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## Rawatbhata Atomic Power Project (RAPP)



### Why in News?

- Recently, a comprehensive radiological emergency mock drill was conducted at Rawatbhata Atomic Power Project (RAPP) under the supervision of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).



### Key Points:

- This mock drill was conducted simultaneously in 22 villages of five districts of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, in which 49 thousand people were practiced to rescue in radiological emergency situations.
- Rawabhata Atomic Power Project (RAPP)**
- Rajasthan Atomic Power Project (RAPP) located at Rawatbhata in Chittorgarh is the only nuclear power plant of the state, which operates 7 Pressurized Heavy Water Reactor (PHWR) units with a total installed capacity of 1780 MW.
- Started: December, 1973 (In Cooperation with - Canada)**
- Operated: Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL)**

Unit	Production
First Unit	100 MW (Currently closed)
Second Unit	200 MW
Third Unit	220 MW
Fourth Unit	220 MW
Fifth Unit	220 MW
Sixth Unit	220 MW
Seventh Unit	700 MW
Eighth Unit	Under construction
Total Production	1780 Megawatt (MW)

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- **PHWR:** A pressurised heavy water reactor (PHWR) is a type of nuclear power reactor that uses heavy water (deuterium oxide/D<sub>2</sub>O) as a coolant and neutron moderator and natural uranium as a fuel.
- **Nodal agency for generation, maintenance and monitoring of nuclear power in India:** Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL)



## Facts for Prelims:

- **National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA):**
- **Established under the Disaster Management Act, 2005,** the NDMA is the apex body in the country for disaster management.
- **Ex-officio Chairperson:** Prime Minister of India.
- **Objective:** The NDMA is the agency responsible for laying down national policies, plans and guidelines for disaster management, coordinating and enforcing the implementation of these policies and approving plans developed by ministries, states and other agencies to ensure integrated response to disasters.
- **Vision:** The vision of NDMA is to build a safe and disaster-resilient India through proactive, technology-driven and sustainable strategies involving all stakeholders.

## Factories (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill – 2025



### Why in News?

- Recently, the draft of the Factories (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill – 2025 was approved by the Rajasthan Cabinet to amend the Factories Act, 1948 (Central Act).



### Key Points:



- With this proposed amendment, the daily working hours of factory workers in the weekly working hours of 48 hours will be increased from maximum 9 hours to 10 hours and the maximum duration of work before rest will be increased from 5 hours to 6 hours.
- The maximum time limit of factory workers at the workplace including working hours and rest period will be increased from ten and a half hours to 12 hours.
- The maximum limit of overtime in a quarter will be 144 hours. The consent of the worker will be required for this.
- Women workers can be allowed to work night shifts (after 7 pm and before 6 am) with safety conditions and written consent.

## Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL)



### Why in News?

- Recently, Hindustan Zinc Limited, India's largest integrated zinc producer, partnered with Epiroc to enhance digital safety in mining.



### Key Points:

- Under the HZL and Epiroc collaboration, Collision Avoidance System will be implemented on 30 low profile dump trucks at Sindesar Khurd Mine (Rajsamand).
- This system will ensure the safety of personnel and machines through real-time alerts, proximity sensors and wearable tags.



### Facts for Prelims:

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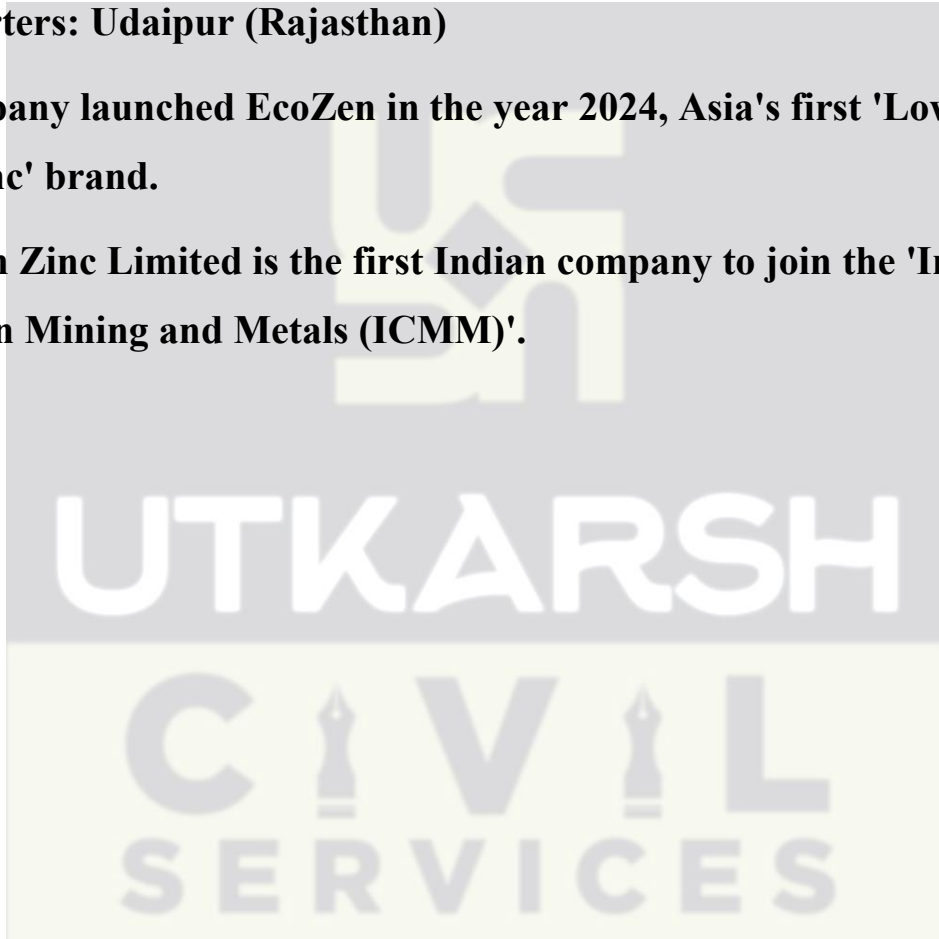


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- Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL), a Vedanta Group company, is the world's largest integrated zinc producer and one of the top 5 silver producers globally.
- Founded in: 1966.
- Headquarters: Udaipur (Rajasthan)
- This company launched EcoZen in the year 2024, Asia's first 'Low Carbon Green Zinc' brand.
- Hindustan Zinc Limited is the first Indian company to join the 'International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM)'.



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## **NEWS IN SHORTS**

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1.	<p><b>Khatushyamji Master Plan 2041</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ On the lines of the Smart City Mission of the Central Government, Khatushyamji urban area will be developed as a clean, green and eco city.</li><li>■ In this regard, the government recently approved the Master Plan 2041 of Khatu Shyamji.</li><li>■ In the budget 2024-25, ₹ 100 crore was announced by the Rajasthan government for the development of Khatushyamji.</li></ul>
2.	<p><b>Achievement of Bhilwara Police</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Bhilwara Police set a new record by recovering 1014 mobile phones out of 1432 complaints registered on the 'Central Equipment Identity Register,' portal at the national level.</li><li>■ The achievement of Bhilwara Police is the highest in all the western states and union territories of the country including Rajasthan.</li></ul>
3.	<p><b>Kenneth Felix Haczynski da Nobrega</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Recently, Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma met Kenneth Felix Haczynski da Nobrega, Ambassador of Brazil to India.</li></ul>
4.	<p><b>'Raj Plast 2025' Mega Exhibition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Recently, the poster of 'Raj Plast 2025 Mega Exhibition' to be held at JECC Sitapura from September 19 to 21, 2025 was released by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma.</li></ul>



## Formation of Special Investigation Team (SIT)



### Why in News?

- The Supreme Court of India has constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by former apex court judge Justice Jasti Chelameswar. The objective of the four-member SIT is to conduct a fact-finding inquiry into the allegations against the Vantara Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- Appointment:
  - Chairman: Retired judge, Justice Jasti Chelameswar.
  - Members:
    - (i) Justice Raghavendra Chauhan (former Chief Justice of Uttarakhand and Telangana High Court)
    - (ii) Hemant Nagrale (former Mumbai Police Commissioner)
    - (iii) Aneesh Gupta (senior IRS officer)
- The court directed the SIT to submit its report by September 12.

## Exercise Samanway Shakti 2025



### Key Points:

- Indian Army has commenced Exercise Samanway Shakti 2025 in Tinsukia district of Assam.
- It aims to strengthen the strategic preparedness, cooperation and mutual coordination capability of the Army.

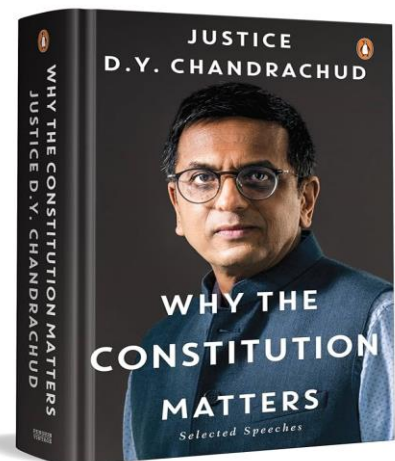
- **Military–Civil Coordination:** This exercise is an important initiative to promote military–civil coordination with the state authorities of Assam and Manipur.
- **Approach:** To address the complex challenges of the region with an integrated and coordinated approach, and to strengthen cooperation and understanding between security, administration and civil bodies.
- It is a 10-day Military-Civil Integration Exercise.
- **Participation:** Military and security forces, government departments, civil and infrastructure, security officials and industry, media participated prominently.

## "Why the Constitution Matters" book



### Why in News?

- Recently, former Chief Justice of India Justice D.Y. Chandrachud's book "Why the Constitution Matters" was published by Penguin Random House.



### Key Points:

- **Topics of the Book:** The Book covers topics such as democracy, freedom of expression, pluralism, gender discrimination, environmental governance, dissent and landmark judgements that shaped modern India.

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- Justice Dhananjaya Yashwant Chandrachud took over as the 50th Chief Justice of India after 49th Chief Justice Uday Umesh Lalit. His tenure was relatively short, two years.
- Other important points :
- Chief Justice of India :

1st Chief Justice	Justice Harilal Jekisundas Kania
16th Chief Justice	Justice Yeshwant Vishnu Chandrachud (longest tenure)
22nd Chief Justice	Justice Kamal Narayan Singh (shortest tenure)
49th Chief Justice	Justice Uday Umesh Lalit
50th Chief Justice	Justice Dhananjay Yeshwant Chandrachud
51st Chief Justice	Justice Sanjay Khanna
52nd Chief Justice	Justice Bhushan Ramakrishna Gavai

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## Portal

### e-Sakshi Web Portal (eSAKSHI Portal)



#### चर्चा में क्यों?

- Minister of State in the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and Ministry of Planning shared information regarding e-Sakshi web portal in a written reply to a question during the Lok Sabha session.



#### Key Points:

- e-Sakshi web portal:

Launch	Cooperation	Ministry
• April 1, 2023	• State Bank of India	• Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation

- Objective: A one-stop solution for efficient and transparent implementation of revised fund flow processes under MPLADS scheme.
- Other key points:
  - MPLADS Scheme:
  - Type: Central Sector Scheme
  - Ministry: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

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- **Fund Allocation: ₹ 5 crore to each MP for development works for creation of durable community assets based on local needs.**
- **Fund Allocation Target: At least 15% for SC areas and 7.5% for ST areas.**
- **Funds: Non-lapsable**
- **Mechanism:**

Member of Parliament-  
recommends works based on local  
needs of the selected constituency.

District Officer (District Collector)-  
approves eligible works, selects  
implementation agency etc.

Ministry of Statistics and  
Programme Implementation:  
Formulates MPLAD policy (releases  
Rs. 5 crore per year, in installments  
of Rs. 2.5 crore directly to District  
Authority).

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## Nepal declared Rubella free by WHO



### Key Points:

- **Nepal's Achievement:**
  - o Nepal has been officially declared Rubella free by the World Health Organization (WHO).
  - o Nepal has now become the sixth country in the WHO South-East Asia Region to achieve Rubella elimination.
  - o This achievement strengthens the commitment to move towards the goal of disease control at the regional level by 2026.
- **About Rubella:**
  - o Rubella, also known as German measles, is a contagious viral infection.
  - o It can pose serious risks to pregnant women, such as miscarriage, stillbirth, or birth defects.
  - o The disease is completely preventable through vaccination.
  - o Eliminating rubella could prevent future generations from developing lifelong disabilities.
- **Rubella status of India**
- **National Campaign:** Although sporadic cases are still reported in India, it aims to eliminate both measles and rubella by 2026. The government has launched the National Zero Measles-Rubella Elimination Campaign for 2025-2026 to achieve 100% vaccination coverage.
- **World Health Organization (WHO):**
  - o Founded: 7 April 1948

- o Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- o Objectives:
  - (i) Set global health standards
  - (ii) Prevent and control diseases
  - (iii) Improve and support health services
  - (iv) Provide guidance in health emergencies (pandemic, epidemic)
- o Member countries: 194 countries
- o WHO celebrates World Health Day every year on 7 April.

## Fortified Rice



### Key Points:

- Objective of the Agreement:
  - o Partnership between India and WFP: India and the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) for the supply of fortified rice, taking a significant step towards ending global hunger.
  - o Objective of the Partnership: Under this partnership, India will supply fortified rice to WFP, which will be distributed through WFP's humanitarian assistance programmes.
- Fortified Rice:
  - A type of rice enriched with essential micronutrients to fight malnutrition, including iron, folic acid and vitamin B12. This process, known as rice fortification, is recognised globally as a cost-effective strategy to improve public health.



## Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)

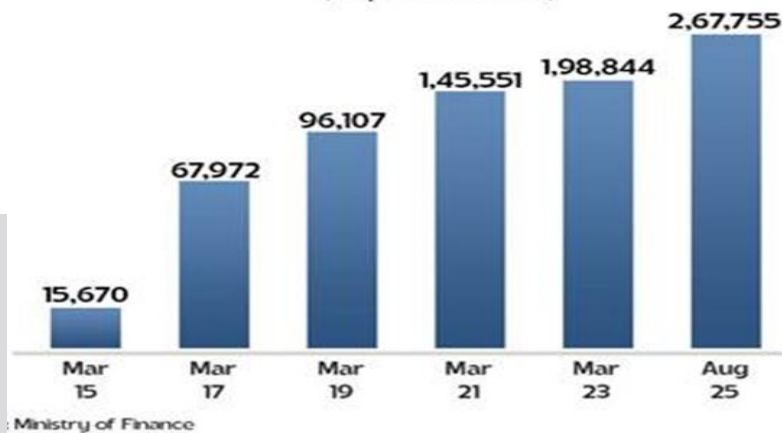
### Why in News?

- Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) completed its 11 years on 28 August 2025.
- Commencement and Objectives:
  - o Commencement: Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) was launched on 28 August 2014.
  - o Goal: Financial inclusion, especially connecting the unbanked sections to formal banking services.
- Achievements:



- o 56.16 crore bank accounts opened.
- o 56% of the accounts are held by women, which promotes gender equality in financial access.
- o ₹2.67 lakh crore deposits in accounts, which reflects active participation in financial activities.

## PMJDY Deposit Growth (2015-2025) (Deposit in crore)



- o 38.68 crore debit cards issued.

## RuPay DEBIT CARDS ISSUE (2015-2025) (Count in crore)



- o Accident insurance of 2 lakh and overdraft facilities of ₹10,000 provided.

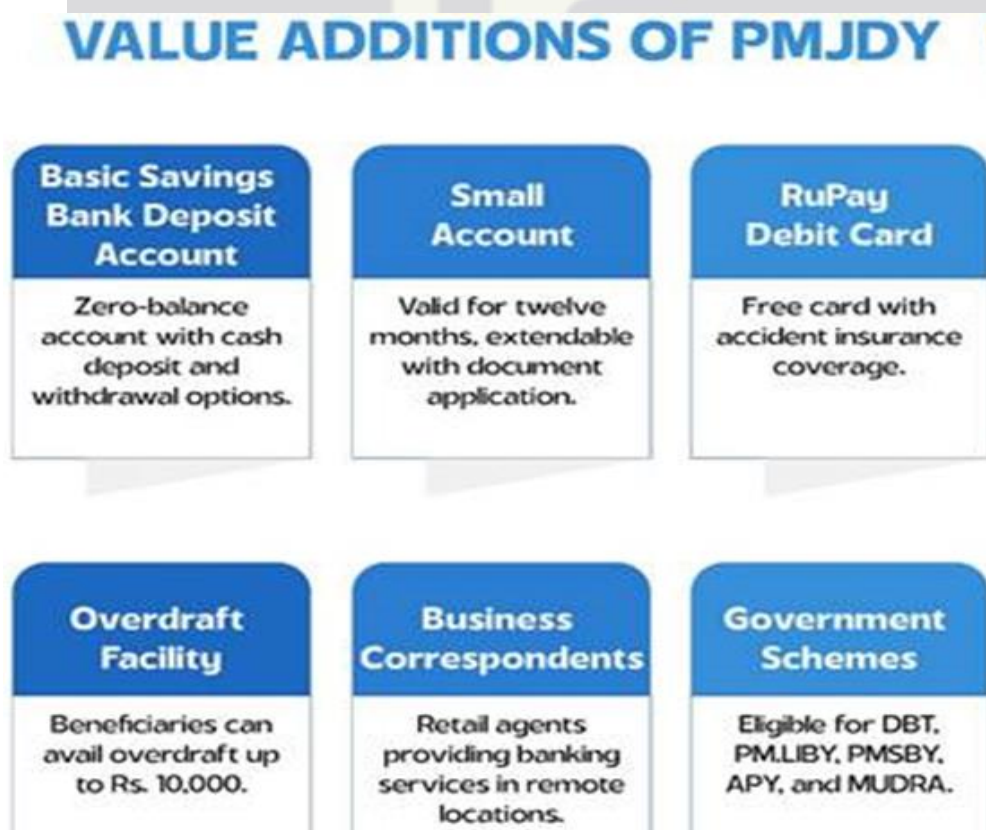
### ■ Social and Economic Impact:

#### Basic Tenets of the Scheme





- o Successful integration of Government schemes: Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) made possible in 327 Government schemes.
- o Account ownership in rural and urban areas: 67% accounts opened in rural/semi-urban areas, 33% in urban areas.
- o Financial empowerment of Women: Women benefitted from schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana.



## ■ Trends and Schemes:

- o Several camps were organized to enhance financial literacy and financial inclusion.
- o A comprehensive saturation drive for financial inclusion was launched from 1st July 2025 to 30th September 2025.
- o 6.6 lakh new accounts were opened and 22.65 lakh new enrollments were made.

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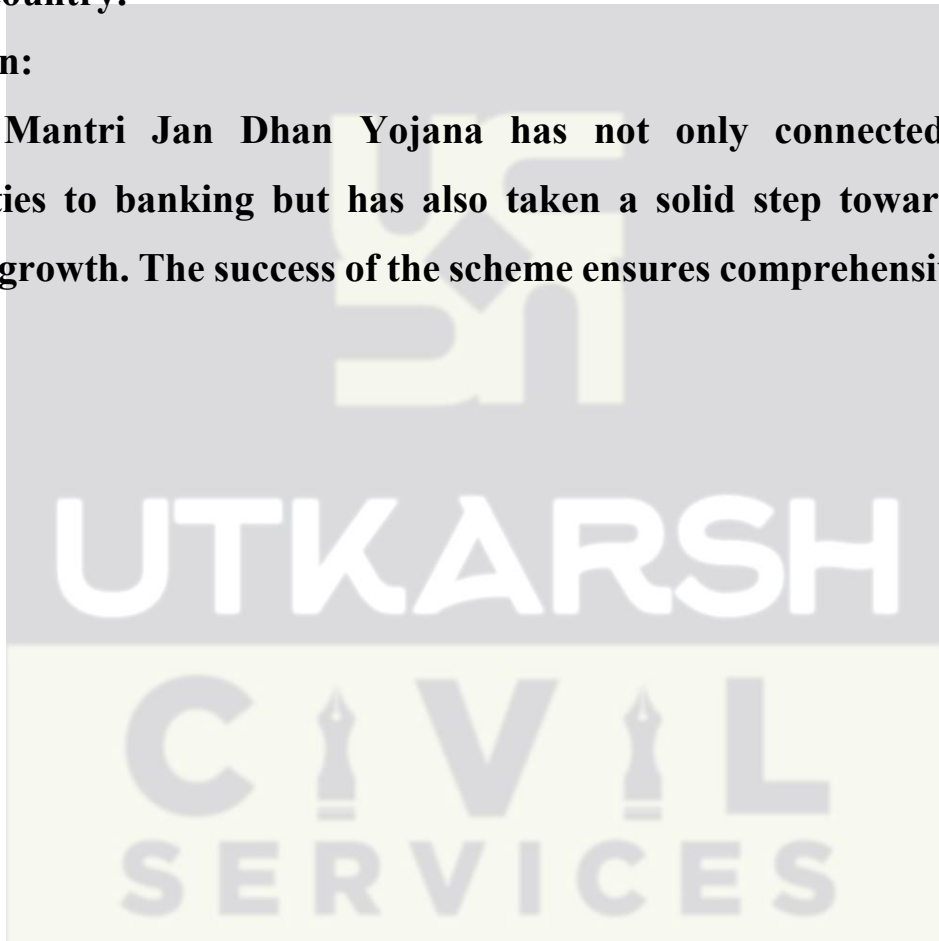


## ■ Future and Relevance:

- o Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana has promoted financial inclusion and increased the participation of citizens in India's economic progress.
- o The scheme is a strong foundation for ensuring universal financial access in the country.

## □ Conclusion:

- Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana has not only connected unbanked communities to banking but has also taken a solid step towards inclusive economic growth. The success of the scheme ensures comprehensive economic inclusion.





## ECONOMIC SCENARIO



### Top 10 Most Competitive Global Economies in 2025



#### Key Points:

- **Changes in the Global Economy:**
  - o The global economy is undergoing a transformation due to geopolitical tensions and financial instability.
  - o Competitiveness is being redefined into nation growth, sustainability, and adaptability.
- **Top 10 Most Competitive Economies of 2025:**
  - o Switzerland: With a score of 100, Switzerland is the most competitive economy globally.
  - o Singapore: Ranked second with 99.44 points.
  - o Hong Kong SAR: Ranked third with 99.22 points, moving up two spots.
- **New Entrants:**
  - o Namibia, Kenya, and Oman have gained spots in the Competitiveness Index for the first time in 37 years.
- **India's Rank:**
  - o India will slip to 41st position in 2025 from 39th in 2024.
  - o India achieved its recent peak ranking of 37th in 2022.

## PERSONALITY

### Urjit Patel: Executive Director of IMF

#### Why in News?

- According to a government order issued on August 28, 2025, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of economist and former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Urjit Patel as the Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for three years.



#### Key Points:

- Urjit Patel was appointed after the retirement of International Monetary Fund (IMF) Executive Director K.V. Subramanian from April 30, 2025.
- Contribution of Urjit Patel:

1990 to 1995	After joining the IMF, he worked in the US, India, Bahamas and Myanmar.
1998 to 2001	Advisor to the Ministry of Finance.
1996 to 1997	While on deputation from the IMF as Deputy Governor of RBI, he worked on subjects such as monetary policy, economic policy research, statistics and information management, deposit insurance, communication and right to information.
2016 to December, 2018	24th Governor of RBI. Resigned in December 2018: Fifth RBI Governor to resign in independent India.
January, 2022 to January, 2024	Serving as Vice President for Investment Operations (Region 1) at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) based in Beijing. Resignation: January, 2024

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## ❑ Other Important Points:

- The IMF's Executive Board is composed of 25 directors (executive directors or EDs) elected by member countries or groups of countries. It is part of a four-country constituency, along with India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Bhutan.

## ❑ International Monetary Fund (IMF):

- **Origin:** Established in the year 1944 at the United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference (Bretton Woods Conference) held at Bretton Woods, Hampshire, along with the World Bank.
  - **Formally came into existence:** December 1945.
  - **Headquarters:** Washington, D.C. (USA).
  - **Main objectives:** To support global monetary cooperation, ensure financial stability, facilitate international trade, promote high employment and sustainable economic growth and reduce poverty.
  - **Member countries:** More than 180 countries (including India).
- ## ❑ Functions:
- **Strengthening macro-economics at the global level.**
  - **Providing loans:** Providing short-term and medium-term loans to help countries with balance of payments imbalances.
  - **Capacity development:** Providing technical assistance and training to governments for effective economic policies.

## ❑ Organizational Structure:



## ❑ Quota System:

- **Special Drawing Rights (SDR):** It is an international reserve asset created by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in 1969 to increase the official foreign reserves of member countries.
- **Currencies included in the SDR basket:** US Dollar, Euro, British Pound Sterling, Japanese Yen and Chinese Renminbi (latest).
- **Each member's vote is equal to the sum of its basic vote (equally distributed among all members) and quota-based vote. Thus, a member's quota determines its voting power.**
- **India's quota:** 2.75% (8th largest), while the US quota is around 17%.

## ❑ Major reports published by the IMF:

- **World Economic Outlook**
- **Global Financial Stability Report**

## INDEXES AND REPORTS

### State Energy Efficiency Index, 2024



#### Why in News?

- The State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI), 2024 was released by the Ministry of Power and Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) on August 29, 2025.



#### Key Points:

- SEEI, 2024 assesses the energy efficiency performance of 36 Indian states and union territories for the financial year 2023-24.
- The index plays a key role in institutionalising state-level data monitoring, tracking energy management, promoting best practices and fostering competition in energy efficiency across states.
- The sixth edition of the index includes an enhanced implementation-focused framework with 66 indicators across seven key demand sectors including buildings, industry, municipal services, transport, agriculture, electricity distribution companies (discoms) and cross-sector initiatives.
- States were classified as leaders (more than 60 % of total assessment score), successful (50-%), contenders (30-50 %) and aspiring (<30 %), and further divided into groups based on their total final energy consumption (TFEC).

**Leading Category** Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Telangana and Tamil Nadu

**Successful Category** Assam and Kerala

**Contenders Category** Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh

- **Best performing states based on Total Final Energy Consumption (TFEC):**

Group	Energy Consumption (MTOE)	State
Group 1	> 15 MTOE	Maharashtra
Group 2	5 – 15 MTOE	Andhra Pradesh
Group 3	1 – 5 MTOE	Assam
Group 4	< 1 MTOE	Tripura

## **SPORTS**

### **Durand Cup 2025**

- **134th Edition of Durand Cup:**
  - o **Winners:** NorthEast United FC
  - o **Final:** 23 August 2025, Kolkata
  - o **Winning team score:** NorthEast United beat Diamond Harbour 6-1.
- **Importance of the Tournament:**
  - o The Durand Cup is the oldest football competition in Asia.
  - o It is the third oldest football cup competition in the World.
  - o **Founded:** in 1888, organised by the Indian Armed Forces.
- **History:**
  - o **Mohun Bagan SG:** Most successful team in Durand Cup history (17 titles).
  - o **East Bengal:** Second with 16 titles.
- **Number of matches:**
  - o **Total matches:** 43
  - o **Final:** On 23 August 2025.
- **Host State:** The 134th edition of the tournament was hosted in five states: West Bengal, Jharkhand, Assam, Meghalaya and Manipur.
- **Alaaddine Azaraie (NorthEast United FC):** The Moroccan forward was adjudged the top scorer of the tournament and was awarded the Golden Ball, scoring eight goals.

## Mirabai Chanu– Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships

### ■ Achievement:

- o Mirabai Chanu won the gold medal in the 48kg category at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2025 held in Ahmedabad.
- o With a total lift of 193kg (84kg snatch + 109kg clean and jerk), Chanu not only won the gold medal but also set new Commonwealth records in snatch, clean and jerk, and total weight.

### ■ Qualification:

- o With this gold medal, Mirabai Chanu has directly qualified for the 2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games.

### ■ Other Medalists:

- o Silver medal: Irene Henry of Malaysia (161kg)
- o Bronze medal: Nicole Roberts of Wales (150kg)

## Asian Surfing Championships



### Key Points:

### ■ First Indian to win a Medal:

- o Ramesh Budhial created history by winning a bronze medal in the open men's category at the Asian Surfing Championships held in Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu.
- o It was the first time India hosted this championship.
- o He became the first Indian surfer to reach the medal round.
- o Ramesh Budhial scored 12.60 points and finished third.

### ■ Gold and Silver Medalists:

- o Kanoa Heejae of Korea won the gold medal with 15.17 points.
- o Pajar Ariana of Indonesia won the silver medal with 14.57 points.

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## Zurich Diamond League, 2025



### Why in News?

- Javelin throw champion Neeraj Chopra finished second in the Diamond League finals held in Zurich, Switzerland on August 29, 2025.



### Key Points:

Medal	Winners	Javelin Throw
Gold Medal	Julian Weber (Germany)	91.51 m throw
Silver Medal	Neeraj Chopra (India)	85.01 m throw
Bronze Medal	Keshorn Walcott (Trinidad and Tobago)	84.95 m throw

### Other Important Points:

- Achievements of Neeraj Chopra:

Ostrava Golden Spike	Year	Medal
N.C. Classic	2025	Gold
World Championship	2025	Gold
Diamond League	2023	Gold
World Championship	2022	Gold
Tokyo Olympics	2022	Silver
Asian Games	2020	Gold
Commonwealth Games	2018	Gold
South Asian Games	2018	Gold
Ostrava Golden Spike	2016	Gold

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- **Honours:**
- **Year 2018 - Arjuna Award.**
- **Year 2020 - Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM) (Military)**
- **Year 2021 - Honoured with India's highest sports honour 'Major Dhyanchand Khel Ratna Award'.**
- **Year 2022 - Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM) (Military)**
- **Year 2022 - Honoured with the country's highest civilian honour 'Padma Shri'.**

