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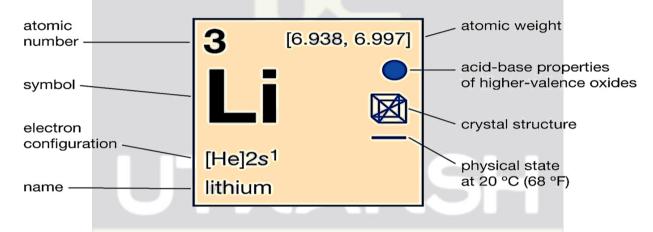


Lithium Production in Rajasthan

Why in News?

■ Recently, the Union Ministry of Mines initiated the auction process for lithium mining in Degana, Nagaur.

Lithium





Key Points:

- Degana is known as the Tungsten city of Rajasthan, but now the discovery of lithium reserves will increase its strategic importance.
- According to a survey by the Geological Survey of India (GSI), lithium reserves exist in the Revant Dungri hills of Degana (Nagaur).

About Lithium:

- Atomic Number: 3
- It is the lightest solid metal and belongs to the alkali metals category.
- It is Silvery white in color, and highly reactive, therefore it is stored in oil or inert gases.

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Uses:

- Battery manufacturing: In lithium-ion batteries (mobile phones, laptops, EVs, solar energy storage).
- Defence and space sectors: In lightweight alloys and high-energy applications.
- Other Uses: It is also used in Glass, ceramics, lubricants and medicine (lithium salts used to treat mental illness).

Strategic Importance:

- Lithium is called 'White Gold' because it is the backbone of the green energy transition.
- In the era of electric vehicles and renewable energy, lithium has become a part of the global balance of power.
- Lithium Triangle: The Lithium Triangle is a region in South America where more than 60 percent of the world's lithium reserves are concentrated. This region lies along the borders of three countries: Chile, Argentina, and Bolivia. Other Important Points:

Copper and Gold Deposits in Beawar:

- Recently, the Geological Survey of India (GSI) confirmed the discovery of copper and gold deposits in Beawar district.
- These ores, found in the Kuratian and Shahpura areas of Beawar, contain gold as well as other related metals.

Facts for Prelims:

Geological Survey of India (GSI)

- **■** Established in: 1851.
- **■ Headquarters:** Kolkata.
- Six regional offices: Kolkata, Lucknow, Jaipur, Nagpur, Hyderabad, and Shillong.
- **Function:** To evaluate and analyze national geological information and mineral resources.

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'Give-Up Campaign' under the NFSA



■ Recently, the Rajasthan Food and Civil Supplies
Department announced the extension of the GiveUp Campaign until October 31, 2025.

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Key Points:

■ The 'Give-Up Campaign' in Rajasthan began on November 1, 2024.

- Till date, approximately 3.1 million ineligible people have voluntarily surrendered their food security coverage under the Give-Up Campaign. Despite of the resulting gaps and the lack of e-KYC, approximately 6 million new eligible beneficiaries will have been added to the food security coverage.
- These new beneficiaries receive 5 kg of free wheat per month, 12 domestic gas cylinders per family per year at a cost of ₹450 under the Chief Minister's Cooking Gas Subsidy Scheme, free family registration and free treatment up to ₹25 lakh, under the Chief Minister's Ayushman Arogya Yojana and free accident insurance cover of up to ₹10 lakh under the Chief Minister's Ayushman Accident Insurance Scheme.

Facts for Prelims:

National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013:

The National Food Security Act, the world's largest public welfare scheme in terms of food grains, was launched by the Government of India in 2013 to ensure food security for 75 percent of the country's rural population and 50 percent of the urban population.

Under the NFSA, food grains are provided through the following channels:

- Antyodaya Anna Yojana: This scheme covers the poorest population. Under this scheme, 35 kg of food grains are provided per family per month.
- Priority Households (PHH): Families falling under the PHH category are provided 5 kg of food grains per person per month.

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National Tribal Food Festival-2025: Udaipur



■ The National Tribal Food Festival-2025 was organized in Udaipur from September 17 to 19, 2025, to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Lord Birsa Munda.

