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Rajasthan

Rajasthan's performance in Swachh Survekshan Award 2024-25

➔ Why in News?

- On July 17, 2025, President Draupadi Murmu honored Dungarpur with the “Super Swachhata League” and Jaipur with the “Promising Clean City” award at the national stage at the Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 award distribution ceremony held at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi.



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➡ Main Point

- For the first time, three cities of Rajasthan, Udaipur, Jaipur Greater and Jaipur Heritage have been included in the top 20 clean cities, in which Jaipur Greater was ranked 16th and Jaipur Heritage 20th.
 - This time both the corporations have jumped 151 ranks as compared to last year. Last year, Heritage Corporation was ranked 171st and Greater was ranked 173rd.
 - Both the municipal corporations of the capital were given this honor in the category of cities with a population of more than 10 lakh.
 - Certificate has also been awarded in Jaipur Greater Water Plus.
- 12 cities of Rajasthan Udaipur, Jaipur Greater and Jaipur Heritage, Bikaner, Bhilwara, Alwar, Jodhpur North and South, Kota North and South, Ajmer and Sikar have been included in the top 100 clean cities of the country.
- Four cities of Rajasthan Udaipur, Rajakheda, Jaipur Greater and Heritage have also received GFC (Garbage Free City) three star rating.
- Under the Amrit Yojana, Dhelawas, Jaipur STP has been selected as the best practice under the Urban Ministerial Conference.
- With this, the number of ODF cities in Rajasthan has increased from 17 to 38 i.e. almost doubled.

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■ Cities with a population of 3 lakh to 10 lakh :

City	Rank
Udaipur	13th
Bikaner	48th
Jodhpur North	56th
Jodhpur South	63rd

- **Honoured with “Super Swachhta League”** : Dungarpur, This award is given to those cities which have been in the top three at least once in the last three years and are ranked among the top two hundred cities of their category in the current year.
- **Honoured with “Promising Clean City”** : Jaipur Greater, This award was received by the Mayor of Jaipur Greater Municipal Corporation, Mrs. Saumya Gurjar.

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Co-operation and Employment Festival - 2025

➔ Why in News?

- On July 17, 2025, a cooperative and employment festival was organized at Dadiya village in Jaipur district on the occasion of International Cooperative Year 2025.

The poster is for the 'International Year of Cooperatives 2025' festival. It features portraits of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister Bhupendra Patel Chaudhary. The central text mentions the festival is being held on the occasion of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025. The main title is 'सहकार एवं रोजगार उत्सव' (Cooperation and Employment Festival). The chief guest is 'श्री अमित शाह' (Shri Amit Shah), Union Minister for Housing and Cooperatives. The guest of honor is 'श्री भजनलाल शर्मा' (Shri Bhajenlal Sharma), Union Minister. The poster lists several activities: 24 Godaam (cow sheds) inauguration, 64 Milk Producers' Cooperative Societies (MPCoS) inauguration, 1400 beneficiaries under the Gopala Credit Card Scheme, distribution of 2346 micro-enterprises (MSMEs) to dairy producers, 2.0 PDS (Public Distribution System) online registration, 100 new police vehicles, and distribution of government jobs to 8,000+ youth.

श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी
भारत का प्रधानमंत्री

श्री भजनलाल शर्मा
माननीय मुख्यमंत्री

अंतरराष्ट्रीय सहकारिता वर्ष 2025 के अवसर पर

सहकार एवं रोजगार उत्सव

मुख्य अतिथि
श्री अमित शाह
माननीय केन्द्रीय गृह एवं सहकारिता मंत्री

गरिमामय उपस्थिति
श्री भजनलाल शर्मा
माननीय मुख्यमंत्री

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➡ Main Point

- **Venue:** Dadiya (Jaipur)
- **Event date:** July 17, 2025
- **Chief Guest:** Amit Shah.

Major programs:

- Virtual inauguration of 24 warehouses and 64 millets outlets built under the food storage scheme.
- White Revolution 2.0 PDCS online registration platform launched.
- Under the Gopal Credit Card Scheme, loans worth about 12 crores were distributed to 1400 beneficiaries and 2346 micro ATMs were distributed to milk producing cooperative societies.
- Symbolic cheques and certificates were handed over to the beneficiaries of government schemes and appointment letters were handed over to the youth.
- Appointment letters were given to more than 8 thousand youth in the district level employment festival.
- Release of the book Lakshya-Path-Pran-Antyodaya based on the success of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Antyodaya Sambal Pakhwada.
- An exhibition was organised on the achievements of the Cooperative Department.

