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State-Level Amrita Haat: Jaipur



Why in News?

- The State-Level Amrita Haat was inaugurated by Dr. Manju Baghmar, Minister of State for Women and Child Development, on September 21, 2025, at the Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur.


राजस्थान सरकार

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राज्य स्तरीय अमृता हाट

रविवार, 21 - 30 सितम्बर 2025
प्रातः 11:00 बजे से रात्रि 09:00 बजे तक

स्थान :
दक्षिण परिसर,
जवाहर कला केन्द्र, जयपुर

इस अवसर पर आप सादर आमंत्रित है।

 निदेशालय महिला अधिकारिता
जयपुर

 *Amrita*
A self help group initiative



Key Points:

- **Organizer:** Directorate of Women and Child Development Department, Rajasthan.
- **Duration:** September 21 to 30, 2025.
- **Objective:** To provide a platform to showcase the talents of women entrepreneurs and women self-help groups and integrate them into the mainstream of economic empowerment.
- Amrita Haat is a means of economically and socially empowering women by providing them a powerful platform for self-help groups (SHGs) to showcase and market their products.
- The Rajasthan government is encouraging and supporting self-help groups to participate in events such as the India International Trade Fair (IITF), Shilp Gram Utsav, and other departmental fairs.

Facts for Prelims:

Rajasthan Rural Livelihoods Development Council (RGAVP) or Rajeevika

- Rajasthan Rural Livelihoods Development Council (RGAVP) or Rajeevika was established in 2010 by the Government of Rajasthan as an autonomous body under the administrative control of the Rural Development Department.
- It is a society registered under the Rajasthan Societies Act, 1958.
- **Chairman:** Chief Minister.
- **Objective:** To bring about effective convergence between government and non-government initiatives for rural development.
- To assist in the formation and strengthening of self-help groups, producer organizations, community development organizations, and self-help group federations.
- To promote small and micro enterprises in the agricultural and non-agricultural sectors to increase the income of the poor.

Rajasthan Film Festival (RFF) – 2025



Why in News?

- Recently, the 'Rajasthan Film Festival (RFF) – 2025' was organized at Deep Smriti Auditorium, Mansarovar (Jaipur).



Key Points:

- **Organized by:** An initiative of Kanchan Cassettes & Series (K-Series). The festival held annually in Jaipur.

Awards in the Rajasthani Film category:

- **Best Rajasthani Film:** Hukum
- **Best Director:** Pankaj Singh Tanwar (Film - Hukum)
- **Best Writer:** Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni (Composition - Bharkhama)
- **Best Actor:** Shravan Sagar Kalyan (for Bharkhama)
- **Best Actress:** Sushmita Rana (Sapna Ek Udaan)
- **Best Lyricist:** G. Nataraj (for the song "Beti Tu Kyun Jaai..." from the film Baran)

Integrated Firepower Exercise: 'Amogh Fury'



Why in News?

- Recently, the Integrated Firepower Exercise 'Amogh Fury' was held at the Mahajan Field Firing Range.



Key Points:

- Organized by:** Sapta Shakti Command of the Indian Army.
- The aim of this exercise was to test combat power, coordination, and operational readiness in real-time combat scenarios, demonstrating the Army's preparedness for multi-domain operations.
- The main focus of 'Amogh Fury' was the integration of modern technologies, including network-centric communications, command-and-control architectures, and real-time surveillance and targeting systems.

Facts for Prelims:

Other military exercises conducted in Rajasthan:

- Exercise Desert Hunt:** A joint exercise by the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force at Air Force Station Jodhpur from February 24 to 28, 2025.
- Exercise Bold Kurukshetra:** A bilateral military exercise between India and Singapore in Jodhpur from July 28 to August 4, 2025.

Amendment to Free Uniform Scheme



Why in News?

- Recently, the 'Free Uniform Scheme' was amended by the 'Rajasthan School Education Council'.



Key Points:

- As per the amendment, the uniform amount previously provided by the Education Department to General and OBC category students up to class 8 has been discontinued.
- Also, 1.2 million girls from classes 9th to 12th have been excluded from this scheme.
- As per the new provisions, the uniform amount will be transferred to the accounts of all girls from classes 1st to 8th and SC-ST and BPL boys through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).
- **Amount:** All girls from classes 1st to 8th and SC, ST and BPL students will receive ₹600 for uniforms.



NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	<p>Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah Visits Jodhpur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah recently inaugurated the new building of the Shri Parsmal Bohra College for the Blind in Ramraj Nagar, Chaukha, Jodhpur.■ The Union Home and Cooperation Minister released the Braille version of the book "Main Na Thaki Na Haari," a biography of Sushila Bohra, the founding president of the Blind Development Institute.
2.	<p>Millet Technology Demonstration Park: Gudamalani</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Union Minister of State for Agriculture Bhagirath Choudhary laid the foundation stone for the Millet Technology Demonstration Park at the Millet Research Center in Gudamalani, Barmer, on September 21, 2025.
3.	<p>Dhananjay Singh Khinvsar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Rajasthan Cricket Association (RCA) will be represented by Dhananjay Singh Khinvsar, a member of the RCA's ad hoc committee, at the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI) Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Mumbai on September 28, 2025.■ It is worth noting that this meeting will hold elections for important positions, including the BCCI President and the IPL Chairman.

4.

Anvi Rathore and Jangjeet Singh Kajla

- Anvi Rathore (U-15 Girls) and Jangjeet Singh Kajla (U-17 Doubles) from Rajasthan were selected in the Indian team for the international badminton competition to be held in China.
- Anvi and Jangjeet Singh reached the final of the Yonex Sunrise Ashwini Gupta Memorial All India Sub-Junior Championship held in Panchkula.

5.

Krishna Nagar

- Rajasthan para-shuttler Krishna Nagar recently won a silver medal at the Para Badminton International Tournament held in China.
- Tokyo Paralympics gold medalist Krishna Nagar won this medal in the men's SH6 event.
- Krishna Nagar lost to Naththapong Meechai of Thailand in the final.

6.

12th India Industrial Fair: Bhiwadi

- The 12th India Industrial Fair 2025 was organized in Bhiwadi from September 19 to 21, 2025, under the aegis of the Khairthal-Tijara District Industries and Commerce Center, the Khairthal-Tijara District Administration, and Laghu Udyog Bharti.

7.

NREGA Akhar Abhiyan: Jaipur

- On the initiative of the Jaipur District Administration, the 'NREGA Akhar Abhiyan' is being conducted in Jaipur district with the joint efforts of the Rural Development Department, the Literacy and Continuing Education Department, and the Elementary Education Department.
- Under this campaign, illiterate workers employed under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) are being educated.

8.

