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## Rajasthan

### 'Krishi Sakhi / CRP Training' Program

#### ➔ Why in News?

- Recently, a five-day 'Krishak Sakhi/CRP Training' program was organized by the Rajasthan Agriculture Department under the National Natural Farming Mission at Shri Karan Narendra Agricultural University, Jobner.



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## ➡ Main Point

### National Natural Farming Mission:

- On November 25, 2024, the Union Cabinet approved the launch of 'National Mission on Natural Farming' (NMNF) as a standalone centrally sponsored scheme under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- **Natural Farming:** It is an agricultural method in which farming is done without using chemical fertilizers, pesticides or other artificial chemicals. In this method, the fertility of the land is maintained using natural resources and traditional agricultural techniques.
- **Objective of the scheme:** To promote natural farming and sustainable agriculture in mission mode across the country and reduce the use of chemical fertilizers.
- **Associated Ministry:** Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- Under this mission, farmers will be made aware to do natural farming as chemical free farming through traditional knowledge, which will include local livestock, integrated natural farming methods and diverse crop systems etc.
- This mission will be implemented in 15 thousand clusters of all the willing Gram Panchayats of the country.
- Under the scheme, about 2000 natural farming models will be established at Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK), Agricultural Universities (AU) and agricultural lands.

## Jagdeep Dhankhar

### ➔ Why in News?

- On July 21, 2025, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned from his post citing health reasons.



### ➔ Main Point

- The Vice President submitted his resignation to President Draupadi Murmu under Article 67 (A) of the Constitution.
- Jagdeep Dhankhar was born on May 18, 1951 in a Jat family in Kithana village of Jhunjhunu district.
- **College Education:** Maharaja College, Jaipur.
- **LLB (1978-1979)** – from Rajasthan University.
- **Year 2019** – Appointed Governor of West Bengal.
- **August 11, 2022** – Sworn in as the 14th Vice President of India.



## National

### National Cooperative Policy 2025

#### ➔ Why in News?

- On July 24, 2025, the Union Home and Cooperative Minister unveiled the 'National Cooperative Policy 2025' in New Delhi.

International Year of Cooperatives 2025

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#### ➔ Main Point

- **Policy Draft:** A 48-member national level committee headed by former Union Minister Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu prepared the new National Cooperative Policy.

## ■ Objective:

- To revive and modernize the cooperative sector as well as to realize the vision of 'Prosperity through Cooperation' by creating a roadmap at the grassroots level.
- To make cooperative institutions inclusive as well as to manage them in a professional manner.
- To create employment and livelihood opportunities.

- This policy will replace the country's first National Cooperative Policy 2002.
- The new cooperative policy will strengthen the cooperative movement of India for the next two decades i.e. from 2025 to 2045.

