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## RAJASTHAN 🙀



### **Prime Minister's Visit to Rajasthan**



Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for projects worth over ₹1,08,468 crore in Rajasthan from Banswara.





#### **Key Points:**

**Foundation Stone Laying:** 

- Mahi Banswara Nuclear Power Plant in Napla at an estimated cost of ₹42,000 crore.
- FDRI Renewable Energy Project with 590 MW BESS (Battery Energy Storage System) capacity in Bikaner at a cost of ₹8,500 crore.
- 925 MW Nokh Solar Park, Phalodi, Rajasthan (RSDCL)
- 200 MW Solar Project, Badnu, Rajasthan (Avaada Group)
- Three 220 kV GSSs and lines at Bhopa and Baitina (Jaisalmer), Nokhada (Bikaner) at a cost of ₹348 crore.





- Under the Ram Jal Setu Link Project, the feeder construction from Isarda to Ramgarh Dam (Jaipur), the feeder construction from Isarda to Khura Chainpura via Bandh Baretha (Bharatpur), and the feeder construction from Khura Chainpura to Jaisamand (Alwar) will be completed.
- Construction of the Mor Sagar Artificial Reservoir in Ajmer district and the feeder construction from Bisalpur to Mor Sagar Artificial Reservoir.
- Construction of the Brahmani Barrage in Rawatbhata tehsil of Chittorgarh district.

#### **Inaugurations:**

- Isarda Dam, Dholpur Lift Project, Takli Project, Battisa Nala Project, Escape Reservoir on RD 507 of IGMN in Bikaner district at a total cost of ₹2365 crore.
- High Level Bridge over Mahi River at Sangameshwar in Dungarpur district.
- 250-bed RBM Hospital constructed in Bharatpur at a cost of ₹128 crore.
- IT Development and e-Governance Centre constructed in Jaipur at a cost of ₹140 crore.

### **Three Trains Inaugurated:**

- Vande Bharat Express train between Bikaner and Delhi Cantt.
- Vande Bharat Express train between Jodhpur and Delhi Cantt.
- **Udaipur City Chandigarh Express train.**

### Other important points:

#### **IT Development and e-Governance Center:**

- **Location:** Khaitan Polytechnic Campus, Jhalana Dungri (Jaipur).
- **Operation:** Rajasthan Department of Information Technology.

### **Rajasthan's Second Largest Hanging Bridge:**

Recently, the Prime Minister inaugurated the Sangameshwar Hanging Bridge over the Mahi River in Chikhli, Dungarpur.





- It is the second largest hanging bridge in Rajasthan, reducing the distance between Dungarpur and Banswara districts.
- The bridge is named after Saint Govind Guru, who led the Bhagat movement in the Vagad region.
- The bridge was constructed in Beduwa village of Chikhali Gram Panchayat, Dungarpur, bordering Gujarat. This location is the confluence of the Mahi-Anas and Jakham rivers. The project was approved in 2016.
- A total of ₹134 crore has been spent on the construction of this 1.925-kilometer-long bridge.
- With the construction of this bridge, the distance from Chikhli to Beduwa and from Beduwa to Anandpuri will be reduced to 4 km.
- The distance from Anandpuri to Mangarh is 8 km. Consequently, with the construction of this bridge, the distance from Chikhli to Mangarh will be reduced to only 16 km.

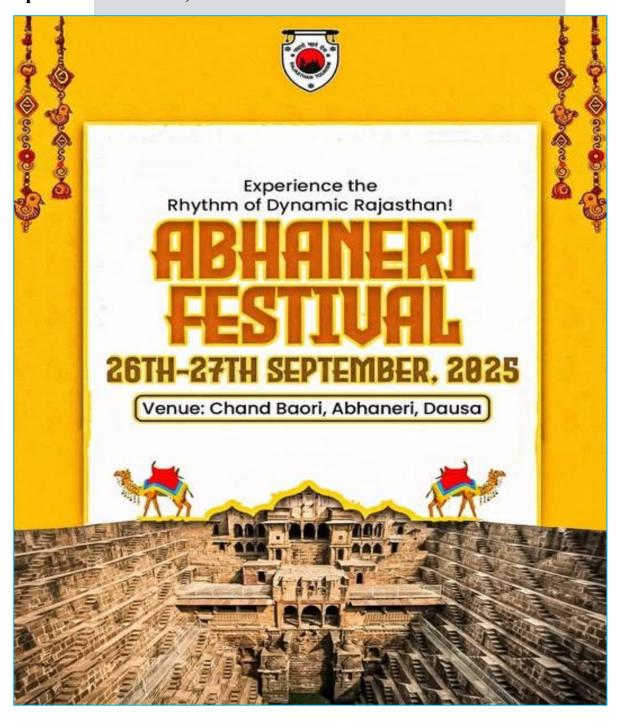


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#### Abhaneri Festival – 2025

