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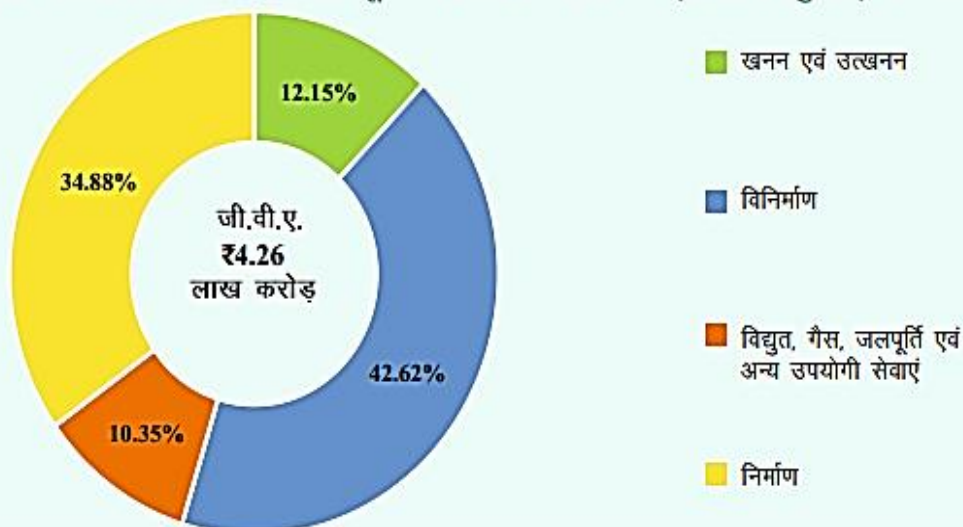
State's Industrial Scenario



Why in News?

- Rajasthan has achieved top rankings nationwide in business entry, labor regulation facilities, environmental registration, and the service sector categories.

औद्योगिक क्षेत्र के उपक्षेत्रों का प्रचलित मूल्यों पर वर्ष 2024-25 (अग्रिम अनुमान) में योगदान



Key Points:

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India, has recognized the state as a top achiever in these four business reform categories under the Business Reforms Action Plan 2024.
- Rajasthan has been honored in the Top Achievers category in the Ease of Doing Business rankings.
- Union Minister Piyush Goyal presented this honor to Rajasthan at the 2025 Samagam event held in Delhi for its outstanding performance in business entry, labor regulation reforms, and the service sector.

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Top Performers in five reform areas	Uttarakhand and Punjab
Top Performers in four reform areas	Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, and Chhattisgarh
Top Performers in three reform areas	Maharashtra, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Odisha, and Uttar Pradesh
In two reform areas	Gujarat, Karnataka, and Tripura
In one reform area	Goa and Meghalaya

- In the Y category (states/union territories with established trade systems), the fastest growing states were Odisha, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Assam, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir, and Karnataka.

Other key points:

Key factors for industrial development

Infrastructure Development:

1. Rajasthan Special Investment Regions Act, 2016
2. Jodhpur-Pali-Marwar Industrial Area (J.P.M.I.A.)
3. Khushkhera-Bhiwadi-Neemrana Investment Region (K.B.N.I.R.)
4. Industrial Parks and Special Investment Regions
5. Med Tech Medical Devices Park
6. Integrated Resource Recovery Park
7. Agro Food Park
8. Sports Goods and Toys Zone

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9. Other Infrastructure Development

Connectivity:

1. Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor
2. Western Dedicated Freight Corridor

MSMEs:

1. Rajasthan MSME Policy, 2024
2. Rajasthan Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Facilitation of Establishment and Operation) Act, 2019
3. Integrated Cluster Development Scheme
4. Small Development Centers and Micro Small Enterprises Cluster Development Program (MSE-CDP) Scheme
5. PM Vishwakarma Scheme
6. Chief Minister's Small Industries Promotion Scheme (M.L.U.P.Y.)
7. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Registration
8. Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Rajasthan Dalit and Tribal Enterprise Promotion Scheme
9. Chief Minister's Youth Enterprise Promotion Scheme (CM-YUVA)

