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Justice at Your Doorstep Campaign



Why in News?

- On November 10, 2025, the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority (RSLSA) launched a special 90-day "Justice at Your Doorstep - Accessible and Quick Resolution of Public Utility Problems" campaign through Permanent Lok Adalats (People's Courts) to address grievances related to public utility services.



Key Points:

- This campaign is a significant effort to strengthen access to justice and put into practice the values of justice and service enshrined in the Constitution.
- **Launch:** November 10, 2025, by Sanjeev Prakash Sharma (Acting Chief Justice) and the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority.
- **Duration:** 3 months
- Under this campaign, Permanent Lok Adalats will organize camps, in the concerned districts as needed to resolve these grievances.
- **Which cases are not covered by Permanent Lok Adalats?** Criminal cases, cases where the value of the disputed property exceeds Rs. 1 crore, and disputes unrelated to public utility services (such as general business or tax disputes) do not fall under the purview of the Permanent Lok Adalat.

- **Permanent Lok Adalat:** This is a judicial institution where complaints related to public utility services (such as electricity, water, transport, postal services, insurance, telephone, municipal services, etc.) are heard in a simple and free manner. It is a permanent institution established under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, and operates in every district.

Other Important Points:

- Permanent Lok Adalats (PLAs) in 16 districts of the state were suspended due to delays by the Rajasthan government in extending the tenure of the presiding officers and members.
- The State Legal Services Authority clarified on May 3, 2025, that members whose terms had expired would not be able to participate in dispute resolution.

The Case:

- The Rajasthan High Court took suo motu cognizance of the matter and expressed concern over its serious impact on access to justice and the right to a fair hearing (Article 21).
- **Basis:** A division bench of the High Court cited the Supreme Court's decision in Brij Mohan Lal v. Union of India (2012), which allows for judicial review of policy decisions if they are found to be arbitrary or malicious.
- **Amicus Curiae (literally, "friend of the court"):** A person who is not a party to a case and may or may not be requested by a party. Their function is to assist the court by providing information, expertise, or a relevant perspective on an issue.

Permanent Lok Adalats (PLAs):

- **Establishment:** PLAs function under Section 22-B of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

- **Status:** It is a statutory body, primarily established to ensure pre-litigation conciliation and settlement, especially in cases relating to public utility services.
 - PLAs provide a mandatory forum for parties to attempt conciliation before filing a lawsuit.
 - However, Lok Adalats also have jurisdiction over pending cases as well as pre-litigation cases.
 - PLAs cannot adjudicate cases related to criminal offenses.
 - **Composition:** A chairman (usually a retired judicial officer) and two other members with experience in public service or law.
 - **Binding Nature:** The decision passed by a Permanent Lok Adalat is final and binding on all parties.
 - If both parties fail to reach a mutual agreement, the PLAs have the power to decide the case on its merits.
 - **Appeal:** No appeal can be filed against this decision, ensuring a quick and conclusive resolution.
- Importance of PLAs:**
- **Access to Justice:** Lok Adalats are an important mechanism for affordable and speedy justice, especially for vulnerable sections of society.
 - **Case Backlog:** It will reduce the backlog of cases and lessen the burden on the High Courts.

Chief Secretary Sudhansh Pant



Why in News?

- On November 10, 2025, Sudhansh Pant, the head of the state bureaucracy and Chief Secretary of Rajasthan, was transferred and appointed as Secretary in the Central Department of Social Justice.



Key Points:

- This is the first time in Rajasthan that a Chief Secretary has been transferred in the middle of his tenure.
- **Appointed Chief Secretary:** December 2023 (after the retirement of Usha Sharma).
- Currently, Senior IAS officer Amit Yadav is serving as Secretary in the Central Department of Social Justice. He will retire on November 30, 2025. After that, Sudhansh Pant is to take charge.
- Pant is a 1991 batch IAS officer.
- He started serving in the Rajasthan cadre in 1993. He has served as Collector in Jaisalmer, Jhunjhunu, Bhilwara, and Jaipur.
- Pant has also served as Commissioner of the Jaipur Development Authority. He has also been the Commissioner of the Agriculture Department and Principal Secretary in the Forest and Environment Department.