- Why in News?
- The Rajasthan Tourism Department, the Archaeological Survey of India, and the Dausa District Administration organized the Abhaneri Festival 2025 on September 26 and 27, 2025.



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#### **Key Points:**

- Abhaneri or Abhanagari, an ancient village (9th century) located in Dausa, Rajasthan, is famous for its early medieval monuments dating back to the post-Gupta period.
- The Chand Baori (stepwell) and the Harshad Mata Temple are worth visiting. The temple is an excellent example of intricate stone carving, while the stepwell has staircases of unique artistic and architectural beauty.

**Facts for Prelims:** 

- Chand Baori: Abhaneri
- Built by: King Chand (Chandra) of the Nikumbh dynasty.
- This king ruled ancient Abhanagari or Abhaneri in the 8th-9th centuries.
- Features: This square-shaped stepwell is 19.5 meters deep, with its entrance facing north.
- The stepwell is accessed by double steps on three sides, while a multi-story gallery supported by pillars is built in the northern part.
- Two pavilions projecting from this gallery contains beautiful statues of Mahishasuramardini and Ganesha.
- The stepwell's enclosure, side verandas, and entrance pavilion were not part of the original plan and were constructed later.
- This stepwell is under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). Harshad Mata Temple: Abhaneri
- This massive temple was built in the 8th-9th centuries by King Chand of the Chauhan dynasty, the then ruler of Abhanagari/Abhaneri.
- This east-facing temple of Mahameru style is situated on a double platform.

  The temple plan consists of a Pancharath Garbhagriha with a circumambulatory path, in front of which there is a pillared mandapa.
- The sanctum sanctorum and mandapa have dome-shaped roofs, on the outer wall of which the statues of Hindu gods and goddesses are engraved in the Bhadra-niches.
- **Beautiful sculptures placed in the niches around the upper platform depict** religious and secular scenes of life, which is the main feature of this temple.

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### **Statewide FMD Disease Control Program**

### Why in News?

■ Recently, Rajasthan's Animal Husbandry Minister, Zoraram Kumawat, launched the statewide FMD Disease Control Program.

### **Key Points:**

- Launched at: Pinjrapole Gaushala, Pali.
- Foot and mouth disease (FMD) in cattle is a highly contagious viral disease that causes painful blisters on the mouth, feet, and udders, leading to lameness, loss of appetite, and reduced milk production.
- It spreads through direct or indirect contact with infected animals or contaminated materials. Although it does not pose a threat to human health, it is economically devastating due to its rapid spread.

#### **Cause and Transmission:**

- Cause: FMD is caused by a virus belonging to the Picornaviridae family, which has seven different serotypes.
- Transmission: Animals can become infected by touching infected animals.

  The virus can also spread through contaminated equipment, feed, vehicles, and the air.

#### Other important points:

### **Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD):**

- Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) is a viral disease that affects cattle such as cows and buffalo.
- The disease is caused by the Lumpy Skin Disease Virus (LSDV), a bacterium of the Capripoxvirus genus.

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### **Establishment of Creche Centers in Rajasthan**

### Why in News?

■ Recently, the Rajasthan Finance Department issued guidelines regarding the operation of Creche Centers in the state.



#### **Key Points:**

- **Purpose:** To provide care for the children of working women and men.
- Age Limit: Employees of all government offices and non-government individuals will be able to enroll their children aged 6 months to 6 years in these Creche Centers.
- Operation: Creche Centers will be operated through selected organizations/NGOs in accordance with the provisions of the Rajasthan Transparency in Public Procurement Rules, 2013.



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- Operating Hours: These Creche Centers will operate from 9:00 AM to 6:30
   PM, operating on all government working days.
- Food: Enrolled children will be provided with high-quality food items such as milk, porridge, fruits, cornflakes, etc.

