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Rajasthan

TB Free Rajasthan

➔ Why in News?

- 'Active Tuberculosis Search Campaign' is being run in Rajasthan from 25 June to 21 July 2025.

➔ Main Point

- Through this campaign, so far, more than 74 lakh (44 percent) of the highly vulnerable population has been screened door-to-door.
- **Aim of the campaign:** To conduct TB tests of 1.67 crore vulnerable persons of the state.
- **Objective:** To provide timely free treatment by quickly identifying hidden cases of TB.
- Under the campaign, door-to-door screening of PLHIV (People Living with HIV), diabetes patients, people above 60 years of age, malnourished persons, smokers, alcoholics, migrant workers, tribal communities, former TB patients and people living in mining and construction sites, jails and urban slums is being done.

Other important points:

- **NAAT technology:** Nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) has been used as a tool for diagnosing tuberculosis (TB).
- **Nikshay Portal:** Real-time monitoring of identification, treatment and payment of TB patients is ensured through this portal.



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- **Tuberculosis (TB):** Tuberculosis (TB) is a bacterial infection caused by a bacterium called Mycobacterium tuberculosis. This disease mainly affects the lungs, but it can also affect other parts of the body like stomach, glands, bones and nervous system.

Facts for Prelims:

Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan:

- **Start** - 9 September 2022
- **Related Ministry** - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Government of India)
- **Target** - Elimination of TB by the year 2025.
- **Note:** The global target for TB elimination is the year 2030.

'TB Free Panchayat' Initiative:

- On 24 March 2023, World Tuberculosis Day, the Prime Minister inaugurated the 'One World TB Summit - 2023' held in Varanasi and launched the 'TB Free Panchayat' initiative.
- It is the official pan-India initiative for short-term preventive treatment and family-centred care model for TB.

Global Effort:

- The "Find. Treat. All. #EndTB" joint initiative has been launched by the World Health Organization (WHO) along with the Global Fund and the Stop TB Partnership.
- World Tuberculosis Day is observed every year on 24 March.
- **Theme for the year 2025:** "Yes! We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver"

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News in Shorts

S. No.	News
1.	<p>Next Generation Combat Shaping Tomorrow Military Today</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recently, Next Generation Combat Shaping Tomorrow Military Today Tech Seminar was organized at Jaipur Military Station.In this seminar, military equipment made in the country on the lines of self-reliant India was displayed.
2.	<p>Shakti-2025 National Honor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Kriti Bharti, Managing Trustee and Rehabilitation Psychologist of Sarathi Trust, Jodhpur, was honored with the Shakti-2025 National Honor at the Shakti-2025 Women Empowerment Dialogue and Honor Program held in Vadodara.This honor was given to her for her remarkable contribution in the field of women empowerment and rehabilitation in the society.
3.	<p>BITS-Pilani's 'AI Plus' campus in Amravati</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS-Pilani), a renowned deemed university promoting higher education and emerging technologies, will set up its first 'AI Plus' campus in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.This state-of-the-art campus will be developed on 70 acres of land allotted by the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA). It aims to provide academic and research facilities to a total of 7,000 students in two phases.

National

Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister approved the six-year 'Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana'.



The infographic features a green background with a circular inset showing a farmer in a red turban. At the bottom right is a portrait of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The text is in Hindi, detailing the scheme's launch and objectives.

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मंत्रिमंडल निर्णय 16 - 07 - 2025

धन-धान्य कृषि योजना

मंत्रिमंडल ने 2025-26 से शुरू होने वाली 6 वर्ष की अवधि के लिए 'प्रधानमंत्री धन-धान्य कृषि योजना' को मंजूरी दी, जो 100 जिलों को कवर करेगी।

| योजना का उद्देश्य है-

- कृषि उत्पादकता में वृद्धि करना।
- फसल विविधीकरण और टिकाऊ कृषि प्रथाओं को अपनाने को बढ़ावा देना।
- पंचायत और ब्लॉक स्तर पर फसलोत्तर भंडारण को बढ़ाना।
- सिंचाई सुविधाओं में सुधार करना और दीर्घकालिक व अल्पकालिक ऋण की उपलब्धता को सुगम बनाना।

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➡ Main Point

- This scheme is the first specific scheme focused on agriculture and allied sectors.
- It was announced in the Union Budget 2025-26.
- This scheme will be implemented in 100 districts across the country from the year 2025-26.
- These 100 districts will be determined on the basis of three major indicators such as low productivity, low cropping intensity and low loan disbursement.
- This scheme is inspired by the Aspirational District Program.
- This scheme will be implemented in 36 existing schemes of 11 departments, other schemes of the states and local participation of the private sector.
- About 1.7 crore small and marginal farmers will benefit from this program.
- **Objective of the scheme:** Increasing agricultural productivity, adopting crop diversification and sustainable agricultural practices, increasing post-harvest storage capacity at Panchayat and Block level, improving irrigation facilities and facilitating availability of long term and short term loans.

