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## Rajasthan

### Balotra District Education Transformation Program

#### ➔ Why in News?

- On July 05, 2025, the 'Balotra District Education Transformation Program (BDET)' was launched by Sikkim Governor Om Prakash Mathur and Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma in Padru village of Balotra.



#### ➔ Main Point

- This program has been started by Motilal Oswal Foundation.
- **Objective:** This is an important initiative related to education and skill development, which aims to identify dropouts and girls deprived of enrollment by conducting door-to-door survey and get them enrolled in schools.
- **Note:** Under the National Education Policy - 2020 (NEP-2020), the Rajasthan government ran the 'Prakhar Rajasthan Read to Lead Campaign' for students of classes 1 to 8 from September 9 to October 2, 2024.

## ❖ Facts for Prelims (Economic Survey – 2024-25):

### Advanced Initiatives under School Education:

- ◆ **Pre-Metric Scholarship under Secondary Education:** This scholarship is provided to students of Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Minority Community from class 6 to 12th.
- ◆ Under this scheme, financial assistance of up to ₹ 50,000 per student per year is provided, which includes accommodation, food and other expenses.
- ◆ **Eligibility:** Must have obtained at least 50 percent marks in each academic year from class 6 to 11th.
- ◆ **Note:** Pre-Metric Scholarship is being provided to students of SC, ST, OBC, SBC and De-notified, Nomadic, and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (DTNT) Border Area (OBC) under elementary education.
- ◆ **Free Textbook Distribution Scheme:** Under this scheme, free textbooks are provided to all students studying in classes 1 to 8 in government schools, all girl students studying in classes 9 to 12, students of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe and those students whose parents are not income tax payers.
- ◆ **Gargi Puraskar Yojana:** Under the Gargi Puraskar Yojana to strengthen girl education, those girl students who score 75 percent or more marks in the secondary examination conducted by the Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education, Ajmer and who study regularly in class 11th and 12th are given ₹3,000 per year and a certificate.

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- ♦ **Balika Protsahan Puraskar Yojana:** Under this award scheme, those girl students who score 75 percent or more marks in the higher secondary examination conducted by the Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education, Ajmer are given ₹5,000 and a certificate.
- ♦ **Note:** To promote digital education in Rajasthan and encourage academic excellence of academically talented students, high quality tablets with internet connection are provided free of cost to the meritorious students who have scored 75% or more marks in class 8th, 10th and 12th.



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## International Day of Cooperatives (State Level Programme)

### ➔ Why in News?

- On the occasion of International Cooperative Day (05 July), a state level program was organized at Rajasthan Cooperative Education and Management Institute (RICEM).



### ➔ Main Point

- **Motto of cooperatives:** 'One for all, all for one'.
- Cooperatives are people-centric enterprises, which are owned, controlled and operated by their members and they do so to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations.
- Realizing the importance of cooperatives, the Ministry of Cooperatives was formed by the Government of India on 6 July 2021, which is a milestone in strengthening the cooperative movement in the country.
- **First Cooperative Minister of India:** Amit Shah was appointed as the first Cooperative Minister of India on 7 July 2021.
- **Minister of State for Cooperatives (Independent Charge) of Rajasthan:** Gautam Kumar Dak.
- **Note:** The United Nations has declared the year 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives.

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## ❖ Facts for Prelims:

- ◆ **National Cooperative Spice Fair 2024:** This fair was organized from 19 to 28 May 2024 at Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur. In these fairs, the cooperative institutions of the state and other states bring the famous and high quality products of their region for sale.



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## 4 new fungal species found in Indian soil

### ➔ Why in News?

- Recently, Dr. Yogesh Joshi, Associate Professor, Department of Botany, Rajasthan University has discovered 04 new fungal species thriving in the Indian region at the inaccessible heights of the Himalayas.



### ➔ Main Point

- One of the 4 newly discovered fungal species has been found in Gamsari village of Chamoli district of Uttarakhand, which has been named 'Polycoccum rhinodyne variety galligeneum'. It has been discovered for the first time globally and is found only in India.

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## The other 3 species discovered:

- Polycoccum nigrosporum.
- Polycoccum ryanodine (Chamoli, Uttarakhand)
- Polycoccum rubiliana (Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand)

## Other important points:

- In the year 2024 also, 4 new fungal species were discovered by Dr. Yogesh Joshi, which was published in the 'Lindbergia' magazine, which gives information about new research work in the field of Botany.