**Fee Details:** 

S.	Description	Monthly Fee	Monthly Fee
No.		(Full Day)	(Half Day)
1.	For children of government	₹3000/- per	₹2000/- per
	officers/employees	month	month
2.	For children of non-government	₹5000/- per	₹4000/- per
	individuals (subject to availability)	month	month
3.	For one day	₹250/-	-
4.	For one hour	₹100/-	-

### **Other Important Points:**

■ Rajasthan's First Creche Center: Rajasthan's first Creche Center was started in the Jaipur Greater Municipal Corporation in 2023, which was the first creche center established in any urban body.



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# Treatment of Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES) in Rajasthan

### Why in News?

■ Recently, Geetanjali Hospital, Jaipur, successfully treated the youngest child in India and Asia with Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES) using monoportal endoscopic spine surgery.

### **Key Points:**

- This achievement by Geetanjali Hospital was included in the India Book of Records and Asia Book of Records.
- The 11-year-old child, a resident of Alwar, suffered from lumbar disc herniation as well as Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES).
- Cauda Equina Syndrome (CES) is caused by compression of the nerve roots located at the base of the spine, called the cauda equina.
- This results in symptoms such as severe lower back pain, sciatica, numbness in the "saddle" area, and loss of bowel or bladder control.
- This syndrome can cause permanent paralysis, incontinence and sexual dysfunction.





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1.	Endurance Cycling Event Tour-de-Thar 2025: Host Rajasthan
	<ul> <li>The 'Endurance Cycling Event Tour-de-Thar 2025' will be held on November 23, 2025, in Norangdesar, Bikaner district.</li> <li>It will be organized by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.</li> </ul>
2.	<ul> <li>Developed India Resolution Conference: Jaipur</li> <li>Recently, the "Developed India Resolution Conference" was held at the Constitution Club of Rajasthan in Jaipur.</li> <li>On this occasion, Governor Haribhau Bagde released the book "Karma Gatha," dedicated to Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar.</li> </ul>
3.	Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) in Rajasthan  According to a recent study, cases of Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) are steadily increasing in Rajasthan.  The main cause of interstitial lung disease (ILD) is the increasing number of pigeons, whose droppings and feathers are contributing to the rise in cases of this disease due to the microscopic particles spread by them.  Interstitial lung disease (ILD) is a group of lung disorders characterized by inflammation and scarring of lung tissue, leading to stiffness around the air sacs (alveoli) and reducing the lungs' ability to absorb oxygen.
4.	First TMJ arthroscopy machine in Rajasthan  Recently, the state's first TMJ arthroscopy machine was installed at the Government Dental Hospital in Jaipur.  ■ The TMJ arthroscopy machine is an advanced surgical instrument that uses a small endoscope. This machine treats the temporomandibular (jaw) joint.

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### Sujalam Bharat Summit, 2025



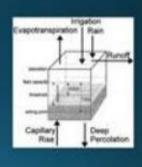
■ On September 24, 2025, the Central Water Commission (Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation), under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, organized a virtual workshop on "Technology for Efficient Water Management" as part of the "Sujalam Bharat" Summit.

## Use of (Remote Sensing) Technology for Precision Irrigation

Pilot (Kundalia) based on Surface Energy Balance SEBAL model

- Using remotely sensed data especially land surface temperature to calculate ET and water requirements and other parameters
- Combined with calculation for soil water balance for each 10m x 10 m pixel
- Using a combination of satellites, weather data and water balance







### **Key Points:**

- Objective: To make national and state-level policies more effective by gathering on-the-ground experiences and suggestions from across the country.
- The workshop discussed this key strategy by focusing on the dissemination and scaling of technologies for efficient water management.



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**Key aspects of this theme included:** 

- Agricultural Efficiency: Scaling up technologies such as micro-irrigation 1. systems in canal- and groundwater-fed areas, and improving on-farm water efficiency.
- 2. Modernization and Automation: CWC is prioritizing the modernization of tertiary canal distribution systems and promoting the use of remote sensing and artificial intelligence (AI) in water management. This includes applications in water resource planning, enhancing conveyance efficiency, optimizing distribution, detecting leaks, and monitoring water quantity and quality in the agricultural, domestic, and industrial sectors.
- 3. Water Conservation and Accounting: This includes promoting water-efficient appliances for households and industries, monitoring bulk water supplies, and reducing non-profit water losses.