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Ranthambore Tiger Reserve

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the Government of India is building the first major animal overpass under the Bharatmala project on the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway.



➔ Main Point

- This overpass has been built for the safe movement of wildlife in the buffer zone of the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve.
- Vegetation and sound barriers have been planted on the overpass to reduce noise pollution.
- This will ensure that the vehicle sound does not affect the natural behavior of animals.

Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve (RTR):

- Ranthambore Tiger Reserve is located in Sawai Madhopur district of Rajasthan.
- This reserve is spread between the Aravalli and Vindhya mountain ranges.
- RTR includes Ranthambore National Park, Sawai Madhopur Sanctuary, Keladevi Sanctuary and National Chambal Gharial Sanctuary.
- It is named after the historic Ranthambore Fort.
- This fort is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in the reserve area.
- Banas River flows in the north of RTR and Chambal River in the south.
- The reserve area has major lakes like Padam Talab, Raj Bagh Talab and Malik Talab.
- The vegetation here is dominated by dry deciduous forest and tropical thorn scrub.
- Major fauna includes Royal Bengal Tiger, leopard, caracal, sambar, chital, chinkara and wild boar.
- Birds include species like Sarus Crane, Serpent Eagle and Painted Spurfowl.
- As per the 2023 tiger census, RTR has 71 tigers and their cubs.
- It is the third highest tiger density reserve in India after Corbett and Kaziranga.
- The main vegetation of the area is the Dhok tree. Other important trees include Babul, Gurjan, Gum and Khair.

News in Shorts

S. No.	News
1.	<p>National Agricultural Scientist Award 2025</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ On July 16, 2025, at the 97th Foundation Day celebrations of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Dr. Dheeraj Singh, Head and Principal Scientist, Integrated Farming Systems Division, Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI), Jodhpur, was awarded the National Agricultural Scientist Award-2025.◆ This award was given for the outstanding contribution in research and extension (innovation and technology) work in the agricultural sector.

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Swachh Survekshan Award 2024-25

➔ Why in News?

- On July 17, 2025, President Draupadi Murmu presented the Swachh Survekshan 2024-25 Awards for Urban Sanitation at a national function organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi.



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➡ Main Point

- Swachh Survekshan 2024-25 is the world's largest urban sanitation survey and is a key part of the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U).
- This year the awards were given in four main categories – Super Swachh League (SSL) cities, top three clean cities in five different population categories, special categories such as Ganga Towns, Cantonment Boards, Safai Mitra Suraksha and Maha Kumbh and State-level awards for emerging clean cities of States/UTs.
- A total of 78 awards were given during the function.
- Swachh Survekshan 2024-25 adopts a structured, technology-driven methodology based on 10 parameters and 54 indicators.
- For the first time, cities have been classified into five categories based on population for more fair evaluation - very small cities (population less than 20,000), small cities (20,000-50,000), medium cities (50,000-3 lakh), large cities (3-10 lakh), and cities with population more than one million.

■ Awards :

Top in the Super Clean League		Top in clean city category	
More than 10 lakh	3-10 lakh	More than 10 lakh	3-10 lakh
1. Indore	1. Noida	1. Ahmedabad	1. Mira Bhayander (Maharashtra)
2. Surat	2. Chandigarh	2. Bhopal	2. Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh)
3. Navi Mumbai	3. Mysore	3. Lucknow	3. Jamshedpur
4. Vijayawada	4. Ujjain		

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- **34 Promising Clean Cities:** Under the 'One City, One Award' policy, 34 top cities from each state and union territory have received the title of 'Promising Clean City'. These include Patna, Raipur, Vadodara, Sonipat, Gwalior, Jaipur Greater, Bathinda, Pimpri Chinchwad.
- **Best Ganga Town:** Prayagraj was declared the 'Best Ganga Town'.
- **Cleanest Cantonment Area:** Sikandrabad Cantonment Board was selected as the cleanest cantonment area.
- **Best Safai Mitra Safe City:** Visakhapatnam has been given the title of Best Safai Mitra Safe City.
- **Special Award to Mahakumbh:** Uttar Pradesh Government, Prayagraj Mela Officer and Municipal Corporation were given special awards for excellent waste management during Mahakumbh 2024.

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Science and Technology

Communication satellite Dror-1

➔ Why in News?