Financial Assistance:

1. Long-term loans and incentives
2. Upgrading industrial waste management systems
3. Rajasthan Financial Corporation
4. Youth Entrepreneurship Promotion Scheme

Marketing Support:

1. Rajasthan Outlets
2. Assistance to Small Industries by Supplying Products

Ease of Doing Business:

1. Raj Nivesh Portal
2. RIICO EODB Initiative
3. Dispute Resolution Mechanism

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3. Promotion of Khadi and Village Industries	4. Business Reform Action Plans
4. Rajasthan Export Promotion Council	
Export: 1. Rajasthan Export Promotion Policy, 2024 2. One District One Product (O.D.O.P.) 3. Rajasthan Small Industries Corporation Limited 4. Export Promotion Training	Initiatives: 1. Rajasthan Foundation 2. Industrial Entrepreneurship Memorandum 3. Registration of Partnership Firms 4. Factories and Boilers
Mining: 1. Mining Sectors in Rajasthan 2. Rajasthan State Mineral Exploration Trust 3. Rajasthan State Mines and Minerals Limited Intensive Mineral Survey 4. District Mineral Foundation Trust	Oil and Natural Gas: 1. Exploration, Production, and Development of Crude Oil and Natural Gas 2. Rajasthan Refinery Project

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Exercise 'Maru Jwala' in Rajasthan



Why in News?

- The Indian Armed Forces conducted the 'Maru Jwala' phase of Exercise Trishul in the Thar Desert of Rajasthan on November 11, 2025, as part of the country's largest tri-service exercise.



Key Points:

- The exercise included T-90 Bhishma tanks, precision missile launches, UAV surveillance, and live-fire exercises, testing joint Army-Air Force combat tactics for desert operations.
- It demonstrated real-time coordination between the Army and Air Forces and validated the integrated theater command approach.

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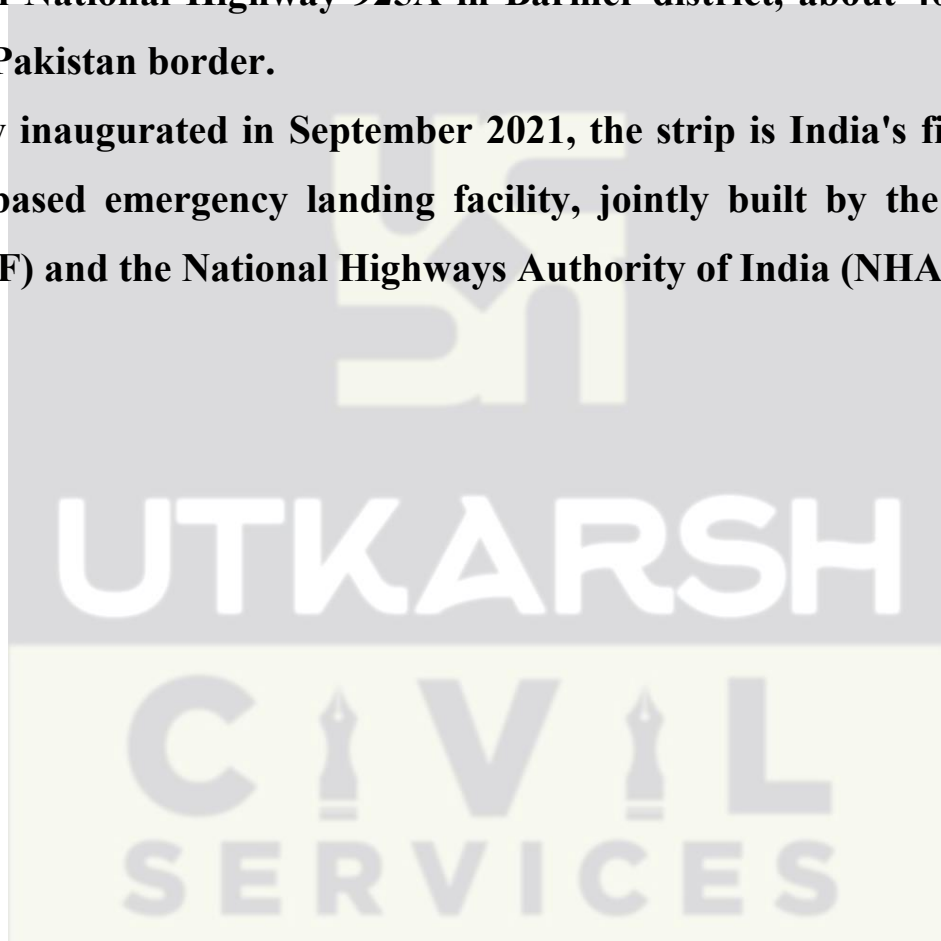
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Other key points:

Agadawa Airstrip:

- Emergency landing and take-off exercises of Rafale, Tejas, and Sukhoi-30MKI fighter jets were conducted at the 3-kilometer-long Agdawa Airstrip, located on National Highway 925A in Barmer district, about 40 kilometers from the Pakistan border.
- Originally inaugurated in September 2021, the strip is India's first national highway-based emergency landing facility, jointly built by the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).



SAANS Campaign



Why in News?

- The 'SAANS' campaign is being conducted from 12th November 2025 to 28 February 2026, to screen all children up to 5 years of age in the state for pneumonia and to raise public awareness about its complications and the facts surrounding it.



Key Points:

- **SAANS Campaign:** Social Awareness and Action to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully.
- **Theme:** This time, various awareness activities will be organized around the theme "No Pneumonia, No Childhood."
- **Organizer:** Department of Medical, Health & Family Welfare, Government of Rajasthan
- **Main Objective:** To reduce the mortality rate due to pneumonia of children up to 5 years of age.
- Display promotional material based on the prevention of pneumonia in children and the facts related to pneumonia in case of pneumonia in all medical institutions, Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, Anganwadi centers, and other important locations in the state.
- **World Pneumonia Day:** November 12th every year

'One Tree, One Life' Campaign: International WAN-IFRA Awards, 2025



Why in News?

- Dainik Bhaskar, committed to environmental protection and social causes, was awarded the Silver Award in the 'Best Community Service Project' category at the prestigious WAN-IFRA (World Association of News papers and News Publishers) Asian Media Awards 2025 for its 'One Tree, One Life' campaign.



Key Points:

- **Theme:** 'One Tree, One Life'
- It is a citizen-centric green initiative aimed at promoting large-scale tree planting in urban and rural areas.

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- It is aligned with India's broader goals under initiatives such as Mission LIFE (Lifestyle for Environment) and the National Afforestation Programme.
- To ensure participation in this initiative, Bhaskar distributed seeds along with the newspaper to over 5 million households, allowing everyone to participate in the campaign from the comfort of their homes.

Relevance to Rajasthan:

- Such campaigns are widespread in Rajasthan, (a state facing desertification and low green cover).
- Encourages citizens to adopt environmentally conscious habits and support government efforts in climate resilience.
- Dainik Bhaskar's campaign 'One Tree One Life' won third place in the Best Public Relations and Community Service Campaign category at the INMA Global Media Awards, 2025.