## 4 new fungal species discovered in the year 2024:

- Arthonia aspicilliae,
- Arthonia destruneus,
- Arthonia hawksworthy,
- Arthonia protoparmeliopsis.

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## Shyam Sundar Swami

### ➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the pair of Shyam Sundar Swami and Rakesh Kumar won the silver medal in the compound men's open team event at the Asian Para Archery Championship held in Beijing.



### ➔ Main Point

- The pair of Shyam Sundar Swami and Rakesh Kumar were defeated by AI Xinliang and Zhang Yicheng 156-155 in the compound men's open team event.
- Shyam Sundar Swami is originally a resident of Bikaner.
- Earlier in February 2025, Shyam Sundar Swami won the gold medal in the individual event at the Para Archery Asia Cup held in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Shyam Sundar Swami was among the 9 players from Rajasthan who represented India at the Paris Paralympics.

## National

### Aluminum and Copper Vision Documents

#### ➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the Central Government released Aluminium and Copper Vision Documents at the "International Conference on Sustainable and Responsible Mining".



#### ➔ Main Point

- The conference was held in Hyderabad, organised by the Indian National Committee of the World Mining Congress.

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## Aluminium and Copper Vision Documents:

- These documents provide long-term strategies to meet the growing domestic demand and ensure sustainable supply of raw materials.
- **Copper Vision Document:** The demand for copper is projected to increase sixfold by 2047. There is a plan to add additional smelting and refining capacity of 5 million tonnes per annum by 2030.
- **Aluminium Vision Document:** The target is to increase production sixfold and take bauxite production capacity to 150 million tonnes per annum by 2047.

## Aluminium/Bauxite:

- **Reserves in India:** 41 per cent of bauxite in Odisha, followed by Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh.
- **Production:** Odisha is India's top producer, accounting for 73 per cent of total production.
- **Globally:** China is the world's largest aluminium producer (58 per cent), followed by Australia, Brazil and India.

## Copper:

- **Reserves in India:** 52.25 per cent of copper reserves are in Rajasthan, followed by Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand.
- **Production (2022-23):** Madhya Pradesh is the top producer (57 per cent), followed by Rajasthan (43 per cent).
- **Globally:** Chile has the largest copper reserves (19 per cent), followed by Peru and Australia (10 per cent).

