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8 districts of Rajasthan included in the Pradhan Mantri Dhan:Dhanya Krishi Yojana



Why in News?

- Eight districts of Rajasthan, out of a total of 100 districts in the country, have been included under the recently launched Pradhan Mantri Dhan - Dhanya Krishi Yojana by the central government.

Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana



- 1 First announced in the Union Budget 2025-26.
- 2 Focus on 100 agri-districts.
- 3 Saturation-based Convergence of 36 Central Schemes across 11 Ministries.
- 4 Annual outlay of ₹24,000 crore for a 6 years.
- 5 Implementation begins from FY 2025-26.
- 6 Projected to benefit 1.7 crore farmers directly.

Source: PIB



Key Points:

- **The eight districts include:** Barmer, Jaisalmer, Nagaur, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Pali, Jalore, and Churu.

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- The main criteria for selecting these districts are low productivity, medium cropping intensity, and below-average credit availability.
- It is noteworthy that the Prime Minister launched the nationwide Pradhan Mantri Dhan:Dhanya Krishi Yojana and the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses on October 11, 2025, from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in New Delhi.
- The main objective of this scheme is to increase agricultural productivity, promote crop diversification, improve irrigation facilities, increase storage capacity, and provide easy access to credit to farmers. Eleven departments, including agriculture, animal husbandry, dairy, fisheries, cooperatives, food processing, rural development, and water resources, have been integrated.
- State-level program: Institute of Agricultural Management, Durgapura (Jaipur).

Facts for Prelims:

Major agricultural research institutes in Rajasthan:

Name of Institution	Location
Rajasthan Agricultural Research Institute (RARI)	Jaipur
Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI)	Jodhpur
Central Institute for Arid Horticulture (CIAH)	Bikaner
Directorate of Rapeseed and Mustard Research (DRMR)	Bharatpur
Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI)	Jodhpur

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Mukhyamantri Ayushman Arogya Yojana (Progress so far)



Why in News?

- Under the Chief Minister Ayushman Arogya (MAA) Yojana (Former name Chief Minister Chiranjeevi Health Insurance Scheme), launched by the Rajasthan government on February 19, 2024, cashless treatment has been provided to approximately 5 million critically ill patients by October 2025.



Key Points:

- Currently, 13.4 million families are registered under scheme. The state government has added 132 new packages to the scheme announced in the budget for the financial year 2025-26.

Mukhyamantri Ayushman Arogya Yojana:

- **Launched on:** May 1, 2021
- **Former name:** Chief Minister Chiranjeevi Health Insurance Scheme (Chief Minister Ayushman Arogya Yojana from February 19, 2024)
- **Objective:** To provide cashless treatment for medical services in government and private empanelled hospitals.
- **Beneficiaries:** Free treatment for NFSA/SECC/Small and Marginal Farmers/Contract Workers/COVID/Anugrah Scheme/EWS/Senior Citizens (above 70 years of age).
- The remaining population is covered by the scheme by paying an annual premium of ₹850 per family and the remaining premium (₹1115) will be paid by the State Government.

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Total Premium per Family: ₹1965

- **Family Sum Assured per Year:** ₹25 lakh.
- **Insurance Mode:** ₹5 lakh.
- **Trust Mode:** ₹20 lakh.
- Organ Transplant and Cochlear Implant Special Packages are also included, and reimbursement options are available in other states.
- The scheme covers a total of 1819 treatment packages.
- **Insurance Mode:** 1761 packages.
- **Trust Mode:** 58 packages.
- Expenses for 5 days before and 15 days after hospitalization are included.
- According to the Budget Announcement 2024, 73 days of cancer treatment are included in the Cancer Package Scheme.
- With this, the state has become the only state to provide free universal health care.

MAA Fund (announced in the State Budget for the financial year 2025-26 with an amount of ₹3500 crore):

- ₹3500 crore for free tests and medicines.
- **Note:** Under this scheme, organ transplant treatment is available free of cost in the state, whereas in other states, organ transplant expenses are reimbursed up to the package limit, and air travel tickets are also reimbursed for the patient and one family member.
- Under the scheme, eligible patients from outside the state are also being treated in the state and action is underway on outbound portability to provide treatment in other states.

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Water Conservation: Public Participation: Public Movement Program: Mandrela (Jhunjhunu)



Why in News?

- Recently, the "Water Conservation: Public Participation: Public Movement Program" was organized in Mandrela, Jhunjhunu, under the "Karmabhoomi to Matribhoomi Abhiyan."



Key Points:

- Union Minister of Jal Shakti C.R. Patil and Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma participated in the program.
- The Chief Minister announced ₹1.25 crore for the "Kumbharam Water Project" (a lift canal of the Indira Gandhi Canal Project) in Shekhawati.
- Also, Anil Rungta, Chairman of the Rungta Group of Surat, was honored for his water conservation efforts in Jhunjhunu.
- The Rajasthan government has signed a Yamuna Water Agreement with the Haryana government for water supply in Shekhawati.

Other important points:

Karmabhoomi to Matribhoomi Abhiyan:

- The "Karmabhoomi to Matribhoomi Abhiyan" is inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Catch the Rain" initiative to ensure public participation in water conservation.
- The program was launched on January 15, 2025, from Sanganer (Jaipur) by Union Minister of Jal Shakti C.R. Patil and Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma.
- The main objective of this campaign is to save, conserve, and recharge every drop of rainwater and surface water for reuse through eco-friendly recharge shaft structures.
- Note:** On August 11, 2025, the "Crop Insurance Claim Payment Program under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana" was organized in Jhunjhunu.

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NEWS IN SHORTS

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1.	State's First 'Kangaroo Mother Care Lounge' - Recently, Rajasthan's Tribal Development Minister, Babulal Kharari, inaugurated Rajasthan's first 'Kangaroo Mother Care Lounge' at the Kherwada Community Health Center in Udaipur. - This unit is an innovative initiative that will give a new direction to maternal and child health services. - The Kangaroo Mother Care Unit is based on the Zero Separation Policy. Under this, arrangements have been made to keep the mother and child together instead of separating them.
2.	'Developed Pastures, Developed Rajasthan' Campaign Operation: Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department. Objective: To incorporate the development of natural assets such as pasture land, streams, ponds, and forest lands at the village level into the Gram Sabha's action plan. - To include these assets in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA) Annual Action Plan 2026–2027.
3.	National Conference of the United Global Peace Foundation (UGPF) Event Duration: October 11th and 12th, 2025 Venue: Laxmi Niwas Palace, Bikaner. Theme: HR - CSR on Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah" Objective: Integrating Indian cultural values with modern Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) frameworks.