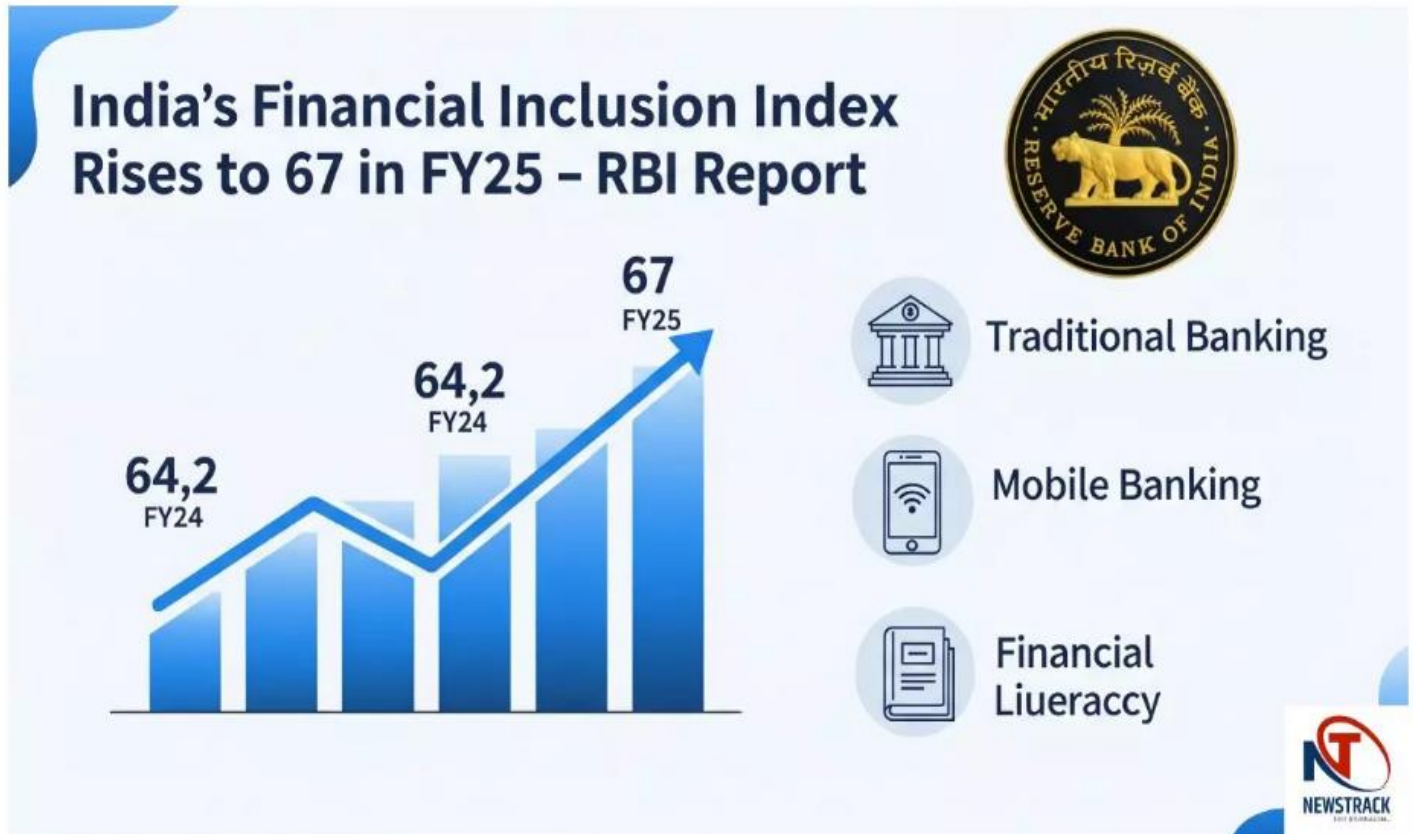
## Important Provisions:

- The new policy aims to establish at least one cooperative society in every panchayat.
- Emphasis has been laid on promoting professional management by making the country's 8.42 lakh cooperative institutions competitive and transparent.