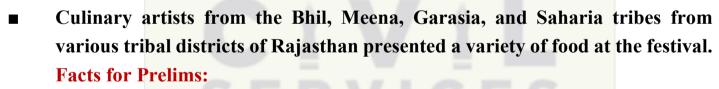
Key Points:

- Organizer: Manikyalal Verma Tribal Research and Training Institute, Udaipur.
- The National Tribal Food Festival is organized by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.
- The 150th birth anniversary of Lord Birsa

 Munda (from November 15, 2024 to

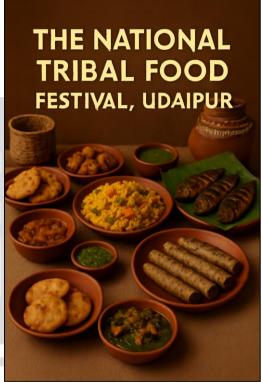
 November 15, 2025) is being celebrated across the country as the 'Tribal Pride

Year'.



Saharia Tribe

- Of the 12 notified tribes in Rajasthan, the Saharia are the only tribe classified as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG).
- The Saharia are considered to be a sub-branch of the Kolaria family and the Bhils. The Saharia community is also known by various names, including Sehar, Sair, Sawar, Saonar, and Sahra.
- Approximately 7 percent of India's tribal population lives in Rajasthan. According to the 2011 census, the Saharia are the fourth largest tribal community in Rajasthan, after the Meena, Bhil, and Garasia.
- The Saharia population primarily resides in the Kishanganj and Shahabad tehsils of Baran district.



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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 Departments Department of Information Technology
	 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.
2.	 ₹1507.16 crore approved for Jal Jeevan Mission Recently, the Rajasthan Finance Department granted financial approval of ₹1507.16 crore to the Public Health Engineering Department for several works in various districts. Mission: The Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) was launched by the Central Government in August 2019 in partnership with States/Union Territories with the objective of providing tap water supply to every rural household in the country. Implemented by: Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (Ministry of Jal Shakti). Implementation in Rajasthan: The Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) has the primary responsibility for implementing the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Rajasthan. Water is a State List subject.

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3. World Animal Welfare Day: State Level Event

- Event: World Animal Welfare Day is celebrated every year on October 4th.
- **Theme for the year 2025:** Save Animals, Save the Planet.
- Celebration: The state-level event for World Animal Welfare Day 2025 was organized at the Cow Rehabilitation Centre, Hingonia Gaushala, Jaipur.
- Organizers: Animal Husbandry Department and State Animal Welfare Board.
- Jaswant Singh Bishnoi is currently the Chairman of the Rajasthan State Animal Welfare Board.

4. 44th India International Trade Fair: Rajasthan Partner State

- he 44th edition of the India International Trade Fair (IITF) will be held from November 14 to 27, 2025, at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. Rajasthan has been granted the status of 'Partner State' in IITF-2025.
- **The theme of IITF-2025:** Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.
- 'State Day Rajasthan Day' will be celebrated at IITF on November 18, 2025. Live demonstrations of Rajasthan's art and culture will be held there.

5. Urvashi Chauhan: Honorary Title of 'International Teacher Ratna'

- On the occasion of International Teachers' Day (October 5), Jodhpur-based teacher and poet Urvashi Chauhan was honored with the honorary title of 'International Teacher Ratna' for her outstanding contributions to literary creation and education.
- This honor was conferred on her by the prestigious Nepali organization, the 'Shabd Pratibha Multi-Regional Award Foundation'.

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6.

Fourth Session of the 16th Legislative Assembly

- The fourth session of the 16th Legislative Assembly of Rajasthan was held from September 1 to 10, 2025. On October 6, 2025, Governor Haribhau Bagde issued an order proroguing the Assembly.
- During the fourth session, seven bills were introduced and nine bills were passed in the Assembly in six sittings.

Bills Passed:

- 1. Rajasthan Land Revenue (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 2025
- 2. Rajasthan Coaching Centers (Control and Regulation) Bill, 2025
- 3. Rajasthan Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2025
- 4. Rajasthan University of Health Sciences (Amendment) Bill, 2025
- 5. Factories (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill, 2025
- 6. Rajasthan Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 2025
- 7. Rajasthan Fisheries (Amendment) Bill, 2025
- 8. Rajasthan Institute of Medical Sciences, Jaipur Bill, 2025
- 9. Rajasthan Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Bill, 2025

7. Lalit Tiwari: Honored with National Service Scheme Award

- President Draupadi Murmu presented the Vivekananda Global Lalit Tiwari, a student of the University of Jaipur, was awarded the 'National Service Scheme Award 2022-23' for his outstanding contribution in the field of social service.
- At the investiture ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, the President presented the NSS Awards in two categories for the year 2022-23 to a total of 10 National Service Scheme (NSS) units and their program officers and 30 NSS volunteers from various states across the country.

