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GRAP-3 provisions implemented in Alwar



Why in News?

- In compliance with the orders of the Air Quality Management Commission, GRAP Stage-3 provisions for air quality management have been implemented in Alwar.



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Key Points:

- To ensure compliance with GRAP-3 provisions, various activities have been banned.
- 1. Construction activities that are polluting and emit dust particles will be completely banned, including earthworks, boring and drilling, piling, all demolition work, work done using the open trench system, brick masonry, RMC batching plant operations, welding and gas cutting, painting, polishing and varnishing, repair work, waterproofing, and other dust-emitting activities.
- 2. Stone crusher industries, mining, and related activities have also been completely banned.
- 3. Inter-state buses from NCR states, except those with EVs, CNG, and BS-6 diesel, will not be permitted to enter Delhi.
- This includes the Municipal Corporation regularly cleaning roads using mechanical sweeping machines and increasing the frequency of cleaning. The RTO, police, UIT, RIICO, and the Municipal Corporation are required to spray water daily on heavily trafficked routes and hotspots before peak traffic hours to suppress dust, ensure proper disposal of collected dust, and increase public transport services.

Other important points:

Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP):

- **Introduction:** GRAP is a preventive and emergency framework designed to control and reduce air pollution levels in the Delhi-NCR region.
- **Basis:** It was formulated under the directives of the Supreme Court of India in the case of M.C. Mehta vs. Union of India (2016).
- **Implemented:** 2017

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- **Implementation:** By the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, in coordination with state authorities.
- **Objective:** GRAP ensures a systematic, coordinated, and timely response to rising pollution levels.
- **Phases:** The plan categorizes pollution response measures into four phases based on the level of the Air Quality Index (AQI).

Stage	AQI	Criteria
Stage I	Poor (AQI 201–300)	Implement basic pollution control measures such as road dust management and enforcement of vehicle PUC (Pollution Under Control) norms.
Stage II	Very Poor (AQI 301–400)	Stricter actions such as limiting the use of diesel generators and controlling operations in pollution hotspots.
Stage III	Severe (AQI 401–450)	Imposes restrictions on specific vehicles and construction activities and allows for remote learning measures.
Stage IV	Severe+ (AQI > 450)	Ban on entry of heavy vehicles, closure of schools, and shutdown of non-essential industries.

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6th 'National Water Awards, 2025': Rajasthan Ranks 15th



Why in News?

- On November 11, 2025, Rajasthan was selected in the third category among the three best states in the country for its outstanding performance in water conservation and public participation.



Key Points:

- **Announcement:** The Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (DOWR, RD & GR) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti announced 46 winners, including joint winners, for the 6th National Water Awards for the year 2024.
- **Award Ceremony:** To be held on November 18, 2025, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- In the Best State category, Maharashtra secured first place, Gujarat second, and Haryana third.
- **Launch:** 2018

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- **Objective:** To raise awareness about water conservation and highlight grassroots efforts in line with the government's vision of a 'Water Prosperous India'.

Rajasthan's performance:

- Rajasthan was selected among the top three states in the country for its excellent performance in water conservation and public participation.

Category	Rajasthan's performance: 15th in the overall category	
	Institutions/Individuals	Rank/Position
Best Institution (Other than School/College) (Inside-Campus Category)	Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani	Second (Joint)
Best Water Users Association (WUA)	Kharlan WUA, Sri Ganganagar	Third
Best Civil Society	Ambuja Foundation, Jaipur	Second
Best Individual for Excellence in the Water Sector; West Zone	Bajrang Lal Jaithu	First

Performance of Rajasthan districts in the category of excellent performance in water conservation and public participation:

Category	Districts	Award Amount
First Category	Bhilwara and Barmer	₹2 crore
Second Category	Jaipur and Udaipur	₹1 crore
Third Category	Alwar, Dungarpur, Baran, Chittorgarh, and Sikar	₹25 lakh

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Anti-Narcotics Task Force (Rajasthan Police): Logo



Why in News?

- On November 11, 2025, the Rajasthan Police's Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) unveiled its logo at the Police Headquarters auditorium.



Key Points:

A Symbol of Strong Commitment Against Drugs -

- The new logo is considered an important step towards giving a strong and organized identity to the Rajasthan Police's anti-narcotics campaign. This logo symbolically reflects the police's spirit of "determination, dedication, and vigilance" against drug abuse.
- The Anti-Narcotics Task Force is continuously conducting campaigns to break the drug supply chain, control illegal trafficking, and keep youth away from drugs.
- The Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) was formed by the state police in 2025 to control the growing drug trade and trafficking in Rajasthan.

