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Rajasthan

HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Limited: Pachpadra

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma and Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri inspected HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Limited (HRRL) located at Pachpadra in Balotra district.



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HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Limited

➔ Key Points:

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister and Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister inaugurated the Operator Training Simulator at the RMCR campus.
- HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Limited (HRRL) was started on September 18, 2013 as a joint venture between Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and the Government of Rajasthan with equity participation of 74 percent and 26 percent respectively.
- **Project Approval:** By the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas on October 09, 2017.
- This is the first such project in the country with BS-6 standard, which is a combination of refinery and petrochemical complex.
- The refinery has a capacity of 9 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA), including 2.4 MMTPA of petrochemical products.
- The Rajasthan Refinery Project will process imported crude oil (7.5 MMTPA) as well as crude oil produced in Rajasthan (1.5 MMTPA).

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Deployment of drone jamming guns to deal with drone threats in Rajasthan

➔ Why in News?

- Drone jamming guns will be deployed on the India-Pakistan international border in Rajasthan to deal with drone threats from Pakistan.

➔ Key Points:

- **Objective:** To prevent cross-border smuggling of illegal drugs, to disable suspicious drones for Indian security.
- **Development:** This completely indigenous gun has been developed by the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO).
- This drone jamming gun will jam the frequency of all types of drones coming from Pakistan in the air from a distance of 2.5 km in just 10 seconds.
- At present, smuggling of narcotics such as heroin on the international border adjoining Rajasthan is a big challenge for the Border Security Force, where heroin worth Rs 500 crore is caught annually.
- The drone jamming gun has been given to the Sri Ganganagar sector on an experimental basis.
- **Functioning:** Drone jamming gun is a portable counter-UAS (unmanned aerial system) device designed with a rifle or pistol style form factor. It is fitted with directional antennas, providing point-and-shoot capability. This gun emits powerful electromagnetic waves, which can jam the frequency of drones flying within a radius of 2.5 km in just 10 seconds. This technology can be used to ensure the safety of controlled airspaces, industrial establishments and government buildings.



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Facts for Prelims:

International border of Rajasthan:

- **Name:** Sir Cyril Radcliffe Line.
- **Demarcation:** 14 August 1947
- **Extension:** From Hindumalkot (Sri Ganganagar) to Bakhasar/Shahgarh (Barmer).
- **Contribution of international border to total border of Rajasthan:** 18 percent (1070 km.)
- **Districts located on international border:** Sri Ganganagar, Bikaner, Phalodi, Jaisalmer and Barmer.
- **Nearest District Headquarters on International Border –** Sri Ganganagar.
- **Headquarters located farthest from International Border –** Bikaner.
- **District Headquarters located farthest from International Border –** Dhaulpur.
- Sri Ganganagar and Barmer are such districts which are located on both international and interstate borders.

Other Important Points:

D4 (Drone Detect, Deter, Destroy) System:

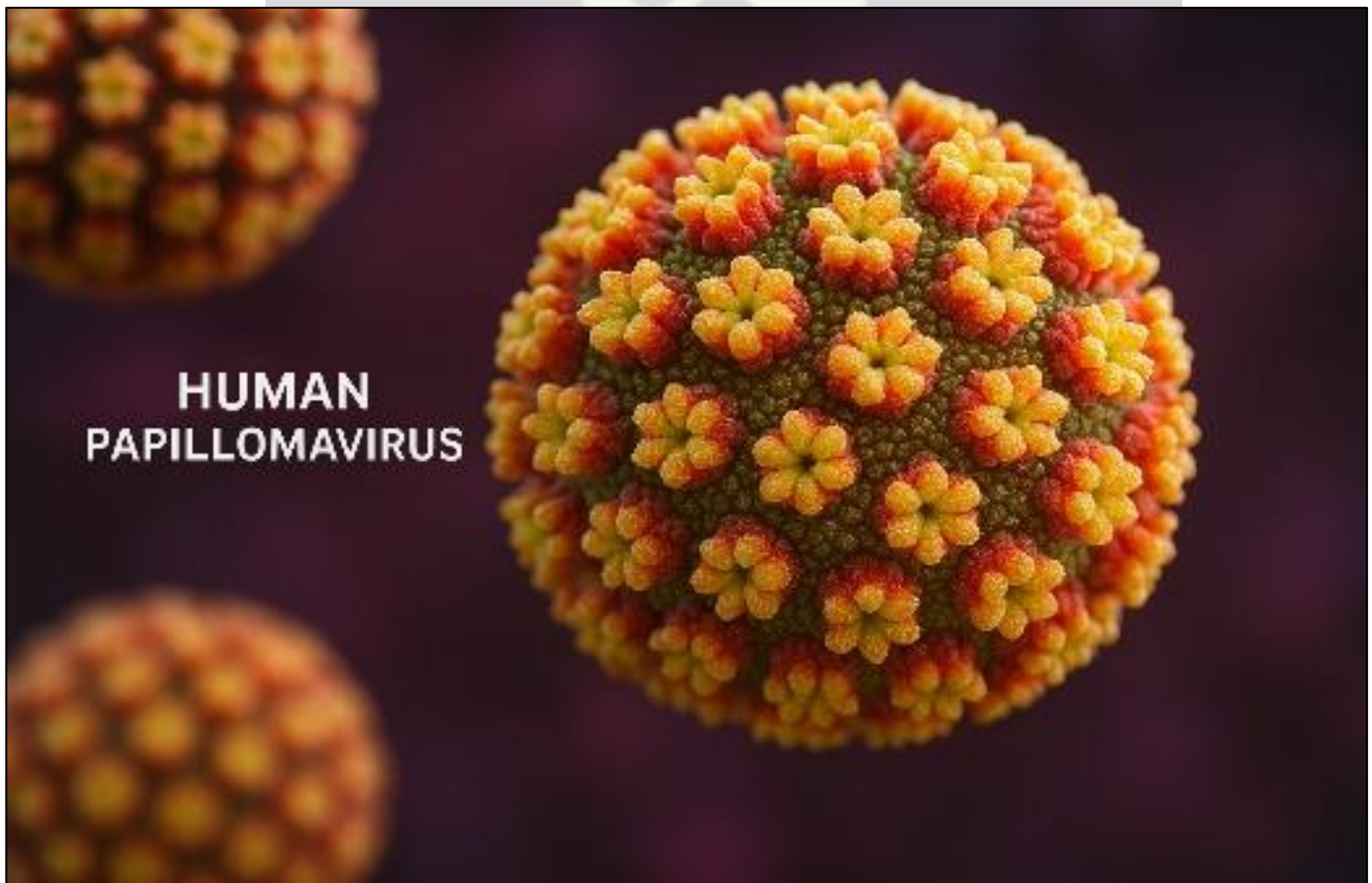
- 'D4 Anti-Drone System' will be deployed on the international border adjoining Rajasthan to prevent smuggling of drugs and weapons across the border.
- Drone Detect, Deter and Destroy System (D4S) is the first indigenously developed anti-drone system to be inducted into the Indian Armed Forces.
- **Development –** By Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).
- It can detect and jam micro-drones at a distance of up to 3 km.
- This system is capable of providing 360 degree coverage within a radius of three kilometers in the air. Apart from Rajasthan, this drone system will also be installed on the Pakistan border adjoining Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab.

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Screening of Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

➔ Why in News?

- The Virology Department of Sawai Mansingh Medical College, Jaipur will screen women visiting government hospitals in Jaipur, Ajmer, Bikaner, Dausa and Neemkathana for human papillomavirus infection from September 1, 2025.



➔ Key Points:

- This screening will be done by the Virology Department using Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) technology, which will help in detecting fatal diseases like cervical cancer in the early stages.

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- **Polymerase Chain Reaction:** Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) is a laboratory technique through which millions to billions of copies of a specific segment of DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) are rapidly amplified. These amplified copies can be studied in detail.

- PCR uses small synthetic DNA fragments called primers to select a segment of the genome to be amplified.

Facts for Prelims:

Human papillomavirus (HPV):

- HPV is a group of more than 200 related viruses, more than 40 of which are spread through direct sexual contact.
- More than 95 per cent of cervical cancers worldwide are caused by the HPV virus.
- **Transmission:** It is the most common sexually transmitted infection (STI), which also spreads through skin-to-skin contact.
- In most cases, the body can detect and eliminate HPV but if the virus stays in the body for a long time, it can cause cancer.
- The HPV vaccine is most effective if given between the ages of 9 and 26. HPV vaccine is not given during pregnancy.

News in Shorts

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1.	<p>E-Health Vidya Platform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Recently, Rajasthan University of Health Sciences launched 'E-Health Vidya Platform' on the lines of 'Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission' for the students of affiliated institutions.◆ In the first phase of this platform, the registration process for MBBS and BDS has been started.◆ Course duration: 40 hours, there will be 4 exams in a year and those who do the course will get two credit points.
2.	<p>Desert Quest 3.0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Recently, 'Desert Quest 3.0' was organized in Jaipur.◆ It started from Kukas and went on a 580 km off-road rally on Ramgarh River, Acharol Riverbed, Ringas and many difficult off-road trails.◆ In this rally, 'Harrier.ev QWD' became Asia's first electric SUV to complete the 573 km long desert rally. This achievement was recorded in the Asia Book of Records, Limca Book of Records and India Book of Records.

3.

State Level Sixth Yogasana Sports Championship-2025

- ◆ State Level Sixth Yogasana Sports Championship-2025 was organized for the age group of 28 to 55 years from 23 to 25 August, 2025 under the joint aegis of Rajasthan State Yogasana Sports Association Society and Rajasthan Vidyapeeth.
- ◆ **Venue:** Agriculture College, Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, Udaipur.

4.

24th State Yoga Sports Championship: Bhilwara

- ◆ The 24th State Yoga Sports Championship was organized in Bhilwara under the aegis of Yoga Federation of India.
- ◆ **8 to 10 years age group (boys):** Gold medal won by Hridayansh Jain, silver medal by Shiv Grover and bronze medal by Piyush Singh Lodha.
- ◆ **8 to 10 years age group (girls):** Gold medal won by Delja Kanwar, silver medal by Radhika and bronze medal by Riddhi Sharma.
- ◆ **10 to 12 years age group (boys):** Gold medal Krishna Kumar Joshi, Silver medal Aditya Kumar and Bronze medal Amit.
- ◆ **10 to 12 years age group (girls):** Gold medal Sagarika Singh Parihar, Silver medal Chhama and Bronze medal Parinidhi.

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Caracal cat

- ♦ Recently, the endangered caracal cat was seen in Dholpur-Karauli Tiger Reserve.

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Providing instant justice: Memories of a former judge (book)

- ♦ Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal recently released the book 'Providing instant justice: Memories of a former judge' written by former judge Ganpat Singh Bhandari.

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68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference 2025

➔ Why in News?

- On August 24, 2025, the Lok Sabha Speaker chaired an inter-ministerial meeting regarding the 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Delhi.



➔ Key Points:

68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference:

- **Event:** To be held in Bridgetown, Barbados from October 5 to 12, 2025.
- **Indian Parliamentary Delegation:** Leadership; Speaker of Lok Sabha, Members included: Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha, Presiding Officers and Secretaries of Legislatures of 29 States and Union Territories will represent India in the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA).
- The Lok Sabha Speaker will address the General Assembly of the 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference on the topic 'Commonwealth: Global Partner'.

Science and Technology

Gaganyaan Mission: First Air Drop Test (IADT-01)

➔ Why in News?

- **Test:** On August 24, 2025, ISRO successfully completed the first Integrated Air Drop Test (IADT-01) under the Gaganyaan Mission.



➔ Key Points:

- **Test site:** Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- **Collaboration:** In collaboration with the Air Force, DRDO, Navy and Coast Guard.

Integrated Air Drop Test:

- In this, the parachute based deceleration system was tested, so that the landing of astronauts can be safe while returning from space.
- The crew module was dropped from a height of 4 km through the Chinook helicopter of the Air Force.
- The crew module was brought to the shore from the water.

Other important points:

- **Gaganyaan Mission:** 3 astronauts will be sent to the lower orbit located at 400 km of the Earth. After this, there will be a safe return to Earth.

Integrated Air Defence Weapon System (IADWS)

➔ Why in News?

- On August 23, 2025, the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) successfully conducted the first flight test of the Integrated Air Defence Weapon System (IADWS) from Chandipur Range in Odisha.



➔ Key Points:

Integrated Air Defence Weapon System (IADWS):

- It is a multi-layered air defence system comprising all indigenous Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM), Advanced Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) missiles and a high power laser based directed energy weapon (DEW).
- All weapon system components are controlled by a centralised command and control centre developed by the Integrated Operations Defence Research and Development Laboratory, which is the nodal laboratory for the development programme associated with this test.
- VSHORADS has been developed by Research Centre Imarat and DEW by Centre for High Energy Systems and Sciences.
- **Tests:** During the flight trials, three different targets including two high speed fixed wing unmanned aerial targets and a multi-copter drone were simultaneously hit by QRSAM, VSHORADS and high energy laser weapon system at different ranges and altitudes and were completely destroyed.

New Disaster Management Technology Platform Launched

➔ Why in News?

- On August 20, 2025, the Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs shared information regarding Integrated Control Room (ICR-ER), NDEM Lite 2.0 Mobile App and Assam Flood Risk Zoning Atlas in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha.



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➔ Key Points:

- **Launch** : June 16, 2025
- **Integrated Control Room for Emergency Response (ICR-ER)**: It is a state-of-the-art infrastructure, disaster-resilient facility.
- **National Emergency Management Database (NDEM), Version 5.0**: One of the key technologies supporting ICR-ER is the National Emergency Management Database (NDEM), Version 5.0.

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- **Development** : It has been developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation - National Remote Sensing Centre (ISRO-NRSC).
- **Assam Flood Risk Zoning Atlas**: It is an important planning tool developed by Assam State Disaster Management Authority and National Remote Sensing Centre to aid flood mitigation efforts.

Other key points:

Integrated Flood Forecasting System; C-FLOOD:

- **Launch**: July 2, 2025
- **Development**: Developed collaboratively by C-DAC, CWC and NRSC, this web-based platform provides two-day advance flood forecast at village level.
- **Objective**: To enhance preparedness and reduce flood risk in vulnerable areas.
- This project is part of the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM).

Startups in Space Sector: Schemes and Incentives

➔ Why in News?

- Information related to incentives in the space sector was given by Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space, Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh in Rajya Sabha.



➔ Key Points:

- **Space Venture Capital (VC) Fund:** A Space Venture Capital Fund of Rs 1000 crore has been set up, which aims to attract private investment and promote startups in the space sector.
- **Differential Pricing Policy:** Differential pricing policy has been adopted in pricing to encourage startups.
- **Technology Adoption Fund (TAF):** A Technology Adoption Fund of Rs 500 crore has been set up, which will promote innovation and commercialization of cutting-edge technologies in the space sector.

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- **Seed Fund Scheme:** Startups and NGOs are provided a grant of up to Rs 1 crore under the Seed Fund Scheme for the development of space technologies and applications.
- **Establishment of Technology Centres:** Technology centres are being established to enable the private sector and provide guidance.
- **Technology Transfer from ISRO:** Transfer of cutting edge technologies from ISRO to the private sector is being enabled.
- **Establishment of Earth Observation System:** Earth Observation System is being established under Public-Private Partnership.
- **Free Technical Support:** Free technical support is being provided to the industry through local experts appointed by IN-SPACe.
- **Entrepreneurship Development Programme:** Pre-incubation entrepreneurship development programme is being conducted to encourage start-ups.
- **Assistance to State Governments:** Financial assistance is being provided to state governments for setting up space manufacturing clusters and help in setting up common technical facilities.
- **Satellite Bus as a Service (S-BAAS):** A grant of Rs 20 crore will be given to four Indian industries (including start-ups) for development of spacecraft.

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Mission Mausam and Project Mausam

➔ Why in News?

- Information related to Mission Mausam and Project Mausam was given by Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, and Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh in the Rajya Sabha.



➔ Key Points:

Mission Mausam (Ministry of Earth Sciences):

Objective:

- To make India a "weather-friendly and climate-smart" nation.
- To achieve social benefits using science, innovation, technology and data science.

Main objectives:

- To strengthen observations and develop advanced earth system models and data-driven methods.
- To improve forecast dissemination and establish effective communication with the society.

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- To improve model/data assimilation using AI and machine learning.

Social benefits:

- To provide accurate weather information to the public and provide early warning for every person.

Project Mausam (Ministry of Culture):

Objective:

- To revive cultural ties between the countries of the Indian Ocean region.
- To obtain international nominations for World Heritage Sites.

Key Goals:

- To redefine cultural landscapes with different countries.
- To obtain nominations for UNESCO using the unique Cross Culture Convention approach.

Project Activities:

- **Research:** Tentative List proposals have been drafted by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) pertaining to joint heritage sites with Egypt, Oman, Sri Lanka, Iran, and other countries.
- **Conferences and Seminars:** Several conferences, international seminars and side events have been organized on Project Mausam, such as the “JaladhipurYatra” conference.

Key Activities:

- **National Conference (7-8 October 2022):** Conference was organized under the theme 'JaladhipurYatra: Exploring Inter-Cultural Linkages in the Indian Ocean Littoral Countries'.

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- **46th World Heritage Committee Meeting (26 July 2024):** Panel discussion on inter-cultural heritage was held during this meeting and a digital exhibition was organized.

Major proposed list:

- **Traces of the Periplus (Erythraean Sea):** Egypt, Oman, Sri Lanka, Yemen, Somalia.
- **Bronze Age maritime trade network:** Iran, Oman, Bahrain, Kuwait.
- **Early Buddhist architecture:** Sri Lanka, Maldives, Indonesia, Vietnam.
- **NOTE:** Mission Mausam (Ministry of Earth Sciences) and Project Mausam (Ministry of Culture)



Economics

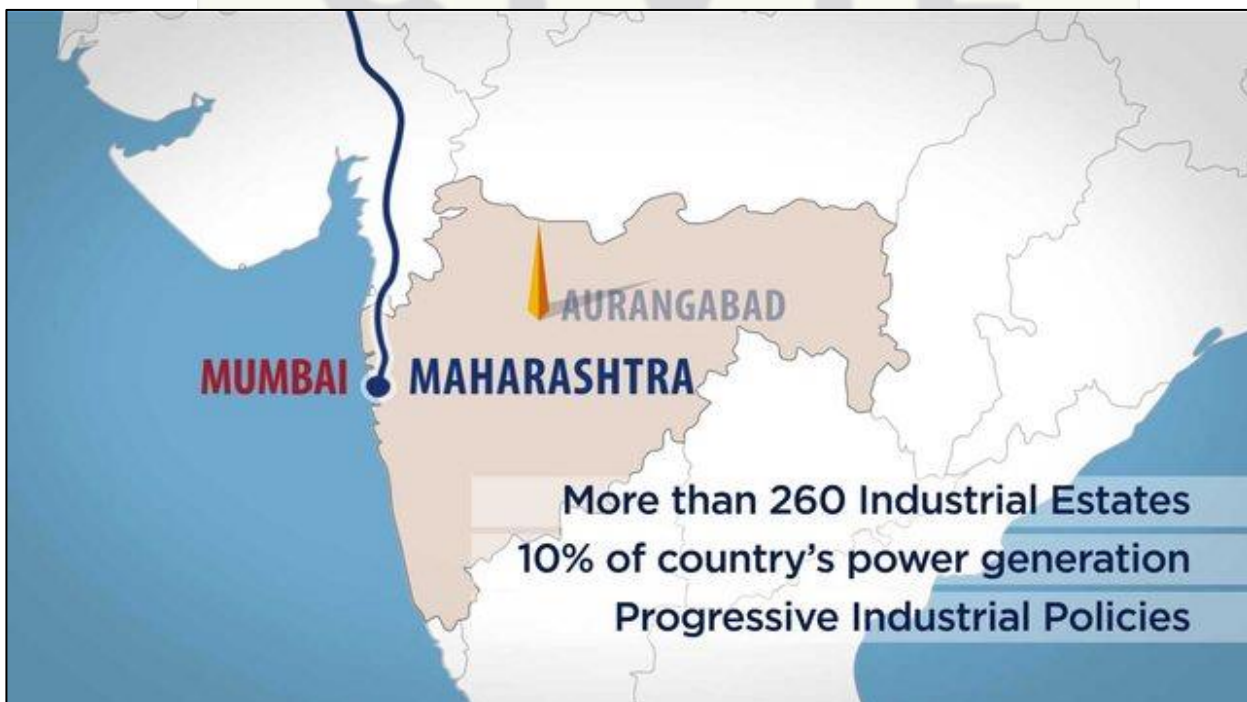
Shendra-Bidkin Industrial Area (AURIC)

➔ Why in News?

- Shendra-Bidkin Industrial Area, popularly known as Aurangabad Industrial City (AURIC), located in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, Maharashtra has approved the allotment of industrial plots to several companies in the recent Land Allotment Committee meeting.



➔ Key Points:



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Introduction:

- AURIC (Aurangabad Industrial City) is India's first integrated greenfield smart industrial city, developed under the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NIDC).
- It is being developed under the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC).
- The city has been designed with excellent infrastructure, multi-modal connectivity, digital governance, and eco-friendly industrial practices.
- The city is being developed to promote investment attraction and industrial collaboration.

Importance:

- AURIC is being developed and managed by Maharashtra Industrial Township Limited (MITL).
- In collaboration with NIDC and MIDC, the zone works to promote investments, ease of doing business, single window clearances and industry-driven growth.

Increasing Agricultural Productivity

➔ Why in News?

- Recently, an article on increasing agricultural productivity was shared in the Lok Sabha by the Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.



➔ Key Points:

- **Workforce in Agriculture Sector:** According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) July, 2023 to June, 2024 conducted by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), 46.1% of the workforce in India is employed in the agriculture sector.
- **Contribution to GDP:** According to National Accounts Statistics 2025, it has contributed about 17.8 percent to the country's GDP for the financial year 2023-24.

Other Important Points:

- **National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM):** Being implemented in 28 states and 2 union territories (Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh) with the aim of expanding agricultural area and increasing food grain production.

Sports

First Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF)

➔ Why in News?

- The first Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF) was organized at Dal Lake, Srinagar (Jammu and Kashmir) from August 21 to 23, 2025.



➔ Key Points:

- **Inauguration:** By Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on August 21, 2025.
- **Mascot:** Inspired by the Himalayan Kingfisher, which signifies courage, energy and deep connection with nature.

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- **Organiser:** Jointly organised by Sports Authority of India and Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council.
- **Objective:** To promote sports at the grassroots level, create livelihoods and rejuvenate local infrastructure.
- **Events:** 24 events; in sailing, canoeing, kayaking, Shikara sprint, dragon boat race and water skiing, etc.
- **Participants:** More than 500 athletes from 36 states and union territories.

Medal Table:

Position	State	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal	Total Medals
1 st	Madhya Pradesh	10	3	5	18
2 nd	Odisha	4	5	1	10
3 rd	Kerala	3	1	3	7
4 th	Uttar Pradesh	2	0	1	3
7 th	Jammu and Kashmir	1	1	1	3
18 th	Rajasthan	0	0	1	1

- KIWSF is a part of Khelo India initiative launched in 2017-18 to promote sports.

Other important points:

Key players:

- **Mohsin Ali:** Mohsin from Kashmir won the first gold medal in the men's 1000m kayaking event.

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- **Vishal Kumar:** Vishal Kumar from Uttar Pradesh won the gold medal in the men's 1000m canoeing event.
- **Rashmika Sahu:** Odisha's Rashmika Sahu won the gold medal in the women's 1200m canoeing event

Khelo India:

- **Started:** Started with Khelo India School Games in New Delhi in the year 2017-18.
- **Name change:** After the involvement of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) in the year 2018, the games were renamed as Khelo India Youth Games.
- **First edition:** Was held in Pune in the year 2019.



Under-20 World Wrestling Championship 2025

➔ Why in News?

- The Under-20 World Wrestling Championship 2025 was held in Samokov, Bulgaria from August 17 to 24, 2025.



➔ Key Points:

- It was medal competitions for three events, men's freestyle, Greco-Roman and women's freestyle.

India's first medal:

- **Women's category:** Tapasya won the first gold medal for India.
- **Men's category:** Sumit Malik won the silver medal in the men's 57 kg category.
- **India's performance:** Total 9 medals (2 gold, 4 silver and 3 bronze medals).

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Indian Wrestler	Event	Medal
Tapasya Gehlawat	Women's Freestyle 57 kg	Gold Medal
Kajal	Women's Freestyle 72 kg	Gold Medal
Sumit Malik	Men's Freestyle 57 kg	Silver Medal
Srishti	Women's Freestyle 86 kg	Silver Medal
Reena	Women's Freestyle 55 kg	Silver Medal
Priya Malik	Women's Freestyle 76 kg	Silver Medal
Sarika	Women's Freestyle 53 kg	Bronze Medal
Shruti	Women's Freestyle 50 kg	Bronze Medal
Suraj Vashisth	Greco-Roman 50 kg	Bronze Medal

Other Important Points:

- **Under-20 World Wrestling Championship 2024:** In this competition held in Spain, India won a total of 7 medals (1 gold, 1 silver and 5 bronze medals), in which Jyoti Berwal won the only gold medal in the women's 76 kg category.
- **Under-17 World Wrestling Championship 2025:** Indian women wrestlers won a total of 5 medals (2 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze medal).
- **Under 23 Asian Wrestling Championship 2024:** India topped the competition by winning a total of 8 medals (4 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals).

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16th Asian Shooting Championship 2025 : Anantjeet Singh

➔ Why in News?

- On August 20, 2025, India's Anantjeet Singh Naruka defeated Kuwait's Mansoor Al Rashidi to win the gold medal in the men's skeet event at the ongoing Asian Shooting Championship 2025 in Shymkent, Kazakhstan.



➔ Key Points:

- **Saurabh Chaudhary and Suruchi Inder Singh** : The pair of Saurabh Chaudhary and Suruchi Inder Singh won the bronze medal by defeating the Chinese Taipei team in the 10m air pistol mixed team event.
- **India's performance so far** : India tops the medal tally with a total of 19 medals at the end of the third day, which includes 9 gold, 5 silver and 3 bronze medals.

News in Shorts

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1.	<p>Honoring of Gaganyatris</p>  <p>♦ On August 24, 2025, the Defense Minister honored the astronauts selected for ISRO's first manned space flight mission, Gaganyaan, Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, Group Captain PB Nair, Group Captain Ajit Krishnan and Group Captain Angad Pratap at a program held in New Delhi.</p>

2.

Anish Dayal Singh

- ◆ New Delhi Former CRPF and ITBP DG Aneesh Dayal Singh has been appointed as the new Deputy National Security Advisor (Deputy NSA) to handle internal affairs.



- ◆ Aneesh will be in charge of the internal affairs of the country including Jammu and Kashmir, Naxal and Northeast insurgency. Singh, a 1988 batch IPS officer of Manipur cadre, retired in December 2024.

3.

Patt Gramam / Music Village: Valmutti Village (Kerala)

- ◆ Due to singing and music art, Valmutti village in Palakkad district of Kerala has been officially declared as Patt Gramam i.e. Music Village by Chittoor-Thatamangalam Municipal Corporation.
- ◆ For the first time in Kerala, a village has received such a title. Now the village will be known as Patt Gramam.

4.

Ramabai

- ◆ 107-year-old athlete Ramabai of Haryana started running at the age of 100 and has won 200 medals at the national and international level so far.
- ◆ **Sports:** Running, shot put and discus throw.
- ◆ Won the gold medal in the national competition held in Hyderabad in the year 2024.



5.

CISF's first women commando unit



- ◆ The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has formed the first all-women commando unit to promote gender equality.
- ◆ CISF aims to increase women representation to 10%.

6.

Hosting of International Kite Festival, 2025: Sri Lanka



- ◆ **Event:** International Kite Festival 2025 was organized in Colombo, Sri Lanka on August 24, 2025.
- ◆ **Organiser:** By Derana Media Network and Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau.
- ◆ **Participants:** Participants from 25 countries in this event.
- ◆ This festival was organized under the Colombo Destination Branding Project.

7.

Kilauea Volcano: Hawaii Island

- ◆ Recently, Kilauea volcano located on Hawaii Island had its 31st eruption since December, 2024, making Kilauea the most active volcano in the world.



- ◆ Kilauea's eruptions are taking place in Halemaumau Crater, which is part of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

8.

Sergio Gor

- ◆ US President Donald Trump has announced the appointment of Sergio Gor as the next US Ambassador to



- India and Special Envoy for South and Central Asian Affairs.
- ◆ Gore will replace Eric Garcetti, who served as ambassador from May 11, 2023 to January 20, 2025.
- ◆ Garcetti has been succeeded by interim Charge d'Affaires Jurgen K. Andrews, who has been leading the US Embassy in India since January 20, 2025.