and 2 are true.  
 [c] Both statements 1 and 2 are false.  
 [d] Only statement 2 is true.
35. Consider the following statements regarding the first Blind Women's T20 World Cup:  
 1. It will be held in New Delhi and Bengaluru, India, from November 11 to 25.  
 2. It will be organized by the Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI), the cricket arm of the Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled.  
 Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
 [a] Only 1 [b] Only 2  
 [c] Neither 1 nor 2 [d] Both 1 and 2
36. Which of the following players won the girls' and boys' under-19 categories, respectively, at the Indian Junior Open Squash Championship held in Jaipur?  
 [a] Rudra Singh and Karan Singh  
 [b] Prachi Dwivedi and Yusha Nafees  
 [c] Rudra Singh and Yusha Nafees  
 [d] Prachi Dwivedi and Karan Singh
37. Which company has signed a two-and-a-half-year (until March 2028) deal with the Board of Control for Cricket in India as the sponsor of the Indian team?  
 [a] Tata Group [b] Hero Group  
 [c] Apollo Tyres [d] Reliance Group
38. In September 2025, retired IAS officer Rajeshwar Singh has been appointed to which post?  
 [a] Chairman of the IAS  
 [b] Rajasthan State Election Commissioner  
 [c] Acting Chief Justice  
 [d] Chairman of the Revenue Board
39. Which of the following statements are correct regarding the Rajasthan Coaching Centres (Control and Regulation) Bill, 2025?  
 1. Coaching institutes have been mandated to collect fee payments in at least four equal installments.  
 2. The minimum number of students required for registration has been increased from 50 to 100.  
 3. The penalty for the second violation has been reduced from 5 lakh to Rs. 2 lakh.  
 Codes:  
 [a] 1 only [b] 1 and 2 only  
 [c] 2 and 3 only [d] 1, 2 and 3 all
40. Where is the headquarters of Educate Girls Globally, the Indian non-profit organization selected for the 67th Ramon Magsaysay Award, 2025, located?  
 [a] Jaipur [b] Delhi  
 [c] Rajasthan [d] Mumbai
41. What will be the total power generation capacity of the Mahi Banswara Nuclear Power Project, inaugurated by the Prime Minister in September 2025?  
 [a] 1400 MW [b] 2100 MW  
 [c] 2800 MW [d] 4200 MW

42. The Menar Wetland Complex, recently included in the Ramsar wetland list, is located in which district of Rajasthan?  
 [a] Rajsamand [b] Udaipur  
 [c] Phalodi [d] Pratapgarh
43. According to Rajasthan's new Hill Policy (Model Regulations-2024), which of the following activities are permitted on 'Category B' hills (8-15 degree slope)?  
 [a] Land use change and construction  
 [b] Any type of construction prohibited  
 [c] Farmhouses, resorts, and power plants  
 [d] Public use only
44. Identify the false statement regarding the 'Bartan Bank Scheme' launched to promote plastic-free events in rural areas:  
 [a] The state's first Bartan Bank was established in Khairabad (Kota).  
 [b] It will be operated and monitored by RAJEEVIKA through self-help groups.  
 [c] The rent for each utensil set is fixed at Rs. 3 per use.  
 [d] The selection process is based on a lottery system.
45. Kiana Parihar, who won the bronze medal in the 'World Cadet Chess Championship, 2025' held in Kazakhstan, belongs to which district?  
 [a] Jaipur [b] Jodhpur  
 [c] Udaipur [d] Bikaner
46. Rajasthan's second-longest hanging bridge has been completed in the Chikhali Gram Panchayat of which district?  
 [a] Kota [b] Rajsamand  
 [c] Dungarpur [d] Banswara
47. On which date will the Tourism Department of the Rajasthan Government organize the first 'Ghoomar Festival' in Jaipur?  
 [a] October 15, 2025  
 [b] October 25, 2025  
 [c] November 15, 2025  
 [d] November 25, 2025
48. For which innovative initiative was the Rajasthan Education Department honored with the 'Gold Scotch Award-2025'?  
 [a] Hariyalo Rajasthan Abhiyan  
 [b] Free Textbook Distribution  
 [c] Digital School Health Checkup Initiative  
 [d] Mid-Day Meal Scheme
49. Where has the country's first government cosmetic laser institute been established?  
 [a] AIIMS, Jodhpur  
 [b] JK Lon Hospital, Jaipur  
 [c] Sawai Mansingh Hospital, Jaipur  
 [d] PBM Hospital, Bikaner
50. Under the "EK Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign, the Education Department planted approximately how many trees in a single day to enter the World Book of Records?  
 [a] 1.24 million [b] 1.54 million  
 [c] 1.74 million [d] 2.04 million

## ANSWER KEY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
a	c	b	b	d	b	c	b	b	c	a	c	b	a	b
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
c	a	b	a	c	a	c	d	c	c	c	c	c	c	b
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45
b	a	c	b	d	c	c	b	b	c	c	b	c	d	c
46	47	48	49	50										
c	c	c	c	c										

# Topper's Talk



**Rank - 191**  
**(RAS-2021)**

## Praveen Singh Sodha

Father - Mr. Achal Singh Sodha  
 Mother - Mrs. Rasal Kanwar  
 10<sup>th</sup> - Mayur Nobles Academy, Barmer (52%)  
 12<sup>th</sup> - Mayur Nobles Academy, Barmer (61%)  
 Graduate - Jai Narayan Vyas University, Jodhpur (55%)

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

**Praveen Singh:** Thank you very much.

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

**Praveen Singh :** My father is a retired lecturer in the education department, and my elder brother is a principal. Their inspiration inspired me to take the competitive exam.

