

# Daily Current Affairs

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## RAJASTHAN



### Rana Pratap Sagar Dam



#### Why in News?

- According to a recent report released by the Central Water Commission (CWC), the Rana Pratap Sagar Dam's capacity has decreased by approximately 10 percent over the past 51 years due to siltation.



#### Key Points:

##### Rana Pratap Sagar Dam:

- **Location:** Rana Pratap Sagar Dam is located on the Chambal River in Rawatbhata (Chittorgarh).
- Rana Pratap Sagar Dam is the largest dam in Rajasthan.
- **Dams built on Chambal River:** Gandhi Sagar, Rana Pratap Sagar, Jawahar Sagar and Kota Barrage.



## NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

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1.	<p><b>Rajasthan in the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Four athletes from Rajasthan will participate:</b> Sandeep Choudhary, Sundar Singh Gurjar, Mahendra Gurjar (javelin throw) and Bunty Jangid (200m event)</li><li>■ <b>Indian team head coach:</b> Dronacharya Awardee Mahavir Saini from Rajasthan.</li><li>■ <b>Chief Technical Officer:</b> Dr. Mohan Choudhary.</li><li>■ <b>Event:</b> September 27 to October 5, 2025, at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi.</li></ul>
2.	<p><b>National Media Conference: Abu Road</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ On September 27, 2025, Governor Haribhau Bagde inaugurated the 'National Media Conference' in Abu Road (Sirohi).</li><li>■ <b>Organizer:</b> Media Division of the Brahma Kumaris Institute.</li><li>■ <b>Event:</b> September 26 to 30, 2025.</li><li>■ Approximately 1,500 journalists from print, electronic, and cyber media across India and Nepal are participating in this conference.</li></ul>
3.	<p><b>Nandlal Meena</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Recently, Nandlal Meena, a former minister in the Rajasthan government and tribal leader, passed away.</li><li>■ Meena was a seven-time MLA and a one-time MP, took the historic initiative to establish Pratapgarh as a district.</li><li>■ He entered politics in 1977 after winning the Udaipur Rural constituency.</li></ul>

4.	<p><b>Silk Route Ultra and Khardungla Challenge 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Recently, Jaipur residents Mahesh Dwivedi and Suraj Meena achieved the highest performance in the Silk Route Ultra and Khardungla Challenge 2025.</li><li>■ In the Silk Route Ultra 2025, Mahesh Dwivedi achieved the feat by completing the race in 15 hours, 6 minutes, and 56 seconds. He secured first place in the non-Ladakhi category at an altitude of approximately 18,000 feet.</li><li>■ Meanwhile, young ultra runner Suraj completed the Khardungla Challenge 2025 in 7 hours, 21 minutes, and 15 seconds. His performance is the second-best course record in the history of the competition.</li></ul>
5.	<p><b>Ayansh Jain - Registered in the India Book of Records</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Ayansh Jain from Jaipur entered the India Book of Records by solving 23 shadow-matching jigsaw puzzles (each with two pieces) in 11 minutes and 21 seconds.</li></ul>
6.	<p><b>Sunil Agarwal - Appointed 'Migrant Coordinator' of Chhattisgarh</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Recently, Dr. Manisha Arora, Commissioner of the Rajasthan Foundation, nominated Sunil Agarwal, President of the Federation of Rajasthan Trade and Industry (FORTI) Youth Wing, as the 'Migrant Coordinator' of Chhattisgarh.</li></ul>
7.	<p><b>Manini Kaushik</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Manini Kaushik of Rajasthan will represent India at the ISSF World Shooting Championship to be held in Cairo, Egypt.</li><li>■ Manini will participate in the 50-meter rifle prone event. It is worth noting that Manini is the number one player in the national shooting rankings.</li></ul>
8.	<p><b>Khalkhani Mata Temple</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Recently, the prestigious Khalkhani Mata Gardabh Mela (Donkey Fair) was held in Bhavgarh Bandhiya, Jaipur.</li><li>■ Khalkhani Mata is the revered deity of the potter, washerman, and Khatik community.</li></ul>

