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## RAJASTHAN



### Maharana Pratap and Tribal Tourist Circuit



#### Why in News?

- On September 9, 2025, the Chief Minister addressed the review meeting organized regarding Maharana Pratap Tourist Circuit and Tribal Tourist Circuit, determined to preserve the glorious history and tribal culture of the state.



#### Key Points:

Tourist Circuit	Maharana Pratap Tourist Circuit	Tribal Tourist Circuit
Locations Covered	Includes various sites related to the life of Maharana Pratap such as Chavand, Haldighati, Gogunda, Kumbhalgarh, Dewair, Udaipur, etc.	Includes various tourist spots like Sitamata Sanctuary, Rishabhdev, Gautameshwar Temple, Matri Kundiya, etc.
Allocated Budget	₹100 Crores	₹100 Crores
Development / Construction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Chetak Memorial:</b> At Haldighati</li> <li><b>Depiction of Battle of Haldighati:</b> Use of modern techniques like 3D projection, light &amp; sound show to depict the battle.</li> <li><b>Development of Chavand:</b> Site of Maharana Pratap's memorial.</li> <li><b>Victory Tower:</b> Construction of a tower in Dewair to commemorate his victory.</li> <li><b>Memorials and Monuments:</b> Construction of various memorials at Dewair, Gogunda, and Chittorgarh associated with Maharana Pratap's life.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Development of Mangarh Dham</b></li> <li><b>Development of Beneshwar Dham:</b> Redevelopment of river ghats and public amenities</li> <li><b>Construction of Dungar Baranda Memorial:</b> In Dungarpur</li> <li><b>Construction of Bansia Charpota Memorial:</b> In Banswara</li> </ol>

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## Other Important Points:

### Maharana Pratap:

- **Equestrian statue of Maharana Pratap:** in Kanera, Chittor.
- **For the first time 'Maharana Pratap Mahotsav' was organized abroad:** in Georgia
- **For the first time Maharana Pratap's statue was installed abroad:** in Mauritius

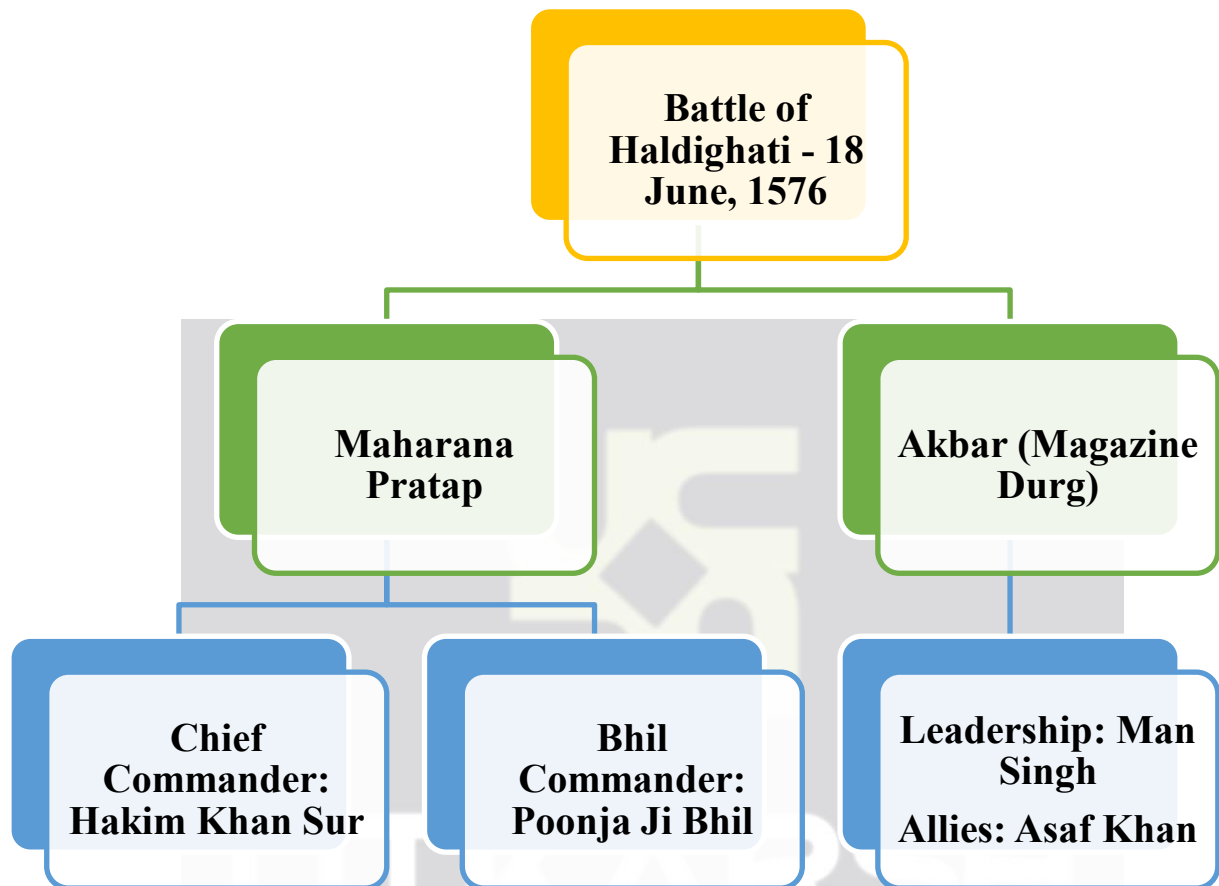
### Biography

- **Birth:** On 9 May, 1540 (Jyeshtha Shukla Tritiya) in Badal Mahal (Katargarh) Kumbhalgarh Fort.
- **Reign:** 1572-1597 AD
- **Nickname:** 'Kika' (in the hilly regions of Mewar), Mewar Kesari, Hindua Suraj.
- **Coronation:** On 28 February, 1572 at Mahadev Bavdi (Gogunda) and formal coronation; Kumbhalgarh Fort.
- **Pratap's Elephants:** Ramprasad and Luna.
- **Major Battles: Battle of Haldighati (Rajsamand):** 18 June, 1576 and Battle of Dewair (October, 1582).