**Question: When did you start preparing for the RAS exam, and how much time do you think is sufficient for this exam?**

**Praveen Singh:** I was selected for the post of third-grade teacher in 2015. After that, I started preparing for RAS in 2016. In my opinion, if a fresher prepares for this exam and remains under proper guidance and discipline, they can complete the course in two years. If someone is already in some service or has basic preparation, they can complete the course in one year.

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

**Praveen Singh:** Initially, I had no knowledge about the civil services. After becoming a teacher, I returned to Jaipur and attended a

seminar at Springboard. From then on, I was determined to become a civil servant.

**Question: What is the role of coaching in the Civil Services Examination? Can self-study also lead to success in this exam?**

**Praveen Singh:** The Civil Services Examination is a complex process, requiring consistent engagement. Therefore, coaching provides a platform, presenting insightful content, and developing analytical skills. However, if you have good basic knowledge and a strong grasp of the subjects, you can also achieve success through self-study.

**Question: What criteria should be considered when selecting a coaching institute? Have you prepared with any coaching institutes?**

**Praveen Singh:** In my opinion, the criteria for selecting a coaching institute include the faculty, curriculum, past successes, and schedule. I prepared with Springboard Academy, Jaipur, and the institute lived up to my expectations.

**Question: What was your medium of language in the exam? Tell us about the role of the medium of language in succeeding in the Civil Services exam?**

**Praveen Singh:** My medium was Hindi. Language depends on your style of expression. If your expression skills are good, it doesn't matter which language you are from.

**Question: What suggestions would you give to improve your writing style in the Mains exam?**

**Praveen Singh:** Continuous practice, in-depth study of editorial articles, identifying and improving your shortcomings, and regular writing practice.

**Question: What study materials did you use during your preparation?**

**Praveen Singh:** Study materials from Springboard Academy, Jaipur, as well as regular interaction with subject experts.

**Question: What role do short notes play in the Preliminary and Mains exams?**

**Praveen Singh:** Short notes are the key to success in any competitive exam. Short notes are the key to revision in the exam. Due to the extensive syllabus, they help in reducing the time required for revision.

**Question: Tell us about the role of mock interviews and how was your experience at the Rajasthan Public Service Commission?**

**Praveen Singh:** Mock interviews help you adapt to the environment we encounter in the main interview.

My interview experience was excellent. I took many mocks at Springboard, so the main interview went very well.

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

**Praveen Singh:** The guidance provided by teachers is a milestone in preparation. Their dedication and selflessness inspire us to do better.

**Question: What role did friends play during preparation?**

**Praveen Singh:** Preparation becomes easier if the group of friends is supportive, disciplined, and positive. I was fortunate to have such a group. This also increases the importance of group discussions.

**Question: What was the most difficult time during preparation?**

**Praveen Singh:** It was a very difficult time, with exams not being held on time and being postponed, which affected continuity.

**Question: How did you keep yourself motivated to prepare consistently given the long duration of the Civil Services exam?**

**Praveen Singh:** Since it was my own goal, it was also my family's dream, and after joining the Civil Services, many procedural changes occur in my life. All these things encouraged me.

**Question: What are your thoughts on a Plan B?**

**Praveen Singh:** I think one should always have a Plan B, because often selection depends on many factors, such as time, circumstances, luck, etc.

**Question: What changes did your life experience after being selected in the RAS exam?**

**Praveen Singh:** After being selected, my acquaintances increased immediately. I started connecting with good people. My own self-respect began to grow.

**Question: What changes will you work to bring about as an officer?**

**Praveen Singh:** Reaching the last person with government schemes, ensuring universal participation, using modern technology for the betterment of the common people, etc.

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

**Praveen Singh:** Monthly current affairs magazines are very beneficial at all three levels: preliminary, main, and interview. Currently, Springboard's monthly current affairs magazines are in line with the changing exam pattern of the RAS. It should be studied regularly.

**Question: What is the key to your success?**

**Praveen Singh:** Determination, sincere effort, discipline, acknowledging your shortcomings and improving them.

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

**Praveen Singh:** To manage my time, I made a detailed timetable for my study time. Initially, I made a timetable for every month, then as the exam approached, I made a timetable for 15 days, 10 days, and so on. I followed it faithfully.

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

**Praveen Singh:** Thank you! Thank you very much.