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8.	Jyoti Chaudhary: New Captain of Rajasthan T-20 Cricket
	Team
	■ Jyoti Chaudhary of Jaipur was recently selected as the new
	captain of the Rajasthan Women's T-20 Team.
9.	28th Lokrang Mahotsav: Jaipur
	Event: Jawahar Kala Kendra (JKK), Jaipur from October 7 to
	17, 2025.
10.	69th State Level School Volleyball Competition
	■ The Volleyball Academy run by the Rajasthan State Sports
	Council won two titles at the 69th State Level School Volleyball
	Competition held in Bandikui, Dausa.
	■ Under-19 Girls Final: Defeated Bikaner 3-0.
	■ Under-17 Girls Final: Defeated Bhilwara 3-1.



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Global Fintech Fest (GFF), 2025



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Key Points:

- **Event:** October 7-9, 2025, at Jio World Centre, Mumbai.
- **Edition:** Sixth edition.
- Theme of the festival: 'Empowering Finance for a Better World Powered by AI.'
- Organized by: Payments Council of India (PCI), National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), and Fintech Convergence Council (FCC).
- It is supported by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY), New, Energing & Strategic Technology (NEST Division) Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Reserve Bank of India (RBI), International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), and Invest India.

Key Features:

- 1. AI Zone For the first time, the event will have a dedicated AI Zone.
- 2. Policy Roundtable The Confluence of Regulation and Innovation
- 3. FinTech Hackathon in India Showcasing Innovation
- 4. Global FinTech Awards 2025
- 5. Networking Event in Mumbai
- FinTech solutions can contribute to India's goal of a USD 7 trillion economy by 2030.

Other Key Points:

FinTech:

- The word FinTech is derived from the words Finance and Technology.
- **■** FinTech refers to start-ups and other companies that use technologies.
- It makes the construction of financial systems and the delivery of financial services more efficient through the use of technology.

World FinTech Day 2025:

- Observed on: August 1
- Reason: This day is celebrated in honor of the death anniversary of Cosimo de' Medici, an Italian banker and politician, in 1464.

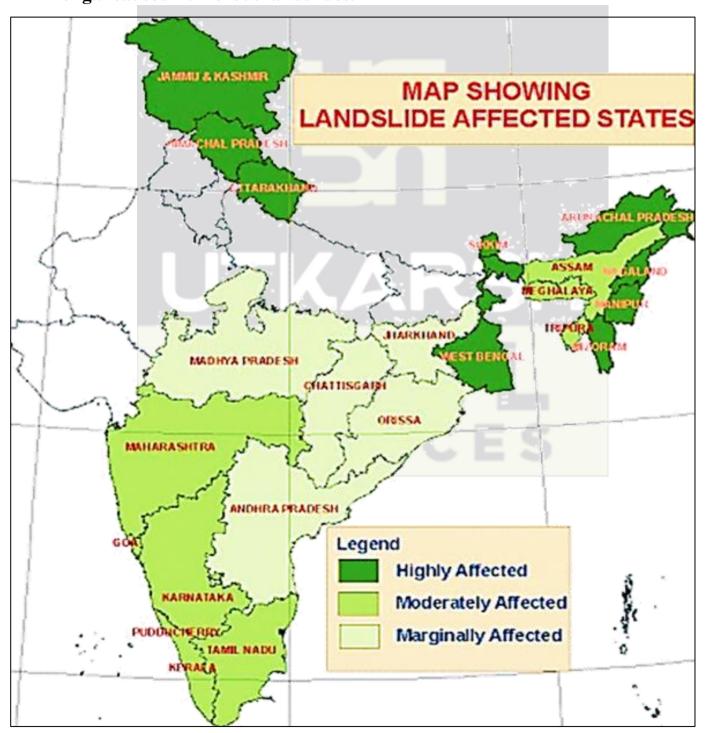
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Landslides in the Eastern Himalayan Region

Why in News?

Recently, heavy rains in the Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts of West Bengal caused numerous landslides.



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Key Points:

- Landslide Definition: A landslide is the sliding or falling of a large mass of material, such as rock, soil, or debris, down a slope under the influence of gravity.
- India's Vulnerability to Landslides: According to ISRO's 2023 'Landslide Atlas of India,' 12.6% of India's land area is vulnerable to landslide hazard.
- More than three-quarters of this area is located in the Himalayan region alone.