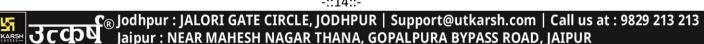
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### **National Medical Commission (NMC)**



#### **Key Points:**

- The National Medical Commission (NMC) completed five years of its formation.
- It is a statutory body constituted under the National Medical Commission Act, 2019.
- The NMC notification dissolved the Board of Governors of the Medical Council of India (MCI), constituted under the Medical Council of India Act, 1956.
- **Objective:** To improve access to quality and affordable medical education. **Functions:**
- To formulate policies for regulating medical institutions, medical researchers, and medical professionals.
- To ensure coordination among autonomous boards, etc.









#### K Visa

### **₩** Why in News?

■ The K visa is a new visa category issued by China, which will come into effect from October 1.

#### **Key Points:**

#### K Visa Policy:

- It aims to attract foreign experts, especially in the field of science and technology, who meet certain conditions and requirements set by China.
  - o Under this, all foreign nationals can enter China, even if they do not have a fixed employment.
  - o It allows multiple entries into China, long-term validity, and extended stays.
- Eligible applicants: Eligible applicants include graduates in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) fields who have obtained at least a bachelor's degree from accredited universities or research institutes.

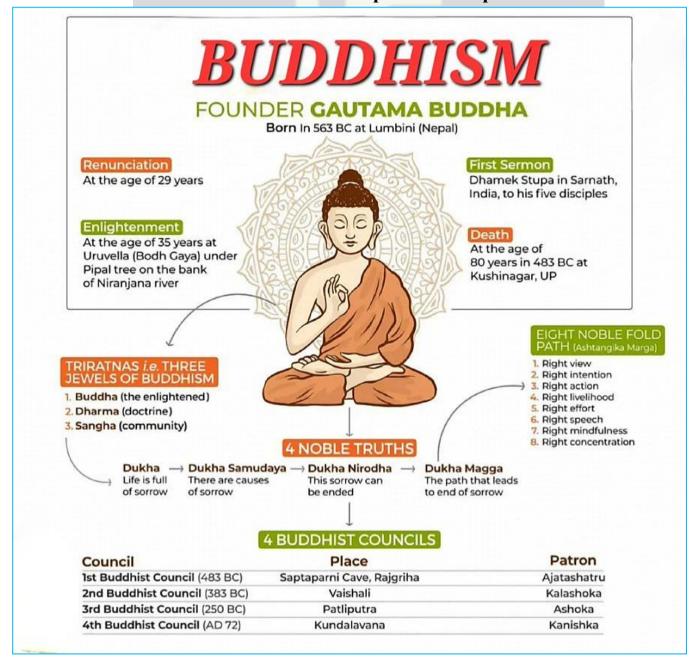
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#### **Exhibition of the Sacred Relics of Lord Buddha: Russia**

### Why in News?

- The sacred relics of Lord Buddha are being displayed for the first time in Elista, the capital of the Republic of Kalmykia, Russia.
- The sacred relics will be kept at the Geden Shedup Choekorling Monastery (Golden Abode of Shakyamuni Buddha) in Elista. This monastery is a major center of Tibetan Buddhism and was opened to the public in 1996.



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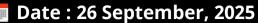
- The First Programme: This 'First Exposition' will take place during the Third International Buddhist Conference, to be held in Elista, the capital of Kalmykia, from September 24 to 28, 2025.
- Note: The theme of the Third International Buddhist Conference, 2025 is "Buddhism in the New Millennium".
- The event is being jointly led by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), the National Museum, and the India Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA).
- Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs): Two important Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) will be signed on this occasion: one between the Central Spiritual Administration of Buddhism of Russia and the IBC, and the other between the IBC and Nalanda University.
- Relics: These include "Four Great Events in the Life of the Buddha," "The Heritage of the Shakya Dynasty Relics from Piprahwa," and "The Art of Stillness Buddhist Art from the National Collection."
- The IBC will also showcase a special AI chatbot (Norbu The Well-Being Friend) that will provide information on Buddhism in Russian.
- The Manuscript Branch of the Ministry of Culture and the IBC will donate copies of the "Kanjur" (Mongolian religious texts, 108 volumes) to nine Buddhist institutions and one university.
- Kalmykia: Europe's only Buddhist republic, bordering the Caspian Sea. The Kalmyk people here are descendants of the Oirat Mongol tribe who migrated from Western Mongolia in the 17th century and practice Mahayana Buddhism.