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4. **Bureau of Indian Standards celebrated 'World Standards Day Celebration': Kota**

- Recently, the Bureau of Indian Standards celebrated 'World Standards Day' in Kota.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is India's national standards body, established in 1947.
- **Main functions:** To oversee the harmonious development of the activities of standardization, marking, and quality certification of goods and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.
- BIS works under the aegis of the Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
- World Standards Day is celebrated every year on October 14.

5. **47th All India Accounting Conference: Udaipur**

- **Held in:** Udaipur.
- **Organized by:** The Accounting Council of India (Udaipur Branch) and the University of Rajasthan Vidyapeeth.
- **Inaugurated by:** The Governor of Rajasthan.

6. **Dr. Ajit Kumar Karnataka: Honored with the Consumer National Pride Award: 2025**

- Recently, the Consumer Protection Organization, New Delhi, honored Dr. Ajit Kumar Karnataka, Vice Chancellor of Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur, with the "Consumer National Pride Award: 2025" for his outstanding leadership, innovative work, and social service.

7.

P.P. Chaudhary: Speech on the Hindi Language at the United Nations



- Recently, Pali MP, former Union Minister of State, and Chairman of the One Nation One Election Joint Parliamentary Committee, presented India's efforts in promoting the official language Hindi and its progress to the world community at the annual Hindi Diwas celebrations held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

8.

Early Career Program for Youth (TechBee)

- The Rajasthan government is running the Early Career Program (TechBee) to enhance skills and create employment opportunities for the state's youth immediately after completing the 12th grade.

9.

'RTI Mela' in Narwarkheda (Beawar)

- An 'RTI Mela' was organized in Narwarkheda village of Beawar district on October 12, 2025, to commemorate the implementation of the Right to Information (RTI) Act.
- The first protest demanding RTI was held on April 6, 1996, at Chang Gate in Beawar district, where the Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan held a 40-day sit-in to demand transparency in information.

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Rajasthan receives national honor for best practices in palliative care

- Rajasthan secured third place nationally for its outstanding performance and best practices in palliative care services.
- Rajasthan was honored for this achievement at a national-level event held in Bhubaneswar.
- Palliative care is specialized care that helps patients with serious or terminal illnesses improve their quality of life and reduce pain and other symptoms. It focuses on managing a disease rather than curing it, and on meeting the patient's physical, mental, and spiritual needs.

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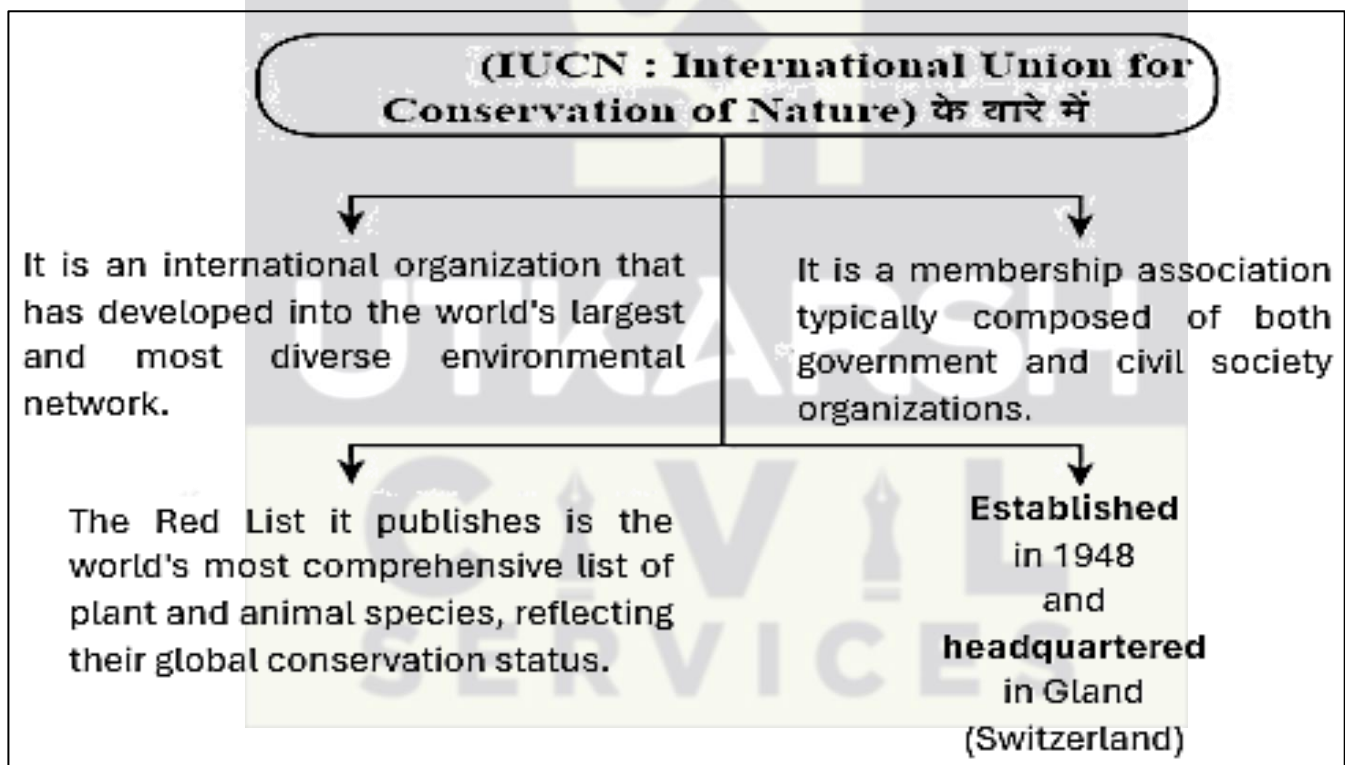


IUCN World Conservation Congress, 2025



Why in News?

- The IUCN World Conservation Congress is the world's largest gathering of conservation experts, policymakers, business leaders, and scientists, held to mobilize action for nature.



Key Points:

- IUCN holds an observer role at the United Nations and supports several international conservation treaties.
- **Event held:** October 9-15, 2025, in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (every four years).
- **Theme:** "Empowering Transformative Conservation."

