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Important Decisions of the Rajasthan Cabinet (September 19, 2025)



Why in News?

- The Rajasthan Cabinet met on September 19, 2025, under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma.



Key Points:

- **The Maharana Pratap Sports University Bill-2025:** The Cabinet meeting approved the draft of 'The Maharana Pratap Sports University Jaipur Bill-2025'.
- In the state budget for 2024-25, it was announced that the Maharana Pratap Sports University would be established in Jaipur to promote sports and physical education in the state, provide scientific training with modern equipments to talented youth, and prepare high-level coaches and sports experts for various sports.
- **Amendment in Rajasthan Civil Services (Pension) Rules:** Currently, as per the Rajasthan Civil Services (Pension) Rules - 1996, there is a provision to provide family pension of 30 percent of the total emoluments of the deceased employee to his parents, which has been changed in the state cabinet meeting. Now the parents will be able to avail the benefit of increased pension (up to a maximum of 50 percent), which is payable when the employee was alive.
- Also, the Rajasthan Cabinet has approved the amendment in the Rajasthan Civil Services (Pension) Rules - 1996, according to which a son or daughter suffering from mental or physical disability will be able to get family pension even after marriage.

State-level launch of TB Artificial Intelligence (AI) solution



Why in News?

- On September 19, 2025, a state-level launch of an Artificial Intelligence (AI) solution was held in Rajasthan to strengthen tuberculosis (TB) elimination efforts.

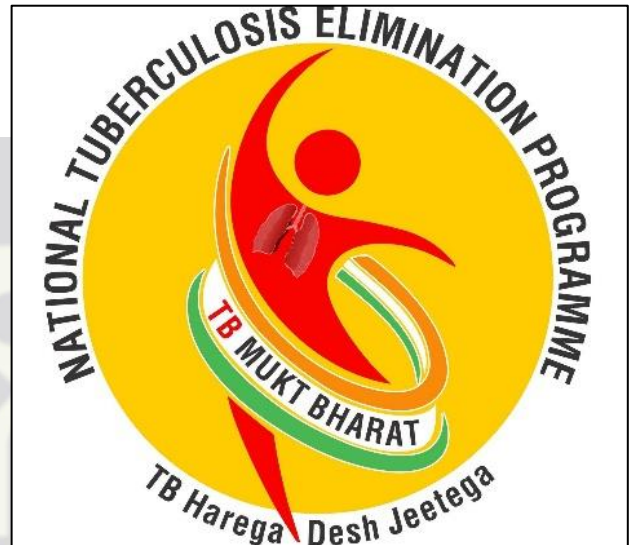


Key Points:

- **Launched by:** By Dr. Amit Yadav, Mission Director, National Health Mission (NHM), from Jaipur.
- **Development:** The solution was developed by Wadhvani AI.
- **Pilot project:** In Kota division (Kota, Bundi, Baran, Jhalawar).

Other Important Points:

- On March 24, 2025 (World TB Day), Rajasthan was awarded the National Award for its outstanding efforts towards tuberculosis (TB) elimination.
- Under the TB-Free Gram Panchayat Campaign, 3,355 Gram Panchayats in Rajasthan have been declared TB-free in 2024, compared to 586 in 2023.
- Under the Pradhan Mantri TB-Free Bharat Abhiyan, more than 19,000 Nikshay Mitras (community supporters) have been added in Rajasthan so far. The campaign has been strengthened at the community level with the participation of public representatives.
- The Government of India launched a 100-day intensive TB elimination campaign from December 7, 2024, to March 17, 2025. Its objective was to strengthen TB diagnosis and treatment services.