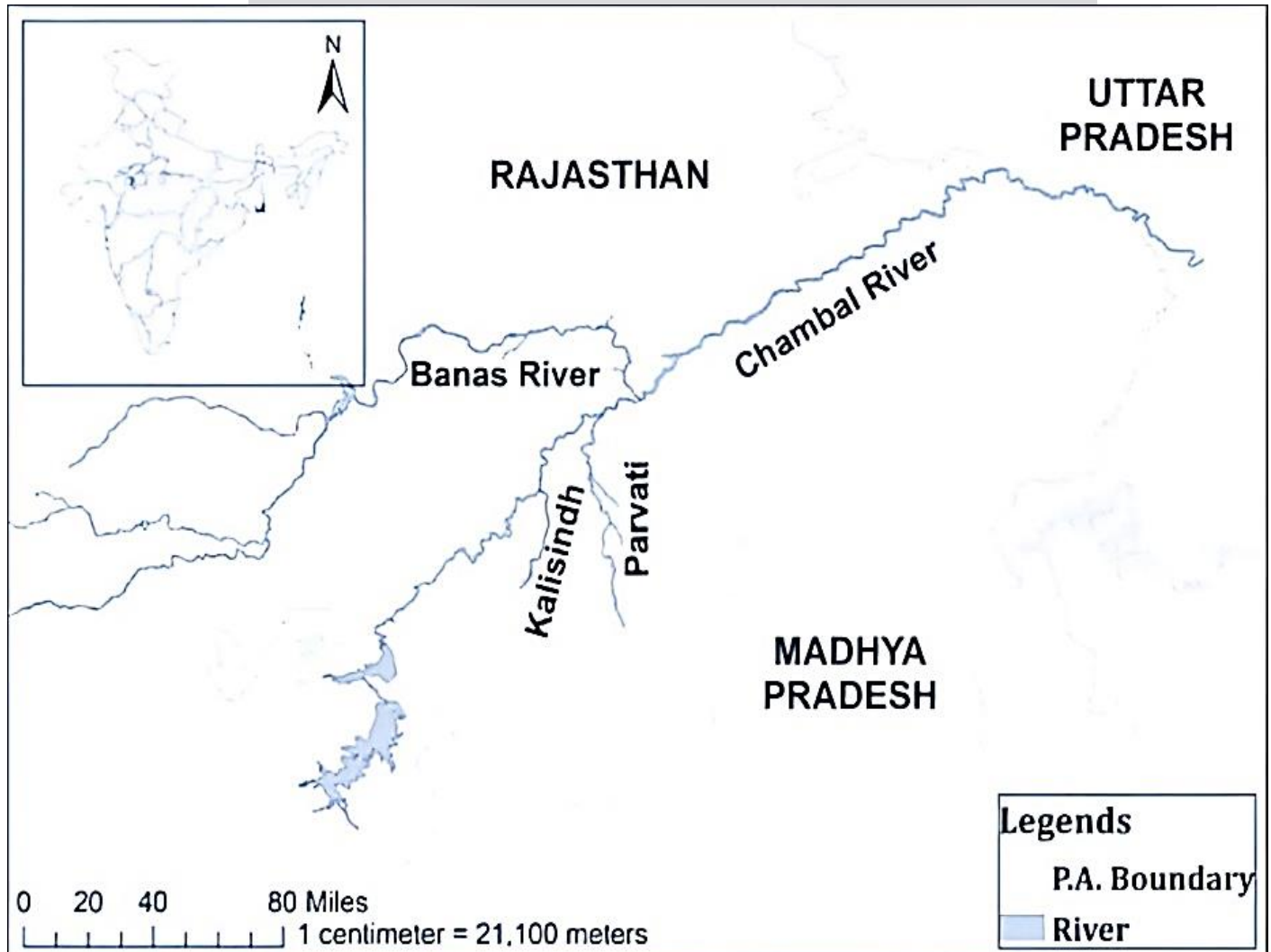


Ram Jal Setu Link Project



Why in News?

- On November 11, 2025, the Rajasthan Water Resources Minister reviewed the ongoing work on the Ram Jal Setu Link Project Rajasthan (integrated with ERCP).



Key Points:

- The progress of the Ram Jal Setu Link Project will be reviewed through real-time monitoring, which will enable continuous monitoring of the progress, timeliness, and quality of the work.