- On July 13, 2025, Israel successfully launched the most advanced communication satellite 'Dror-1', communication satellite ever from Cape Canaveral, US with the help of SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket.



➔ Main Point

- **Purpose:** This satellite will provide secure communication services for military, government and civilian use for the next 15 years.
- **Satellite developed by:** Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI).
- It is Israel's most advanced communication satellite.

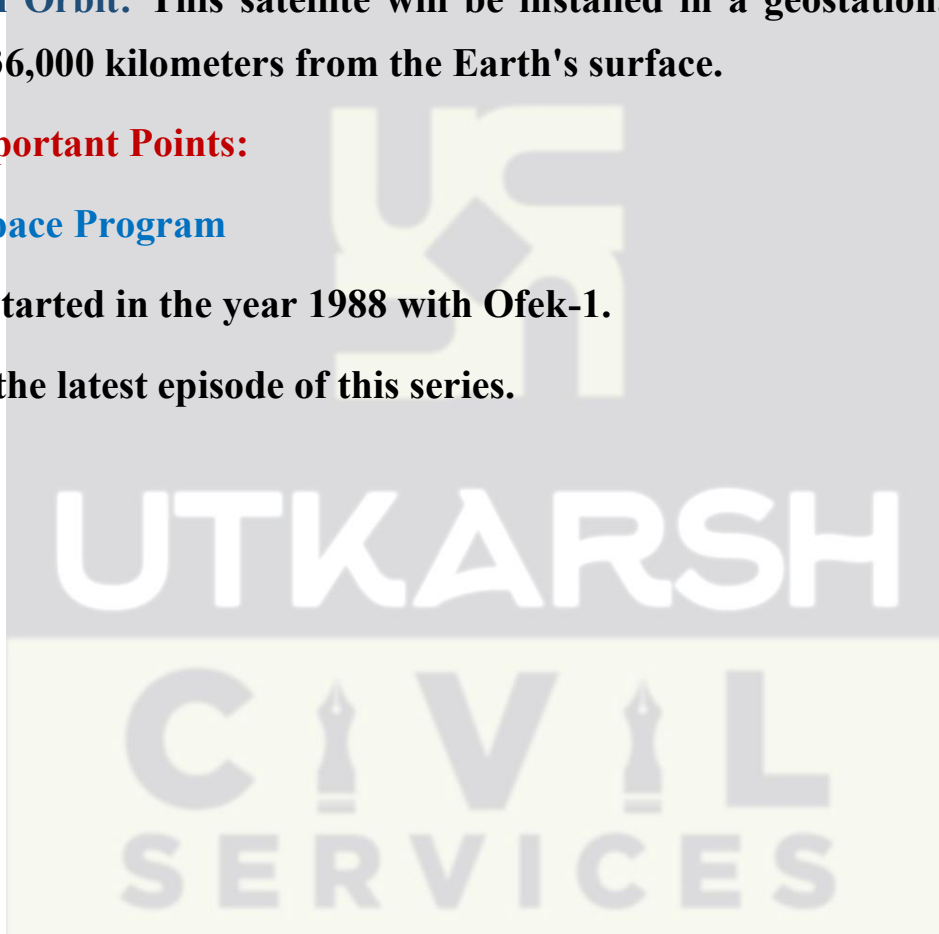
■ Key Features of Dror-1

- **Main Antennas:** Two (each 2.8 meters wide) - Equipped with the largest Israeli satellite antennas ever, which will facilitate fast and high data transmission over a large area.
- **Launch Orbit:** This satellite will be installed in a geostationary orbit of about 36,000 kilometers from the Earth's surface.

Other Important Points:

Israel's Space Program

- **Started:** Started in the year 1988 with Ofek-1.
- Dror-1 is the latest episode of this series.



Akash Prime Missile

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, the indigenous seeker-equipped Akash Prime missile was successfully tested at high altitude in Ladakh.



➔ Main Point

- The Akash Prime missile, designed for high altitude areas, was successfully tested in Ladakh.
- This missile is capable of destroying aerial high-speed unmanned targets with precision.
- The original Akash missile has a range of 27–30 km and an altitude of up to 18 km.
- Akash Prime has an indigenous active radio frequency seeker added to it, which has increased accuracy.