'GST Bachat Utsav'

- The Rajasthan government will organize the 'GST Bachat Utsav', a public awareness program on GST reform and rate rationalization, from September 22 to 29, 2025.
- The objective of this campaign is to pass on the benefits of GST rate reduction to consumers and to motivate the business community.
- Moving towards a One Nation One Tax system, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) was implemented in the country on July 1, 2017.
- It had four different tax slabs of 5, 12, 18, and 28 percent, but from September 22, 2025, only two main rates of 5 percent and 18 percent will remain effective across the country.

9.

Riya Kanwar Shekhawat

- Riya Kanwar Shekhawat of Jaipur won the gold medal in the 76 kg weight category of the sub-junior category at the 30th State Bench Press Competition organized by the Rajasthan Powerlifting Association in Kota.
- Riya won this medal in the 90 kg bench press.

10.

IIT Jodhpur's 'Mother Tongue Hindi Model' Initiative

- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Jodhpur, under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, has made it possible to offer B.Tech courses through Hindi medium from 2024.
- Among the 23 IITs in the country, IIT Jodhpur is the first institution to implement this initiative. It has been named the 'Mother Tongue Hindi Model'.



NATIONAL 

Tri-Services Academic Technology Workshop (T-SATS)

Defense & Military

Artificial Intelligence

Immersive Technologies

Advanced Defense Equipment

Additive Manufacturing

Robotics & Autonomous Systems

Big Data & Analytics

Internet of Military Things

5G

Cyber Warfare

Blockchain

TOP MILITARY INNOVATIONS

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Key Points:

- **Inauguration:** September 22, 2025, by Chief of Defence Staff, General Anil Chauhan.
- **Event:** Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, from September 22 to 23, 2025.
- An exhibition of innovations selected from 222 responses submitted by academic institutions through the official seminar portal (www.tsats.org.in) will also be inaugurated.
- **Organized by:** Indian Army under the aegis of Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff.
- **Theme of this first workshop:** "Vivek or Anusandhan se Vijay" - Victory through Wisdom and Innovation.
- **Objectives:** To create synergy in the service-academic research and development ecosystem for the development of specific technologies critical to national defense.
- To promote innovation and strengthen collaboration between the Armed Forces and academic institutions in India.

Other important points:

Combined Commanders' Conference (CCC 2025):

- **Event:** Held in Kolkata in September 2025.
- **Objective:** To review the strategic preparedness, joint operational capabilities, and future plans of the armed forces.

Key points of discussion:

- **National security:** Discussed the changing security landscape along the borders. New domains such as space, cyber, information warfare, and special operations were discussed.

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- **Technology-driven approach:** Use of AI, drones, and cyber defense in modern warfare.
- **Institutional reforms:** Structural reforms in the space, cyber, and information domains.
- **Procurement reforms:** Transparency and decentralization of financial powers.
- **Review of ECHS:** The health and welfare of veterans is given top priority.

Outcome:

1. A joint Tri-Services Education Corps will be created by merging the education branches of the Air Force, Army, and Navy.
2. Three joint military stations will be established in the country.
3. Investment in research and development (DRDO, private companies, etc.) will be increased.
4. AI, big data, and quantum technology will be incorporated into the defense strategy.

28th National Conference on e-Governance, 2025



Why in News?

- On September 22, 2025, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the two-day conference on 'Developing India: Civil Services and Digital Transformation'.



Key Points:

- Event:** Held on September 22 and 23, 2025, in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- Theme of this year's conference:** 'Developing India: Civil Services and Digital Transformation'.
- Organized by:** Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY), in collaboration with the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

- **Edition:** 28th.
- **Objective of the Conference:** To bring together government officials, industry experts, and academia to discuss innovative and transformative approaches to ensure secure and sustainable e-service delivery in India, thereby contributing to the vision of a developed India.
- **National Awards in e-Governance, 2025:** During the conference, 19 exemplary initiatives will be presented with the National Awards for e-Governance 2025.
- The awards will be presented in six categories (10 Gold, 6 Silver, and 3 Jury Awards) to central, state, district authorities, gram panchayats, and academic/research institutions.
- Sarita Chauhan, Joint Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Government of India, will deliver a keynote address on the Visakhapatnam Declaration on e-Governance, 2025.

Sessions:

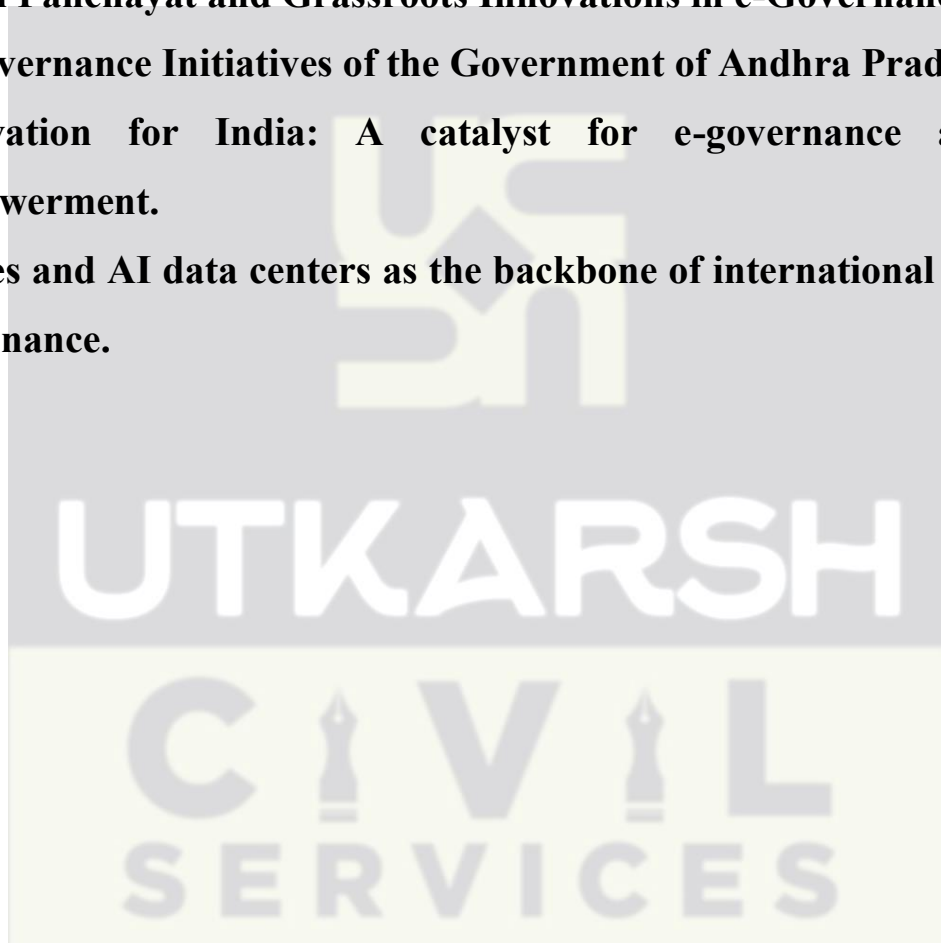
- The conference will have six plenary sessions and six breakout sessions. In total, approximately 70 speakers from diverse backgrounds will share their experiences and present best practices on various sub-topics, such as:
 1. Visakhapatnam: The IT Hub.
 2. Artificial Intelligence for a Developed India: Piloting Inclusive and Scalable Solutions.
 3. Civil Services and Digital Transformation.
 4. Cybersecurity in e-Governance: Protecting Trust, Infrastructure, and Digital Sovereignty.
 5. Benchmarking and Advancing Service Delivery.
 6. Agri Stack – Digital Solutions for Agriculture.

