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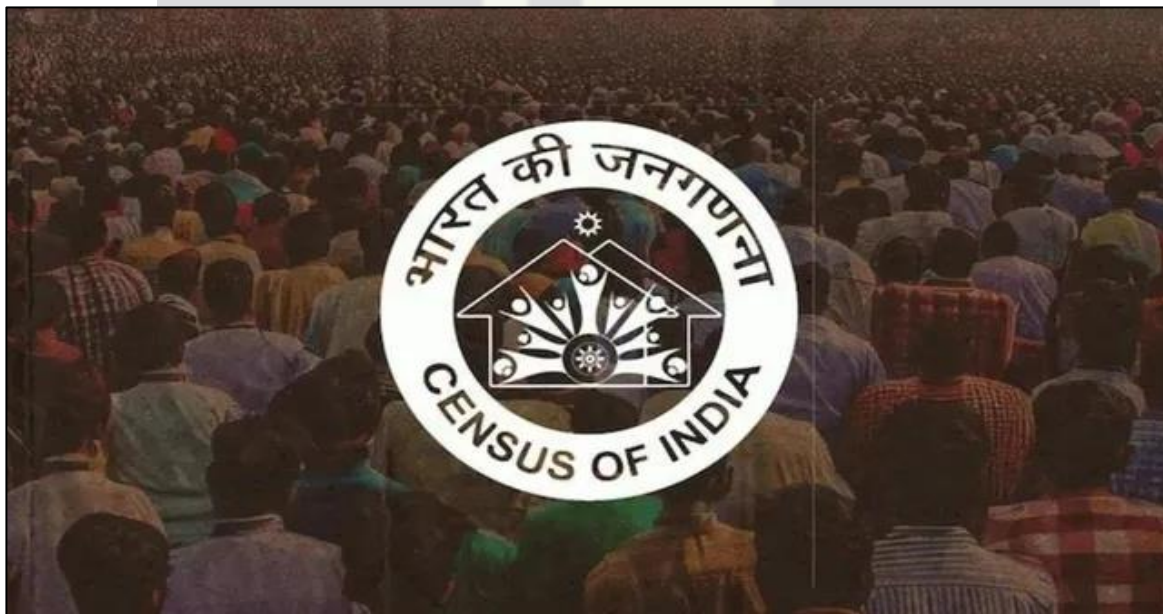


Census 2027 in Rajasthan: First Phase Pre-test



Why in News?

- The first phase of the Census 2027 will be conducted in three districts of Rajasthan from November 10 to 30, 2025.



Key Points:

Three locations selected for the pre-test:

- Kishanpol Zone of Jaipur Municipal Corporation Heritage.
- Nagar Parishad Barmer and Barmer Tehsil.
- Galiakot Tehsil of Dungarpur.

Other Important Points:

Census 2027:

- The 16th Census of India will be conducted in two phases. In the first phase, house listing and house enumeration will be conducted between April 2026 and September 2026.

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- In the second phase, the population will be counted in the snow-covered areas of the country, such as Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, etc., in September-October 2026, and in the rest of India in February-March 2027.
- The census in India is conducted by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, while in Rajasthan, the Department of Statistics is responsible for the census.
- Houselisting and housing surveys have begun prior to the census, as per a gazette notification under Section 3 of the Census Act, 1948.
- **First digital census in India:** The 2027 census marks a shift in India's digital infrastructure, utilizing mobile apps, cloud systems, and real-time monitoring tools to conduct and manage the enumeration process.
- **Introduction of self-enumeration:** For the first time, households will have the option to self-enumerate through a government portal or mobile app. After submitting their data, they will receive a unique ID to show to the enumerator during verification.
- **Caste Census:** This will be the first nationwide caste-based census since 1931.

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First Edition of the Ghoomar Festival



Why in News?

- On November 19, 2025, the 'Ghoomar Festival 2025' will be held in all seven divisional headquarters of Rajasthan - Jaipur, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Ajmer, Bharatpur, Kota, and Udaipur.