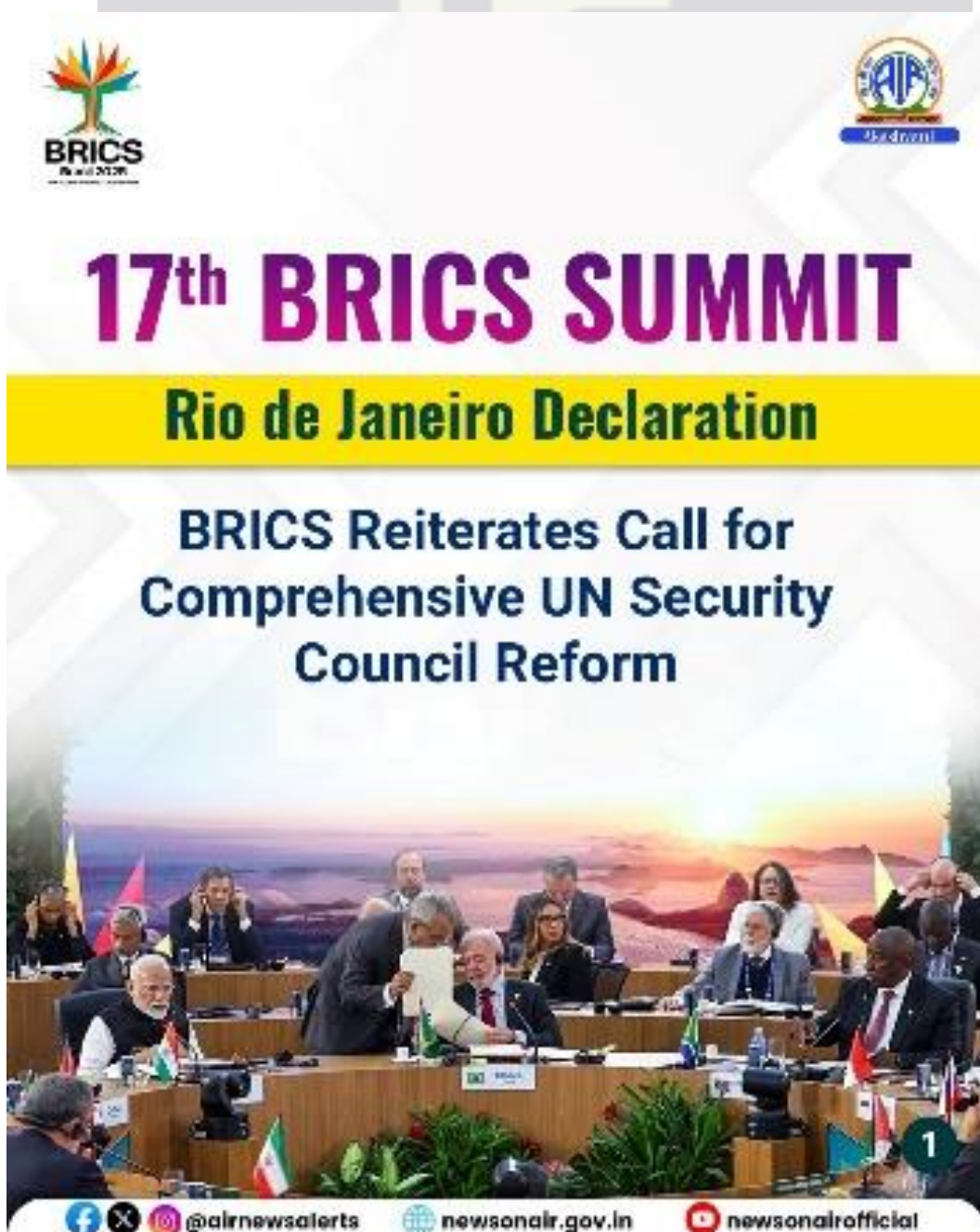


## International

### 17th BRICS Summit

#### ➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the 17th summit of BRICS member countries was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



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## ➡ Main Point

- Indonesia participated in this summit as a full member.
- The leaders of the BRICS countries welcomed India's candidature to host the 33rd Conference of the Parties (COP - 33) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in the year 2028.
- In this summit, the Prime Minister of India talked about reforms in global governance institutions like the United Nations Security Council, International Monetary Fund, World Bank and World Trade Organization.
- In this summit, it was decided that India will host the 18th BRICS summit in 2026. Earlier, India chaired BRICS in 2021 and 2024.

## Rio de Janeiro Declaration:

- The declaration condemned the military attacks on Iran by the US and Israel and expressed support for Iran's sovereignty and regional stability.
- The BRICS member countries expressed serious concern over the imbalance in global trade and protectionist policies, especially the recent import duty hike. The US proposed 10 percent additional tariff was indirectly criticized.
- The leaders of the BRICS countries strongly condemned cross-border terrorism and clearly criticized the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam.



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## BRICS:

- **Formed:** In September, 2006.
- **Founder:** Initially it included Brazil, Russia, India and China (named BRIC).
- **BRICS:** In September, 2010, South Africa joined BRIC, due to which its name was changed to BRICS.
- **Headquarters:** Shanghai (China)
- **Chairmanship of the organization:** The BRICS organization is chaired by the member countries in alphabetical order.
- **Latest members in BRICS:** Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran and United Arab Emirates and Indonesia which was included in BRICS as the 10th member nation in January 2025.

## Important initiatives of BRICS:

- New Development Bank (NDB)
- Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA)
- 'BRICS Plus' dialogue.
- BRICS Remote Sensing Satellite Constellation.
- BRICS Clear Depository.

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## Science and Technology

### National Biobank

#### ➔ Why in News?

- On July 6, 2025, Union Minister of State for Science & Technology (Independent Charge) and Vice President of CSIR, Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the state-of-the-art Phenome India 'National Biobank' at CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB), Delhi.



#### ➔ Main Point

- It is inspired by the UK Biobank model, the Indian version of which is designed to understand the country's unique diversity in geography, ethnicity and socio-economic background.
- The biobank will serve as a nationwide cohort study, collecting comprehensive genomic, lifestyle and clinical data from 10,000 individuals in India.
- The biobank has been initiated under the Phenome India project.

- It is designed to create a long-term, data-rich study tracking the health trajectory of individuals over several years.
- It will help scientists uncover disease patterns, gene-environment interactions and response to treatments.

