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### Artwork of Rajasthan's first gold mine



#### Why in News?

- Recently, the first gold mine of Banswara located in Rajasthan was auctioned. A new gallery of this mine will be made by the Mines Department.



#### Key Points:

- It is known that the auction of Bhukhiya-Jagpura mining was held on May 15, 2024, whose documentary is 9.4026 sq km. is in the domain.
- According to geologists, this area has a reserve of 113.52 million tonnes of gold stones in 940.26 mines.

#### Gold Reserves in Rajasthan:

- Banswara** - Bhukhiya-Jagpura, Delwara, Panchmahori of Ghatol tehsil.
- Dausa** - Dhani Basri.

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- **Salumber - Dugocha.**
- **Dungarpur-Bharkundi area.**
- Apart from gold mineral, supermarkets are also likely to have reserves of copper, nickel and cobalt minerals.

## Facts for Prelims:

### Major Gold Mines located in India:

Gold Mine	State
Hutti Gold Mine	Karnataka
Kolar Gold Fields	Karnataka
Sonbhadra Gold Mine	Uttar Pradesh
Lava Gold Mine	Jharkhand
Parasi Gold Mine	Jharkhand
Pahadiya Gold Mine	Jharkhand
Kundarkocha Gold Mine	Jharkhand
Bithar Dari Gold Mine	Jharkhand

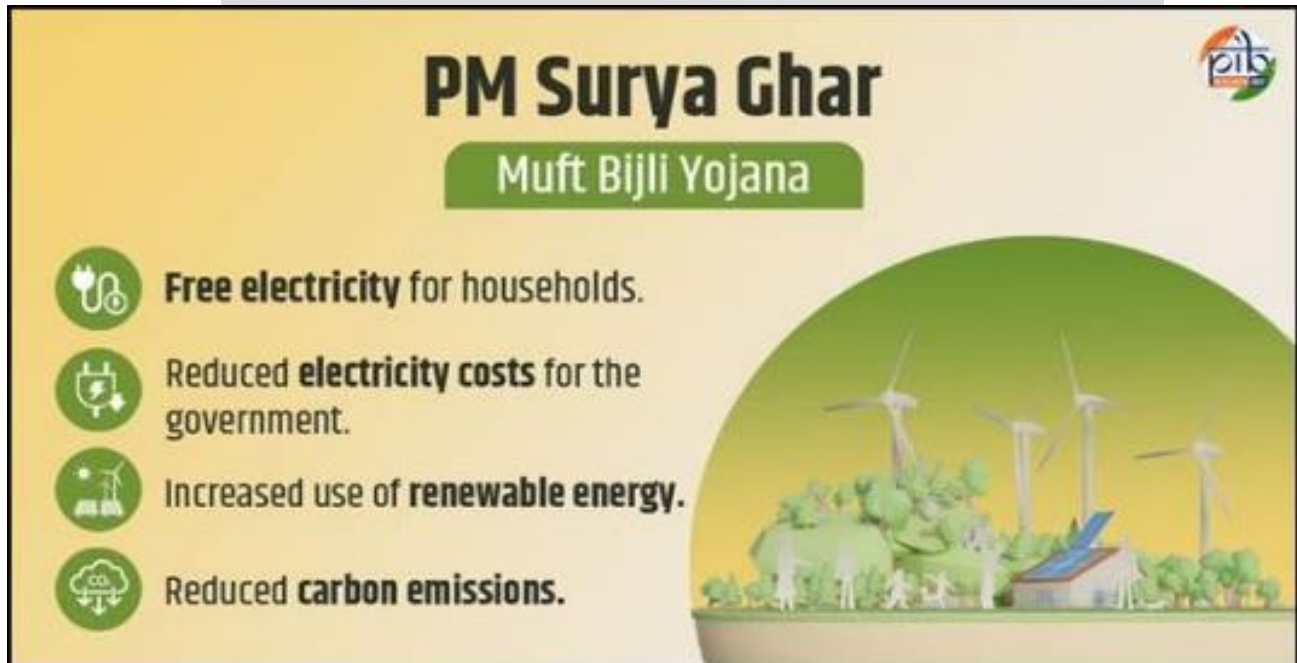
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## 'Green India Campaign' under PM Surya Ghar Yojana



### Why in News?

- Recently 'Green India Campaign' was launched by Dr. Arun Chaturvedi, Chairman, Rajasthan State Finance Commission.



### Key Points:

- This campaign is being conducted by 'Solar Organization India' to promote Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Yojana.
- Under this campaign, the organization will organize 'Green India Exhibition' in Jodhpur from 16 to 18 November 2025 and in Jaipur from 21 to 23 January 2026.

