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### Decisions of Rajasthan Cabinet Meeting



#### Why in News?

- The following important decisions were taken in the Cabinet and Council of Ministers meeting held under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister on August 31, 2025.



#### Key Points:

##### Decisions:

1. **Chief Minister Free Electricity Scheme:** PM Suryaghar 150 Unit Free Electricity Scheme will be implemented in the state.
- This decision will benefit 1 crore 4 lakh registered consumers of domestic category and by connecting to solar energy, they will now get the benefit of free electricity up to 150 units instead of 100 units per month.

- It is noteworthy that in the budget of the year 2025-26, the state government had made an important announcement to provide 150 units of free electricity per month by installing roof top solar panels, leveraging the PM Suryaghar Free Electricity Scheme with the intention of giving more benefits to the registered beneficiaries of the Chief Minister Free Electricity Scheme.
- **Average monthly consumption more than 150 units:**
  - If the average monthly consumption is more than 150 units, then free solar panels of 1.1 kW capacity will be installed on the roof of their house under this scheme.
  - For this, every such consumer will get financial assistance of Rs 33,000 per plant from the Government of India under the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme. At the same time, additional financial assistance of Rs 17,000 per plant will be given by the state government.
  - This will make the panel of 1.1 kW capacity completely free and the monthly electricity bill of the consumer will become zero on monthly consumption up to 150 units. At the same time, 3,000 MW additional solar energy capacity will be created by installing roof top plants in about 27 lakh families.
- **Average monthly consumption less than 150 units:**
  - Under the category of average monthly consumption less than 150 units, in the first category, for such 11 lakh beneficiary families of Mukhyamantri Free Electricity Scheme, who have a roof available on the roof of their house to install free roof top solar plant, free solar plants of 1.1 kW capacity will be installed by the distribution companies through their selected vendors.

- In the second category, for such remaining registered consumers, discoms will install community solar plants and, through virtual net metering on these plants, such consumers will get 150 units of free electricity per month in the form of electricity received from these community solar plants.
- 2. **2 lakh street lights instead of 1 lakh in urban bodies:** In view of the increase in population as well as expansion of residential area in the urban areas of the state, it was announced in the budget of the year 2025-26 to install one lakh LED street lights on the roads. The number of urban bodies has increased from 282 to 312 and 2 lakh new street lights will be installed in place of old lights in many urban bodies.
- 3. **Amendment in Sewerage and Waste Water Policy-2016:** To prevent environmental pollution and health related side effects caused by polluted water, the cabinet has approved the amendment in the Sewerage and Waste Water Policy-2016 in the state.
  - In the revised policy, HAM model has been adopted in accordance with Namami Gange projects. In this, 40 percent of the total project cost will be given to the private partner in equal installments on completion of work and the remaining 60 percent amount will be given during the operation-maintenance time period.
- 4. **Rajasthan Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Bill, 2025:** Rajasthan Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Bill-2025 will be introduced in the Assembly to prevent attempts of conversion by inducement or fraud.

5. **Approval of service rules of Rajasthan Staff Selection Board:** Rajasthan Staff Selection Board was constituted in the year 2014 for recruitment to the posts of ministerial and subordinate service cadre of various departments of the state government.
- In the cabinet meeting, new service rules for the officers and employees of the board, Rajasthan Staff Selection Board (Gazetted Staff) Service Rules, 2025 and Rajasthan Staff Selection Board (Ministerial and Subordinate Services) Rules, 2025 were made and amendments were approved in Rajasthan Subordinate and Ministerial Services (Common Eligibility Test) Rules, 2022.





## Naresh Kumar Sharma



### Why in News?

- Recently, Naresh Sharma and Parasram Sharma were elected unopposed to the post of President and Secretary respectively in the elections held in the general body of Rajasthan Korfball Association.



### Key Points:

- Election Officer Ashok Sharma announced the new executive for four years (2025-2029).
- In the general body meeting, Indra Prakash Tikkiwal was nominated as CEO, Premchand Saini as Chairman Selection Committee and Nemichand Saini as Chairman Referee Board.

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Position	Name
President	Naresh Sharma
Vice Presidents	Bhuraram Chaudhary, Mohammad Ishaq
Secretary	Parsaram Sharma
Joint Secretaries	Mohammad Sirajuddin, Devendra Singh
Treasurer	Saraswati Devi
Advisor	Rajesh Sharma

## Other important points:

Organization	Chairperson
Rajasthan State Sports Council (est. 1957, Jaipur)	Neeraj K. Pawan
Rajasthan Football Association	Manvendra Singh
Rajasthan Olympic Association and Kabaddi Association	Tejashwi Gehlot
Rajasthan Swimming Association	Anil Vyas
Rajasthan Archery Association	Deependra Singh Khangarot
Rajasthan Wrestling Association	Rajeev Datta
Rajasthan Handball Association	Lalit Kalas

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## Trinetra Ganesh Lakkhi Mela, 2025



### Why in News?

- The three-day annual Lakkhi Mela was organized at the only Trinetra Ganesh temple located in the world famous Ranthambore Fort in Sawai Madhopur district.



### Key Points:

#### Ganesh Temples of Rajasthan:

Ganesh Idol Name	Location
Khade Ganesh	Kota
Khed Ganesh	Barmer
Murla Ganesh	Dungarpur
Bohra Ganesh	Udaipur
Bajna Ganesh	Sirohi
Kak Ganesh	Jaisalmer
Durg Nritya Ganesh	Alwar
Trinetra Ganesh	Ranthambore
Khoda Ganesh	Kishangarh
Moti Dungri Ganesh	Jaipur
Heramba Ganesh	Junagadh Fort





## NATIONAL



### Adi Vaani



#### Why in News?

- Towards inclusive tribal empowerment and preservation of India's rich linguistic diversity, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India has launched the beta version of India's first AI-powered translator for tribal languages - "Adi Vaani".



#### Key Points:

- Adi Vaani is designed to bridge the communication gap between tribal and non-tribal communities, while also protecting endangered tribal languages using advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI).

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Languages included in beta phase: Four major tribal languages-



- Additional languages including Kui and Garo are being developed for the next phase.