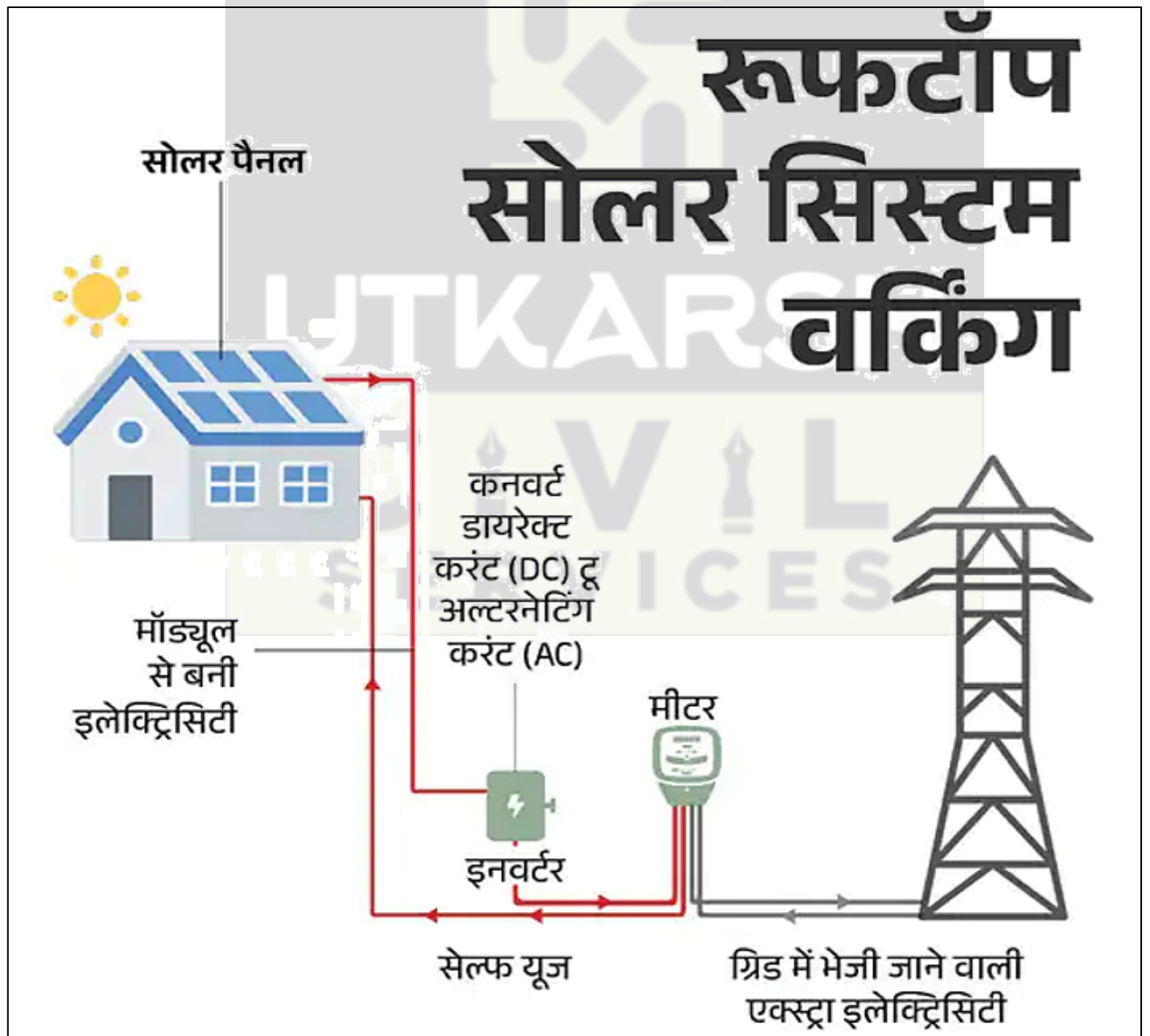
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PM Surya Ghar Yojana: Rajasthan Ranks 5th



Why in News?

- Under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, 1257 rooftop solar plants have been installed in homes across the state, with a capacity of 408 MW.
- Rajasthan ranks fifth in the number of rooftop solar plants installed under the PM Surya Ghar Yojana.



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Key Points:

- So far, 86,307 consumers in the state have received a subsidy of ₹672 crore for installing solar plants.
- **No. of installed rooftop solar plants in decreasing order: Jaipur Discom > Jodhpur Discom > Ajmer Discom**

Rooftop Solar Plant Installation:

Rank	State
1 st	Gujarat
2 nd	Maharashtra
3 rd	Uttar Pradesh
4 th	Kerala
5 th	Rajasthan

- Under the PM Surya Ghar Yojana, 408 MW plants have been installed. On average, 10,000 solar plants are being installed in the state every month. Consumers registered under the Chief Minister's Free Electricity Scheme will receive an additional subsidy of ₹17,000.