Maharashtra Maritime Summit 2025

➔ Why in News?

- Maharashtra Maritime Summit 2025 was organized in Mumbai on July 16, 2025.



➔ Main Point

- **Organiser:** Network Times.
- **Collaboration:** Organised in collaboration with Maharashtra Maritime Board, Ministry of Fisheries and Ports and Government of Maharashtra.
- **Summit inaugurated by:** Devendra Fadnavis (Chief Minister, Maharashtra)
- **Main objective of the summit:** To set the direction for sustainable, inclusive and globally competitive maritime development in Maharashtra.
- Topics like port development, green logistics, green maritime technology and employment generation were discussed in the summit.

New base year of Gross Domestic Product (GDP): 2022-23

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the Government of India has announced to change the base year for calculating Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from 2011-12 to 2022-23 with the aim of increasing the accuracy of economic assessments.



➔ Main Point

- This amendment is being made for the first time in more than a decade.
- **Formation of Advisory Committee:** A 26-member Advisory Committee on National Accounts Statistics (ACNAS) has been formed to improve the National Accounts Statistics.
 - o **Chairman:** Biswanath Goldar.
 - o **Members:** Representatives from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Central and State Governments, academics and researchers.
 - o **Main functions of the Committee:** To identify new data sources and refine the methodology of compiling national accounts data under the revised series and work towards guiding the revision.
- **Implementation timeline:** The revised GDP series based on 2022-23 base year is likely to be implemented by early 2026.

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- Experts believe that ideally the base year should be revised every 5 years to keep the national accounts in line with the latest available data so that the economic data remains relevant with changing times.

Other important points:

Base Year:

- The base year is a specific reference year against which the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) data of the upcoming and previous years is calculated.
- In the last base year revision done in the year 2015, the base year was changed from the year 2004-05 to the year 2011-12.
- **Features:** The base year must be a normal year, i.e. no abnormal event like drought, flood, earthquake, epidemic etc. should occur in this year. Also, there should not be much difference in the interval between the years.
- **History of Base Year Revision:** The first national income estimates were published in the year 1956 with the financial year 1949 as the base year, since then India has revised its base year seven times.

GDP of India and Rajasthan according to Economic Survey 2024 – 25:

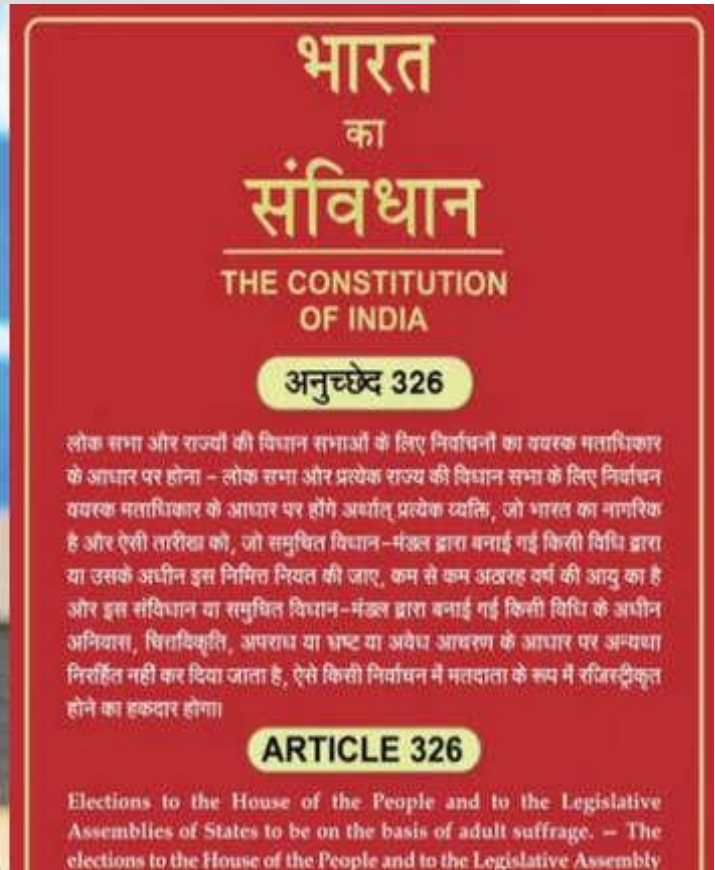
Base	Current Price	Constant/Real Price
SGDP of Rajasthan	17.04 lakh crore (12.02 percent)	9.06 lakh crore (7.82 percent)
GDP of India	324.11 lakh crore (9.7 percent)	184.88 lakh crore (6.4 percent)
Contribution of GDP of Rajasthan in India's GDP	5.26 percent	4.90 percent
NSDP of Rajasthan	15.25 lakh crore (12.23 percent)	7.96 lakh crore (8.03 percent)
Per Capita Income (PCI) of Rajasthan	₹185053 (11.04 percent)	₹96638 (6.88 percent)
Per Capita Income (PCI) of India	₹200162 (8.75 percent)	₹112358 (5.35 percent)