**Other Important Points:**

**Adi Vaani:**

- Adi Vaani is an artificial intelligence (AI) based translation tool that lays the foundation of language models for tribal languages.
- **Development:** Developed under the leadership of IIT Delhi in partnership with BITS Pilani, IIT Hyderabad, IIT Nava Raipur and Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) from five states.

## Objectives:

- Enable real-time translation (text and speech) between Hindi/English and tribal languages.
- Provide interactive language learning for students and early learners.
- Digitally preserve folklore, oral traditions and cultural heritage.
- Promote digital literacy, healthcare communication and citizen inclusion in tribal communities.
- Generate awareness about government schemes and important speeches.

## Methodology and Features:

- **AI Language Models:** Sophisticated deployment of models like No Language Left Behind (NLLB) and IndicTrans 2 for low-resource tribal languages.
- **Community Participation:** TRIs, experts and community are involved in data collection, validation and iterative development.
- **Functional Toolkits:** Text-to-Text, Text-to-Speech, Speech-to-Text, Speech-to-Speech translation.
- Optical Character Recognition (OCR) for digitization of manuscripts and primers.
- Bilingual Dictionaries and Curated Repositories.
- **Significance:** This initiative strengthens India's constitutional values of cultural diversity and equality while advancing flagship national missions such as Digital India, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, Adi Karmayogi Abhiyaan, Dharti Aaba Janjati Gram Utkarsh Abhiyaan and Pradhan Mantri Janman Nigam.

## Linguistic Landscape of India:

- According to the Census of India, 2011, there are 461 tribal languages and 71 specific tribal mother tongues spoken by Scheduled Tribes in India.
- Out of these, 81 languages are sensitive and 42 are critically endangered.

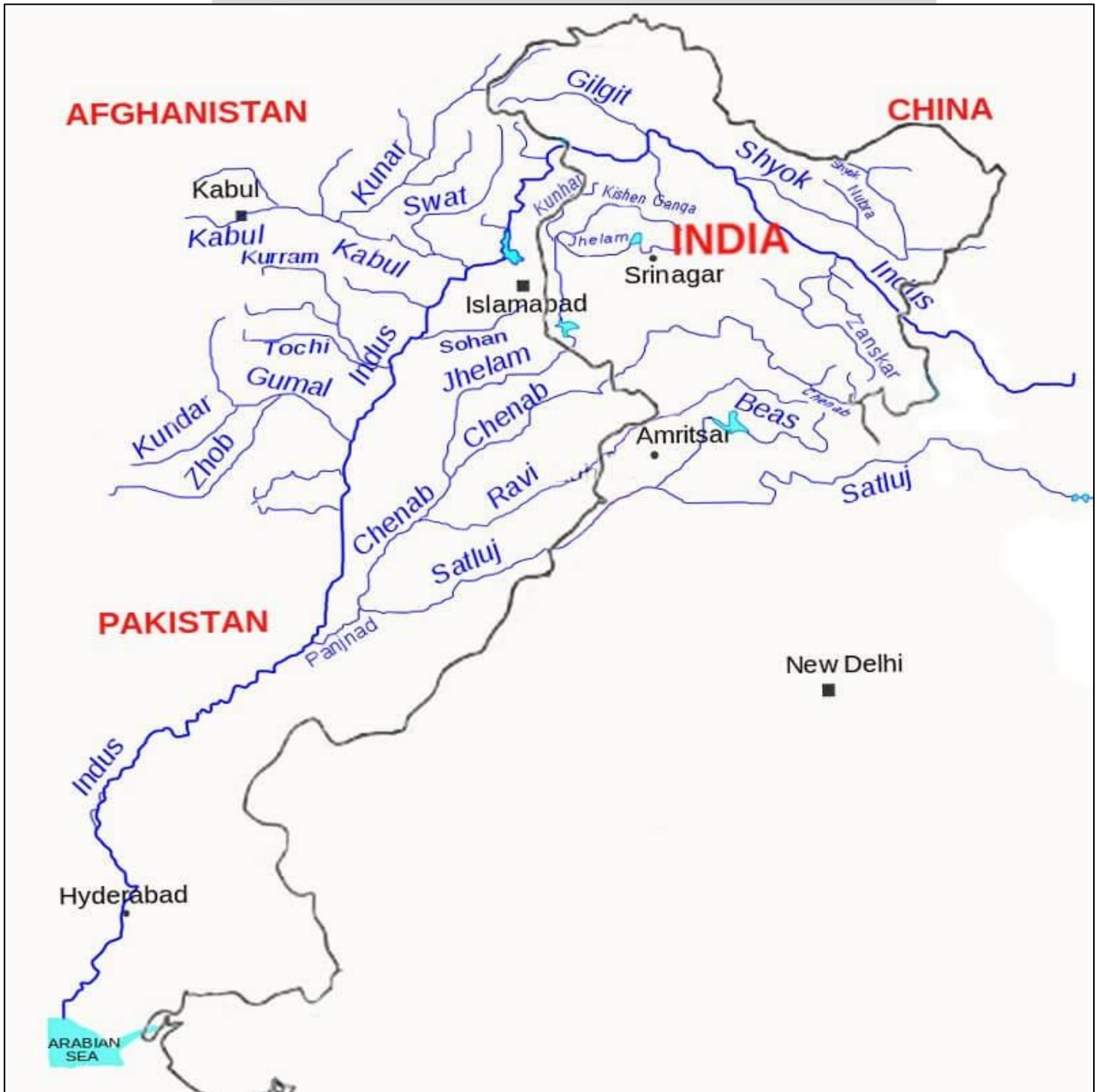


## Ravi River



### Why in News?

- Recently, due to flooding in Ravi river, water has reached Kartarpur Corridor complex including Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Narowal district of Pakistan.





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## Key Points:

Category	Details
Origin	Rohtang Pass, Chamba region, Himachal Pradesh
Rigvedic Name	Parushni or Purushni and Iravati
Water Discharge	Into the Chenab River near Ahmadpur Sial
Drainage in India	Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir
Tributaries	Right- Budhil, Baira, Siul.
	Left- Ujh (Jammu and Kashmir), Basantar, Sewa.
Length in India	320 km (158 km in Himachal Pradesh, 162 km in Punjab)
Major Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ranjit Sagar (Thein) Dam: Hydroelectric + Irrigation</li><li>- Shahpur Kandi Project: Downstream storage and irrigation</li><li>- Madhopur Headworks: Off-take for Upper Bari Doab Canal</li><li>- Chamara Hydroelectric Projects - Proposed Ujh Multipurpose Project (Jammu &amp; Kashmir)</li></ul>

## Other Important Points:

- **Indus Water Treaty:** Under the Indus Water Treaty of 1960 between India and Pakistan, the Ravi river was allotted to India along with the Beas and Sutlej rivers.

