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RAJASTHAN



Prakhar Rajasthan 2.0 Campaign



Why in News?

- Prakhar Rajasthan 2.0 Campaign (Read to Lead) was launched on the occasion of National Teachers' Day (September 5, 2025) under the 'Chief Minister Shikshait Rajasthan Abhiyan'.



Key Points:

- **Operation:** By the Rajasthan Education Department.
- **Duration:** September 5, 2025 to December 5, 2025
- Prakhar Rajasthan 2.0 is a 90-day campaign aimed at improving the reading ability and language skills of children in government schools in Rajasthan.
- The campaign uses a "reading remediation package" and various activities to promote reading habits among children.

Facts for Prelims:

- **Total teachers honored for the year 2025 in Rajasthan:** 75 (66 teachers selected on merit and 9 selected at the government level)
- **Highest:** Jhunjhunu and Phalodi districts received the highest number of honorees, with 6 teachers each, while 13 out of 41 districts did not have a single teacher selected in any category.
- **National Teacher Award - 2025 (Rajasthan):** Neelam Yadav, Principal of Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Tapukda (Khairthal-Tijara), was honored with the National Teacher Award.

NEWS IN SHORTS

S. No.	News
1.	State's First Official Manuscript Conservation Center: Bikaner ■ 'Abhay Jain Library, Bikaner' has become Rajasthan's first official manuscript conservation center. ■ The Union Ministry of Culture signed a significant agreement with 17 institutions across the country, with Rajasthan's 'Abhay Jain Library, Bikaner' representing the state.
2.	Media Lab and Radio Rajasthan 91.2 Community Radio ■ Rajasthan Governor Haribhau Bagde recently inaugurated the Media Lab and Radio Rajasthan 91.2 Community Radio at Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Shekhawati University, Sikar.
3.	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 150th Birth Anniversary: State-Level Unity March ■ A state-level Unity March (foot march) was organized from Gandhi Circle to Amar Jawan Jyoti in Jaipur on October 31, 2025 (Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 150th birth anniversary). Unity March: ■ Organized by: Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. ■ Event duration: October 6 to December 6, 2025. ■ Objective: To promote national unity. ■ Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary is celebrated every year on October 31 as "National Unity Day."

4. **Training Program for Saathins and Supervisors from Four Districts**

- The Directorate of Women's Empowerment, Jaipur, in collaboration with the Center for Advocacy and Research (CFAR), organized a training program for Saathins and Supervisors from four districts—Jaisalmer, Sriganganagar, Hanumangarh, and Sikar—at the Rajasthan Institute of Cooperative Education and Management, Jaipur from October 27 to 29, 2025.

5. **Student Activity Center at Rajasthan Technical University**

- Recently, the 'Student Activity Center' was inaugurated at Rajasthan Technical University, Kota.

6. **Justice Arun Monga**

- On October 29, 2025, Justice Sanjiv Prakash Sharma, Acting Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court, administered the oath of office to Justice Arun Monga as the 40th Judge of the Rajasthan High Court.

7. **Pan IIT Rising Rajasthan Summit: Jaipur**

- **Event Date:** November 1, 2025
- **Venue:** Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur.
- **Edition:** First.
- **Theme:** 'Artificial Intelligence, Innovation and Growth'.
- **Objective:** To strategize for India's AI-driven future and accelerate technology transformation.

8.

Jamnala Bajaj Award-2025

- Hasmukh Patel of Banaskantha district, Gujarat, was announced to be awarded the Jamnalal Bajaj Award-2025 for his outstanding contribution in the field of rural development and social innovation.
- This prestigious award, established in 1977, is presented annually by the Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation.

9.

Development of Six Cities by Jaipur Smart City Limited

- Six cities in the state will be developed as 'Smart Cities' by Jaipur Smart City Limited.
- **6 cities:** Mandawa, Khatushyamji, Bhiwadi, Alwar, Bikaner, and Bharatpur.
- This project will cost more than ₹330 crore. Approval for this project has been received from the Rajasthan Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation (RUDICO).
- Improvements to urban infrastructure, sanitation, road construction, street lighting, sewerage, and drinking water facilities will be enhanced in these cities.

10.

Parul Chaudhary

- Churu's Parul Chaudhary won the gold medal in the girls' singles event at the All India Junior (Under-19) Ranking Badminton Championship held in Madurai, Tamil Nadu.
- Parul Chaudhary is the first player from Rajasthan to win the All India U-19 Ranking Badminton title.
- Parul Chaudhary defeated Kanishka of West Bengal in the final.
- **Competition was held:** October 22 to 29, 2025

11. **Sub-Junior National Rollball Championship: Rajasthan wins silver medal**

- Rajasthan's sub-junior boys' team won the silver medal at the 18th Sub-Junior National Rollball Championship held in Agra, Uttar Pradesh.