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Other Important Points:

Chief Secretary:

- **Appointment:** By the Chief Minister. (Since the appointment of the Chief Secretary is by the executive order of the Chief Minister, it is nominated by the Governor of the state.)

Position:

- The Chief Secretary is the senior-most position in the civil services of the Indian states and union territories.
- This post is a cadre post of the Indian Administrative Service.
- The Chief Secretary acts as the principal advisor to the Chief Minister on all matters related to state administration (cabinet).

Powers and Functions: Executive Head of the Secretariat

1. Principal advisor to the Chief Minister on all matters of state administration.
2. Secretary to the State Council of Ministers.
3. Administrative head of the State Secretariat and, if necessary, attends meetings of the Cabinet and its sub-committees.
4. Prepares the agenda for Cabinet meetings and maintains a record of its proceedings.
5. Acts as the head of the state civil service. In this capacity, he looks after all matters related to the appointment, transfer, and promotion of senior state civil servants.
6. He is the chief coordinator of the state administration and ensures inter-departmental coordination.
7. He chairs the coordination committees constituted for inter-departmental disputes.
8. He presides over the meetings of the Secretaries of the departments.
9. He presides over conferences held in the presence of Divisional Commissioners, District Collectors, and Heads of Departments of the District Administration to establish coordination.

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First Chief Secretary of Rajasthan	K. Radhakrishnan (1949 to 1950 and 1950 to 1951)
Second Chief Secretary of Rajasthan	V. Narayanan (1950)
Current	Sudhansh Pant

Note:

E.P. Royappa vs. State of Tamil Nadu:

- The case of E.P. Royappa vs. State of Tamil Nadu relates to the Chief Secretary, in which Royappa challenged his temporary appointment and transfer.
- The judgment in the E.P. Royappa case was delivered by Chief Justice A.N. Ray, Justice D.G. Palekar, Justice V.Y. Chandrachud, Justice P.N. Bhagwati, and Justice R. Krishna Iyer on November 23, 1973.
- Justice Bhagwati's reasoning broadened the interpretation of Article 14 far beyond the traditional classification criteria. He stated that equality is a dynamic concept with many facets and the principle of classification should not be confined to the narrow view of permissible and prohibited classifications.
- The court held that Article 14 prohibits arbitrariness in state legislation and executive action. It established the principle that state action must not be arbitrary and must conform to a rational standard that stands the test of Article 14.
- **Delhi Chief Secretary's Tenure Extension Case:** In November 2023, the Supreme Court ruled that the six-month service extension granted to the Chief Secretary of Delhi (Naresh Kumar) by the Central Government was not a violation of the law.

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One City-One Corporation Model Implemented in Rajasthan



Why in News?

- On November 10, 2025, the 'One City-One Corporation' model was implemented in three major cities of Rajasthan: Jaipur, Jodhpur, and Kota. With this, the two corporations in each of these cities have been merged into one.



Key Points:

- The total number of municipal bodies has decreased from 312 to 309.
- The Divisional Commissioners and Collectors in all three cities have also taken charge of the integrated corporations as administrators.
- However, on the first day, the closure of the corporations' websites and the lack of established integrated teams disrupted services such as follow-up camps and the issuance of birth and death certificates.
- On the other hand, following this government decision, the terms of office of the mayors and councilors in all three cities have ended. All their administrative and financial powers have been terminated.
- In Jaipur, Divisional Commissioner Poonam, in Jodhpur, Divisional Commissioner Pratibha Singh, and in Kota, Collector Piyush Samaria have taken charge as the administrators of the respective corporations.

Para-shuttler Krishna Nagar



Why in News?

- Paralympic gold medalist badminton player Krishna Nagar from Rajasthan won two gold medals at the Japan Para Badminton International Championship held in Japan.



Key Points:

- Krishna won a gold medal in the men's singles event and also secured another gold medal in mixed doubles, partnering with Nithya Sree Sivan.
- Krishna won both these gold medals in the SH6 category.
- He has previously won a gold medal at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics and silver and bronze medals in para-badminton at the 2019 World Championships.