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- This system has been made capable of operating at altitudes above 4,500 metres.
- In the 1980s, the development of the Akash missile was started by DRDO.
- Its initial tests were conducted in the 1990s and 2000s.
- The name “Akash” is derived from the Sanskrit word, which signifies resistance in the air.
- It is designed to protect vital installations.
- This system can attack multiple targets simultaneously.
- It includes features like ECCM (Electronic Counter-Counter Measures).
- These techniques provide protection against systems that deceive the detection system.



Prithvi-2 and Agni-1 missiles

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, India successfully test fired Prithvi-2 and Agni-1 ballistic missiles in its dual power show.



➔ Main Point

- Agni-1 was test fired from Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.
- Prithvi-2 was later test fired from Launch Pad-3 of Integrated Test Range at Chandipur.

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Prithvi-2 and Agni-1 missiles:

Prithvi-2	Agni-1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Prithvi-2 is a surface-to-surface short-range ballistic missile.■ Its range is about 250–350 km.■ This missile is capable of carrying conventional and nuclear weapons.■ Liquid propulsion system has been used in it.■ The missile is equipped with advanced navigation system which helps in accurate target penetration.■ Prithvi-2 missile has been included in the Indian Army since the year 2003.■ This missile is about nine meters long.■ It is the first indigenous missile developed by DRDO.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Agni-1 is a medium-range ballistic missile.■ Its strike range is about 700–900 km.■ It was developed to fill the gap between Prithvi and long-range Agni missiles.■ Agni-1 can be transported by both road and rail.■ It is capable of carrying a payload of up to 1,000 kg.■ This missile also has the capability to carry nuclear weapons.■ Agni-1 is a major part of India's minimum deterrent capability.

Important Days

World Day of International Justice 2025

➔ Why in News?

- Every year on 17 July, World International Justice Day is celebrated.



➔ Main Point

- This day is celebrated to promote international criminal justice and to honor the fight against impunity for serious crimes affecting the global community.

Objective:

- To establish global justice against international crimes.
- To provide justice to war victims, displaced people and those who have suffered atrocities.
- To protect human rights and strengthen legal institutions.
- To promote peace and stability by ensuring accountability of the culprits.

History:

- On 17 July 1998, the "Rome Treaty" was adopted in Rome, paving the way for the establishment of the ICC.
- In 2010, it was decided in Kampala, Uganda that 17 July would be celebrated as International Justice Day.

International Criminal Court (ICC):

- The world's first permanent, independent and international tribunal.
- It prosecutes four serious crimes: genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and crimes related to aggression.
- It is headquartered in The Hague, Netherlands; began operating in July 2002.

India's position:

- India has not signed the Treaty of Rome, so it is not a member of the ICC.
- India argues that some sections of the ICC may interfere with its national sovereignty, military operations and internal security.
- India also fears that the influence of UN Security Council veto countries on the ICC may affect the impartiality of justice.

Personalities

Sanjay Kaul

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, Sanjay Kaul, a 2001 batch Kerala cadre IAS officer has been appointed as the new MD and CEO of GIFT City Company Limited, Gandhinagar.



➔ Main Point

- He is currently working as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, where he is looking after international cultural affairs, UNESCO, intangible cultural heritage and cultural institutions.
- He has extensive experience in the administrative field; he has previously been the MD of Gujarat Tourism Corporation Limited and Gujarat Informatics Limited.
- GIFT City is India's first international financial services focused smart city, where he will be responsible for its management and development as CEO.
- Gujarat General Administration Department (GAD) has issued an official notification in this regard. The current CEO Tapan Ray will continue in his post till Sanjay Kaul takes over.

Places in News

The country in discussion is Eswatini

➡ Why in News?

- Recently, the United States deported five foreign nationals convicted of serious crimes to Eswatini, the last monarchical country on the African continent.



➡ Main Point

- These deportees include citizens of Vietnam, Jamaica, Cuba, Yemen and Laos. Their native countries were not willing to take them back, due to which they were sent to Eswatini under a third country deportation agreement.
- This deportation is part of the US's broader strategy, which was adopted during President Trump's reign to promote deportation to third countries. In July 2025 itself, the US deported eight deportees to South Sudan, of whom only one person was a citizen of that country.