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Akbar sent four delegations to make Pratap accept his subordination.



## Cultural Achievements:

- **Temples:** Chamunda Devi (Chavand), Harihar Temple (Badarana), Neelkantheshwar Mahadev Temple and Jhalra Talab (Malpura Tonk).
- **Court Scholars:**
  - **Pandit Chakrapani Mishra:** Vishwavallabh, Muhurtamala, Vyavaharadarsh and Rajyabhishek Paddhati.
  - **Jain Muni Hemratna Suri:** Gora-Badal, Padmini Charitra Chaupai, Mahipal Chaupai, Amarkumar Chaupai, Sita Chaupai, Lilavati

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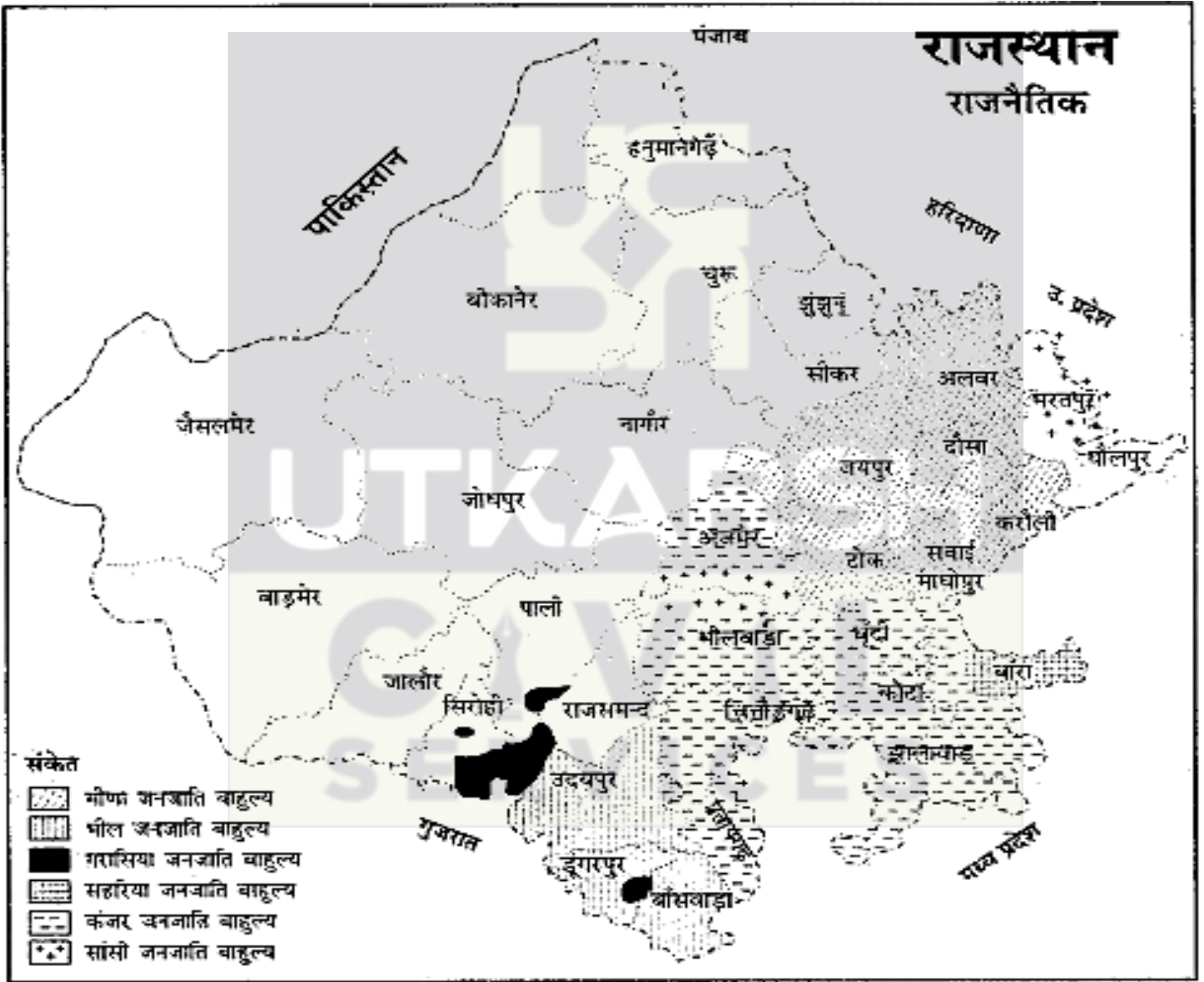
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- **Maharana Pratap and Guru Vashishtha Awards:** These awards are the best sports awards of the state which are given to the players and coaches who perform best at the international level. Award amount is ₹ 5 lakh.

## Tribes in Rajasthan:



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## Rajasthan Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Bill, 2025



### Why in News?

- On September 9, 2025, the Rajasthan Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Bill, 2025 was passed by voice vote in the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly.



### Key Points:

- Objective:** To curb the conversion of any person by any person or institution through fraud, force or undue influence.

### Provisions:

- The properties which have been used for forced conversion can be confiscated.
- Marriage done for the purpose of unlawful conversion of religion can be annulled by the Family Court or other competent court prescribed in this bill.
- Under the new bill, the person converting religion will have to give information about converting religion voluntarily and without any pressure before the District Magistrate or Additional District Magistrate authorized by him 90 days in advance. In case of not doing so, a minimum of 7 to 10 years imprisonment and a minimum fine of Rs 3 lakh will be imposed.

