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RAJASTHAN



Financial assistance to players from the Governor's Fund

Why in News?

- **Rajasthan won five gold medals in the '3rd National Lacrosse' competition last year. For the Olympic sport of lacrosse, Rajasthan Governor Shri Haribhau Bagde has provided financial assistance of ₹10.20 lakh from his discretionary fund to support the state's players' performance at the national and international level. This amount has been provided to the players participating in the 2nd Federation Cup of Lacrosse, an Olympic sport, to be held in Jammu from December 5-7, 2025.**

Key Points:

- Assistance of ₹10.20 lakh from the Governor's Discretionary Fund has been provided to 28 male and female players from the Udaipur division who are participating in the 2nd Federation Cup Lacrosse to be held in Jammu from December 5-7.
- **Objective:** To prepare players for excellent performance at the national and international level by assisting them with expenses such as travel, kit, training, etc.
- On the inclusion of lacrosse in the upcoming 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, the Governor has called upon the players to prepare for excellent performance in all categories from now on, so that Rajasthan can be kept ahead in the race for Olympic medals.

Diana in the Desert: Production at 'CAZRI'

Why in News?

- Experiments conducted by the Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) on fig cultivation during the COVID-19 pandemic have been successful after four years.



Key Points:

- CAZRI has achieved a good fig production this year.
- CAZRI imported approximately 300 Diana variety fig plants from Hyderabad in 2021 and planted them using tissue culture techniques.
- This variety grows well even in low water. If scientific management continues, fig orchards could be established on 50,000 hectares in the Thar Desert in the coming years.
- The Diana variety is a model inspired by Turkish figs, where figs are grown in the large number. Planting these at a distance of 6 x 6 meters and using drip irrigation can save 70% of water.

Tanisha from Rajasthan is the best paratrooper

Why in News?

- NCC Cadet Tanisha Rajpurohit from Rajasthan has won the Best Paratrooper Award among the All India Senior Wing Cadets at the Para Basic Course in Paratrooping held from November 3-25 at the Army Airborne Training School, Agra.



Key Points:

- This course is considered one of the most challenging adventure trainings in the NCC, involving a parachute jump from an AN-32 transport aircraft from a height of 1250 feet.
- Four cadets have been selected from the Rajasthan Directorate:
 - o **Jaipur Group** – Cadet Bhumika Saini (Senior Wing)
 - o **Udaipur** – Cadet Tanisha Rajpurohit (Senior Wing)
 - o **Kota** – Senior Under Officer Mahendra Singh Shaktawat
 - o **Jodhpur** – Under Officer Krishna Kanwar Rathore

Pilot Project to Link Jamabandi with Aadhaar (Jan Aadhaar)

Why in News?

- The Rajasthan government has launched a pilot project to link Jamabandi with Aadhaar (Jan Aadhaar), ensuring farmers to receive instant messages on their mobile phones for every land-related transaction and preventing fraud. Arjunpura village in Arai tehsil of Ajmer district and a village in Nagaur district have been selected for the pilot project; upon success, it is planned to expand it to the entire division and then the state.



Key Points:

- A Proof of Concept (PoC) will be conducted to integrate the Jamabandi-Aadhaar (Jan Aadhaar) seeding module, Farmer Registry ID, and DCS Girdawari data and other technical implementation will be done in collaboration with the NIC.



- Any land-related transaction, such as purchase, sale, mortgage, name transfer, etc., recorded in the registrar/revenue records, will be notified via SMS to the farmer's registered mobile number; this will curb fraudulent sales, duplicate registrations, and fraud.
- Farmer registry and an 11-digit unique Farmer ID will be created based on the accounts whose Jamabandi is linked to Jan Aadhaar/Aadhaar and all future benefits of schemes like PM Kisan, crop insurance, KCC, subsidies, and MSP will be provided based on this ID.
- Farmer registry of approximately 8 million farmers in the state has been completed and they are being issued unique IDs.
- Enrollment of approximately 88–89% of Rajasthan's (approximately 9 million) farmers under the PM Kisan scheme has been completed, and hence the use of Farmer ID/Jamabandi linked data will increase in the distribution of benefits going forward.