Key Points:

- This is the first time a state-wide Ghoomar Festival is being organized.
- **Organizer:** Tourism Department, Rajasthan.
- **Objective:** To give Rajasthan's rich folk culture and women's empowerment a new identity at the national and international level.
- Girls, young women, and women above the age of 12 can participate in this festival, and each group must have a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 25 members.

Facts for Prelims:

Ghoomar Dance (State Dance of Rajasthan)

- It is called the 'king of folk dances' of Rajasthan.
- This dance is called the 'soul of Rajasthan.'
- It is a dance performed only by women. The eight steps are called 'sawai'.
- The Gangaur Ghoomar Dance Academy was established in Amer (Jaipur) in 1986 by Rajmata Govardhan Kumari.

Third edition of the "Pravasi Rajasthani Meet": Kolkata



Why in News?

- The third edition of the "Pravasi Rajasthani Meet" was organized by the Rajasthan government in Kolkata (West Bengal).

PRAVASI RAJASTHANI MEET- KOLKATA

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- Inspiring sessions
- Engaging dialogues
- Networking opportunities

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Key Points:

- **Event date:** October 28, 2025
- The "Pravasi Rajasthani Meet" is being organized by the state government in anticipation of the first "Pravasi Rajasthani Day" to be held in Jaipur on December 10, 2025.
- The first edition of this series was held in Hyderabad (Telangana) on September 26, 2025.

Events for the 'Pravasi Rajasthani Meet':

- **Hyderabad:** September 26, 2025
- **Surat:** October 8, 2025
- **Kolkata:** October 28, 2025
- **Dubai (United Arab Emirates):** November 8, 2025
- **Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates):** November 11, 2025
- **Objective of 'Pravasi Rajasthani Day':** Organized under the aegis of the State Government's Industries Department and the Rajasthan Foundation, this event aims to strengthen cultural and economic ties with the diaspora Rajasthani community and involve them in the state's development.

Facts for Prelims:

Rajasthan Foundation:

- The Rajasthan Foundation aims to connect with diaspora Rajasthanis in India and abroad and encourage their participation in the state's development.
- The Chief Minister of Rajasthan is its ex-officio Chairman.
- It provides a platform for expatriate Rajasthanis to contribute to the socio-economic development of the state.
- Rajasthan Foundation has established branches in 12 cities in India including Chennai, Coimbatore, Kolkata, Surat, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Indore and abroad in London (UK), New York (USA) and Kathmandu (Nepal).
- Also, approval has been given to open chapters of Rajasthan Foundation in Dubai (UAE), Munich (Germany), Riyadh (Saudi Arabia), Tokyo (Japan), Singapore, Melbourne (Australia), Nairobi (Kenya), Kampala (Uganda) and Doha (Qatar).

Rajasthan's Renewable Energy Projection (October 2025)



Why in News?

- By October 2025, Rajasthan has emerged as the top state in India in renewable energy production, with a total installed capacity of 40,406.99 MW.



Key Points:

- **Solar Energy:** Rajasthan ranks first in India in solar energy with an installed capacity of 34,555 megawatts (MW). The state government has recently allocated land for renewable energy projects with a capacity of 17 gigawatts.
- **Wind Energy:** By May 2025, Rajasthan had an installed wind energy capacity of 5,195.82 MW, making it the third-largest state in the country in terms of wind energy production.

Other Important Points:

Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Limited (RRECL)

- **Formed:** Established in August 2002 by the merger of the erstwhile Rajasthan Energy Development Agency (REDA) and Rajasthan State Power Corporation Limited (RSPCL).

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- Registered under the Companies Act, 1956.
- RRECL's objective is to act as the state nodal agency for promoting and developing non-conventional energy sources in the state.

Facts for Prelims:

Rajasthan Integrated Clean Energy Policy 2024:

- The notification for this policy was issued by the state government on December 4, 2024.
- **Policy Duration:** This policy is effective from the date of notification and will remain in force until March 29, 2029, or until replaced by another policy.