Five works worth ₹14,600 crore were reviewed:

- Construction of a feeder from Isarda to Ramgarh Dam, Jaipur

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2. Construction of a feeder from Isarda to Khura Chainpura to Bandhbareth, Bharatpur
 3. Construction of the Morsagar Artificial Reservoir
 4. Construction of a feeder from Bisalpur to the Morsagar Artificial Reservoir
 5. Construction of a feeder from Khura Chainpura to Jaisamand, Alwar, and the Brahmani Barrage.
- In a meeting chaired by the Water Resources Minister, works worth approximately ₹9,500 crore were reviewed, including the construction of the Ramgarh, Mahalpur Barrages, and Navnera pump houses, the construction of a structure from the delivery cistern at Navnera Barrage to the submergence area of the Mej Anicut, the construction of an aqueduct on the Chambal River, and the construction of an intake and pump house at the Mej Anicut. It was informed at the meeting that the construction of the Ramgarh Barrage, Mahalpur Barrage, Chambal Aqueduct, and feeder is in progress and will be completed within a timely manner.
 - To ensure clean drinking water for the citizens of the state, as well as the availability of irrigation water for agricultural purposes, the state government is pursuing projects like the Yamuna Water Partnership and the Ram Jal Setu Link in mission mode. These efforts will help achieve the goal of making Rajasthan a water-sufficient state.

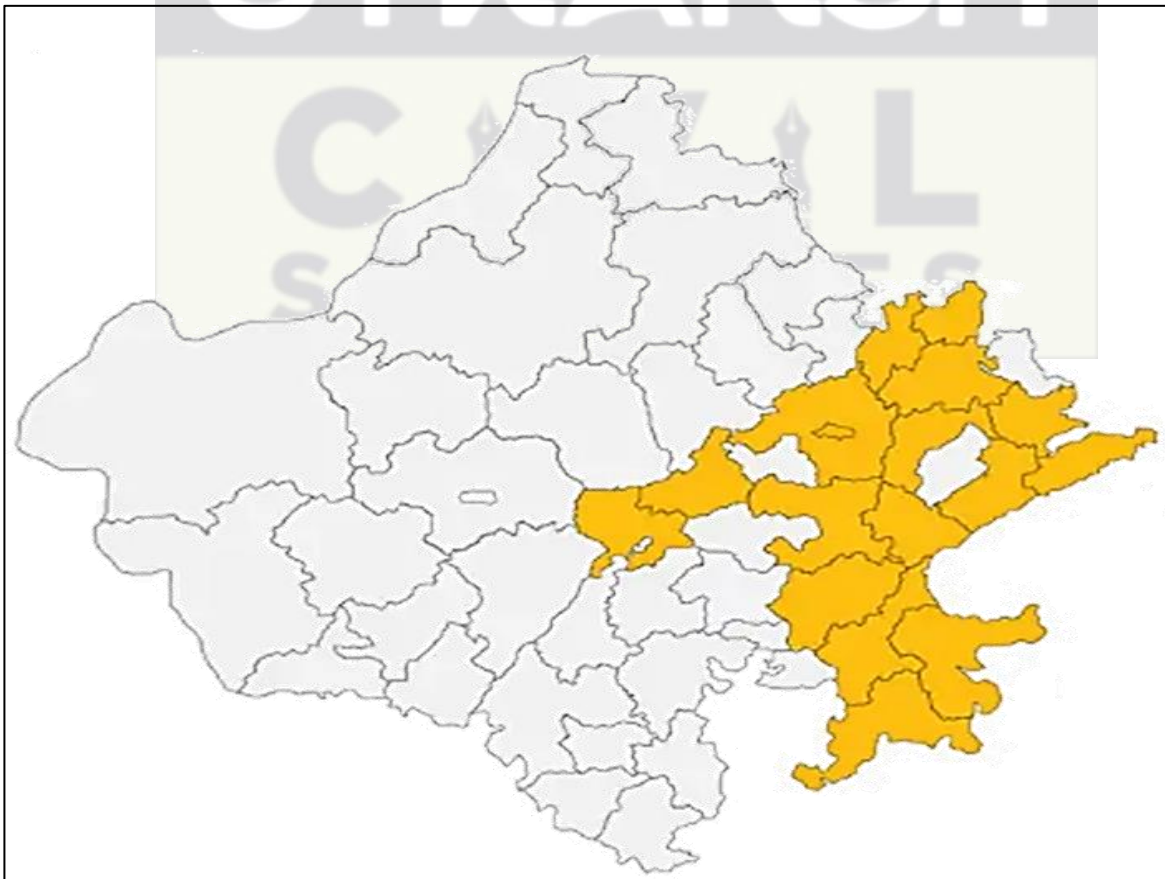
Other Important Points:

Ram Jal Setu Link Project:

- **Introduction:** This is an interstate river linking project aimed at balancing water resources between Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.
- This project will divert surplus water from the Chambal River and its tributaries – Kunnu, Kul, Parvati, and Kalisindh – to the Banas, Morel, Banganga, Ruparel, Parvati, and Gambhir river basins.
- **Former name:** PKC-ERCP; Parvati-Kalsindh-Chambal-Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project.
- **New Name:** On January 22, 2025, in keeping with the public sentiment of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, the link project was named 'Ram Jal Setu Link Project' by combining 'Ra' from Rajasthan and 'Ma' from Madhya Pradesh.
- **Project Duration:** Until 2054.