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- **Objective:** To set the global conservation agenda, strengthen environmental governance, address environmental challenges through nature-based solutions, and ensure equitable distribution of conservation responsibilities.
- **Host country:** United Arab Emirates.
- **Participating countries:** 140 countries.

Key Points:

- **IUCN World Heritage Outlook 4:** According to the IUCN World Heritage Outlook 4, released at the IUCN Congress in Abu Dhabi, climate change has emerged as the biggest threat to the world's natural World Heritage sites, affecting nearly half of the sites. The report warns that 43 percent of natural sites now face severe climate-related risks, exceeding all other pressures combined, while invasive alien species are affecting 30 percent of sites. The number of sites affected by wildlife and plant diseases has also risen sharply, from 2 percent in 2020 to 9 percent by 2025.
- **International Ranger Awards 2025:** The IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) presented the International Ranger Awards 2025 to 13 rangers and ranger teams, recognizing their exceptional courage and dedication to nature conservation (with financial support ranging from US\$5,000 to 25,000).
- This year's recipients represent 13 countries, including Ukraine, Burkina Faso, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
- **New IUCN Member:** Armenia has become the latest member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The announcement, made during the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Abu Dhabi, underscores Armenia's growing commitment to advancing biodiversity conservation and sustainable development.

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- **Climate Finance:** Mukhtar Babayev, President of the 29th Conference of the Parties (COP 29) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), has stressed the need to strengthen climate finance and enhance cooperation among global environmental frameworks. He called for increasing climate finance for developing countries to at least \$1.3 trillion per year by 2035 under the Baku to Belem Roadmap.

Assessment in the context of India:

1. **International recognition of Dugong Conservation Reserve:** The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) officially recognized India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve at the World Conservation Congress 2025.

Dugong Conservation Reserve:

- **Establishment:** This is India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve, notified on September 21, 2022, by the Government of Tamil Nadu under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
- It covers the northern Palk Bay area of Thanjavur and Pudukottai districts.
- **Area:** 448.34 square kilometers.

2. **'Guardians of the Wild' Report:** It has been released by Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Kirti Vardhan Singh, in Abu Dhabi on October 11, 2025.
3. **National Red List Roadmap and Vision 2025–2030:**
 - **Launched by:** India
 - It involves collaboration between IUCN, the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), the Botanical Survey of India (BSI), and the Centre for Species Survival.
 - The Red List, as a scientific document, will help India identify priorities and efficiently utilize resources. It will identify endangered species and ensure focused conservation efforts.

- Target to publish Red Data Books by 2030
- **National Red Data Books:** Under the Red List Roadmap, India aims to publish National Red Data Books by 2030. This process will be in line with IUCN's global standards and reflect India's commitment to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity Framework.
- **India's Global Biodiversity Outlook:** India is among the world's 17 megabiodiversity countries.
- **The country has four global biodiversity hotspots:**
 1. Himalayas
 2. Western Ghats
 3. Indo-Burma
 4. Sundaland
- Despite occupying 2.4 percent of the world's land area, India supports 8 percent of the world's plant and 7.5 percent of its animal species.
- Of these, 28 percent of plants and 30 percent of animals are endemic.

IUCN World Conservation Congress:

- **Scaling up resilient conservation efforts:** Expand conservation efforts through science, traditional knowledge, and community empowerment to ensure biodiversity amid climate change.
- **Reducing climate change risks:** Implement aggressive emission reductions, adaptation strategies, and nature-based solutions to prevent irreversible environmental damage.
- **Ensuring equity:** Ensuring that conservation efforts are equitable, inclusive, and focused on indigenous peoples, women, youth, and local communities.

- **Transition to nature-positive economies and societies:** Shifting from extractive to regenerative economic models that restore ecosystems and sustain livelihoods.
- **Disruptive Innovation and Leadership for Conservation:** Challenging the status quo through bold, inclusive leadership, new technologies, and innovative governance models to bring about systemic change in conservation.

History

- Previously, Congress was held after every two years, then after every three years, and now after every four years.
- Initially, Congress consisted solely of a meeting of all IUCN Member Organizations.

Previous Events:

Year	Location
1948	Fontainebleau (First)
2000	Amman
2004	Bangkok
2008	Barcelona
2012	Jeju
2016	Hawaii
2021	Marseille

Other Important Points:

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

- **Full name:** International Union for Conservation of Nature
- **Founded on :** 5 October 1948, in Fontainebleau, France.
- **Headquarters:** Gland, Switzerland.

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- **Type:** Non-governmental, international organization.
- **Objective:** To ensure nature conservation and sustainable use of natural resources.
- **Membership:** Approximately 1,400 government and non-government organizations from over 170 countries worldwide.
- **Field of work:** Nature conservation, protection of biodiversity, conservation of natural resources, and sustainable development.
- **Key activities:** Data collection and analysis, research, field conservation projects, advocacy for environmental policies, education, awareness campaigns.
- India has been a member state of IUCN since 1969.

Key achievements:

- The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, displays the status of globally threatened species.
- It established the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species in 1964. The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species is the world's most comprehensive inventory of the global conservation status of plant and animal species.
- In 1992, in light of growing environmental concerns, the United Nations granted IUCN official observer status.



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Agenda for COP-30: Delhi Declaration