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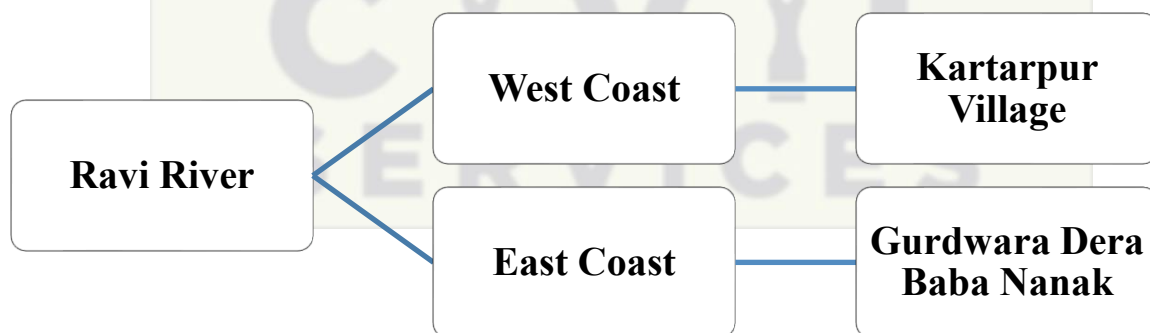
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## Kartarpur Sahib Corridor:



- **Location:** Between Kartarpur Sahib (Narowal district, Pakistan) and Dera Baba Nanak (Gurdaspur district, Punjab, India) Gurdwaras.



- **Agreement on Kartarpur Sahib Corridor:** Year 2019
- **Agreement Provisions:** Provides visa-free travel for Indian pilgrims and Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cardholders from India to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib Kartarpur in Pakistan on a daily basis throughout the year.



## INTERNATIONAL



### Updated Golden Visa Program: Oman



#### Why in News?

- On August 31, 2025, Oman launched the new Golden Visa program, which will establish Oman as a global investment hub.



#### Key Points:

- The initiative is in line with the Vision 2040 goals of diversifying the economy and reducing dependence on oil revenues.
- The updated program offers five or ten-year renewable residence permits for foreign investors, entrepreneurs, retirees and skilled professionals, allowing them and their families to live, work and study in Oman without a local sponsor.

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- **Announced:** By the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, Oman.
- **Visa:** Under this program, investors will get a renewable residence permit for 5 or 10 years. This program can be obtained through real estate, company ownership or capital investment.
- **Ten-year visa:** This visa is available with a minimum investment of 500,000 OMR (US\$1.3 million) or starting a business employing at least 50 Omanis.
- **Five-year visa:** This visa is available with an investment limit of 250,000 OMR (US\$650,000).
- A five-year retirement visa is available for applicants with a fixed monthly income of 4,000 OMR or more.





## 15th India-Japan Annual Summit, 2025



### Why in News?

- From 29 to 30 August 2025, at the invitation of Prime Minister of Japan Ishiba Shigeru, the Prime Minister of India paid an official visit to Japan to attend the 15th India-Japan Annual Summit, 2025.



### Key Points:

- On 29 August 2025, the Indian Prime Minister was formally accorded a Guard of Honour.
- The visit is in line with the special events marking the 75th anniversary of India-Japan diplomatic relations in the year 2027.
- The year 2025 has been declared as the “India-Japan Science, Technology and Innovation Exchange” year, which is also the 40th anniversary of science and technology cooperation.

### Daruma Dolls:

- The Indian Prime Minister was presented a Daruma doll by Seishi Hirose, the head priest of Shorinzan Daruma-ji Temple in Takasaki-Gunma.

- In Japanese culture, Daruma dolls are considered a symbol of good luck and fortune. Takasaki city in Gunma is the birthplace of the famous Daruma dolls. The Daruma tradition in Japan is based on the legacy of Bodhidharma, an Indian monk from Kanchipuram. He is known in Japan as Daruma Daishi.



- **Outcome:** The two countries adopted a “Joint Vision for the Next Decade” along with several agreements covering economic, security, technological and cultural cooperation.

Three pillars of cooperation:

Defence and security  
cooperation

Economic and technological  
partnership

Human resource and talent  
exchange

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Defence and Security Cooperation	Economic and Technological Partnership	Human Resource and Talent Exchange
<b>Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation:</b> A comprehensive framework to enhance defence and security cooperation	MoU on Critical Minerals	Expansion of Japanese language and manufacturing skill education
Enhanced military cooperation and interoperability through Dharma Guardian (Army), Shinyuu Maitri (Air Force), and JIMEX (Navy)	<b>Target for Japanese private investment in India:</b> ¥10 trillion over 10 years (double the previous target)	New Indian Consulate to be established in Fukuoka
Joint commitment to defence technology development and maritime security	<b>Launch of the 10-year India-Japan Economic Security Initiative:</b> A strategic framework in eight areas – economic partnership, economic security, mobility, technology and innovation, etc.	<b>Action Plan for Human Resource Exchange:</b> Exchange of 5 lakh people (including 50,000 skilled and semi-skilled Indians) over five years, with 50,000 Indian professionals to be sent to Japan (Next Generation Mobility Partnership).
—	<b>Launch of India-Japan Digital Partnership 2.0:</b> It covers AI, semiconductors, quantum computing and cyber security.	MoU in the field of cultural exchange

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–	<b>Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA):</b> Logistics support will be strengthened under this.	A target is set to employ 50,000 Indian workers in Japan under the Next Generation Mobility Partnership.
-	<b>Memorandum of Cooperation on Joint Line of Credit</b>	MoU between Sushma Swaraj Foreign Service Institute and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

## Technical Cooperation:

- **AI Cooperation Initiative:** Joint research in AI and LLMs.
- Joint R&D, Startup Incubation, Data Centre in India.
- Clean Energy Partnership and Joint Declaration on Hydrogen and Ammonia (Sustainable Fuel Initiative).
- Shinkansen E10 trains and signalling systems in Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail.
- **Joint Lunar Polar Exploration Mission (LUPEX Lunar Mission):** Brings together ISRO and JAXA for moon exploration.