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- **Memorandum of Understanding:** A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and the Central Government in December 2024.
- Under the new agreement, this will be 5.80 lakh hectares (Rajasthan: 2.80 lakh and Madhya Pradesh: 3 lakh).
- **Inauguration:** On December 17, 2024, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Navnera Barrage on Kalisindh, constructed at a cost of Rs 1,600 crore, in the first phase of the Ram Jal Setu Link Project, at Dadiya village in Jaipur.
- **Objective:** Under this, excess water collected in the Chambal River and its tributaries in southern Rajasthan will be diverted to areas in southeastern Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.
- **Beneficiary districts:** 17 districts in Rajasthan (40 percent of the population) and 13 districts in Madhya Pradesh.
- **Rajasthan:** Beawar, Ajmer, Jaipur, Kotputli-Behror, Khairthal-Tijara, Alwar, Deeg, Bharatpur, Dausa, Karauli, Sawai Madhopur, Tonk, Bundi, Kota, Bara, Jhalawar.



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- **Drinking water:** Approximately 44 percent of the project's allocated water is dedicated to drinking water.
- **Irrigation:** The Rajasthan government has increased the proposed irrigated area in the revised PKC project to 430,000 hectares. (New irrigation area: 2.5 hectares and additional irrigation area: 1.5 hectares)
- **Project cost:** ₹70,000 crore.
- **Contribution Share:** Centre (90): State (10)
- **Total Length:** 1268 km
- **Target:** The project aims to provide 4102 million cubic meters of water, including 522 MCM of recycled water.

5 Barrages + 2 Dams Proposed:

Barrage			
Barrage	River	Location	
Ramgarh Barrage	Kul River	Kishanganj, Baran	
Mahalpur Barrage	Parvati River	Mangrol, Baran	
Mej Barrage	Mej River	Indragarh, Bundi	
Navnera Barrage	Kali Sindh River	Digod, Kota	
Neemod Rathore Barrage	Banas River	Chauth Ka Barwara,	Sawai Madhopur
Dam			
Dungri Dam	Banas River	Sawai Madhopur	
Isarda Dam	Banas River	Sawai Madhopur	

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Rajasthan State Women's Policy 2021: Development of a Gender Sensitization Module



Why in News?

- On November 11, 2025, the Directorate of Women's Empowerment organized a one-day workshop at the RIPA campus in Jaipur to orient representatives from various departments and trainers from training institutions on the module developed on gender sensitivity under the Rajasthan State Women's Policy, 2021.



Key Points:

- Officials from various departments and trainers/representatives from training institutions participated in the workshop for orientation on this module, developed with the technical support of UNICEF and through the Kalibai Bhil Women and Child Development Research Institute.
- The main objective of the workshop is to promote gender sensitivity and awareness in society.

- In this program, a PPT presentation was given on this module, highlighting the current status of Rajasthan in terms of gender sensitivity and the various initiatives being undertaken by the department to achieve this goal, with the aim of developing a gender-sensitive environment as incorporated in the Rajasthan State Women's Policy, 2021.

Other important points:

- In April 2021, the Rajasthan State Cabinet approved the Rajasthan Women's Policy 2021, incorporating significant changes since the publication of the first State Women's Policy in 2000. Furthermore, the new policy also takes into account the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

Objectives:

- To ensure gender equality, creating a conducive and violence-free environment for women.
- To ensure health, education, and safety for women.
- To create gender sensitivity in institutions and government.
- To promote women's participation in all sectors, including employment and self-employment opportunities.
- Promote gender-sensitive budgeting.
- The new policy categorizes women into different groups not only based on their caste and social status (such as Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Primitive Tribes, Nomads, Minorities, and Economically Weaker Sections), but also based on their occupational type: women employed in the unorganized sector, migrant workers, silicosis victims, singles, destitute, etc.

60th State Geological Programming Board: Mineral Exploration



Why in News?

- The State Geological Programming Board meeting held on November 11, 2025, approved mineral exploration projects for the coming year.



