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Reorganization of Panchayati Raj Institutions

Why in News?

The state government recently reorganized Panchayati Raj institutions. According to the Panchayati Raj Department, notifications for the Zila Parishad, Panchayat Samiti, and Gram Panchayat have been issued.

- New Gram Panchayats: 3,440 new Gram Panchayats were created across the state. This increased the number of Gram Panchayats from 11,194 to 14,634. The number of potential Sarpanch and Ward Panch posts has increased by thousands.
- New Panchavat Samitis: The number of Panchavat Samitis has increased from 352 to 437, including 85 new Samitis. This will result in 85 new Pradhans and 1,275 new members.
- New Zila Parishads: The number of Zila Parishads has increased from 33 to 41 (an increase of 8). This will allow for the election of 8 new Zila Pradhans and 136 new members.

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MoU Signed for Smart Policing

Why in News?

An important Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Rajasthan Police and the Rashtriya Raksha University, Gujarat, at Police Headquarters to strengthen academic, training, and research collaboration in the field of national and internal security.



- This is a significant step towards research-based reforms in policing and enhancing field-level capabilities. The MoU will promote joint programs for smart policing, security innovation, and professional capacity development, further strengthening the state's internal and public security system.
- This MoU will enable more organized and effective work in key areas such as smart policing, cybersecurity, digital forensics, and internal security. Furthermore, the expertise of experts can be leveraged when needed during major incidents.



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MOU for Travel Mart

Why in News?

An MoU has been signed between the Tourism Department and the Hotel Federation of Rajasthan to organize the Hadoti Travel Mart 2026, to be held in Kota on January 2, 3, and 4 to promote tourist destinations in the Hadoti region. Tour operators from across the country will participate. Visiting tour operators will also be provided with a tour of all tourist destinations in the Hadoti division.



- This travel mart will focus on the rich history, natural beauty, architecture, water heritage, art and culture, and adventure tourism of Kota, Bundi, Jhalawar, and Baran districts.
- As part of the Tourism Department's strategy, special travel marts based on this model will be organized in Udaipur and Jodhpur districts in the future, strengthening Rajasthan's reputation as a year-round tourist destination.

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Udaipur Wins 'Best Wedding Destination' Award at Outlook Traveler Awards 2025

Why in News?

Udaipur, once again proving its importance in wedding tourism, won the title of 'Best Wedding Destination' at the Outlook Traveler Awards 2025.



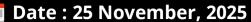
- Sikkim's Tourism and Civil Aviation Minister, T.T. Bhutia, presented the award to Rajasthan Tourism officials at a ceremony held in Delhi.
- Rajasthan has consistently led the destination wedding category. Nearly 70% of the country's heritage properties are located in Rajasthan. The state's 120+ heritage venues regularly host destination weddings.
- In recent years, Udaipur has been among the top 5 wedding destinations in Asia and globally.

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1.	Karnavat Brothers Set Taekwondo Records
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	The Karnavat Brothers (Ahaan and Aarav) from Jaipur have
	 entered the India and Asia Book of Records in Taekwondo. The brothers achieved this feat in the presence of representatives
	from the India and Asia Book of Records.
	■ Ahaan landed 113 kicks in 1 minute, and Aarav landed 274 kicks.
2.	Six-Minister Committee for Land Allotment Policy
	■ The Rajasthan government has constituted a cabinet sub- committee of six ministers to review the exemption provisions under the land allotment policy.
	■ The committee's objective is to relax the land allotment rules and determine the extent of exemptions that can be granted for
	different sectors.The UDH has been designated as the nodal department for this.
	The committee includes Deputy Chief Minister Premchand
	Bairwa, Education Minister Madan Dilawar, Health Minister
	Gajendra Singh Khinvsar, Avinash Meena, Jhabar Singh Kharra, and Hemant Meena. This committee will submit its
	report to the Chief Minister.