9.	<p><b>69th State Level School Basketball Championship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ The 69th State Level School Basketball Championship for students aged 17 and 19 is being held in Barmer from September 29 to October 5, 2025.</li></ul>
10.	<p><b>Rajasthan's 'First Amrit Bharat Express'</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ The 'Amrit Bharat Express' will operate between Darbhanga in Bihar and Madar (Ajmer).</li><li>■ This is the first 'Amrit Bharat Express' train to operate in Rajasthan.</li></ul>
11.	<p><b>Sergeant Surendra Moga Hall</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Recently, the Indian Air Force has renamed a hall at the Air Force Hospital in Delhi as 'Surendra Hall' in honor of Sergeant Surendra Moga, a medical assistant who was martyred during Operation Sindoor.</li><li>■ Sergeant Surendra Moga was martyred in May 2025 after being seriously injured in a Pakistani drone attack during Operation Sindoor.</li></ul>
12.	<p><b>Operation Cyber Shield</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Operation Cyber Shield is being conducted by the Rajasthan Police to combat rising cybercrimes in Rajasthan.</li><li>■ This operation, first launched in January 2025, primarily focuses on public awareness, identifying and blocking fake SIM cards, recovering stolen devices, creating a criminal database, and arresting criminals.</li></ul>
13.	<p><b>Professor (Dr.) Pankaj Bhardwaj</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Recently, Professor (Dr.) Pankaj Bhardwaj has been appointed Director of the National Institute for Implementation Research on Non-Communicable Diseases, Jodhpur.</li><li>■ He has also made significant contributions to national health programmes as Chairman of the Operational Research Committee for Tuberculosis (NETP) in Rajasthan and Nodal Officer of the Regional Institute of NACO, MoHFW for Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.</li></ul>





## ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY



### Dugong Conservation Reserve



#### Why in News?

- The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has passed a resolution to recognize India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve at the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025. This reserve is located in Palk Bay (Tamil Nadu).



#### Key Points:

##### Dugong Conservation Reserve:

- It was established in 2022 by the Tamil Nadu government under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
- It covers an area of 448.34 square kilometers in the northern part of Palk Bay.
- Seagrass ecosystems cover more than 12,250 hectares.
- Seagrass also supports many other marine species and plays an important role in carbon sequestration.

##### Dugong (Sea Cow):

- It is the only marine herbivorous mammal that is completely dependent on seagrass.
- In India, in addition to the Palk Bay (where it is most abundant), it is found in the Gulf of Mannar, Gulf of Kutch, etc.
- **IUCN Red List Status:** Vulnerable.
- Listed in Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.



## SCHEMES



### Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)



#### Why in News?

- The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, and the Central Government have launched the ATL Sarathi and Frontier Regions Program in collaboration with the University of Kashmir.



#### Key Points:

- Under the Frontier Regions Program, 500 new Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) will be established in Jammu and Kashmir.

#### Atal Innovation Mission (AIM):

- Launched by NITI Aayog in 2016.
- **Objective:** To promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship.

#### About Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs):

- These are state-of-the-art labs set up in schools under the Atal Innovation Mission.
- **Objective:** To promote innovation among children in grades 6 to 12 across the country through 21st-century tools and technologies such as the Internet of Things, 3D printing, etc.



## ECONOMIC SCENARIO



### WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies



#### Why in News?

- This agreement was adopted at the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference (2022). The agreement entered into force after two-thirds of WTO member countries formally accepted it.



#### Key Points:

##### WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies:

- It puts into effect binding rules to curb harmful subsidies.
- It is the WTO's first multilateral agreement with environmental sustainability at its core.
- It will help in achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14.
- **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14:** To Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas, and marine resources.
- India did not join the agreement to ensure subsidy protection, livelihood security, and food security for small-scale fishermen.
- **WTO Fisheries Fund:** It was established to assist developing and least developed member countries in implementing the agreement. This fund is supported by voluntary contributions from WTO members.
- The agreement provides special and differential treatment to developing countries.