12. **E-Detailed Accident Report Portal**

- Recently, Banswara Police launched the e-DAR (e-Detailed Accident Report) portal, an updated version of i-RAD, to expedite the settlement of road accident claims.
- This portal was developed by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and the National Informatics Centre (NIC) and maintains an accident database.
- Banswara is the first district in Rajasthan to launch this portal, and 90 percent of the data is uploaded directly.





National Song (Vande Mataram)



Why in News?

- The Prime Minister urged citizens to commemorate the 150th year of the national song, so that its values can be passed on to future generations.



Key Points:

- **Composition:** The song was composed in Sanskrit by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee. It is a part of Bankim Chandra's most famous novel, Anand Math (1882). It enjoys equal status with Jana Gana Mana (the national anthem).
- It was first sung by Rabindranath Tagore at the Calcutta session of the Indian National Congress in 1896.
- It was adopted as the national song of India by the Constituent Assembly of India on 24 January 1950.



INTERNATIONAL



ASEAN-India Summit



Why in News?

- The 22nd ASEAN-India Summit was held in Malaysia. India and ASEAN upgraded their relationship from a "Strategic Partnership" to a "Comprehensive Strategic Partnership" in 2022.



Key Points:

Key Outcomes of the 22nd Summit



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- On this occasion, the ASEAN-India Action Plan for Implementing the ASEAN-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (2026-2030) was endorsed.
- Both sides designated 2026 as the "ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation."
- A proposal was submitted to establish a Centre for Southeast Asian Studies at Nalanda University.
- The "East Asia Summit Maritime Heritage Festival" was announced to be held in Lothal, Gujarat.

ASEAN

- Timor-Leste became the 11th member of ASEAN.
- **Establishment:** It was established in 1967 with the signing of the ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration) in Bangkok, Thailand.
- **Other 10 members:** Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

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ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY



Karakoram and Changthang Wildlife Sanctuaries (WLS)



Why in News?

- The Central Government has received a proposal to redraw the boundaries of the Karakoram and Changthang Sanctuaries in Ladakh.



Key Points:

Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary

- **Established:** 1987
- **Location:** Karakoram mountain range, Ladakh.
- **Fauna:** Snow leopard, Himalayan brown bear, Himalayan wolf, ibex (wild goat), wild blue sheep (bharal), etc.
- **Flora:** Alpine vegetation, medicinal plants, cold desert vegetation, etc.

Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary

- **Location:** Ladakh's Changthang Plateau, Leh district.
- **Importance:** This region contains some of the highest lakes, such as Tso Moriri, Pangong Tso, and Tso Kar.
- **Fauna:** Snow leopard, Tibetan wild ass, black necked crane etc.

International Solar Alliance



Why in News?

- The eighth session of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Assembly was held in New Delhi.



Key Points:

Key Outcomes of the Session

- **Launch of Sunrise:** It was launched as a global initiative to recycle waste related to solar panels, equipment, etc., create green jobs, and promote the circular economy.
- **Small Island Developing Countries (SIDS) Procurement Memorandum of Understanding:** 16 small island developing countries partnered to coordinate the procurement of solar energy equipment and build capacity under the ISA-World Bank platform.
- **ISA's key reports:** Ease of Doing Business 2025, Solar Trends 2025, etc.
- The ISA Academy (an AI-based online learning platform) was also launched.
- **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**
- **Origin:** It was launched in 2015 by India and France during COP-21 in Paris.
- **Headquarters:** Gurugram, Haryana. It is the first international intergovernmental organization headquartered in India.
- **Membership:** 124 member and signatory countries. The ISA Framework Agreement was amended in 2020. Following this, all UN member states are now eligible to join the alliance.
- **Mission:** To achieve \$1 trillion in solar energy investment by 2030 while reducing technology and financing costs.
- **Collaborative initiatives:** These include the SolarX Start-up Challenge, STAR-C Initiative, Global Solar Facility, One Sun – One World – One Grid, etc.



SCHEMES



Gyan Bharatam Mission (2025)



Why in News?

- The government signed MoUs with 17 institutions to expand work under the Gyan Bharatam Mission.



Key Points:

Gyan Bharatam Mission

- **Vision:** To preserve, digitize, and disseminate India's vast manuscript heritage. Revive its civilizational knowledge traditions for future generations.
- Digitize and catalog over 10 million manuscripts across the country.
- Integrate AI, optical character recognition, and blockchain technologies for smart access, transcription, and identification of the original source and location.
- Manuscripts are handwritten works on paper, tree bark, cloth, metal, palm leaves, or any other material that are at least 75 years old and have scientific, historical, or artistic significance.
- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Culture.



ECONOMIC SCENARIO



Coffee



Why in News?

- The Prime Minister noted that Indian coffee is gaining popularity globally.



Key Points:

Coffee (in the context of India)

- India is now the 7th largest coffee producer in the world. 70% of the coffee produced is exported. Coffee exports are projected to generate US\$1.80 billion in revenue during 2024-25.

Main coffee producing regions:

- **Karnataka:** Chikmagalur, Coorg, and Hassan.
- **Tamil Nadu:** Pulne, Shevaroy, Nilgiris, and Annamalai.
- **Kerala:** Wayanad, Travancore, and Malabar.
- **Soil:** Coffee requires deep, fertile, organic-rich, well-drained, and slightly acidic (pH 6.0-6.5) soil.

Growing conditions:

- **Slope:** Gentle to moderate slope
- **Temperature:** Between 15°C and 30°C
- **Rainfall:** 1000 to 2500 mm is ideal.
- **Types:** Robusta and Arabica coffee varieties are primarily grown in India.

8th Central Pay Commission



Why in News?

- The Cabinet approved the terms of reference of the 8th Central Pay Commission.



Key Points:

- The Central Pay Commission reviews and recommends changes in the salaries, pensions, and service conditions of central government employees.

8th Central Pay Commission

- This Commission is a temporary body. It consists of a Chairman, a part-time Member, and a Member-Secretary.
- It will submit its recommendations within 18 months of its formation.
- The Commission will take into account the economic situation, financial discipline, the cost of non-contributory pension schemes, state finances, and the pay structure of the public and private sectors.
- The recommendations of the 8th Commission are expected to be implemented from January 1, 2026.



INDEXES AND REPORTS



Global Financial Stability Report (GFSR)



Why in News?

- Recently, the International Monetary Fund released the Global Financial Stability Report.



Key Points:

- **Objective:** To regularly assess global financial markets and identify potential systemic weaknesses before a crisis develops.

Key Points of the Report

- Global financial stability risks have increased significantly.
- **Role of geopolitical events:** Military conflicts, in particular, can cause significant declines in stock prices and increases in sovereign risk premiums.
- **Other major IMF reports:** World Economic Outlook, Fiscal Monitor, etc.

Sustainable Food Systems Report



Why in News?

- The Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) released the "Sustainable Food Systems Report." This report highlights the state of soil health in India. Based on data from the Soil Health Card Scheme, the report found severe nutrient deficiencies in Indian soils.



Key Points:

Soil Nutrient Deficiencies:

- **Nitrogen:** Nitrogen levels were found to be low in 64% of soil samples.
- **Organic Carbon Deficiency:** SOC levels were found to be low in 48.5% of soil samples tested. SOC is an important indicator of soil structure and microbial abundance.
- **Micronutrient Deficiencies:** Boron levels were found to be low in 55.4% of soil samples, and zinc levels were found to be low in 35%.
- **High Urea Consumption:** Urea is the most commonly used fertilizer. Urea accounted for approximately 68 percent of total fertilizer use in 2023-24.

Soil Health Card Scheme, 2015

- **Nodal Agency:** Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- **It measures 12 chemical indicators:**
 - o Nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, sulfur (macronutrients), zinc, iron, copper, manganese, boron (micronutrients), and pH, electrical conductivity, and organic carbon.
- The Soil Health Card Scheme has been incorporated into the National Agricultural Development Scheme from 2022-23 as a component called Soil Health and Fertility.



NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	Burevestnik Missile ■ Russia successfully tested its nuclear-powered and nuclear-capable Burevestnik missile. It is also known as the SSC-X-9 Skyfall. ■ Type: It is a long-range, low-altitude, nuclear-powered cruise missile. ■ A cruise missile is one that is powered by jet engines for sustained flight throughout its journey.
2.	Stablecoin ■ Japan launched the world's first yen-pegged stablecoin. ■ It is a blockchain-based digital currency. It is pegged to a fiat currency (such as the yen or dollar) to maintain a stable value. ■ Purpose: It serves as a bridge between traditional finance and cryptocurrency. It enables fast, low-cost, and secure digital transactions. ■ Major stablecoins: Tether (USDT), USD Coin (USDC), etc.