‘Adarsh’ Solar Village:

- Adarsh Solar Villages have been selected in 11 districts under the scheme. Salasar (Churu), Dabi (Bundi), Mor (Tonk), Misroli (Jhalawar), Jethana (Ajmer), Kelwa (Rajsamand), Dalot (Pratapgarh), Chanana (Jhunjhunu), Bhawari (Pali), Chauth Ka Barwara (Sawai Madhopur), and Basai Nawab (Dholpur) are Adarsh Solar Villages. These villages will receive an amount of ₹1 crore to promote community solar activities.

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Other Important Points:

PM Surya Ghar – Muft Bijali Yojana:

- **Introduction:** This is a central scheme to promote the adoption of solar rooftop systems by providing substantial financial subsidies and ensuring ease of installation.
- **Objective:** It aims to provide free electricity to 10 million households in India who wish to install rooftop solar panel power units.
- **Benefits:** Families will receive 300 units of free electricity each month.

Implementing Agencies:

- **National level:** National Program Implementation Agency (NPIA).
- **State level:** Managed by State Implementing Agencies (SIAs), which are the distribution utilities (DISCOMs) or power/energy departments of the respective states or union territories.
- **Subsidy Structure:** The scheme provides subsidies to reduce the cost of solar rooftop system installation. The subsidy is limited to a maximum capacity of 3 kW.
 - o 60 percent subsidy for solar systems up to 2 kW capacity.
 - o 40 percent subsidy for solar systems between 2 kW and 3 kW capacity.

Features:

- **Model Solar Village:** A "Model Solar Village" will be developed in each district, serving as a demonstration project and promoting the adoption of rooftop solar systems in rural areas.
- **Incentives for Local Bodies:** Urban local bodies and Panchayati Raj Institutions will be incentivized to promote the installation of rooftop solar power plants in their respective areas.

Benefits of Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar-Muft Bijli Yojana:

1. **Reduced Carbon Emissions:** This will reduce CO₂ equivalent emissions by 720 million tons, significantly contributing to environmental sustainability.
2. **Economic Benefits:** Households will benefit from reduced electricity bills and earn additional income by selling surplus electricity to distribution companies (DISCOMs).
3. **Solar Energy Generation:** The scheme is expected to leverage 30 GW of solar capacity through rooftop solar system installations, generating 1000 billion units of electricity over the 25-year lifespan of the solar systems.
4. **Employment Generation:** The scheme is expected to generate around 17 lakh direct jobs in various sectors such as manufacturing, logistics, supply chain management, sales, installation, operation and maintenance.

NEWS IN SHORTS

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1.	Gaurav Sahu: Powerlifting ■ First player from Rajasthan to compete in the World Senior Powerlifting Championships. ■ Held at: Cluj-Napoca (Romania) ■ Belongs to: Udaipur, Rajasthan ■ Weight category: 59 kg ■ Total weight: 570 kg (squat 220, bench press 115, deadlift 235) ■ Achievement: 6th place globally												
2.	Rajasthan's performance at the 69th School National Boxing Championships, 2025 ■ Event Location: Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, from October 28 to November 3, 2025. ■ Category: Under 17 Rajasthan Winners - <table><tr><th>Players</th><th>Category</th><th>Medal</th></tr><tr><td>Anita</td><td>40 to 50 kg Category</td><td>Silver</td></tr><tr><td>Saif Ali</td><td>75 to 80 kg Category</td><td>Silver</td></tr><tr><td>Sunil Sharma</td><td>More than 80 kg</td><td>Silver</td></tr></table>	Players	Category	Medal	Anita	40 to 50 kg Category	Silver	Saif Ali	75 to 80 kg Category	Silver	Sunil Sharma	More than 80 kg	Silver
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3.	Professor Dr. Manoj Pandit ■ Dr. Manoj Pandit, a retired professor of geology from Jaipur University, has been included in the top 2% of scientists in the 2025 global ranking compiled by Stanford University, USA.												