## Global and Regional Cooperation:

- Cooperation in Act East Forum and Africa Development Initiative.
- **Indo Pacific Partnership:** Support to ASEAN centrality, FOIP vision and QUAD cooperation.

## Sustainability and Environment:

- **Cooperation under Joint Credit Mechanism (JCM):** It aims to adopt and promote low carbon technology and clean energy.
- **MoU on Decentralized Domestic Wastewater Management:** Both countries will cooperate on mutual wastewater management and renewable energy deployment.

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## Other Cooperation:

- Announcement of Joint Letter of Intent between the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Government of Japan.
- Launch of India-Japan Small and Medium Enterprises Forum to strengthen cooperation between Indian and Japanese SMEs.

## Other Important Points:

### Japan:



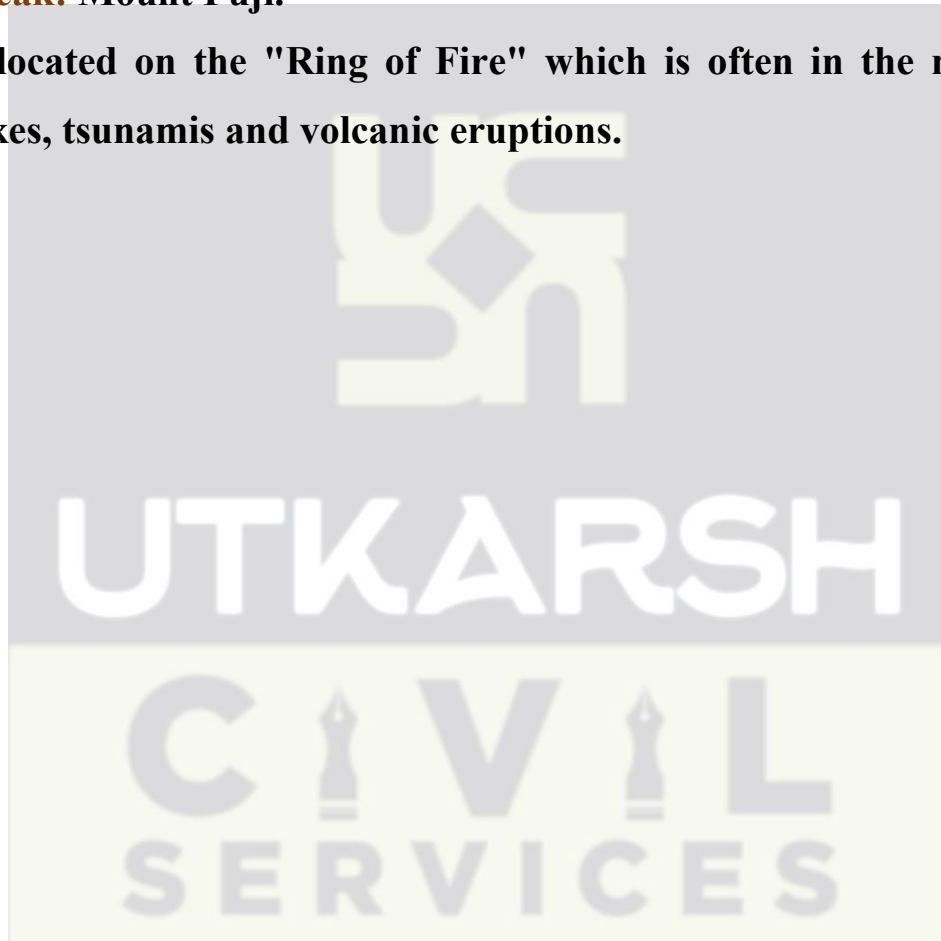
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- **Capital:** Tokyo, one of the most populous and modern cities in the world.
- **Islands:** Japan has four main islands - Honshu (the largest), Hokkaido, Kyushu and Shikoku and other smaller islands: Ryukyu, Izu, Bonin and the Volcano Islands.
- **Highest peak:** Mount Fuji.
- Japan is located on the "Ring of Fire" which is often in the news due to earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions.



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## ECONOMIC SCENARIO



### India's Bioeconomy



#### Why in News?

- Recently, the Union Minister of Science and Technology today launched the BioE3 challenge for youth and the country's first National Biofoundry Network to mark the completion of one year of the BioE3 / BoiE3 (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment) policy.



#### Key Points:

#### Other Important Points:

#### India's Bioeconomy:

- India's bioeconomy has grown from US\$ 10 billion in 2014 to over \$ 165.7 billion in 2024.

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## BioE3 Cell and First National Biofoundry Network:

- Under this, BioE3 Cell and First National Biofoundry Network were launched, which includes 6 institutes, which will help in concept development, promoting indigenous biomanufacturing and creating employment opportunities.

