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RAJASTHAN



‘Nav Vidhan – A New Identity of Justice’ Exhibition



Why in News?

- Recently, Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the 6-day ‘Nav Vidhan – A New Identity of Justice’ exhibition, based on three new criminal laws, at the JECC, Sitapura (Jaipur).



Key Points:

- The exhibition showcases the judicial process through live demos in 10 zones and models across three phases, providing visitors with information from crime reporting to the final judicial decision.
- It is noteworthy that, as announced by the Union Home Ministry, three new criminal laws: the Indian Civil Defence Code, 2023, the Indian Justice Code, 2023, and the Indian Evidence Act, 2023, came into effect across the country on July 1, 2024.
- These Acts replaced the British-era Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure, and the Indian Evidence Act, respectively.

Other important points:

- The Union Home Minister released the 'Developed Rajasthan-2047 Action Plan'.
- Registration for the 150-unit Muft Bijli Yojna began.

Two-Day National Conference of Tourism Ministers: Udaipur



Why in News?

- A two-day National Conference of Tourism Ministers was held in Udaipur on October 14 and 15, 2025.



Key Points:

- **Organizer:** Union Ministry of Tourism.
- **Conference Theme:** Development of 50 Destinations and Providing Performance-Linked Incentives.
- **Rajasthan Represented:** Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari as Tourism Minister.

Facts for Prelims:

- According to data for the year 2023-24, Rajasthan ranks fifth in the choice of domestic and foreign tourists, with the state's share in both categories being 7 to 8 percent.
- **Rajasthan Tourism Minister:** Diya Kumari.
- **Principal Secretary of Rajasthan Tourism Department:** Rajesh Yadav.
- **Commissioner of Rajasthan Tourism Department:** Rukmini Riar.
- **RTDC:** To promote tourism in Rajasthan, the State Tourism Directorate was established in 1955 and the Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation Limited (RTDC) in 1978.

Rajasthan Tourism Unit Policy (RTUP) – 2024

- **Launch:** December 4, 2024
- **Objective:** To increase the benefits payable to investors and entrepreneurs associated with Rajasthan tourism and to encourage the establishment of new tourism units in the private sector, thereby creating employment and entrepreneurship opportunities.
- This policy focuses primarily on providing exemptions for heritage hotels and properties, leveraging the benefits available to the private sector in heritage properties. Additionally, the tourism policy streamlines the licensing process for operating hotels, restaurants, and other tourism-related establishments.



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पर्यटन मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
TOURISM

NEWS IN SHORTS

S. No.	News
1.	Brahma Kumaris Global Summit – 2025 ■ Topic: Unity and Trust ■ Theme: Inspiring a Sustainable Future ■ Date: October 10-13, 2025 ■ Venue: Brahma Kumaris, Shantivan, Abu Road. 
2.	'Agneepath Nahi Janpath' (Book): Satish Poonia ■ Release: October 12, 2025, at the Constitution Club, Jaipur. ■ Author: Satish Poonia. ■ Chief Guest: Punjab Governor Gulabchand Kataria.
3.	Controversy over 'Jodhpur Disease' and WHO Guidelines ■ In September 2025, a rare disease was identified in two children in Africa for the first time. The international scientific community has named this disease 'Jodhpur Disease' (JD). ■ However, the World Health Organization (WHO) issued strict guidelines in 2015 that no disease can be named after a place, person, caste, or community. ■ This disease, discovered by scientists, is a rare, primary, and acquired form of gastric outlet obstruction, characterized by a blockage in the passage from the stomach to the small intestine, with the primary symptom being frequent vomiting.

4.

Sindoor Souvenir Garden: Kotputli

- Recently, the 'Sindoor Souvenir Garden', dedicated to Operation Sindoor by the Indian Army, was inaugurated on the campus of the Shrimati Panadevi Morijawala Government Girls College in Kotputli.
- It is noteworthy that the Rajasthan Forest Department had announced that four Great Indian Bustard chicks, born in May 2025, would be named after 'Operation Sindoor' and the personalities associated with it.
- A total of eight chicks were born in May 2025, four of which were named as follows:
 - **Sindoor** – after Operation Sindoor.
 - **Sophia** – in honor of Colonel Sophia Qureshi.
 - **Vyom** – in honor of Wing Commander Vyomika Singh.
 - **Mishri** – in honor of Foreign Secretary Vikram Mishri (IFS).

5.