## ❖ Other Important Points

### Council of Scientific and Industrial Research:

- ◆ India's largest research and development organization.
- ◆ **Established:** Year 1942
- ◆ Registered as an autonomous body under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- ◆ **Headquarters:** New Delhi.
- ◆ **Funding:** By the Ministry of Science and Technology.
- ◆ **Ex-officio Chairman:** Prime Minister of India.
- ◆ **Objective:** To conduct scientific and industrial research.

### 'Phenome India' Project (PI-Check):

- ◆ **Full form:** Phenome India - CSIR Health Cohort Knowledgebase (PI-Check)
- ◆ **Launch:** On December 7, 2023 by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- ◆ It is India's first pan-India longitudinal health monitoring study specifically focused on cardio-metabolic health.

♦ **Main objective of the project:**

- To build a health cohort knowledgebase for research and innovation.
- To develop India-specific risk prediction models for cardio-metabolic diseases including diabetes, liver diseases and heart diseases.
- To assess risk factors for non-communicable (cardio-metabolic) diseases in the Indian population.



## Personalities

### the dalai lama

#### ➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the 90th birth anniversary of Buddhist religious leader Dalai Lama was celebrated in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh.



#### ➔ Main Point

- **Related tradition:** Dalai Lama belongs to the 'Gelugpa tradition' of Tibetan Buddhism which is the largest and most influential tradition of Tibet.
- **Dalai Lama:** This is a religious title, which has been given to 14 persons so far, out of which the first and second Dalai Lamas received this title after death. The 14th and current Dalai Lama is Tenzin Gyatso.
- **China - India dispute:** In 1959, there was a big rebellion against Chinese rule in Tibet. China used military force to suppress this rebellion, in which thousands of Tibetans were killed. Dalai Lama's life was in danger, so he secretly fled from Lhasa on March 17, 1959 and took refuge in India by crossing the Himalayas. The then Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, granted asylum to the Dalai Lama and his followers on humanitarian grounds.



## Important Days

### Kerala tops Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE)

#### ➔ Why in News?

- Every year, 'International Cooperative Day' is celebrated on the first Saturday of July (this time on July 5, 2025).



#### ➔ Main Point

- The United Nations has declared the year 2025 as the International Cooperative Year.
- Started in the year 1923 by the International Cooperative Movement and the International Cooperative Alliance, but this day was first celebrated in the year 2005 under the aegis of UNO.
- The purpose of this day is to promote cooperatives at the global level.
- **Theme of the year 2025:** "Cooperatives build a better future for all."
- On the occasion of International Cooperative Day-2025, the Union Home Minister inaugurated the country's first national level cooperative university 'Tribhuvan Cooperative University' in Anand, Gujarat.

## Sports

### Para-Archery Asian Championships 2025 : Harvinder Singh

#### ➔ Why in News?

- India finished second in the Asia Para Archery Championship 2025 held in Beijing (China) from July 2 to 7, 2025, winning a total of 9 medals with 3 gold medals.



#### ➔ Main Point

- **India's total medals:** 9 (3 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze medals)
- **India's position in the medal tally:** Second (Top: China - ten gold, four silver and three bronze)

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## Gold medals:

- **Women's Compound Team:** The women's compound team of Sheetal Devi and Jyoti won the gold medal by defeating China's Lu Zhang and Jing Zhao.
- **Mixed Recurve Team:** Harvinder Singh and Bhawna won the gold medal in mixed recurve by defeating China's Jihan Gao and Jun Gan.
- **Harvinder Singh:** Won the gold medal by defeating Hanreuchai Netsiri of Thailand in the final of the men's individual recurve open event.

## Silver medals:

- **Men's Compound Team:** Rakesh Kumar and Shyam Sundar Swami won the silver medal.
- **Mixed Doubles:** Rakesh Kumar and Jyoti won the silver medal.
- India won three silver medals in the Men's Recurve Open, Men's Compound Open and Mixed Compound Open events.

## Bronze medals:

- **Jyoti:** Won the bronze medal by defeating Indonesia's Teodora Audi in the Compound Open.
- **Pooja and Bhavana:** Won the bronze medal by defeating Indonesia in the Recurve Women's Open Doubles.
- **Naveen Dalal and Nooruddin:** Won the bronze medal by defeating Kazakhstan in the Men's W1 Doubles.