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7. Excellence in e-Governance Initiatives by Gold Award Winners of NAEG 2025-I.
8. Excellence in e-Governance Initiatives by Gold Award Winners of NAEG 2025-II.
9. Gram Panchayat and Grassroots Innovations in e-Governance.
10. E-Governance Initiatives of the Government of Andhra Pradesh.
11. Innovation for India: A catalyst for e-governance and digital empowerment.
12. Cables and AI data centers as the backbone of international maritime e-governance.



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United Nations: Progress Report on Structural Reforms, 2025



Why in News?

- UN Secretary-General António Guterres unveiled the progress report on structural reforms and program restructuring under the third workstream of the 'UN-80' initiative.

संयुक्त राष्ट्र सुरक्षा परिषद (UN Security Council-UNSC)

संयुक्त राष्ट्र चार्टर के अनुसार, अंतर्राष्ट्रीय शांति और सुरक्षा को बनाए रखने का उत्तरदायित्व UNSC में

परिचय

- संयुक्त राष्ट्र के 6 प्रमुख अंगों में से एक; संयुक्त राष्ट्र चार्टर द्वारा 1945 में स्थापित

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- न्यूयॉर्क सिटी

पहला सत्र

- 17 जनवरी, 1946 को चर्च हाउस, वेस्टमिंस्टर, लंदन में

सदस्यता

- 15 सदस्य- 5 स्थायी सदस्य (P5), 10 गैर-स्थायी सदस्य दो साल के कार्यकाल के लिये चुने गए (प्रत्येक वर्ष 5 का चुनाव किया जाता है)
- P5- अमेरिका, ब्रिटेन, रूस, फ्रांस और चीन

UNSC की अध्यक्षता

- 15 सदस्यों के बीच प्रत्येक माह बारी-बारी से
- वर्ष 2022 के लिये भारत की अध्यक्षता-दिसंबर

मतदान शक्तियाँ

- 1 सदस्य = 1 मत/वोट
- P5 देशों को वीटो शक्ति प्राप्त है वीटो पावर है
- UN के ऐसे सदस्य जो UNSC के सदस्य नहीं हैं, मतदान के अधिकार के बिना इसके सत्र में भाग लेते हैं

UNSC समितियाँ/प्रस्ताव

- आतंकवाद:
 - संकल्प 1373 (आतंकवाद रोधी समिति)
 - संकल्प 1267 (दाएश और अल कायदा समिति)
- अप्रसार समिति:
 - संकल्प 1540 (परमाणु, रासायनिक और जैविक हथियारों के विरुद्ध)

भारत और UNSC

- गैर-स्थायी सदस्य के रूप में 7 बार सेवा; 2021-22 में 8वीं बार चुना गया; स्थायी सीट की मांग
- स्थायी सीट के लिये तर्क:
 - 43 शांति मिशन
 - मानवाधिकार घोषणा (UDHR) को तैयार करने में सक्रिय भागीदारी
 - भारत की जनसंख्या, क्षेत्रीय आकार, सकल घरेलू उत्पाद, आर्थिक क्षमता, सांस्कृतिक विविधता, राजनीतिक प्रणाली आदि।

G4- चार देशों (ब्राजील, जर्मनी, भारत और जापान) का समूह जो UNSC में स्थायी सीटों के लिये एक-दूसरे की दावेदारी का समर्थन कर रहे हैं

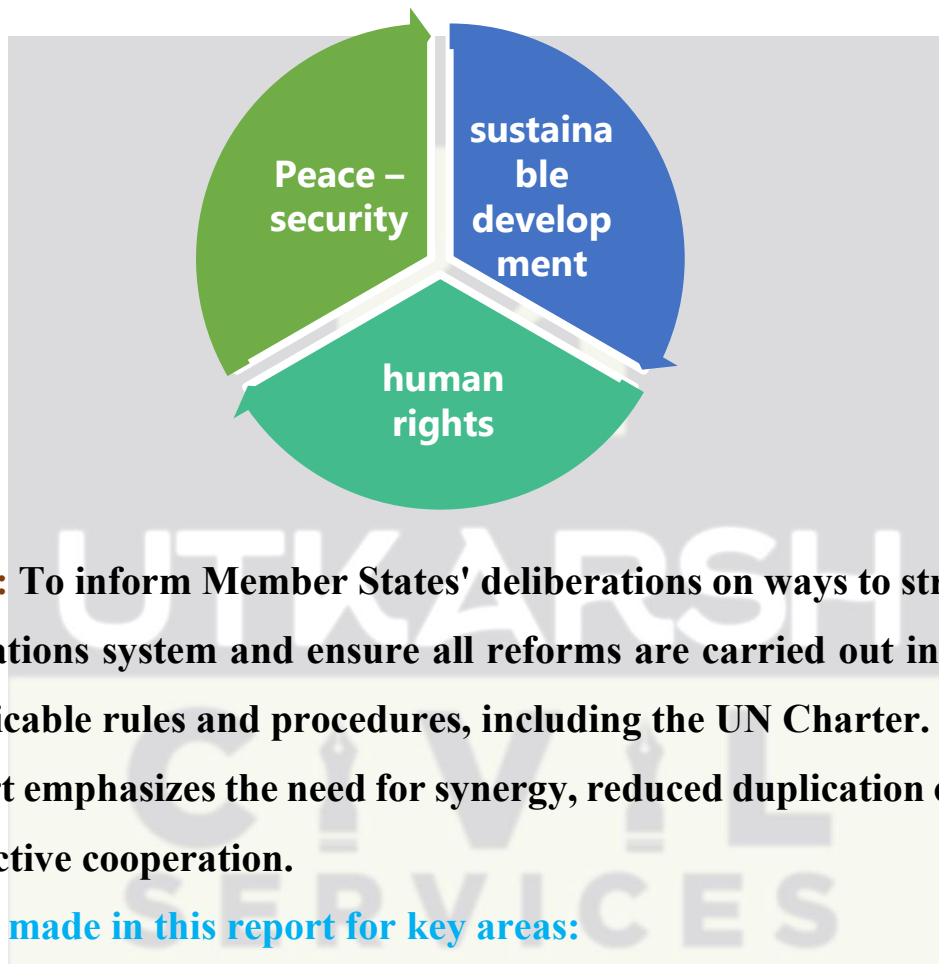


Key Points:

- Title of the report: "Shifting Paradigms: United to Deliver"

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- **Report:** The UN chief outlined proposals for radical changes to the structure of the United Nations, the way its institutions cooperate, and its operations. The UN presented proposals to strengthen functioning across the following three pillars:



- **Objective:** To inform Member States' deliberations on ways to strengthen the United Nations system and ensure all reforms are carried out in accordance with applicable rules and procedures, including the UN Charter.
- The report emphasizes the need for synergy, reduced duplication of tasks, and more effective cooperation.