Adarsh Kumar: Chegg Global Student Prize 2025

- Recently, Adarsh Kumar, a student of Jayshree Padiwal International School, Jaipur, won the Chegg Global Student Prize 2025.
- He is the first Indian student to receive this honor.
- The award was presented to him at a ceremony held in London on October 1, 2025.

6.

Group Captain Vinay Bhardwaj

- Recently, Group Captain Vinay Bhardwaj (Station Commander, Indian Air Force Station, Jaipur) was honored at the India Mobile Congress 2025 held in New Delhi.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) team presented its cutting-edge mobile security solution. The team was declared the “Second Runner-Up” in the competition.
- Group Captain Vinay Bhardwaj is also an alumnus of MNIT, Jaipur.

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Kukkiwon Cup Taekwondo International Tournament

- Recently, players from Rajasthan won a total of 5 medals at the Kukkiwon Cup Taekwondo International Tournament held in New Delhi.
- **Medal Winners:**
- Anay Jaswani, Riya Yenendra, and Samaira Singh Gehlot: Gold medals in the U-17 category.
- **Shaurya Maheshwari and Syuransh Sharma:** Bronze medals in the U-8 category.
- **Event:** October 10-12, 2025, at the Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi.
- **Organizers:** Kukkiwon Headquarters, India, and the Sports Authority of India (SAI)

8.

India's 'First Student-Driven Research Conference': Jaipur

- India's first student-driven research conference was held at Vivekananda Global University, Jaipur, from October 9-12, 2025.
- **Conference Name:** NASA India (National Association of Students of Architecture) Conference.
- **Theme:** “Catalyze – Architecture's Path to Change”.

9.

Kota Travel Mart: 2026

- Recently, the Rajasthan Tourism Department approved the organization of a state-level travel mart in Kota.
- **Event:** January 2 to 4, 2026.
- This is the first time the travel mart will be held outside Jaipur.
- **Note:** The fifth edition of the Rajasthan Domestic Travel Mart (RDTM) was organized in Jaipur from September 12 to 14, 2025, under the joint aegis of the Federation of Hospitality and Tourism of Rajasthan (FHTR) and the Rajasthan Tourism Department.

10.

10th World Wushu Kung Fu Championship: 3 Players from Rajasthan Selected

- **Players from Rajasthan:** Arkeshwar Medatwal, Rajat Prakash Gupta, and Bhav Shrimali.
- **Event:** October 14-20, 2025, in Emeishan, China.
- **Organizer:** International Wushu Federation (IWUF)



11.

State's First Gold Mine

- Recently, the Rajasthan Mines and Geology Department initiated the tender process for the state's first gold mine in the Kankaria Gara Block of Ghatol Tehsil, Banswara.
- Mining for gold production will be carried out in the Kankaria Gara Block, Delwara Ravan, Garjia Magra, Delwara Lokiya, Rughnathji Gara, and Lambipatia Blocks of Banswara.

12.

Launch of Muft Bijli Yojna Portal

- On October 13, 2025, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah launched the portal developed for registration of electricity consumers under the 150 units per month Muft Bijli Yojna.
- This portal has been developed by Rajasthan DISCOMs.
- In the budget for the year 2025-26, the state government announced the 150 units per month Muft Bijli Yojna, leveraging the PM Suryaghar Muft Bijli Yojna with the intention of providing further benefits to the beneficiaries of the Mukhyamantri Muft Bijli Yojna.

13. Cooperation Department's 'Sahar Deepotsav Mela - 2025'

- **Event:** Jaipur from October 13 to 19, 2025.
- **Organizer:** Rajasthan State Cooperative Consumer Federation (CONFED)

14. MoU between Rajivika and Indian Institute of Crafts and Design

- The Rajasthan Rural Livelihoods Development Council (Rajivika) recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Crafts and Design, Jaipur, to strengthen the handicraft-based livelihoods of rural and self-help group women.
- This MoU is under Rajivika's 'Unnati Incubation Hub' initiative.
- The objective of this MoU is to promote skill development, innovation, product diversification, and marketing empowerment of rural women through design-based interventions and capacity building.

15. 'Rajasthan Ratna Award-2025': Dr. Arun Chaturvedi

- Recently, Dr. Arun Chaturvedi, Chairman of the Rajasthan State Finance Commission, was honored with the 'Rajasthan Ratna Award-2025' in Dubai.
- **Provided by:** Rajasthan Business and Professional Group (RBPG) Dubai and Rajasthan Foundation Dubai Chapter.
- On this occasion, Vasu Shroff, who has been supporting people of Rajasthan origin in Dubai for the past 75 years, and Ankur Agarwal, owner of BNW Developers and chartered accountant, were honored with the 'Pravasi Samman Award-2025' for their outstanding contributions.