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#### Other important points:

- In recent years, sacred relics of the Buddha have been sent for exhibition to several countries.
  - Piprahwa Relics in 2022 to Mongolia
  - Sanchi Relics in 2024 to Thailand
  - Sarnath Relics in 2025 to Vietnam
  - The relics being taken to Kalmykia this time are from the Buddhist Gallery of the National Museum in New Delhi.
- In July 2025, thanks to India's efforts, the sacred relics of Piprahwa were returned to India from Hong Kong after 127 years.
- Piprahwa site: Excavations by William Claxton Pape in 1898 in Uttar Pradesh (Birdpur area of Basti district) yielded bones and ornaments associated with the Buddha.
- Later excavations led by K.M. Srivastava between 1971 and 1977 uncovered more bone remains, dated to the 4th-5th centuries BCE.
- The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) identified Piprahwa as the ancient city of Kapilvastu.







### **SCHEMES**



Capacity Building and Human Resource Development Scheme



The Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister has approved the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research/Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR/CSIR) Scheme on "Capacity Building and Human Resource Development" with a total outlay of ₹2277.397 crore for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26 under the Fifteenth Finance Commission.







#### **Key Points:**

- Approval: September 24, 2025
- **Implementation:** Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.
- All R&D institutes, national laboratories, institutes of national importance, institutes of eminence, and universities across the country will be included.
- This initiative provides a broad platform for young, enthusiastic researchers aspiring to pursue careers in universities, industry, national R&D laboratories, and academic institutions.

CSIR's umbrella scheme "Capacity Building and Human Resource Development (CBHRD)" has four sub-schemes:

- 1. Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships
- 2. Extramural Research Scheme, Emeritus Scientist Scheme, and Bhatnagar Fellowship Programme
- 3. Promotion and recognition of excellence through awards schemes
- 4. Promoting knowledge sharing through travel and seminar grant schemes

  Other key points:
- According to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), India has improved its position in the Global Innovation Index (GII) to 39th in 2024.
- According to data from NSF, USA, India is now among the top three in terms of scientific research paper publications. DSIR's scheme is supporting thousands of researchers and scientists.

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## ECONOMIC SCENARIO



#### **Establishment of New Incubation Centers**

Why in News? 

WaveX, a dedicated startup accelerator platform under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting's Waves initiative, has announced the launch of seven new incubation centers in India.



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#### **Key Points:**

These seven centers will be in addition to the Indian Institute of Creative Technology (IITC) Mumbai. This is the first time a dedicated accelerator-cum-incubator program has been launched exclusively for startups in the AVGC (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics) and XR (Extended Reality) sectors.

Seven New Centers: These newly announced centers will be established at the following institutions:

- 1. Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), Delhi
- 2. IIMC, Jammu
- 3. IIMC, Dhenkanal, Odisha
- 4. IIMC, Kottayam, Kerala
- 5. IIMC, Amravati, Maharashtra
- 6. Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune, Maharashtra
- 7. Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI), Kolkata, West Bengal Wavex's incubation model operates in two phases:
- 1. Active Phase: Intensive assistance in business modeling, product development, branding, fundraising, and media regulation.
- 2. Passive Phase: Global exposure opportunities and engagement with investors/industry through the Wavex marketplace.

Other important points:

Incubation center: An organization or location that provides resources, guidance, and support to early-stage entrepreneurs to help them turn their innovative ideas into successful businesses. These locations offer facilities such as co-working space, mentorship, training, networking opportunities, and access to funding to help startups grow rapidly.

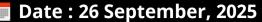


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- 'Samarth' Incubation Program: The first cohort of the incubation program called 'Samarth' was launched by the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), an autonomous telecom research and development center of the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India.
- The Indian Army has inaugurated an AI Incubation Center (IAAIIC) in Bengaluru, which aims to revolutionize operations through AI.



Jaipur: NEAR MAHESH NAGAR THANA, GOPALPURA BYPASS ROAD, JAIPUR





### POLITY P

### **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)**

- Why in News?
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the extension of the tenure of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) until May 2026.
- **Key Points:**

#### **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC):**

- It is one of the eight cabinet committees of the central executive.
- Composition: It is a two-member committee. The Prime Minister is its chairperson, and the Union Home Minister is its sole member.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Appointing senior government officials such as secretaries, additional secretaries, and joint secretaries.
- Deciding on appointments to top positions in public sector undertakings (PSUs), public sector banks, public sector insurance companies, and government autonomous bodies.