### Facts for Prelims:

#### Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Yojana:

- Launched on :** 13 February 2024 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Objective:** To provide free electricity to homes by facilitating the installation of rooftop solar panels.



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- **Target:** To supply Electricity by solar Panels to one crore homes by March 2027.

## Subsidy Details:

Average Monthly Electricity Consumption (Units)	Suitable Rooftop Solar Plant Capacity	Subsidy Assistance
0–150	1–2 kW	₹30,000 to ₹60,000
150–300	2–3 kW	₹60,000 to ₹78,000
>300	Above 3 kW	₹78,000

## Ideal Solar Village:

- Under the 'Ideal Solar Village' component of Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Yojana, the focus is primarily on setting up one ideal solar village in each district across India.
- The initiative aims to promote the adoption of solar energy and empower rural communities to achieve energy self-sufficiency.
- An allocation of ₹800 crore has been set aside for this component, out of which ₹1 crore will be provided to each selected ideal solar village.

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## NEWS IN SHORTS

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1.	<p><b>Rajasthan in National Para Throwball Championship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Rajasthan's men's team secured overall third position in the National Para Throwball Championship held in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.</li><li>■ Andhra Pradesh team was the champion and Jharkhand team stood second in this competition.</li><li>■ Rajasthan team failed to secure any position in the women's category.</li></ul>
2.	<p><b>Lalit Kumar Kalal - New President of Indian Ring Tennis Federation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Recently, in the elections of Indian Ring Tennis Federation in Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), Lalit Kumar Kalal of Rajasthan and KRV Shyam Sundar of Telangana were elected as President and General Secretary respectively for the next three years.</li></ul>
3.	<p><b>'Voices of Bharat: Youth for Sustainability' Campaign</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Prem Chand Bairwa recently released the third newsletter of 'Voices of Bharat: Youth for Sustainability' campaign in Jaipur.</li><li>■ This one-year campaign was launched by Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma on June 5, 2025 on the occasion of World Environment Day.</li></ul>

- The aim of the 'Voices of India: Youth for Sustainability' campaign is to inspire and train youth through storytelling, podcasts, videos and digital media to face the challenges of environment and climate change.

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## **Shahar Chalo Abhiyan (September 15 to October 2, 2025)**

- The Rajasthan government will conduct a state-wide 'Shahar Chalo Abhiyan' from September 15 to October 2, 2025.
- Under this campaign, public welfare works like improvement of sanitation system in urban bodies, installation of new street lights, catching stray animals, birth-death certificates, maintenance and beautification of public places, road repairs will be done.

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## **Gaon Chalo Abhiyan (from 18 September, 2025)**

- The Rajasthan government will conduct the 'Gaon Chalo Abhiyan' three days a week across the state from September 18, 2025, in which easy access to government services will be ensured to the villagers.
- The state government will run this campaign in two gram panchayats of every Panchayat Samiti from September 18 and will run three days a week.
- Under this campaign, applications for government schemes, health camps, repair work of schools, distribution of seeds and mini pests among farmers etc. type of tasks will be performed.
- Also, Sahakar membership campaign will also be conducted across the state from October 2 to October 15, 2025.





## INTERNATIONAL



### Country in news: Afghanistan



#### Why in News?

- Recently, a 6.0 magnitude earthquake struck Afghanistan's eastern provinces of Nangarhar and Kunar, killing nearly 1500 people and injuring more than 4000.







## Key Points:

- **Epicenter:** 27 km east of Jalalabad on the Pakistan border.

## Geographical Location:

- Afghanistan is a landlocked country located at the junction of Central Asia and South Asia.
- **Neighbouring Countries:** Shares its border with India (through Pakistan Occupied Kashmir) in the east, Pakistan in the south, Iran in the west, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan in the north, Tajikistan in the north-east and China (through the Wakhan Corridor) in the north-east.

## Major Mountains and Plateaus:

- **Hindu Kush Mountains:** The main mountain range of the country, which extends from north-east to south-west. This mountain range has a significant impact on the climate and transportation here.
- **Highest Peak of Afghanistan:** Noshq (7,492 m)
- **Paropamisus Mountains:** Western extension of Hindu Kush, extending towards Iran.

## Major Rivers:

1. **Amu Darya:** River originating from Pamir glaciers, forms the border in the north.
2. **Hari River:** Originates from Baba Mountain, passes near Herat and goes towards Iran.
3. **Helmand River:** Originates from Baba Mountain and flows towards south-west and finally ends in the Sistan Basin.
4. **Kabul River:** Originates from the plateaus of eastern Afghanistan and meets the Indus River in Pakistan.

- **Wakhan Corridor:** A narrow high plateau region that stretches between China, Pakistan and Tajikistan, once known as the 'most isolated corner of the world'. It is important from historical and strategic point of view.





## SCHEMES



### Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) – Amnesty Scheme 2025



#### Why in News?

- Amnesty Scheme 2025 just got approved in the 196th Corporation Meeting of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC).



#### Key Points:

- **Objective:** To reduce the backlog of court cases and promote compliance under the ESI Act through settlement of legal disputes.

#### Scheme Period:

- **Applicable:** From 01 October 2025 to 30 September 2026.
- The scheme will provide employers a structured mechanism of dispute resolution outside of court cases.

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## Legal and Administrative Provisions:

- As on 31 March 2025, about 27,000 cases were pending in various courts.
- **Features for employers under the scheme are:**
  1. Settlement of ad-hoc assessment by paying actual contribution and interest – no additional compensation.
  2. Cases already paid will be withdrawn, provided 10% of the disputed compensation is paid.
  3. Cases filed due to non-submission of records or delay in payment by ESIC, which are complied with later, will be withdrawn with the permission of the court.
  4. Court cases filed up to 31.03.2025 will become eligible under this scheme.
- Regional Directors and Sub-Regional Officers have the authority to process withdrawals in this period.

## Significance:

- Earlier, due to limited appeal provision and lack of withdrawal powers, litigation took a long time even after compliance.
- Amnesty 2025 removes these shortcomings and provides a genuine and benevolent dispute resolution route for employers.
- It will support the Government's 'Ease of Doing Business' objectives.





## ECONOMIC SCENARIO



### India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) 8th Foundation Day



#### Why in News?

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) celebrated its 8th Foundation Day (September 1, 2018), popularly known as IPPB Day.



#### Key Points:

- **Establishment and Success:** IPPB has added more than 12 crore customers and provided door-to-door banking services in rural, semi-urban and remote areas.
- **Innovation:** IPPB has introduced several new banking services, such as DigiSmart (digital savings account), Premium Arogya Bachat Khata (account with health benefits), and Aadhaar-based face authentication.
- **Partnerships:** IPPB has expanded into end-to-end Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), pension payments and insurance and investment products.

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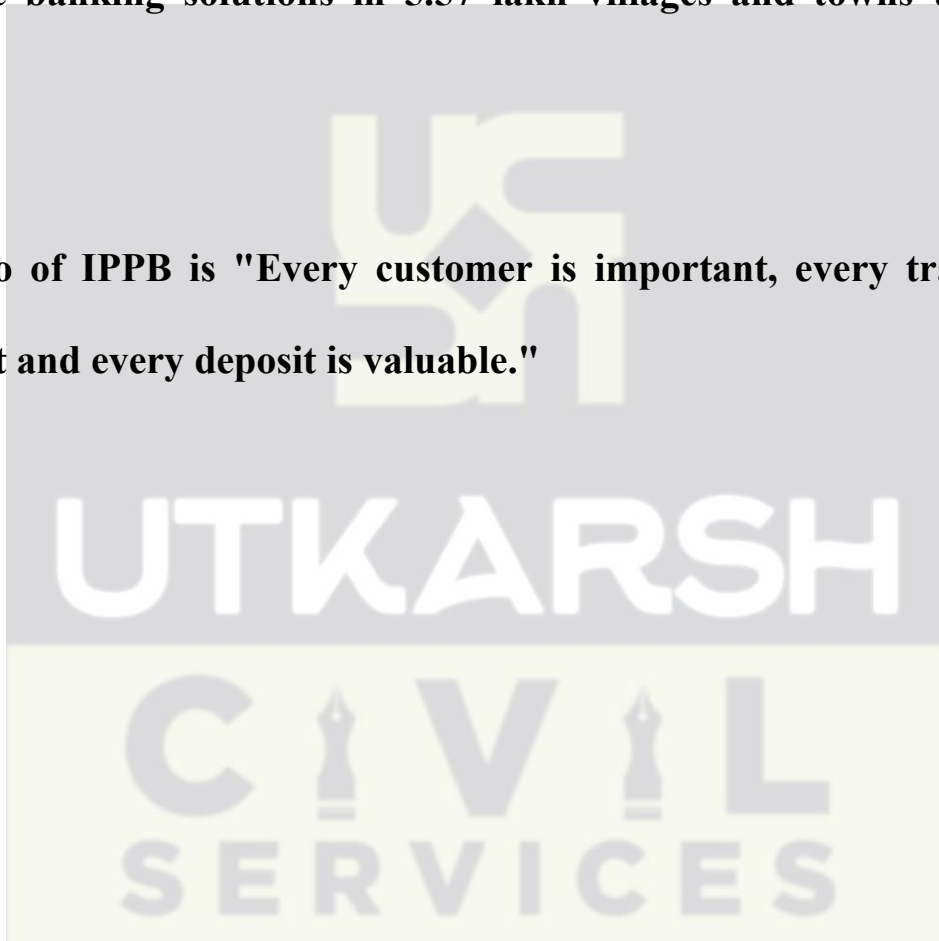


## Objectives of IPPB:

- To promote a low-cash economy and contribute to the vision of Digital India.
- For social inclusion in digital banking, the Bank has provided simple and affordable banking solutions in 5.57 lakh villages and towns through out India.

## Motto:

- The motto of IPPB is "Every customer is important, every transaction is significant and every deposit is valuable."



## MILITARY EXERCISES

### Joint Military Exercise Maitree-XIV between India and Thailand

#### Why in News?

- The 14th edition of the Joint Military Exercise Maitree-XIV is being conducted from 1 to 14 September 2025 at the Joint Training Node (JTN) at Umroi, Meghalaya.



#### Key Points:

##### Objective:

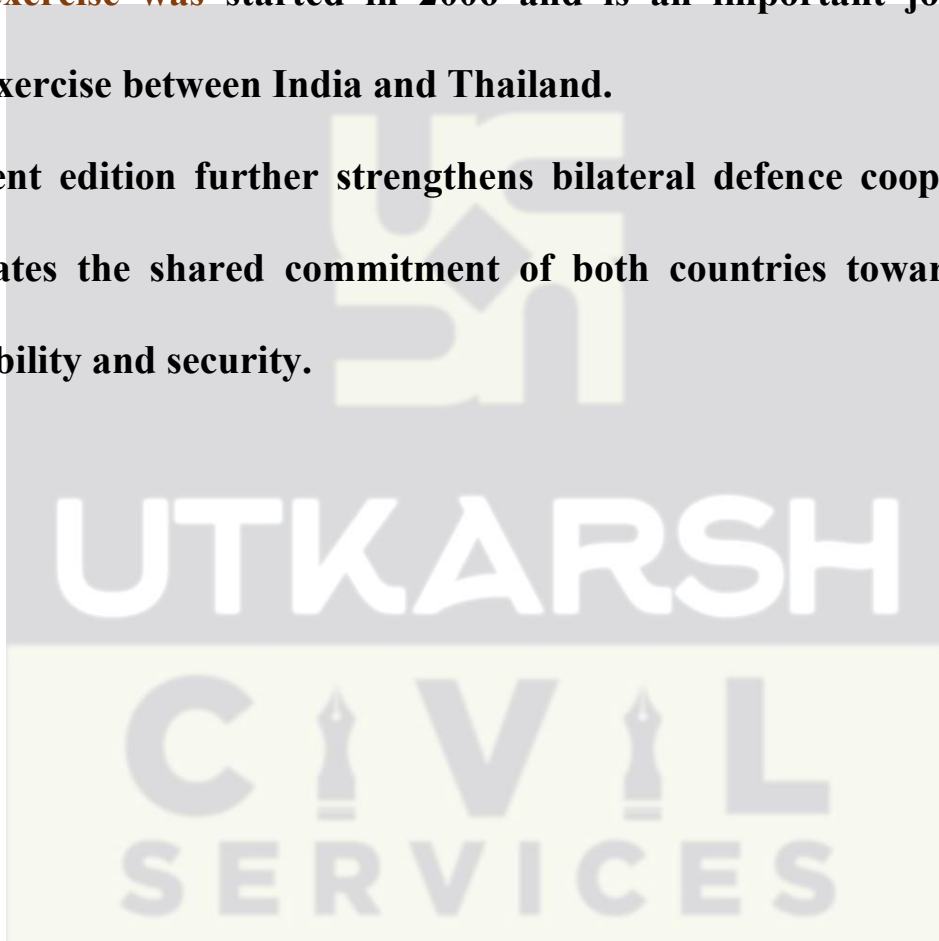
- The main objective of this exercise is to enhance cooperation, joint participation and mutual understanding between the Indian Army and the Royal Thai Army.

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- The exercise will focus on counter-terrorism operations in semi-urban areas under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter.

## History and Significance:

- **Maitree exercise was** started in 2006 and is an important joint military training exercise between India and Thailand.
- The current edition further strengthens bilateral defence cooperation and demonstrates the shared commitment of both countries towards regional peace, stability and security.







## IMPORTANT DAYS

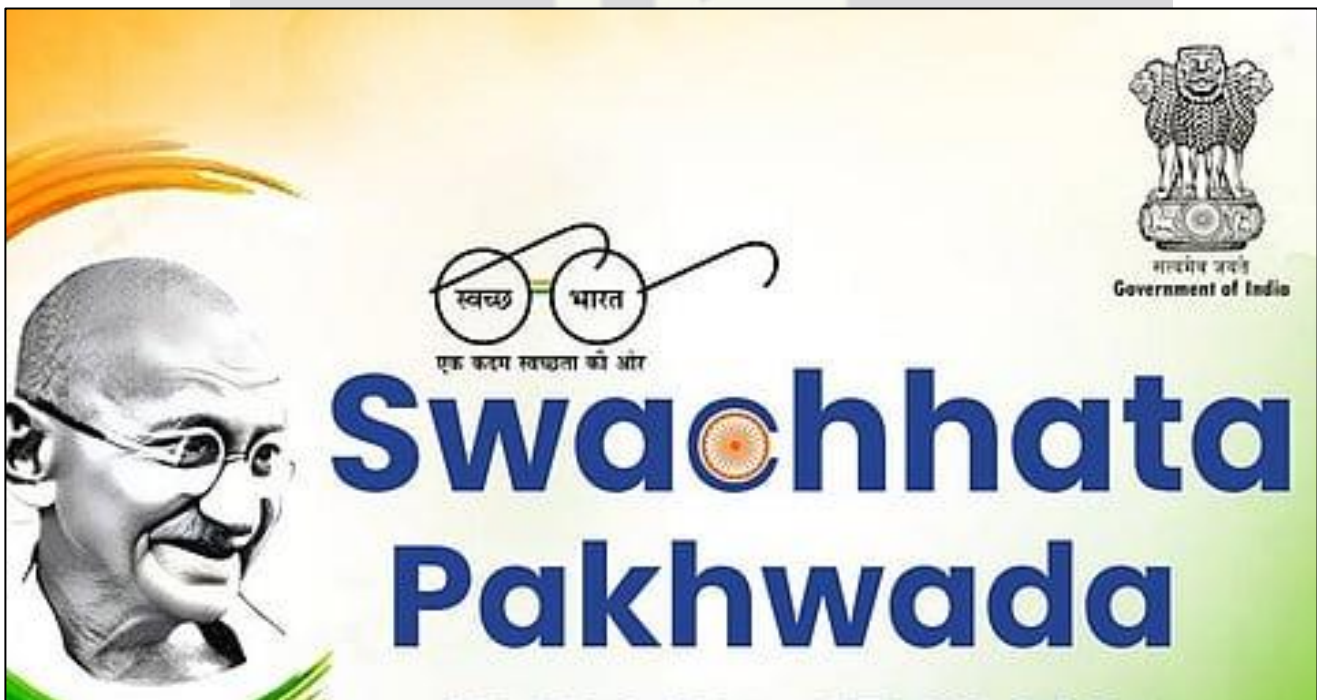


### Swachhta Pakhwada 2025 organised



#### Why in News?

- The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) successfully organised Swachhta Pakhwada 2025 from August 16 to 31.



#### Key Points:

- The two-week campaign as part of the Government of India's Swachh Bharat Mission covered cleanliness, awareness and sustainability initiatives involving officials of MHI, autonomous bodies and Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs).

## National Nutrition Week 2025



### Why in News?

- **Event:** National Nutrition Week 2025 will be organized from September 1 to 7, 2025.
- **Theme:** "Eat Right for a Better Life".



### Key Points:

#### Objective:

1. To spread awareness about adopting a balanced diet and conscious eating habits.
  2. To focus on prevention of malnutrition and lifestyle diseases.
- This initiative is being jointly run by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

- The event, which is linked with national programs like Poshan Abhiyaan, aims to make people aware of the importance of nutrition.

## Background:

- It was first launched in 1982 by the Food and Nutrition Board of the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- India is facing three nutrition challenges majorly:
  - i. Malnutrition in children and mothers.
  - ii. Micronutrient deficiencies (such as anemia).
  - iii. Diet-borne diseases (such as obesity, diabetes and hypertension).

## Related Government Programmes:

- **Poshan Abhiyaan (National Nutrition Mission):** Focuses on eliminating malnutrition, stunting, anaemia and low birth-weight.
- **Mid-day Meal Scheme (PM-POSHAN):** Focuses on providing nutritious meals to school children.
- **Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS):** Focuses on providing additional nutrition to children below six years of age and pregnant/lactating women.
- **Anganwadi Centres:** For nutritional counselling and fortified food distribution.