Target:

- The policy aims to achieve the target of 125,000 MW (125 GW) of renewable energy projects in the state by 2029-30.

Breakdown of 125 GW:

S.No.	Type of Production	Target Capacity
1.	Solar	90,000 MW
2.	Wind & Hybrid	25,000 MW
3.	Hydro, Pump Storage Plant (PSP), Battery Energy Storage System	10,000 MW

- **Note:** Rajasthan aims to achieve a target of over 54,000 MW of power capacity from conventional and renewable energy sources by 2031-32.

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NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

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1.	Rajasthan Digifest TIE Global Summit - 2026 ■ The Rajasthan Digifest TIE Global Summit 2026 will be held from January 4 to 6, 2026. ■ Venue: Jaipur. ■ Theme: 'Sustainable Entrepreneurship in the AI Age - New Ideas, Impact, and Engagement'. ■ Organizing Department: Department of Information Technology and Communications (Rajasthan). ■ The summit will focus on areas such as AI, fintech, agritech, augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR), mediatech, proptech, and higher education. ■ The summit will host the TGS-100 competition for the country's top startups. ■ The state government will also launch a new artificial intelligence policy.
2.	The largest forest in the country: Bhadariya Orana ■ The Bhadariya Orana area in Jaisalmer is the largest forest in the country, spanning 17,804 hectares. ■ This area is known for its sacred groves and biodiversity conservation. The forest has been protected by the local community for centuries. ■ Other large forest areas in Rajasthan include the Dekaraya Mata Forest in Jaisalmer and the Deshnok Forest in Bikaner. The Veeratra Mata Forest in Barmer is also an important forest area.

3.

1st NTPC National Ranking Archery Tournament 2025: Jaipur



- **Venue:** Jagatpura Shooting Range, Jaipur.
- **Event duration:** October 27 to November 3, 2025
- **Organizer:** Rajasthan Archery Association.
- **Categories:** Sub-junior, junior, senior – men and women (recurve and compound)

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National Pantomime Festival: Jaipur

- **Venue:** Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur.
- **Event duration:** October 29 and 30, 2025
- **Partner organizations:** Kolkata-based 'Indian Mime Theatre' and Jaipur's 'Rainbow Society'.
- **Objective:** Preservation and promotion of the pantomime theatre form.

5.

Maharana Pratap Statue Unveiling: Ramganj Mandi (Kota)

- Recently, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajasthan Education Minister Madan Dilawar unveiled a 16-foot-tall and 12-foot-wide equestrian statue of Maharana Pratap in Ramganj Mandi, Kota.

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Queen Chennamma



Why in News?

- Rani Chennamma's birth anniversary was recently celebrated on October 23rd. She was married to King Mallasarja of the Desai dynasty, thus becoming the queen of Kittur (now in Karnataka).



Key Points:

- After the death of her husband and only son, she adopted Shivalingappa and declared him her heir.
- The British refused to recognize her as the legitimate heir to Kittur. This led to the Kittur Rebellion in 1824.

Kittur Rebellion:

- It is considered the first Indian armed rebellion against the British East India Company. It was also one of the earliest anti-colonial struggles led by women.
- The British were defeated in the battle in 1824, but Rani Chennamma was later captured. She died in captivity at Bailhongal Fort in 1829.

Swami Fund



Why in News?

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has exempted the SWAMI (Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing: SWAMIH) Fund from the stringent regulations governing Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs).



Key Points:

- The RBI sets regulatory guidelines for investments made by regulated entities in Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs).

Swami Fund 2019:

- It is a Category II AIF.
- AIF means any fund established or incorporated in India that is a privately pooled investment vehicle. It raises funds from large investors (whether Indian or foreign) for investment.
- AIFs are regulated by the SEBI. For example: venture capital funds (including angel funds).
- **Objective:** The fund provides primary debt financing to complete stalled housing projects.
- **Fund Manager:** SBI Ventures Limited.



INTERNATIONAL



Kafala System



Why in News?

- Recently, Saudi Arabia abolished the Kafala system. This will benefit approximately 13 million foreign workers, of which over 2.6 million are Indian workers.



Key Points:

Kafala System:

- This was a worker sponsorship program. Under this program, employers had complete control over their employees' legal status, residence, leaving the country, obtaining legal assistance, or changing jobs.
- In this system, each sponsor, or 'kafeel,' was linked to a migrant worker.
- Employers also began to abuse this system and exploit workers. For example, they controlled the departure of migrant workers and kept their passports.

Significant Concern Category: IUCN World Heritage Outlook



Why in News?

- The Western Ghats, Manas National Park in Assam, and the Sundarbans National Park in West Bengal were included in the "Significant Concern" category in the IUCN World Heritage Outlook Report.



Key Points:

- The IUCN World Heritage Outlook Report assesses the conservation prospects of all World Heritage sites based on their natural values.
- The report categorizes sites into four categories: Good, Good with Some Concern, Significant Concern, and Critical.
- Significant Concern means that the World Heritage site's values and fundamental features are facing numerous existing and potential threats, necessitating additional conservation measures.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Mahé Water Craft



Why in News?

- The first of eight anti-submarine warfare shallow water crafts, 'Mahé', was handed over to the Indian Navy.



Key Points:

- **Builder:** Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi.
- **Name:** After the historic port city of Mahe in the Union Territory of Puducherry.
- **Capabilities:** Surveillance within coastal waters, Low Intensity Maritime Operations (LIMO), Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) operations in coastal waters.
- **Significance:** It will enhance the Indian Navy's anti-submarine warfare capability in coastal areas and support the Government's Atmanirbhar Bharat vision.

Mission for Advancement in High-Impact Areas (MAHA)- MedTech Mission



Why in News?

- The MAHA-MedTech Mission is initiated by the National Research Foundation for Research (ANRF). It is supported by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Gates Foundation.



Key Points:

- The ANRF was established through the ANRF Act, 2023. It is established as a top body to provide high-level strategic direction to scientific research in accordance with the recommendations of the National Education Policy.

MAHA-MedTech Mission

- **Objective:** To accelerate innovation in India's medical technology sector; reduce dependence on expensive imports; and promote equitable access to affordable and high-quality medical technologies.
- **Funding:** Funding support will be provided to a variety of entities, including academic and research and development institutions, hospitals, start-ups, MSMEs, and collaborations between the medtech industry and institutions.

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Telecommunications (Telecom Cyber Security) Amendment Rules, 2025 Notified



Why in News?

- The Telecommunications (Telecom Cyber Security) Amendment Rules, 2025 have been notified by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) as amendments to the 2024 Rules.



Key Points:

- **Telecommunications Identifier User Entities:** This is a new category created. This will include all businesses that use phone numbers to identify customers or provide services. However, licensed telecom operators are not included.
- This means that apps and messaging services like Zomato, PhonePe, Paytm, Uber will now fall under the same regulatory framework as operators like Airtel and Jio.
- **Mobile Number Verification System:** The central government will create a new system to verify whether the phone number provided by a user actually belongs to a valid telecom subscriber.
- **Regulation of the use and sale of telecommunications equipment:** Manufacturers have been directed not to assign previously used International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) numbers and to maintain a database of compromised or banned IMEIs.

Other measures to ensure telecom cybersecurity

- **Financial Fraud Risk Indicator:** Launched by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT). It classifies suspicious numbers as medium, high, or very high-risk.
- **Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023:** This Act places the responsibility on data entities to adopt stringent security measures.

Religious Freedom and the Right to Privacy: The Supreme Court



Why in News?

- In *Rajendra Bihari Lal v. State of Uttar Pradesh and others*, the Supreme Court held that the right to privacy is an integral part of religious freedom.



Key Points:

What is the relationship between religious freedom and the right to privacy?

- **Direct link between privacy and religion:** The Supreme Court has highlighted the fact that the freedom of conscience and the right to freely profess, practice, and propagate religion, guaranteed under Article 25 of the Constitution, includes a privacy component.
- Article 25 also includes the right to choose one's faith and the freedom to profess or not to profess that faith.
- Publicizing and declaring one's personal faith violates the fundamental right to privacy under Articles 25 and 21.
- Various conversion laws enacted by various states are now being examined by the Supreme Court. These laws must also meet the privacy criterion.

Other observations made by the Supreme Court

- **Secularism:** The Supreme Court bench reiterated that the word 'secular' in the Preamble is an integral part of the basic structure of the Constitution.
- **K.S. Puttaswamy case:** The right to privacy is a fundamental right, specifically protected under Article 21.
- **Shafin Jahan v. Ashokan K.M. case:** It upheld individual autonomy in choice of faith and marriage.

Execution Petition



Why in News?

- Recently, the Supreme Court raised the issue of the large number of execution petitions pending in lower courts (over 8.82 lakh), which is leading to a growing backlog of cases.



Key Points:

Execution Petition:

- It is a legal instrument used to enforce an order. When the losing party does not comply with the court's decision, the winning party formally requests the court to enforce its decision.
- In 2021, the Supreme Court issued guidelines setting a six-month time limit for the disposal of execution petition proceedings.



PERSONALITY



Sri Narayana Guru



Why in News?

- The President of India inaugurated the Mahasamadhi Centenary celebrations of Sri Narayana Guru in Kerala.



Key Points:

- **Birth:** Born into an Ezhava family near Thiruvananthapuram. He was a saint, philosopher, poet, and social reformer. He strongly opposed the caste system.

Main Contributions

- He propagated the idea of "one caste, one religion, one God for all human beings."
- He started the "Aruvippuram Movement." This was one of the earliest movements for equal temple entry rights for all castes.
- In 1903, he founded an organization with P. Palpu. It was later called the Sree Narayana Dharma Paripalana Yogam. Its aim was to uplift the Ezhava community.
- He supported the Vaikom Satyagraha (1924-25) for temple entry in Travancore.
- **Works:** His works include Anukampadasakam, Brahmavidya Panchakam, etc.

SPORTS

International Convention against Doping in Sport



Why in News?

- India was re-elected as Vice-President of the Bureau for Asia-Pacific at the 10th session of the CoP of the International Convention against Doping in Sport. Azerbaijan was elected Chair.



Key Points:

International Convention against Doping in Sport

- **Members:** 192 countries (India is also a signatory).
- **Background:** It is a multilateral treaty in which countries agree to adopt national and international measures to prevent and eliminate doping.
- **Origin:** The treaty was adopted by UNESCO in 2005 and entered into force in 2007.
- **Goal:** To ensure international coordination of anti-doping laws, rules, and regulations to ensure equal opportunities in sports.



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1.	Exercise Ocean Sky ■ The Indian Air Force (IAF) participated in Exercise 'Ocean Sky 2025' held in Spain. ■ Nature: It is a multinational air exercise hosted by the Spanish Air Force. ■ This is the first time that a non-NATO country is participating in the exercise, reflecting the growing ties between India and Spain.
2.	Kunar River ■ Afghanistan has announced plans to build a dam on the Kunar River. This will disrupt its flow into Pakistan. ■ It is a major tributary of the Kabul River, which empties into the Indus River in Pakistan. ■ Origin: In the snow-capped Hindu Kush Mountains in Chitral, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. It then flows into Afghanistan and joins the Kabul River there. ■ Two main tributaries: Bashgal and Pech.
3.	Intrusion Detection System (IDS) ■ The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) is implementing an Intrusion Detection System (IDS) to prevent elephant deaths on its railway network. ■ It uses advanced optical fiber sensing technology. This technology detects vibrations generated by elephant movement through sensing cables and sends signals to the control room in real time.