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## RAJASTHAN



### First Pravasi Rajasthani Day (December 10, 2025)

#### Why in News?

- The 'First Pravasi Rajasthani Day' was organized on December 10, 2025, with the aim of honoring the contributions of non-resident Rajasthanis in promoting the socio-economic progress and cultural heritage of Rajasthan globally.



#### Key Points:

- Venue:** Jaipur Exhibition & Convention Center (JECC), Sitapura, Jaipur.
- It is noteworthy that Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma had announced during the 'Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit - 2024' that December 10 would be celebrated as 'Pravasi Rajasthani Day' every year.
- During the event, the second edition of the "Commitment in Action" coffee table book was launched.

#### Pravasi Rajasthani Award:

- During the Pravasi Rajasthani Day (PRD) program, the Government of Rajasthan honored 9 non-resident Rajasthanis who have brought glory to the state in various fields such as science, business, art, sports, literature, cinema, music, and social service with the 'Pravasi Rajasthani Award'.

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9	<b>Pradeep Rathore</b>

## Major Policies, Portals and MoUs Launched During the Event

### NRR Policy-2025 and Rajasthan Development Support Portal:

- The main objective of the Non-Resident Rajasthani Policy of Rajasthan-2025 is to strengthen the social, cultural and economic connect of non-resident Rajasthanis with the state.
- Through this policy, the state government will create a conducive environment to promote the contributions of non-resident Rajasthanis in investment, trade, knowledge exchange, research and social causes. An NRR Investment Facilitation Cell will also be established.

### Rajasthan Development Support Portal:

- This digital platform will provide a powerful means for non-resident Rajasthanis living in various countries around the world to directly connect with the development work of the state. 14 New Chapters of Rajasthan Foundation:
- The state government announced the establishment of 14 new chapters of the 'Rajasthan Foundation' with the aim of strengthening the connection between the state and the diaspora community. Of these, 9 will be established abroad and 5 in various states of the country.

## Mining Department's MoU with IIT Dhanbad and IIT Hyderabad:

- During the sectoral session on mining held on Pravasi Rajasthani Divas, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Mining Department and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Dhanbad. Under this agreement, a study will be conducted in collaboration with IIT Dhanbad on the possibilities of the availability of 'critical minerals and rare earth elements' at various locations in the state.
- In addition, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was also signed between the Mining Department and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Hyderabad. This MoU will accelerate the proper and rapid mining of critical and strategic minerals in various regions of the state.

## India's Largest Fertilizer Plant:

- Anil Agarwal, Chairman of the Vedanta Group, announced the setting up of India's largest fertilizer plant in Rajasthan.