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Article 326 of Indian Constitution

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the Election Commission of India has started Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter lists ahead of Bihar Assembly elections.



➔ Main Point

- **Objective of revision:** To include new voters who have attained the age of 18 years, remove names of dead or duplicate voters, correct inaccuracies, prevent electoral fraud and ensure a credible polling process.
- The move has sparked controversy among opposition parties and activists, as they have alleged disenfranchisement of certain communities and new voters.
- The Commission has justified the revision under its constitutional authority under Article 326 of the Indian Constitution.

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Other Important Points:

Article 326:

- Provides the right to vote in Lok Sabha and state assembly elections to every Indian citizen of the age of 18 years or above.
- It establishes universal adult suffrage, ensuring that no citizen shall be denied the right to vote for any reason other than those prescribed by law.
- **Grounds for disenfranchisement:** Non-residency, unsoundness of mind, criminal conviction or corrupt electoral practice, etc.
- **Mandate of Election Commission under Article 326:** The Election Commission is constitutionally mandated to maintain accurate and up-to-date electoral rolls. This includes deleting duplicate, ineligible or outdated entries and adding new eligible voters.
- Petitions challenging this amendment were filed in the Supreme Court, raising important questions about the balance between electoral integrity and inclusiveness.
- Article 326 of the Indian Constitution provides the right to vote to every adult citizen, which was lowered from 21 years to 18 years by the 61st Constitutional Amendment in 1989.

Key contentions:

- In *Kuldip Nair v. Union of India* (2006), the Supreme Court held that the 'right to vote' is a statutory right and not a fundamental or constitutional right.
- Justice Ajay Rastogi dissented in *Anoop Barnwal v. Union of India* (2023) and viewed the 'right to vote' as a manifestation of Articles 19(1)(A) and 21, although this is a minority opinion.

Historic growth in India's renewable energy

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, according to the data of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, India's total installed energy capacity is 484.8 gigawatts, out of which 242.8 gigawatts of energy is derived from non-fossil fuels.

➔ Main Point

- India has achieved the renewable energy capacity target five years ahead of the target set under the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement.
- According to the Energy Institute's Statistical Review of Global Energy, India produced 2,030 terawatt-hours of electricity in the year 2024 and out of this, 240.5 terawatt-hours were obtained from renewable energy sources.
- **India's 2030 target:** India has set a target of 500 gigawatts of renewable energy-based energy production by 2030.



International

16th India Trend Fair 2025 Meeting

➡ Why in News?

- India Trend Fair 2025 was launched in Tokyo on July 15, 2025 during the official visit of Union Textiles Minister to Japan, strengthening industry participation in Japan.

【特別後援】 インド政府繊維省 在日インド大使館

16th INDIA TREND FAIR 2025

アパレル&ホームファッション ビジネス展示会

第16回 インドトレンドフェア東京 2025

2025.7/15(火)・16(水)・17(木) ベルサール渋谷ガーデン 10:00am~6:00pm

【主催】 JIIPA 日印国際産業振興協会 【共催】 AEPC アパレル輸出促進協議会(AEPC)

【特別協力】 Nissenken 一般財団法人ニッセンケン国際貿易センター 【ロジスティック協力】 DCS ANA GROUP 株式会社 OCS

➡ Main Point

- 16th India Trend Fair 2025 is one of the largest platforms for Indian textile exporters to connect directly with Japanese buyers, which is expected to increase the textile trade of both the countries.
- **Date of Event:** 15th to 17th July, 2025

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- **Venue:** Tokyo (Japan).
- **Organiser:** Japan India Industry Promotion Association (JIIPA)
- **Co-organiser:** Apparel Export Promotion Council.
- **Special support:** By Ministry of Textiles, Government of India and Embassy of India, Tokyo.
- **Exhibition Products:** Apparel, Indian Local Textiles, Leather Goods, Home Decor and Craft Products.
- Japan India Industry Promotion Association (JIIPA) is a non-profit organization that promotes trade between India and Japan.