## INDEXES AND REPORTS



### Environmental Accounting on Forests, 2025 Report



#### Why in News?

- This report is released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). This is the 8th consecutive edition of the report on environmental accounting.



#### Key Points:

- This is the first dedicated report on forest accounting. It is based on the United Nations System of Environmental Economic Accounting (SEEA) Framework.

#### Key Points of the Report:

##### Physical Asset Account:

- **Forest cover (2010-11 to 2021-22):** It has increased by 17,444.61 sq km (22.50%). The total forest area has now reached 7.15 lakh sq km, which is 21.76% of India's geographical area.
- **States with the highest increase:** Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu.
- **States with the highest increase in Recorded Forest Area (RFA):** Uttarakhand (6.3%), Odisha (1.97%), and Jharkhand (1.9%).

##### United Nations System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA):

- It was developed in 2012 by the United Nations, the European Commission, and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- **What is SEEA:** SEEA is an international statistical standard that integrates economic and environmental data. Its aim is to understand the contribution of the environment to the economy and the impact of the economy on the environment.
- The SEEA framework was first adopted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) in 2018.

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## Children in India, 2025 Report



### Why in News?

- Recently, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released the fourth issue of the Children in India, 2025 Report.



### Key Points:

- This report provides details on children's education, health, nutrition, protection, etc., to guide evidence-based policies to improve children's rights and well-being.

#### Key points of the report:

- **Infant Mortality Rate (IMR):** Reduced from 44 in 2011 to 25 in 2023.
- **Infant Mortality Rate (IMR):** in the number of deaths of children under one year of age per 1,000 live births.
- **Under-5 Mortality Rate (U5MR):** Reduced from 30 in 2022 to 29 in 2023.
- **Under-5 mortality rate (U5MR)** reflects the probability of death before the age of 5 per 1,000 children born in a particular year or period.
- **Birth rate:** Decreased to 18.4 per 1,000 population in 2023. It is 20.3 in rural areas and 14.9 in urban areas.

#### Dropout rate (2022-23 to 2024-25):

- **Preparatory stage:** Decreased from 8.7% to 2.3%.
- **Middle level:** Decreased from 8.1% to 3.5%.
- **Secondary level:** Decreased from 13.8% to 8.2%.
- Child marriage rate decreased from 26.8% in 2015-16 to 23.3% in 2019-21.
- The total number of children adopted increased from 3,927 (2017-18) to 4,515 (2024-25).
- Gender parity at all levels of education has been achieved in 2024-25.

## NEWS IN SHORTS

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1.	<p><b>Drone Wall: European Union</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Following the sighting of suspected Russian drones in Denmark, the European Union has taken steps towards building a 'Drone Wall'.</li></ul> <p><b>Drone Wall:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ It is an AI-based multi-layered drone-defence system called AirShield. It is an anti-drone platform.</li><li>■ It is designed to combat high-speed, weaponized unmanned aerial vehicles.</li><li>■ It provides early warning, real-time threat detection, and intelligence against drone intrusions, GPS jamming, and other unconventional attacks.</li></ul>
2.	<p><b>Agni-Prime Missile</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ DRDO and the Strategic Forces Command (SFC) successfully test-fired the medium-range Agni-Prime missile from a mobile launcher system installed on a moving train.</li><li>■ This is the first futuristic missile system of its kind to be launched from a moving train and can operate on the rail network.</li></ul> <p><b>Agni-Prime Missile:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ It is a state-of-the-art, two-stage, solid-fuel, canister-launched ballistic missile developed by DRDO. It is the newest missile in the Agni series.</li><li>■ <b>Range:</b> Up to 2000 kilometers. It can carry both conventional and nuclear warheads.</li></ul>

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## Article 304: Supreme Court

- Citing Article 304(a) of the Constitution, the Supreme Court has held that the tax system cannot be used to discriminate against goods originating from other states.
- States can determine taxes in such a way that the tax burden is equal on goods coming from outside and goods manufactured within the state.

### Article 304(a):

- A state or union territory can impose taxes on goods coming from other states or union territories.
- However, it should not discriminate between imported goods and similar goods manufactured locally.

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