Himalayan region is more vulnerable to landslides:

Natural Causes:

- Tectonics and Geology: The Himalayas are young fold mountains. They contain faults and fissures, making the region inherently unstable.
- Rainfall and extreme weather events: Monsoon rains, along with cloudbursts and snowmelt, saturate the soil reducing slope stability.
- Other: Seismic activity, steep slopes, poor drainage, and flash floods all contribute to this instability.

Anthropogenic causes:

- Unplanned construction: Like road cutting, tunnel construction, etc.
- Other: Land-use changes due to mining, urbanization, deforestation, and forest encroachment.

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National Camel Sustainability Initiative (NCSI)

Why in News?

■ The draft policy paper on camels proposes the National Camel Sustainability Initiative (NCSI). This draft policy paper was prepared by the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying in consultation with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Key Points:

■ Camel numbers in India have declined by more than 75% since the 1970s.

Recommendations include:

- Launching the National Camel Sustainability Initiative (NCSI),
- Securing pasture land for grazing,
- Strengthening camel-based dairy value chains,
- Revitalizing camel-based tourism,
- Initiating veterinary and genetic conservation programs, etc.Camel (Ship of the Desert)
- Camels are adapted to dryland ecosystems. Camel rearing is primarily practiced in Rajasthan and Gujarat (90%).
- Pastoral communities involved in camel rearing include the Raika, Rabari, Fakirani Jat, and Manganiyar communities.
- Characteristics: They can survive for several days without water, travel long distances, and eat thorny desert plants.
- Camels have fat reserves in their humps, which provide them with energy during food shortages. Also, camels store water in their blood vessels, not in their humps.





Major Camel Breeds in India

- Bikaneri (Rajasthan): Commonly used for cart pulling and heavy work.
- Jaisalmeri (Rajasthan): This long and slender breed is used for camel safaris, especially in the Thar Desert.
- Mewari (Rajasthan): Known for its milk production.
- Kacchi (Gujarat): This is a draft breed.
- Kharai (Gujarat): This is an excellent swimmer and adapted to coastal and mangrove ecosystems.
- Two-humped Bactrian camel: In India, these are found exclusively in the highaltitude cold desert of Ladakh.



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Coral Triangle

- Why in News?
- The Philippines has launched a coral larval cryobank to preserve reef biodiversity.
- **Key Points:**
- Purpose: To freeze coral 'seeds' for future restoration and research.



Coral Triangle: Amazon of the Oceans

- Location: It is an area of approximately 5.7 million square kilometers of ocean, extending across Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, the Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste.
- It is the world's richest marine biodiversity region.
- It is home to more than 75% of the world's coral species, one-third of reef fish species, and extensive mangrove forests.

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PM-SETU Scheme



The Prime Minister launched PM-SETU (Prime Minister Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs).

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Key Points:

PM-SETU Scheme:

- Implementation: The scheme will be implemented by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. The PM-SETU scheme will be implemented through a hub-and-spoke model, connecting 200 hub ITIs with 800 spoke ITIs.
- **Type:** Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- Objective: To transform 1,000 government industrial training institutes across the country into modern and industry-friendly training institutes.

Key components of the scheme:

- Initiating new and demand-driven courses in collaboration with industries and making necessary improvements to existing courses.
- Establishing Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) with industry partners to manage the clusters and ensure outcome-based training.
- Opening avenues for long-term diploma, short-term courses, and executive programs.

About Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs)

- Structure: ITIs, run under state governments, have been the backbone of vocational education and training (VET) in India since the 1950s.
- Accreditation of ITIs: This authority is entrusted to the Directorate General of Training (DGT), the apex organization for vocational education and training (VET) under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

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Sebastien Lecornu: Resignation as Prime Minister

- Why in News?
- On October 6, 2025, French Prime Minister Sebastien Lecornu resigned after just 27 days in office.





Key Points:

- Assumption of office: On September 9, 2025
- Lecornu became the fourth Prime Minister of France in the last 13 months.
- This is the first time in the 236-year history of French democracy that a Prime Minister has resigned in such a short period.
- The frequent changes in the Prime Minister's position in France are due to the lack of a majority in Parliament since the 2024 general elections.