Proposals made in this report for key areas:

Proposal	Description
Peace and Security	This includes integrating offices and leadership levels; establishing centers of excellence for peacebuilding and women, etc.
Human Rights	To establish an umbrella human rights group, to be headed by the High Commissioner, to integrate human rights into all UN activities.

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Sustainable Development	It recommends assessing the merger of UN agencies (UNDP and UNOPS, UNFPA and UN Women); abolishing UNAIDS by 2026, and creating a joint knowledge centre for the expert workforce.
Humanitarian Aid	<p>A New Humanitarian Compact should be established to reduce bureaucracy.</p> <p>Establish a system-wide human rights group to systematically coordinate human rights across all UN activities.</p>
Technology and Data	A 'UN System Data Commons' and a 'Technology Accelerator Platform' have been proposed to modernise operations and integrate data.
Financing	<p>Reform key mechanisms for mobilizing resources and funding to align with collective priorities.</p> <p>Launch a new humanitarian compact to cut bureaucracy and integrate billions of dollars of investment into global supply chains.</p>

Other key points:

UN80 Initiative:

- The UN80 Initiative is a plan to undertake necessary reforms across the entire United Nations system.
- Objective: To make the organization more effective and efficient, streamline operations, and make it relevant to a changing world.

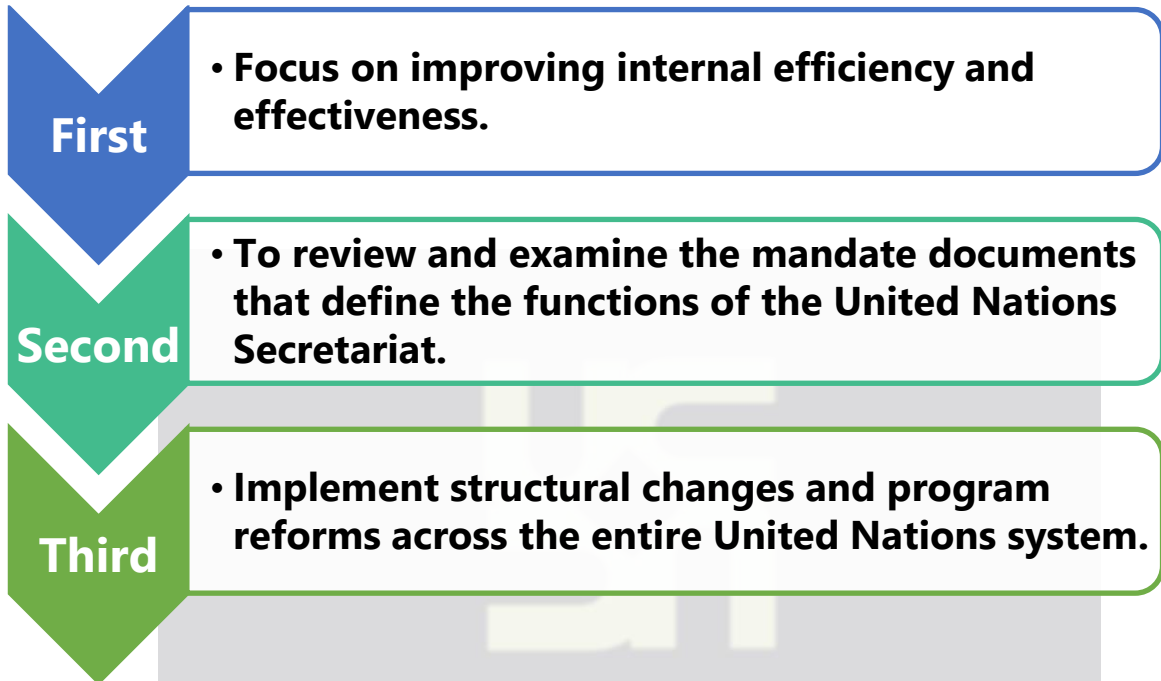
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It is divided into three workstreams:



United Nations Security Council:

- **Established:** 1945 by the United Nations Charter.
- It is one of the six principal organs of the United Nations.
- **The UNSC has 15 members:** 5 permanent members (P5) + 10 non-permanent members (elected for 2-year terms).
- **5 permanent members:** United States, Russian Federation, France, China, and the United Kingdom.
- India has served as a non-permanent member of the UNSC 8 times.

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Strategic Mutual Defense Agreement



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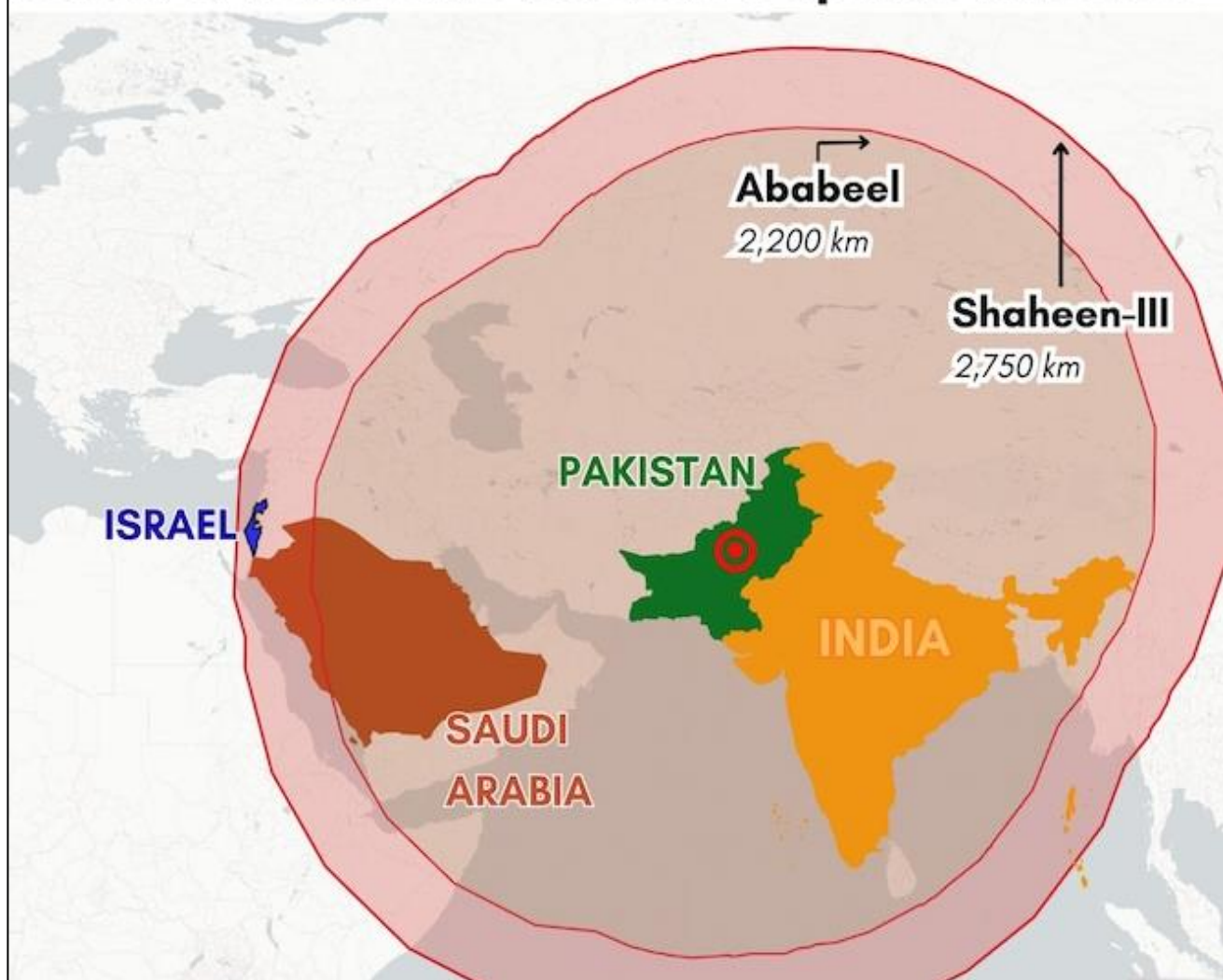
- Pakistan and Saudi Arabia signed the Strategic Mutual Defense Agreement.



Key Points:

- **Objective:** To develop various aspects of defense cooperation between the two countries and strengthen joint deterrence against any aggression.
- According to the agreement, any aggression against either country will be considered an aggression against both.

Reach of Pakistan's Nuclear Capable Missiles



Impact:

- **Regional security:** For Saudi Arabia, this strengthens security against threats related to Iran, Yemen's Houthi rebels, and Israel.
- **Nuclear war:** The agreement also involves Pakistan giving up its nuclear security to Saudi Arabia, further raising concerns of nuclear war.
- **Strategic shift:** This reduces the traditional role of the United States in the region, as America's ally, Israel, is attacking Gaza and other regional neighbors.
 - o China could exploit the strategic vacuum created in the region to expand its influence.
- **Implications for India:** In light of India's retaliatory actions against cross-border terrorism, Pakistan could use this agreement as a strategic deterrent in the event of a future military conflict with India.

India-Saudi Arabia Relations

- The strategic partnership between the two countries was formalized through the Riyadh Declaration in 2010.
- **Economic:** India is Saudi Arabia's second-largest trading partner, while Saudi Arabia is India's fifth-largest.
 - o Bilateral trade was \$42.98 billion in 2023, and India remained a net importer.
 - o About 6.7% of total remittances to India in 2024 came from Saudi Arabia.
- **Energy Partnership:** Saudi Arabia is India's third-largest crude oil supplier.

Chabahar Port



Why in News?

- The US administration announced the withdrawal of the sanctions waiver granted to the India-developed Chabahar Port in Iran.



Key Points:

- The US had exempted the Chabahar Port project from sanctions imposed on Iran in 2018.

BRIDGING THE GAP

Indian presence in Chabahar is expected to offset Chinese presence in Pakistani port of Gwadar

➡ **COST CUTTER** The port will be used to ship crude oil and urea, greatly reducing India's transportation costs

➡ **AFGHAN CONNECT** A railway line, to be built by Ircon International, will connect Chabahar port to Zahedan on Afghan border

➡ **BIGGER LINK** The port will link to International North-South Transport Corridor that will connect India with Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan and other Central Asian trading partners



Chabahar Port:

- It is a deepwater port located in Iran's Sistan-Baluchistan province. It is located on the Gulf of Oman.
- It is the closest Iranian port to India. It provides India access to landlocked Afghanistan and other Central Asian countries without going through Pakistan.
- In 2024, India signed a contract granting the state-owned company India Ports Global Limited (IPGL) , rights develop and operate the port for 10 years.
- Furthermore, the port is also part of the proposed International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC). This corridor connects India to Europe, Russia, Central Asia, and more.

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High Seas Treaty



Why in News?

- The 60th ratification (60 countries) paves the way for the High Seas Treaty to enter into force.



Key Points:

- The High Seas Treaty was adopted by the Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biological Diversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) in 2023.

High Seas Treaty:

- **Formal name:** 'Agreement on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction' (BBNJ Convention).
- It is a legally binding treaty.
- It was adopted under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) on the Conservation of Marine Biological Diversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.
 - o It is the third implementing agreement of UNCLOS. The other two agreements are the 1994 Convention on the Implementation of UNCLOS and the 1995 United Nations Fisheries Stocks Convention.
- **High Seas:** This is the maritime area that is beyond the jurisdiction of any country. It is a global commons that all countries can use for legitimate international purposes, such as navigation, overflight, laying of undersea cables and pipelines, etc.

India and the High Seas Treaty

- In 2024, the Union Cabinet approved the signing of the High Seas Treaty.
- **Implementing Ministry:** Ministry of Earth Sciences.

H-1B Visa



Why in News?

- The US President has signed a provision imposing an annual fee of \$100,000 on H-1B visa applications.



Key Points:

H-1B Visa:

- This is a non-immigrant visa in the United States that allows skilled workers to work temporarily.
- These typically include IT, engineering, and medical professions. They require a bachelor's degree or equivalent experience.
- **Sponsorship:** This visa requires sponsorship from employers (companies).
- **Validity:** It is initially valid for 3 years. However, it can be extended to 6 years.
- **Annual limit:** 65,000 visas are issued each year, with an additional 20,000 visas available for advanced-degree holders.