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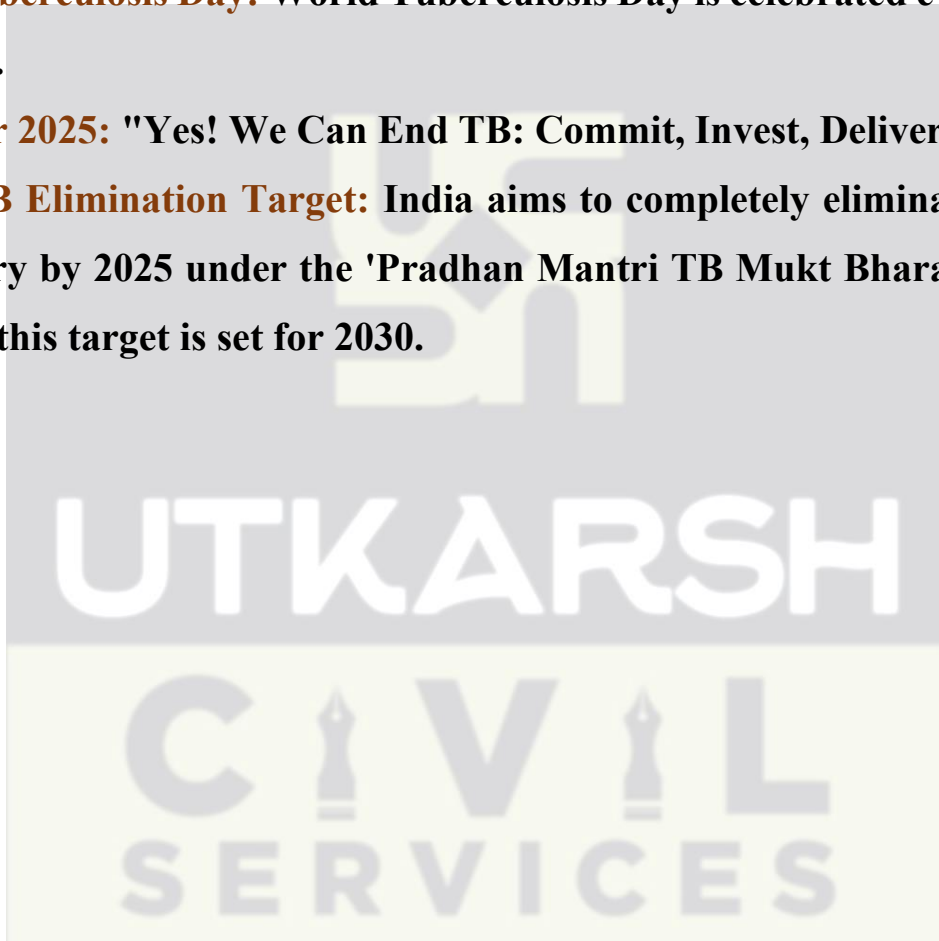
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- This campaign was conducted in 347 identified districts across 33 states and union territories. Five districts of Rajasthan (Baran, Hanumangarh, Jhalawar, Kota, and Rajsamand) were included.

Facts for Prelims:

- **World Tuberculosis Day:** World Tuberculosis Day is celebrated every year on March 24.
- **Theme for 2025:** "Yes! We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver"
- **India's TB Elimination Target:** India aims to completely eliminate TB from the country by 2025 under the 'Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan'. Globally, this target is set for 2030.



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ECINet App/Website



Why in News?

- Recently, the Election Commission of India launched the ECINet app and website, which feature a 'Book a Call with a BLO.



Key Points:


- Through this app, voters can directly contact the Booth Level Officer (BLO) and obtain various information.
- So far, 2,926 voters in Rajasthan have booked calls with BLOs through this app.
- **Most calls:** Jaipur, Jodhpur, Sikar, Alwar.
- **Least calls:** Salumber, Phalodi.

Facts for Prelims:

- **Gyanesh Kumar:** Took charge as the 26th Chief Election Commissioner of India on February 19, 2025. He is a 1988 batch Indian Administrative Service officer of the Kerala cadre.
- **Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu:** Joined the Election Commission of India as an Election Commissioner on March 15, 2024. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer from the Uttarakhand cadre.
- **Dr. Vivek Joshi:** Joined the Election Commission of India as an Election Commissioner on February 19, 2025. He is a 1989 batch IAS officer from the Haryana cadre.
- **Chief State Election Commissioner of Rajasthan:** Rajeshwar Singh.
- **Chief Electoral Officer (Rajasthan):** Naveen Mahajan.



NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	<p>Operation Garima</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Rajasthan Police is conducting the "Operation Garima: Women's Respect, Police's Identity" campaign to educate students in the state about women and child protection laws.■ Duration: September 16 to 30, 2025.

2.

Namo Toy Bank Launched in Kota

- Recently, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla launched the "Namo Toy Bank" in Kota.
- This initiative is inspired by the idea of "Joy of Giving," which promotes human values such as service, leadership, and sensitivity among children.
- This initiative aims to provide toys to children deprived of toys due to lack of resources.



3.

Medal Winners from Rajasthan at the Asia Cup Wushu Competition 2025

- Mehak Sharma (75 kg category) - Silver Medal.
- Jahnvi Mehra (56 kg category) - Bronze Medal
- Nitika Bansal (65 kg category) - Bronze Medal.

4.

19th State Level Senior Wushu Championship – 2025

- **Venue:** Kuchaman.
- **Participation:** Players from men's teams from 23 districts and women's teams from 16 districts of Rajasthan participated.
- **Results:**
- **First Place:** Jaipur.
- **Second Place:** Jodhpur.
- **Third Place:** Kota.
- **Best Male Player:** Manas Thapliyal (Jaipur)
- **Best Female Player:** Mehak Sharma (Kota)



Country's Largest Sports Complex: Gujarat



Why in News?

- Recently, the Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation inaugurated the Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, built at a cost of approximately ₹825 crore in Naranpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.



Key Points:

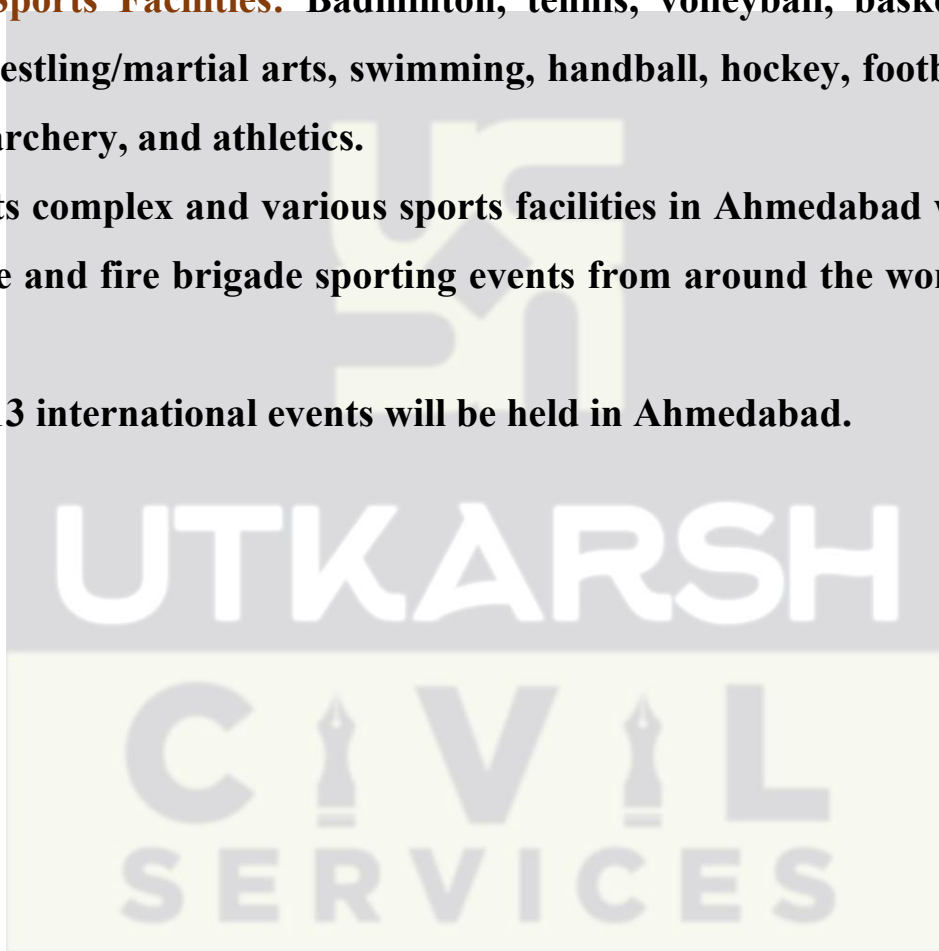
- Name:** Veer Savarkar Sports Complex
- This complex is the largest sports complex in India and the most modern in the world.

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- **Area:** Spread over 119,000 square meters, this massive sports complex includes seven entrances, parking for 900 vehicles, and a 275-kilowatt solar power plant. It is a completely green complex, jointly developed by the Government of India and the Government of Gujarat.
- **Possible Sports Facilities:** Badminton, tennis, volleyball, basketball, table tennis, wrestling/martial arts, swimming, handball, hockey, football, cricket, shooting/archery, and athletics.
- This sports complex and various sports facilities in Ahmedabad will host the first police and fire brigade sporting events from around the world in India, in 2029.
- By 2036, 13 international events will be held in Ahmedabad.



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Statue of Hindubhushan



Key Points:

- **Construction:** The Statue of Hindubhushan, a 180-foot-tall bronze statue of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, is being constructed in Moshi-Borhadewadi, Maharashtra.
- The Hindubhushan statue is part of the Shambhu Srishti Memorial Complex located in Moshi-Borhadewadi.
- The Shambhu Srishti Memorial Complex is a grand memorial complex housing the Hindubhushan statue and several other Maratha monuments and cultural artifacts.
- **Height:** 140 feet tall statue with a 40 feet base.

Anbu karangal Scheme: Tamil Nadu



Key Points:

- **Scheme Name:** Anbu karangal Scheme (Hands of Love).
- **Launch:** Launched by the Tamil Nadu government on September 15, 2025.
- **Financial Assistance:** Orphaned children will be provided assistance of ₹ 2,000 per month.
- **Duration:** Education will be financially supported until the age of 18.
- **Objective:** To identify those living in poverty and provide livelihood assistance to them.
- This initiative is a part of the 'Thaiyumanavar' scheme.



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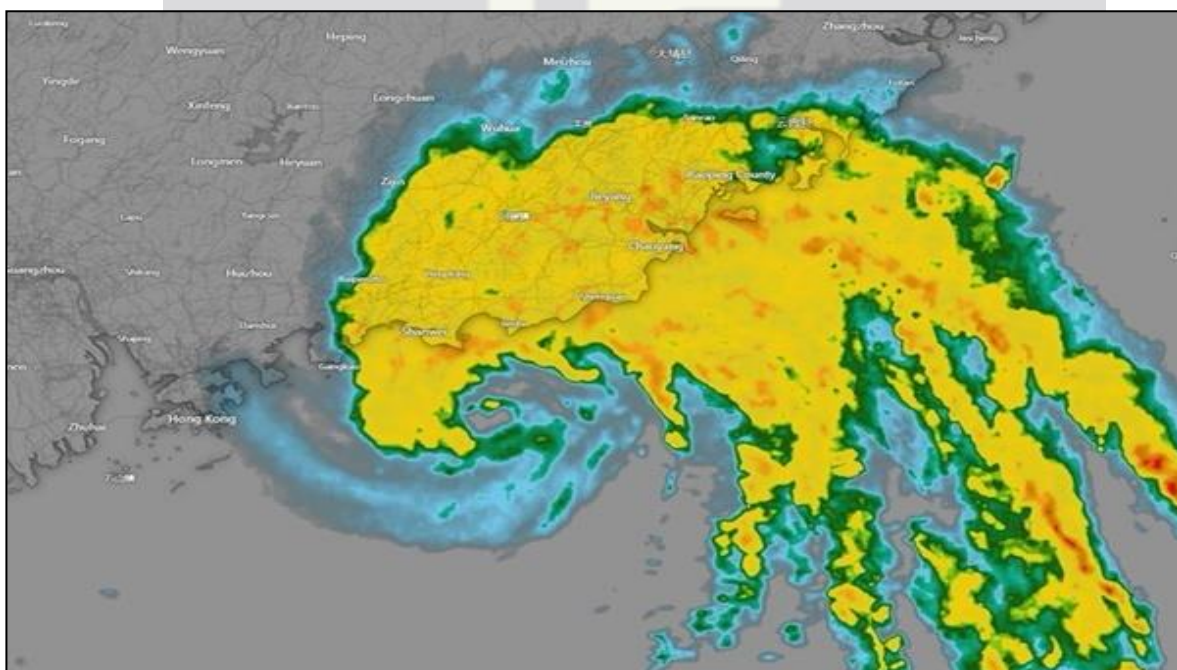


Typhoon Mitag



Why in News?

- On September 19, 2025, Mitag, the 17th typhoon of the year, made landfall in Guangdong Province, southern China.



Key Points:

- According to the provincial meteorological observatory, the typhoon made landfall in Shanwei City, Guangdong, with maximum winds of 25 meters per second near its center.
- China's State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters activated a Level IV emergency response for Guangdong Province, southern China.

Other Important Points:

- **Examples:** Hurricane (Atlantic), Typhoon (Pacific), Tropical Cyclone (Indian Ocean).

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- **Categories:** Based on wind speed, such as tropical depression, tropical storm, and severe tropical cyclone.
- **Major hurricanes of 2025:** Andrea, Barry, Chantal, Dexter, Erin, Fernanda, Gabrielle, Humberto, Imelda, Jerry, Karen, Lorenzo, Melissa, Nestor, Olga, Pablo, Rebekah, Sebastian, Tanya, Van, Wendy.
- **Most Notorious Hurricanes:** Hurricane Katrina (USA in 2005), Hurricane Andrew (Florida in 1992), and Hurricane Sandy (2012).
- **Note:** Mesocyclones: Rotating updrafts that develop within intense thunderstorms, often precursors to tornadoes.

Why are cyclones named?

- According to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), tropical cyclones are named to increase public awareness and preparedness about storms. It can also aid in record-keeping and impact assessment.

The primary factors influencing the formation of cyclones are:

1. Warm seawater (above 26.5°C).
2. Atmospheric instability (rising moist air).
3. Low wind shear.
4. Coriolis effect (necessary for rotation).
5. Pre-existing disturbances.
6. Moisture availability.
7. Distance from the equator (at least 5° latitude).
8. High-pressure systems can influence development.
9. Favourable vertical wind profiles.
10. Upper-level divergence (ensures storm growth.)