4. The religious leader who converts the religion will have to give a notice of conversion to the District Magistrate or an officer authorized by him 2 months in advance. In case of violation, a minimum of 10 to 14 years of imprisonment and a minimum fine of ₹ 5 lakh will be imposed.
5. **Imprisonment and Fine:**

Offense	Imprisonment	Monetary Fine
Conversion of religion through deceit or fraud	7 to 14 years of imprisonment	Minimum fine of ₹5 lakhs
Fraudulent religious conversion of minors, women, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, or persons with disabilities	Minimum 10 to 20 years of imprisonment	Minimum fine of ₹10 lakhs
Person involved in mass religious conversions through fraudulent means	Minimum 20 years to life imprisonment	Minimum fine of ₹25 lakhs
Receiving funds from foreign or illegal organizations for the purpose of religious conversion	Minimum 10 to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment	Minimum fine of ₹20 lakhs
Threatening life or property, deceitful marriage, trafficking, or instigating someone for religious conversion	Minimum 20 years to life imprisonment	Minimum fine of ₹30 lakhs
Repeat offender previously convicted for religious conversion	Minimum 20 years to life imprisonment	Minimum fine of ₹50 lakhs

## Other Important Points:

## Anti-conversion Laws of Different States:

State	Enacted in Year
Arunachal Pradesh	1978
Andhra Pradesh	2007
Uttarakhand	2018
Himachal Pradesh	2019
Uttar Pradesh	2021
Karnataka	2021
Haryana	2022

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- **Provisions related to secularism in the Indian Constitution:** Contained in Part III (Fundamental Rights), Part IV (Directive Principles of State Policy) and Part IV (Fundamental Duties).

Provision	Description
Preamble	The 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1976 added the word "Secular" to the Preamble. Meaning of Secular: A republic that gives equal respect to all religions.
Article 14	Equality before the law or equal protection of the laws for all individuals.
Article 16(1)	Equal opportunity in public employment for all citizens, with no discrimination based on religion, race, caste, sex, descent, place of birth, or residence.
Article 25	Grants freedom of conscience and the right to freely profess, practice, and propagate religion to all individuals.
Article 26	Guarantees the right of every religious group or individual to establish and maintain religious and charitable institutions and to manage their own affairs in matters of religion.
Article 27	The State shall not compel any citizen to pay taxes for the promotion or maintenance of any particular religion or religious institution.
Article 28	Permits educational institutions managed by religious groups to provide religious instruction.
Articles 29 & 30	Provide cultural and educational rights to minorities.
Article 51A	It is the fundamental duty of every citizen to promote harmony and brotherhood and to preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture.

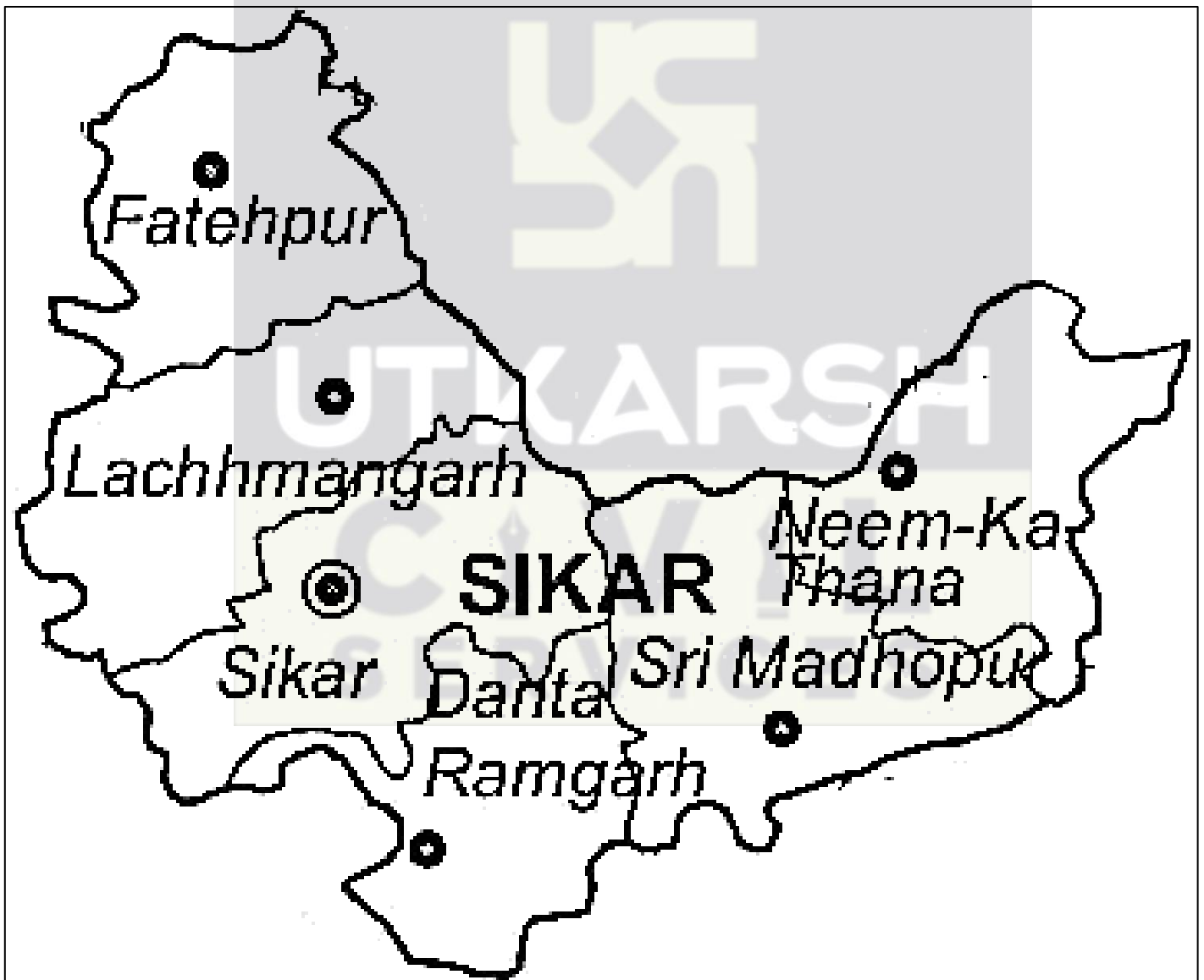
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## Uranium mining in Khandela



### Why in News?

- Under the project related to uranium mining in Khandela tehsil of Sikar district, an investment of about 3 thousand crores will be made by the implementing agency Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL).



### Key Points:

- **Direct Employment Generation:** 1623 citizens, in which about 80 percent will be local people.