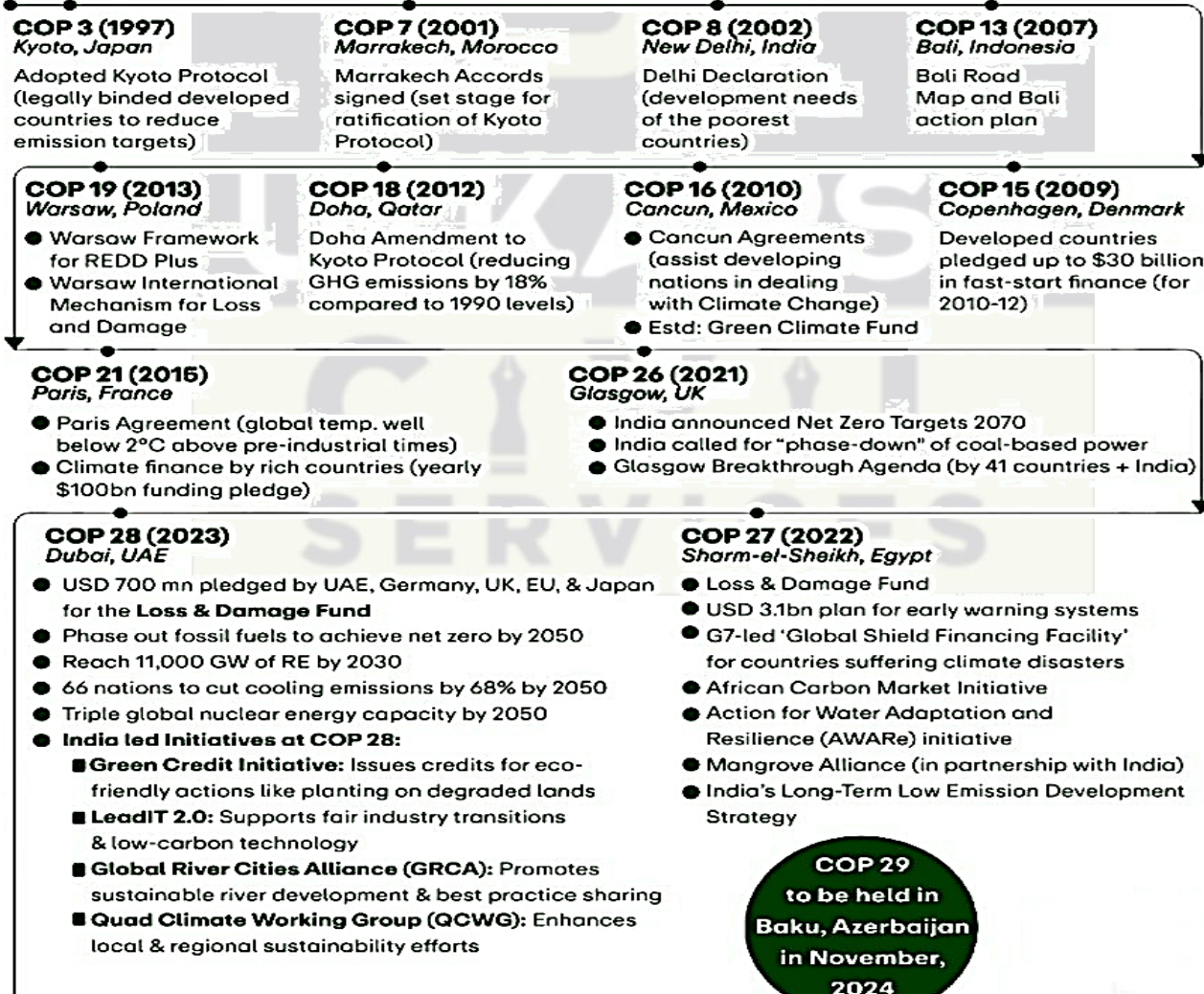


Why in News?

- Providing the agenda for the upcoming United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP-30), Delhi Declaration of the first ARISE Cities Forum, held in New Delhi on October 8 and 9, 2025, has emerged as a key outcome for driving local action on global climate goals.

- Supreme decision-making body of UNFCCC
- Meets every year (unless the Parties decide otherwise)
- Meets in **Bonn**, the Secretariat (unless a Party offers to host the session)
- First COP – held in **Berlin**, Germany (1995)

COPs and Their Major Outcomes



Key Points:

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First ARISE Cities Forum, 2025:

- **Event:** October 8 and 9, 2025
- **ARISE stands for:** Adaptive, Resilient, Innovative, and Sustainable and Equitable (ARISE) Development in Cities.
- **Organizers:** The forum was jointly organized by ICLEI – South Asia and the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA).
- **Theme:** '2025: From India to Belém'
- India will be the focus of this major urban resilience flagship forum of local governments in the South Asia region.
- It deliberated on the dimensions of sustainable urbanization, climate and energy, biodiversity and equity, from India's perspective, to cities in the Asia Pacific region and the Global South.

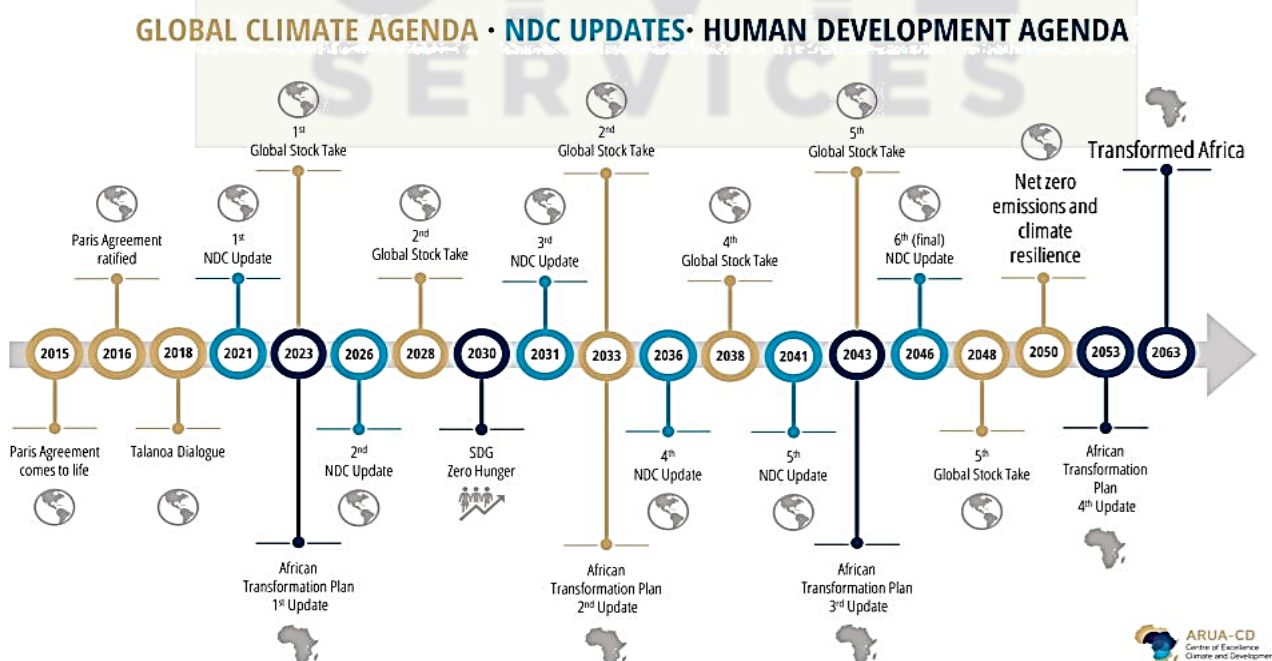
Delhi Declaration:

- This Declaration represents various developing countries through a shared call for strong multi-level cooperation and accelerated urban climate action.
- The Delhi Declaration was submitted to the President of the 30th United Nations Climate Change Conference in Belém, Brazil, as a collective statement of urban ambition, highlighting cities' leadership in advancing resilient, equitable, and sustainable climate action to address the impacts of climate change.
- This Declaration strengthens the long-standing advocacy of local governments and municipal administrations (LGMAs) for recognition of subnational contributions to climate change through revised national contribution to emission reductions (NDC 3.0), climate finance equity, and systematic inclusion of local priorities in global policy.

- The Declaration outlines shared commitments to guide local and sub-national governance in developing countries:
 1. Advance local climate action through innovative, scalable, and resource-intensive multi-level NDCs.
 2. Promote inclusive urban resilience by integrating adaptation, circularity, and nature-based solutions.
 3. Achieve net-zero emissions by removing or absorbing greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere and promote equitable and participatory green transitions.
 4. Empower citizens, women, youth, and communities in climate governance.
 5. Strengthen multi-level governance and transparent data systems.
 6. Mobilize climate finance resources and expand direct access for cities.
 7. Promote urban leadership in developing countries through cross-border and triangular cooperation.

Other Key Points:

Global Climate Agenda:



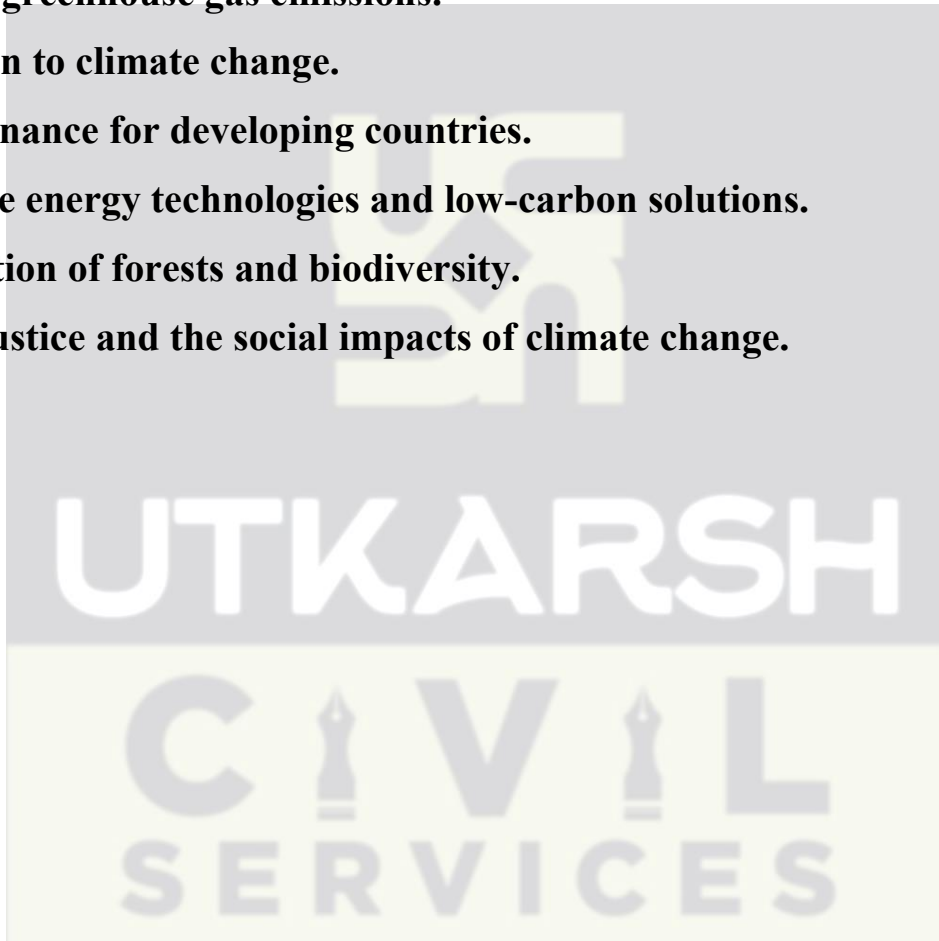
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COP-30:

- The 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP-30) will be held in Belém, Brazil, in November 2025.

Key themes of COP-30:

1. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
2. Adaptation to climate change.
3. Climate finance for developing countries.
4. Renewable energy technologies and low-carbon solutions.
5. Conservation of forests and biodiversity.
6. Climate justice and the social impacts of climate change.



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Rogue Planet



Why in News?

- Astronomers recently discovered a young rogue planet that is actively attracting and accreting matter from its surroundings.



Key Points:

- **Definition:** A rogue planet is a planetary body that has ejected from its parent system and is now freely moving in interstellar space.
- **Orbit:** Unlike normal planets, rogue planets do not orbit a star but instead move independently in space.
- Studying rogue planets helps understand the process of planet formation, the dynamics of planetary systems, and their interactions with interstellar matter.



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Textile PLI Scheme



Why in News?

- The Ministry of Textiles issued a notification regarding major amendments to the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for the textile sector.



Key Points:

- Key amendments include expanding the scope of eligible products, reducing investment and turnover requirements, and more.

Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for the Textile Sector:

- **Related Ministry:** Ministry of Textiles.
- **Objective:** To increase the production of man-made fibre (MMF) apparel and fabrics and technical textiles.
- **Duration:** From 2021 to 2030. The incentive will be provided for 5 years.
- **Monitoring and Implementation:** By an Empowered Group of Secretaries constituted by the DPIIT.

Pradhanmantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana and Pulses Self-Reliance Mission



Why in News?

- The Prime Minister launched the "Pradhanmantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana" and the "Pulses Self-Reliance Mission" from the National Agricultural Science Complex, Pusa, New Delhi, and inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for over 1,100 projects in the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, animal husbandry, fisheries, and food processing sectors.

किसान समृद्धि का नया अध्याय

धन धान्य कृषि योजना

फसल का उचित मूल्य, किसानों के बेहतर भविष्य की गारंटी

- किसानों को समय पर और सही मूल्य पर अनाज की खरीद
- उत्पादन के हिसाब से पारदर्शी भुगतान की व्यवस्था
- मंडियों में तकनीकी और आधुनिक सुविधाएं
- बिचौलियों से मुक्ति – किसान की आय सीधे बढ़ेगी
- फसल का सुरक्षित भंडारण और तौल की पक्की गारंटी

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Key Points:

Pulses Self-Reliance Mission:

- **Announcement:** Union Budget 2025-26
- **Objective:** To promote pulses production and self-sufficiency.
- **Timeframe:** 6 years (starting 2025-26).
- **Budget allocation:** ₹1,000 crore.
- **Goal:** To eliminate India's dependence on imports to meet the country's pulses demand by 2029.
- **Special Focus:** Special focus on the production of three major widely consumed varieties of tur (pigeon pea), urad (black gram), and lentil.

Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana (PM-DDKY):

- **Announcement:** Union Budget 2025-26
- **Annual Outlay:** ₹24,000 crore
- **Duration:** 6 years (2025-26 to 2030-31).
- **Objective:** To increase agricultural productivity in 100 backward districts, inspired by NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Programme. This goal will be achieved through improved irrigation, storage, access to credit, and sustainable agricultural practices.

प्रधान-मंत्री धन-धान्य कृषि योजना के उद्देश्य



कृषि उत्पादकता
बढ़ाना



फसल विविधीकरण
और संधारणीय कृषि
पद्धतियों को बढ़ावा
देना



पंचायत और ब्लॉक
स्तरों पर फसल-कटाई
के बाद अनाज-भंडारण
क्षमता को बढ़ाना



निरंतर जल आपूर्ति के
लिए सिंचाई
अवसंरचना में सुधार
करना



किसानों के लिए
अल्पकालिक और
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कृषि-ऋण प्राप्ति को
सुविधाजनक बनाना

- The scheme creates an integrated agricultural support system by integrating 36 schemes from 11 central ministries, including the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (cash transfer), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (crop insurance), and Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (irrigation).

District Selection Criteria:

- **Balanced Representation across States:** The selection will take into account the ratio of net sown land and operational agricultural holdings in each State/Union Territory.
- **Low Credit Distribution:** Areas where farmers have limited access to financial resources, i.e., less than 30% of the district's total farmers have access to credit.
- **Low Productivity:** Districts with low agricultural production per hectare, i.e., districts with yields below the national average.
- **Low Cropping Intensity:** Districts with low crop diversity or inadequate annual crop rotations.
- At least one district from each State will be mandatorily selected to ensure regionally balanced development.

Implementation and Monitoring:

- PMDDKY is administered under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- A District Dhan Dhanya Krishi Yojana (DDKY) Committee will be formed in each selected district, headed by the District Collector.
- This committee will be responsible for implementing the District Agriculture Development Plan (DADP).
- Coordination will involve the local administration, the Agriculture Department, and 100 appointed Central Nodal Officers (primarily at the Joint Secretary level) who will monitor the implementation and performance of the scheme.

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- **Expected Outcomes:** The scheme will directly benefit approximately 1.7 million farmers across the country.
- Under the PM Dhan Dhanya Krishi Yojana, animal health campaigns will be launched at the local level, and an integrated dairy and animal feed plant will be established in Andhra Pradesh.

Importance of Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana (PM-DDKY):

Agricultural Problems	Responsible Factors	Solutions under Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana (PM-DDKY)
Low Income	Lack of awareness and dependence on middlemen.	Cultivation of high-value crops like pulses and vegetables will be encouraged, and farmers will be directly connected to buyers through digital platforms like e-NAM and the new PM-DDKY app.
Low Productivity	Low fertile soil, traditional farming, lack of irrigation facilities, and small landholdings.	High-yielding seeds, bio-fertilizers, and modern agricultural equipment like seed drills will be provided.
Lack of Irrigation	52% of India's agricultural land depends on monsoon rains for irrigation.	Drip and sprinkler irrigation systems will be provided to enable year-round farming in drought-prone areas.
Lack of Finance	Shortage of agricultural equipment.	Subsidies and loan facilities through Kisan Credit Card (KCC) and NABARD.

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Lack of Infrastructure	According to ICAR (2023), 20% of crops like tomatoes and mangoes spoil due to lack of cold storage.	Warehouses and cold storage facilities will be provided at village and block levels.
Unsustainable Farming Practices	Excessive use of chemicals and pesticides.	Emphasis on bio-fertilizers and climate-resilient crops.
Lack of Training and Skills	Illiteracy, lack of awareness, and low participation of women.	Free workshops: Workshops on modern farming, use of drones, and allied activities like beekeeping will be organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), agricultural universities, and private partners. 500 farmers will be sent for training to countries like Israel (drip irrigation), Japan (precision farming), and the Netherlands (greenhouse technology), with all expenses covered by the government. 10,000 women farmer-producer groups will be provided with training and loans; support will be provided to connect them with agricultural markets for activities like dairy and organic farming.

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Other Important Points:

Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana vs. Other Schemes:

Name of the Scheme	Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi	Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana	Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana	Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana
Key Feature	₹6,000/year direct cash transfer to farmers.	Crop insurance loss	Irrigation development (drip, sprinkler)	State-level agricultural projects
Scope	Integrates irrigation, storage, market, and training.	Includes credit, technology, and infrastructure.	Covers irrigation, storage, credit, and allied sectors.	National coordination, district-specific planning

India's Position in Pulses:

- India is the largest producer (25%), consumer (27%), and importer (14%) of pulses globally.
- **Imports:** India imports pulses from Canada, Australia, Myanmar, Mozambique, Tanzania, Sudan, and Malawi.
- Total pulse production has increased by 18 percent in the last five years.
- **Top producing states in India (2022-23):** Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka.
- Contribution of different crops in total pulses production: Gram (47%) > Tur (Arhar) > Black Gram > Green Gram

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MILITARY EXERCISES

Exercise Austrahind 2025



Why in News?

- The fourth edition of the India-Australia joint military exercise "Austrahind 2025" commenced on October 13, 2025.



Key Points:

- **Event:** Perth, Australia, from October 13 to 26, 2025 (annual exercise).
- **Edition:** Fourth.
- **Objective:** To enhance military cooperation, improve interoperability, and provide a platform for the participating armies to exchange tactics, techniques, and procedures in the field of sub-conventional warfare in urban or semi-urban terrain.
- The Indian Army contingent is led by a battalion of the Gorkha Rifles and other troops.
- The exercise will focus on joint company-level operations in open and semi-desert terrain.

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PERSONALITY



India's First Mrs. Universe: Sherry Singh



Key Points:

48th Mrs. Universe Pageant, 2025:

- **Event:** October 8 and 9, 2025, Okada, Manila (Philippines)
- **Theme:** Women's Empowerment and Mental Health Awareness.
- **Participants:** 122 women from various countries.
- The competition included various aspects, including the contestants' temperament, intelligence, and beauty.

Mrs. Universe 2025 Results:

- **Winner:** Sherry Singh (the first Indian woman to win this title)
- **First Runner-Up:** St. Petersburg
- **Second Runner-Up:** Philippines
- **Third Runner-Up:** Asia
- **Fourth Runner-Up:** Russia



IMPORTANT DAYS



International Day of the Girl Child, 2025: October 11



Key Points:

- October 11 was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2011 through resolution 66/170.
- **First Observed:** October 11, 2012
- For the first time in history, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in 1995 proposed a plan of action to advance girls' rights.
- **Theme for 2025:** “The Girl I Am, the Change I Lead: Girls on the Frontlines of Crisis.”

Other Important Points:

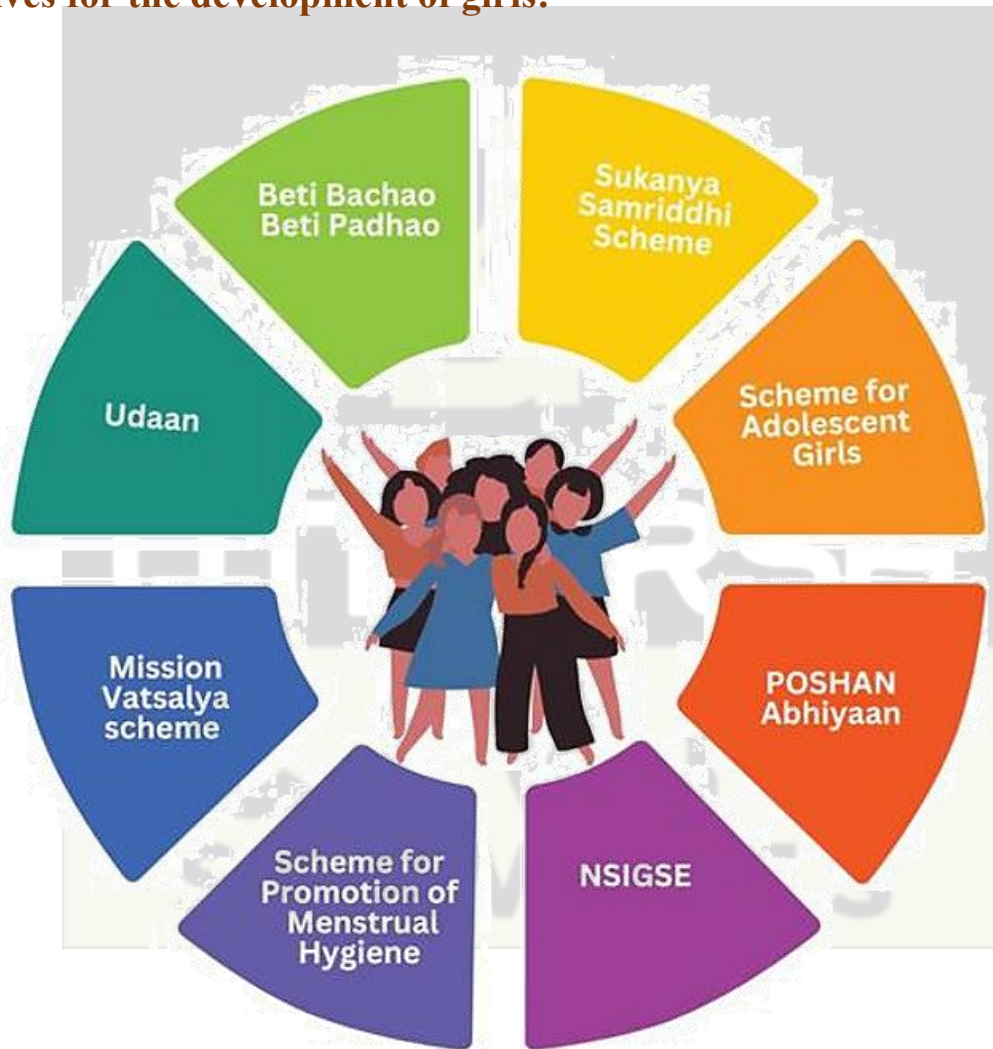
National Girl Child Day: January 24 every year.

- **Objective:** To promote the rights, empowerment, and potential of girls across India.
- **Theme for 2025:** “Empowering Girls for a Brighter Future.”

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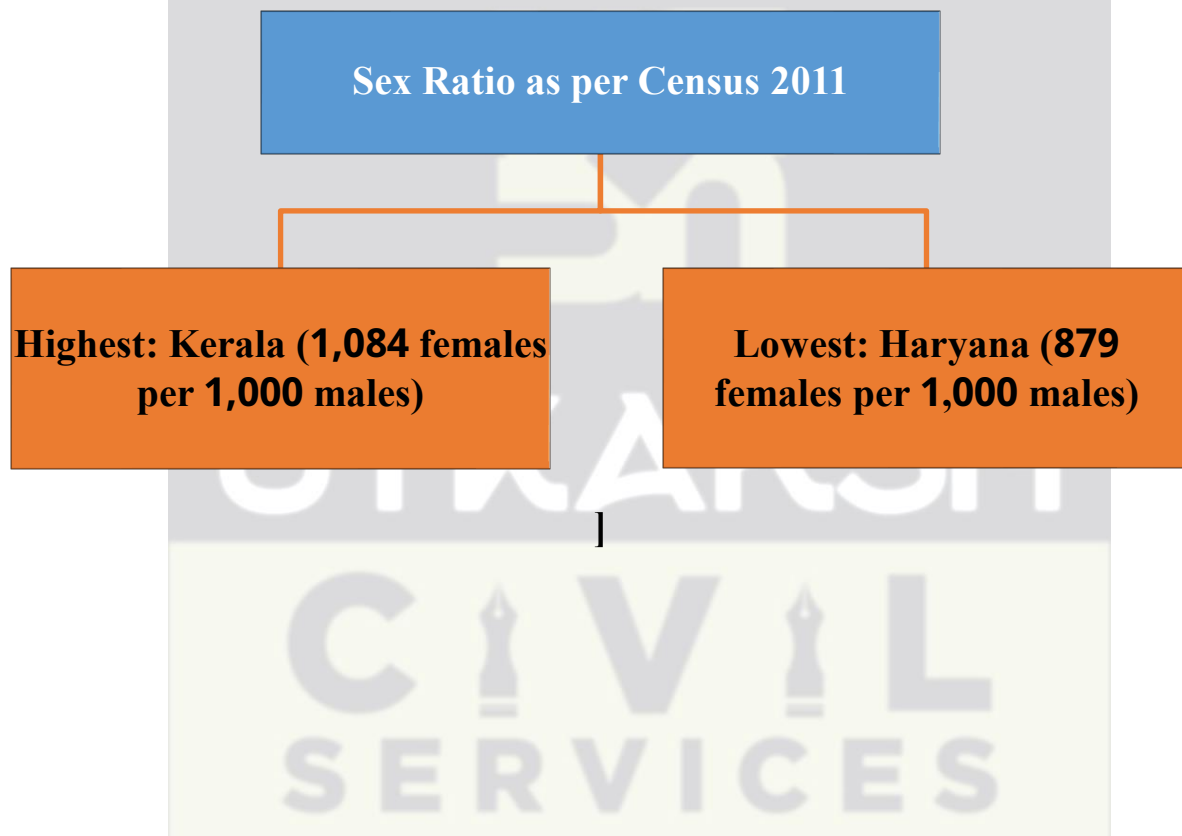
- **Established by:** Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India.
- **First held:** 2008
- **Focus areas:** Education, health, nutrition, safety, and gender equality.
- **Initiatives for the development of girls:**



Status of girls in India:

- According to the 2011 Census, the child sex ratio in the 0-6 age group was 914 girls per 1,000 boys.
- **Child marriage:** Approximately 36.8 percent of girls are married before the legal age of 18.

- **Health disparities:** Due to malnutrition and inadequate health care, girls have a higher mortality rate and lower life expectancy than boys.
- **Literacy rate:** The female literacy rate in India is approximately 68 percent, while for men it is 84.7 percent (Census 2011).
- **Sex Ratio:** The national sex ratio is 1020 females per 1000 males (as per National Family Health Survey 2021-22).

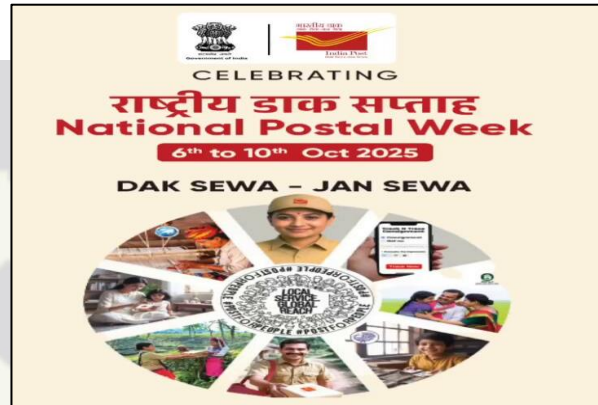


Postal Day, 2025



Why in News?

- According to a government



Key Points:

World Post Day 2025	National Post Day 2025
● Date: 9 October 2025	● Date: 10 October 2025
● Establishment: This day was declared by the Universal Postal Congress held in Tokyo in the year 1969 to commemorate the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in 1874.	● Established in: 1982, declared by the Government of India. ● Ministry: Ministry of Communications, Government of India. ● Part of: National Postal Week (October 6 to 10, 2025).
● Objective: To raise awareness of the role of post in the daily lives of people and businesses, as well as its contribution to global social and economic development.	● Objective: To celebrate the legacy of India Post and its changing role in national communications, logistics and financial inclusion.
● Theme for 2025: "Post for People: Local Service. Global Reach."	

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National Postal Week (October 6 to 10, 2025);

Date	Description
06-10-2025	Technology Day (Beginning of Postal Week)
07-10-2025	Financial Inclusion Day
08-10-2025	Philately (Stamp Collection) and Citizen-Centric Service Day
09-10-2025	World Post Day
10-10-2025	Customer Day

History of National Post:

Period / Year	Development
Pre-Colonial Period	Runners and horse riders (messengers) for royal and administrative messages.
1774	Warren Hastings established the first organized postal system in India.
1854	Lord Dalhousie established the modern postal service and implemented the All-India Postal Act.
1876	India became a member of the Universal Postal Union (UPU).
1972	Six-digit Postal Index Number (PIN) system implemented.
1982	Government of India declared 10 October as National Post Day.
1986	Introduction of Speed Post.
2012	IT Modernization project implemented, digitizing postal operations.
2018	Launch of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) to provide banking and digital payment services in rural and remote areas.
2025	Proposal to transform India Post into a “National Public Logistics Organization” and “Rural Economy Enabler,” including credit, insurance, and e-commerce logistics.

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NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	Hwasong Missile; North Korea - Recently, North Korea showcased its latest and most powerful intercontinental ballistic missile, the Hwasong, at a military parade. Features: - It showcased the state-of-the-art Hwasong-11MA hypersonic missile, capable of hitting targets up to 15,000 km, and the Hwasong-20 intercontinental ballistic missile. - This missile is capable of hitting the United States.
2.	Clean Energy Park: Tibet - China has developed the world's largest 'clean energy park,' spread over 420 square kilometers at an altitude of 10,000 feet on the Tibetan Plateau. Total production: 29,000 megawatts. - The Talatan Solar Park is located in Gonghe County, in China's western province of Qinghai. - Along with solar power, wind turbines and hydropower dams have also been installed here.



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Global Buyers and Sellers Summit 2025: Manipur



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10th & 11th October, 2025
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Jointly Organised by:
Directorate of Trade, Commerce & Industries, Govt. of Manipur
MANIDCO (Manipur Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.)

- **Event:** October 10-11, 2025, in Imphal, Manipur.
- **Theme:** "Business Sense Borders"/Connecting Business Without Borders" This event is part of the RAMP (Raising and Accelerating Performance of MSMEs) initiative of the Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).
- **Organized by:** Directorate of Trade, Commerce and Industry, Manipur Industrial Development Corporation (MANIDCO) and Manipur Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MSSI).