Key Points:

- Rajasthan is a major mineral-rich state in the country, with significant reserves of critical, strategic, and rare earth element minerals.
- The Siwana Ring region in Rajasthan is a promising area for critical minerals, and the surrounding area, including Rohila in Sikar, has uranium reserves. Gold reserves, along with associated iron minerals, are available in the area around Banswara. Potash reserves are present in the Bikaner-Nagaur belt.
- In the coming year, 2026-27, the Rajasthan Mines Department will conduct exploration work on 37 mineral exploration projects, including limestone, decorative stone, ferrous metals, REE, and industrial minerals.
- GSI will work on 80 mineral exploration projects in the state, in which 40 to 42 projects are critical and strategic mineral projects.
- Rajasthan has today become the leading state in the country in the mining sector and along with securing the first position in the auction of major mineral blocks, it is going to create a new milestone by starting the auction process of 8 pre-embedded blocks.

✂ NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

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1.	State-level workshop on 'Grassland Management and Eradication of Prosopis juliflora'  ■ Event: On November 11, 2025, a state-level workshop on 'Grassland Management and Eradication of Prosopis juliflora' was organized at the Maharana Pratap Auditorium in Durgapura, Jaipur, to achieve the complete eradication of Prosopis juliflora from the state. ■ Objective: Grassland conservation and restoration, complete eradication of Prosopis juliflora, and biodiversity conservation. ■ 150 seed banks have been established in the state to promote traditional flora locally.

2.

Rajasthan International Film Festival (RIFF)



- **Event:** To be held from January 31 to February 4, 2026, at Blue City Mall, Jodhpur.
- **Edition:** 12th
- **Theme for the year 2025:** 'Cinemasthan - Your Lens, Our Rajasthan'
- The five-day festival will feature film screenings, open forums, talk shows, workshops, exhibitions, a Black Box Riff Film Market, and many other events.

3.

Charak Award, 2025: Dr. Harsh Pandey



- Dr. Harsh Pandey was honored with the Charak Award for Excellence in Orthodontics for his outstanding achievement at the National Awards for Excellence in Clinical Dentistry ceremony.
- **Ceremony:** Jio World Centre, Mumbai.

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4.

International Astro Vastu Conference, 2025



- **Organized by:** National Institute of Ayurveda Campus, Jaipur.
- **Organized by:** Rishi Darshan Astro Research Institute
- Intellectual and spiritual sessions included in-depth discussions on topics such as astrology, Vastu energy balance, the impact of planetary energies on mind and consciousness, and a religion-based lifestyle. A special highlight of the conference was the session on "Women from Power and Power from Society."

5.

West-Central Regional Youth Festival-2025

- **Organized by:** Central Sanskrit University Campus, Jaipur, from November 12 to 14, 2025.
- This three-day festival will provide a platform for young talent in the fields of Sanskrit language, literature, culture, and sports.

6.

Mandatory use of Aabha ID, Rajasthan ranks third in the country

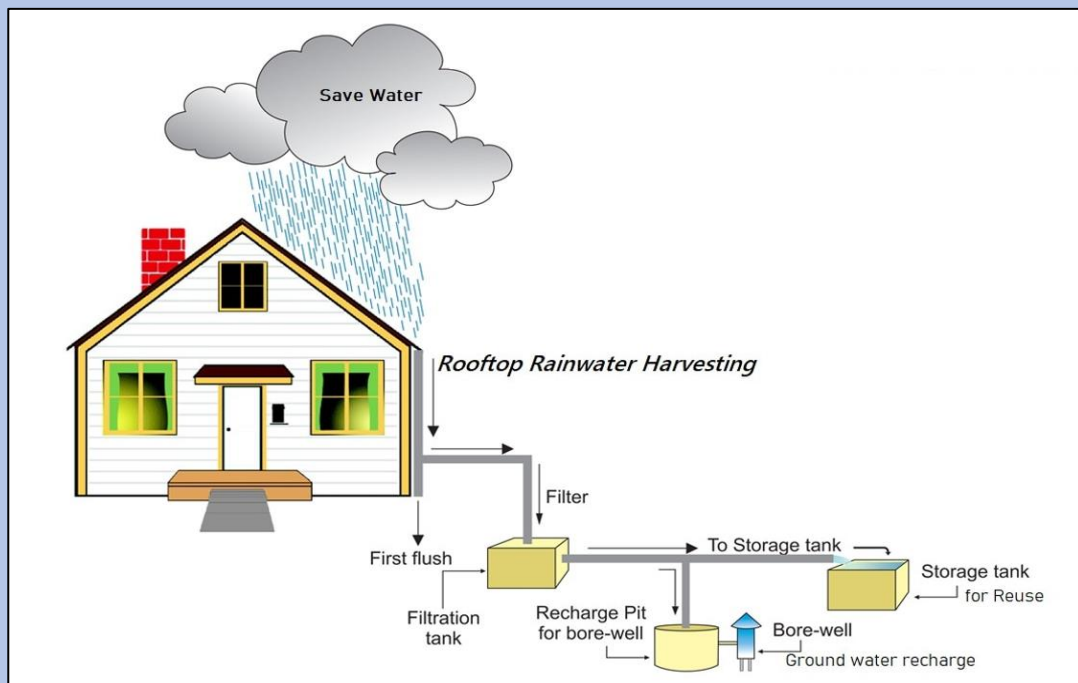


- Under the direction of the Minister of Health and Family Welfare, the use of the Ayushman Bharat Health Account (Aabha ID) in the Integrated Health Management System (IHMS) has been made mandatory to provide better, transparent, and digital healthcare services to every citizen in the state.
- Now, every person in the state's health record will be available on their mobile phone.
- The government has set a target of making Abha cards available to 100% of the population.
- So far, Abha cards have been made for 6.35 crore people in Rajasthan. The state ranks third in the country in making these cards.
- **Significance:** This decision will enable every citizen to access quality healthcare services under the principle of "One Nation, One Health ID."

- **Abha ID (Ayushman Bharat Health Account):** Each citizen has a unique digital identification number that stores all their health records in one place. Through this, citizens can access their health information anytime, anywhere, and can share this information with their doctor with their consent during treatment.

7.

EAR signs agreement with Space for water harvesting



- The Employers' Association of Rajasthan (EAR) has signed an agreement with Gujarat-based company Space Element for water harvesting.
- Under the agreement, plants made of plastic fiber will be installed in place of cement and concrete.

8.

44th Junior National Shootingball Championship

- The Rajasthan Girls' team won the bronze medal in the 44th Junior National Shootingball Championship held in Ghaziabad, UP.
- The Rajasthan Girls' team defeated Delhi to finish third.
- The Rajasthan Boys' team finished fourth.

9.

BenefitCalc: Rajasthan's first incentive calculator



- **Objective:** To help investors estimate the incentives they will receive under the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme (RIPS) 2024.
- To provide information about benefits to investors setting up new industries or expanding existing units.



INTERNATIONAL



Christmas Island



Why in News?

- Google is planning to build a massive artificial intelligence (AI) data center on Christmas Island, Australia.



Key Points:

Christmas Island

- **Location:** In the Indian Ocean, 1,500 kilometers northwest of the Australian mainland. It is also known as the "Galapagos of the Indian Ocean."
- Christmas Island is ideally positioned for monitoring the Sunda Strait, Lombok Strait, and Malacca Strait.



Rift Valley Fever (RVF)



Why in News?

- Recently, the World Health Organization confirmed an outbreak of RVF affecting Mauritania and Senegal in West Africa.



Key Points:

- Origin:** Its name is derived from the Rift Valley in Kenya, where the disease was first identified in the early 1930s.
- Cause:** It is caused by a phlebovirus, a virus belonging to the family Phleboviridae.

Transmission:

- It primarily affects animals.
- Humans are infected through close contact with infected animals or through the bite of infected mosquitoes.
- The disease is not spread from person to person.
- Treatment:** Currently, no specific antiviral treatment is available. However, vaccines exist for animals.



ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY



Montreal Protocol



Why in News?

- The 37th Meeting of the Parties (MOP-37) to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer concluded.



Key Points:

- This meeting highlighted several issues, such as discrepancies between reported and measured data on hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) emissions, and the lack of atmospheric monitoring stations in many regions.

Montreal Protocol

- **Signed:** 1987
- It is a global, legally binding treaty to eliminate the production and use of ozone-depleting substances (ODS).
- It is implemented under the Vienna Convention. The Vienna Convention was adopted in 1985.
- **Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol:** It was adopted in 2016 to phase out the production and use of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs). HFCs are a greenhouse gas that is used as an alternative to Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS). HFCs are not ozone depleting substances.

Climate Investment Fund (CIF)



Why in News?

- Spain and Germany committed \$100 million to CIF's 'Accelerating Resilience Investments and Innovations for Sustainable Economies (ARISE).' This commitment was made during the UNFCCC's COP-30 being held in Brazil.



Key Points:

- **ARISE's objective:** To help developing countries "turn climate risk into opportunity" and strengthen the "adaptation capacity" of economies.

Climate Investment Fund (CIF)

- **Established:** 2008
- **Introduction:** It is a multilateral climate fund that enables climate action in more than 70 low- and middle-income countries.



SCHEMES



Promotion of Research and Innovation in the Pharma-MedTech Sector (PRIP) Scheme



Why in News?