## Expansive Exploration of Uranium (Exploratory Mining):

- Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL)
- Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD)
- Department of Atomic Energy (DAE)
- The State Government has issued a Letter of Intent on June 23, 2022 for the allocation of mining lease of 1086.46 hectares of mineral uranium and associated minerals in favor of UCIL in Khandela tehsil of Sikar district.
- The process of acquisition of private land in the intent letter area is under process under the provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.
- **Note:** Huge reserves of uranium were discovered in an area of 1086.46 hectares in Rohil of Khandela tehsil of Sikar district.

## Other Important Points:

- **Uranium:** Uranium is a precious rare mineral for nuclear energy.
- **Uses:** Used in various fields including electricity, medicine, defence equipments, photography etc.
- **Highest production of Uranium in the World:** Kazakhstan, Canada and Australia.
- **Uranium reserves in India:** Uranium is obtained from Singhbhum of Bihar and Dharwad and Archaean rocks of Rajasthan, pegmatite rocks in North Bihar, Nellore of Andhra Pradesh, mica areas of Rajasthan, monazite deposits in coastal areas of Kerala, rocks of Kullu and Chamoli districts of Himachal Pradesh.

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## Atomic Energy Mineral Producing Areas in Rajasthan:

S. No.	Mineral	Location
1	Uranium	Umra, Udaipur (largest deposit), Khandela, Rohil region (Sikar), Bhunas, Jahazpura (Bhilwara)
2	Thorium	Bhadravan (Pali), Sardarpura (Bhilwara)
3	Beryllium	Champagudha, Shikarbadi (Udaipur), Makreda (Bhilwara), Amet (Rajsamand)

## Mineral Resources in Rajasthan:

Aspect	Details
Rajasthan's rank in mineral reserves (in India)	Second (First: Jharkhand)
Rajasthan's rank in mineral availability	Third (First: Madhya Pradesh, Second: Chhattisgarh)
Most abundantly available mineral in Rajasthan	Rock Phosphate
Rajasthan – Only producing state in India for	Lead & Zinc ore, Selenite, and Wollastonite
Rajasthan – Nearly total production in India of	Silver, Calcite, and Gypsum
Rajasthan – Major producer of	Ball Clay, Phosphorite, Ochre, Steatite, Feldspar, and Fire Clay
Rajasthan – Leading producer of	Cement-grade, steel-grade, and limestone
Rajasthan – Holds near monopoly in	Marble, Lead, Zinc, Silver, Wollastonite, Jasper, Fluorite, Gypsum, Asbestos, Rock Phosphate, Tungsten, and Copper

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## Classification of Minerals in Rajasthan:

### 1. Metallic Minerals:

#### ■ Ferrous Minerals

- o Iron-ore
- o Tungsten
- o Manganese

#### ■ Non-Ferrous Minerals

- o Copper
- o Lead
- o Zinc
- o Silver

### 2. Non-Metallic Minerals :

#### ■ Fertilizer Minerals: Gypsum, Rock Phosphate.

#### ■ Precious Stones: Emerald, Garnet.

#### ■ Industrial Use Minerals : Asbestos

#### ■ Refractory, High Temperature Resistant and Abrasive Minerals: Asbestos, Feldspar, Silica Sand, Quartzite, Manganosite, Vermiculite, China Clay, Dolomite etc.

#### ■ Chemical Minerals: Salt, Borax, Garnet, Slate etc.

### 3. Energy Minerals

#### ■ Fuel Minerals: Coal, Petroleum, Natural Gas.

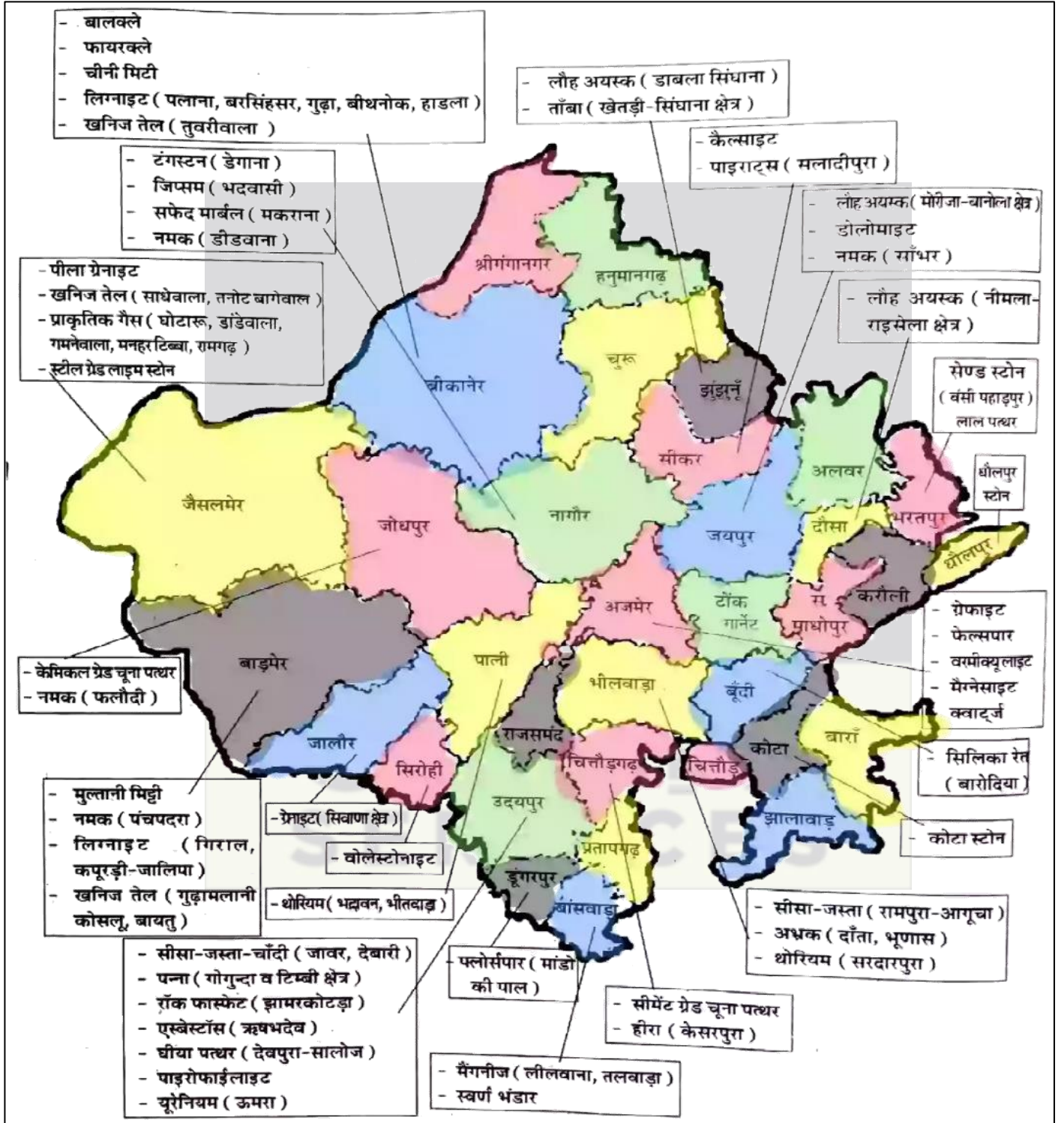
#### ■ Atomic Minerals: Uranium, Thorium, Beryllium