India International Trade Fair

- Why in News?
- Held at the Bharat Mandapam, the India International Trade Fair is one of India's culturally rich showcases.
- **Key Points:**
- Organized by: India Trade Promotion Organization under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Held every year at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- This annual event provides a common platform for manufacturers, traders, exporters, and importers.
- **■** First held: 1980
- **Theme:** Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat







Geological Survey of India (GSI)

Why in News?

The Union Minister of Coal and Mines inaugurated the international symposium as part of the Geological Survey of India (GSI)'s 175th foundation year celebrations.

- Theme: Unearthing the Past, Shaping the Future: 175 Years of GSI
- The Geological Survey of India (GSI) is India's premier national geological organization under the Ministry of Mines, formally established in 1851 by Sir Thomas Oldham.





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Assam Accord (1985)



■ Recently, the Assam government announced that broad consensus has been reached on most of the recommendations made under Clause 6 of the Assam Accord, 1985.

Key Points:

Assam Accord

- This accord was signed on August 15, 1985, between the Government of India, the All Assam Students Union (AASU), and the All Assam Gana Sangram Parishad (AAGSP).
- It marked the end of a six-year-long anti-foreigner movement in Assam (1979–1985), fueled by large-scale illegal immigration from Bangladesh and its impact on the state's demography, culture, and economy.





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Auramine in Indian Food

Why in News?

Chemical adulteration of food continues to occur in India, particularly through the use of synthetic dyes such as Auramine O.

- Auramine O is a synthetic, odorless yellow dye widely used in industry, including textile and leather processing, printing inks, and paper manufacturing processes.
- Other dyes, such as metanil yellow, rhodamine B, and malachite green, have also been found in some sweets samples, which are also not approved.





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UAE-Just Transition Work Programme

- Why in News?
- Recently, the COP30 Presidency released a draft of the United Arab Emirates-Just Transition Work Programme (UAE-JTWP) under the Paris Agreement.
- **Key Points:**

UAE-JTWP

- Introduction: It is a programme for a just transition under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- Objective: The JTWP will promote climate adaptation while reducing inequality and creating high-quality jobs.



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Mount Semeru



■ Mount Semeru has recently erupted. It is the most active volcano of Indonesia's active volcanoes.



- Location: East Java Island. It is the highest volcano on Java Island.
- It is part of the Pacific Ring of Fire, a seismically highly active region.
- **Type:** It is a stratovolcano.
- Other volcanic eruptions in Indonesia: Mount Lewotobi Laki Laki, Merapi
 Volcano, etc.

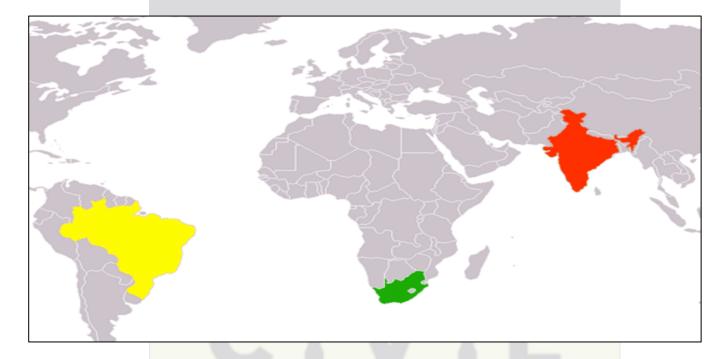
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IBSA (India-Brazil-South Africa)



■ The IBSA Leaders' Meeting was held on the sidelines of the G20 Summit. At this meeting, India stressed the urgent need for reform of the United Nations Security Council.



Key Points:

Proposals submitted by India

- Institutionalized Dialogue: Institutionalize dialogue at the level of National Security Advisors among IBSA countries to enhance cooperation on security-related issues.
- IBSA Digital Innovation Alliance: Proposed to share Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) among the three nations, such as UPI, health platforms like CoWIN, and cybersecurity frameworks.
- Climate Adaptation Fund: Proposed to establish an IBSA Fund for climateresilient agriculture.