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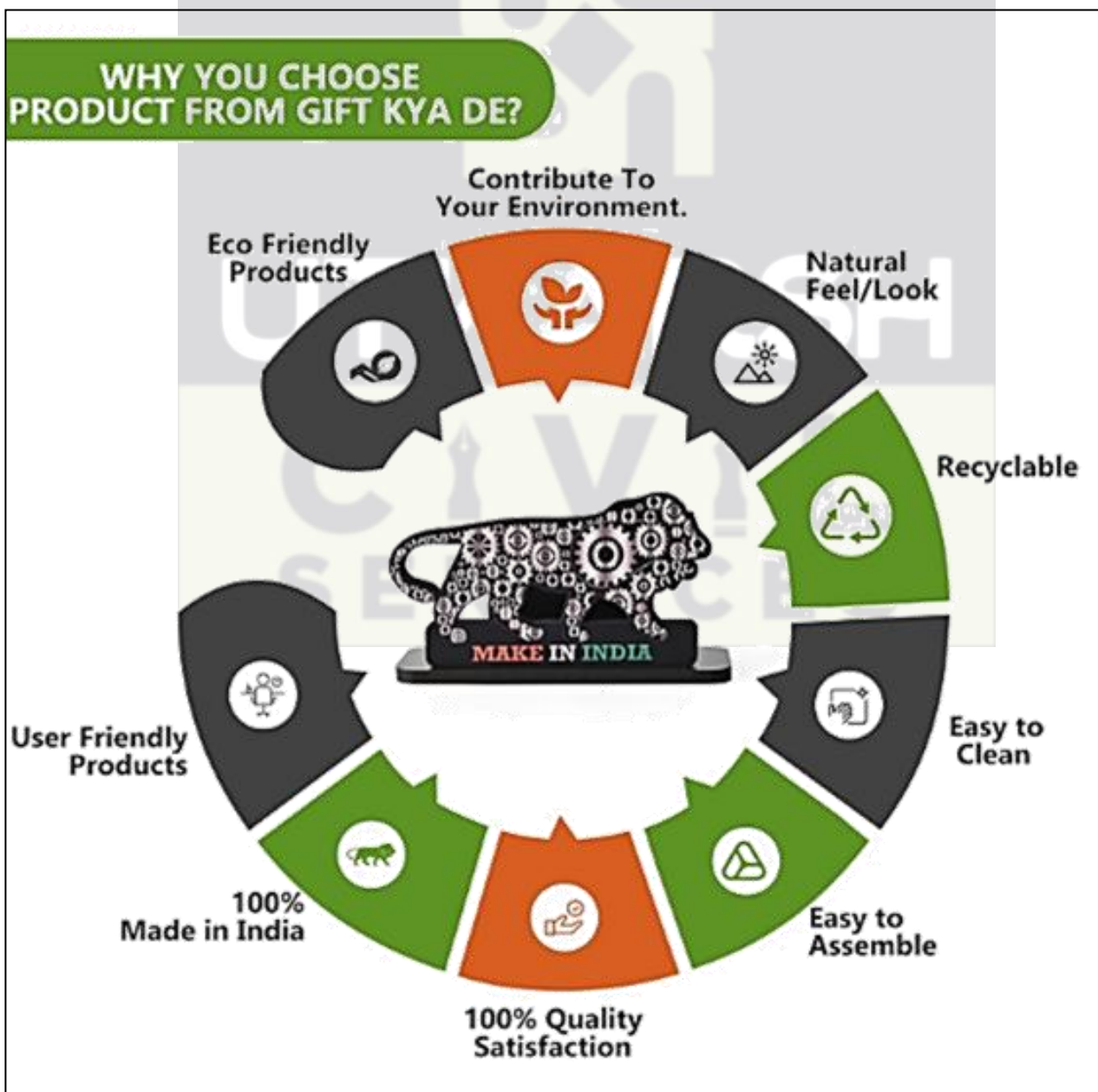


Make in India Completes Decade



Why in News?

- On September 20, 2025, the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry released a Make in India commemorative coin in New Delhi to mark the completion of a decade of the Make in India initiative.





Key Points:

Achievements of the Scheme:

- Foreign Direct Investment:** Between 2014 and 2024, India received US\$667 billion in foreign direct investment, representing nearly two-thirds of all investments since liberalization.
- Ease of Doing Business:** The country has also made significant progress in terms of ease of doing business, rising from 142nd in 2014 to 63rd in the World Bank's Doing Business Report 2020.
- Merchandise Exports:** Merchandise exports reached US\$437.42 billion in FY 2024-25, establishing India as an important player in global trade.
- Startup Ecosystem:** India's startup ecosystem has grown to over 180,000 DPIIT-recognized startups, making it the third largest globally after the US and China.
- Note:** Over 17.6 lakh jobs are expected to be created with 118 unicorns by 2025.
- Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme:** The Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme, with an outlay of Rs 1.97 lakh crore across 14 sectors, has attracted investments worth approximately Rs 1.88 lakh crore, creating over 12 lakh direct and indirect jobs.
- Expanding India's Industrial Capabilities:**
- India has become the world's second-largest mobile phone manufacturer, producing 99 percent of its smartphones domestically.
- Defense Exports:** Key defense platforms such as the Dhanush artillery gun system, the Arjun main battle tank (MBT), the Tejas light combat aircraft (LCA), and several submarines have been developed and are being exported to many countries.

10. **Prioritizing High-Value Manufacturing and Research and Development:** As a result, India's ranking in the Global Innovation Index has improved by 42 places since 2015. Currently, India ranks 39th on this index. This improvement reflects India's global competitiveness.
11. **Boosting India's Manufacturing Competitiveness:** Currently, India has one of the lowest tax rates among Asian countries. This has increased India's economic attractiveness globally.
12. **Steps towards sustainable development:** For example, the National Green Hydrogen Mission will create over 600,000 jobs. Furthermore, it will reduce dependence on natural gas and ammonia imports, resulting in savings of ₹1 lakh crore.

Other key points:

Make in India Initiative:

- **Launched:** September 25, 2014
- **Objective:** To transform India into a global hub for manufacturing, foreign investment, design, and innovation.

Other objectives:

1. To increase the growth rate of Indian industry to 12-14 percent per year.
2. To create 100 million jobs in the industrial sector by 2022.
3. To increase the share of the manufacturing sector in India's GDP to 25 percent by 2022. This target has now been revised to 2025.

- **Objective:** 'Vocal for Local'.

Pillars of "Make in India":

1. **New Processes:** Under this, ease of doing business has been recognized as the most important component for promoting entrepreneurship.

2. **New Infrastructure:** It emphasizes the development of industrial corridors and smart cities and the integration of cutting-edge technology and high-speed communication facilities to develop world-class infrastructure.
3. **New Sectors:** Foreign direct investment has been allowed in defense production, insurance, medical devices, manufacturing, and railway infrastructure.
4. **New Mindset:** The role of the government has been defined as a facilitator rather than a regulator.

Key Initiatives Launched to Promote 'Make in India'

1. **Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Schemes:** PLI schemes have been announced with a budget of ₹1.97 lakh crore for 14 key sectors to enhance India's manufacturing capabilities and exports from India.
2. **PM GatiShakti:** Achieving the goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat and a \$5 trillion economy by 2025 through multimodal and last-mile connectivity infrastructure.
3. **Semiconductor Ecosystem Development:** The Semicon India Programme (2021) has been approved with an outlay of ₹76,000 crore to promote the development of a sustainable semiconductor and display ecosystem.
4. **National Logistics Policy (2022):** Promoting economic growth and competitiveness through an integrated, efficient, and sustainable logistics network by leveraging advanced technology and best practices.
5. **Start-up India:** Launched to support entrepreneurs, build a strong start-up ecosystem, and transform India into a job-generating nation.
6. **Tax Reforms:** The implementation of GST has unified the country's tax structure, reducing production costs, and increasing overall efficiency and productivity.

7. **Unified Payments Interface (UPI):** India's UPI has emerged as a global leader in digital payments, accounting for 46% of global real-time payments and transactions.
8. **National Industrial Corridor Programme:** This initiative aims to develop competitive greenfield industrial areas and nodes through 32 projects in approved industrial corridors.

Make in India 2.0:

- **Launch:** 2021
- **Sectors:** Focused on 27 sectors.
- **Implementation:** Implemented under the aegis of various ministries/departments and state governments.
- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade is coordinating action plans for manufacturing sectors, while the Department of Commerce is coordinating service sectors.

Project Svatantra



Key Points:

- This project is being led by the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) and implemented in collaboration with Cochin Shipyard Limited.
- Project Svatantra aims to develop India's first maritime autonomous surface ship.

Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS)

- These are vessels that operate largely independently, rather than being operated by a human being.



Blue Port Infrastructure



Key Points:

- India has signed a Technical Cooperation Program Agreement with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to strengthen blue port infrastructure in the country.

About FAO's Blue Ports Initiative

- The 'Blue Ports Initiative' promotes the transformation of marine and coastal areas into socially, economically, and environmentally sustainable areas, involving all relevant stakeholders.
- Its objective is to help fishing harbors become strategic hubs for local, national, and regional development.

India AI Mission



Key Points:

- The Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has announced that 500 data labs will be set up across the country under the India AI Mission.

India AI Mission:

- **Initial:** Launched by MeitY in 2024.
- **Goal:** To promote AI innovation by ensuring universal access to computing, enhancing data quality, and developing indigenous AI capabilities.
- **Implementing Agency:** IndiaAI, an autonomous business division under MeitY.





ECONOMIC SCENARIO

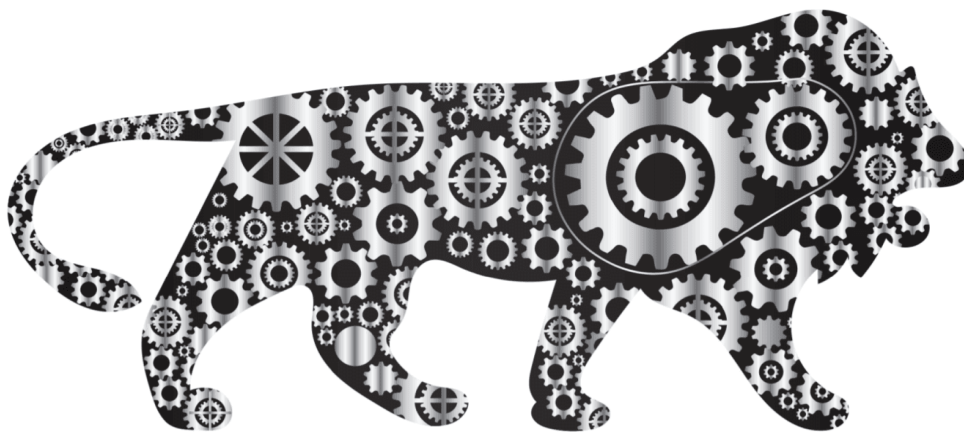


India's Logistics Cost Mechanism



Why in News?

- On September 20, 2025, in New Delhi to mark the completion of a decade of "Make in India," the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry released a report on estimating logistics costs in India.



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Key Points:

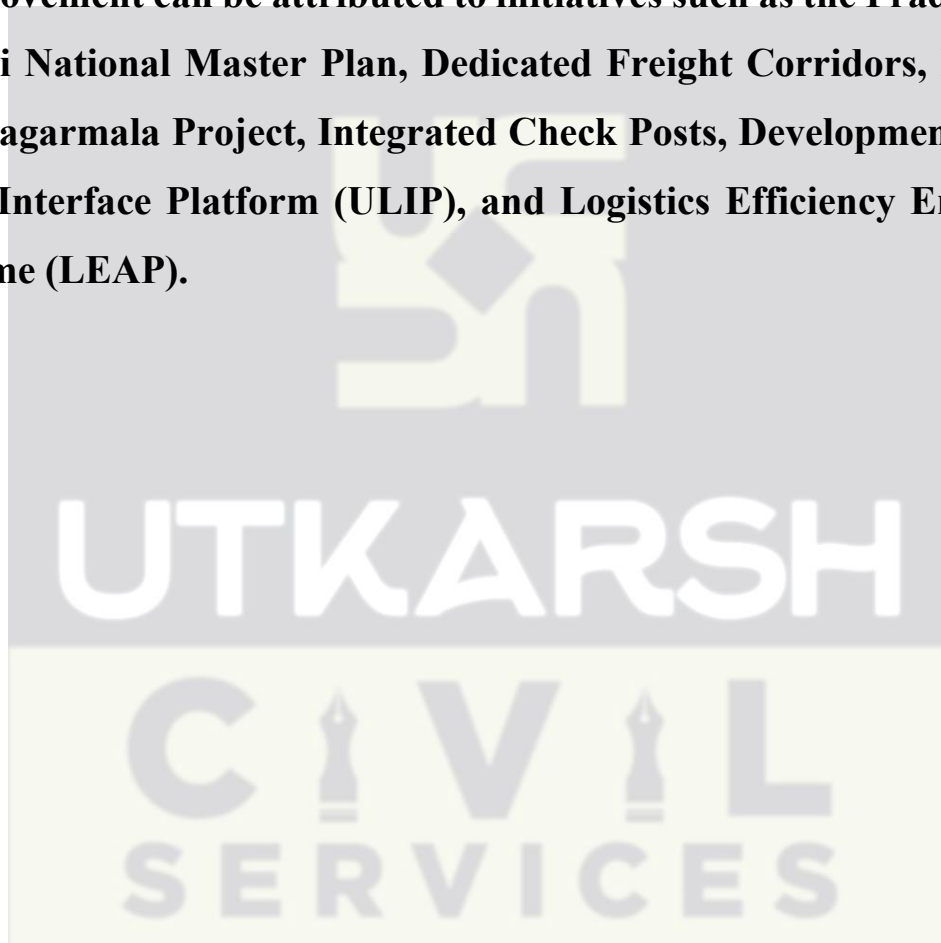
- According to the current estimate prepared by NCAER for DPIIT, logistics costs in India are estimated to be approximately 7.97 percent of total GDP.
- For the first time, a comprehensive and scientifically derived estimate of logistics costs in India will be obtained using a mixed methodology combining secondary data with nationwide surveys.
- This initiative follows the mandate of the National Logistics Policy (2022) to establish a uniform framework for measuring logistics costs and standardizing them in line with global practices.