16. **Khelo India Asmita Kayaking and Canoeing League 2025-26**
- The 'Khelo India Asmita Kayaking and Canoeing League 2025-26' will be held in Udaipur on October 17 and 18, 2025, with the aim of promoting women's participation in water sports.
 - **Venue:** Regional Kayaking and Canoeing Training Center, Fatehsagar.
17. **Rajasthan's Largest Floating Fountain: Kaylana Lake**
- Recently, the Jodhpur Development Authority installed the state's largest floating fountain in Kaylana Lake.
 - This floating fountain is 75 meters long and 45 meters wide.
18. **CAZRI develops two new varieties of henna**
- Recently, the Central Field Research Institute (CAZRI) in Jodhpur developed two new varieties of henna, CZ-RSPH-8 and CZ-RSPH-9.





Artificial Intelligence Roadmap: NITI Aayog



Why in News?

- NITI Aayog released a 'Roadmap' for job creation in the Artificial Intelligence (AI) economy.



Key Points:

- India's technology sector faces potential job losses, but also has the opportunity to create 4 million new jobs over the next 5 years.

AI-related challenges facing India:

- **Risk of widespread job transformation:** More than 60% of formal jobs in India are vulnerable to automation by 2030.
- **Skills gap:** Indian graduates often fall short of specialized and research-intensive AI curriculum and courses that are unable to keep up with new concepts.
- **AI talent supply-demand gap:** The supply of AI talent currently meets only about 50% of the demand.

Recommendations by NITI Aayog:

- AI should be integrated at all levels, from schools to universities.
- A national AI literacy program should be launched.
- Offer attractive grants and salaries to retain top AI researchers, establish autonomous AI Centers of Excellence, and introduce a dedicated AI Talent Visa.
- The AI Talent Mission should work in collaboration with the India AI Mission.
- **Operationalize an India Open-Source AI Community:** Create a central portal with high-quality datasets, models, and transparent benchmarks.

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Sawalkot Hydroelectric Project



Why in News?

- The apex committee of the Union Environment Ministry has granted environmental clearance to the Sawalkot Hydroelectric Project.



Key Points:

Sawalkot Hydroelectric Project

- This is a 1,856 MW run-of-the-river hydroelectric project.
- The project is proposed on the Chenab River in the Ramban and Udhampur districts of Jammu and Kashmir.
- A run-of-the-river project utilizes the natural flow of the river to generate power. Such a project requires little or no water storage.

Siddi Tribal Community



Why in News?

- The Siddi tribal community is a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG). It has achieved a literacy rate of over 72 percent.



Key Points:

Siddi Tribal Community

- They are also known as Habshi or Badshah. They are an Afro-Indian tribal community believed to have migrated from East Africa.
- **Location:** West coast of India, namely Gujarat, Karnataka, and Maharashtra.
- **Occupation:** Traditionally hunters and gatherers; now mostly agricultural laborers and daily wage laborers.
- They are believed to have first come to India with Arab traders in the 7th century and with the Portuguese and British in the 16th century, mostly as slaves.
- Currently, they are recognized as a Scheduled Tribe by the Central Government.

New Delhi Declaration on 6G



Why in News?

- The New Delhi Declaration was released during the International India 6G Symposium 2025, held alongside the India Mobile Congress in New Delhi.



Key Points:

Key Points of the Declaration

- The Declaration emphasizes that 6G should be developed as a global public good.
- It articulates a shared vision for 6G that prioritizes openness, inclusivity, and sustainability.

About 6G

- 6G (sixth-generation wireless technology) is the next step in 5G cellular technology.
- The advantages of 6G over 5G include higher data transmission speeds, lower latency, and the integration of communication and sensing capabilities.



UNESCO's Virtual Museum



Why in News?

- Recently, UNESCO launched the world's first virtual museum for stolen cultural objects.