Environment and Ecology

Kaziranga National Park - Assam

➡ Why in News?

- Kaziranga National Park has emerged as a biodiversity hotspot for grassland birds.



➡ Main Point

- A total of 43 bird species were recorded in the grassland bird survey conducted in this park and these species also include rare and endangered birds such as-

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- o **Critically Endangered:** Bengal Florican.
- o **Endangered:** Finn's Weaver, Swamp Grass Babbler.
- o **Vulnerable - 6 species:** Black-breasted Parrotbill, Marsh Babbler, Swamp Francolin, Jerdon's Babbler, Slender-billed Babbler, Bristled Grassbird.
- Successful breeding of Finn's Weaver has been confirmed in this park, which is an indicator of the healthy state of the grassland ecosystem of Kaziranga.
- The 1,174 sq km area of Kaziranga Park provides a rich habitat for birds.
- The bird diversity in the grasslands here is considered to be at par with states like Gujarat and Rajasthan.
- This survey is considered to be an important initiative towards bird conservation in Northeast India.

Kaziranga National Park:

- This park is known for the 'Big Five' (rhinoceros, tiger, elephant, Asiatic wild buffalo, eastern swamp deer).
- Almost the entire population of eastern swamp deer is found here.
- Kaziranga is located on the banks of the Brahmaputra River. This river provides nutrients to the park but also causes habitat loss due to erosion.

National Parks located in Assam:

1. Kaziranga National Park,
2. Manas National Park,
3. Nameri National Park,
4. Dibru-Saikhowa National Park,
5. Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park,
6. Raimona National Park,
7. Dihing Patkai National Park.

Important Days

World Snake Day

➔ Why in News?

- World Snake Day is celebrated every year on 16 July. This day is dedicated to raising awareness about snakes and highlighting the importance of their conservation.



➔ Main Point

- Recently, the National Zoological Park, New Delhi organized a comprehensive public awareness program on the occasion of 'World Snake Day'.
- 'World Snake Day' started in the 1970s, when a firm for snakes in Texas worked to make people aware of snakes and organized special events on 16 July.

Personality

Varsha Deshpande

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, Varsha Deshpande, an advocate from Satara district of Maharashtra, was awarded the United Nations Population Award for the year 2025.



➔ Main Point

- The honour was given to her for her lifelong work to promote gender equality and prevent sex-selective abortion.
- The award was presented at a special ceremony held in New York on World Population Day (11 July 2025).
- Varsha Deshpande is the secretary of the Dalit Mahila Vikas Mandal, which she founded in 1990.
- She has been actively fighting against gender-based foeticide for the past three decades.
- Her work focuses particularly on improving the lives of marginalised women and girls.

Dr. Abhijat Sheth

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet has appointed renowned cardiothoracic surgeon Dr. Abhijat Sheth as



the new Chairman of the National Medical Commission (NMC).

➔ Main Point

- Dr. Abhijat Sheth will replace Dr. Suresh Gangadhar.
- The tenure of Dr. Abhijat Sheth will be for 4 years from the date of assuming office or till the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier.

National Medical Commission (NMC):

- The National Medical Commission is a statutory body.
- It was established under the National Medical Commission Act, 2019.
- NMC has replaced the Medical Council of India (MCI).
- Established:** 25 September 2020
- Executive Ministry:** Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- Headquarters:** New Delhi.
- Function or Role:** The National Medical Commission is the premier medical regulatory body of the country, regulating medical education, institutions, professionals and research, assisting the Government in policy making.

Sonali Mishra

➡ Why in News?

- Recently, 1993 batch Madhya Pradesh cadre IPS officer Sonali Mishra was appointed as the new Director General (DG) of Railway Protection Force (RPF).