About Eswatini:

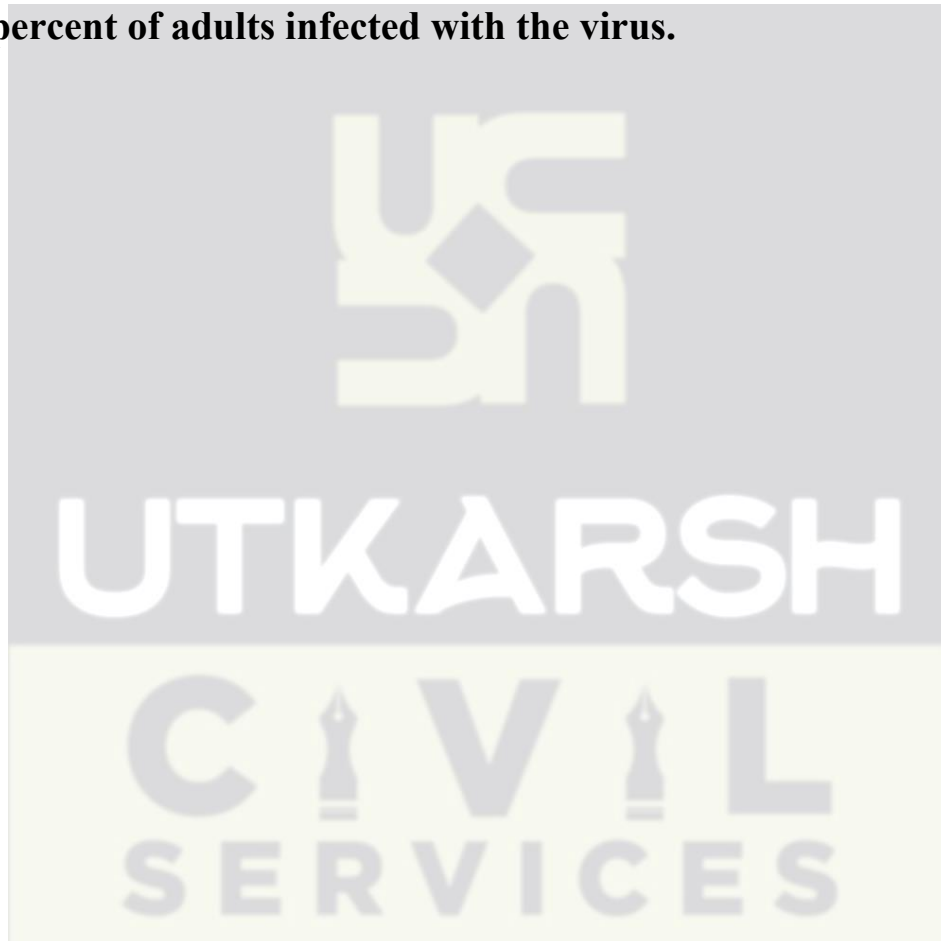
- Eswatini is a landlocked country, surrounded by South Africa and Mozambique.
- Eswatini, which gained independence from British rule in 1968, was formerly known as Swaziland.
- In 2018, it changed its name to Eswatini.
- It is one of the few countries in the world and the only country in Africa that has an absolute monarchy.
- King Mswati III, who has been in power since 1986, exercises full control over all functions of government.
- Political parties are not allowed to participate in the electoral process, and individuals who stand for public office must seek the approval of traditional leaders.

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- Despite its small size, Eswatini faces deep social and economic challenges. According to the World Bank, more than half of its population of 1.2 million live on less than \$4 a day.
- The country has one of the highest rates of HIV infection in the world, with about 26 percent of adults infected with the virus.



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News in Shorts

S. No.	News
1.	<p>South Asia records vaccination coverage: UNICEF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ South Asia has achieved its highest ever vaccination coverage for children, with India and Nepal making significant progress, according to new data released by the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF for the year 2024 on July 15, 2025.◆ The number of children with zero doses also declined by 27 per cent across the region.◆ HPV vaccination coverage for adolescent girls increased from 2 per cent in 2023 to 9 per cent in 2024. Bangladesh made significant progress by vaccinating over 7.1 million girls since launching its programme in 2023.◆ Children with zero doses in India fell by 43 per cent.◆ Pakistan also recorded its highest ever DTP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) coverage at 87 per cent.

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Mitama Masturi Mahotsav



- ◆ Recently, the Mitama Matsuri Festival was celebrated at Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo.
- ◆ This festival is considered to be the most distinctive and largest summer festival of Tokyo, the capital of Japan.
- ◆ The specialty of this festival is its colorful decorations and illuminated nights, which make it alive.
- ◆ Thousands of yellow lanterns fill the atmosphere with a spiritual and cultural beauty.
- ◆ This festival has become a symbol of collective enthusiasm, devotion and cultural pride.