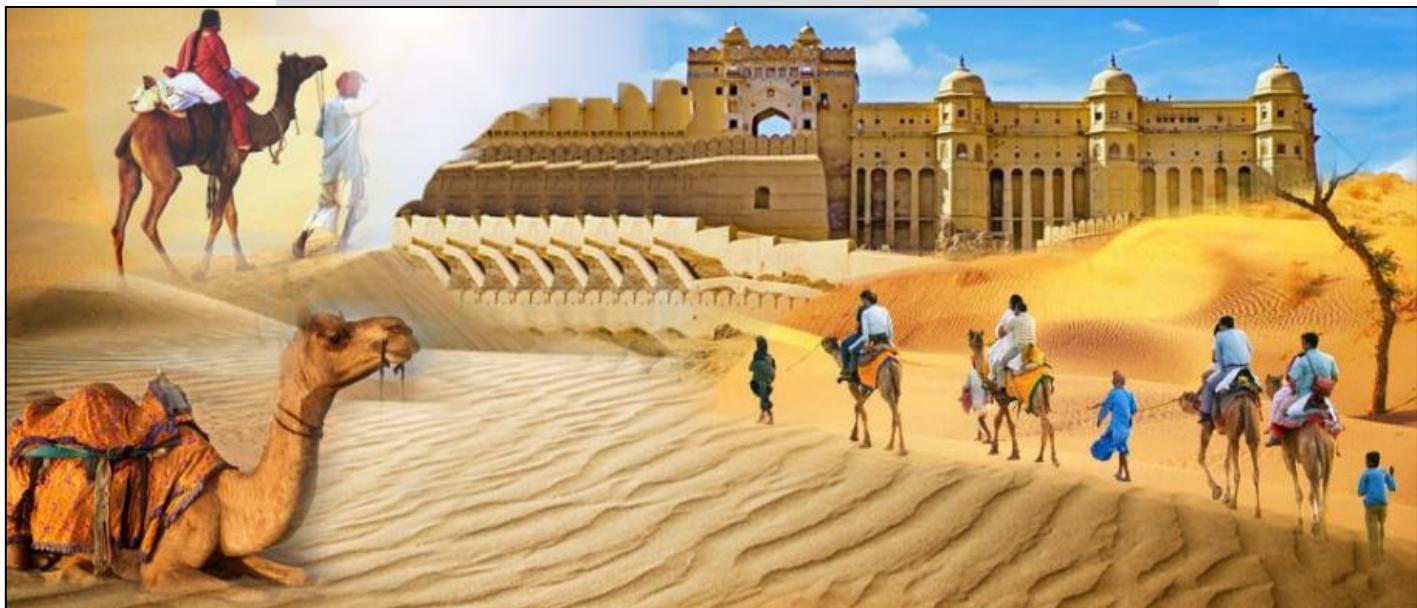
## Inauguration of 'Pragati Path' Exhibition:

- During the event, Governor Haribhau Bagde inaugurated the 'Pragati Path' exhibition at JECC. This exhibition was based on the themes of Rajasthan's changing industrial landscape, water security and sustainability, One District-One Product, Healthy Rajasthan-Happy Rajasthan, Educated India-Digital India, Rajasthan Refinery, mining sector, infrastructure and connectivity, and Our Heritage-Our Identity.

## Rajasthan Tourism Policy – 2025

### Why in News?

- During the Pravasi Rajasthani Divas program, Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma formally launched the state's ambitious 'Rajasthan Tourism Policy – 2025'.



### Key Points:

- Policy Approval:** By the Rajasthan Cabinet on December 3, 2025.
- Launched:** By the Chief Minister on December 10, 2025.

### Main Provisions of the Policy:

- Special Tourism Zones (STZs) will be established in selected districts on a plug-and-play model, where infrastructure will be developed by the government and hospitality services by the private sector.
- In each district, the District Tourism Development Committee (DTDC), chaired by the District Collector, will also function as a Destination Management Organization (DMO) for the operation and management of tourist destinations.



- To broaden the scope of tourism in the state, new areas such as astro-tourism, food festivals, adventure sports, eco-tourism, bird-watching circuits, and valor tourism circuits will be promoted.
- For heritage conservation, craft museums based on manuscripts, tribal culture, textiles, and traditional crafts will be established. Additionally, wellness tourism hubs based on yoga, Ayurveda, and naturopathy will be developed.
- Scholarships will be provided to students for tourism courses and skill development programs, and training and skill incentives will be offered to tourism enterprises.

### Other Important Points:

- A dedicated policy implementation unit will be established to ensure swift action on the provisions outlined in the Rajasthan Tourism Policy.
- The Tourism Department will present the 'Rajasthan Tourism Awards' annually to encourage tourism professionals.

### Facts for Prelims:

#### Other important state government policies related to tourism:

- Rajasthan Tourism Unit Policy (RTUP) – 2024
- Rajasthan Ecotourism Policy – 2021
- Rajasthan Film Tourism Promotion Policy - 2022
- Rajasthan Rural Tourism Scheme – 2022

## Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Policy

### Why in News?

- Recently, the Rajasthan Cabinet approved the 'Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Policy'.