- This ranking is based on six key research indicators obtained from the Scopus database of Elsevier Science.
- Most of the Indian scientists included in this 2025 list are primarily from the Indian Institute of Science, various Indian Institutes of Technology, national research institutes, and central universities.

4.

Poshika Gupta: Shooting

- Poshika Gupta won the bronze medal in the 50m pistol event at the 34th All India GV Mavalankar Shooting Championship in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Poshika is an international shooter. Recently, it also participated in the Asian Shooting Championship.

5.

Jaipur International Airport



- Recently, Jaipur International Airport was included in the list of the top 10 busiest airports in the country due to increased passenger load along with flight movements.

6.

Professor Prithvi Singh Kandhal

- Professor Prithvi Singh Kandhal has been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for the year 2025 for his outstanding services in the field of road construction.
- This honor was presented to him at the inaugural ceremony of the 84th Annual Session of the IRC held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- Professor Kandhal is currently Associate Director Emeritus at the National Center for Asphalt Technology at Auburn University, USA.
- He has published over 120 technical research papers and authored the first textbook on asphalt road construction in India, "Bituminous Road Construction in India."
- Kandhal introduced a new dimension to the quality of road construction in India by introducing the viscosity grading system for bitumen instead of penetration grading.

7.

Seth Surajmal Mohta Literary Award-2025

- The Seth Surajmal Mohta Literary Award-2025 will be given to Jaipur-based litterateur Ratnakumar Sambharia.
- Sambharia will be presented with a sum of ₹50,000 and a citation from the Trust.



INTERNATIONAL



Prime Minister's Visit to Bhutan



Why in News?

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to Bhutan strengthened the special ties of friendship and cooperation between the two countries.



Key Points:

- Inauguration of the 1020 MW Punatsangchhu-II Hydroelectric Project, constructed under a bilateral agreement between the two countries.

Announcements:

- Agreement to resume work on the main dam structure of the 1200 MW Punatsangchhu-I Hydroelectric Project.
- Grant of land in Varanasi for the construction of a Bhutanese temple/monastery and guest house.
- Decision to establish an immigration checkpoint at Hatisar, across Gelephu.
- Memorandum of Understanding between the PEMA Secretariat, Bhutan, and the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), India, on building institutional linkages.

India-Bhutan Relations

- Diplomatic relations between India and Bhutan were established in 1968. The basic framework of India-Bhutan relations has been the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation signed in 1949.
- This treaty was amended in 2007, granting Bhutan greater autonomy and reaffirming mutual respect for sovereignty and close cooperation.
- In 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be awarded Bhutan's highest civilian honour, the Order of the Druk Gyalpo, becoming the first foreign leader to receive this award.



ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY



Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP)



Why in News?

- Due to severe air pollution, the Commission for Air Quality Management implemented Phase III of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) in the NCR.



Key Points:

- This will include a 9-point action plan to reduce emissions and congestion. The plan will include the following measures:
 - (i) Restrictions on construction, mining, and polluting vehicles.
 - (ii) Hybrid schooling (i.e., studying from home and attending school) and phased office timings.

Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM)

- The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) is a statutory body established to manage air quality in the Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR) and adjoining areas.
- It was established under the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021.

Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP)

- It is an emergency response system based on the average level of the Air Quality Index (AQI) of Delhi-NCR. Its objective is to coordinate among various stakeholders to improve the deteriorating air quality in Delhi-NCR.
- It is divided into four stages based on AQI levels:
 - o **Stage 1:** Poor category (AQI 201 to 300)
 - o **Stage 2:** Very poor category (AQI 301 to 400)
 - o **Stage 3:** Severe category (AQI 401 to 450)
 - o **Stage 4:** Very severe category (AQI above 451).

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Gaganyaan Mission



Why in News?

- ISRO successfully conducted a crucial parachute test for its upcoming human spaceflight mission, Gaganyaan.



Key Points:

- ISRO will next conduct three unmanned flights with the semi-humanoid robot Vyommitra, aiming to prepare for a manned mission by early 2027.
- The Gaganyaan program was approved in December 2018.
- It is a mission of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO). It is India's first indigenous human spaceflight initiative.
- It aims to demonstrate India's human spaceflight capability by sending a crew to a 400-kilometer low Earth orbit for three days, safely returning, and landing in Indian waters.
- The “human-rated LVM3”, a modified version of ISRO's reliable LVM3 rocket, has been identified as the launch vehicle for the Gaganyaan mission.
- It features a Crew Escape System (CES) with high-thrust solid motors, which helps in safe ejection of the crew during launch emergencies.



SCHEMES



YBRANT Program



Why in News?

- The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs launched the YBRANT Program in partnership with WNS Global Services.



Key Points:

- It is a strategic collaboration between government, industry, and academia.
- It is designed to instill sustainable development values.

Objective and Need

- India's CSR spending has increased significantly, highlighting the need for professionals who can balance profit and responsible conduct.
- The YBRANT Program aims to develop socially responsible and sustainability-oriented business leaders.

National One Health Mission



Why in News?

- The National One Health Mission has been approved by the Prime Minister's Advisory Council on Science, Technology and Innovation. Recognizing the interconnected nature of health risks, it aims to strengthen pandemic preparedness and integrated disease control.



Key Points:

National One Health Mission

- **Vision:** To build an integrated disease control and pandemic preparedness system in India by bringing together humans, animals, and the environment for improved health outcomes, improved productivity, and biodiversity conservation.
- **Implementing Agency:** Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).
- **Anchor Institute:** National Institute of Forest Health, Nagpur.

'One Health'

- One Health is an integrated and coordinated approach. It aims to sustainably balance and optimize the health of humans, animals, plants, and ecosystems.



ECONOMIC SCENARIO



Urban Cooperative Banks



Why in News?

- Recently, the Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation, at the 'Cooperative Kumbh 2025', called upon urban cooperative banks (UCBs) to play a transformative role in empowering India's youth and underprivileged communities.



Key Points:

Key Highlights of the Cooperative Kumbh 2025

- **Delhi Declaration 2025:** Adopted by the National Federation of Urban Cooperative Banks and Credit Societies, it aims to enhance financial stability, governance, and digitalization within the cooperative banking network.
- **Digital Incentives:** Two new digital initiatives – Sahakar DigiPay and Sahakar DigiLoan – were launched to empower small cooperative banks.
- The government aims to establish a UCB in every Indian city with a population of more than two lakh within the next five years.

🏆 AWARDS 🏆

Booker Prize 2025



Why in News?

- David Szalay won this year's Booker Prize for his novel 'Flesh,' becoming the first Hungarian-British author to win the Booker Prize.



Key Points:

- **Eligibility:** The award is given for a literary work which is written in the English language by a citizen of any country and published in Britain and Ireland.
- **Inauguration:** It was established in the United Kingdom in 1969.
- **Indian Winners:** Several Indian authors, as well as authors of Indian origin, have won this award.
- These include In a Free State by V.S. Naipaul in 1971, Midnight's Children by Salman Rushdie in 1981, The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy in 1997, The Inheritance of Loss by Kiran Desai in 2006, and The White Tiger by Aravind Adiga in 2008.

International Booker Prize

- This award is presented annually to the best works of long fiction or collections of short stories translated into English and published in the United Kingdom (UK) or Ireland.
- It was established in 2005.
- In 2022, Geetanjali Shree received the award for her Hindi novel, Tomb of Sand.
- In 2025, Banu Mushtaq and Deepa Bhashti won the award for Heart Lamp, a collection of Mushtaq's short stories translated from Kannada into English.

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National Water Awards 2024



Why in News?

- Maharashtra has secured first place in the Best State category of the 6th National Water Awards for 2024. Gujarat and Haryana are ranked second and third, respectively.



Key Points:

- Instituted in 2018 by the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, the National Water Awards aim to encourage sustainable water management and support the government's 'Water Prosperous India' vision.
- This year, 46 winners have been selected across ten categories, including Best District, Best Gram Panchayat, Best Urban Local Body, and Best Institution categories.