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- The report provides a comprehensive overview of logistics costs across multiple transport modes, product categories, and firm sizes.
- Estimates over the past five years indicate that the growth rate of logistics costs is gradually slowing compared to non-service production.
- This improvement can be attributed to initiatives such as the Pradhan Mantri Gatishakti National Master Plan, Dedicated Freight Corridors, Bharatmala Project, Sagarmala Project, Integrated Check Posts, Development of Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP), and Logistics Efficiency Enhancement Programme (LEAP).



MILITARY EXERCISES

Exercise

First bilateral exercise between India and Greece



Why in News?

- On September 18, 2025, the first bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the Hellenic Navy of Greece concluded in the Mediterranean Sea.



Key Points:

The exercise was conducted in two phases:

First port phase: September 13-17, 2025 at Salamis Naval Base.



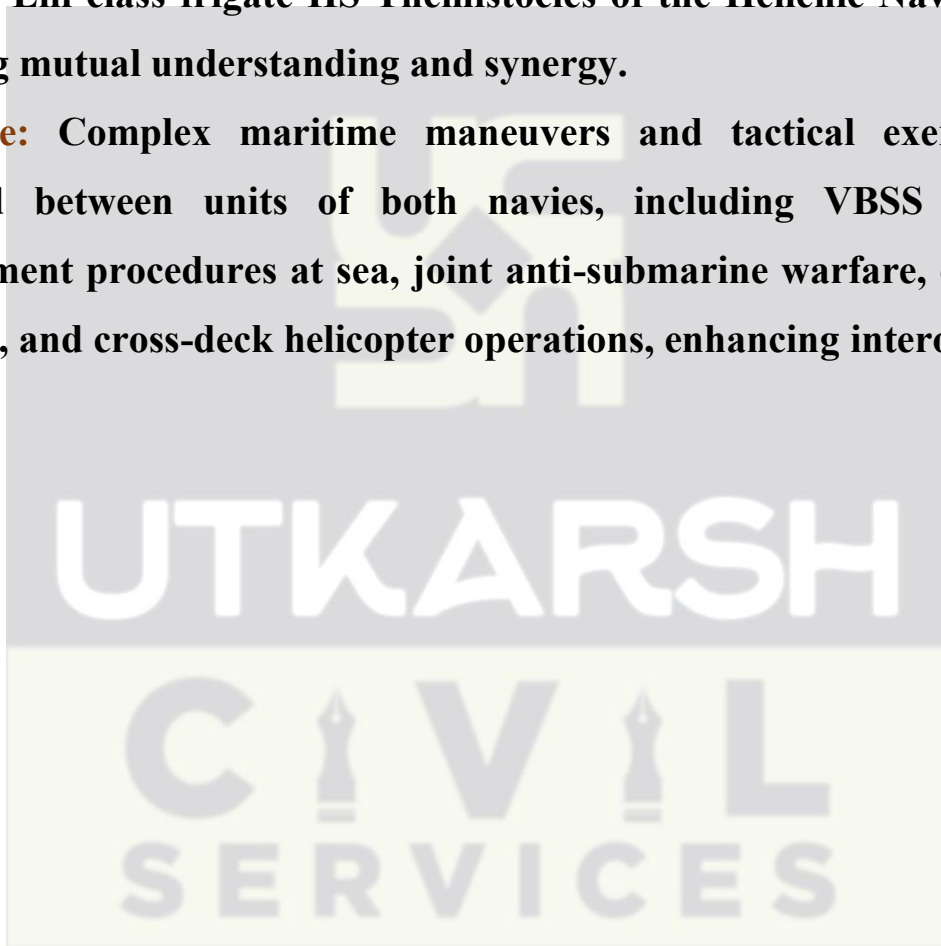
Second sea phase: September 17 and 18, 2025

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- The Indian Navy was represented by the guided missile stealth frigate INS Trikand.
- **Harbour Phase:** Personnel from both navies engaged in cross-deck visits, professional interactions among crews, and a pre-sail conference held on board the Elli class frigate HS Themistocles of the Hellenic Navy, aimed at promoting mutual understanding and synergy.
- **Sea Phase:** Complex maritime maneuvers and tactical exercises were conducted between units of both navies, including VBSS operations, replenishment procedures at sea, joint anti-submarine warfare, coordinated gun firing, and cross-deck helicopter operations, enhancing interoperability.



AWARDS

Dadasaheb Phalke Award, 2023



Why in News?

- On the recommendation of the Dadasaheb Phalke Award Selection Committee, Mohanlal Viswanathan Nair will be awarded the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2023, by the Government of India.
- The official ceremony will be held on September 23, 2025, during the 71st National Film Awards.



Key Points:

- **Inception:** 1969
- **Award announced:** Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- **Prize:** A Golden Lotus medal, a shawl, and a cash prize of ₹1,000,000 (US\$13,000).

The Dadasaheb Phalke Award Selection Committee comprised the following members:

1. Mithun Chakraborty
2. Shankar Mahadevan
3. Ashutosh Gowariker

For the year 2023; Mohanlal Viswanathan Nair:

- **Affiliation:** Kerala
- Mohanlal has acted in films in several languages, including Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Hindi.
- Mohanlal, who began his career with "Manjil Virinja Pookkal" in the 1980s, has acted in over 350 films.
- **Awards:** Mohanlal was honored by the Government of India with the Padma Shri in 2001 and the Padma Bhushan in 2019, and was appointed Honorary Lieutenant Colonel in the Indian Territorial Army in 2009.
- **National Awards for acting by Mohanlal Viswanathan Nair:**

Year	Film
1989	Kireedam (Special Mention)
1991	Bharatham (Best Actor)
1999	Vanaprastham (Best Actor); Screened at Cannes International Film Festival
2016	Janatha Garage (Special Jury Award)
2016	Munthirivallikal Thalirkkumbol (Special Jury Award)

Other important points:

Dadasaheb Phalke:

- In 1913, Dadasaheb Phalke, the father of Indian cinema, directed the first Indian full-length feature film, Raja Harishchandra. In his memory, the Government of India instituted the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1969.
- At the 17th National Film Awards ceremony held in 1969, actress Devika Rani was presented the first Dadasaheb Phalke Award.

List of Dadasaheb Phalke Award winners:

Ceremony Year	Recipient
2025 (75th)	Mohanlal (Malayalam)
2024 (74th)	Mithun Chakraborty
2023 (73rd)	Rekha
2022 (72nd)	Asha Parekh
2021 (71st)	Rajinikanth