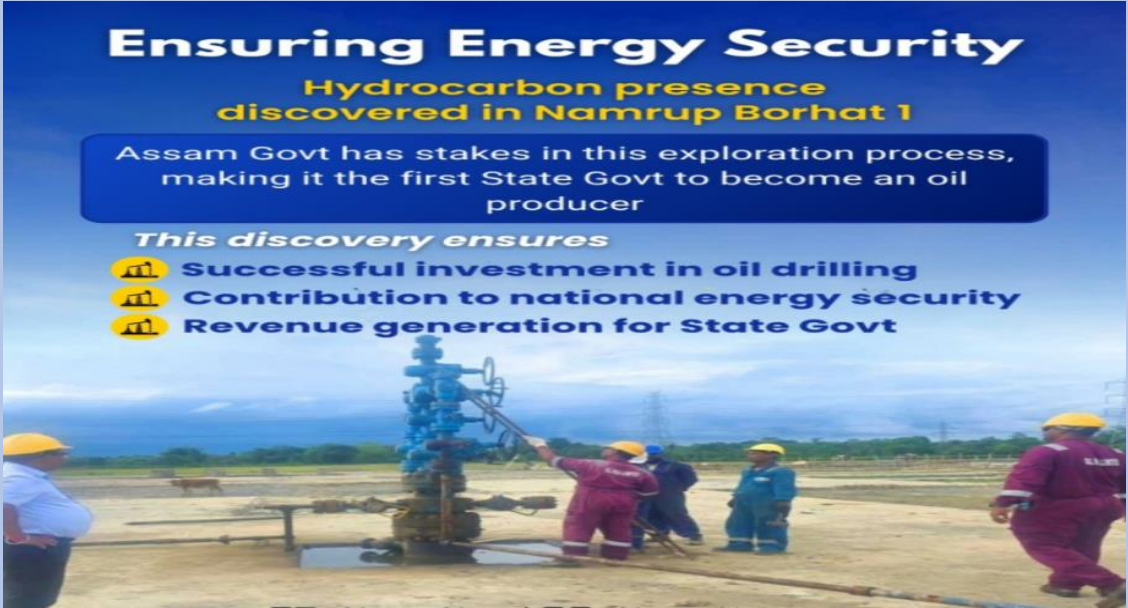
➡ Main Point

- Sonali Mishra will be the first woman officer to hold this post.
- Her appointment was approved by the Cabinet Appointments Committee of the Central Government on July 13, 2025.
- Sonali Mishra's tenure will last till October 31, 2026.

Railway Protection Force (RPF):

- RPF was established in the year 1957 under an Act of Parliament.
- In the year 1966, RPF was given powers of arrest and prosecution.
- In the year 1985, it was declared an armed force of the Center.
- The main function of RPF is to ensure the security of railway stations, trains and passengers.

News in Shorts

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1.	<p>Hydrocarbon discovery in Dibrugarh, Assam</p>  <p>Ensuring Energy Security Hydrocarbon presence discovered in Namrup Borhat 1</p> <p>Assam Govt has stakes in this exploration process, making it the first State Govt to become an oil producer</p> <p><i>This discovery ensures</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Successful investment in oil drillingContribution to national energy securityRevenue generation for State Govt <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Oil India Limited has discovered the availability of hydrocarbons in the Borhat-1 well of Namrup. The Government of Assam has a significant stake in this well.◆ With this achievement, Assam has become the first state in the country whose government has become a direct oil producer.◆ This discovery not only makes the oil exploration efforts of the state successful, but also empowers Assam with revenue and royalty.

2.

June, 2025 - ICC Player of the Month



◆ ICC Player of the Month for June, 2025:

Category	Player	Country	Reason
Women	Hayley Matthews	West Indies	For her brilliant performance in the limited overs series against South Africa.
Men	Aiden Markram	South Africa	Got for the performance in the ICC World Test Championship Final against Australia.

3.

Country's first Aqua Tech Park



- ◆ Recently, the Government of Assam inaugurated India's first Aqua Tech Park at Sonapur near Guwahati.
- ◆ This park will give information to fish farmers about modern techniques like aquaponics, biofloc and ornamental fish farming.
- ◆ **Objective:** The aim of this initiative is to increase fish production in the state and increase the income of farmers.
- ◆ **Aquaponics** - A system in which fish and plants are grown together.
- ◆ **Biofloc** - Improvement in the health and growth of fish by using organic elements in water.
- ◆ **Aqua Tech Park** - Aqua Tech Park is a training and innovation center where modern techniques of fish farming are demonstrated, trained and promoted.

4.

Agricultural meeting between India and Argentina



- ◆ Recently, the second meeting of the Joint Working Group (JWG) on Agricultural Cooperation between India and Argentina was held virtually.

5.

Tesla company's first showroom in India



- ◆ Recently, the first showroom of Tesla company was set up in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ◆ Tesla company will not set up its production unit in India but will import cars from China.
- ◆ Tesla is an electronic automobile manufacturing company of the United States.