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Mother Teresa Social Pride, 2025 Award



Why in News?

- Nirmala Rawat, President of the World Para Throwball Federation, was awarded the 'Mother Teresa Social Pride - 2025' award for her outstanding work in the upliftment of persons with disabilities and social service.
- The award was presented by the founder president, Daulat Ram Malya, at a ceremony held in Durgapura by the Samarpan Sanstha.



Key Points:

- Nirmala Rawat is a resident of Jaipur, Rajasthan, who has played an active role in the development and organization of para-sports in India, especially para throwball.
- She elected 10 monthsh ago elected as the President of the World Para Throwball Federation.
- **Major Achievements:** In 2024-25, she assumed the presidency of the World Para Throwball Federation, demonstrating her significant contribution to the international development of this sport.
- During this period, she was also awarded the “Sahametrei Medal” – this award recognized her efforts in the field of para-sports.

Chess Competition: Aditya Dhingra Secures First Place



Key Points:

- The chess competition, organized under the auspices of Kingdom of Chess in Jaipur, concluded successfully. Aditya Dhingra secured the first place, receiving a cash prize of Rs. 31,000 and a trophy.
- Varnit Dixit secured the second place, receiving a cash prize of Rs. 21,000 and a trophy, while Akshat Negi came in third, receiving a cash prize of Rs. 11,000 and a trophy. The winners were felicitated by Governor Haribhau Bagde.



NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	Ironman: Dr. Suneet secures third place in 70.3 ■ Jaipur-based plastic surgeon and hair transplant expert, Dr. Suneet Soni, secured third place in the Ironman Championship. ■ The competition, held in Goa, included a 1.9 km swim, a 90 km cycling race, and a 21.1 km half marathon. ■ He will participate in the World Championship to be held in France in 2026. He has received a slot for this.
2.	Art Curator Virendra ■ Recently, Jaipur-based art curator Virendra Bansal was honored at the IP Feast 4.0 Legends. ■ India was showcased as having the "richest heritage of art, craft and design" at the event.
3.	MOU between RUHS and University of Manchester ■ An agreement has been signed between the Rajasthan University of Health Sciences (RUHS) and the University of Manchester, United Kingdom, regarding research, education, and academic exchange. ■ Objective: To promote cooperation between the two universities in the field of Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health. ■ RUHS faculty members will have opportunities to learn about the University of Manchester's research methodologies, modern teaching techniques, and global networking. The University of Manchester will have the opportunity to conduct research in the areas of the Indian healthcare system, public health, and medical education.

4.

Forensic Gyan-2025

- The three-day national conference "Forensic Gyan-2025," organized by the Forensic Science Department of Vivekananda Global University, concluded.

5.

Jaipur Yoga Festival, 2025

- The 'Jaipur Yoga Festival, 2025' was organized on the last day of the Greater Jaipur Municipal Corporation's tenure.
- The festival honored individuals who have made significant contributions in the fields of yoga, environment, and sanitation.
- A sanitation campaign, a Shakti Vandan program, and a world record were also established during the festival.

6.

MoU between the Energy Department and CSEP Research Foundation

- On November 10, 2025, at Vidyut Bhawan, Jaipur, the Energy Department signed an MoU with the CSEP Research Foundation to strengthen research-based policy decisions in Rajasthan's power sector.

The key areas of collaboration under the agreement are as follows:

1. Collaboration in developing frameworks for decentralized solar systems that balance consumer benefits and the financial stability of DISCOMs.
2. Promoting environmentally responsible and cost-effective power procurement strategies.
3. Studying the financial and policy implications of emerging technologies such as green energy, electric vehicles, energy storage, and smart grids at the micro-consumer level.

7.

Community Policing Awareness Workshop

- On November 10, 2025, the Rajasthan Police, under the guidance of the India Police Foundation (IPF), launched an ambitious awareness program.
- **Objective:** To educate students from grades 9 to 12 about the broad responsibilities of the police and their role in community safety.
- The main objective of the program is to increase awareness and understanding among students regarding the multifaceted roles of police officers in student safety, crime prevention, and community welfare.
- The program was launched in two selected government senior secondary schools in Jaipur city and rural areas: Lakshman Dungri, Galta Gate and S.K.N. School, Jobner.

8.

'Drug-Free Youth - Developed India - Fit Rajasthan' Program

- On November 14, 2025, on the occasion of Children's Day, the 'Drug-Free Youth - Developed India - Fit Rajasthan' youth program will be organized at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur with the aim of inspiring the youth of the state to lead a drug-free, focused, and purposeful life.
- **Organizers:** Rajasthan Youth Board and Art of Living Foundation, Rajasthan
- **Objective:** To inspire the youth of Rajasthan to lead a drug-free, healthy, empowered, and purposeful life.

9.

All India Inter Club Sports Carnival (AIICSC)

- In the All India Inter Club Sports Carnival, hosted by Rambagh Golf Club, Umed Club Jodhpur emerged as the overall champion, while Field Club Udaipur was the runner-up.



INTERNATIONAL



Ayni Airbase



Why in News?

- India has ceased its operations at the Ayni Airbase in Tajikistan, which had provided India with a strategic foothold in Central Asia.



Key Points:

- The airbase was originally built during the Soviet era, but it fell into disrepair after the dissolution of the Soviet Union.
- India has invested approximately \$80 million since 2002 to upgrade it with a 3,200-meter-long runway, hangars, fuel depots, and air traffic control, with most of the work carried out by the Border Roads Organisation.
- It is located in Tajikistan, approximately 20 km from the Wakhan Corridor in Afghanistan, which borders Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and China's Xinjiang province.



China's Aircraft Carrier Fujian



Why in News?

- China has commissioned its first domestically designed aircraft carrier, the Fujian, into its navy.



Key Points:

- This is China's third aircraft carrier and the first to be domestically designed, named after the province located opposite Taiwan.
- Unlike its Russian-designed predecessors, the Liaoning and Shandong, it features a flat deck and electromagnetic catapults, enabling it to launch heavier and more advanced aircraft.



ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY



Rhesus Macaque (*Macaca mulatta*)



Why in News?

- The National Wildlife Board has reinstated Schedule II protection for the Rhesus Macaque and strengthened legal safeguards against its hunting, trade, and mistreatment.



Key Points:

- It is a diurnal, omnivorous primate. They can live both in trees and on the ground.
- It is found in most of South Asia, eastern Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, and India.
- These are non-human primates that share approximately 93% genetic sequence similarity with humans.
- **Conservation Status:** Least Concern (IUCN).
- It is listed in CITES Appendix II.

Tropical Forests Forever Facility (TFFF)



Why in News?

- India is ready to join the Tropical Forests Forever Facility (TFFF) as an observer.



Key Points:

About the Tropical Forests Forever Facility:

- **Origin:** Initiated by Brazil. It is a global fund established on the occasion of COP-30 in Belém, Brazil. It was created to provide long-term financing for forest conservation.
- **Objective:** To provide annual payments to tropical forest countries for maintaining their existing forests. This will encourage forest conservation and expansion.
- **Funding Mechanism:** The fund will aim to raise approximately \$125 billion through a mix of public and private investments.
- **Eligibility:** The TFFF can support more than 70 countries with tropical forests. These countries must meet certain criteria, such as:
 - o Deforestation rates must be less than 0.5% annually;
 - o Equitable allocation of resources to indigenous peoples and local communities, etc.

Other Global Initiatives for Forest Conservation

- **Convention on Biological Diversity (1992):** It promotes the conservation and sustainable use of ecosystems and the equitable sharing of benefits.
- **UN REDD+ (2008):** It provides financial incentives to developing countries to reduce deforestation and increase carbon sequestration capacity.
- **Bonn Challenge (2011):** It sets a target of restoring 350 million hectares of degraded forests by 2030.
- **Paris Agreement (2015):** It recognizes forests as a key instrument for mitigating the effects of climate change.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

GE-F404 Engine



Why in News?

- India has signed a \$1 billion agreement with General Electric of the US to purchase 113 jet engines to power its indigenous Tejas Mark 1-A fighter aircraft.



Key Points:

- The GE-F404 engines will be delivered to the defense public sector undertaking Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL) between 2027 and 2032.
- However, the delivery of 99 such engines ordered in 2021 is still pending.
- The Indian Air Force is considering inducting these fighter jets as its fighter squadron strength has officially decreased from the sanctioned 42 to 31.

Tejas Mk-1A

- The Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas is a 4.5 generation and multi-role fighter aircraft. The LCA Mk1A is the most advanced version of the LCA Tejas.

🎓 POLITY 🎓

Assam Prohibition of Polygamy Bill-2025



Why in News?

- The Chief Minister of Assam announced that the Assam Prohibition of Polygamy Bill-2025 will be introduced in the Legislative Assembly.



Key Points:

- It proposes to make marrying more than once while a spouse is still alive a punishable offense, carrying a maximum sentence of seven years imprisonment.
- It has been made a cognizable offense, meaning bail will not be granted immediately.
- The bill includes a provision for the state government to establish a special fund to compensate women who are victims of polygamy.
- This law will not apply to the Scheduled Tribe communities of the state and the tribal districts covered under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.



INDEXES AND REPORTS



Financial Sector Assessment Program (FSAP) Report



Why in News?

- The World Bank has released the 'Financial Sector Assessment Program (FSAP) Report'. The FSAP report urges India to accelerate reforms in its financial sector to achieve its goal of becoming a \$30 trillion economy by 2047.



Key Points:

- **Stronger Financial System:** According to the report, India's financial system has become more robust and diversified.
- Since the last FSAP report, India's capital market (equity, government bonds, and corporate bonds) has grown from 144 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to approximately 175 percent. The state continues to play a major role in this growth.
- **Significant Role of Digital Technology:** Digital public infrastructure has significantly improved the availability, efficiency, and financial inclusion of financial services.
- **Improved Regulatory Framework:** Reforms undertaken by the Reserve Bank of India and the Securities and Exchange Board of India have improved supervision. However, challenges remain in monitoring the functioning of Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and in dealing with financial crises.
- **Financial Market Development:** Financial markets related to corporate bonds and infrastructure financing are still not fully developed. Investors still prioritize investing in government securities.

- **Disparities in Taxation:** The unequal tax system between debt and equity discourages investment in the bond market.

The following reforms should be implemented:

- Emphasize raising capital from the private sector
- Improve the regulation of NBFCs
- Integrate digital and financial reforms
- Maintain the pace of reforms
- Promote financing in green sector projects

Financial Sector Assessment Program (FSAP):

- **Origin:** The FSAP was launched in 1999. It is a joint program of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- **Operation:** In advanced economies, the FSAP is conducted by the IMF, while in developing and emerging economies, it is jointly conducted by the World Bank and the IMF.
- India's previous FSAP was conducted in 2017.



PERSONALITY



Chittaranjan Das (1870 - 1925)



Why in News?

- The Lok Sabha paid tribute to freedom fighter Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das on his birth anniversary.



Key Points:

- He was popularly known as “Deshbandhu (Friend of the Nation)” and was a prominent nationalist leader, lawyer, freedom fighter, and social reformer of the Indian independence movement.
- He defended Aurobindo Ghosh in the Alipore Bomb Case (1908) and later joined the freedom movement full-time.

Key Contributions:

- He participated in the Non-Cooperation Movement (1919-22) led by Mahatma Gandhi.
- He co-founded the Swaraj Party with Motilal Nehru in 1923 to enter the legislative councils and oppose colonial rule from within.
- Chittaranjan Das was elected the first Mayor of Calcutta (1924), where he worked for urban reforms and Indian empowerment in municipal administration.
- He wrote poems, essays, and books, including 'India for Indians' and 'Freedom Through Disobedience':.



NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	Report shaping the deep-tech revolution in agriculture: WEF ■ The World Economic Forum, in collaboration with industry and academic stakeholders, has released a new report titled 'Shaping the Deep-Tech Revolution in Agriculture'.