Key Points:

- Unveiling:** During the Mondiacult Conference, 2025.
 - Objective of the initiative:** To raise awareness and assist recovery efforts against the illicit trade of heritage objects.
 - Financial support and assistance:** The project is financially supported by Saudi Arabia and developed in partnership with Interpol, strengthening international cooperation in the fight against illicit cultural trafficking.
 - Technology:** 3D modeling, virtual reality, and AI-generated 3D reconstructions.
 - Design rooted in symbolism:** Conceived by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Francis Kéré, the website's structure resembles a baobab tree—a powerful African symbol of endurance and wisdom.
 - The Virtual Museum of Stolen Cultural Objects currently displays approximately 240 lost artifacts from 46 countries.
- Indian Temple Sculptures:** The museum displays at least two objects sent from India:
 - A ninth-century sandstone sculpture from the Mahadev Temple in Pali, Chhattisgarh:** The first sculpture is of Nataraja, depicting Shiva in his cosmic dance, one hand raised in assurance and the other subduing a small demon, symbolizing the triumph of knowledge over ignorance. His mount, Nandi, looks upward, reinforcing Shiva's role as both protector and destroyer.



2. **Statue of the Creator Brahma:** The second figure is of Brahma, the creator, seated in Lalitasana (Lalitasana) posture, with three faces and four arms, holding sacred symbols such as a rosary and the Vedas. A swan at his feet symbolizes wisdom and clarity.
- Together, the two sculptures express the balance of creation and destruction at the core of Hindu belief, and demonstrate how temple images materialize complex philosophical ideas.

Other highlights:

Mondiacult 2025:

- **Event:** Barcelona, Spain.
- **Six themes:** Cultural rights, digital technologies in the cultural sector, culture and education, the economy of culture, culture and climate action, and culture, heritage and crisis.
- **Two focus areas:** Culture for Peace and Artificial Intelligence and Culture.
- **UNESCO Virtual Museum:** The digital home of the world's stolen treasures.
- **Mondiacult:** Short for the UNESCO World Conference on Cultural Policies and Sustainable Development.
- It is the world's largest ministerial forum on cultural policy, bringing together UNESCO's 194 Member States to set the global agenda for culture.

History of Mondiacult:

1. **1982:** The first conference expanded the definition of culture to include the overall "distinctive characteristics" of society and established culture as a fundamental part of development.
 2. **2022:** Revived 40 years later, the conference declared culture a global public good and a human right.
- As a result, the Mexico Declaration mandated that the conference be held every four years and set an independent target for culture in the UN's post-2030 development agenda.

Thitu Island



Key Points:

- Chinese and Philippine ships collided near the Philippine-controlled Thitu Island.

About Thitu Island

- Thitu Island (Pag-asa Island) is the largest island controlled by the Philippines in the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea.
- There has been a territorial dispute between the Philippines and China over Thitu Island.

Durand Line



Key Points:

- Border conflict erupted between Pakistan and Afghanistan over the disputed Durand Line.

Durand Line

- The Durand Line is a 2,640-kilometer-long international land border between Afghanistan and Pakistan.
- This line was established in 1893 by an agreement between Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, Foreign Secretary of British India, and Abdur Rahman Khan, Amir of Afghanistan.



ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY



Greenhouse Gas Emission Intensity (GEI) Target Rules



Why in News?

- The government notified the "Greenhouse Gas Emission Intensity (GEI) Target Rules."



Key Points:

- The legally binding GEI Target Rules 2025 target four high-emitting sectors, namely aluminum, cement, pulp and paper, and chlor-alkali.
- GEI is the amount of GHGs generated per unit of product. For example, gases released per tonne of production of a product like cement or aluminum.

Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS), 2023

- **Objective:** To develop India's first domestic carbon market to reduce GHG emission intensity within the country in line with India's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).
- **Notified:** Under the Energy Conservation Act, 2001.

What are the rules?

- **Issued under:** Compliance Mechanism for the Carbon Credit Trading Scheme, 2023.
- **Compliance body:** Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).
- **Objective:** To reduce greenhouse gas emissions per unit of production in carbon-intensive sectors and facilitate carbon credit trading.

Mechanism:

- Compliant entities that achieve emissions below the target can earn tradable carbon credit certificates.
- BEE will issue carbon credit certificates.
- Non-compliant entities will be required to purchase additional certificates or pay environmental compensation, which will be twice the average carbon credit value for that compliance year.

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International Blue Flag Certification



Why in News?

- Five beaches in Maharashtra have received the prestigious International Blue Flag certification.



Key Points:

- These beaches are Shrivardhan, Nagaon, Parnaka, Guhagar, and Ladghar.

Blue Flag Certification:

- **Inception:** In 1985 in France.
- **Organization:** This certification is awarded annually by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), a Denmark-based non-governmental organization.
- **Criteria:** This certification is awarded to beaches that meet 33 criteria related to cleanliness, beauty, and environmental sustainability.
- It is a globally recognized eco-label. The certification program is based on stringent requirements in the areas of accessibility, education, environmental performance, responsible behavior, safety, services, stakeholder engagement, and water quality.