### Key Points:

- In the initial phase, the provisions of this policy will be implemented in Jaipur by the 'Urban Development and Housing Department'.
- This policy is being implemented in view of the increasing pollution, congestion, and unplanned expansion in the major cities of the state.
- TOD is a modern urban development model that aims to develop compact, mixed-use, and high-density areas around public transport stations. It encourages walking and non-motorized transport (NMT), making cities more accessible, environmentally friendly, and livable.
- This policy will not only promote convenient and smart mobility but will also provide a new direction to the economic potential and quality of life in cities.

### Facts for Prelims:

- In India, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched a National TOD Policy in 2017 to promote TOD-based urban development.
- Currently, cities like Delhi, Ahmedabad, Pune, and Mumbai are integrating this policy.

## Design Innovation Award – 2023

### Why in News?

- Recently, President Droupadi Murmu jointly awarded the 'Design Innovation Award - 2023' to Dhapa Devi, an artisan from Jaipur Rugs, and Kavita Chaudhary, Design Director, at the 'National Handicrafts Awards' ceremony.



### Key Points:

- Event:** Held on December 9, 2025, at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.
- This award, which recognizes artisans who promote India's rich craft heritage and design, is presented by the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) under the Ministry of Textiles.
- 48 artisans from across the country were awarded the Shilp Guru Award and National Handicrafts Award for the years 2023 and 2024.
- The total awards included 12 Shilp Guru Awards and 36 National Awards, including 2 Design and Innovation Awards (Artisan-Designer Collaboration).
- Note:** National Handicrafts Week is celebrated every year from December 8 to 14.

## NEWS IN SHORTS

S. No.	News
1.	<p><b>RPA: The Country's Best Training Institute</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ The Capacity Building Commission, an undertaking of the Government of India, recently granted the Rajasthan Police Academy (RPA), Jaipur, the status of an excellent institution.</li><li>■ With this, it has become the first academy among police training institutions across the country to receive this prestigious status.</li></ul>
2.	<p><b>World Record for Painting at Gagron Fort</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ On December 10, 2025, 5100 students simultaneously created paintings at the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Gagron Fort in Jhalawar, setting a world record in the World Book of Records.</li><li>■ Gagron Fort is included in the Panch Gaurav (Five Glories) of Jhalawar.</li></ul>
3.	<p><b>7th Junior State Level Ball Badminton Competition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Event:</b> December 12 to 14 at Adarsh Stadium, Barmer.</li><li>■ <b>Organizers:</b> Rajasthan Ball Badminton Association and Barmer Ball Badminton Association.</li><li>■ Players selected from this competition will participate in the 70th Junior National Ball Badminton Competition 2025-26, organized by the Indian Ball Badminton Federation, from January 28 to February 1, 2026, in Erode, Tamil Nadu.</li></ul>



### Diwali: UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage

#### Why in News?

- Recently, Diwali was included in UNESCO's list of Intangible Cultural Heritage.



#### Key Points:

- Formal Announcement:** During the 20th UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee session held at the Red Fort in New Delhi from December 8 to 13, 2025.
- Nominated:** India nominated the "Diwali festival" in 2024-25.
- This is the 16th element from India to be listed.**
- Reasons for Selection/Significance of Diwali:** Celebration - Kartik Amavasya
  - According to the Ramayana, it symbolizes Rama's return to Ayodhya and his victory over Ravana.
  - The attainment of Nirvana by Lord Mahavira, the 24th Tirthankara, in Pavapuri.
  - In Maharashtra, Diwali symbolizes the visit of King Bali, who is a symbol of justice and generosity.

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## 4. Govardhan/Annakoot festival

### Other Important Points

- **Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage:** UNESCO adopted the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage on October 17, 2003, during its 32nd General Conference in Paris.