## Launch of BioE3 Challenge:

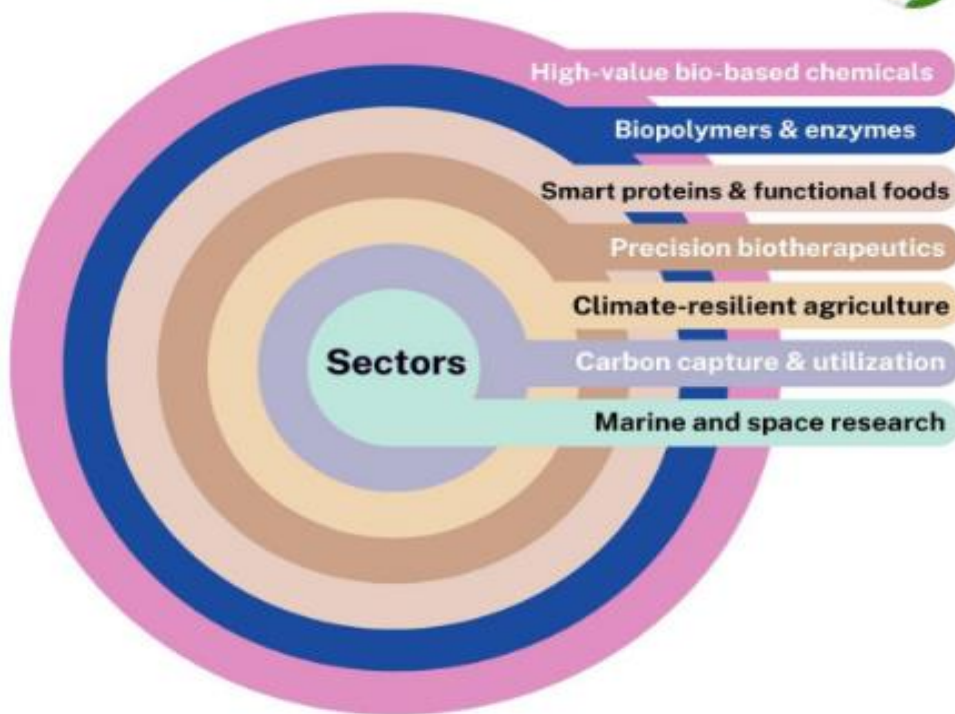
- It is a nationwide call for young innovators under the theme “Design of Microorganisms, Molecules and More”.
- The challenge will be announced on the first of every month starting from October, 2025.
- Each of the top 10 winning solutions will receive a cash prize of ₹1 lakh along with recognition and mentoring support. Additionally, 100 selected awardees will receive up to ₹25 lakh in two installments through BIRAC.
- **BioE3 Policy:** India’s first biotechnology policy.
- **Union Cabinet approval:** On August 24, 2024.
- **Implementation:** Department of Biotechnology (DBT).
- **Target:** US\$300 billion by 2030.
- **Objective:** To drive economic growth, environmental sustainability and job creation in India.

## Key features:

- Employment generation.
- Innovation-driven support to R&D and entrepreneurship in thematic areas.
- The policy encourages technology development and commercialization by setting up bio-enablers such as Bio-Artificial Intelligence Hub, Biofoundry and Biomanufacturing Hub.