Indian Wolf (*Canis lupus pallipes*)



Why in News?

- The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has for the first time evaluated the Indian wolf as a possible separate species within the genus *Canis*.



Key Points:

- This genus currently has seven species recognized by the IUCN. With the inclusion of the Indian wolf, it will become the eighth recognized species.

Indian Wolf

- **Habitat:** Found in thorny and scrub forests, as well as arid and semi-arid grasslands. Some are also found in Pakistan.
- **Threats:** Habitat loss, conflict with humans, and diseases.
- **IUCN Conservation Status:** Vulnerable.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Establishment of New Research Station Maitri II in East Antarctica



Why in News?

- The Union Ministry of Finance approved the establishment of Maitri II, a new research station in East Antarctica. This will be India's fourth research station. It will be operational by 2029.



Key Points:

- It will be established as a green research station powered by renewable energy sources.

India's Initiatives in Antarctica

- **Research Initiatives:** India currently operates two research stations in Antarctica: Maitri (1989) and Bharati (2012).
- Dakshin Gangotri (1983-84) was India's first scientific research station, operating until 1990.
- **Institutions:** The National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), located in Goa, under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, is the nodal agency for conducting missions in the polar regions.
- **Legal Framework:** The Indian Antarctic Act 2022 aims to undertake national efforts by India to protect the environment and associated ecosystems of Antarctica.
- **Global Commitment:** India has been a consultative party to the Antarctic Treaty since 1983.
- This treaty was signed in 1959. Its objective is to ensure the peaceful use of Antarctica and freedom of scientific research and international cooperation.



SCHEMES



National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM)



Why in News?

- The Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) formally recognized three major ports as Green Hydrogen Hubs under the National Green Hydrogen Mission.



Key Points:

Ports recognized as 'Green Hydrogen Hubs':

- Deendayal Port Authority, Gujarat
- V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority, Tamil Nadu
- Paradip Port Authority, Odisha
- Recognition as a 'Green Hydrogen Hub' will increase industrial participation in these ports, boost green investment, and encourage innovation in clean fuel technologies.

National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM)

- **Announcement:** January 2023
- **Objective:** To make India a global hub for the production, use, and export of green hydrogen and its byproducts.
- **Target:** To produce 5 million metric tons (MMT) of green hydrogen per year by 2030.

AWARDS

Nobel Prize in Economics, 2025



Why in News?

- Joel Mokyr (USA), Philip Aghion (UK), and Peter Howitt (USA) will be awarded the 2025 Nobel Prize in Economics, as announced by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

THE SVERIGES RIKSBANK PRIZE IN ECONOMIC SCIENCES IN MEMORY OF ALFRED NOBEL 2025



**Joel
Mokyr**

"for having identified the prerequisites for sustained growth through technological progress"

**Philippe
Aghion**

"for the theory of sustained growth through creative destruction"

**Peter
Howitt**

संस्थान:
नॉर्थवेस्टर्न
यूनिवर्सिटी,
अमेरिका



प्रमुख कार्य: इंडस्ट्रियल
रिवॉल्यूशन कैसे हुई, साइंस
और टेक्नोलॉजी ने कैसे आर्थिक
विकास को संभव बनाया

संस्थान: स्कूल ऑफ
इकोनॉमिक्स एंड पॉलिटिकल
साइंस, ब्रिटेन



प्रमुख कार्य: आर्थिक
विकास, प्रोडक्शन
और चैलेंज

संस्थान: ब्राउन
यूनिवर्सिटी,
अमेरिका



प्रमुख कार्य: आर्थिक
विकास, इनोवेशन और
पॉलिसी पर शोध



Key Points:

- **Prize money:** 11 million Swedish krona (₹10.3 crore), a gold medal, and a certificate.
- **Award:** December 10, 2025, in Stockholm.

Contributions:

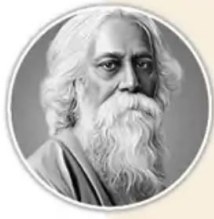
- **Joel Mokyr (USA):** Using historical sources, explained how sustainable development gradually became the “new normal” due to technological progress. His research shows that economic growth is not solely dependent on investment or capital, but rather that innovation and technological advancement are key drivers.
- **Philip Aghion (UK) and Peter Howitt (USA):** In 1992, they developed a mathematical model called Creative Destruction. According to this theory, when a new and improved product enters the market, companies selling existing products suffer losses. This process promotes sustainable economic growth.