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## Mineral Sector in Rajasthan



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## IPS Sampat Meena



### Why in News?

- Recently, Jharkhand cadre 1994 batch IPS Sampat Meena has been promoted from Additional Director to Special Director of CBI.



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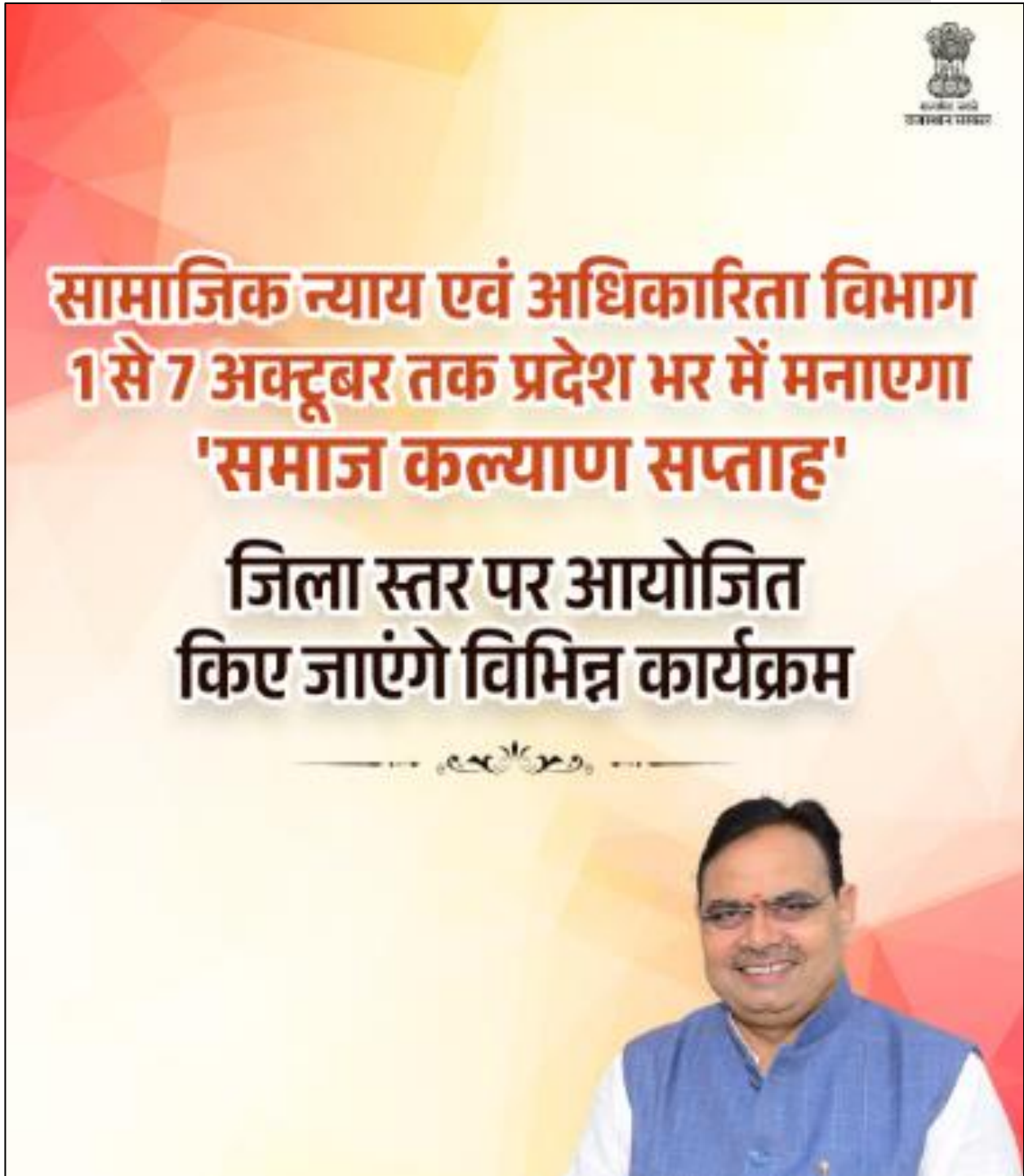
- **Native:** Pura Jolanda village, Sawai Madhopur.
- Earlier she was serving on the post of Additional Director in CBI.
- After the Hathras-Unnao case, Sampat Meena had submitted a status report in the Supreme Court on the much talked about Kolkata trainee doctor rape-murder case.
- Sampat has been awarded the President's Medal three times.

## Social Welfare Week, 2025: 1 to 7 October



### Why in News?

- Every year from 1 to 7 October, 2025, the Social Justice and Empowerment Department of Rajasthan will celebrate Social Welfare Week across the state.



