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Rajasthan's Key Role in "Compliance Reduction and Deregulation" Under Ease of Doing Business



Why in News?

- Cabinet Secretary Dr. T.V. Somanathan reviewed the work done under the "Compliance Reduction and de-regulation" agenda via video conference with Chief Secretaries across the country.



Key Points:

- Rajasthan has implemented several transformative reforms, demonstrating its commitment to strengthening the ease of doing business ecosystem:
- To promote the MSME sector, the state has simplified the change of land use process by amending Rule 90A, reducing the time limit from 60 to 30 working days. After this time limit, automatic approval has been introduced. This will reduce project delays and accelerate the establishment of new enterprises.
- **In the area of pollution control** – The time limit for third-party certification for Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate has been reduced from 120 days to 21 days for MSMEs and 60 days for Red/Large category enterprises.
- The Pollution Control Board has introduced system-generated auto-renewal of CTOs across all categories based on self-certification.
- The employee limit under the Rajasthan Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1958, has been increased from zero to 10, reducing the compliance burden on micro enterprises.
- The state has also implemented third-party fire inspectors and extended the validity period of fire NOCs, facilitating fire safety compliance.
- The state's single-window system, 'RajNivesh', has been upgraded with a chatbot, which integrates information from various departments to provide real-time automated assistance to investors.

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Rajasthan Pavilion inaugurated at the Indian International Trade Fair (IITF-2025)



Why in News?

- Rajasthan is the partner state at the 14-day Indian International Trade Fair in New Delhi. The Rajasthan Pavilion has been designed around the theme of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat."



Key Points:

- Dedicated to the spirit of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat," the integration of Rajasthan and Assam is a key attraction at the Rajasthan Pavilion. This special initiative seeks to share the culture, art, and business potential of both states, fostering strong trade and cultural ties between them.
- Live demonstrations by artisans and entrepreneurs will be held at the Rajasthan Pavilion. The "One District One Product" wall and an exhibition showcasing the state's heritage, innovation, and sustainable industrial development will also be organized.
- Like every year, Rajasthan Day will be celebrated on November 18th during the Indian International Trade Fair, with a colorful cultural evening.

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Inauguration of Divisional Cooperative Fair and Aadi Haat in Udaipur



Why in News?

- Minister of State for Cooperatives (Independent Charge), Shri Gautam Kumar Dak, inaugurated the three-day division-level Cooperative Fair and 'Aadi Haat' organized under the auspices of the Cooperative Department in Udaipur to commemorate the International Year of Cooperatives and the Tribal Pride Year Fortnight.



Key Points:

- **Theme:** "Promoting Digitalization to Increase Operational Efficiency, Accountability, and Transparency."
- During the Cooperative Membership Campaign, 9 lakh people were connected to cooperatives across the state and more than 2,200 new PACS were formed.
- The 72nd All India Cooperative Week was launched during the event.
- Distribution of e-PACS Certificates and Micro ATMs - To strengthen digital transactions, e-PACS certificates and micro ATMs were also distributed to various institutions.
- At the global level, Amul is at the first place in the list of cooperative movement and IFFCO is at the second place.

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HCM-RIPA's 69th Foundation Day Celebration



Why in News?

- The 69th Foundation Day celebration of the Harishchandra Mathur Rajasthan State Institute of Public Administration (OTS) was inaugurated by the Institute's Director General and Additional Chief Secretary (Training), Mrs.



Shreya Guha, in the Bhagwat Singh Mehta Auditorium.



Key Points:

Historical Background:

- Established in 1957, the Harishchandra Mathur Rajasthan State Institute of Public Administration (HCM RIPA) was originally located in Jodhpur as the Officers Training School (OTS). It was later relocated to Jaipur.
- It has been performing excellent work in the field of pre-service, mid-term, and orientation training and capacity building for All India and State Administrative Services officers.
- On this occasion, through the "Clean RIPA Program," voluntary work was done by cleaning the institute campus.
- On this occasion, sports winners organised on National Sports Day, 29th August, 2025 were awarded and guest artists were honoured.

A district-level camp was organized under the "Aapki Punji Aapka Adhikar"



Why in News?

- The Central Department of Financial Services is running a nationwide public awareness campaign, "Aapki Punji Aapka Adhikar." As part of this campaign, a district-level awareness and assistance camp was organized at the State Agricultural Management Institute, Durgapura, Jaipur.