Other important points:

Two Indians have received the Nobel Prize in Economics:

1. **Amartya Sen (1998):** Proposed a new way to understand and measure poverty. He conducted research on why famines occur and how to improve people's well-being. For example, poverty should be measured not just by money, but also by education and health.
 2. **Abhijit Banerjee (2019):** Conducted small experiments to alleviate poverty, such as how children can get better education in schools. For example, he tested the educational benefits of providing free books to poor children.
- Abhijit Banerjee shared the Nobel Prize with his wife Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer.

9 Nobel laureates from India



1913

रविंद्रनाथ टैगोर (लिटरेचर)
कविता संग्रह 'गीतांजलि' के लिए।
पहले एशियाई नोबेल विजेता।



1998

अमर्त्य सेन (इकोनॉमिक्स)
गरीबी और विकास के अध्ययन से जुड़े
कैपेबिलिटी अप्रोच के लिए।



1930

सी.वी. रमन (फिजिक्स)
रमन प्रभाव की खोज। यह बताता है कि
प्रकाश की तरंगदैर्घ्य कैसे बदलती है।



2009

वेंकटरमन रामकृष्णन (केमिस्ट्री)
राइबोसोम की संरचना की खोज।



1968

हर गोबिंद खुराना (चिकित्सा)
DNA और प्रोटीन संश्लेषण से जुड़ी
खोज। पहला कृत्रिम जीन बनाया।



2014

कैलाश सत्यार्थी (पीस)
बच्चों के हक और शिक्षा के लिए।



1979

मदर टेरेसा (पीस)
कोलकाता में गरीबों की मदद के लिए।



2019

अभिजीत बनर्जी (इकोनॉमिक्स)
गरीबी कम करने के लिए नए प्रयोगों
के लिए।



1983

सुब्रह्मण्यन चंद्रशेखर (फिजिक्स)
तारों के सिद्धांत (चंद्रशेखर सीमा)
के लिए।

Kenton R. Miller Award



Why in News?

- The Director of Kaziranga was awarded the IUCN's Kenton R. Miller Award for Innovation in National Parks. He is the first Indian to receive this award.



Key Points:

- It honors individuals who have played an innovative and leadership role in the conservation of national parks and protected areas.

Kenton R. Miller Award

- It was established by the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA). The WCPA is one of the six technical commissions of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- This award was established in 2006 to recognize innovation in national parks and protected area sustainability.
- This award is presented by the IUCN-WCPA once every two years.



IMPORTANT DAYS



**International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, 2025
(IDDRR): October 13**



अंतरराष्ट्रीय आपदा जोखिम न्यूनीकरण दिवस 2025

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
(IDDRR) 2025

आपदाओं में नहीं, आपदा-रोधन में निवेश करें
Fund Resilience, Not Disasters

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13 OCTOBER

-  **Key Points:**
- **This year's theme** is “Fund Resilience, Not Disasters.”
- Objectives and Significance**
- Declared by the United Nations General Assembly, IDDRR aims to:**
- Celebrate achievements in disaster risk reduction
 - Raise awareness about the importance of disaster prevention
 - Encourage a shift from reactive to proactive strategies
 - Build communities resilient to natural and human-caused hazards

Background:

1. In 1989, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted resolution A/RES/44/236, declaring the decade from 1990 to 1999 as the “International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction” (IDNDR). The resolution also declared the second Wednesday of October as IDNDR throughout the decade.
 - The first IDNDR was celebrated on October 10, 1990.
2. In 2009, the UNGA adopted resolution A/RES/64/200 and officially designated October 13 as IDDRR.
 - Since 2010, IDDRR has been celebrated on October 13 every year.
 - The day also strengthens global commitment to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015–2030), which aims to reduce disaster losses to life, livelihoods and health.

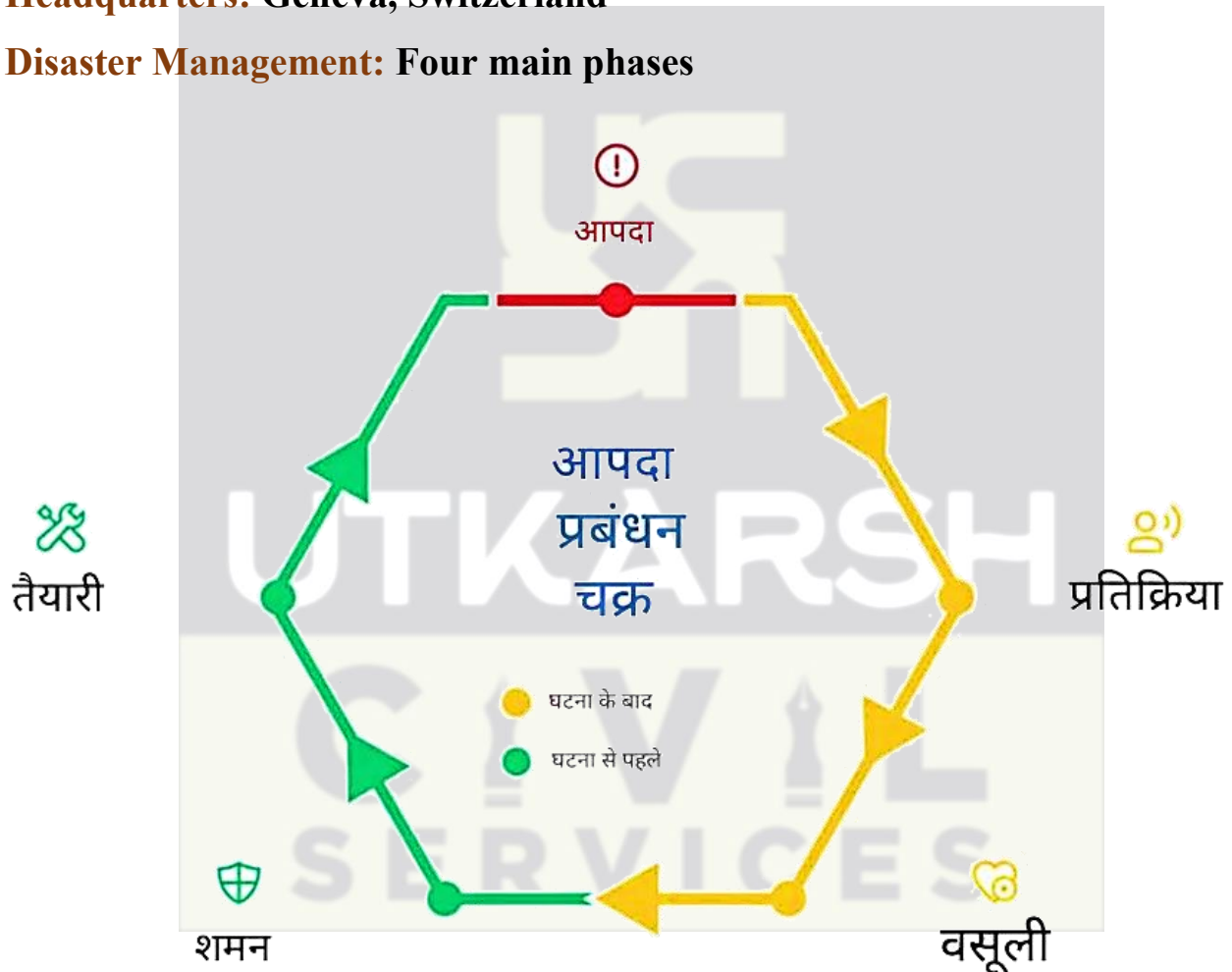
Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030:

1. The SFDRR 2015-2030 was adopted on March 18, 2015, at the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan.
2. The SFDRR outlines seven global targets and four priority actions to prevent new disaster risks and reduce existing ones.
3. It was the first major agreement of the post-2015 development agenda aimed at substantially reducing disaster risk and preventing and minimizing losses to lives, livelihoods, economies, and infrastructure.
4. The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) (formerly the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction; UNISDR) is the part of the UN Secretariat that supports the implementation and review of the Sendai Framework.

Other important points:

United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR):

- UNDRR is a member of the UN Sustainable Development Group (UNSDG).
- **Established:** 1999
- **Headquarters:** Geneva, Switzerland
- **Disaster Management:** Four main phases