## Financial Inclusion Index 2025

### ➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the new version of the Financial Inclusion Index (FII).

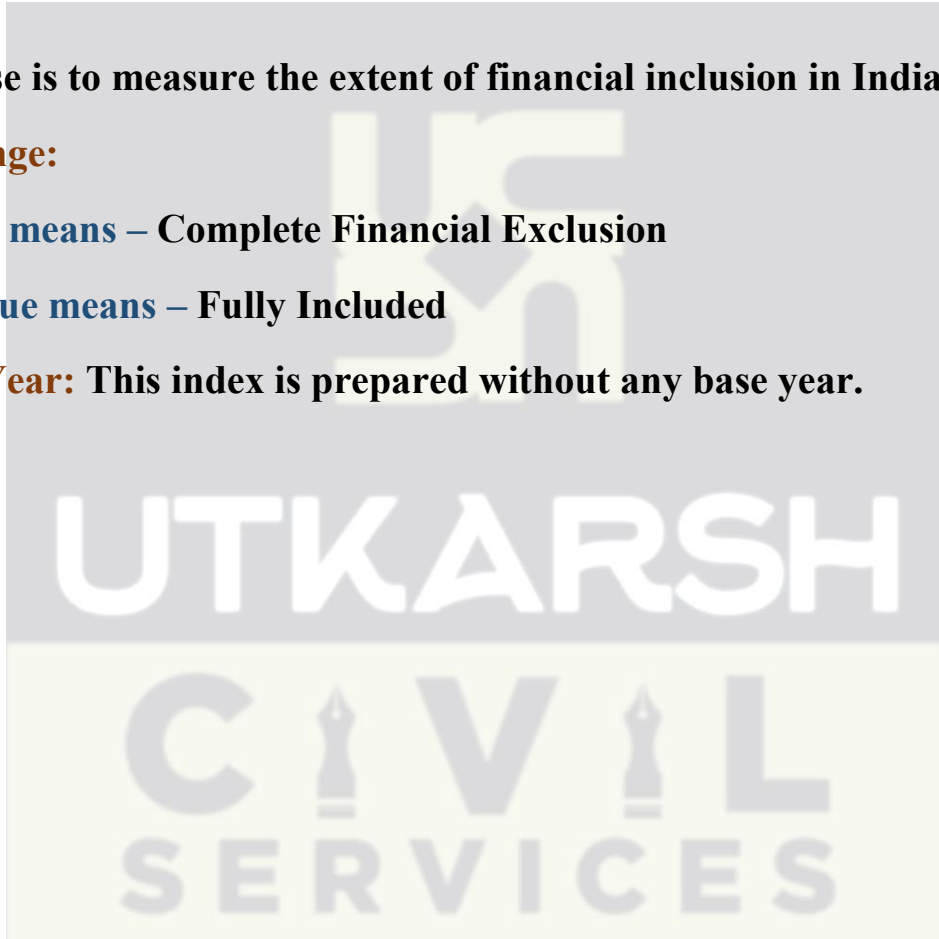


### ➔ Main Point

- The value of the index has increased to 67.0 in FY 2025.
- This increase indicates improvement in all areas as compared to the value of 64.2 in FY 2024.
- The main reason for the increase is the increase in the use of financial services and improvement in their quality.
- This index shows that the efforts of financial inclusion and financial literacy are succeeding in the country.

## Financial Inclusion Index (FII):

- It was first launched in the year 2021.
- This index is published every year in the month of July.
- It covers inclusion in sectors such as banking, investment, insurance, post and pension.
- Its purpose is to measure the extent of financial inclusion in India.
- **Index Range:**
  - **0 value means** – Complete Financial Exclusion
  - **100 value means** – Fully Included
- **No Base Year:** This index is prepared without any base year.





## Samadhan Portal

### ➔ Why in News?

- Recently, information regarding the Samadhan portal was shared in the Lok Sabha by the Minister of State for Labour and Employment.



The banner for the Samadhan Portal features the Ministry of Labour & Employment logo on the left. The central text reads 'समाधान पोर्टल' (Samadhan Portal) in large Devanagari script, with a subtitle 'पर शिकायत करने की एक नहीं, कई सुविधाएं उपलब्ध।' (Not one, but many facilities available for filing complaints). Below this, three circular icons represent different access methods: a laptop for the website 'samadhan.labour.gov.in', a smartphone for the 'उमंग ऐप' (Umang App), and a CSC logo for Common Service Centres. Each icon includes a 'निशुल्क' (Free of charge) tag. The banner also includes logos for G20 India 2023 and the 75th Independence Anniversary.

### ➔ Main Point

- SAMADHAN:** Software Application for Monitoring and Disposal of Human and Industrial Disputes.
- This portal is a digital initiative of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India.
- Launch:** The portal was launched on 17 September 2020 at the all-India level for registering industrial disputes under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.
- Objective:** To make the lives of workers, management, trade unions and other stakeholders smooth by making the system more user-friendly, transparent and efficient through online documentation, centralized monitoring.

