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RAJASTHAN



Zinc Park



Why in News?

- The first zinc park will be built in Rajasthan



Key Points:

- i. Hindustan Zinc and RIICO held detailed discussions with industrialists and investors in Rajasthan on Thursday.
- ii. Zinc-related units and ancillaries can be set up in this park in Rajasthan.
- iii. This zinc park will help the state emerge as a global hub for metals and manufacturing.

Announcement:-

- In December 2024, Vedanta Group Chairman Anil Agarwal announced the zinc park at the 'Rising Rajasthan Global Summit'.
- This zinc park is planned to be located near Hindustan Zinc's mining and smelting operations in Chanderiya, Dariba, and Debari in Rajasthan.
- This zinc park is proposed to create a new industrial ecosystem for innovation, manufacturing, and value addition across the zinc, lead, silver, and related metals value chain.

Arundhati Chaudhary – World Champion



Why in News?

- **Final Bout:** Defeated Uzbekistan boxer Zokirova Aziza 5-0



Key Points:

- India won 20 medals, which included 8 gold, 5 silver and 7 bronze.
- Key Information About Arundhati Chaudhary
- **Native Place:** Kota, Rajasthan
- **Event:** World Boxing Championship 2025, Greater Noida
- **Weight Category:** 70 kg Category

Achievements:

- Previous World Champion at the Youth World Championship
- Has won 7 gold medals for India internationally so far
- **Coach:** Ashok Gautam (training since 2016)
- **Current Position:** Havildar in the Indian Army

Jaipur Literature Festival 2026 –



Why in News?

- Sudha Murthy, Vir Das, and Viswanathan to Participate in JLF



Key Points:

- **Edition:** 19th Edition
- **Date:** January 15–19 2026
- **Venue:** Hotel Clarks Amer, Jaipur

Key Attractions

- **Theme:** A celebration of literature, history, biography, science, culture, art, and ideas

List of Speakers:

- **Co-Directors:** Namita Gokhale, William Dalrymple
- **Writers/Creators:** Amish, Anuradha Roy, Anne Applebaum, Kiran Desai, Richard Flanagan, Jeet Thayil, Tamim Al-Barghouti
- **Award Winners:** Nobel Prize Winner, Booker Prize Winner, Sahitya Akademi Award Winner
- **Economists/Polymakers:** Arvind Subramanian, Esther Duflo, Nicholas Stern

Sports and Entertainment:

- Viswanathan Anand (Chess Grandmaster)
- Sudha Murthy (Writer and Social Activist)
- Vir Das (Comedian/Actor)
- Stephen Fry (Writer/Artist)
- Maharaja Gaj Singh II (Marwar-Jodhpur)

Rajasthan Global Capability Center (GCC) Policy-2025



Why in News?

Objective :-

- To make Rajasthan a preferred destination for Global Capability Centers (GCCs), strengthen the state's business ecosystem, attract investment, and promote economic growth.



Key Points:

Key Features:-

- Affordable operational costs, improved connectivity (NCR, DMIC), robust infrastructure, and a skilled workforce will help attract investors.
- The Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, approved the policy.
- The application process for GCCs in the state will be conducted through the RajNivesh Single Window Portal.

Application Process:

- The Project Evaluation Committee (PEC) will submit detailed project reports of applications to the Project Approval Committee (PAC) within 60 days.
- The PAC will decide on the application within 60 days.
- The Department of Industries and Commerce has been designated as the nodal department. The Executive Director, RIICO, will chair the PEC, and the Administrative Secretary, Industries Department, will chair the PAC.

Targeted Goals of the Policy:

- Establishing over 200 GCCs in the state by 2030.
- Creating 1.5 lakh jobs.
- Significant contribution of Rajasthan to India's \$100 billion GCC market.
- Developing cities like Jaipur, Udaipur, and Jodhpur as GCC hubs.