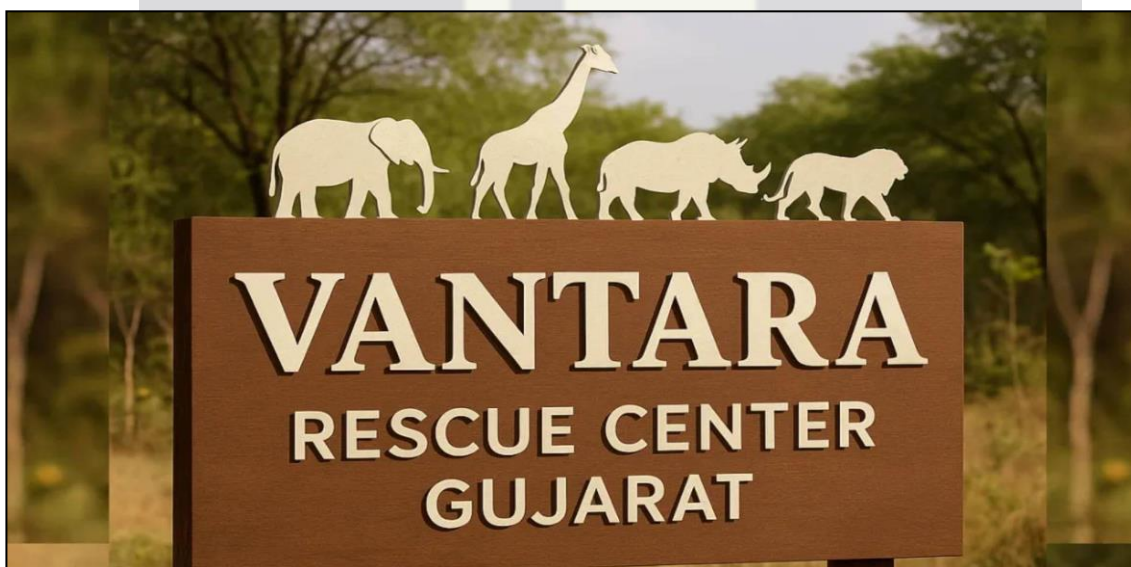
ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

SIT Report on Vantara



Why in News?

- The Vantara Wildlife Centre in Jamnagar, Gujarat, has been cleared by the Supreme Court of alleged lapses.



Key Points:

- The recent SIT report released by the Supreme Court described Vantara's model as a new standard for animal protection through ethical, transparent, and scientific methods.
- The recent Supreme Court report confirmed that Vantara's practices meet not only Indian but also international standards.

Key Points:

- Citing the SIT report, Supreme Court Justices Pankaj Mittal and P.B. Varale, who are in the forefront of animal welfare matters, stated that the animal mortality rate at Vantara is in line with the international average and that the care and management practices here meet international standards.

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- The Supreme Court also noted that independent organizations like Global Humane have awarded Vantara the Global Humane Certified Seal of Approval after conducting on-site inspections and audits. This accreditation independently certifies Vantara's high standards of animal welfare and conservation.

Other Key Points:

Vantara Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre

- **Vantara**, meaning "Star of the Forest," is a private, non-commercial wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre.
- **Location:** Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- **Inaugurated on:** March 4, 2025, by the Prime Minister.
- **Developed by:** Reliance Foundation.
- The centre is spread over 3,000 acres in the Jamnagar Refinery complex and serves as a refuge for abused, injured, and endangered animals.
- **Key species protected at Vantara:** Asiatic lion, snow leopard, one-horned rhinoceros, caracal.
- **Rare animals at Vantara:** Okapi, orangutan, chimpanzee, snow leopard, giant otter, tapir, seal, bongo.
- **Special rescue operations:** Two-headed snake, Two-headed tortoise, Snow Tigers rescued from circuses.
- **Elephant Care Centre:** The largest elephant hospital, equipped with hydrotherapy pools, imaging systems, and recovery zones.
- **Greens Zoological Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (GZRRC):** Spread over approximately 650 acres, it has dedicated enclosures for big cats, reptiles, birds, and herbivores.

🎓 POLITY 🎓

Election Commission: 474 Unrecognized Political Parties removed from the List



Why in News?

- The Election Commission has removed 474 registered unrecognized political parties from the list for violating rules.







Key Points:

- **Reason:** This decision was taken due to their failure to meet the mandatory requirement of contesting a single election for six consecutive years since 2019.
- They have not submitted their annual audited accounts within the stipulated time period for the last three financial years.
- In the first phase of this process, the Commission removed 334 registered unrecognized political parties from the list in last month. With this process, 808 registered unrecognized political parties have been removed from the list in the last two months.

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Other Important Points:

Classification of Political Parties:

राजनीतिक दलों का वर्गीकरण	
भारत में 'पंजीकृत गैर-मान्यता प्राप्त राजनीतिक दल (RUPPs)' और 'मान्यता प्राप्त राजनीतिक दल' में अंतर	
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 <p>कानूनी स्थिति</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> लोक प्रतिनिधित्व अधिनियम, 1951 की धारा 29A के तहत पंजीकृत। 	 <p>मान्यता प्राप्त करने के लिए मानदंड:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> चुनाव चिह्न आदेश, 1968 के तहत राष्ट्रीय/ राज्य स्तरीय राजनीतिक दल के रूप में मान्यता प्राप्त हो। मान्यता प्राप्त करने का आधार: लोकसभा या विधानसभा चुनावों में निर्धारित सीटें जीतना या निर्धारित मत प्रतिशत प्राप्त करना।
 <p>लाभ और विशेषाधिकार:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> कर में छूट का लाभ। लोक सभा/ राज्य विधान सभा चुनावों में उस दल के सभी उम्मीदवारों के लिए समान चुनाव चिह्न के उपयोग का अधिकार। 20 स्टार प्रचारकों की नियुक्ति की अनुमति। 	 <p>अतिरिक्त लाभ:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> आरक्षित चुनाव चिह्न मिलना। 40 स्टार प्रचारकों की नियुक्ति का अधिकार (RUPPs से दोगुना)। अतिरिक्त विशेषाधिकार और मान्यता मिलना।

- **Registration of Political Parties:** Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (RPA, 51): This section lays down the requirements for registering a political party with the Election Commission.

Currently, there are three types of parties in the country:

1. National
2. State-level
3. Registered/Unrecognized

Currently recognized national parties in India:

1. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
2. Indian National Congress (INC)
3. Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)
4. Communist Party of India Marxist (CPIM)
5. National People's Party (NPP)
6. Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)

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Conditions for Becoming a National Party	Conditions for Becoming a State-Level Political Party
A party has won at least 2% of the total seats in the Lok Sabha from at least three different states.	A party has secured at least 6% of the total valid votes in the State Legislative Assembly election and has also won at least 2 seats in the state Assembly.
A party is recognized as a state party in at least four states.	A party has secured at least 6% of the total valid votes in the Lok Sabha elections in that state and has also won at least 1 Lok Sabha seat in that state.
A party has secured at least 6% of the total valid votes in the Lok Sabha or Legislative Assembly elections in at least four states, and in addition, has won at least 4 seats in the Lok Sabha.	A party has won at least 3% of the total seats in the state Legislative Assembly or at least 3 seats, whichever is more.
	A party has won at least 1 Lok Sabha seat for every 25 Lok Sabha seats in the state.
	A party has secured at least 8% of the total valid votes in either the Lok Sabha or the State Legislative Assembly elections. (This condition was added in 2011.)



PERSONALITY



Daniel Katz



Why in News?

- International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva has proposed appointing Daniel Katz, Chief of Staff to US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessant, as First Deputy Managing Director, widely considered the IMF's second-highest leadership position.



Key Points:

- Katz has more than a decade of experience with the Treasury Department, serving as Bessant's key advisor on a wide range of domestic and international matters.

Other Key Points:

- **International Monetary Fund (IMF):** The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is a key institution in the global financial system.
- **Established on:** December 27, 1945
- **Basis for Establishment:** Bretton Woods Conference, 1944
- **Member Countries:** 189 countries.

- **Bretton Woods Institutions:** The Bretton Woods Institutions were established at the United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference held in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, in 1944.
- After World War II, representatives from 43 countries met to rebuild the post-war economy, promote international economic cooperation, create a new international monetary system, ensure an exchange rate system, prevent competitive devaluations, and promote economic growth.
- A major outcome of the Bretton Woods Agreement was the establishment of institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank (including its predecessor institution, the IBRD).
- John Maynard Keynes was one of the founding fathers of both institutions.