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## Key Points:

- **Main objective:** To benefit the Scheduled Castes and Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Minorities, Specially Abled Persons, Women and Children through schemes run for their welfare as well as to raise public awareness against social evils and malpractices.

The activities to be organized during the week have been divided into following days respectively-

Date	Event / Observance
1 October	International Day of Older Persons
2 October	Scheduled Castes Welfare Day
3 October	Criminal Justice Day
4 October	Children's Day
5 October	Women and Girl Child Welfare Day
6 October	Public Awareness Day
7 October	Specially Abled Persons Welfare Day

## Maa Voucher Scheme



### Why in News?

- During the assembly session on September 9, 2025, Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Premchand Bairwa shared information regarding the Maa Voucher Scheme operated in the state in the assembly.



### Key Points:

- Under the Maa Voucher Scheme operated in the state, vouchers are issued to pregnant mothers of the second and third trimester if government sonography test is not available.
- Through QR code generated vouchers, pregnant women are given the facility of free sonography at private sonography centers.
- Under this scheme, 1 thousand 363 private sonography centers of the state have been authorized. These private centers are paid directly into the bank account by the state government.
- There is no provision to provide sonography machines in government medical institutions under the Maa Voucher Scheme.

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## Assembly Constituency Sojat:

- Under the Maa Voucher Scheme, 583 sonographies have been done at 5 authorized private sonography centers from 17 September 2024 to 04 September 2025 in Sojat (Pali) Assembly Constituency.
- Among the hospitals operating in Sojat Assembly Constituency, only District Hospital Sojat has a sonography machine available and functional and CT scan machine is operated on PPP mode.
- There is no provision of these machines in other government institutions like Community Health Centers and Primary Health Centers.

## Other Important Points:

### Maa Voucher Scheme:

- **Announcement:** In Budget 2024-25
- **Launched in:** Entire state on 17 September 2024.
- **Objective:** To expand sonography facility for pregnant women in the state.
- **Nodal Department:** Medical, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Rajasthan.
- **Benefits:** Under the scheme, pregnant women are issued vouchers for free sonography in the second and third trimesters which are valid for 30 days from the date of issue.
- In case the voucher is not used during this period due to any reason, the woman can go to a medical institution and get the validity period extended for another 30 days.

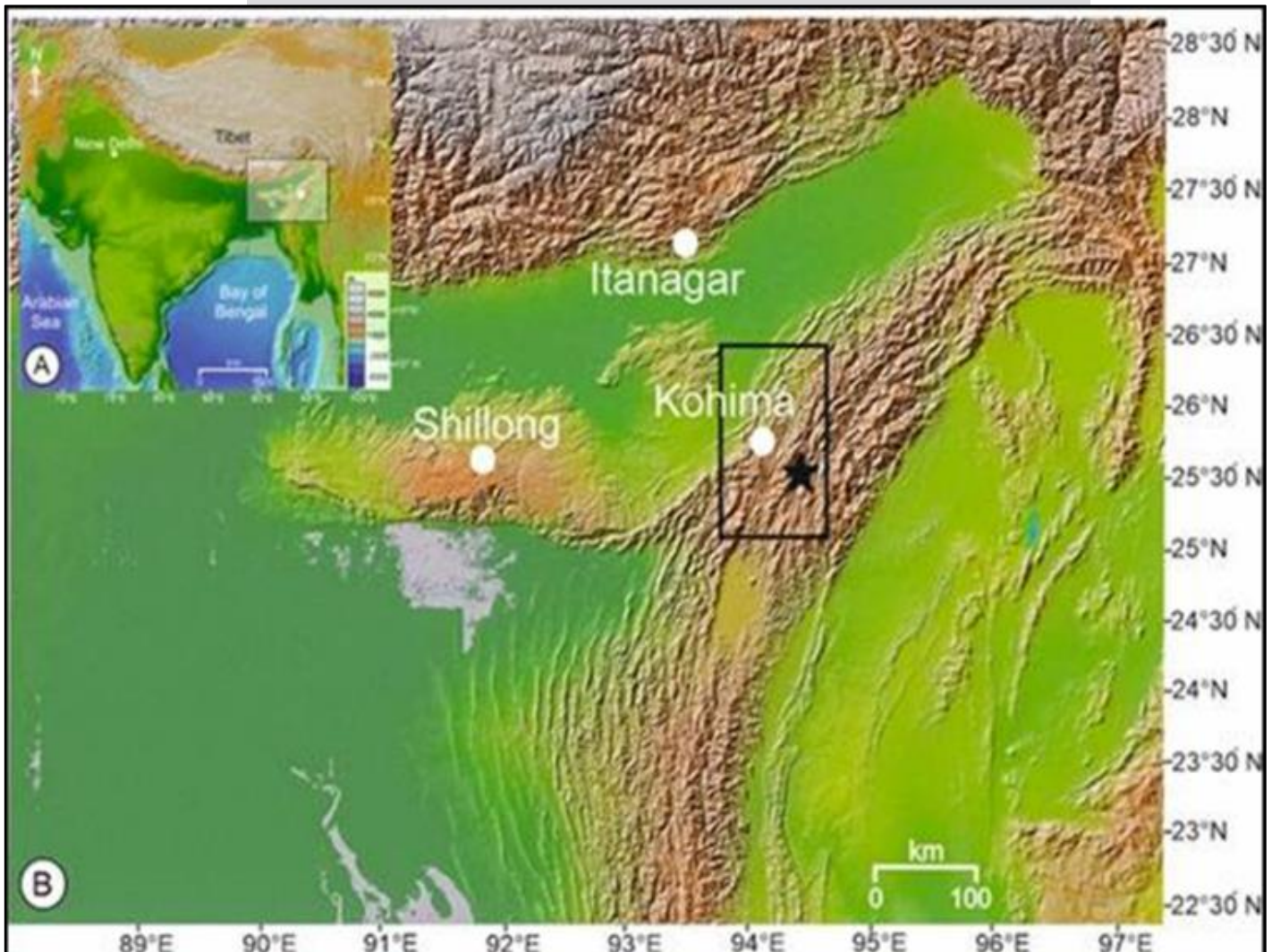


### Fossils found from Nagaland



#### Why in News?

- Recent studies have established a link between the formation of Antarctica about 34 million years ago and the early development of the Indian monsoon system.
- The study is based on 34 million year old preserved fossil leaves obtained from the Laisong structure in Nagaland, which showed that the region once had a warm and humid climate.