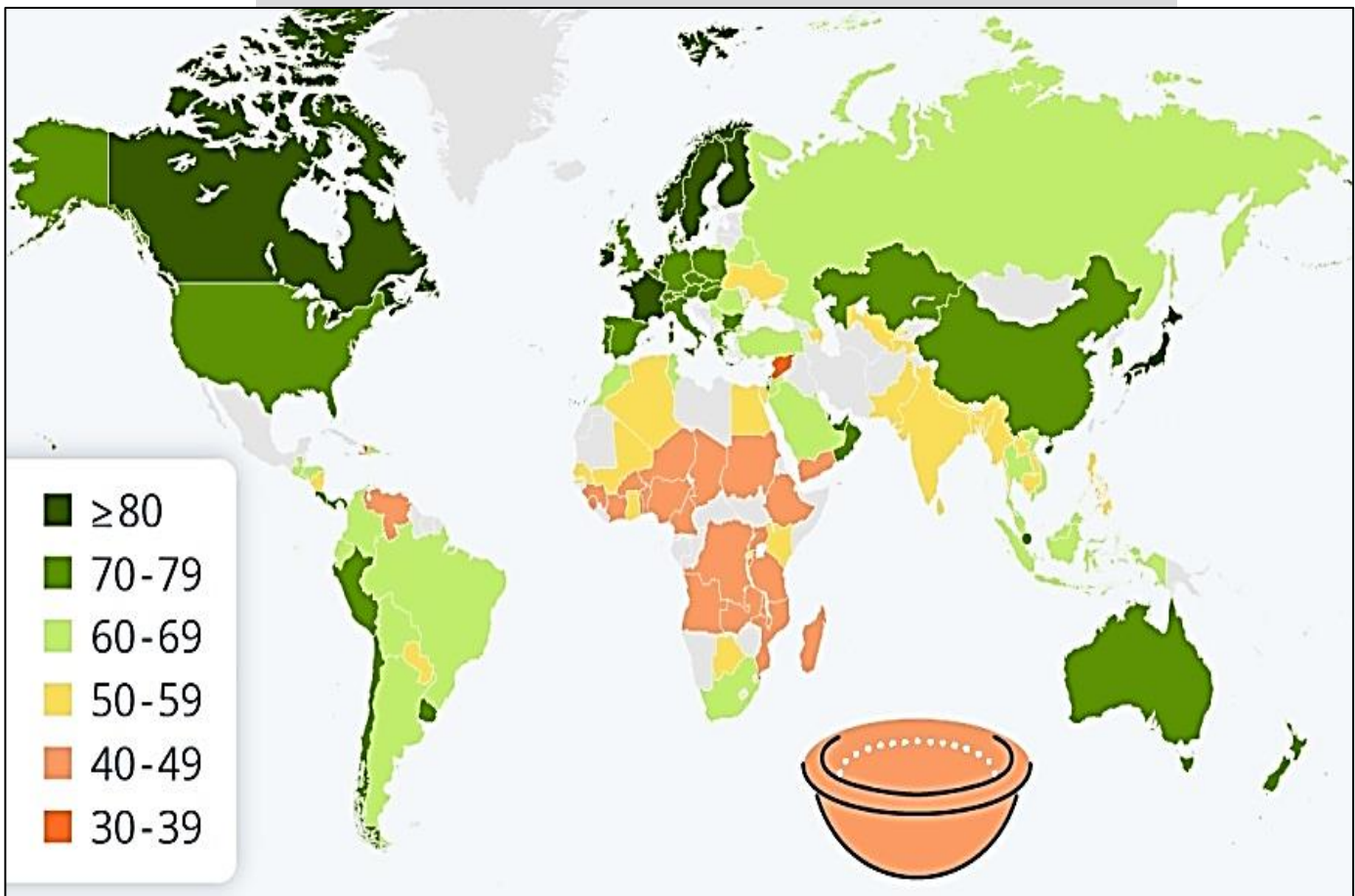


World Food Day: October 16



Why in News?

- **History and Significance:** World Food Day is celebrated annually on October 16 to commemorate the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in 1945.



Key Points:

- **Theme for the year 2025:** "Imagining a Food-Secure and Sustainable Future."
- The annual flagship event of WFF is being held from October 10 to 17, 2025, at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) headquarters in Rome, Italy, with the theme: "Joining Hands for Better Food and a Better Future."

Other important points:

World Food Safety Day: June 7 every year

- Proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2018.
- First observed globally on June 7, 2019.
- It was jointly launched by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO).
- **Theme 2025:** “Food Safety: Science in Action”
- **Global Hunger Index (GHI), 2024:** Released by Concern Worldwide and Welt Hunger Hilfe, non-governmental organizations from Ireland and Germany.

Findings related to India:

- India ranks 105th out of 127 countries (up from 111th in 2023), falling in the “serious” category along with 41 other countries, including Pakistan and Afghanistan.
- India's GHI score: 27.3
- India's GHI score has declined since 2000, however, wasting and stunting among children remain high.

Governmental support and response:

