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Why in News?

- The Chief Minister unveiled the poster for the 65th Lakkhi Annakoot Mahotsav of Shri Khole Ke Hanumanji, organized by the Narwar Ashram Seva Samiti, to be held on November 9.



Key Points:

Shri Khole Ke Hanumanji Temple:

- **Location:** Jaipur
- **Establishment:** In 1961, Pandit Radhelal Chaubey established the Narwar Ashram Seva Samiti for the development of the temple.
- **Style:** Rajput and Mughal architectural style.
- **Construction:** Dholpur sandstone and marble.
- On September 28, 2023, the Governor of Rajasthan inaugurated the automatic mechanism ropeway.
- This ropeway connects the Annapurna Mata Temple to the Vaishno Devi Mata Temple, both located within the Khole Ke Hanumanji Temple complex.

Jodhpura Sangharsh Samiti v. Union of India case



Why in News?

- In the case of Jodhpura Sangharsh Samiti vs. Union of India and others, the Central Zone Bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has ordered compensation for the villagers affected by limestone mining and blasting in Jodhpura., a comprehensive



Key Points:

- **Compensation:** The NGT has ordered compensation of ₹20,000 each to 298 affected villagers, which will be paid through the Collector from the CSR fund.
 - The Tribunal has also ordered a relief amount of ₹50,000 each to all those villagers whose houses have developed cracks.
 - M/s Ultratech Cement Limited has been held responsible for the environmental damage, cracks in houses, and adverse health effects caused by limestone mining and blasting near Jodhpura village.
- Health Services: Applying the precautionary principle and the polluter pays principle, the project authority was held accountable. The project authority will also have to arrange regular health camps and free medicines for the affected villagers.

Safety Measures:

- Blasting is prohibited near any school, temple, or residential building within a 500-meter radius.
- A green belt will be developed within six months in the mining area.
- The project authority will have to undertake water recharge works, and the Central Ground Water Authority will monitor groundwater levels.

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Administrative Action:

- The Chief Secretary has been directed to constitute a committee for the rehabilitation of the affected families.
- The District Magistrate has been authorized to ensure recovery and compliance.

Other important points:

The impact of mining/illegal mining in Rajasthan:

Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
Revenue and Economic Development: Mining is a significant source of revenue for Rajasthan, and the state government is working to promote investment and economic growth.	Illegal Mining: Areas like the Aravalli region are facing a severe ecological crisis due to illegal mining, where 25% of the trees have been destroyed.
Job Creation: The mining sector provides employment to millions of people, both directly and indirectly.	Economic burden: The increase in royalties makes construction materials more expensive, placing an additional financial burden on the common man.
Mineral Production: Rajasthan is a major producer of several important minerals, such as lead, zinc, copper, and marble.	Health risks: Illegal mining can expose workers to hazardous substances such as mercury and lead, leading to serious health problems. Dust pollution can also cause respiratory problems.
	Damage to vegetation and biodiversity Soil erosion Decline in groundwater levels Water and air pollution Violation of the rights of local communities

- **Illegal mining:** Illegal mining is the extraction of minerals, ores, or other valuable resources from land or water bodies without the necessary permits, licenses, or regulatory approvals from government authorities.
- It may also involve violations of environmental, labor, and safety standards.

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Avani Lekhara: Shooting



Why in News?

- Avani Lekhara won a gold medal at the 2025 Para Shooting World Cup in Al Ain, Dubai, defeating Anna Benson of Sweden.



Key Points:

- She won the gold medal in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 event.
- Wannipa Leungwilai of Thailand finished third and won the bronze medal.
- Indian shooters won both gold and silver medals in the individual final of the mixed 50m pistol SH1 category.
- In the individual final, shooter Akash won the gold medal with a final score of 223.1. Sandeep Kumar won the silver medal.
- In the team event, the trio of Akash, Sandeep, and Rudransh Khandelwal won the team silver medal.

Avani Lekhara's Sporting Achievements:

- **2015:** She started training and won her first gold medal at the National Shooting Championship.

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- **2017:** She secured a silver medal at the Al Ain Shooting World Cup and a bronze medal at the WSPS World Cup in Bangkok.
- **2018:** She achieved remarkable success at the World Shooting Para Sport World Cup, winning three gold medals.
- **2020:** At the Tokyo Paralympics, she won a gold medal in the 10m air rifle event with a score of 249.6, setting a Paralympic record and equaling the world record. She also won a bronze medal in the 50m rifle three positions event, becoming the first Indian woman Paralympian to win multiple medals at the same Games.
- **2024:** At the Paris Paralympics, she successfully defended her title in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 event, winning her second gold medal with a new Paralympic record score of 249.7. With this achievement, she became the second Indian Paralympian after Devendra Jhajharia to win two gold medals.

Major Awards:

Awards and Recognition:

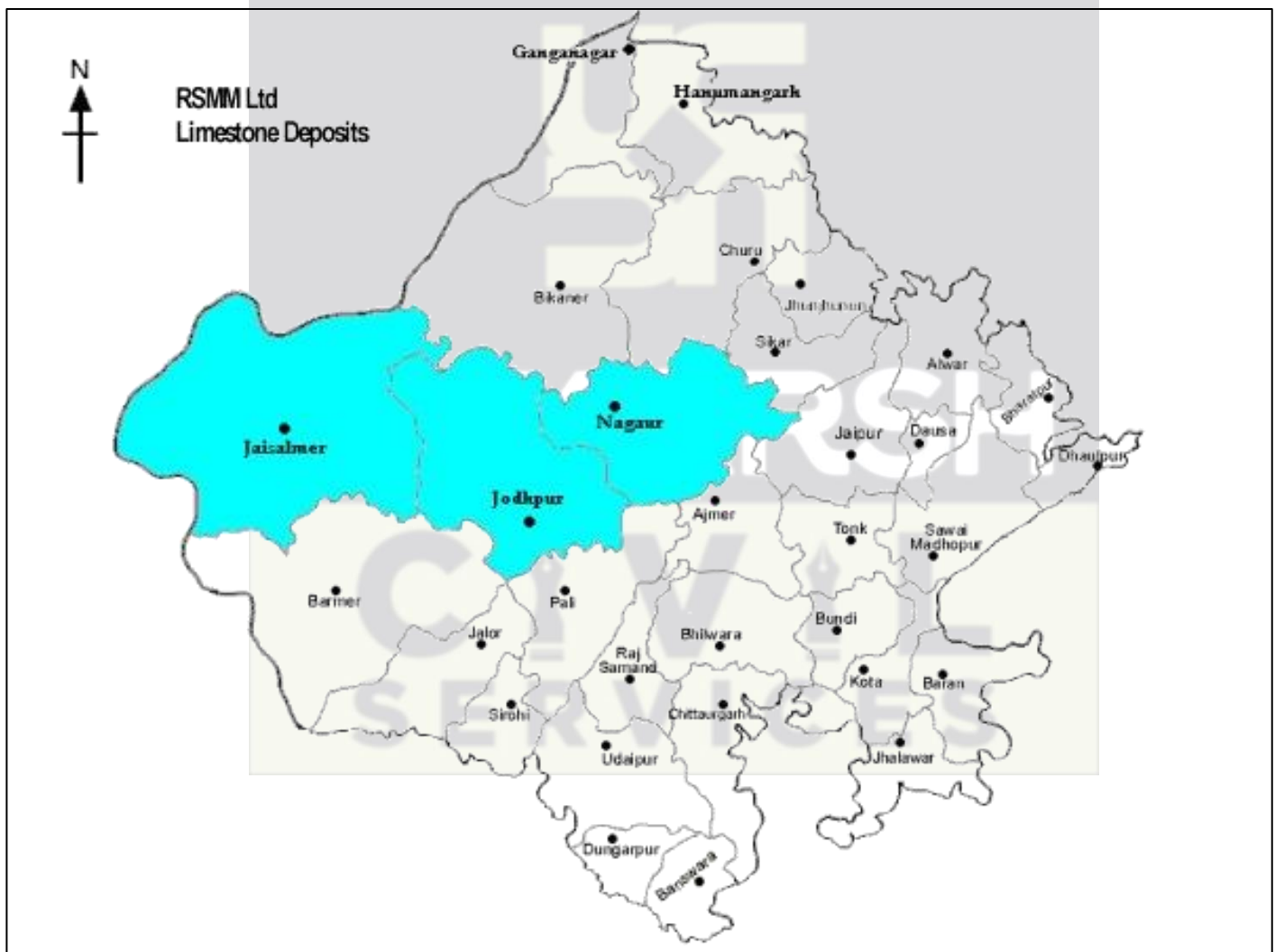
- **2021:** Khel Ratna Award, India's highest sporting honor.
- **2022:** Padma Shri Award.
- Numerous awards, including Young Indian of the Year by GQ India and Best Female Debutant at the Paralympic Awards.
- She set a new Paralympic record with 249.7 points and became the first Indian woman to win two individual gold medals at the Paralympics. With this achievement, Avani became the only Indian Paralympian, along with Devendra Jhajharia, to win more than one individual gold medal.

Auction of Ladpura limestone blocks



Why in News?

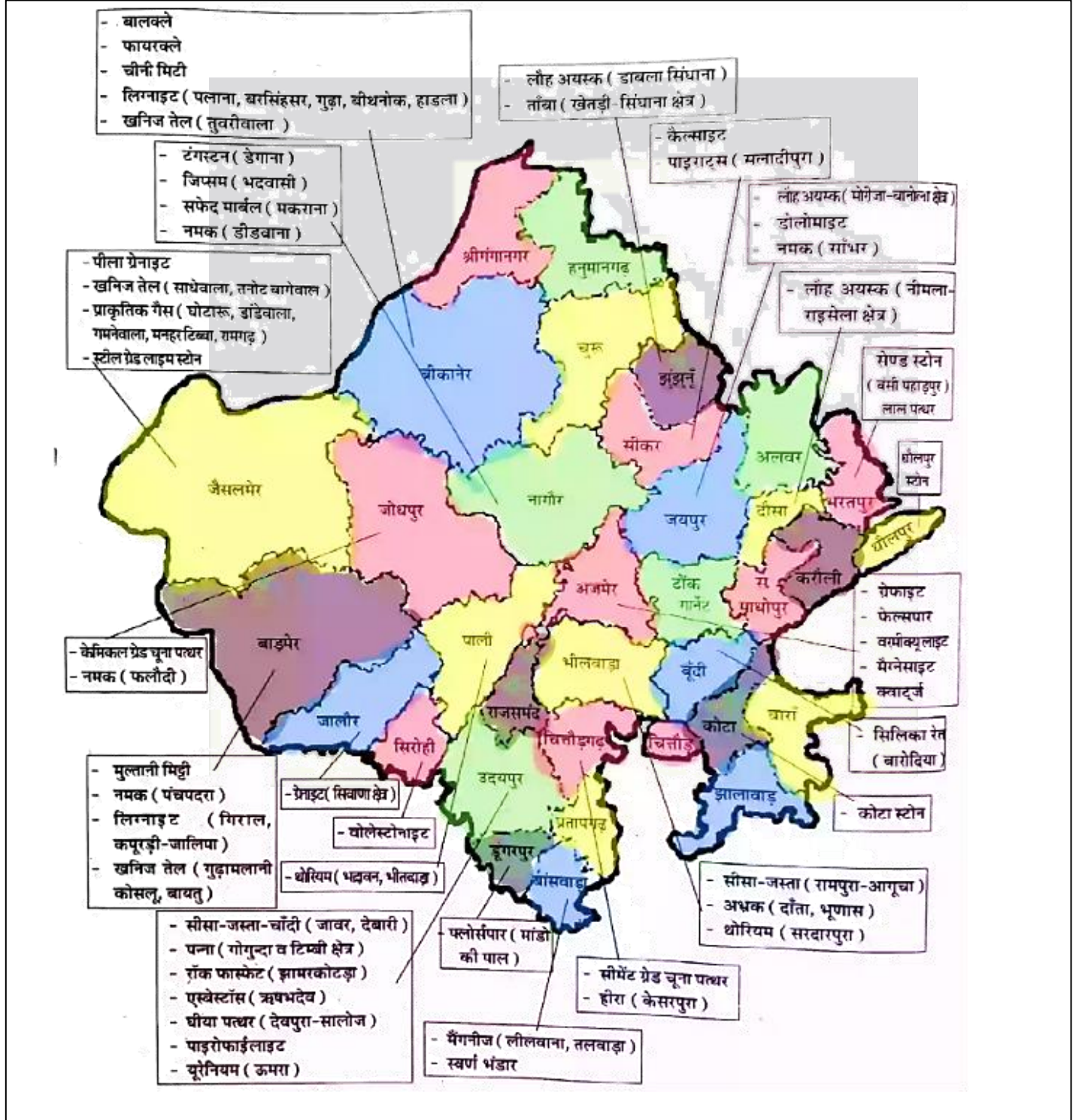
- For the first time, a limestone block is going to be auctioned in Bhilwara district of Rajasthan. This auction is proposed in Amartiya and other villages located in Ladpura area of Bijoliya tehsil in the district.



Key Points:

- According to the Mines Department, this block spans an area of 208 hectares and has strengthened the possibilities of establishing a cement industry in the Mandalgarh area.

- According to the Mines Department, this is the first limestone block in Bhilwara district that is of suitable quality for cement production.



✂ NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	Anita, Saif and Sushil won silver medals in the School National Boxing competition. ■ Anita, Saif Ali, and Sunil Sharma won silver medals for Rajasthan at the 69th School National Boxing (Under-17) competition held in Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh). ■ The competition was held from October 28 to November 3. ■ Anita won a silver medal in the 40-50 kg category, Saif Ali in the 75-80 kg category, and Sunil Sharma in the over 80 kg category. 
2.	National Youth Festival; Banasthali Vidyapeeth team receives best team award. ■ At the Prajatantra 2025 National Youth Festival held in Mumbai, students from Vanasthali Vidyapeeth, Tonk, delivered an outstanding performance, and the institution won the Best Team Award. ■ Team A represented the National Public Awareness Group. In the competition, Prachi Sharma secured first place in the debate competition, while Apoorva Shaliwal and Prachi Sharma secured second place in the quiz competition. Team A was awarded the Best Team Award for its excellent overall performance. 

3.

Jaipur Tiger Festival

- The Jaipur Tiger Festival will be held at the Jawahar Kala Kendra from December 11 to 14, 2025.
- The Chief Minister unveiled the poster for the seventh edition of the festival.
- In addition to tiger photographs, the festival will also feature tiger paintings, wildlife photographs, and postal stamps.



4.

Needle and Thread Campaign: Sawai Madhopur



- The Sawai Madhopur District Council launched the 'Sui Dhaga Abhiyan' (Needle and Thread Campaign) with the aim of economically empowering the poorest families in the district.
- Under this campaign, identified families in Sawai Madhopur district will be provided with free sewing machines, and beneficiaries will be given training in sewing and related skills as needed.



NATIONAL



Arya Samaj



Why in News?

- The Prime Minister highlighted the contributions of the Arya Samaj on the completion of 150 years since its founding. The Arya Samaj was founded in 1875 by Swami Dayanand Saraswati in Bombay (present-day Mumbai).



Key Points:

Religious Reforms:

- Swami Dayanand Saraswati condemned idol worship and ritualistic practices, and preached respect and reverence for all human beings.
- He accepted the Vedas as infallible authority. He gave the call to 'Return to the Vedas'.

Social Reforms:

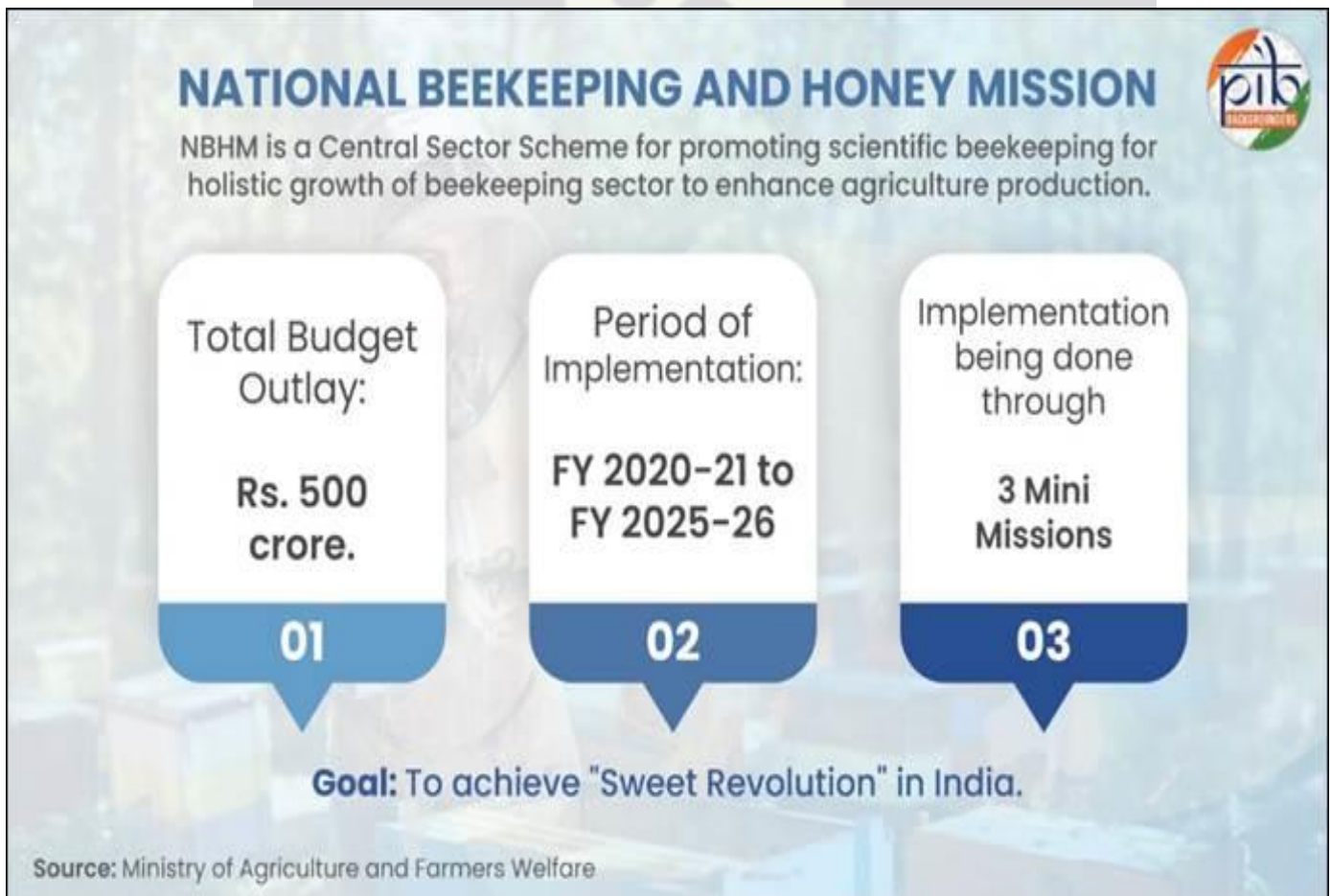
- He opposed the hereditary caste system and untouchability.
- He advocated Vedic education for all castes. Dayanand Saraswati opposed child marriage and the ostracized status of widowed women. He also campaigned for women's education.
- Educational Reforms: For example, the Dayanand Anglo Vedic (DAV) Trust and Management was established in 1886. Its objective was to provide scientific and modern education.

India's honey exports



Why in News?

- An official statement issued on November 2, 2025, stated that India has emerged as the world's second-largest exporter of honey, with shipments of approximately 1.07 lakh metric tons (MT) of natural honey in the financial year 2023-24, valued at \$177.55 million. This export has been steadily increasing from its 9th position in 2020.



Key Points:

- According to data released by APEDA and CRISIL, in July 2025, India became the world's second-largest exporter of honey after China, while its ranking was ninth in 2020.

- In 2024, India produced 1.4 lakh metric tons of natural honey.
- India exports several varieties of natural honey, including rapeseed/mustard honey, eucalyptus honey, litchi honey, sunflower honey, etc.
- Major honey-producing states in the country: Uttar Pradesh (17 percent) > West Bengal (16 percent) > Punjab (14 percent) > Bihar (12 percent) > Rajasthan (9 percent).
- **Export destinations:** India exports honey to more than 20 countries, with the major destinations being the USA, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Libya.

Beekeeping and Honey Mission:

- **Announcement:** The Central Government announced this in 2020 as part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat package.
- **Type:** Centrally Sponsored Scheme
- **Objective:** To promote the holistic development of beekeeping in a scientific manner. The ultimate goal is to usher in a Sweet Revolution in the country.
- **Total Budget Allocation for the Mission:** Rs. 500 crore
- **Duration:** 2020-21 to 2025-26
- **Implementing Agency:** National Bee Board
- **Sub-Missions:** The National Beekeeping and Honey Mission is implemented through three sub-missions focusing on improving honey productivity, post-harvest management, and research and technology upgradation.
- **Madhu Kranti Portal:** The Madhu Kranti Portal has been created to promote beekeeping, identifying all sources of honey production and registering producers online.

PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF NBHM



In Marketing Year 2024 (January to December), India produced approx. 1.4 lakh metric tonnes (MT) of natural honey.

Infrastructure Development

6 World-class Honey Testing Labs
47 Mini Honey Testing Labs
6 Disease Diagnostic Labs
8 Custom Hiring Centres
26 Honey Processing Units
12 Beekeeping Equipment Units
18 Collection, Branding & Marketing Units
10 Packaging & Cold Storage Facilities

Technology & Environment

424 hectares – Technology Demonstration on Beekeeping
288 hectares – Plantation of Bee-friendly Flora
167 activities – Empowering Women through SHGs

Research & Excellence

National Centre of Excellence in Beekeeping established at IIT Roorkee

Digital Initiatives – Madhukranti Portal

Online registration & traceability of honey and bee products. Registered Users (as of Oct 9, 2025):
14,859 Beekeepers
269 Beekeeping & Honey Societies
150 Firms
206 Companies

Farmer Producer Organisations

100 FPOs allotted under NBHM
97 FPOs formed till March 2025

Source: Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

National Bee Board (NBB):

- It is the largest nodal agency for beekeeping in the country, coordinating the implementation of the NBHM campaign.
- **Establishment:** It was established on July 19, 2000, under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- **Reorganization:** It was reorganized in June 2006 under the chairmanship of the Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation.
- **Main Objective:** To develop beekeeping scientifically in India, increase crop productivity through pollination activities, and subsequently increase the production of quality honey, thereby increasing the income of farmers and beekeepers.



INTERNATIONAL



India-US defense cooperation



Why in News?

- India and the United States signed a 10-year framework for a major defense partnership. This framework was signed during the 12th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Previously, similar frameworks were signed for the periods 2005-15 and 2015-25.



Key Points:

- **Objective:** To provide an integrated vision and policy direction for strengthening defense cooperation.

India-US Defense Cooperation

- Institutional and Foundational Frameworks
- **Top-level Dialogue:** 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue.
- **Foundational Agreements:**
- **Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA):** 2016
- **Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA):** 2018
- **Industrial Security Agreement (ISA):** 2019
- **Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA):** 2020

Strategic and Policy Pillars

- **Status:** The US designated India as a Major Defense Partner (MDP) in 2016.
- **Trade Facilitation:** The US granted India Strategic Trade Authorization Tier-1 status in 2018.

Defense Industry and Technology

- Defense procurement between the two countries exceeds US\$20 billion.

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- India's defense inventory includes significant US-origin defense products, such as C-130J, C-17 and P-8I aircraft, and Apache, Chinook and Seahawk helicopters.
- A Defense Industrial Cooperation Roadmap (2023) has been developed to accelerate technology and co-production.
- Indus X (Defense Acceleration Ecosystem) has been launched to connect startups and industry.
- The Autonomous Systems Industry Alliance (ASIA) initiative has been launched to promote industry participation and the production of autonomous systems in the Indo-Pacific region.

Operational Interoperability

- **Bilateral exercises:** Yudh Abhyas (Army), Vajra Prahar (Special Forces), Cope India (Air Force), etc.
- **Multilateral exercises:** Malabar (naval exercise involving India, the United States, Japan, and Australia).

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation



Why in News?

- The 2025 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit was held in Gyeongju, South Korea.



Key Points:

- **Objective:** APEC aims to build a dynamic and harmonious community in the Asia-Pacific region that supports free and open trade and investment and promotes economic integration and cooperation.
- **Established:** 1989
- **Secretariat:** Singapore
- **Member Countries:** APEC has 21 member economies. Australia, Canada, Chile, China, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, United States, etc.
- **India:** India is not a member of APEC, but it has observer status.



SCHEMES



Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Scheme Fund



Why in News?

- The Prime Minister inaugurated the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conference (ESTIC) 2025 in New Delhi and launched the Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Scheme Fund.



Key Points:

About the Scheme

- The scheme has an outlay of ₹1 lakh crore over 6 years.
- The Department of Science and Technology (DST) will act as the nodal department for the implementation of the RDI scheme.

Main Objectives of the Scheme

- Encouraging the private sector
- Project financing
- Technology acquisition
- **Deep-tech investment:** Supporting the establishment of a Deep-Tech Fund of Funds.
- The Governing Board of the National Research Foundation (NRF), chaired by the Prime Minister, will provide overall strategic direction to the RDI scheme.



ECONOMIC SCENARIO



Reimagining Agriculture: A Roadmap for Technology-Driven Transformation: NITI Aayog



Why in News?

- The NITI Aayog Frontier Tech Hub released a document titled “Reimagining Agriculture: A Roadmap for Cutting-Edge Technology-Based Transformation” in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.



Key Points:

- **Objective:** To provide strategic direction for enhancing productivity, sustainability, and income growth through the use of cutting-edge technologies in agriculture.

About the NITI Frontier Tech Hub

- Operates as an action tank.
- Collaborates with 100+ experts from government, industry, and academia.
- Developed 10-year technology roadmaps across 20+ sectors.
- **Goal:** A prosperous, empowered, and technologically advanced India by 2047.



PERSONALITY



Deepak Mittal: Indian Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates



Why in News?

- Deepak Mittal, an officer of the 1998 batch of the Indian Foreign Service, has assumed charge as the Indian Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.



Key Points:

- Dr. Mittal has served in Indian missions in Egypt, Israel, and Bangladesh. Previously, he was the Consul General in Ho Chi Minh City and the Ambassador to Qatar.
- Mittal has held several important positions in the Ministry of External Affairs, including heading the Embassy Affairs Division and the desk managing India's relations with Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Iran. He has also worked in the Prime Minister's Office.

Veer Narayan Singh



Why in News?

- The Prime Minister inaugurated the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Memorial and Tribal Freedom Fighter Museum in Chhattisgarh.



Key Points:

Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh

- He was a tribal leader and freedom fighter from Chhattisgarh. He was born in 1795 into the Binjwar tribe.
- His father had also revolted against the British and Bhonsle rulers in 1818–19.
- He bravely fought against the British in the 1857 revolt, but was captured and hanged on December 10, 1857.

SPORTS

42nd Indian Oil Servo Surjit Hockey Tournament



Why in News?

- Indian Oil Mumbai has won the 42nd Indian Oil Servo Surjit Hockey Trophy for the third consecutive time.



Key Points:

- In the final held in Jalandhar, Indian Oil Mumbai defeated Indian Railways Delhi 2-1.
- Talwinder Singh of Indian Oil was declared the Player of the Tournament. Olympian Harmanpreet Singh, captain of the Punjab Police team, was declared the top scorer and received a cash prize of 51,000 rupees.