### Other Important Points

- **India's Cultural Heritage in the ICH list: 16 elements/heritages**

S. No.	Intangible Cultural Heritage	Year of Inscription
1	Sanskrit Theatre – Kutiyattam (Kerala)	2008
2	Vedic Chanting	2008
3	Ramlila	2008
4	Ramman (Uttarakhand)	2009
5	Mudiyettu (Kerala)	2010
6	Kalbelia Dance (Rajasthan)	2010
7	Chhau (Eastern India)	2010
8	Ladakh Buddhist Stupas	2012
9	Manipuri Sankirtana	2013
10	Jandiala Guru Brass–Copper Craft	2014
11	Yoga	2016
12	Navroz (Persian New Year)	2016
13	Kumbh Mela	2017
14	Kolkata Durga Puja	2021
15	Garba of Gujarat	2023
16	Deepavali	2025

## Aapki Punji Aapka Adhikar (Your Money Your Right)

### Why in News?

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged citizens to participate in the Aapki Punji Aapka Adhikar (Your Money Your Right) movement.

### Key Points:

#### Additional information regarding the movement:

- **Launch:** October, 2025
- **Objective:** To ensure that citizens can reclaim their legitimate assets.
- It aims to help people recover unclaimed deposits, insurance money, dividends, and other financial assets.

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### Yellow Line

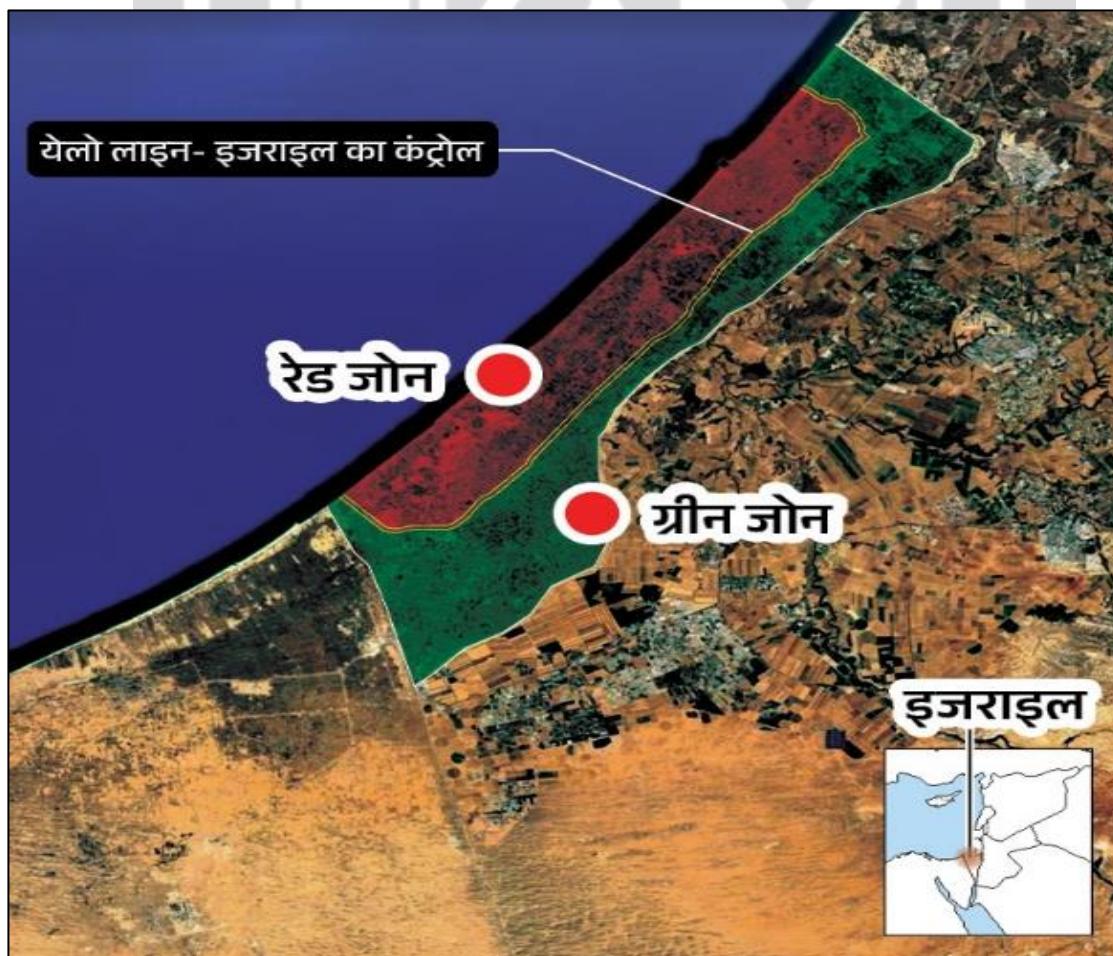
#### Why in News?