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## Key Points:

### Research and Findings:

- By studying the fossil leaves, scientists from Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (Lucknow) and Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (Dehradun), autonomous institutes of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), reconstructed the climate.
- They found that at that time vast ice sheets began to form in Antarctica, which led to changes in global wind and rainfall patterns. This led to intense monsoon rains in northeastern India and the development of the Indian monsoon system.

### Sign of Modern Climate Change:

- The shift of the ITCZ (Intertropical Convergence Zone), which is the major rain belt, from the South Pole towards the tropics, causing India to experience exceptionally more rainfall and warmer temperatures.
- The study suggests that the melting of Antarctica's ice had a profound impact on the Indian monsoon, leading to significant changes in India's climate and rainfall system.

### Current Impacts of Climate Change:

- The study comes as an important warning about today's climate change. Melting of Antarctica's ice may shift the ITCZ again, affecting rainfall patterns in the tropics.

### Importance for the Future:

- The study suggests that Earth's climate works like a global network. Changes in one part of the Earth affect the entire world, be it the icy region of Antarctica or the moist forests of Nagaland.
- This study offers insight into how our planet responded to changes millions of years ago, and can help us better prepare for rising temperatures in the future.

## ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

### India's Green Growth Model

#### Why in News?

- India has taken several important steps to implement the Green Growth Model in 2025, which highlights the country's efforts towards environmental sustainability, clean energy, and economic inclusion. The model aims to achieve net-zero emissions as well as maintain a balance between growth and environmental perspectives.



#### Key Points:

#### Key Sustainability Trends and Lead Initiatives (2025)

Trend	Key Initiatives / Players
Renewable Energy	National Green Hydrogen Mission, Solar Rooftop Push, Adani, Tata Power, ReNew Power
ESG Investing	SEBI BRSR Core, ESG mutual funds, Sovereign Green Bonds ESG-linked executive pay
Circular Economy	Plastic ban, EPR mandates, Recykal, Attero, vehicle scrappage policy, ship-breaking incentives
Climate Tech.	EV boom, Ola Electric IPO, Hygenco (green H2), GPS Renewables, Exponent Energy
Biodiversity	Project Tiger, Cheetah reintroduction, IBCA, MISHTI, Amrit Dharohar, community eco-jobs
Water Management	Jal Jeevan Mission, Namami Gange, Atal Bhujal Yojana, water-positive corporates, rainwater harvesting laws
Regulatory Framework	Carbon Credit Trading Scheme, Green Credit Program Battery & E-Waste Rules, RBI-SEBI climate oversight

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## Key Pillars:

### Energy Transition:

- **Renewable Energy Target:** India aims to achieve 500 GW of non-fossil fuel energy capacity by 2030.
- **Record Capacity Addition:** India added 43 GW of new renewable energy capacity in 2025. The total installed capacity has reached 223.6 GW.
- **Solar Energy Addition:** Solar energy capacity has crossed 100 GW, becoming a major contributor to renewable energy.
- **Biofuels:** Ethanol blending in petrol and biomass co-firing are being increased.

### Green Hydrogen Mission:

- **Towards becoming a Global hub:** India aims to become a global hub for production, use and export of green hydrogen.
- **Production Incentive:** Domestic manufacturing of electrolyzers is being promoted with a budget of ₹17,000 crore.

### Circular Economy:

- **New Rules:** Revised guidelines for Green Credit Programme have been issued.
- **Waste Management:** Circular economy is being promoted under GOBAR Scheme. Steel Scrap Recycling Policy and Vehicle Scrapping Policy are trying to reduce waste.

### Sustainable Mobility:

- **Electric Vehicles (EVs):** Domestic manufacturing of electric vehicles is being promoted under the Production-Based Incentive scheme.
- **Public Transport Electrification:** Indian Railways is working to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2030 under its mission "100% Electrification".

### Sustainable Finance and Investment:

- **Budgetary Support**
- **Green Bonds:** The use of green bonds is being increased to finance green infrastructure projects.

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## Clean Air Survey Awards and Wetland City Recognition Ceremony, 2025



### Why in News?

- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has organized the Clean Air Survey Awards and Wetland City Recognition Ceremony on 8 September 2025.



### Key Points:

- Awards were presented to outstanding performing cities out of 130 cities under the Clean Air Survey 2025 conducted by IEPFA.

#### Key Cities and Awards of Clean Air Survey 2025:

- **Category-1 (Population more than 10 lakh):**
  - **Indore** secured first position by scoring 200 out of 200 marks.
  - **Jabalpur:** 2nd place
  - **Agra and Surat:** 3rd place
- **Category-2 (population 3 to 10 lakh):**
  - **Amravati:** 1st place
  - **Jhansi and Moradabad:** 2nd place
  - **Alwar:** 3rd place

#### Wetland City Recognition Scheme:

- Indore and Udaipur got recognition as wetland cities under Ramsar Convention.

#### Investment and Financial Support:

- These schemes are being funded from various schemes of the central government like Swachh Bharat Mission, Smart City Mission and FAME-II.
- Digital platforms like "PRAN" portal ensured transparency of the works to improve air quality in cities.



## ECONOMIC SCENARIO



### IEPFA 9th Foundation Day



#### Why in News?

- Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India celebrated its 9th Foundation Day on 08 September 2025 in New Delhi.



#### Key Points:

- This year's conference was held on the theme "Claiming the Unclaimed: Unleashing the Potential of Dormant Financial Assets in India".

#### Financial Inclusion and Transparency:

- Emphasised on the need for shared commitment to promote financial inclusion and strengthen investor confidence.
- He emphasised on IEPFA's journey towards protecting investor interests through reforms based on technology, transparency and trust.

#### IEPFA:

- Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) was established on 7 September 2016 under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India and it aims to manage the Investor Education and Protection Fund.
- It is working towards protecting the rights of investors, ensuring transparency and increasing financial literacy across the country.