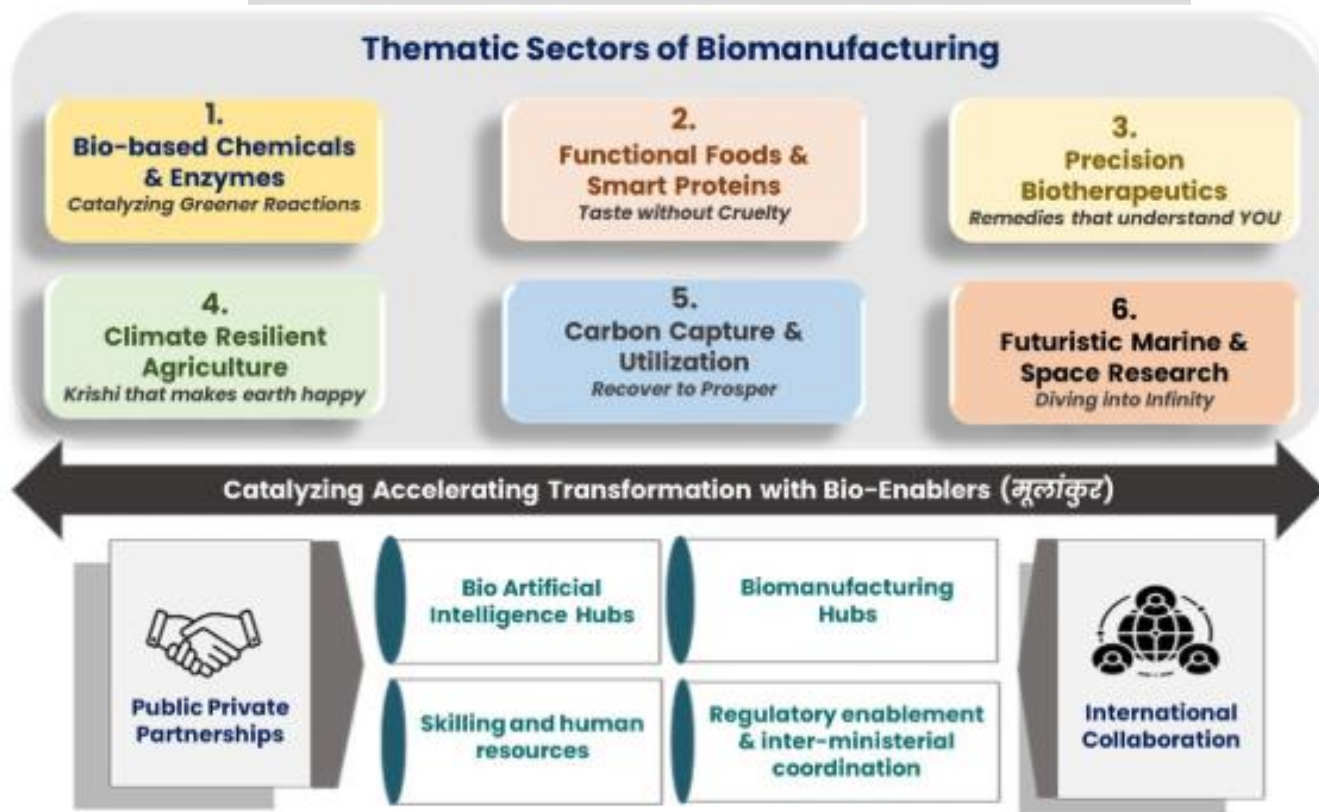


## BioE3 Policy Targets Strategic Sectors for Sustainable Growth



## Thematic areas of biomanufacturing:

### Thematic Sectors of Biomanufacturing



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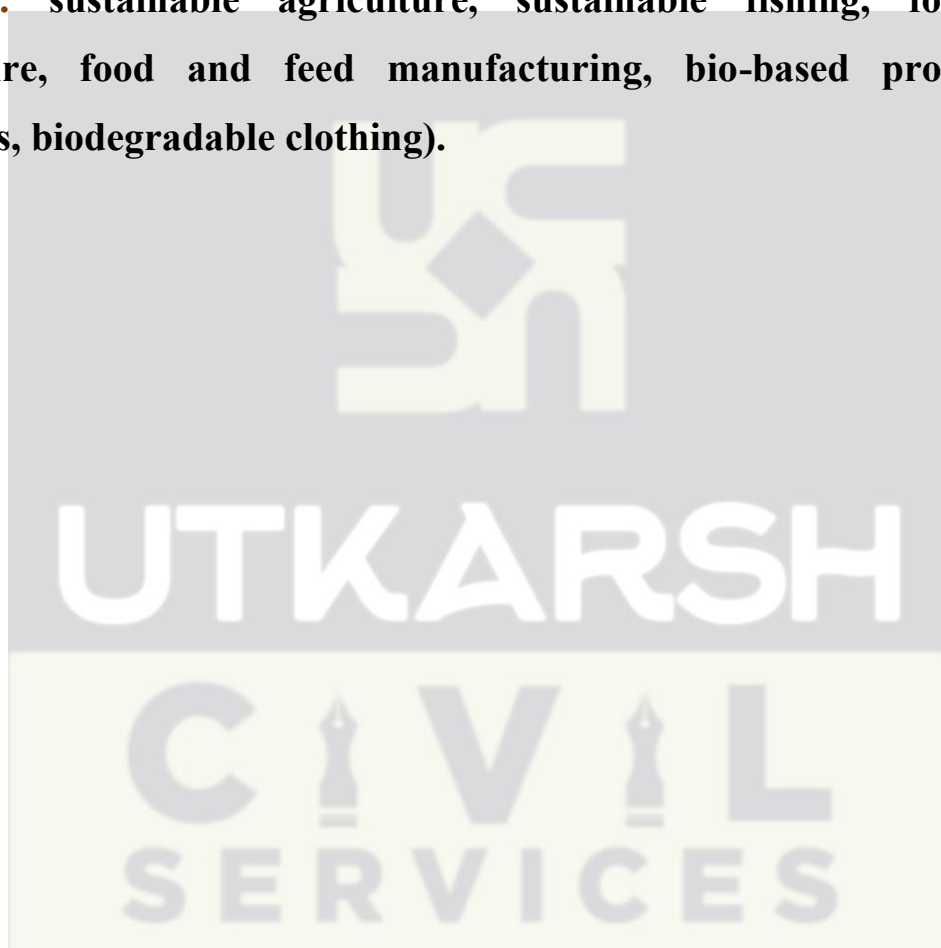
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- **Bioeconomy:** According to FAO, is “the production, use and conservation of biological resources, including related knowledge, science, technology and innovation, to provide information, products, processes and services to all economic sectors.”
- **Examples:** sustainable agriculture, sustainable fishing, forestry and aquaculture, food and feed manufacturing, bio-based products (e.g., bioplastics, biodegradable clothing).





## PERSONALITY



### New Prime Minister of Lithuania: Inga Ruginieni



#### Why in News?

- Recently, the Lithuanian Parliament approved the appointment of Social Democrat Inga Ruginieni as the new Prime Minister of Lithuania.



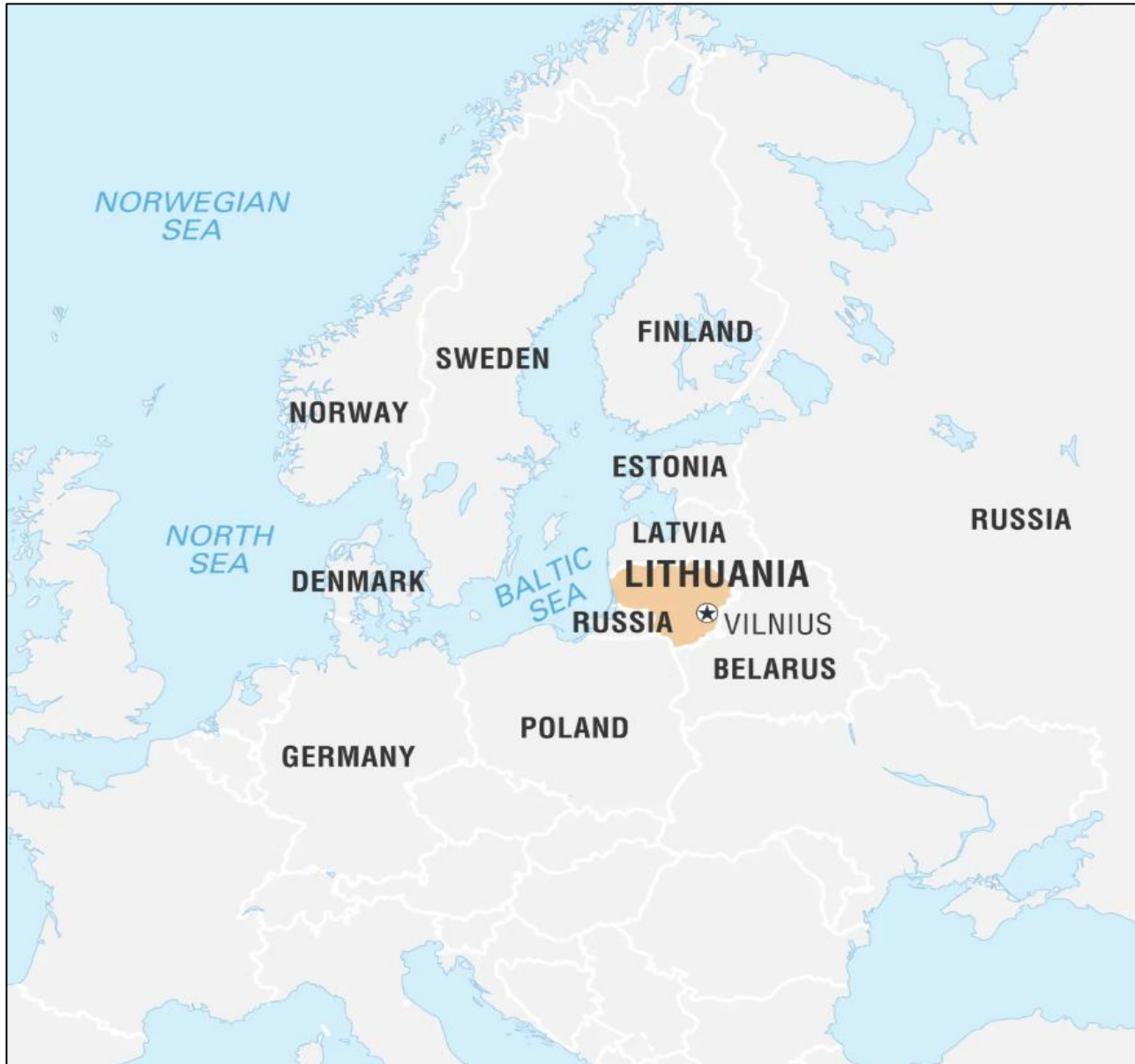
#### Key Points:

- In the year 2024, Ruginieni was elected to Parliament for the first time.
- Prior to her political career, she served as the President of the Lithuanian Trade Union Confederation.
- After getting confirmation from the Parliament, Ruginieni was given 15 days in which she will present the list of her cabinet.