NEWS IN SHORTS

S. No.	News
1.	<p>Silver Elephant Award</p>  <p>■ Recently, Advocate Dr. Akhil Shukla, State Commissioner of the Rajasthan State Bharat Scouts and Guides, and Mr. Namit Mehta, the current Udaipur Collector, were presented with the Silver Elephant Award at a ceremony held at the Raj Bhavan in Lucknow.</p> <p>■ Dr. Shukla, President of the Rajasthan Voluntary Blood Donors Society, was honored by the Bharat Scouts and Guides for his outstanding contribution to the blood donation awareness campaign.</p> <p>■ Namit Mehta was honored for his outstanding leadership and management during the National Jamboree in 2022-23 while serving as the Pali Collector. The Jamboree is being organized by the Bharat Scouts and Guides in Lucknow.</p>

2.

Inauguration of the 'Cooperation Gallery'



- It was established by the Minister of State for Cooperation (Independent Charge) Shri Gautam Kumar Dak at the Rajasthan Institute of Cooperative Education and Management (RAICEM) campus, Jaipur under the International Year of Cooperatives-2025.
- **Theme: "Prosperity through Cooperation"**
- The Cooperative Gallery, established by the Cooperative Department in collaboration with NCCF, showcases the journey of the "Cooperative Movement in Rajasthan." Photographs of key activities organized under the International Year of Cooperatives 2025 are also attractively displayed.



Crator on Mars named after Indian geologist

Why in News?

- A 3.5 billion-year-old crater on Mars will be named after the pioneering Indian geologist M.S. Krishnan.



Key Points:

- In addition to Krishnan, the International Astronomical Union (IAU) has also accepted several Kerala-based names for smaller landforms associated with the crater.
- Other names: Valiyamala, Thumba, Bekal, Varkala, and Periyar for smaller craters and a vallis (valley).



Operation Pawan

Why in News?

- Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Upendra Dwivedi paid tribute to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives during Operation Pawan (1987-1990) in Sri Lanka.



Key Points:

- Operation Pawan was launched by the Rajiv Gandhi government after the signing of the India-Sri Lanka Accord in 1987.
- India deployed the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) in Sri Lanka during the ongoing civil war between the minority Tamil population and the Sinhalese-majority government.

Social Media Ban: Australia

Why in News?

- Australia will become the first country to impose social media restrictions on children under the age of 16.



Key Points:

- From December 10, 2025, social media companies such as Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube will be required to remove accounts of children under the age of 16 from their platforms.
- Failure to do so could result in fines of up to \$50 million.



Finn's Weaver

Why in News?

- The Finn's Weaver species is disappearing from the marshy lowlands of the Terai. This area is the last remaining primary habitat for this bird species.



Key Points:

Finn's Weaver

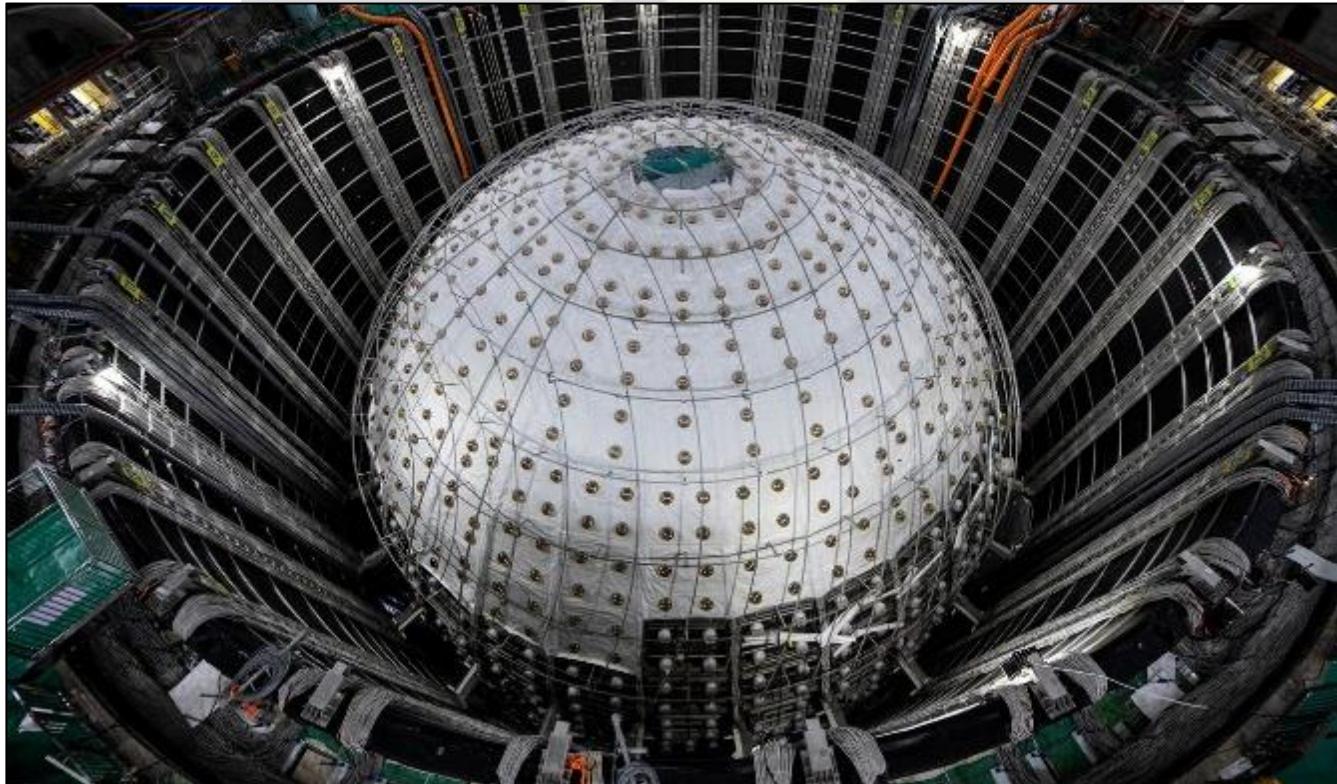
- Habitat:** The Finn's Weaver (*Ploceus megarhynchus*) is a grassland and wetland bird. It is found primarily in the Terai regions of India and Nepal.
- Nicknames:** It is also known as the Yellow Weaver and Himalayan Weaver. In Uttarakhand, it is known as the Pahadi Bayya.
- IUCN Red List Status:** Endangered

⌚ SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY 🌡

Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory (JUNO)

➡ Why in News?

- China has completed construction of its Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory (JUNO).



➡ Key Points:

- It is the world's largest underground neutrino detector, designed to study elusive "ghost particles" called neutrinos with unprecedented precision.
- **Objective:** To study neutrino oscillations (the changing form of neutrinos) and understand neutrino mass ordering.

🎓 POLITY 🎓

Presidential Reference – Supreme Court Opinion

📢 Why in News?

- President Draupadi Murmu sought the Supreme Court's opinion on 14 questions under Article 143 of the Constitution in May 2025. This reference followed the Tamil Nadu Governor's case (April 8, 2025), in which the Court applied the doctrine of 'Deemed Assent'.



📌 Key Points:

- A five-judge bench of the Supreme Court (Chief Justice B.R. Gavai, Justices Surya Kant, Vikram Nath, P.S. Narasimha, and A.S. Chandurkar) presented the Court's opinion to the President in 111 pages.



14 Questions Asked by the President:

1. **Article 200, Governor's Options:** Grant Assent, Reserve for President's Consideration, or Return to the Legislature.
2. **Council of Ministers' Advice:** Is the Governor bound by the advice of the Council of Ministers when deciding on a bill?
3. **Governor's Discretion:** Is the Governor's discretion under Article 200 amenable to judicial review?
4. **Article 361 and Judicial Review:** Does Article 361 completely prevent judicial review of the Governor's actions?
5. **Imposition of Time Limits:** Can the Court impose time limits on the Governor's powers under Article 200?
6. **Article 201, President's Discretion:** Is the President's discretion amenable to judicial review?
7. **Time Limits on the President:** Can the Court impose time limits on the President under Article 201?
8. **Mandatory Advice from the Supreme Court:** Is the President required to seek the opinion of the Supreme Court every time a bill is reserved?
9. **Judicial Review Before Legislation:** Is it possible to review the Governor's/President's decisions before a bill becomes law?
10. **Substitution under Article 142:** Can the constitutional powers of the President/Governor be substituted by Article 142?
11. **Laws without the Governor's assent:** Can a law of the State Legislature be implemented without the Governor's assent?
12. **Article 145(3), Referral to a Larger Bench:** Should questions involving interpretation of the Constitution be mandatorily referred to a five-judge bench?
13. **Scope of the Powers of Article 142:** Can the Supreme Court pass orders under Article 142 that are inconsistent with the Constitution/law?
14. **Article 131, Union-State Disputes:** Can Union-State Disputes be resolved only through litigation under Article 131?

ON Court

Why in News?

- It has been a year since the Kerala High Court established the country's first 24x7 open and networked (ON) court in Kollam district, Kerala.



Key Points:

- ON Court allows cases to be filed at any time of the day.
- ON Court operates completely online. It facilitates e-filing, digital document verification, SMS/email summons, virtual hearings, and real-time updates for lawyers and litigants.
- **Significance:** ON Court disposes of cases in approximately 140 days, whereas in physical courts, such cases take years. The ON Court concept improves efficiency, reduces paperwork, and increases access to justice.

International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance

Why in News?

- Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar is set to assume the presidency of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) for the year 2026.



Key Points:

- Established** in 1995, it is an intergovernmental organization.
- It works to strengthen democratic institutions and electoral processes around the world.
- Current membership:** 35 member countries, with the United States and Japan as observers.
- India is a founding member of International IDEA.

National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC)

Why in News?

- Recently, the Supreme Court agreed to consider a public interest litigation challenging the current collegium system for appointing judges to the Supreme Court and High Courts. The petition sought the reinstatement of the National Judicial Appointments Commission.



Key Points:

NJAC Act, 2014

- Constitutional Amendment:** The 99th Constitutional Amendment provided for the formation of the National Judicial Appointments Commission, replacing the collegium system for appointing judges to the higher judiciary.
- Composition:** Judge appointments were to be recommended by the six-member NJAC.
- Commission Members:** The Chief Justice of India (CJI), two senior-most Supreme Court judges, the Union Law Minister, and two eminent persons.
- Judicial Decision:** In the Fourth Judges Case (2015), the NJAC was struck down on the grounds of violation of the basic structure of the Constitution, such as the independence of the judiciary.



SPORTS



Commonwealth Games 2030 – Ahmedabad

Why in News?

- Recently, the city of Ahmedabad was awarded the bid to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games.



Key Points:

- Announcement Venue:** At the Commonwealth Games General Assembly in Glasgow, Scotland.
- P.T. Usha, President of the Indian Commonwealth Games Association, represented India.
- 2030 will be the centenary edition of the Commonwealth Games. (First edition: 1930, Hamilton, Canada)
- Previously, India hosted the Commonwealth Games for the first time in 2010 (New Delhi).
- India's performance at the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games:** A total of 101 medals, including 38 gold, and second place in the medal tally.
- The Commonwealth is a voluntary association of 54 sovereign countries, most of which were former colonies of the British Empire.