## UPI-UPU Integration



UNION MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND  
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

**SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA**

TO LAUNCH

**UPI-UPU PROJECT**



**DUBAI WORLD  
TRADE CENTRE**



**8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER,  
2025**



**7:00 PM  
(GST)**



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## Key Points:

### Launch of UPI-UPU Integration:

- Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launched the UPI-UPU Integration at the 28th Universal Postal Congress in Dubai.
- The project has been developed by the Department of Posts (DoP), NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) and Universal Postal Union (UPU).

### Integration of UPI and UPU:

- The initiative connects India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) with the UPU Interconnection Platform (IP), combining the reach of the postal network with the speed and affordability of UPI.
- This will enable cross-border remittances to be made in a cost-effective manner, which will not only be fast but also secure.

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### India Vice President Election 2025



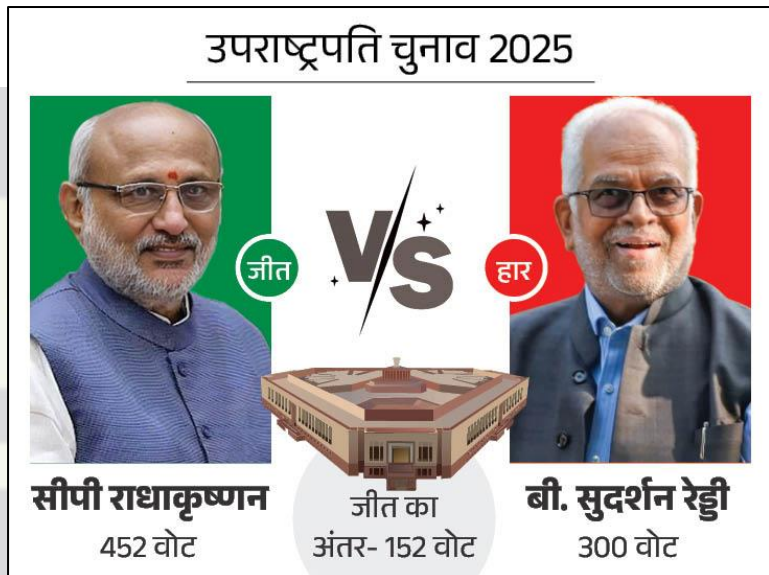
#### Why in News?

- **New Vice President:** CP Radhakrishnan was elected the 15th Vice President of India on September 9, 2025.



#### Key Points:

- **Election Context:** The election took place after the previous Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned due to health reasons.
- **Candidate:** The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) nominated CP Radhakrishnan, while the opposition India Bloc nominated former Supreme Court judge B. Sudershan Reddy.
- **Result:** Radhakrishnan emerged victorious with 452 votes, while Reddy got 300 votes.



#### Constitutional Provisions

- **Article 63:** Establishes the office of Vice President of India.
- **Article 64:** Declares the Vice President as the ex-officio Chairman of the Rajya Sabha (Council of States).
- **Article 65:** Outlines the role of the Vice President in acting as President or discharging his functions in the event of a vacancy.
- **Article 66:** Specifies the election procedure for the Vice President.

## Eligibility Criteria (Article 66)

- Citizen of India.
- Must have completed the age of 35 years.
- Must be eligible to be elected as a member of the Rajya Sabha.
- Not hold any office of profit under the Union, a State or any local or public authority.

## Election Process (Article 66)

- **Electoral College:** The Vice President is elected by an electoral college consisting of members of both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, including nominated members. State Legislative Assemblies do not participate.
- Candidates are required to have their nomination papers supported by at least 20 electors as proposers and 20 electors as seconders.
- **Proportional Representation:** The election uses the system of proportional representation through the single transferable vote.
- **Secret Ballot:** Voting is done by secret ballot.
- **Conduct:** The Election Commission of India oversees the election and appoints a returning officer.

## Powers and Functions

- **Chairman of Rajya Sabha:** As ex-officio Chairman, the Vice President presides over the proceedings of the Rajya Sabha.
- **Acting President:** If the office of the President falls vacant due to death, resignation, removal or any other cause, the Vice President discharges the duties of the President. He can act as President for a maximum of six months, during which the election of a new President is necessary.
- **Emoluments:** While acting as President, the Vice President receives the salary, allowances and privileges of the President.

## MILITARY EXERCISES

### Joint Military Exercise 'Zapad 2025'



#### Why in News?

- The multilateral military exercise led by Russia and Belarus is scheduled for September 10-16, 2025. Several countries including a contingent of Indian Armed Forces are participating in the exercise. The exercise is being conducted at multiple training grounds including the Mulino training ground in Russia and various sites in Belarus.



#### Key Points:

##### Objectives

- **Enhancing Military Cooperation:** The exercise is designed to improve coordination and strengthen defence ties between the participating countries, especially Russia and Belarus.

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- **Improving Interoperability:** It provides a platform for various military forces to work together and exchange tactics and procedures for conventional warfare and counter-terrorism operations.

## Key Participants

- **Host Nation:** Russia and Belarus.
- **Full Participants:** Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Congo, Mali, India, Iran, Niger and Tajikistan.
- **Observer Nations:** Cambodia, China, Cuba, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nicaragua, North Korea, Pakistan, Serbia, Thailand, UAE and Uzbekistan.
- **India's Contribution:** A contingent of 65 personnel from the Indian Armed Forces are participating, comprising 57 from the Army (led by the Kumaon Regiment), 7 from the Air Force and 1 from the Navy.

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## IMPORTANT DAYS



### 40th National Eye Donation Fortnight



#### Why in News?

- The 40th National Eye Donation Fortnight was held from August 25 to September 8, 2025.



#### Key Points:

- This nationwide campaign celebrated annually in India raises awareness about the importance of eye donation and encourages people to pledge to donate their eyes to help people suffering from corneal blindness.

#### Key Facts about 2025 Fortnight:

- **Theme:** The theme of the 40th anniversary was "Everyday Heroes".

#### Campaign Objectives

- The campaign aimed to increase the number of corneal transplants, restore vision and improve the lives of people suffering from corneal blindness.