Key Points:

Objective:

- The campaign aims to assist citizens in accessing unclaimed amounts related to their deposits, insurance claims, dividends, shares, and mutual funds.
- Checks were distributed to beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana at the event.
- Information and assistance counters were set up by various banks, insurance companies, the Pension Department, and SEBI at the camp, where citizens were assisted with all necessary procedures, including KYC updates, filling out claim forms, and document verification.
- Under the campaign, awareness and assistance camps will be organized in every district across the state in a phased manner until December 31st.

Chief Minister's Delhi Visit: Ferozepur Feeder Relining Project



Why in News?

- Chief Minister Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma met with Union Minister of Power, Housing and Urban Affairs Shri Manohar Lal, Union Minister of Jal Shakti Shri C.R. Patil, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, and Minister of State for Education Shri Jayant Chaudhary in New Delhi.



Key Points:

- Discussions were held regarding the progress of the Ferozepur Feeder Relining and Ram Jal Setu Link Project.
- In the interest of farmers, the tower base compensation rate has been increased to 400 percent of the DLC rate, while corridor compensation has been fixed at 30 percent in rural areas, 45 percent in municipal areas, and 60 percent in municipal corporation areas.
- The meeting held meaningful discussions on strengthening power evacuation, given the immense potential in Rajasthan to meet India's solar energy targets.
- AT&C losses are steadily decreasing. Similarly, the Jaipur and Ajmer Discoms have now fallen below the 15 percent level. Additionally, the pace of implementation of the RDSS scheme has been improved.

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Other Key Points:

- The Firozpur Feeder Relining Project is a vital water and irrigation infrastructure restoration project for Rajasthan and Punjab. The highlights of the project are as follows:

Project Objective

- The Firozpur Feeder is a major canal that originates from the Harike Barrage in Punjab and supplies water to the Gang Canal and other canal systems in Rajasthan's Sri Ganganagar, Hanumangarh, and other districts.
- Its lining had deteriorated over the years, leading to water leakage, waterlogging, poor flow, and uneven water distribution.
- **1960s:** Construction of the Firozpur Feeder was completed.
- **April 24, 2025:** The 158th Advisory Committee of the Central Water Commission approved the project.
- **2027 (target):** Complete construction in two years; capacity increased from 11,192 cusecs to 13,842 cusecs.

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Sanjay Agarwal appointed Director General of Law and Order



Why in News?

- The Rajasthan government has created a new post of Director General (DG) of Law and Order in the police department on November 14, 2025. Sanjay Agarwal is the first officer to be appointed to this post.



Key Points:

- Rajasthan Police Chief (DGP) Rajiv Kumar Sharma issued an order assigning DG Agarwal the responsibility of three wings. Agarwal was previously responsible for law and order, the RAC Armed Battalion, and the SDRF. However, in addition to these wings, he has also been given the responsibility of supervising cyber crime and technical services.

Anta By-Election: Bhaya Victory Shifts the Power and Opposition Equations

Why in News?

- Congress candidate Pramod Bhaya won the by-election held on November 11, 2025, for the Anta seat in Baran district. Results (November 14, 2025).

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Key Points:

Reason for By-Election:

- BJP MLA from Anta Assembly seat, Kanwarlal Meena, had his membership revoked on May 1, 2025, after he was sentenced to three years in prison in a 2005 case.

Provisions for Cancellation of Membership:

1. Under the RPA Act, 1951:

- **Section 8(3) - Representation of the People Act, 1951:** If an MLA (MP/MLA) is sentenced to a minimum of two years or more for any offense, his membership ceases from the date of conviction and he remains ineligible to contest elections for six years after the completion of his sentence.

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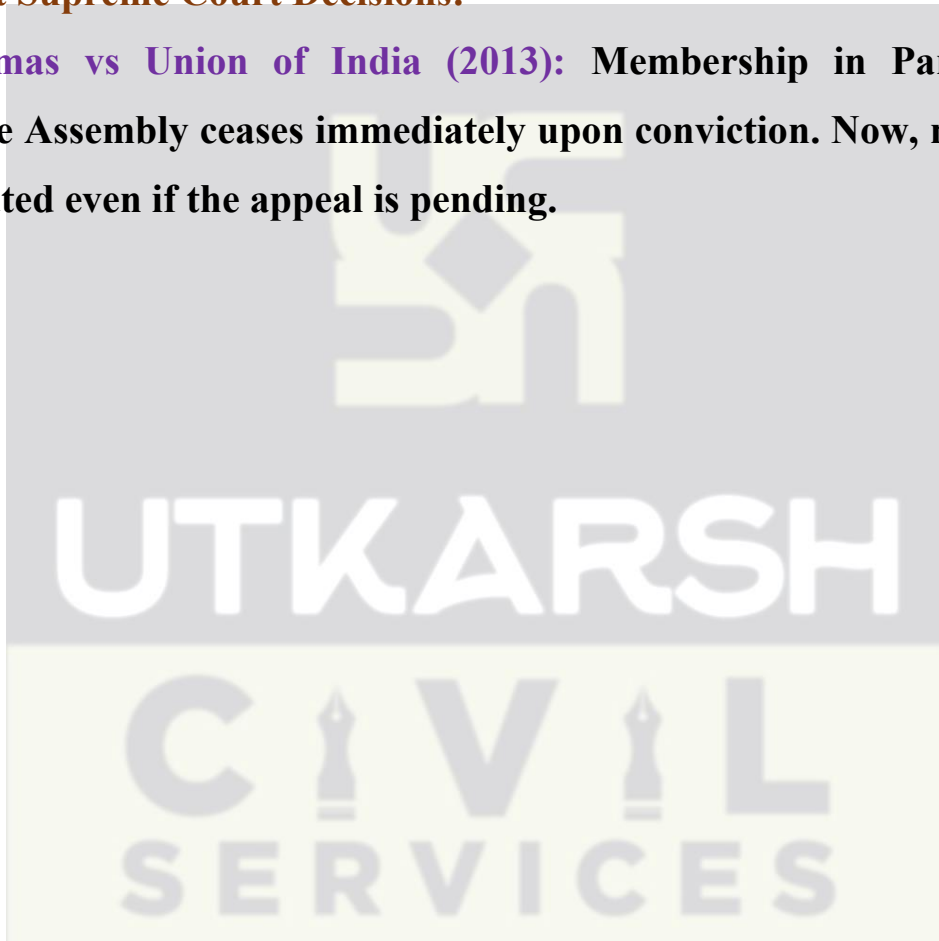
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- **Section 8(4) (now abolished):** Previously, a three-month respite was granted upon appealing a sentence in a higher court. However, this was declared unconstitutional in the 2013 Supreme Court case of Lilly Thomas, resulting in the termination of membership upon conviction, even if the appeal is pending.

2. Important Supreme Court Decisions:

- **Lily Thomas vs Union of India (2013):** Membership in Parliament or Legislative Assembly ceases immediately upon conviction. Now, membership is terminated even if the appeal is pending.





NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	Shiksha Jain Ranked Second in the All-Age World Amateur Golf Rankings  ■ Golf star Shiksha Jain performed exceptionally well at the IGU Maharashtra Ladies and Junior Girls Golf Championship. This impressive performance earned her second place in the All-Age World Amateur Golf Rankings. During the tournament, Shiksha scored an eagle on the 16th hole and a birdie on the 17th, strengthening her position. Shiksha Jain is from Jaipur and is a national and international junior golf champion.



Mudh-Nyoma Airbase



Why in News?

- India operationalized the Mudh-Nyoma Airbase in Ladakh, enhancing its defense preparedness along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China.



Key Points:

- **Location:** The airbase is located at Nyoma in the Leh district of eastern Ladakh at an altitude of 13,700 feet (4,200 meters), making it one of the highest combat-capable airfields in the world.
- **Construction:** Border Roads Organisation
- **Significance:** Its proximity to the LAC provides India with significant strategic and military advantages, enabling rapid response, force projection, and advanced surveillance in sensitive areas such as the Depsang Plains, Pangong Tso, and Chushul Valley.
- **Fourth major airbase in Ladakh:** It will complement the Leh, Kargil, and Thoise airbases.



INTERNATIONAL



India and Nepal Relations



Why in News?

- India and Nepal signed an agreement to enhance trade relations. India and Nepal have amended the Transit Treaty to facilitate rail-based cargo movement between Jogbani in India and Biratnagar in Nepal.



Key Points:

- This liberalization extends to major transit corridors – Kolkata-Jogbani, Kolkata-Nautanwa (Sunauli), and Visakhapatnam-Nautanwa (Sunauli).
- **Objective:** To strengthen multimodal trade links between the two countries and promote Nepal's trade with third countries.



ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY



Saranda Forest



Why in News?

- The Supreme Court directed the Jharkhand government to declare the ecologically rich Saranda Forest a wildlife sanctuary.



Key Points:

About Saranda

- The Saranda Forest in Jharkhand is Asia's largest sal forest, spanning approximately 820-900 square kilometers. Its hilly terrain makes it known as the "Land of Seven Hundred Hills."
- The forest is part of the Chotanagpur biogeographic region and forms a natural landscape continuum with the forests of Odisha and Chhattisgarh.
- Major rivers flowing through the region include the Karo, Koina, and Lalour.
- Rare vegetation, palms, wild bananas, ferns, and piper species are found here.
- It is home to critically endangered species, including the endemic sal forest tortoise, four-horned antelope, Asian palm civet, and wild elephant.
- It is home to the Ho, Munda, Oraon, and allied tribal communities, whose livelihoods and cultural traditions are intrinsically linked to forest produce.
- It also holds 26% of India's iron ore reserves.

Climate Financing Targets



Why in News?

- India clarified that the lack of climate financing is a major obstacle to achieving climate action goals.



Key Points:

- The 30th Conference of the Parties (CoP30) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is being held in Belém, Brazil.
- During this conference, India issued statements on behalf of the BASIC and the Group of Like-Minded Developing Countries (LMDCs), highlighting the importance of climate financing.
- **Members of the BASIC Group:** Brazil, South Africa, India, and China.
- **Internationally Agreed Climate Financing Targets**
- **Baku to Belém Roadmap – 1.3 T (trillion) Target:** At UNFCCC-CoP29, States Parties agreed on a new collectively quantified target. This includes a target of mobilizing a minimum of \$300 billion annually for developing countries, to be achieved by 2035.
- This also includes a broader target of increasing external financial assistance to \$1.3 trillion annually by 2035.
- **Glasgow Climate Agreement:** Under this, developed countries pledged to provide \$40 billion in financial assistance to developing countries for climate adaptation by 2025.

Declaration on Information Integrity on Climate Change



Why in News?

- The Global Initiative for Information Integrity on Climate Change issued the Declaration on Information Integrity on Climate Change at COP-30.



Key Points:

- **Initiative Launch:** This initiative was announced at the G20 Leaders' Summit in 2024. It is a dedicated multilateral collaboration between countries and international organizations. Its objective is to fund research and action that promotes information integrity on climate-related issues.
- It has also established a Global Fund for Information Integrity on Climate Change.

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Aurora



Why in News?

- Cannibal solar storms have caused aurora events in North America, Australia, and others.



Key Points:

- Cannibal solar storms are powerful space weather phenomena. They occur when two or more solar storms collide and merge. This results in a more powerful storm, which affects GPS and electrical systems.

Aurora

- An aurora is a natural light phenomenon visible in the night sky, usually occurring only in the lower polar regions.
- The aurora occurs when atoms in the upper atmosphere interact with charged particles (electrons and protons) from the solar wind.
- Near the North Pole, it is called the aurora borealis. Near the South Pole, it is called the aurora australis.



ECONOMIC SCENARIO



New Royalty Rates for Critical Minerals



Why in News?

- The Union Cabinet has approved specifying/revising the royalty rates for four critical minerals – cesium, graphite, rubidium, and zirconium – to promote domestic production.



Key Points:

Critical Minerals

- These are essential for economic development and national security, and a lack of availability of these minerals or the concentration of extraction or processing in certain geographic locations could potentially lead to “supply chain vulnerabilities and even supply disruptions.”
- In 2023, the Center identified 30 critical minerals, including lithium, cobalt, nickel, graphite, tin, and copper, as essential for the country's economic development and national security.

Royalty Rates

- The royalty rate is the fee charged by the government on mining companies for extracting minerals from the earth.
- Royalty rates are governed by the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960.
- These laws empower the central government to fix and revise royalty rates from time to time, after consultation with state governments.



INDEXES AND REPORTS



Global Carbon Budget 2025



Why in News?

- Recently, the Global Carbon Project released the Global Carbon Budget 2025 report. According to this report, India's carbon emissions are projected to grow at a slower pace of 1.4% in 2025. This is attributed to the cooling effect of the monsoon and the growth of renewable energy.



Key Points:

- India will be the third-largest carbon emitter in 2024. India emits 3.2 billion tons of carbon annually, surpassed only by the United States (4.9 billion tons) and China (12 billion tons).
- Per capita carbon emissions in India are 2.2 tonnes annually.
- **Major contributor:** Coal is the major fuel type contributing to India's emissions.

NEWS IN SHORTS

S. No.	News
1.	Global Tuberculosis Report, 2025 ■ The World Health Organization released the Global Tuberculosis Report, 2025. According to this report, tuberculosis (TB) is one of the top 10 causes of death worldwide, and the leading cause of death from any single infectious microorganism.
2.	Pratyush Sinha Committee ■ Recently, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) constituted a high-level committee. It was chaired by Pratyush Sinha. ■ This committee has recommended stronger regulations to prevent conflicts of interest among top officials within SEBI.