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Map:



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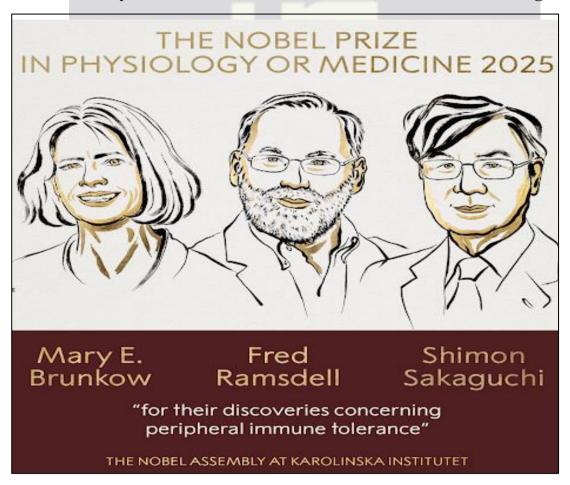


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Nobel Prize in Physiology/Medicine, 2025

Why in News?

■ Recently, the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for the year 2025 was awarded to Mary E. Brunkow, Fred Ramsdell, and Shimon Sakaguchi.



Key Points:

- Discovery: This honor is for their pioneering discoveries related to "Peripheral Immune Tolerance."
- Prize includes: 11 million Swedish kronor (divided equally among the three)
 + Certificate (Diploma) + Medal.
- Awarding body: Nobel Assembly at the Karolinska Institutet.

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Nobel Laureates:

Winner	Country	Contribution
Mary E. Brunkow	Manager, Institute for	In 2001, Brunkow and Ramsdell identified the Foxp3 gene, which plays a key role in regulating the immune system. They showed that mutations in
Fred Ramsdell	Scientific Advisor, Sonoma Biotherapeutics, San Francisco, USA.	this gene cause severe auto-immune disorders like IPEX syndrome in humans and mice.
Shimon Sakaguchi		In 1995, identified a new class of immune cells, later named Regulatory T cells (Tregs).

Combined discoveries: In 2003, Sakaguchi demonstrated that the Foxp3 gene is essential for the development of Regulatory T cells (Tregs).

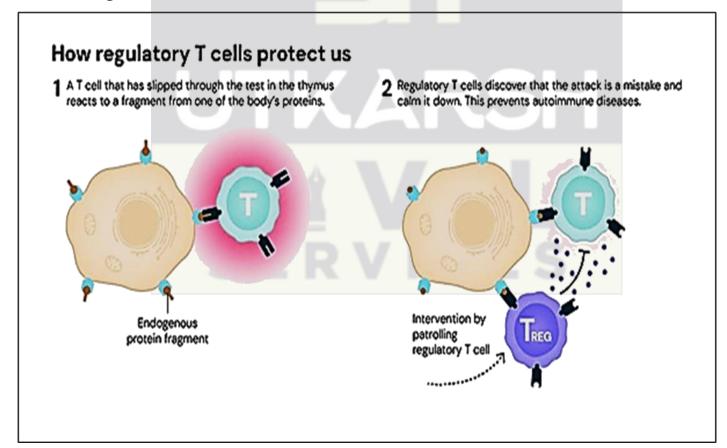
- Summary of the Discovery: Regulatory T Cells and the Foxp3 Gene
- Regulatory T Cells: These scientists' research identified regulatory T cells (Tregs), which are specialized immune cells that act as "protectors" to prevent the body from mistakenly attacking its own cells.
- Discovery of the Foxp3 Gene: This gene is crucial in the development of Treg cells and the control of immune tolerance.

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Other Key Points:

- Note: The 2024 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was jointly awarded to American scientists Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun for the discovery of microRNA and its role in post-transcriptional gene regulation.
- Peripheral Immune Tolerance: A vital process in the body that prevents the immune system from attacking healthy tissues. Scientists discovered that the FoxP3 protein controls regulatory T cells, which help in preventing autoimmune diseases such as multiple sclerosis, type 1 diabetes, and rheumatoid arthritis. Their discovery revolutionized cancer immunotherapy and organ transplantation.



Nobel Prizes:

- **Founded by:** Alfred Nobel (inventor of dynamite)
- **First Nobel Prize: Awarded in 1901.**

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Prize categories: Awarded in 6 fields;

Field	For
Literature	For literary excellence and contribution to human culture.
Peace	For contribution to global peace, conflict resolution, and human rights.
Physics	For discoveries in the laws of nature and physical sciences.
Chemistry	For significant discoveries in the field of chemistry.
Physiology or Medicine	For exceptional contributions in the fields of medicine and biology.
Economic Sciences	For exceptional contributions in economic sciences (Established: 1968).

Award Process

Nomination



Selection: By an expert committee.



Award Ceremony: December 10 in Stockholm. Sweden (the Peace Prize is awarded in Oslo, Norway).