- The Centre extended the deadline for applications for the Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma and MedTech (PRIP) Scheme.



Key Points:

PRIP Scheme

- **Initiator:** Department of Pharmaceuticals under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
- **Objective:** To make India a global hub for research and development in the pharma and medtech sectors.

Dumpsite Remediation Accelerator Program



Why in News?

- The Dumpsite Remediation Accelerator Program (DRAP) has been launched under the Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban 2.0. It is a targeted initiative spanning approximately one year. It has been launched to achieve the objective of “Target Zero Dumpsites” by September 2026.



Key Points:

- Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 was launched in 2021. Its objective is to ensure garbage-free status for all cities.
- Another objective of this mission is to clean up all legacy garbage dumpsites and convert them into green areas.
- **Ministry:** Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs



INDEXES AND REPORTS



Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Report



Why in News?

- The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) was conducted by the Labour Bureau for the quarter July-September 2025.



Key Points:

- **Unemployment rate:** Decreased to 5.2% in July-September 2025 from 5.4% in the previous quarter.
- **Rural:** Decreased to 4.4% from 4.8% during this period.
- **Urban:** Increased from 6.1% to 6.2% for men, and from 8.9% to 9.0% for women.

Employment pattern:

- **Rural areas:** Self-employment dominated – increased from 60.7% to 62.8%. Due to seasonal activities, the majority of people are employed in the agricultural sector – 57.7% (increased from 53.5%).
- **Urban areas:** Regular wage/salaried employment increased slightly to 49.8% (from 49.4%). The workforce was concentrated in the tertiary sector – 62.0% (from 61.7%).

Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR):

- **Overall LFPR:** 55.1%
- **Rural LFPR:** 57.2%
- **Urban LFPR:** 50.7%
- **Female LFPR:** 33.7%
- **Rural Female LFPR:** 37.5%

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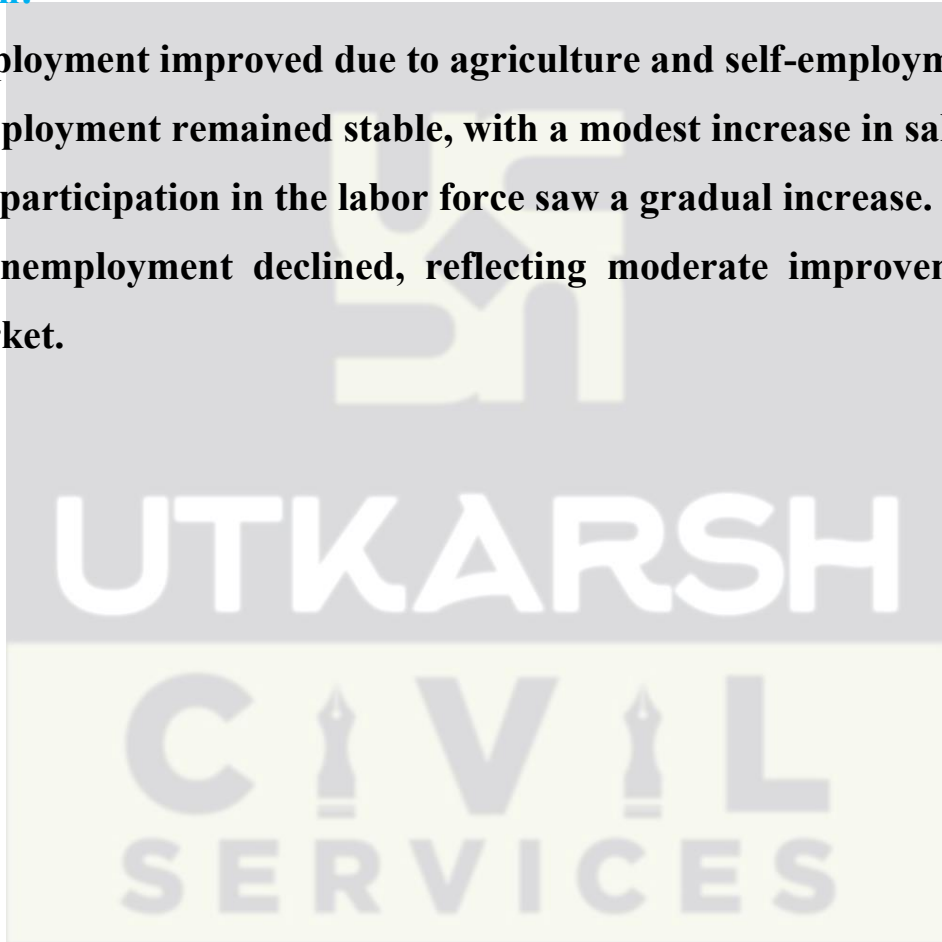
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- The Workforce Population Ratio (WPR) for persons aged 15 years and above in the country was 52.2% during the quarter.
- The WPR in rural areas was 54.7%, while the WPR in urban areas was 47.2% during the same quarter.

Conclusion:

- Rural employment improved due to agriculture and self-employment.
- Urban employment remained stable, with a modest increase in salaried jobs.
- Women's participation in the labor force saw a gradual increase.
- Overall unemployment declined, reflecting moderate improvement in the labor market.



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MILITARY EXERCISES

Malabar Exercises



Why in News?

- INS Sahyadri is participating in the 29th edition of the Malabar naval exercise. The exercise is being conducted off Guam, a US strategic military base in the Western Pacific Ocean.



Key Points:

- **Objective:** Strengthening cooperation and security in the Indo-Pacific region.
- **Partner countries:** India, Australia, Japan, and the United States.

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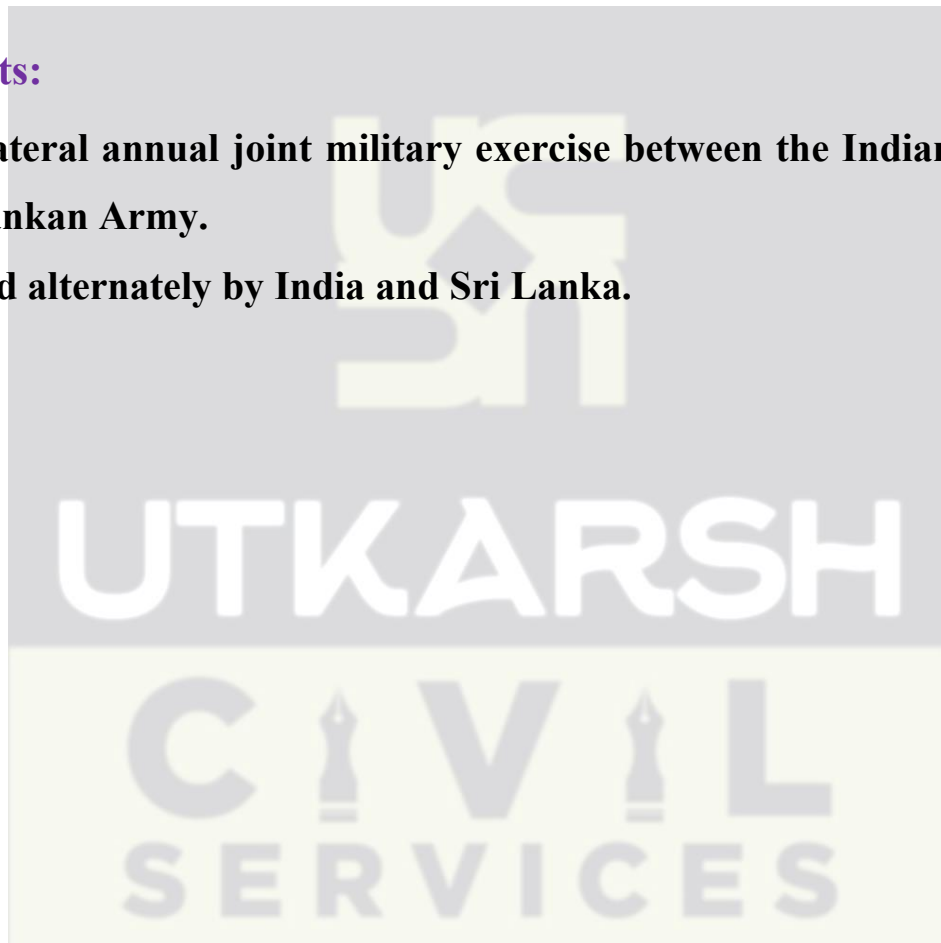
Why in News?

- The 11th edition of the India-Sri Lanka joint military exercise Mitra Shakti 2025 began in Belagavi, Karnataka.



Key Points:

- It is a bilateral annual joint military exercise between the Indian Army and the Sri Lankan Army.
- It is hosted alternately by India and Sri Lanka.





PERSONALITY



V. Rajaraman: The Architect of India's Programming Revolution



Why in News?

- Professor Vaidyeswaran Rajaraman, a pioneering engineer and educator who helped establish computer science education in India, passed away.



Key Points:

- **Born in:** Tamil Nadu
- He was a leading computer scientist and educator who played a fundamental role in shaping India's software programming and services sector.
- His legacy spans from analog machines to supercomputers.
- Bhatnagar Prize winner Rajaraman was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1998.