#### **Sixth Schedule of the Constitution**



■ Protests have recently erupted demanding statehood for the Union Territory of Ladakh and granting it tribal area status under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.



#### **Key Points:**

#### Sixth Schedule

- Constitutional Provisions Article 244 of the Constitution is a provision of the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution that applies to specific areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Mizoram.
- Purpose It provides for the formation of autonomous administrative divisions called Autonomous District Councils (ADCs) that have some legislative, judicial, and administrative autonomy within the state.
- Acts of Parliament or state legislatures do not apply to autonomous districts and autonomous areas, or apply with specified modifications and exceptions.
  Benefits
- **Democratic Devolution of Powers -** The Sixth Schedule has facilitated the democratic devolution of powers through the creation of Autonomous District Councils, which have some legislative, judicial, and administrative autonomy within the state.
- Protection of Cultural Practices and Customs Tribal languages, customs, and practices are protected. The Bodo language of the former Bodoland is preserved.
- Protection of Tribal Land Rights Autonomous councils have the power to legislate on matters such as land, forests, and fisheries.





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- Grant-in Funds The Finance Commission recommends grant-in assistance for the Sixth Scheduled Areas.
- Sustainable Socio-Economic Development Ensures the socio-economic development of an area in accordance with the key attribute of sustainability.

  Problems
- Limited Geographical Coverage Limited to only some tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Mizoram.
- Lack of Effective Decentralization Many districts have only one Autonomous Council. For example, only one District Council for the entire Bodo Territorial Area.
- State Legislative Power over Autonomous Councils Laws made by the councils require the Governor's consent. In case of dispute, the Governor's consent prevails.
- Financial Dependence Dependence on state governments for funds, apart from occasional special packages from the Centre. Lack of timely formation of the State Finance Commission (SFC).
- Corruption, financial mismanagement, and a shortage of skilled professionals.
   Way Forward
- Increase geographical coverage Constitutional amendment to expand the coverage of the 6th Schedule areas to other tribal-dominated areas that require protection. Include East Ladakh in the Sixth Schedule.
- Ensure regular elections State governments should ensure regular, free, and fair elections for these autonomous councils. To reduce the dominance of tribal elites, for the former.
- Transparency Transparency in the funding, office bearers, and functioning of the Autonomous District Councils should be increased for effective socioeconomic development.





#### **Sixth Schedule:**

- Articles 244(2) and 275(1) of the Constitution provide for the administration of tribal areas in the states of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Mizoram.
- It empowers the Governor to constitute Autonomous District Councils (ADCs) and Autonomous Regional Councils (ARCs) in the above four states.
- Autonomous Regional Councils are constituted if an autonomous district has distinct Scheduled Tribes.
- Autonomous District Councils and Autonomous Regional Councils are vested with legislative, executive, judicial, and financial powers in matters such as land management, forest management, inheritance of property, and marriage.



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## IMPORTANT PORTALS AND APPS

### GSTAT and GSTAT e-Courts Portal



■ The Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs launched the GSTAT and GSTAT e-Courts Portal.

### **Key**

#### **Key Points:**

The establishment of the GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) is a significant milestone in the development of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) system. It also strengthens the institutional framework for resolving disputes related to indirect taxes in the country.

#### **GSTA:**

- It is the second appellate authority established under Section 109 of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (CGST Act).
- When a taxpayer has a dispute, the first appeal is filed within the tax administration.
- Objective: To hear appeals against orders passed by GST Appellate Authorities and provide a forum for justice to taxpayers.
- Its structure reflects the spirit of cooperative federalism and is designed to provide fair and equitable adjudication.
- Benches: It will function through a Principal Bench in New Delhi and 31 State Benches at 45 locations across India. This will ensure ease and national accessibility.

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■ Structure: Each GSTAT Bench will consist of two Judicial Members, one Technical Member from the Centre and one Technical Member from the State.

#### **GSTAT e-Courts Portal:**

- This is a digital platform through which taxpayers can file appeals online, track the progress of cases, and participate in hearings digitally.
- It has been developed by the Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) in collaboration with the National Informatics Centre (NIC).







#### **ECINET Portal**

### Why in News?

■ The Election Commission of India (ECI) has launched the e-Sign feature on its ECINET portal and application.

### **Key Points:**

Anyone who wishes to register as a voter or apply for deletion from the electoral roll or correction of their particulars? will have to verify their identity through their Aadhaar-linked mobile number.