## International

### Henley Passport Index 2025

#### ➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the 'Henley Passport Index 2025' was published by global citizenship and residency consulting firm Henley & Partners.



#### ➔ Main Point

- India is ranked 77th in the Henley Passport Index 2025, as against 85th in 2024.
- Now people holding Indian passports can travel to 59 countries without a visa, or can get a visa after reaching those countries.
  - 19 countries in Africa.
  - 18 countries in Asia.
  - 10 countries in North America.
  - 10 countries in the Oceania region.
  - 1 country in South America.
- Improvement in Pakistan's ranking:**
  - Pakistan is now ranked 96th.
  - Last year (2024) its ranking was 101st.

Rank	Name of the country
1st	Singapore
2nd	Japan and South Korea
3rd	Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy and Spain

- Citizens of these countries can travel visa-free to 189 countries.

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## Henley Passport Index:

- The Henley Passport Index is a ranking of how many countries a person can visit without a visa using a particular country's passport.



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## Environment and Ecology

### Great Ruaha River

#### ➡ Why in News?

- Recently, the Great Ruaha River has reached the drying stage due to climate change and human activities.



#### ➡ Main Point

- This river is one of the major rivers of Tanzania.
- The Great Ruaha is an important tributary of the Rufiji River.
- The Rufiji River Basin is the largest river system in Tanzania.
- The Great Ruaha River is the main water source for the Ruaha National Park.



## Chola Gangam Lake

### ➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the Tamil Nadu government has announced the restoration of the Chola Gangam lake.



### ➔ Main Point

- The lake is also known as Ponneri (Golden) Lake.
- It was built by Rajendra Chola I at Gangaikondacholapuram.
- Gangaikondacholapuram was the capital established by Rajendra Chola.
- The town was established as a symbol of his conquest of North India and control over the Gangetic plains.
- According to the Tiruvalangadu copper plates, the lake was the 'Victory Pillar of Water', built by Rajendra Chola I.

## The country's first Hornbill Conservation Center

### ➔ Why in News?

- The Tamil Nadu government recently announced the setting up of the country's first Hornbill Conservation Centre of Excellence at the Anamalai Tiger Reserve in Coimbatore district.



### ➔ Main Point

- Hornbills, called 'farmers of the forest' due to their seed dispersing ability, play a vital role in the ecological balance of forests.
- However, the species is endangered as a result of deforestation, habitat loss and climate change.
- The newly established centre will strive to conserve four hornbill species found in the Western Ghats - the Great Hornbill, the Malabar Grey Hornbill, the Malabar Pied Hornbill and the Indian Grey Hornbill.

### The Great Hornbill:

- Found in the Western Ghats and Himalayan region.
- **IUCN conservation status:** Vulnerable
- **In CITES** - Appendix I.
- In Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972.

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## Malabar Grey Hornbill:

- It is mainly found in the Western Ghats.
- **IUCN Conservation Status:** Vulnerable

## Malabar Pied Hornbill:

- It is found in the evergreen forests and moist-deciduous forests of India and Sri Lanka.
- **IUCN Status** - Endangered

## Indian Grey Hornbill:

- It is found in the foothills of the Himalayas.
- **IUCN Status** - Least Concern

## ❖ Facts for Prelims:

### Hornbill Bird:

- ◆ It is a bird of the Bucerotidae family, which is found in the tropical and subtropical regions of Asia and Africa.
- ◆ There are 9 species of it found in India, which are found in the Himalayas, Northeast and Western Ghats as well as the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- ◆ Hornbill is the state bird of Kerala.
- ◆ Hornbill Festival is celebrated in Nagaland.

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## Places in News

### Bitra Island

#### ➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the Indian government started the process to acquire Bitra Island for defence purposes.





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## ➡ Main Point

- Bitra Island is the smallest inhabited island in Lakshadweep.
- It is about 483 kilometres (261 nautical miles) from Kochi.
- It is part of the Aminidweep subgroup.
- It has a length of about 0.57 kilometres and a maximum width of 0.28 kilometres.
- The island is surrounded by a large lagoon of about 45.61 square kilometres.
- According to the 2011 census, Bitra has a population of 271.
- Most of the people depend on fishing and coconut cultivation.
- It will support the INS Dweep prakasak (Kavaratti) and INS Jatayu (Minicoy) naval bases.

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## Awards

### Sant Kabir Handloom Awards and National Handloom Awards 2024

#### ➔ Why in News?

- Recently, Ministry of Textiles announced the winners of Sant Kabir Handloom Awards and National Handloom Awards for the year 2024 for the outstanding contribution of handloom designers, weavers, marketers, startup enterprises and handloom manufacturing companies in the handloom sector.



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## ➡ Main Point

- These awards are given every year under the National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP).
- Total 24 awardees in 2024; 5 Sant Kabir and 19 National Handloom Awards.
- **Awards Ceremony:** To be given on 7th August, 2025 (11th National Handloom Day) at Bharat Mandapam.
- The objective of these awards is to recognise excellence in the handloom industry and to honour individuals and organisations who have set benchmarks in craftsmanship, innovation and development of the sector.

### Sant Kabir Handloom Award Winners :

Sr. No.	Name of the Award	Winners	State	Weavers Service Center	Weaving Skills
1	Sant Kabir Handloom Award (Weavin)	Arindra Mehar	Odisha	Bhubaneswar	Saint Kabir Tie and Dye Silk Saree
2		Rajendra Sudarshan Ankam	Maharashtra	Mumbai	Weaving Art
3		Lakka Srinivasulu	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada	Venkatagiri Jamdhani Saree
4		Anuradha Kuli	Assam	Guwahati	Saree (Mulberry, Eri Spb, Muga)
5	Sant Kabir Handloom Award (Especially Women) (KDC)	Mohammad Hanif Ansari	Uttar Pradesh	Varanasi	Jamdani Rangkat Saree

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## National Handloom Awards :

Sr. No.	Name of the Award	Winners	State	Weavers Service Center	Weaving Skills
1	Specially for Women(KDC)	Geetanjali Meher	Bhubaneswar	Odisha	Bandhodya Tie and Dye Silk Saree
2		Angom Anita Devi	Imphal	Manipur	Silk Inafi Saree
3	For knitting	Golekha Meher	Bhubaneswar	Odisha	Sarabanda Double Ikat Suit Saree
4		Rajshekhar Govindharaj	Kanchipuram	Tamil Nadu	Kanchipuram Silk Saree

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## Places in News

### FIVB Under-17 World Championship 2026

#### ➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the Indian team qualified for the FIVB Under-17 World Championship 2026 by winning the bronze medal at the 2nd Asian Under-16 Volleyball Championship held in Nakhon Pathom, Thailand.



#### ➔ Main Point

#### Asian Men's Under-16 Volleyball Championship:

- **Medals:**
  - Gold Medal – Pakistan.
  - Silver Medal – Iran.
  - Bronze Medal – India (defeated Japan)

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- All the four semi-finalist countries; India, Pakistan, Japan and Iran have qualified for the 2026 FIVB Volleyball Boys Under-17 World Championship.
- The Indian team also included Rajat Dhankar of Rajasthan.
- Pakistan's 15-year-old outside hitter Faizan Ullah was recognised as the Most Valuable Player of the Championship.

## Other important points:

### According to the FIVB Governance Board –

- FIVB Volleyball Girls U-17 World Championship 2026: Event: Will be held in Santiago (Chile) from August 5 to 15, 2026.
- FIVB Volleyball Boys U-17 World Championship 2026: Event: Will be held in Doha (Qatar) from August 19 to 29, 2026.
- The second edition of these competitions will be held in the capitals of both countries.
- First FIVB Volleyball U-17 World Championship:
  - **Event:** Will be held in the year 2024.
  - The inaugural editions for Girls and Boys were held in Lima, Peru and Sofia, Bulgaria respectively.
  - China's U-17 Girls and Italy's U-17 Boys won historic titles.

## News in Shorts

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1.	<p><b>Anti-submarine ship - Ajay</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ On July 21, 2025, the eighth and last ship of the Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Crafts (ASW SWC) series, Yard 3034 'Ajay', indigenously built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (Kolkata), was launched.</li><li>◆ This 77.6 meter long and 10.5 meter wide warship is important for coastal operations, surveillance and submarine warfare.</li><li>◆ It is equipped with advanced sensors including hull mounted sonar and low frequency variable depth sonar (LFVDS).</li><li>◆ Its weapon systems include state-of-the-art torpedoes, anti-submarine rockets, NSG-30 guns and 12.7 mm stabilized remote controlled guns (SRCG).</li><li>◆ <b>Propulsion technology:</b> Combination of diesel power and waterjet powered by the system.</li></ul>

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## Deepak Bagla



- ◆ Recently, Deepak Bagla was appointed Mission Director of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM).
- ◆ Earlier, he has been the Managing Director and CEO of Invest India.

### Atal Innovation Mission (AIM):

- ◆ **Start:** Launched by NITI Aayog in the year 2016.
- ◆ It promotes innovation and entrepreneurship by promoting problem-solving mindset among students and strengthening the entrepreneurial ecosystem in universities and research institutes.
- ◆ **Major programs under Atal Innovation Mission:**
  - Atal Tinkering Lab
  - Atal New India
  - Atal Incubation Center
  - Atal Community Innovation Center
  - Mentor India



3.

## FISU World University Games 2025



- ◆ India won the bronze medal in the badminton mixed team event at the FISU World University Games held in Berlin, Germany from July 16 to 27, 2025.
- ◆ This is India's first medal at the World University Games. India has won this medal.
- ◆ More than 100 countries participated in it, making it one of the largest multi-sport events in the world in 2025.
- ◆ For the first time in the FISU Summer Games, 3×3 wheelchair basketball event was included.

4.

## 'Shaktishree' program; Odisha



- ◆ Odisha government launched Shaktishri program to ensure safety of girl students in colleges and universities.
- ◆ This scheme will be implemented in 16 universities and 730 government and aided colleges of the state.

5.

## Second Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025



- ◆ The 2nd Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025 will be held at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium in Hyderabad from August 3 to 10, 2025.

6.

## AI Mission 2027: Goa



- ◆ Recently, the Goa government launched AI Mission 2027, which aims to enhance GPU capacity to boost governance and innovation.
- ◆ It is a visionary roadmap to create an inclusive and future-ready artificial intelligence ecosystem.
- ◆ The mission will be based on four main pillars - skill development, startups and companies, capital, and government and infrastructure.

7.

## India to host FIDE World Cup



- ◆ India will host the FIDE World Cup 2025 from October 30 to November 27, 2025.
- ◆ This is the second time India is hosting the World Cup.
- ◆ India hosted the first FIDE World Cup Chess Olympiad in 2022, which was held at Mamallapuram near Chennai.

8.

## Ashoka Pillar replica unveiled: Sri Lanka



- ◆ On July 21, 2025, a replica of the Ashoka Pillar was unveiled in Waskaduwa city of Sri Lanka.
- ◆ The foundation stone of this pillar was laid by India on January 28, 2024.



9.

## Operation Kalanemi



- ◆ Recently, the Uttarakhand government launched 'Operation Kalanemi' against those who commit fraud and cheating by impersonating as saints and sages.
- ◆ The aim of this campaign is to identify and arrest the impersonators who defame the Sanatan culture.