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Financial and Other Incentives (under RIPS-2024):

- Capital investment subsidy of 30% of the project cost or up to a maximum of ₹10 crore.
- Land cost incentive of 50% of the cost of land/lease area or up to a maximum of ₹1 crore.
- 30% payroll subsidy on employee salaries for three years (maximum ₹1.25 lakh per employee per year).
- This subsidy is limited to a total of ₹10 crore per GCC per year.
- Rental assistance of 50% of the rent for the first three years and 25% for the next two years for rented units, up to a maximum of ₹5 crore per year.
- 50% of the skill development training cost, up to a maximum of ₹2.5 crore per GCC per year.
- Green incentives for environment-friendly innovations.
- 50% assistance on research and development, patents, copyrights, etc.
- Exemption from stamp duty and electricity charges.

GCC's Global Role:

- The GCC industry in India is expected to employ approximately 1.9 million workforce in 2024.
- This industry contributes \$64.6 billion to the Indian economy.
- The GCC industry is expected to contribute \$110 billion by 2030.

Economic Impact of the Policy:

- Increased innovation, efficiency, and global competitiveness for multinational companies.
- Support in training and skill development of local talent.
- Easy access to markets through improved connectivity to major industrial centers.
- This policy is a systematic and dedicated effort to attract GCC investment to Rajasthan, increase employment generation, and strengthen economic growth. All applicants must apply through the RajNivesh portal, and the application process is simple and quick.

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NEWS IN SHORTS

S. No.	News
1.	Automated Driving Track ■ An automated driving track for driver's licenses is being constructed in Rajsamand. Only competent and qualified drivers will be granted licenses. ■ An MoU has been signed between the state government and Maruti Suzuki for this purpose.





National Action Plan on AMR 2.0



Why in News?

- Recently, the Union Health Minister launched the second version of the National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (NAP-AMR) (2025–29).



Key Points:

NAP-AMR 2.0 (2025–29)

- It addresses the shortcomings of NAP-AMR 1.0 (2017–2021), including strengthening surveillance, expanding public awareness, increasing private sector participation, and improving regulatory and laboratory capacity.
- It adopts a robust One Health approach, involving coordination between human health, animal health, agriculture, food systems, and the environment. More than 20 ministries are involved.



INTERNATIONAL



Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)



Why in News?

- India signed its first structured LPG supply agreement with the United States. Under this agreement, India will import 2.2 MTPA of LPG for the year 2026. This accounts for approximately 10% of India's total demand.



Key Points:

About LPG

- **Composition:** It contains 50-60% propane and 40-50% butane.
- **Production and Import:** Domestic production is approximately 12.8 MT (35%). Imports exceed 21 MT (65%).
- **Import Source:** Qatar is the largest source, followed by the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia.



ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY



Rhesus Monkey



Why in News?

- The National Board for Wildlife has recommended the reinclusion of the Rhesus Macaque under Schedule II of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, restoring statutory protection to enable scientific management, prevent trafficking and cruelty, and empower forest departments in conflict resolution.



Key Points:

- **Habitat:** It is a diurnal, omnivorous species that lives both on trees and on the ground.
- **Distribution:** It is found across much of southern Asia, including eastern Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, and India.

Conservation Status:

- **IUCN:** Least Concern
- **CITES:** Appendix II

Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT)



Why in News?

- At COP30 in Belém, Brazil, India's Union Environment Minister addressed the LeadIT Industry Roundtable and reaffirmed India's role in low-carbon industrial transition.



Key Points:

- **Membership:** 18 member countries and 27 companies.
- **Launched:** 2019, jointly by India and Sweden, with the support of the World Economic Forum, at the UN Climate Action Summit.
- **Objective:** Achieve the target of net-zero emissions from heavy industry by 2050.
- LeadIT 2.0 (2024-2026), adopted during the LeadIT Summit at COP28 (Dubai). LeadIT 2.0 aims to move from dialogue to implementation.



ECONOMIC SCENARIO



16th Finance Commission



Why in News?

- The 16th Finance Commission has submitted its report to the President, which will be effective for the period 2026-31.



Key Points:

- **Constituted:** By the President under Article 280(1) of the Constitution.
- **Chairman:** Arvind Panagariya (former Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog).

Terms of Reference:

- Distribution of net proceeds of taxes between the Union and the States and the allocation of such proceeds among the States.
- Principles governing grants-in-aid and state revenues under Article 275 of the Constitution.
- Measures necessary to augment the Consolidated Fund of a State to supplement the resources of Panchayats and Municipalities, based on the recommendations of the respective State Finance Commission.

National Industrial Classification



Why in News?

- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released the National Industrial Classification (NIC)-2025.



Key Points:

Other key points:

- NIC 2025 updates the classification system, introduces a 6-digit structure and recognizes emerging sectors such as the digital economy, green energy, and indigenous industries for better economic data and policy making.

🎓 POLITY 🎓

Tenth Schedule (Anti-Defection Law)



Why in News?

- The Supreme Court criticized the Telangana Assembly Speaker for delaying the disqualification of MLAs under the Tenth Schedule, stating that the Speaker acts like a tribunal and has no constitutional immunity.



Key Points:

Other important points:

- The purpose of this law is to prevent defections and ensure government stability.
- This schedule was added to the Constitution by the 52nd Amendment in 1985. This schedule sets out the grounds and procedures under which MPs and MLAs can be disqualified from their membership.



PERSONALITY



Batukeshwar Dutt



Why in News?

- Batukeshwar Dutt's birth anniversary was recently celebrated.



Key Points:

- **Born:** 1910, Bengal
- He was Bhagat Singh's companion in the 1929 Central Assembly bombing.

Role in the freedom struggle

- He was a member of the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association. He was convicted in the Delhi Assembly bombing.
- He was arrested during the Quit India Movement in 1942 and spent four years in jail.

SPORTS

Indian Football Team's FIFA Ranking



Why in News?

- The Indian football team has now slipped to 142nd place in the FIFA rankings.



Key Points:

- The Indian football team has now slipped to 142nd place in the FIFA rankings.
- This drop comes after a recent 0-1 loss to Bangladesh in the Asian Cup 2027 qualifiers.
- The team was also eliminated from the Asian Cup due to last month's loss to Singapore.
- This is the team's worst ranking since October 2016, when it was ranked 148th.
- The Indian team is ranked 27th out of 46 Asian teams, and its highest ranking was 94th, achieved in February 1996.

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African Footballer of the Year Award



Why in News?

- Ashraf Hakimi has won the African Footballer of the Year Award.



Key Points:

- 27-year-old Ashraf Hakimi, Moroccan star footballer and Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) defender, has won the African Footballer of the Year 2025 award. He beat Mohamed Salah and Victor Osimhen to the award.
- Ashraf Hakimi is the first defender to receive this honor in 52 years. The previous winner was Bwanga Simen of Zaire (Congo) in 1973.
- Ashraf is the first Moroccan player to win this award since Mustapha Hadji in 1998.

About the 'African Footballer of the Year' award -

- It is awarded annually by the Confederation of African Football (CAF) to the best footballer in Africa. It is also known as the CAF Player of the Year award. This award has been presented by CAF since 1992.



NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	India-Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) - India and Russia reiterated their resolve to achieve bilateral trade of \$100 billion by 2030 in Moscow and reviewed steps for the India-Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) Free Trade Agreement in goods. - The EAEU is an international economic union and free trade area comprising Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Russia, established by the Eurasian Economic Union Treaty in 2014 and effective from January 2015.
2.	Hanoi Convention 72 countries signed the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime in Hanoi, aimed at combating cybercrime. First Universal Convention: This Convention establishes the first universal framework for the investigation and prosecution of crimes against cybercrime. Binding: The United Nations Cybercrime Convention is a powerful, legally binding instrument.
3.	Sentinel-6B - Sentinel-6B was launched from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California, USA. Significance: It is an ocean-tracking satellite that will measure rising sea levels and its effects on the planet. Joint Mission: It is a joint mission between NASA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the European Space Agency.