#### **ECINET:**

- ECINET is the Election Commission's unified digital platform. It simplifies election-related processes.
- It integrates 40 existing apps such as the Voter Helpline App, cVIGIL, and Suvidha 2.0.
- It is designed as a single-point interface for all election-related services.









### Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya

### Why in News?

■ Born on September 25, 1916, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya advocated Integral Humanism and promoted holistic development, cultural values, and welfare.

### **Key Points:**

- His birth anniversary is celebrated as Antyodaya Day.
- Born: Nagla Chandrabhan (Mathura district, Uttar Pradesh). (September 25, 1916 February 11, 1968)
- Principles: He presented the theory of Integral Humanism as an indigenous Indian alternative to Western capitalism and Marxist socialism.
- This theory emphasizes the holistic development and harmonious integration of the four elements of human beings: body, mind, intellect, and spirit.
- Legacy: He edited magazines like the weekly 'Panchjanya' and the daily 'Swadesh', and through these he promoted nationalism and cultural values.

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### Speed Skating World Championship, 2025

- Why in News?
- The Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports and Labour and Employment honored the medal winners for the country at the 73rd Inline Speed Skating World Championships-2025, held in Beidaihe, China from September 13 to 21, 2025.





### **Key Points:**

- **Events:** 42 events were held in the senior and junior categories.
- India's Medals: The Indian skating team produced its best-ever performance, winning five medals (three gold, two bronze), finishing fifth among over 40 countries.

### Achievements of this historic performance:

- India's first senior medal at the Speed Skating World Championships,
- First gold medal in the junior category, and
- India's highest-ever medal tally at the World Championships.

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#### **Athletes' Performance:**

- Indian Contingent: The Indian contingent comprised 20 athletes (four senior men, four senior women, five junior men, and seven junior women) who participated in the championships.
- 1. Anandkumar Velkumar (22): Became the first Indian to win a medal in the senior category. He won two gold medals (1000m sprint and 42,195m marathon) and one bronze (500m sprint).
- 2. Krish Sharma (18): Won India's first junior gold medal in the 1000m sprint.
- 3. Anish Raj (17): Won a bronze medal in the junior men's one-lap sprint.



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1. Deen Dayal Lado Laxmi Yojana: Haryana



- Launch: September 25, 2025, from Panchkula.
- Financial assistance: Under this scheme, women from poor families will receive financial assistance of Rs 2,100 per month directly into their bank accounts.
- Objective: To empower women economically and make them self-reliant.

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2.

7th Future Food Forum, 2025: Dubai



- Inaugurated: September 23, 2025, by Abdullah bin Touq Al Marri
- Closing: September 25, 2025
- **Event:** Dubai
- Objective: To bring together policymakers, industry leaders, and academics to advance food security, trade, and innovation in the global South.
- Organizer: Ministry of Economy and Tourism, UAE
- Main theme of discussions: Building resilient food ecosystems through technology, sustainable practices, and cross-border partnerships.

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3.

### **Harold Dickie Bird: Umpire**

■ England umpire Harold Dickie Bird passed away at the age of 92 in Barnsley, South Yorkshire, England.



#### **Achievements:**

- Dickie umpired 66 Tests, 69 ODIs, and seven women's ODIs in his international career, which spanned from 1973 to 1996.
- A right-handed batsman and right-arm off-break bowler, Dickie played 93 first-class matches for Yorkshire and Leicestershire, scoring 3,314 runs, including two centuries and 14 half-centuries.

4.

### **49th Meeting of PRAGATI**



- On September 24, 2025, the Prime Minister chaired the 49th meeting of PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation) in Delhi.
- It is noteworthy that PRAGATI is an ICT-based multi-faceted platform that acts as a bridge between the Centre and the states. Its aim is to expedite the progress of major projects and ensure their timely completion.

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### 5. India's First Overseas Defence Manufacturing Facility:

#### Morocco

- India and Morocco jointly inaugurated Tata Advanced Systems Limited's (TASL) defence manufacturing facility in Berrechid, Morocco.
- This facility will produce indigenously developed wheeled armoured platforms jointly designed by TASL and the Defence Research and Development Organisation.
- This is the largest defence manufacturing facility in the Kingdom of Morocco and the first such plant established by an Indian private company in Africa.

**Other Points:** 

Morocco:

