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RAJASTHAN



Rajasthan International Folk Festival (JODHPUR RIFF) - 2025



Why in News?

- The Rajasthan International Folk Festival - 2025, also known as Jodhpur RIFF, was held from October 2 to 6, 2025.



Key Points:

- **Event:** Held annually during the autumn full moon at Jodhpur's Mehrangarh Fort.
- **Concept and Inception:** Jodhpur RIFF was started in 2007 by Gaj Singh II, a member of the former royal family of Jodhpur.
- **Organizer:** Mehrangarh Museum Trust, Jodhpur.
- **Objective:** To provide a cultural platform to talented artists from Rajasthan.
- **Historical Significance of the Festival:** The festival is held annually at Mehrangarh Fort, which has been named 'Asia's Best Fort' by Time magazine.
- **Key Partners for 2025:** Creative Australia, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Polish Institute, New Delhi.



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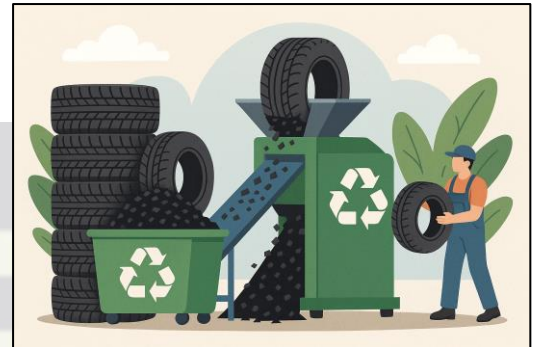
- **Folk Art:** Folk art refers to art forms that originate among the masses and reflect the traditional life, cultural heritage, and customs of a society.
- These art forms are commonly practiced across all sections of society and are intended for entertainment, religious rituals, social occasions, and cultural expression.
- Major forms of folk art include dance, music, painting, crafts, handicrafts, colorful textiles, folk tales, and puppets.

The country's largest tire recycling plant: Soniana (Chittorgarh)



Why in News?

- Jaipur-based Regrip India Private Limited will set up the country's largest tire recycling plant in the Soniana Industrial Area of Chittorgarh.



Key Points:

- The plant was digitally inaugurated by Deputy Chief Minister Prem Chand Bairwa and actor Sunil Shetty from Jaipur.
- The plant will be able to recycle 180 tons of tires per day using the Indian technology of continuous pyrolysis.
- Annually, 54,000 tons of tires will be converted into carbon black, pyrolysis oil, and steel, reducing carbon emissions annually.
- **Goal:** The company aims to make India a tire-neutral country by 2035.

Facts for Prelims:

- **3R in Industries:** The 3R policy is adopted in industries to conserve resources, achieve energy efficiency, and protect the environment.
- **Reduce** – Reducing the use of materials in production or consumption that contribute to waste or pollution.
- **Example:** Using less packaging material.
- **Reuse** – Reusing an item instead of throwing it away.
- **Example:** Reusing old tires, bottles, or cans.
- **Recycle** – Recycling useless items or waste into useful products through processing.
- **Example:** Recycling plastic, paper, or metal into new items.

ITI Bharatpur to be a hub under the PM-Setu scheme



Why in News?

- Recently, the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in Bharatpur, Rajasthan, were announced to be developed as hubs in the first phase of the PM-Setu scheme.



Key Points:

- Additionally, ITI Dholpur, ITI Karauli, ITI Kaman, and ITI Bayana are proposed to be upgraded as spoke institutes under this scheme.
- It is worth noting that the Rajasthan government submitted proposals for two proposed industry clusters under the pilot phase of the PM-Setu scheme (ITIs Upgradation). Cluster 1 includes Bharatpur, Dholpur, Karauli, Kaman (Deeg), and Bayana within the Bharatpur region.
- The main focus of this cluster to be established in Rajasthan will be on key sectors such as manufacturing, agriculture, and hospitality.
- Under the PM-Setu scheme, each hub will be connected to an average of four spoke institutes, equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure, modern machinery, digital learning systems, and advanced trades.

Facts for Prelims:

PM-Setu Scheme:

- Full name:** Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs
- Financial outlay:** ₹60,000 crore.
- Type:** Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- Objective:** Under this scheme, 1,000 government ITIs across the country will be modernized, organized into 200 hub and 800 spoke models.
- Concerned Ministry:** Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

Financial Approval for Tourism Development in Rajasthan



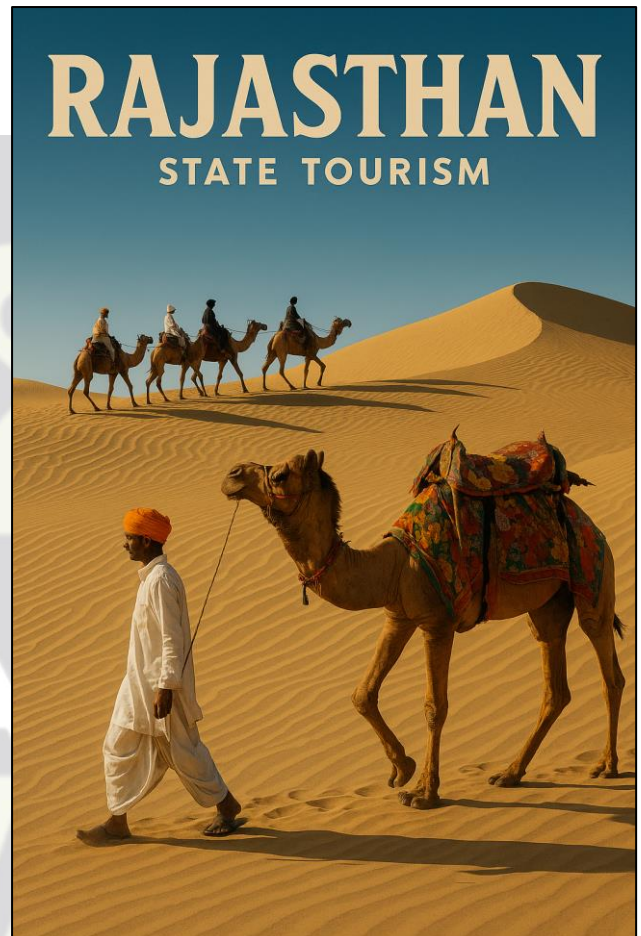
Why in News?

- To promote tourism in Rajasthan, the Finance Department recently granted financial approval of ₹22,93,12,000 to the Tourism Department for the restoration, beautification, and development of religious tourist sites.



Key Points:

- The recent funding released by the Finance Department will be used for development work at the following locations:
1. Conservation and restoration work in Nahargarh and Amer to promote heritage tourism in Jaipur as iconic tourist destinations.
 2. Development of the Trinetra Ganesh Temple in Ranthambore.
 3. The Tourism Department will construct an accessible road from Hammir Mahal to the Trinetra Ganesh Temple.
 4. Dwarkadhish Temple, Kankroli (Rajsamand)
 5. Ramdevji's birthplace, Ramderiya (Barmer)
 6. Bhomiyaji Temple, Madhorajpura (Jaipur)
 7. Dowa Ramji Maharaj Shrine, Balarai (Pali)
 8. Chamunda Mataji Temple, Sirohi



9. Neemach Mata Temple, Udaipur
10. Dhudhleshwar Mahadev, Gudamalani (Barmer)
11. Haldeshwar Mahadev Temple, Balotra
12. Kubaji Maharaj Shrine, Sumerpur (Pali)
13. Barauli Dhau, Kaman (Deeg) – Rural Tourism.
14. Padam Haveli, Bharatpur – Restoration work.
15. Vimal Kund, Kaman (Deeg) – Beautification work.

Facts for Prelims:

- 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 in 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.

Sariska Tiger Reserve (Alwar) in the News



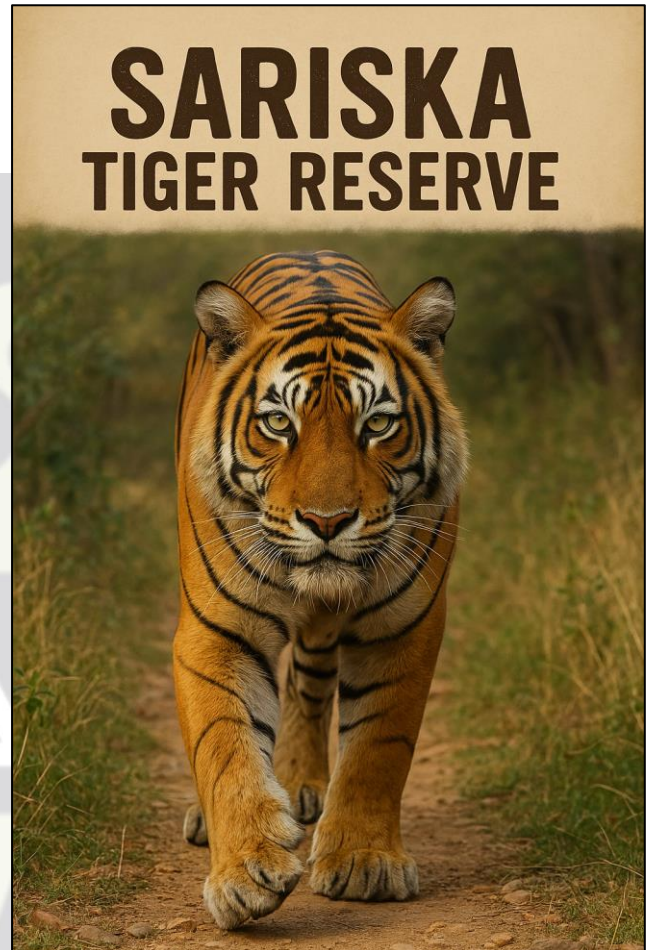
Why in News?

- Recently, the government announced a moratorium on the 'Sariska Tiger Conservation Plan-2034'.



Key Points:

- Prior to the tiger conservation plan, the area of the Sariska Sanctuary will be re-demarcated. Additionally, the Critical Tiger Habitat (CTH) area will be mapped.
- It is worth noting that the Sariska Tiger Reserve's tiger conservation plan was prepared in 2014 for 10 years. Over the past 10 years, the tiger reserve has seen an increase of 44 tigers.



Critical Tiger Habitat (CTH)

- Critical tiger habitat is notified by state governments under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- It is also known as the 'core area' of a tiger reserve. The largest area under Critical Tiger Habitat in India is the Nagarjunasagar region of the Srisaillam Tiger Reserve.
- These are the fringe areas of national parks and sanctuaries. They are kept undisturbed for the purpose of tiger conservation without affecting the rights of flora and fauna.

Sariska Tiger Reserve:

- Sariska Tiger Reserve is located in the Alwar district in the Aravalli Hills.
- It was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1955. Later, in 1978, it was elevated to tiger reserve status and included in Project Tiger.
- It was elevated to national park status in 1982.
- It is the first sanctuary in the world to reintroduce tigers after local extinction in 2004.
- **Flora:** Sariska's vegetation is similar to tropical dry deciduous forests and northern tropical thorn forests.
- Kankanwadi Fort stands in the center of this reserve. It is believed that Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb imprisoned his brother Dara Shikoh in this fort during a power struggle.
- A famous temple of Lord Hanuman is located at Pandupol, a site associated with the Pandavas.

About the Tiger:

- **Scientific name** - Panthera tigris.
- 75 percent of the world's tiger population is found in India.

Conservation Status:

- Listed in Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- Endangered in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List.
- Listed in Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

Dextromethorphan



Why in News?

- The Rajasthan government has banned the distribution of dextromethorphan cough syrup.



Key Points:

- Dextromethorphan is an opioid cough suppressant, but it is not considered safe for children under 5 years of age.
- Concerns have also been raised about the presence of diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol in cough syrup.
- These are both colorless industrial chemicals commonly used in brake fluid, antifreeze, paint, plastics, and some household products.
- They are often used in place of the safer substance propylene glycol, a solvent that helps dissolve medicines in liquid form.

✂ NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	<p>Launch of 'Aapni Bus - Rajasthan Roadways'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recently, Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma launched the 'Aapni Bus - Rajasthan Roadways' rural transport service from Amar Jawan Jyoti in Jaipur.Under the 'Aapni Bus - Rajasthan Roadways' rural transport service, buses will operate on 357 routes on a revenue sharing model.
2.	<p>6th Annual Conference of the Indian Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recently, the '6th Annual Conference of the Indian Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation' was held in Jaipur.Event date: October 3-5, 2025Venue: Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur.Objective: To provide a platform for sharing knowledge, experience, and advancements in the field of heart and lung transplantation in India.

3.

Swayamsiddha-Diwali Exhibition - 2025

- Recently, the 'Swayamsiddha-Diwali Exhibition 2025' was organized by the Laghu Udyog Bharti Women's Unit in Alwar.
- **Objective:** To empower women and connect their skills with the market.
- Stalls selling home decor, fashion, jewelry, handicrafts, festive decorations, and traditional clothing were set up at the exhibition.

4.

9th Convention of the All India National Educational Federation: Jaipur

- Recently, the '9th Convention of the All India National Educational Federation' was organized at Keshav Vidyapeeth, Jamdoli, Jaipur.
- **Event:** October 5-7, 2025

5.

Namovan Biodiversity Park: Alwar

- Recently, Union Minister of Forests and Environment Bhupendra Yadav and Minister of State for Forests (Rajasthan) Sanjay Sharma inaugurated the renovation and development work of the Namovan Biodiversity Park located at Pratapbandh in Alwar district.

6.

11th All India Music and Dance Competition 'Raga Harmony'

- Recently, the 11th All India Music and Dance Competition 'Raga Harmony' was held in Alwar.
- **Organizer:** Archives Musica Sangeet Kala Vidyalaya, Alwar.
- **Event:** October 5th and 6th, 2025

7.

Dr. Dheeraj Dubey

- Recently, Dr. Dheeraj Dubey (Orthopedic Surgeon, Jaipur), for his pioneering work in joint replacement surgery, was honored during the 'Indo-UK Leadership Summit 2025' held at the House of Lords (UK Parliament) in London.
- Dr. Dheeraj Dubey is the first joint replacement surgeon from North India to receive this honor.

8.

Judge Ajay Rastogi

- Recently, the ad hoc committee of the Rajasthan Cricket Association (RCA) appointed former Supreme Court judge Ajay Rastogi as the new Ombudsman of the RCA.
- Following this appointment, all disputes related to the RCA will be heard before the Ombudsman.

9.

Medpreneur 2025

- Medpreneur 2025 was held on October 4th and 5th, 2025, at the Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur.
- **Organized by:** United Private Clinics and Hospitals Association of Rajasthan (UPCHAR)
- This summit is designed for doctors, innovators, startups, and students to come together and explore cutting-edge medical business ideas, healthcare innovations, and networking opportunities with industry leaders.

10.

30th Rajasthan State Sub-Junior Handball Championship

- **Held:** October 5th to 8th, 2025.
- **Organized by:** Hanumangarh District Handball Association under the aegis of the Rajasthan State Handball Association.
- **Participants:** 51 teams are participating, including 32 in the boys' category and 19 in the girls' category.

11.

69th State Level Archery Competition (U-19)

- Held in Dholpur.
- **Recurve Round (19-year-old boys category):**
 - **First Place** – Tanmay Singhatiya (Jaipur I) – 605 points.
 - **Second Place** – Mirav Sharma (Jaipur II) – 593 points.
 - **Third Place** – Saurabh Niwar (Hanumangarh) – 590 points.
- **Recurve Round (19-year-old girls category):**
 - **First Place** – Doris Khatana (Kotputli Behror) – 579 points.
 - **Second Place** – Durgeshwari Rathore (Jodhpur) – 466 points.
 - **Third Place** – Niyati Bhardwaj (Jaipur) – 442 points.

SERVICES



Swadeshi Campaign

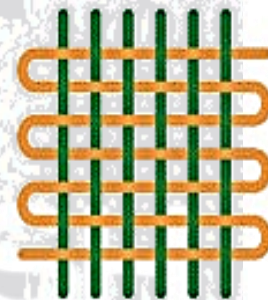
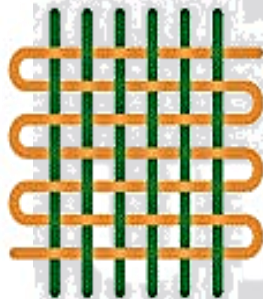


Why in News?

- The Ministry of Textiles launched the Swadeshi Campaign to boost domestic demand for handloom, handicraft, and textile products in the country.

Atmanirbhar Bharat

आत्मनिर्भर भारत



Swadesi kapda, Desh ki Shaan,
Yahi hain Bharat ki Pehchan

स्वदेशी कपड़ा, देश की शान,
यही है भारत की पहचान।



Key Points:

- **Campaign Duration:** 6 to 9 months across India.
- **Campaign Slogan:** "Swadeshi Fabric, Pride of the Country."

The campaign aims and objectives are:

- **Stimulating Domestic Demand:** Increase domestic textile consumption, especially among urban youth and Gen-Z.
- **Integrating Textile Heritage as a National Identity:** Re-establish Indian textiles as a symbol of pride and style, especially among youth and urban consumers.



- **Empowering Producers and MSMEs:** Expand market access and income opportunities for weavers, artisans, and textile MSMEs.
- **Aligning with Atmanirbhar Bharat:** Integrating campaign efforts with initiatives such as PLI for the textile industry, PM MITRA Parks, and ODOP.
- **Encouraging institutional procurement:** Encouraging ministries, public sector undertakings, and educational institutions to adopt Indian-made fabrics for uniforms, furnishings, etc.

Other key points:

- India's textile and apparel market is projected to reach \$179 billion by 2024, growing at an average annual growth rate (AAGR) of over 7 percent.
- The domestic (HH) sector contributes 58 percent to the domestic market and is growing at a CAGR of 8.19 percent. Meanwhile, non-domestic consumption accounts for 21 percent of the domestic market and is growing at a CAGR of 6.79 percent.
- Domestic demand will grow at a CAGR of 9 to 10 per cent per annum and total domestic demand for textiles will reach US\$ 250 billion by 2030.

Mud Volcano



Why in News?

- India's only mud volcano has erupted after 20 years. It is located on Baratang Island (Andaman and Nicobar Islands).



Key Points:

Mud Volcano

- It is a physical formation that erupts a mixture of mud, water, and gases (mainly methane, sometimes carbon dioxide or nitrogen) on the Earth's surface. This creates cone-like formations that resemble volcanoes, but do not erupt hot lava.
- Mud volcanoes are typically found in areas where natural gas is present.
- Mud volcanoes are triggered by tectonic forces or the accumulation of hydrocarbon gases.

Vande Mataram



Why in News?

- The Central Government announced the nationwide celebration of the 150th anniversary of the national song, "Vande Mataram."



Key Points:

- **Origin:** It was composed in Sanskrit by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee and first published in the novel Anandamath (1882).
- On 24 January 1950, it was given equal status with the national anthem (Jana Gana Mana).
- 'Jana Gana Mana' was originally composed in Bengali by Rabindranath Tagore. On 24 January 1950, the Constituent Assembly adopted its Hindi version.
- It was sung by Rabindranath Tagore at the annual session of the Indian National Congress in 1896.



INTERNATIONAL



NATO Pipeline System



Why in News?

- Poland will now join the NATO Pipeline System.



Key Points:

- It was established during the Cold War to supply fuel to NATO forces.
- **Purpose:** It continues to ensure the supply and distribution of petroleum products for NATO operations today.
- **Scope:** The system spans 12 NATO countries, connecting storage depots, military airbases, civil airports, refineries, pumping stations, and truck/rail loading stations.



SCHEMES



Identification of Aspirational Agricultural Districts (AADs)



Why in News?

- The Central Government has identified 100 Aspirational Agricultural Districts (AADs).



Key Points:

- These districts, located in 29 states and union territories, will be developed under the Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana.
- Aspirational Agricultural Districts (AADs) have been identified based on three key factors – low productivity, low cropping intensity, and below-average access to credit.
- The government has appointed central nodal officers to oversee the implementation of the scheme in the selected districts.
- Committees will be formed at the district, state, and national levels for effective planning, implementation, and monitoring of the schemes.

Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)

- This scheme is inspired by NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Programme, which aims to develop the 112 most backward districts in the country.
- **Scheme duration:** 6 years (starting from 2025-26).
- **Scheme convergence:** The scheme will ensure full implementation-based convergence of 36 central schemes from 11 ministries in 100 agricultural districts.

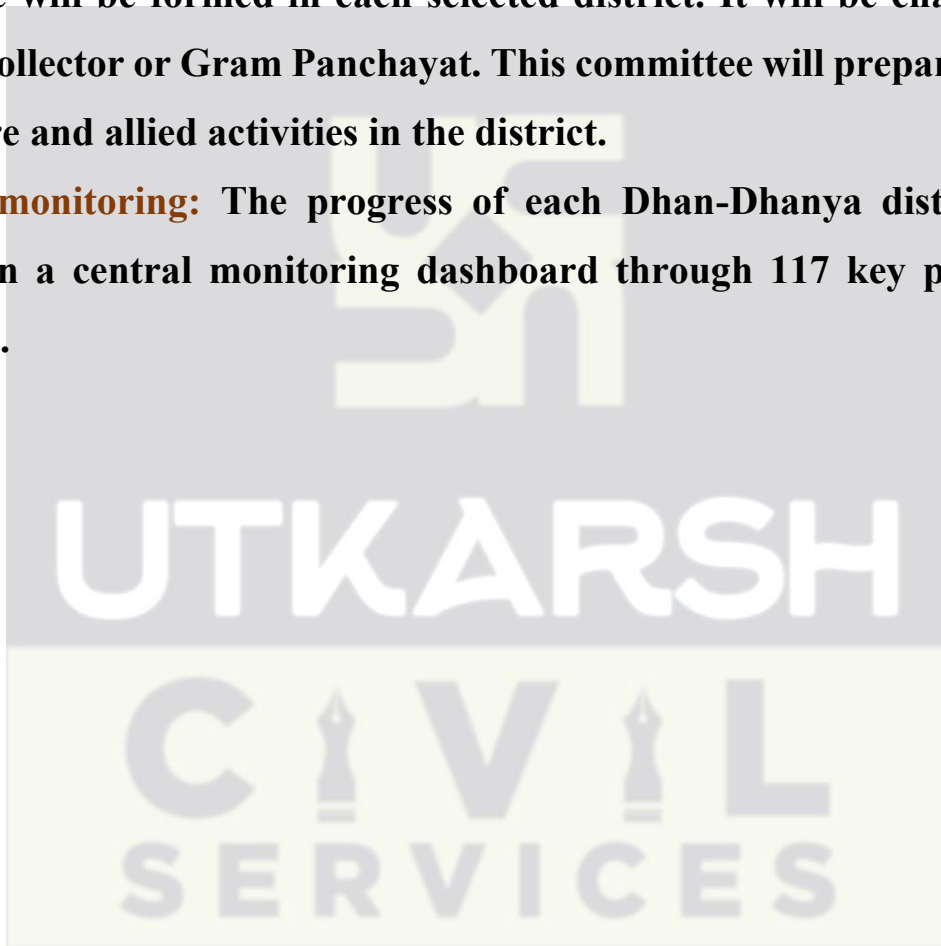
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- **Scope:** The number of selected districts in each state/union territory will be based on the ratio of net cropped area to operational land holdings. At least one district will be selected from each state.
- **District-level planning:** A District Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana (DDKY) committee will be formed in each selected district. It will be chaired by the District Collector or Gram Panchayat. This committee will prepare a plan for agriculture and allied activities in the district.
- **Progress monitoring:** The progress of each Dhan-Dhanya district will be tracked on a central monitoring dashboard through 117 key performance indicators.



Tribal Village Vision 2030 Manifesto



Why in News?

- Special Gram Sabhas were held in tribal-dominated villages across the country. The “Tribal Village Vision 2030 Manifesto” was adopted during these meetings.



Key Points:

- This manifesto was adopted as part of the Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- This manifesto focuses on community-led development and concrete goals related to education, health, livelihoods, social and financial inclusion, and infrastructure.
- The manifesto also proposes establishing “Adi Seva Kendras” in every village, which will serve as single-window service centers for citizens.



ECONOMIC SCENARIO



Internationalization of the Rupee



Why in News?

- The RBI has announced new measures to promote the internationalization of the Indian Rupee (INR).



Key Points:

- **Internationalization of the Rupee:** The Indian Rupee will be able to be used for global trade and financial transactions.

Key Measures Announced

- **Loans to Non-Residents in Indian Rupees:** Authorized Dealer Banks in India and their overseas branches will be permitted to grant loans in Indian Rupees to residents of Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka, including banks.
- **Establishing Transparent Reference Rates:** Financial Benchmarks India Limited (FBIL) will develop transparent reference rates for the rupee against major global currencies.
- **Expanding the Use of Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVAs):** SRVA balances can now be used to invest in corporate bonds and commercial papers.
- Previously, SRVA balances were only permitted to be invested in Central Government securities.
- An SRVA is an account opened by a foreign bank with an Indian bank to enable business transactions to be settled directly in Indian Rupees without converting the rupee into foreign currency.

Stablecoins



Why in News?

- The Finance Minister stated that innovations like stablecoins have transformed the landscape of money and capital flows.



Key Points:

- **Stablecoins:** Stablecoins are cryptocurrencies pegged to stable assets, such as fiat currencies (the U.S. dollar), a basket of currencies, or precious metals.

Significance:

- They are more stable than common cryptocurrencies (such as Bitcoin), reducing volatility.
- They are easier and faster to transact, especially for cross-border money movements.

Risks:

- They can pose a threat to financial stability, and if many investors attempt to sell their stablecoins simultaneously, this could create a run risk.






MILITARY EXERCISES

NATPOLREX-EXERCISE, 2025



Why in News?

- The Indian Coast Guard conducted the 10th edition of the national-level pollution response exercise “NATPOLREX-EXERCISE” off the coast of Chennai, Tamil Nadu, from October 5-6, 2025.
- The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) also held the 27th National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOSDCP) preparedness meeting.

Mechanical Recovery 	<p>Vessels maneuver containment boom to capture and concentrate spilled oil. Oil is then removed from the water's surface with a skimmer. Recovered oil is stored and disposed of.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Oil is removed from the environment. - Oil and water/debris must be stored. - Resource intensive (vessels, people, equipment).
Chemical Dispersants 	<p>Chemicals are applied to the oil spill that break the slick into smaller droplets that mix into the water, avoiding contamination of areas like beaches or tide flats.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Oil removed from the surface of the water. - Oil is not actually removed from the environment. - Impact of oil spill is shifted to below the ocean surface. - Dispersants themselves may be toxic.
In-Situ Burning 	<p>Vessels maneuver containment boom to contain and thicken the slick. Oil is then burned off the water's surface in a controlled fashion. Oil contained by ice may be able to be burned as well.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Oil removed from the surface of the water. - Potential for air quality impacts due to smoke. - Residue sinks if not collected and may be toxic.
Tracking & Surveillance 	<p>Spill observation and mapping via aircraft or marine vessel, tracking buoys, or infrared technology may be used to find the spill.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Critical for determining the extent and trajectory of an oil slick. - Method and effectiveness can be very limited by visibility.
Shoreline Cleanup 	<p>Spilled oil which reaches the shore can be collected through a variety of methods, including spraying down with hoses, soaking up with absorbent materials or digging (manually or with heavy equipment).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Oil is removed from shoreline or displaced into the water for removal. - Labor and time intensive. - Impacts may have already occurred, or could be worsened.



Key Points:

- **Objective:** This biennial flagship exercise was conducted with the aim of assessing and strengthening India's national preparedness to deal with marine oil spill incidents, as well as testing the effectiveness of coordination among various agencies under the NOSDCP framework.
- The exercise saw active participation from central ministries, coastal state governments, major ports, oil management agencies, and various maritime organizations.
- More than 100 national delegates and over 40 foreign observers from 32 countries also attended the event, demonstrating India's growing international relevance in the field of marine pollution control action.

Other Key Points:

- **Oil Spill:** This refers to the release of liquid petroleum hydrocarbons into the environment, especially oceans, rivers, or coastal waters, as a result of human activities.
- **Sources and Impacts:** Diesel, petroleum, crude oil, and other hydrocarbons can escape from sources such as tankers, offshore platforms, drilling rigs, or wells, having harmful effects on marine ecosystems, coastal livelihoods, and human health.

Solutions to Oil Spills:

Method	Description
Skimmers	Mechanical devices that collect oil from the water surface for safe disposal or recycling.
Sorbents	Materials that absorb or adsorb oil from water, particularly useful for small spills or residual oil after primary cleanup. Examples: Natural sorbents (straw, volcanic ash), synthetic (polyester-derived plastic shavings).

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Dispersing Agents	Chemicals containing compounds or surfactants that break oil into small droplets. Mostly used to clean water bodies.
Bioremediation Techniques	Use of bacteria such as Cyclocasticus, Oleispira, Paraperlucidibaca, and Thalassolituus zhongshania to eliminate contaminants.
Containment Booms	Scientific booms or floating barriers used to prevent the spread of oil in the ocean. They also aid in quick removal and containment of the oil.

- **Examples of oil spill incidents in India:** Chennai (2023 and 2017), Sundarbans (2014), ONGC Uran (2013), Mumbai (2010).



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India-UK Exercise Konkan 2025



Why in News?

- On October 5, 2025, the bilateral Exercise Konkan-2025 between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy commenced off the west coast of India.



Key Points:

- **Event:** Being conducted off the west coast of India in two phases from October 5 to 12, 2025.
- **Origin:** This exercise has been conducted between the navies of the two countries every two years since 2004.
- This exercise exemplifies the comprehensive strategic partnership outlined in the India-UK Vision 2035, ensuring safe, open, and free seas.
- The participation of the UK Carrier Strike Group (UK CSG-25), led by HMM Prince of Wales, which also includes assets from Norway and Japan, makes this year's edition even more significant.
- The Indian Navy will be represented by the carrier battle group of indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant along with other surface, sub-surface and air combat ships.

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Phase

Harbour Phase: Will include professional interactions, cross-deck visits, sports events and cultural exchanges between the naval personnel.

Sea Phase: Will include complex maritime operational exercises focusing on anti-air, anti-surface and anti-submarine warfare, flying operations and other naval skills development.

Exercise	Participating Countries	Venue	Duration
Surya Kiran	India - Nepal	Saljhandi, Nepal	31 December, 2024 to 13 January, 2025
Exercise Cyclone	India - Egypt	Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan	10 to 23 February, 2025
Dharma Guardian (15th Edition)	India - Japan	Eastern Training Area, Fuji Japan	24 February to 9 March, 2025
Khanjar-XII	India - Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyzstan	10 March to 23 March, 2025
Exercise Dustlik-6	India - Uzbekistan Joint Military	Aundh, Pune, Maharashtra	16 April to 28 April, 2025
Exercise Desert Flag-10	Australia, Bahrain, France, Germany, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Republic of Korea, Turkey, UAE, UK, USA	United Arab Emirates	20 April to 8 May, 2025

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Nomadic Elephant	India - Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	31 May to 13 June, 2025
Exercise Shakti-VIII	India and France	Camp Larzac, La Cavalerie, France	18 June to 1 July, 2025
Khaan Quest Exercise, 2025	United States and Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	-
PASSEX Exercise, 2025	India and United Kingdom	Northern Arabian Sea	-
SIMBEX Exercise, 2025	RSN and Indian Navy	RSS Singapore - Changi Naval Base	28 July to 1 August, 2025
Divya Drishti Exercise, 2025	-	Eastern Sikkim	-
SLINEX Exercise, 2025	India - Sri Lanka	Colombo Port	Harbour Phase: 14 to 16 August, 2025; Sea Phase: 17 to 18 August, 2025
Exercise Bright Star, 2025	USA, Egypt, India, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Greece, Cyprus, Italy	Alexandria, Egypt	1 to 10 September, 2025
Exercise Maitree – XIV	India and Thailand	Joint Training Node (JTN), Umroi, Meghalaya	1 to 14 September, 2025
Yudh Abhyas, 2025	India and USA	Fort Wainwright, Alaska, USA	1 to 14 September, 2025
Exercise Konkan, 2025	India and United Kingdom	Western Indian Ocean	5 to 12 October, 2025

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ISSA Award 2025 to India



Why in News?

- India has been awarded the ISSA Award at the World Social Security Forum 2025, organized by the International Social Security Association (ISSA).



Key Points:

- It is noteworthy that social security coverage in India has increased from 19% in 2015 to 64.3% in 2025. Thus, over 940 million citizens in India are currently covered under social security. India has been awarded this award for this achievement.
- The Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) and the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) have played a key role in increasing this coverage.



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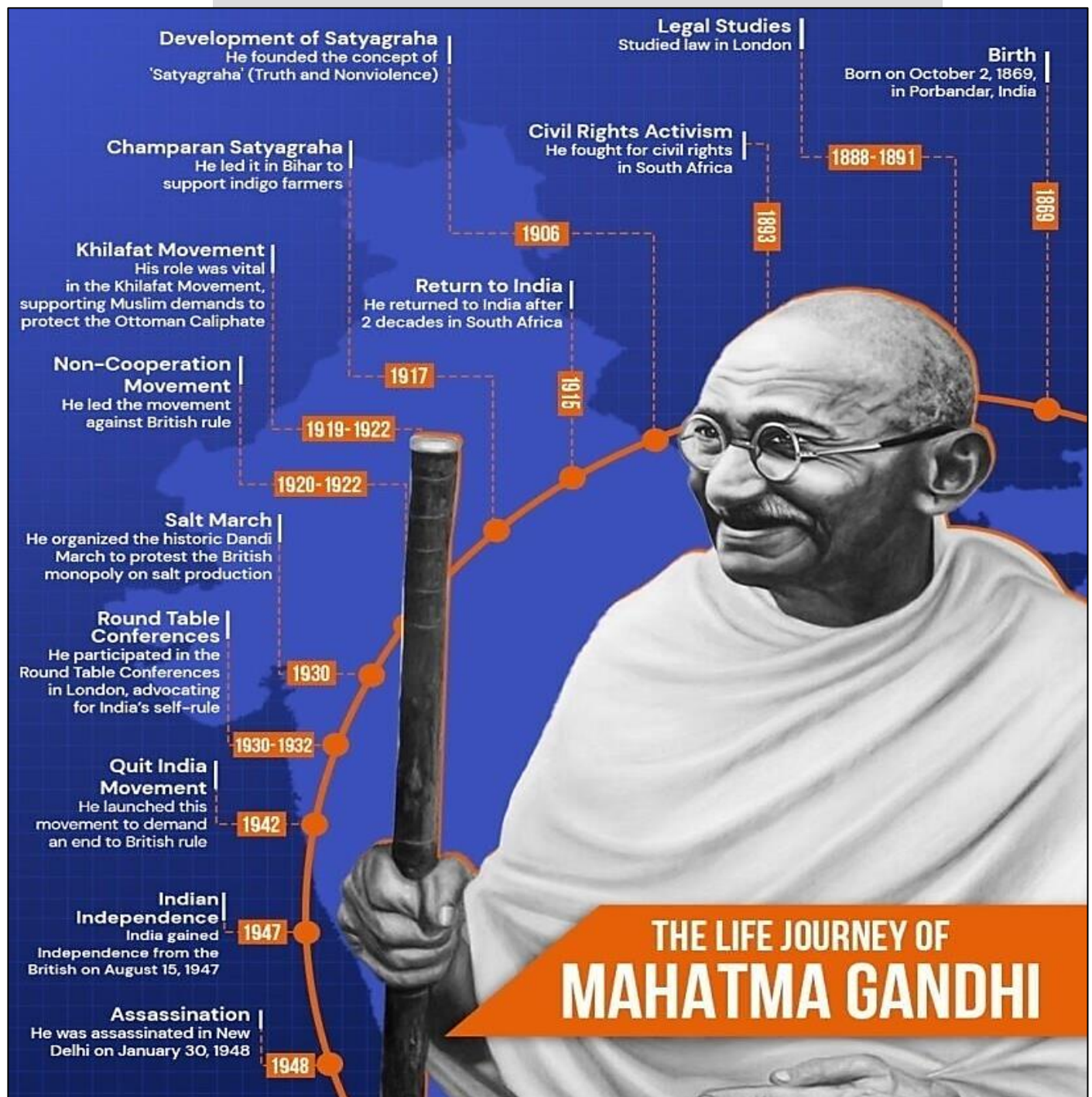


International Day of Non-Violence, 2025: October 2



Why in News?

- October 2 is celebrated globally as Gandhi Jayanti and as the International Day of Non-Violence, declared by the United Nations.



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Key Points:

- Following a resolution passed by the United Nations in June 2007 (introduced by then-Minister of State for External Affairs Anand Sharma), it is observed as International Day of Non-Violence worldwide. This resolution was supported by more than 140 countries at the United Nations.
- The resolution reaffirms the "universal relevance of the principle of non-violence" and "the desire to secure a culture of peace, tolerance, understanding, and non-violence."

Mahatma Gandhi's Philosophy of Non-Violence;

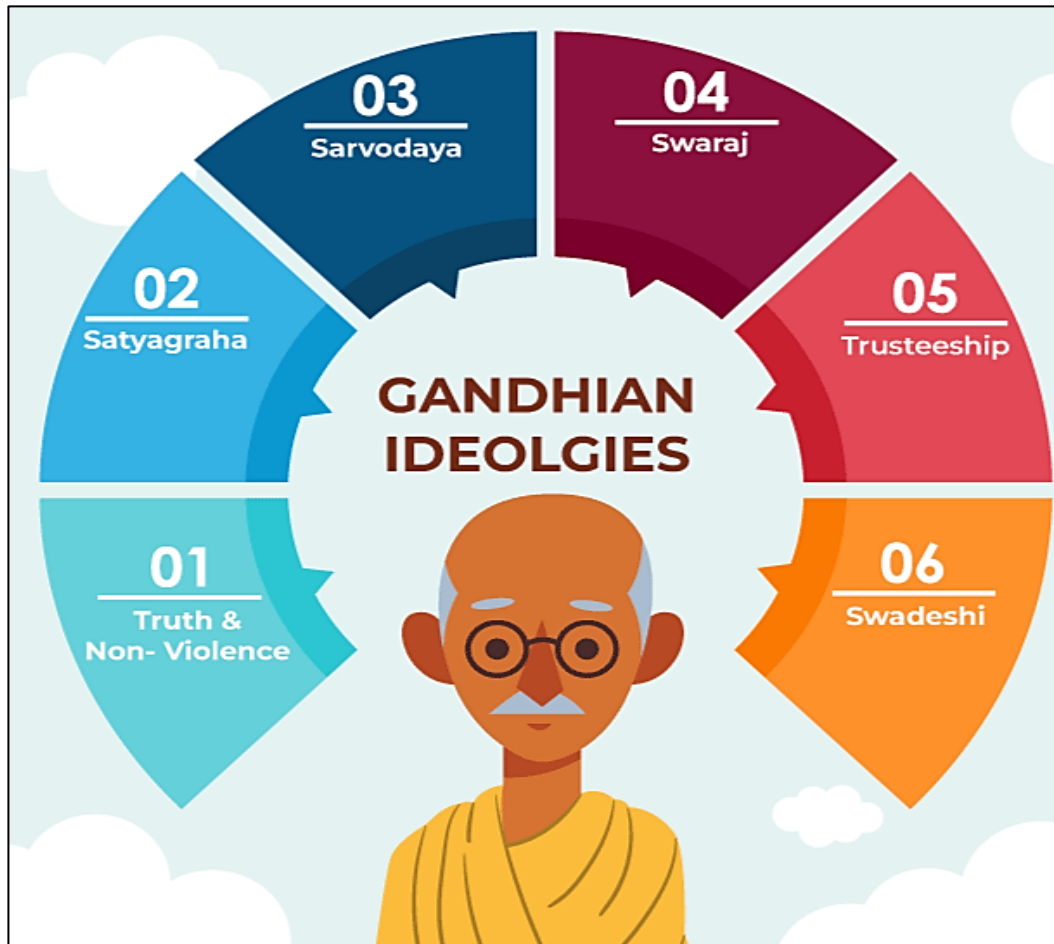
- Meaning of non-violence: "non-injury" or "compassion."
- It refers to complete non-violence in achieving social or political change, including no physical violence and no passive violence.

Other famous leaders inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy:

- **Martin Luther King Jr.:** He applied the philosophy of non-violence to the civil rights movement in the United States.
- **Nelson Mandela:** He applied the philosophy of non-violence to the struggle against apartheid in South Africa.



Gandhian Ideologies and Gandhian Principles:



Gandhi's Contemporary Global Relevance:

- **Solutions to Modern Crises:** Gandhi's philosophy of non-violence is crucial for addressing today's diverse challenges, including violent conflict, terrorism, economic inequality, pandemics, and climate change.
- **Founding Principles of the United Nations:** UN Secretary-General António Guterres stated that Gandhi's vision is a key pillar of the United Nations' work and his ideas foreshadow the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Gandhi worked extensively on sanitation, maternal health, education, gender equality, hunger eradication, and partnerships in development long before the formulation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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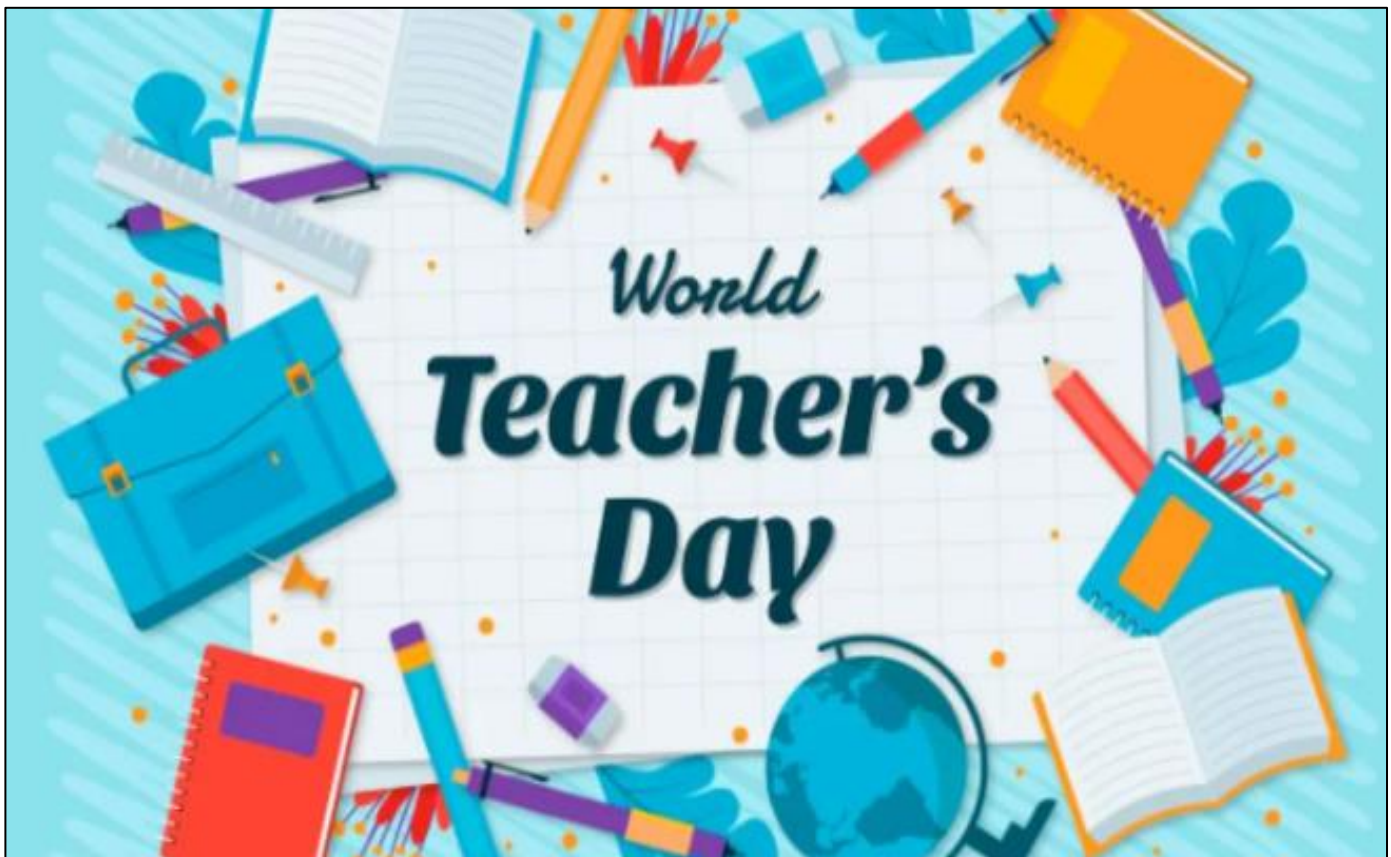


Government Initiatives Based on Gandhian Philosophy:

Initiative	Launch	Gandhian Philosophy
Swachh Bharat Mission	Year 2014 (Gandhi Jayanti)	"Cleanliness is true devotion"
Self-Help Groups (SHGs)	Under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission	Cooperative economics and grassroots empowerment
SVAMITVA Scheme	Launched in 2020 on National Panchayati Raj Day	Village self-reliance and Panchayati Raj
Khadi and Village Industries	Promoted through KVIC	Philosophy of Swadeshi and village-based production
PM Utkarsh Gavn Abhiyan	2 October, 2024 from Hazaribagh, Jharkhand	Upliftment of tribal communities for national development
MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act)	Implemented nationwide by 2008	Right to dignified work and inclusive rural development

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World Teachers' Day, 2025: October 5



Key Points:

History of World Teachers' Day:

Year	Key Event	Description
1966	Recommendation by UNESCO and ILO	An international standard was established concerning the rights, responsibilities, and working conditions of teachers.
1994	First celebration of World Teachers' Day	Officially proclaimed by UNESCO to be observed on 5th October.
1997	Inclusion of higher education teachers	Under the "Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel".

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	World Teachers' Day	National Teachers' Day
Celebration	5 October	5 September
Origin and Why	UNESCO officially declared the first World Teachers' Day in 1994.	Since 1962, it is celebrated on the birthday of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a great teacher, philosopher, and the second President of India.
Organizer	Jointly by UNESCO, International Labour Organization, UNICEF, and Education International.	Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education
Theme for 2025	"Redefining Teaching as a Collaborative Profession"	"Inspiring the Next Generation of Learners"

Note:

International event of the year 2025:

Venue	Capital	Organizer
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Under the leadership of the African Union.	In collaboration with UNESCO, UNICEF, ILO, and Education International.

Why the need for a "collaborative learning culture"?

Problem	Impact	Solution
Limited Resources	Affects quality of education	Build collaborative networks
Isolation	Leads to burnout and tendency to leave the profession	Promote team teaching
Lack of Guidance	Affects new ideas and innovation	Create idea-sharing platforms among teachers

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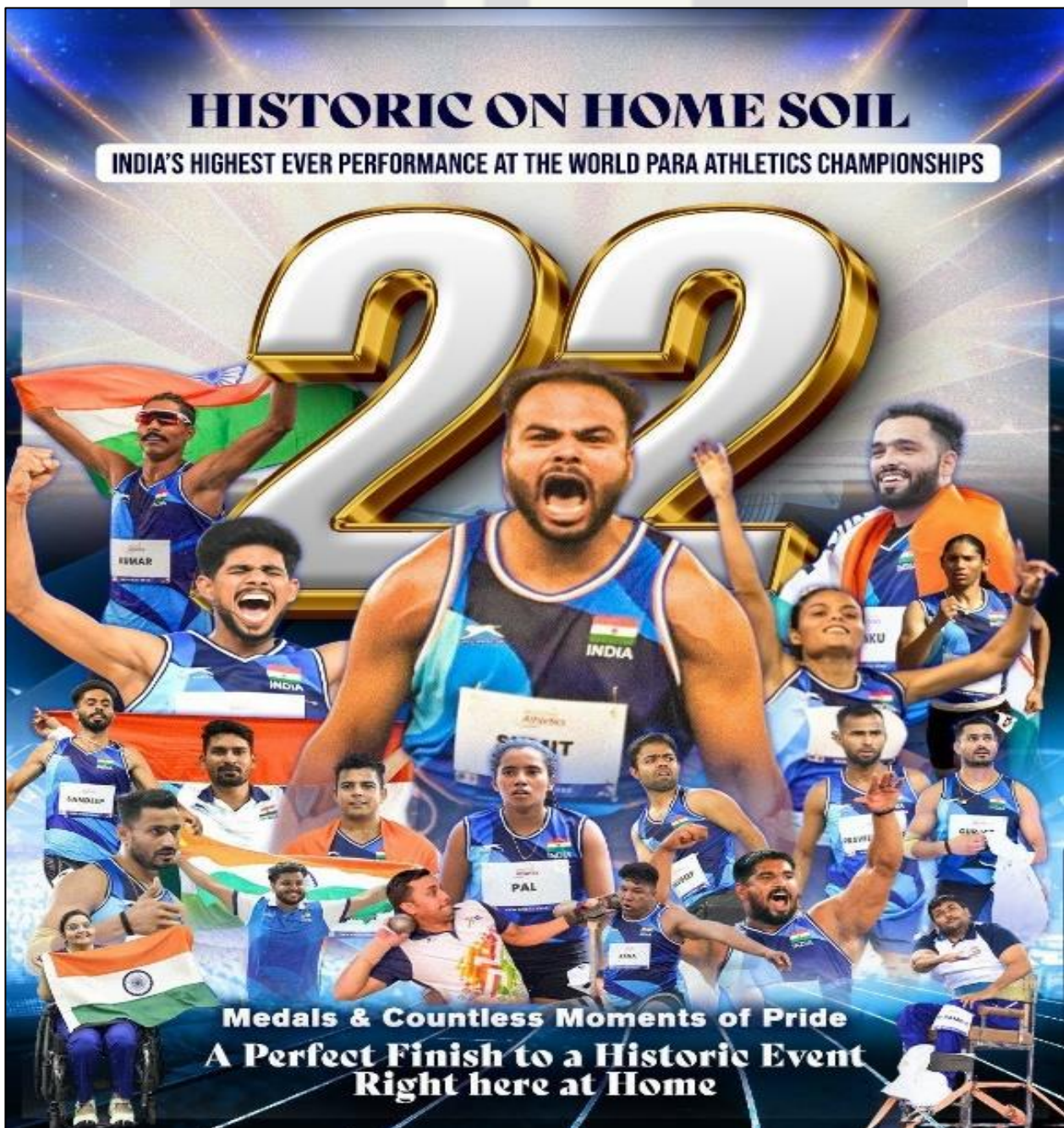
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World Para Athletics Championships, 2025



Why in News?

- India won 22 medals, including 6 gold, 9 silver, and 7 bronze, at the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships held in New Delhi.



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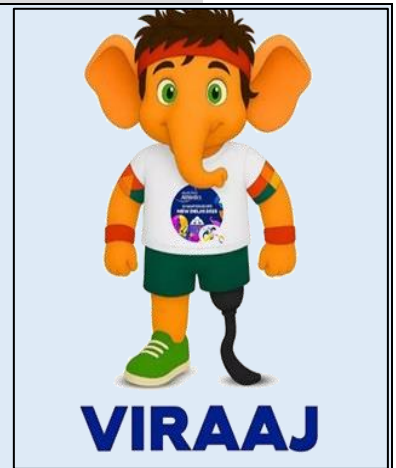
Key Points:

- **Event:** September 27 to October 5, 2025, at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi.
- **Edition:** 12th
- **Host country:** India (first time)
- **Medal events:** 186
- **Mascot:** 'Viraj'; a symbol of inclusivity and strength

- **Name:** Viraj
- **Motion:** A young elephant equipped with a blade prosthesis.
- **Launched by:** Paralympic Committee of India (PCI)

Symbolism:

- A symbol of strength and courage.
- A message of resilience and inclusivity.
- Reflects the spirit of para-athletes.



Medal Table:

Rank	Country	Gold Medals	Silver Medals	Bronze Medals	Total Medals
1st	Brazil	15	20	9	44
2nd	China	13	22	17	52
3rd	Iran	9	2	5	16
4th	Netherlands	8	3	1	12
5th	Poland	8	2	6	16
6th	Colombia	7	10	4	21
7th	Britain	7	5	13	25
8th	Italy	7	1	3	11
9th	USA	6	9	12	27
10th	India	6	9	7	22

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Key Players:

- **Three Championship Records:** India set three championship records at this championship.
 1. Two-time Paralympic champion Sumit Antil set a championship record by throwing the javelin 71.37 meters in the F64 category.
 2. India's first gold medalist at a multi-national event, Shailesh Kumar, set a new record by jumping 1.91 meters in the men's high jump T42 event.
 3. First-time world champion Rinku Hooda set a championship record by throwing 66.37 meters in the men's javelin F46 event.

Medal Winners:

Gold Medals	Silver Medals	Bronze Medals
Simran Sharma – Women's 100m T12	Simran Sharma – Women's 200m T12	Sandeep – Men's 200m T44
Shailesh Kumar – Men's High Jump T63	Preeti Pal – Women's 200m T35	Soman Rana – Men's Javelin Throw F57
Rinku Hudda – Men's Javelin Throw F46	Ekta Bhayan – Women's Club Throw F51	Praveen Kumar – Men's High Jump T64
Sumit Antil – Men's Javelin Throw F64	Deepti Jeevanji – Women's 400m T20	Preeti Pal – Women's 200m T35
		Varun Singh Bhati – Men's High Jump T63
Sandeep Sargar – Men's Javelin Throw F44	Navdeep Singh – Men's Javelin Throw F41	Pradeep Kumar – Men's Discus Throw F44

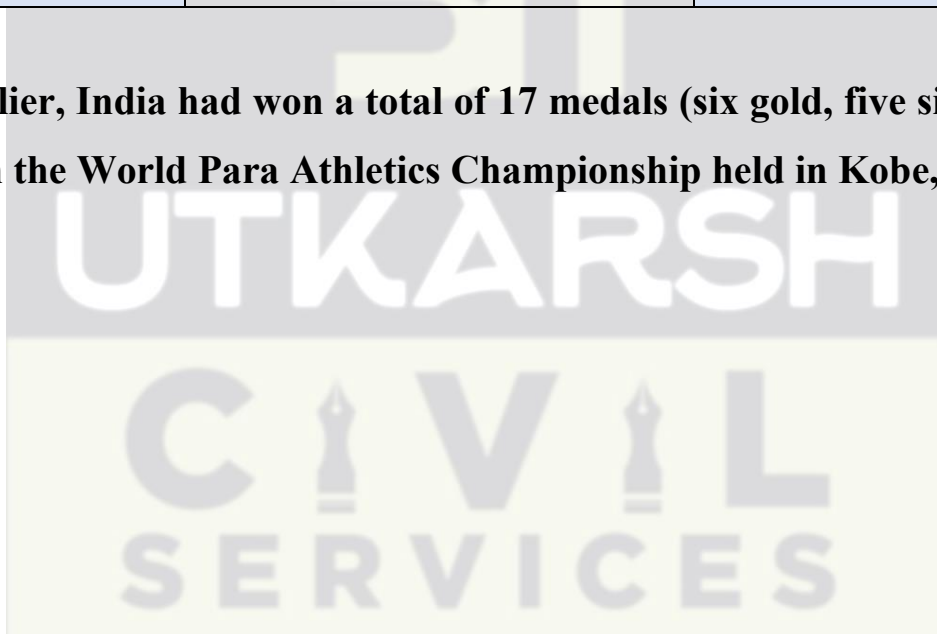
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Nishad Kumar – Men's High Jump T47	Dharambir Nain – Men's Club Throw F51	Atul Kaushik – Men's Discus Throw F57
	Sandeep – Men's Javelin Throw F44	
	Yogesh Kathuniya – Men's Discus Throw F56	
	Sundar Singh Gurjar – Men's Javelin Throw F46	

- **Note:** Earlier, India had won a total of 17 medals (six gold, five silver and six bronze) in the World Para Athletics Championship held in Kobe, Japan.



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