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Rajasthan

Revised AYUSH Policy-2025

- **○** Why in News?
- Recently, the AYUSH

 Department of Rajasthan

 released the draft of

 'Revised AYUSH Policy2025'.



- **Main Point**
- The AYUSH Policy was released by the Rajasthan Government in the year 2021.
- For the first time in the revised AYUSH policy, Electropathy system of medicine has been included in the AYUSH systems of medicine.
- AYUSH is an abbreviation of medical systems prevalent in India; such as -Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy.

Facts for Prelims:

Electropathy Board:

■ On April 30, 2025, a notification was issued by the Rajasthan Government for the formation of 'Electropathy Board'.

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- Rajasthan is the first state in the country to recognize Electropathy system of medicine and board.
- The 'Rajasthan Electropathy System of Medicine Bill 2018' was passed by the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly in 2018 to provide statutory recognition to the Electropathy Board. With the notification, this board will be deemed to have been constituted from May 01, 2025.
- This board constituted by the state government will have six members including the chairman.

Composition:

- Chairman: Principal Secretary of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy (AYUSH) Department.
- Members:
 - Hemant Sethia.
 - Govindlal Saini.
 - Kuldeep Verma.
 - Harisingh Boomra.
 - SS Patodia.





- Electropathy Medical System: Electropathy is a relatively new medical system, which is recognized by the Supreme Court in the category of alternative medical system.
- This medical system was first discovered in the year 1865 by an Italian armed forces officer Dr. Count Cesare Mattei.
- This medical system is completely based on herbal (botanical), which is based on medicinal properties obtained from the plant world.
- These medicinal properties are extracted through cohobation (a process similar to that used in Ayurveda) and mixed with distilled and denatured alcoholic water and spagyric essence in controlled proportions.
- The whole principle of Electropathy system is based on the balance of two important fluids in the human body - Blood and Lymph.
- Note: World Electropathy Day is celebrated every year on 11 January on the birth anniversary of Dr. Count Cesare Mattei, the father of Electropathy system.

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Three players from Rajasthan in the archery event of World Transplant Games

- **○** Why in News?
- Three players from Rajasthan will represent the Indian contingent in the 'World Transplant Games' to be held in Dresden, Germany.



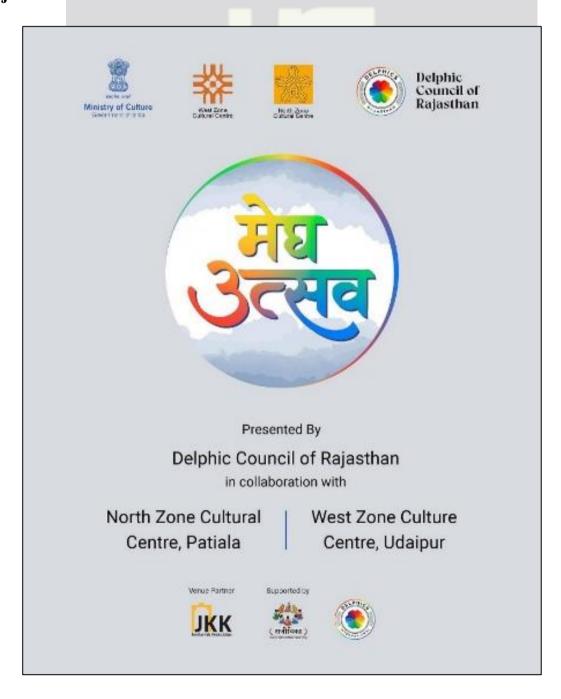
- Main Point
- **Event:** From 17 to 24 August, 2025 in Dresden (Germany).
- 3 players: Harshvardhan Singh, Amit Sharma and Hitesh Sharma.
- These three players will represent India in the single and team events of the archery event.
- It is noteworthy that India will participate in the archery event of the 'World Transplant Games' for the first time.
- The World Transplant Games are held every two years since 1978. Transplant recipients, living donors, donor families and their supporters can participate in these games.
- These games are also recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

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Megh Utsav – 2025

- **○** Why in News?
- 'Megh Utsav-2025' was organized on 2 3 August, 2025 at Jawahar Kala Kendra (JKK), Jaipur in collaboration with Jawahar Kala Kendra and Rajivika.



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Main Point

- Aegis: Delphic Council of Rajasthan under the joint aegis of North Zone Cultural Center (Patiala) and West Zone Cultural Center (Udaipur) of Union Ministry of Culture.
- Objective: To revive the creativity, beauty and cultural consciousness of the monsoon season through folk arts.

Facts for Prelims:

West Zone Cultural Center, Udaipur

- **Established:** Between 1985 and 1987.
- Chairman: Governor of Rajasthan.
- Headquarters: Bagore Ki Haveli, Udaipur.
- Objective: To preserve the cultural diversity of Western India through performing arts, visual arts, folk arts, traditional arts and tribal arts.
- The Western Region Cultural Centre was the first centre in India to establish a 'Shilpgram'.
- This centre organises the 'Shilpgram Utsav' every year in the last week of December at the Shilpgram in Udaipur.

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National Film Award for 'GOD VULTURE AND HUMAN'

- **○** Why in News?
- 'GOD VULTURE AND HUMAN',
 directed by Jaipur's Rishiraj
 Aggarwal, was awarded the recently
 announced 'National Film Award'.
- Main Point
- Category: Best Documentary Film

 Award at the 71st National Film

 Awards for 2023.



- Producer: Professor Rajesh Chandwani.
- **Director: Rishiraj Aggarwal.**
- Subject of the film: This documentary is based on the lives of Organ Transplant Coordinators (OTCs) working in the organ donation process. The film depicts the role, challenges and mental struggles faced by these coordinators.
- The film was premiered at the Indian Society of Organ Transplantation Conference (ISOT) 2024 in Ahmedabad.
- Also, it was selected for screening at several Indian and international film festivals including the Dokubaku International Documentary Film Festival (IDFF) held in Baku (Azerbaijan).

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National

Sixth anniversary of repeal of Article 370

- **○** Why in News?
- The sixth anniversary of repeal of Article 370 was celebrated on August 5,



- Main Point
- On August 5, 2019, the government of India repealed Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir and ended the full statehood of the state and divided it into two union territories (Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh).

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- Resolution in Parliament: Concurrent resolutions were passed by the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on August 5 and 6, 2019 respectively. Which also repealed the remaining provisions of Article 370 and replaced them with new provisions.
- Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act 2019: Passed by the Parliament on August 5, 2019, the state of Jammu and Kashmir was divided into two union territories 'Jammu and Kashmir' and 'Ladakh'.

Other important points:

Article 370:

- Article 370 in the Indian Constitution provided special status to Jammu and Kashmir.
- It was drafted by N. Gopalswami Ayyangar, a member of the Indian Constituent Assembly, which was added to the Constitution in 1949 as a 'temporary provision'.
- Under this article, Jammu and Kashmir had autonomy in most matters except defence, foreign affairs and communications along with having a constitution and flag.

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Article 35A:

■ Under Article 35A, the Jammu and Kashmir State Legislature was given the right to define the "permanent residents" of the state and grant them special rights.

Other important points:

Satya Pal Malik:

- Former Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Satya Pal Malik passes away on August 5, 2025 at the age of 79.
- Malik served as the last Governor of the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state from August 2018 to October 2019. It was during his tenure that the special status of the state was abolished by repealing Article 370 on August 5, 2019. Today is the sixth anniversary of that historic decision.
- After Jammu and Kashmir, he was appointed Governor of Goa and thereafter he served as Governor of Meghalaya till October 2022.
- **■** Earlier, in 2017, he held the post of Governor of Bihar for some time.

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International

Global AI City Index 2025

- **○** Why in News?
- Bengaluru has ranked 26th in Global Artificial the Intelligence (AI) City Index, emerging as India's leading AI hub research, development data centres, according to a report market research firm by Counterpoint Research.



Main Point

Global Position:

Rank	City
1 st	Singapore (Singapore)
2 nd	Seoul (South Korea)
3 rd	Beijing (China)
4 th	Dubai (United Arab Emirates)
5 th	San Francisco (United States)

- Microsoft and Google are the biggest vendors driving AI-city activities by expanding their AI data centre presence.
- Shenzhen was ranked first in robotics, as strong government initiatives have helped boost innovation in the AI sector.
- Fastest Growing AI Hubs: Bengaluru, Riyadh, Hangzhou and Sao Paulo, among others.

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Other important points:

Artificial Intelligence (AI): Computers or computer-controlled robots replace human intelligence and judgment to perform tasks and neural networks that mimic the structure of the brain; such as learning, reasoning, problemsolving, perception and decision-making.

Types

- Weak AI/Narrow AI: A type of AI that is applied to a specific or limited area within predefined boundaries.
- **Examples:** Speech recognition, virtual assistants (Amazon's Alexa and Apple's Siri), chess-playing programs, spam filters, etc.
- Strong AI: More complex systems that perform human-like tasks, in which human intelligence is imitated to solve problems without human intervention.
- **Example:** Self-driving cars.
- Super AI: Works on intelligence greater than human intelligence.India and Artificial Intelligence:
- National AI Strategy (2018): This strategy outlines the vision, mission and a comprehensive plan to use artificial intelligence for economic and social development.
- AI for All: Promoting AI education and research.
- Responsible AI for Social Empowerment (RAISE): Developing AI-based solutions for social good.
- **FutureSkills Prime:** A joint initiative of NASSCOM and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology as a skill development program.

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- AI Centres of Excellence: Government has set up AI Centres of Excellence in various academic institutions to promote research and development in AI.
- India AI: National AI portal of India.

World and Artificial Intelligence:

■ 28th European Conference on Artificial Intelligence 2025: organized in Bologna (Italy) by the European Association for Artificial Intelligence and the Italian Association for Artificial Intelligence from October 25 to 30, 2025.

5th Global Summit on Artificial Intelligence 2025:

- **Theme:** "AI Convergence: Integrating Intelligence across Disciplines"
- **Held:** October 7 to 8, 2025.
- Objective: Collaborate between academic research and industry application, showcase emerging technologies that can transform the current status quo, and foster interdisciplinary partnerships that promote ethical and impactful AI solutions.
- Paris Summit 2025: Held in Paris from February 6 to 11, 2025 to catalyze international action in the field of artificial intelligence.
- It was the third summit in the series, following the Bletchley Park Summit (UK, 2023), Seoul Summit (South Korea, 2024).
- Bletchley Park Declaration (28 nations): Emphasized the development of safe, human values-centered, and ethically responsible AI.

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First BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival

- **○** Why in News?
- The first BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival was held on August 4, 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.



Main Point

- The festival titled 'Saptasur: Seven Nations, One Melody', organised by the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR), celebrated the distinct musical traditions of the seven BIMSTEC countries.
- Host country: India.
- The event was inaugurated by Indian External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar.
- This cultural initiative was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the BIMSTEC Summit held in Thailand in April, 2025.

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Other important points:

- BIMSTEC Youth Summit 2025 7 to 11 February, 2025 Gandhinagar (Gujarat)
 - Theme "Youth as a bridge for inter-BIMSTEC partnership-proposal"
 - Objective To strengthen equity among Bangladesh, Bhutan, India,
 Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lankan youth.

6th BIMSTEC Summit 2025

- Held: 2 to 4 April, 2025 in Bangkok under the chairmanship of Thailand.
- Summit theme: "BIMSTEC: Prosperous, Resilient and Open"

BIMSTEC

- Full name: Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation.
- Established: As a regional organization under the Bangkok Declaration in 1997.
- Secretariat: Dhaka (Bangladesh)
- 7 member countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

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- It had 4 founding members, which was known as BIST-EC (Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka and Thailand Economic Cooperation). Myanmar joined in 1997 and the group was renamed BIMST-EC.
- It was renamed BIMSTEC in 2004 after the inclusion of Nepal and Bhutan.
- Objective: It aims to promote multifaceted technical and economic cooperation among the countries of the Bay of Bengal region.
- Principles of BIMSTEC: Cooperation among BIMSTEC is based on respect for the principles of sovereignty, equality, territorial integrity, political independence, non-interference in internal affairs, non-violence, peaceful coexistence, mutual respect and mutual benefit.
- Importance: With a population of 1.7 billion (22 percent of the world's total population), the combined GDP of BIMSTEC countries is around US\$5.2 trillion.

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Science and Technology

C-295 military aircraft

- **○** Why in News?
- In a major step towards strengthening India's defense capabilities, the Indian Air Force received the 16th and final Airbus C-295 military transport aircraft in Seville, Spain on August 3, 2025.



- Main Point
- India signed a contract with Airbus Defense and Space, Spain in September 2021 for the acquisition of 56 C-295MW transport aircraft for the Indian Air Force.
- The remaining 40 C-295 aircraft will be manufactured indigenously under India's 'Make in India, Make for the World' mission.

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- In October 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez jointly inaugurated the Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) campus built for the manufacture of C-295 aircraft in Vadodara, Gujarat.
- This production unit set up in Vadodara is the first private sector 'Final Assembly Line' (FAL) of military aircraft in India.
- For the first time in the country, a private sector company will manufacture a complete aircraft.

C-295 Aircraft:

- The C-295 was originally manufactured by a Spanish aircraft manufacturer, currently this company is part of Airbus and the aircraft is manufactured at the Airbus plant in Spain.
- Carrying capacity- 5 to 10 tonnes.
- This aircraft will replace the old fleet of Avro-748 aircraft of the Indian Air Force.
- Flight capacity- 11 hours.
- It can operate from short airstrips of only 2200 feet long and is capable of flying at a low speed of 110 knots.

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Sports

Kosanov Memorial 2025 Athletics Meet



Murali Sreeshankar:

- Murali Sreeshankar of India registered a best effort of 7.94m to win the gold medal in the men's long jump event at the 2025 Kosanov Memorial, a World Athletics Continental Tour bronze medal event held in Kazakhstan.
- Janry Ubas of the Philippines (7.53m) won the silver and Nazim Babyyev of Azerbaijan (7.48m) won the bronze medal.

Abdullah Abubakar:

- Indian athlete and former Asian champion Abdullah Abubakar won the men's triple jump event (16.08m) at the Kosanov Memorial 2025, athletics meet held in Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- The South Korean pair registered equal best jumps of 16.07m. However, Yu Gumin was ranked second on countback.

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News in Shorts

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1.	Merger of banks The Reserve Bank of India approved the merger of New India Co-operative Bank with Saraswat Bank. The merger came into effect from August 4, 2025. Saraswat Bank is the largest urban co-operative bank in the country.
2.	First Annual Trident Lecture Series 2025 ◆ On August 5, 2025, the Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS) at Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt launched the first annual Trident Lecture Series (ATLS) to commemorate its Foundation Day. ◆ On the occasion, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan delivered the inaugural lecture on the topic 'Dominance on the Future Battlefield'. ◆ The 'General Bipin Rawat Paper' on 'Manned-Unmanned Teaming' was released at the event.

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3. 'Pariksha Pe Charcha': Entered in Guinness World Record

♦ Prime Minister
 Narendra Modi's
 'Pariksha Pe
 Charcha' (PPC)
 initiative was entered
 in the Guinness
 World Record.



- ♦ This record has been achieved for the highest number of people registering on the Nagarik Samvad platform in a month.
- ♦ In its eighth edition, a total of 3.53 crore valid registrations were done.
- ♦ This program is a platform for direct interaction of the Prime Minister with students, teachers and parents. Its aim is to make the exam time a celebration of positivity, preparation and purposeful learning instead of stress.

4. World Championship of Legends 2025 – South Africa Winner

♦ South Africa's Legends team under the captaincy of AB de Villiers won the World Championship of Legends title of the year 2025.



- ♦ Runner-up Pakistan.
- **♦ Final match Edgbaston (England)**