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## ❖ Other important points:

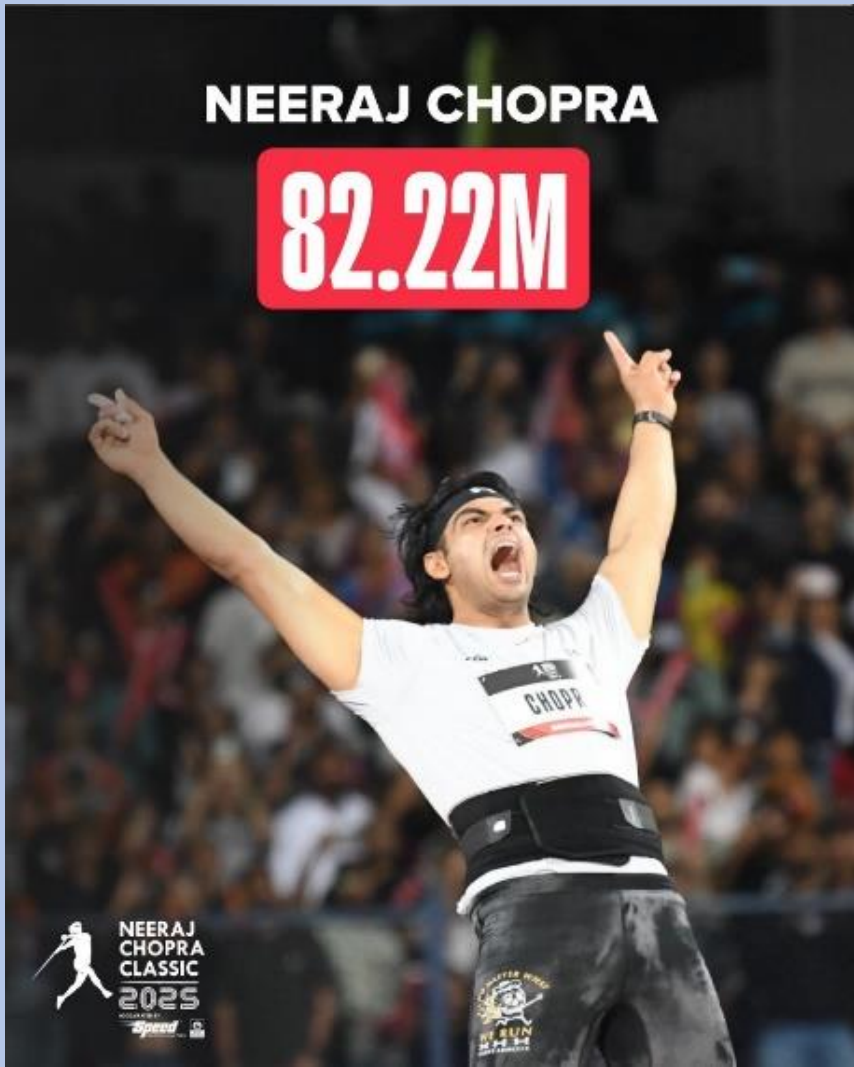
**Harvinder Singh:**

- ◆ **Connection:** Kaithal (Haryana)
- ◆ Won a total of 2 gold medals in the competition.
- ◆ **Other achievements:** Became the first gold medalist in archery at the Paris 2024 Paralympics.



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## News in Shorts

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1.	<p><b>N.C. Classic 2025 Winner: Neeraj Chopra</b></p>  <p><b>NEERAJ CHOPRA</b> <b>82.22M</b></p> <p>NEERAJ CHOPRA CLASSIC 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Neeraj Chopra won the first edition of the NC Classic 2025 competition with a javelin throw of 86.18m at Kanteerava Stadium (Bengaluru).</li><li>◆ Julius Yego of Kenya finished second with a season best effort of 84.51m while Rumesh Pathirage of Sri Lanka finished third with a throw of 84.34m.</li></ul>



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## Animesh Kujur



- ◆ Odisha's Animesh Kujur set a new national record with a timing of 10.18 seconds in the men's 100m race to win the Final B title at the Dromia International Sprints & Relays Meeting 2025 held at Municipal Stadium (Greece) and subsequently became the first Indian to run 100m in under 10.2 seconds.
- ◆ In the overall rankings, Kujur finished third behind Benjamin Richardson (10.01) of South Africa and Ali Anwar Al-Balushi (10.12) of Oman.
- ◆ The 22-year-old Kujur broke the previous national record of 10.20 seconds set by Gurindervir Singh at the Indian Grand Prix 1 in Bengaluru.