Objectives:

1. Promote high employment and sustainable economic growth.
2. Promote global monetary cooperation.
3. Ensure financial stability.
4. Facilitate international trade.
5. Reduce poverty worldwide.

Functions:

1. **Lending:** The organization's primary function is to provide loans to member countries facing actual or potential balance of payments problems.
- Unlike development banks, the International Monetary Fund does not provide loans for specific projects. Rather, it provides funds to stabilize currencies, replenish international reserves, and strengthen favorable conditions for economic growth.

2. **Surveillance:** The IMF monitors the international monetary system and oversees the economic and financial policies of all its 189 member countries.
3. **Capacity Building:** It provides technical assistance and training to its member countries. It strengthens their institutional capacity and skills to formulate and implement economic policies that promote growth and stability.

Governance Structure:

- **Board of Governors:** The Board of Governors is the organization's highest decision-making body.
 - o It consists of one Governor and one Alternate Governor from each member country.
 - o In India, the Union Finance Minister is the ex-officio Governor of the IMF, and the RBI Governor is the Alternate Governor.
- **Ministerial Committees:** The Board of Governors is advised by two ministerial committees:
 1. **International Monetary and Financial Committee:** For this committee, 24 members are selected from among the 190 Governors.
 2. **Development Committee:** A joint committee consisting of 25 members from the Boards of Governors of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Quota System of the International Monetary Fund (IMF):

- Each member country is allocated a quota (i.e., contribution) that reflects country's relative size in the global economy.
- A larger quota means greater voting rights and greater borrowing permission.
- Quotas are denominated in Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), the IMF's accounting unit.

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Weighted Average:

Indicator	Weight
GDP	50% weight
Openness	30% weight
Economic Variability	15% weight
International Reserves	5% weight

Currency of the International Monetary Fund (IMF); Special Drawing Rights (SDRs):

- An international reserve asset was created by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in 1969 to enhance the official foreign reserves of member countries.
- Since October 1, 2016, the SDRs basket includes the US dollar, Euro, Chinese Renminbi, Japanese yen, and British Pound Sterling.

Key reports published by the IMF:

1. World Economic Outlook
2. Global Financial Stability Report

- **Note:** Countries in the Indian constituency include Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka.
- **Note:** Currently, India has 2.75 percent SDR quota and 2.63 percent voting rights in the IMF.

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IMPORTANT DAYS



International Week of the Deaf, 2025



Why in News?

- The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is organizing the International Week of the Deaf (IWDeaf) from September 20 to 26, 2025.



Key Points:

- **Event Led by:** Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), an autonomous body under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.
- ISLRTC focuses on research, training, and raising awareness about Indian Sign Language (ISL) across the country.
- **Theme for the year 2025:** "No Human Rights Without the Right to Sign Language."
- The week, including International Sign Language Day on September 23, focuses on empowering deaf communities to provide leadership, promote accessibility, and advocate for inclusive education.

History of International Week of the Deaf;

- International Week of the Deaf is an annual event celebrated worldwide during the last week of September.



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- **Origin:** Originated in 1958 in Rome, Italy, where the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) held its first World Congress.

Year/Period	Significance
1958	The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) held its first World Congress in Rome. Establishment of the International Week of the Deaf.
1960–1970s	National associations organized various activities and programs.
1980–1990s	Focused on raising public awareness about Deaf culture, sign language, and the challenges faced by the community.
2009	The International Week of the Deaf was officially recognized by the United Nations.
2018	The week was celebrated along with the first official International Day of Sign Languages, as declared by the United Nations.

International Day of Peace: September 21



Key Points:

- **Celebrated on:** September 21st every year.
- **Origin:** In 1981, the United Nations General Assembly declared the third Tuesday of September as International Day of Peace.
- After two decades of observing the day, in 2001, the Assembly decided to observe this date on September 21st every year.
- **Theme for 2025:** “Advancing Peace through the Sustainable Development Goals.”
- **Objective:** To strengthen the ideals of peace worldwide.