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## Other Important Points:

### Lithuania:



- **Borders:** Lithuania is bordered by Latvia to the north, Belarus to the east and south, Poland to the southwest and the separate Russian oblast of Kaliningrad and the Baltic Sea to the west.
- **Capital:** Vilnius
- **Currency:** Euro



## Dinesh K. Patnaik: Appointed Indian Ambassador to Canada

### Why in News?

- Recently, the Government of India appointed senior diplomat Dinesh K. Patnaik as its new High Commissioner to Canada.



### Key Points:

- A “Constructive Reset” was agreed upon in the bilateral talks between the Indian Prime Minister and the Canadian Prime Minister at the G7 Summit held in Kananaskis, Canada on June 17, 2025.
- **Patnaik's services:** 1990 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer
- Director General of the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR)
- As India's Ambassador to Cambodia and Morocco.
- As India's Ambassador to Spain.
- As Deputy High Commissioner to the UK.

### Other important points:

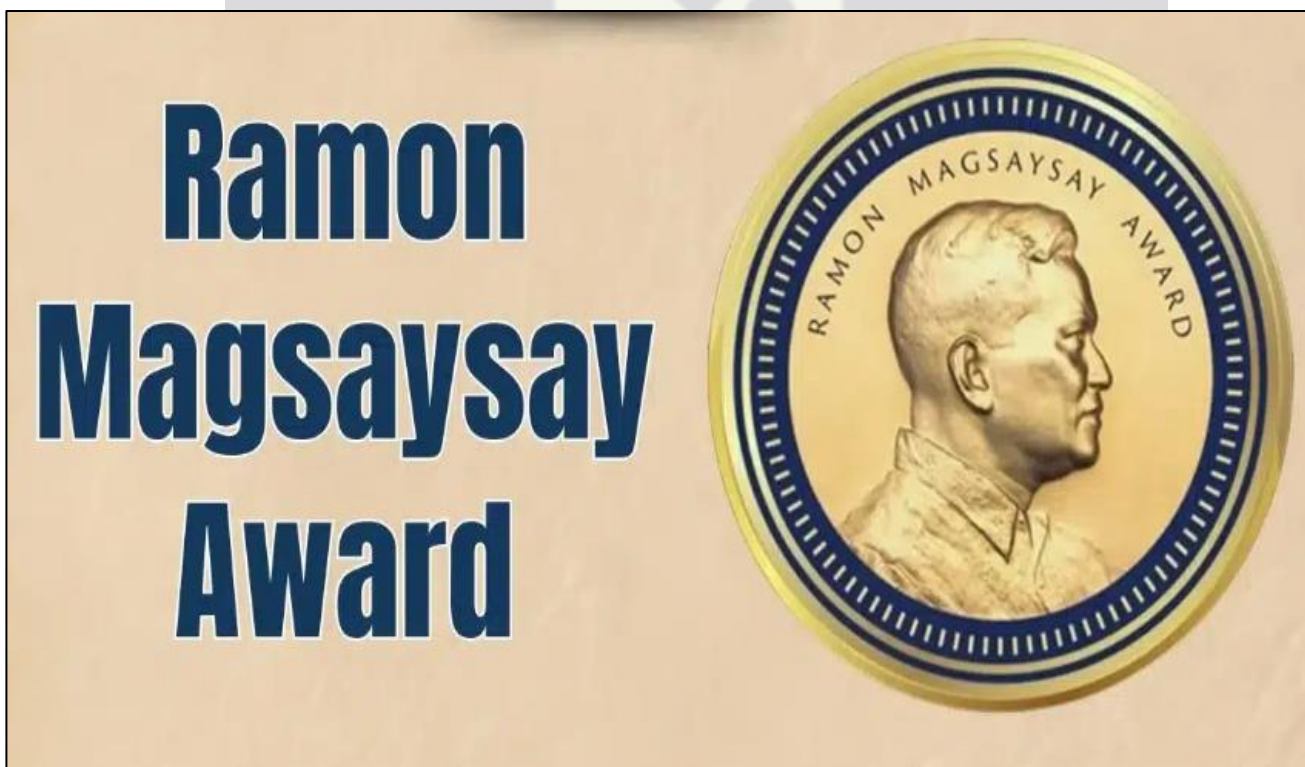
- **Ambassador of Canada to India:** Christopher Cooter.

## AWARDS

### Ramon Magsaysay Award, 2025

#### Why in News?

- Recently, Indian non-profit organization (NGO) Foundation to Educate Girls Globally (Educate Girls) was announced to be awarded the Ramon Magsaysay Award, 2025.

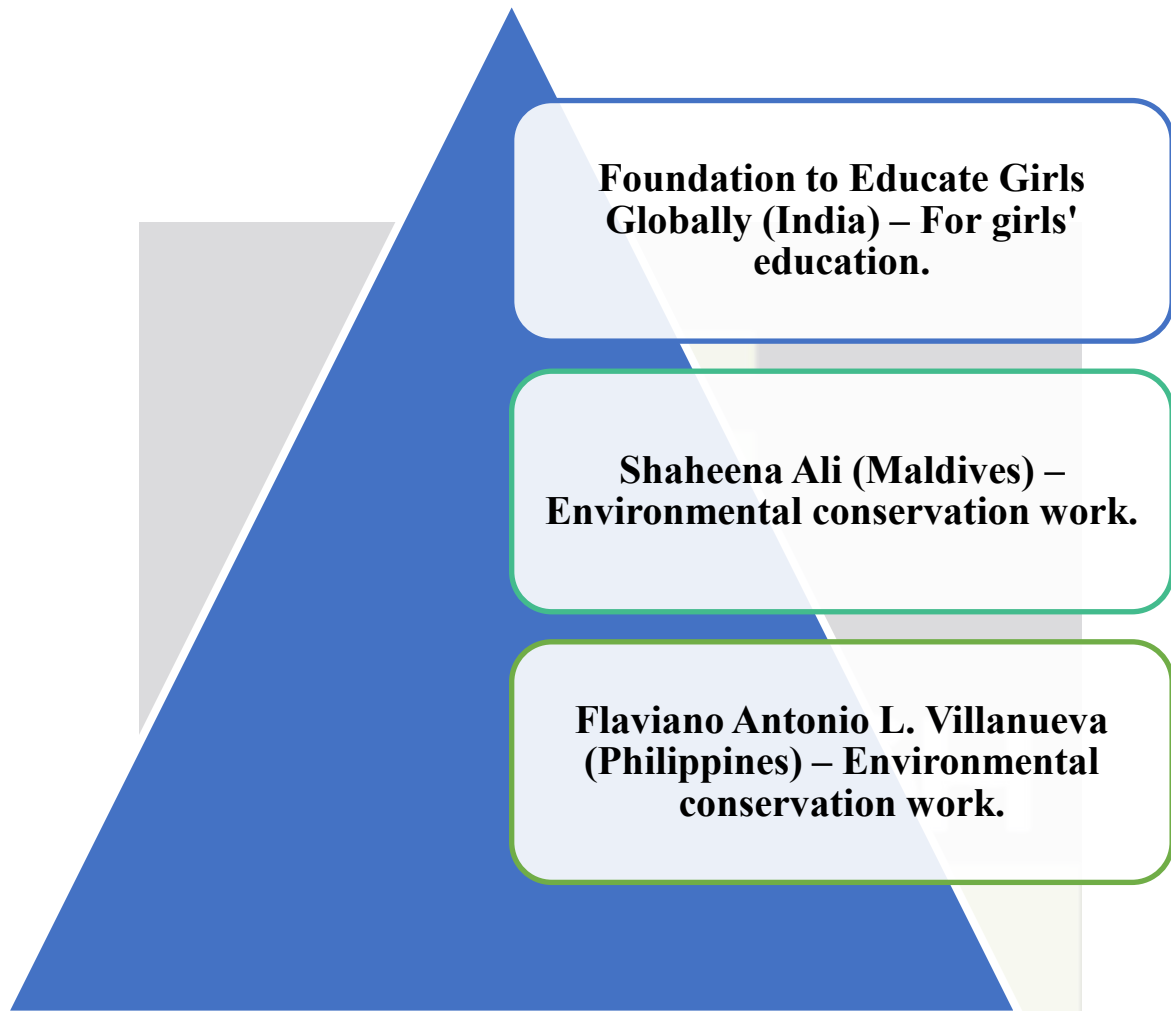


#### Key Points:

- Edition:** 67th
- Graduate Ceremony:** To be held on November 7, 2025 in Manila, Philippines.
- Prize:** A medal + a certificate + cash prize

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## Honoured personality/organization:



## Foundation to Educate Girls Globally (Educate Girls):

- **Contribution:** The award was given to the organization for promoting girls' education in rural and educationally deprived areas and linking community-government resources.
- The group has worked to enroll more than 20 lakh girls in school in 30,000 villages and help more than 24 lakh children in remedial education.

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Established: Year 2007

Founder: Safina Husain

Headquarters / Origin  
Area : Rajasthan

Organization's motto:  
"One Girl at a Time"

Objective: To identify out-of-school girls and engage and retain them in education.

## Other important points:

### Ramon Magsaysay Award:

- **Established** in 1957 in memory of Philippines President Ramon Magsaysay.
- **Nickname:** Nobel Prize of Asia.
- **Given by:** Ramon Magsaysay Foundation, Manila (Philippines).
- This award is given to those individuals and organizations of Asia who have made significant contributions in social service, leadership, education, journalism, literature, art and public life.



## SPORTS

### SAFF U17 Women's Football Championship, 2025

#### Why in News?

- India football team won the SAFF U17 Women's Championship title for the fourth consecutive time by defeating Nepal 5-0 at Changlimithang Stadium in Thimpu on August 29, 2025.



#### Key Points:

- Held:** In Thimpu, Bhutan.

#### Rank:

Rank	Country	Points
1	India U17	15
2	Bangladesh U17	9
3	Nepal U17	3
4	Bhutan U17	0

## ✂ NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	<p><b>17th CII Global MedTech Summit, 2025</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Event:</b> Held on August 30, 2025, in New Delhi.</li> <li>■ <b>Summit theme:</b> “Innovation for a Healthy Future – Advancing MedTech for Global Impact: Make in India, Make for the World”.</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b>1st International Pali Conference, 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Event:</b> Held on August 26, 2025, in Kandy, Sri Lanka.</li> <li>■ <b>Collaboration:</b> In collaboration with Assistant High Commission of India and University of Peradeniya.</li> <li>■ <b>Conference theme:</b> “Future of Pali Language” (Theravada tradition, manuscript studies and development of Pali were discussed).</li> </ul>

3.

## India to send national team to Pickleball World Cup for the first time



- On August 31, 2025, the Indian Pickleball Association (IPA), the recognised national sports federation for pickleball under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, officially concluded its two-day selection trials at the IPA Centre of Excellence in Ahmedabad.
  - **Competition:** Over 140 top players competed in these trials.
  - **The selections were made in three categories:** Open, Under-16 and 50+.
  - **India's first national pickleball squad:** India will send an official national pickleball squad to the Pickleball World Cup, 2025 for the first time under the sanction of the Global Pickleball Federation.
- Pickleball World Cup, 2025:**
- **Event:** To be held in Florida, USA from October 27 to November 2, 2025.

4.

## Formation of a task force to prepare a sports goods manufacturing policy



- **Announcement of formation:** During the first sports goods manufacturing conference organized by the Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports on August 30, 2025 in New Delhi.
- According to the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, a target has been set to increase the global share of sports manufacturing from 1 percent to 25 percent by the year 2036.