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Mirabai Chanu

Why in News?

Indian weightlifter Mirabai Chanu won the silver medal in the 48 kg category at the 2025 World Weightlifting Championships in Førde, Norway.



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Key Points:

Medal:

Medal	Winner	Total Weight
Gold Medal	Ri Song-Gum (North Korea)	213 kilograms (New World Record)
Silver Medal	Mirabai Chanu (India)	199 kilograms
Bronze Medal	Thanyathon Sukcharoen (Thailand)	198 kilograms

North Korea's Ri Song-gum won the gold medal, breaking three world records in the snatch (91 kg), clean and jerk (122 kg), and total weight (213 kg).

Other highlights:

Awards won by Mirabai Chanu:

- Won gold at the 2013 Penang Commonwealth Championships.
- Won silver at the 2014 Commonwealth Games, Glasgow.
- Won gold at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, Gold Coast.
- Won silver at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics, received the rank of ASP in the Manipur Police.
- Won gold at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, Birmingham.
- In 2018, she was awarded India's highest sporting honour, the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, and the Padma Shri.

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Al Ain Masters, 2025



■ In badminton, Indian shuttlers won both the women's singles and men's doubles titles at the Al Ain Masters, 2025, held at the Khalifa bin Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi.





Key Points:

- The Al Ain Masters is a BWF World Tour Super 100 tournament.
- Venue: Held from September 30 to October 5, 2025 at Khalifa bin Zayed Stadium, Abu Dhabi, Emirates.
- Organized by: UAE Badminton Federation.
- Supported by: Abu Dhabi Sports Council.
- Participating Countries: 250 shuttlers from 55 countries
- Aim of the tournament: To gain valuable world ranking points ahead of the Al Ain 2028 Olympics.

Title	Women's Singles Title	Men's Doubles Title
Winner	Shreyanshi Valishetty (India)	Hariharan Amsakarunan and Arjun Madathil Ramachandran (India)
Defeated	Tasnim Mir (India)	Raymond Indra and Nicholas Joaquin (Indonesia)

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1.	 NaMo Semiconductor Lab ■ The Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has approved the establishment of the 'NaMo Semiconductor Lab' at IIT Bhubaneswar. ■ Its objective is to strengthen India's talent pool in semiconductor design, manufacturing, and packaging. ■ It will be funded under the MPLAD scheme. ■ Recently, two major projects have been approved under the India Semiconductor Mission in Odisha – first, an integrated facility for silicon carbide (SiC)-based compound semiconductors and second, an advanced 3D glass packaging facility.
2.	World's Highest Motorable Road



■ The Border Roads Organisation's (BRO) Project Himank has broken its own Guinness World Record by constructing the world's highest motorable road at the Mig La Pass in Ladakh, at 19,400 feet above sea level.



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- This surpasses the previous record set at Umling La (19,024 feet) in 2021.
- This road is a vital link in the Likaru-Mig La-Phukche axis, connecting the Phukche airfield to the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China.
- The Mig La Pass is located on the Changthang Plateau in Ladakh.
- Project Himank: This project was initiated in 1985 to develop road connectivity in Leh to the Ladakh region.

3. Mera Hou Chongba Festival: Manipur



- The Mera Hou Chongba Festival is celebrated every year in Manipur on the 15th lunar day of the Mera month of the Meitei calendar.
- Mera Hou Chongba is the only festival in Manipur in which all indigenous communities participate, and it plays a significant role in Manipur's unity and communal harmony.

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4.

Ship Akshar



- The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) launched the second of eight Indomitable-class fast patrol vessels (FPVs), named Akshar, in Karaikal, Puducherry.
- The 51-meter-long FPV is designed with over 60 percent indigenous content.
- The vessel also features an Integrated Bridge System (IBS), Integrated Platform Management System (IPMS), and Automated Energy Management System (APMS), which enhance operational efficiency and automation.

5. India's First Cooperative-Run Compressed Biogas and Potash

Granule Project

■ The Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation inaugurated India's first cooperative-based compressed



biogas (CNG) and spray dryer potash granule project at the Sahakar Maharshi Shankarrao Kolhe Cooperative Sugar Factory in Kopargaon, Ahilyanagar district, Maharashtra.

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6.

British Bravery Award: George Medal



O'Malley-Kumar Indian-born **British** student Grace (posthumously) was awarded the George Medal for intervening in an armed attack in Nottingham on June 13, 2023.