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IBSA Forum

- **Established: 2003, through the Brasilia Declaration.**
- Members: India, Brazil, and South Africa
- **Objective:** To contribute to the creation of a new international architecture and bring together our voices on global issues.

Key Initiatives

- IBSA Trust Fund (operational since 2004): It allocates funds for least developed countries (LDCs).
- United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC): It is the fund manager and secretariat of the IBSA Fund.
- IBSAMAR: It is a joint multinational maritime exercise between the Indian, Brazilian, and South African navies.



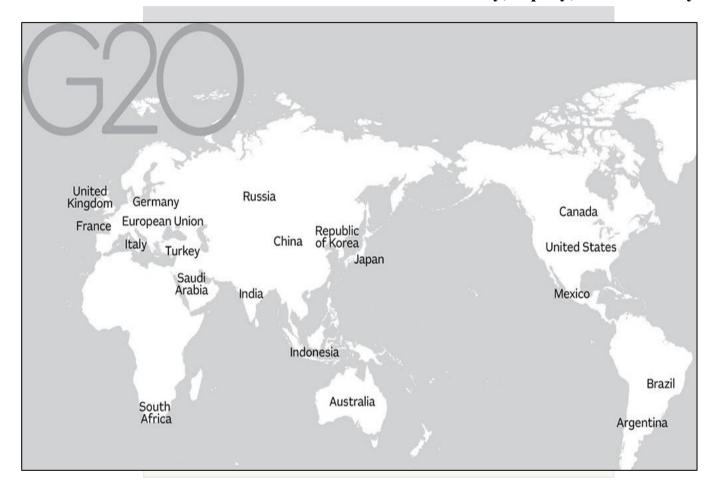
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South Africa G20 Summit Concludes

Why in News?

■ The 2025 G20 Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa, is the first G20 summit to be held on African soil under the theme "Solidarity, Equity, Sustainability."



Key Points:

Summit Highlights

- Adoption of the G20 Leaders' Declaration, reaffirming commitments to climate action, debt sustainability, and support for vulnerable developing countries.
- Emphasis on institutional reforms, including UN Security Council reform and stronger multilateral cooperation based on shared humanity (Ubuntu).

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Key Ideas Proposed by India

- Global Traditional Knowledge Repository: Harnessing collective human intelligence.
- Africa Skills Multiplier: Creating 1 million certified trainers to boost youth skills in Africa.
- Global Healthcare Response Team: Creating a team of G20 health experts to address global health crises.
- Open Satellite Data Partnership: Sharing satellite data for agriculture, fisheries, disaster management, etc.
- Critical Minerals Cyclicality Initiative: Promoting recycling, innovation, and supply chain security.
- Tackling the Drug-Terrorism Nexus: Initiatives to combat drug trafficking and terrorism.
- On the occasion of the G20 Summit, India and Italy adopted a joint initiative to combat terrorist financing.

About the G20

- **■ Founded:** 1999
- Members: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, the European Union, and the African Union.
- Objective: To play a key role in shaping and strengthening global architecture and governance on all major international economic issues.
- Annual Summit: The event is held annually. Its presidency is transferred on a rotational basis.
- Troika: Its chairman is supported by the Troika. The Troika consists of the previous, current, and incoming presidents of the G-20.
- During South Africa's presidency, the G20 Troika members are Brazil, South Africa, and the United States.

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1.	Sagar Kavach
	 Exercise Sagar Kavach was recently conducted off the Maharashtra and Goa coastline. It is a biannual coastal security exercise conducted by the Indian Coast Guard.
	■ Objective: To assess the Indian Coast Guard's preparedness in dealing with coastal security emergencies, preventing attacks on vital coastal installations, and strengthening the multi-layered coastal security network.

