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Rajasthan Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2025



Why in News?

- On October 29, 2025, the Rajasthan Home Department issued a notification implementing the anti-conversion law. With this notification, the provisions of the Rajasthan Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2025, came into effect throughout the state.



Key Points:

- On September 9, 2025, the Rajasthan Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Bill, 2025, was passed by voice vote in the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly.
- **Objective:** To prevent any person or organization from fraudulently, forcibly, or improperly converting someone to another religion.

Provisions:

- Properties used for forced religious conversion may be confiscated.
- Marriages entered into for the purpose of unlawful religious conversion may be annulled by the Family Court or other competent court as specified in this Act.
- Under the new Act, a person converting a religion will have to inform the District Magistrate or Additional District Magistrate authorized by him/her about the conversion voluntarily and without any pressure, 90 days in advance. Failure to do so will result in a minimum of 7 to 10 years of imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 3 lakh.

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- The religious leader who facilitates the conversion will have to give a notice of the conversion to the District Magistrate or an officer authorized by him/her two months in advance. In case of violation, a minimum of 10 to 14 years of imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 5 lakh will be imposed.

Imprisonment and Fine:

Offense	Imprisonment	Fine
Forced conversion or conversion through deception	Minimum imprisonment - 7 years Maximum imprisonment - 14 years	5 lakh rupees
Deceptive conversion of minors, women, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, disabled individuals, etc.	Minimum imprisonment - 10 years Maximum imprisonment - 20 years	10 lakh rupees
Deceptive mass conversion	Minimum imprisonment - 20 years Maximum imprisonment - Life imprisonment	25 lakh rupees
Receiving funds from foreign or illegal organizations for conversion	Minimum imprisonment - 10 years Maximum imprisonment - 20 years	20 lakh rupees
Threatening, deceiving into marriage, trafficking or coercing a person for conversion	Minimum imprisonment - 20 years Maximum imprisonment - Life imprisonment	30 lakh rupees
Conviction for a second time for conversion after previous conviction	Minimum imprisonment - 20 years Maximum imprisonment - Life imprisonment	50 lakh rupees

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Other important points:

Anti-conversion laws in various states:

State	Year
Arunachal Pradesh	1978
Andhra Pradesh	2007
Uttarakhand	2018
Himachal Pradesh	2019
Uttar Pradesh	2021
Karnataka	2021
Haryana	2022

- **Provisions relating to secularism in the Indian Constitution:** Contained in Part III (Fundamental Rights), Part IV (Directive Principles of State Policy) and Part IV (Fundamental Duties).

Provision	Description
Preamble	The 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1976 added the word "secular" to the Preamble. "Secular" means a republic where all religions are equally respected.
Article 14	Equality before the law (Equal protection of the laws).
Article 16(1)	Provides equality of opportunity to all citizens in public employment, and no discrimination based on religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth, or residence.
Article 25	Provides 'freedom of conscience', i.e., the right of all individuals to freely practice, profess, and propagate religion.

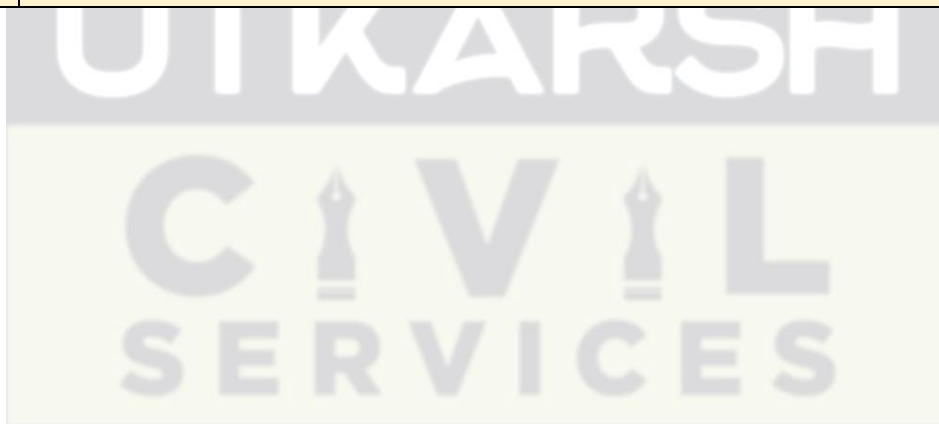
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Article 26	Grants religious groups or individuals the right to establish and maintain institutions for religious and charitable purposes, and manage their own religious affairs.
Article 27	The state shall not compel any citizen to pay taxes for the promotion or maintenance of any particular religion or religious institution.
Article 28	Allows educational institutions run by religious groups to impart religious education.
Article 29 & 30	Cultural and educational rights of minorities.
Article 51A	Mandates all citizens to promote harmony and the spirit of brotherhood, and to value and preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture.



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Key Points:

- **Flag hoisting by:** Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari and Water Resources Minister Suresh Singh Rawat.
- **Event:** From October 30 to November 5, 2025.
- **Organizer:** Rajasthan Tourism Department.
- **Main Event:** The main event of the Pushkar Fair is held on Kartik Purnima.
- The Pushkar Fair represents the cultural, spiritual, and tourism heritage of Rajasthan. In recognition of this importance, the state government has increased the fair's budget from ₹70 lakh to ₹1 crore.
- **Note:** At the 2025 Pushkar Fair, internationally renowned nagada player Nathulal Solanki and his team played 101 nagadas.
- **Note:** The first edition of the National Camel Racing Championship was held in Pushkar on July 6, 2025.

Facts for Prelims:

Other major cattle fairs in Rajasthan:

S.No.	Animal Fair	Location
1.	Shri Baldev Animal Fair	Medta (Nagaur)
2.	Shri Tejaji Animal Fair	Parbatsar (Nagaur)
3.	Shri Ramdev Animal Fair	Manasar (Nagaur)
4.	Shri Mallinath Animal Fair	Tilwada (Balotra)
5.	Chandrabhaga Animal Fair	Jhāalarapatan (Jhalawar)
6.	Shri Gomatisagar Animal Fair	Jhalarapatan (Jhalawar)
7.	Shri Jaswant Animal Fair	Bharatpur
8.	Gogamedi Animal Fair	Hanumangarh
9.	Mahashivaratri Animal Fair	Karauli
10.	Kartik Animal Fair	Pushkar (Ajmer)

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Rajasthan University's Research Study on Marigold (Tagetes erecta)



Why in News?

- A recent research study on Marigold (*Tagetes erecta*) was conducted under the leadership of Prof. Sumita Kachhwaha of the Department of Chemistry at Rajasthan University.



Key Points:

- **Objective:** To study the medicinal compounds found in the Marigold plant.
- The study found that Marigold flowers contain medicinal compounds such as quercetin, caffeic acid, and stigmaterol.

Medicinal Properties and Importance:

- **Quercetin:** It has anti-inflammatory properties. It helps prevent heart disease, cancer, and neurodegenerative diseases.
- **Caffeic Acid:** It has antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and anticancer properties. It increases the potential for treatment of diabetes, hypertension, and neurodegenerative disorders.
- **Stigmaterol:** It has anti-inflammatory, anticancer, and antioxidant properties. It helps synthesize hormones like progesterone and vitamin D₃.



'National Rural Livelihood Mission' in Rajasthan



Why in News?

- Recently, a high-level delegation from the African country Ethiopia visited Rajasthan and learned about the National Rural Livelihood Mission operating in the state.



Key Points:

- The delegation included 15 members from the Ethiopian government, 3 from the World Bank, 7 from MicroSave Consulting, and 4 from the National Rural Livelihood Mission.
- The National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) is a flagship poverty alleviation and livelihood promotion program of the Government of India. Its objective is to enable rural poor families to access sustainable livelihood opportunities.
- **Mission launched:** June 2011.
- **Name change:** On November 25, 2015, it was renamed Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM).
- **Implemented:** By the Union Ministry of Rural Development.
- This mission focuses on empowering the rural poor, especially women, by organizing them into self-help groups (SHGs).
- **Implementing agency of DAY-NRLM in Rajasthan:** Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Development Council (RGAVP)



NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	World's First Cow Rearing Corridor ■ Sikkim Governor Om Prakash Mathur laid the foundation stone for the world's first cow rearing corridor in Nandgaon (Sirohi) on the occasion of Gopashtami (Kartik Shukla Ashtami). ■ The Rajasthan government is providing assistance of Rs. 50 per day per cow and Rs. 25 per day for young calves to each registered cow shelter for the promotion and development of cows. ■ Farmers who use bullock farming for cow breeding are also being given a grant of Rs. 30,000 per year.
2.	Jaipur Literature Festival – 2026  ■ Event: Hotel Clarks Amer from January 15 to 19, 2026. ■ Edition: 19th. ■ The Jaipur Literature Festival is an initiative of the Jaipur Heritage Foundation. ■ Key speakers: Archana Sharma, senior physicist at CERN Geneva, Arvind Subramanian, former Chief Economic Advisor of India, Nobel laureate Esther Duflo, former Prime Minister of Ireland Leo Varadkar, Booker Prize-winning author Kiran Desai, poet Jeet Thayil, and satirist Ian Hislop.

3.

Exercise 'Sentinel Strike'

- **Held at:** Mahajan Field Firing Range (Bikaner).
- **Organized by:** Sapta Shakti Command of the Indian Army.
- Attack helicopters, T-72 tanks, BMP infantry vehicles, and indigenous long-range weapon systems were used during the exercise.
- **Note:** The Indra-2025 joint military exercise between India and Russia was held from October 6 to 15, 2025, at the Mahajan Field Firing Range in Bikaner.

4.

Maharishi Vedvyas Award 2025 to Gulab Kothari

- The Maharishi Vedvyas Pratishthan, Pune (Maharashtra), announced the conferment of the Maharishi Vedvyas Award on Gulab Kothari, Editor-in-Chief of the Patrika Group.
- Gulab Kothari is the second person from Rajasthan to receive this award. Previously, Prof. Dayanand Bhargava was awarded this award.

5.

Birds Die Due to Avian Botulism in Sambhar Lake

- Migratory birds recently died due to avian botulism in Sambhar, Rajasthan's largest lake.
- Avian botulism is a serious neuromuscular disease caused by a toxin produced by the bacterium *Clostridium botulinum*.
- It primarily affects wild birds, especially waterfowl, causing paralysis.
- *Clostridium botulinum* bacteria are found in soil and water (especially wetland sediments).



Digital Arrest



Why in News?

- President Draupadi Murmu said that “digital arrest” has become one of the most dangerous threats facing citizens today.



Key Points:

- Digital arrest refers to a cyber scam in which fraudsters use fake video calls, fake IDs, and official-looking websites to falsely accuse individuals of crimes and coerce them into paying money.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) have issued a public advisory.
- Citizens are urged to report such cases on the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal.



INTERNATIONAL



East Asia Summit (EAS)



Why in News?

- The 20th East Asia Summit adopted the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Peace and Stability.



Key Points:

- The Declaration aims to implement joint projects and activities under the EAS Work Plan (2024–2028). It is in line with ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future Vision.

East Asia Summit (EAS)

- It is a leaders-led forum to promote peace, stability, and prosperity in East Asia. It facilitates dialogue and cooperation on strategic, political, and economic issues.
- **Established:** 2005
- **First Summit:** Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)
- **Members:** ASEAN member states, along with Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, the United States, and Russia.

Complaint against India at the WTO



Why in News?

- China filed a complaint against India at the WTO regarding subsidies under the PLI scheme. China alleges that three Indian PLI schemes related to electric vehicles and batteries provide financial assistance to companies operating in India.



Key Points:

- These schemes encourage companies to use indigenous products, discouraging the use of imported goods. China claims this violates the restricted category under the WTO's "Subsidies and Countervailing Measures Agreement (SCM Agreement)."

Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme

- **Launch:** 2020
- **Objective:** To promote domestic manufacturing through target-based and performance-based incentives in strategic sectors.
- **Key sectors:** Initially, the scheme focused on only three sectors, but was later expanded to 14 sectors. These include electronics, textiles, automobiles, and food processing.



ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY



Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs): UNFCCC



Why in News?

- The UNFCCC released a synthesis report on Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement. NDCs reflect each country's efforts to reduce national emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement.



Key Points:

- The report found that the NDCs submitted by 64 States Parties fall far short of the emission reduction targets needed to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C. These States accounted for approximately 30% of global emissions in 2019.
- Achieving the 1.5°C target requires a 60% reduction in emissions by 2035. However, the NDCs are projected to result in only a 17% reduction by 2035.
- Additionally, according to the World Meteorological Organization's Greenhouse Gas Bulletin, atmospheric carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide levels were projected to reach an all-time high in 2024.

India's NDCs:

- India presented its first updated NDCs in August 2022. These set ambitious targets for 2030:
 - o Reducing the emissions intensity of its GDP by 45% compared to 2005 levels.
 - o Achieve approximately 50% of total installed power capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy sources.
 - o Creating an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent through increased forest and tree cover.

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India's Total Installed Power Capacity



Why in News?

- India's total installed power capacity surpassed 500 gigawatts. India has achieved one of its key Panchamrut targets five years ahead of schedule. This target is to achieve 50% of installed power capacity from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030. India's Panchamrut target was announced during COP-26.



Key Points:

- Currently, non-fossil fuels contribute 51% (256 gigawatts) to India's power generation, while fossil fuels contribute 49% (244 gigawatts).

Share of Renewable Sources:

- **Solar** - 127 GW
- **Wind** - 53 GW
- **Hydropower** - 47 GW

India's Renewable Energy Initiatives

- **PLI Scheme:** It aims to promote domestic manufacturing of high-efficiency solar PV modules.
- **PM-KUSUM:** It has been launched to establish grid-connected solar power plants and solar-powered agricultural water pumps.
- **Green Hydrogen Mission:** It aims to make India a global hub for the production, use, and export of green hydrogen.
- **Green Energy Corridor:** It aims to strengthen the transmission network for the distribution of renewable energy on a large scale.
- **Renewable Purchase Obligations:** It mandates electricity distribution companies to purchase a specified percentage of electricity generated from renewable energy sources.



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Climate Inequality Report 2025



Why in News?

- Recently, the Climate Inequality Report 2025 was released by the World Inequality Lab.



Key Points:

- **Unequal emissions by the wealthy:** The top 1% of the wealthiest contribute 15% of global consumption-based emissions.
- **Extreme inequality in emissions:** The per capita emissions of the top 1% of the wealthiest, by consumption, are 75 times higher than those of the bottom 50% of the population.
- **Concentration of industrial emissions:** Approximately 100 companies are responsible for 71% of total industrial greenhouse gas emissions.



NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

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1.	Hurricane Melissa ■ Hurricane Melissa made devastating landfall in Jamaica, bringing heavy rainfall and storm surge.
2.	Cyclone Montha ■ Cyclone Montha hit the Bay of Bengal coast. "Montha" means a fragrant flower in Thai.