- Israel has declared the Yellow Line, a temporary withdrawal line agreed upon during the US-brokered ceasefire in 2025, as the new border.

#### Key Points:

##### Yellow Line -

- The Yellow Line is a temporary military demarcation line inside the Gaza Strip.
- The area east of this line is under Israeli operational control.

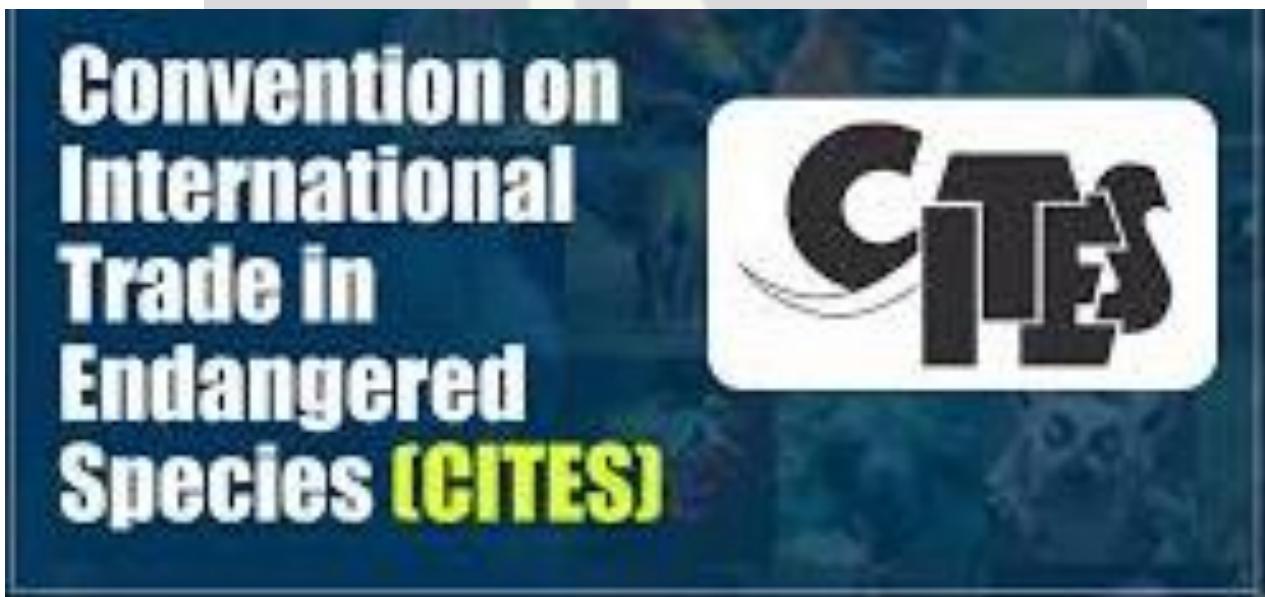




### Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

#### Why in News?

- The 20th edition of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (COP-20) concluded in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.



#### Key Points:

- 77 species were added to the CITES Appendices.
- India opposed the European Union's proposal to list Guggul in Appendix II.

#### CITES – Additional Information:

- Entered into force: July 1, 1975
- It is a voluntary international agreement between governments.
- It is legally binding on all Parties but does not replace national laws of any country.
- It lists species in Appendices based on their level of protection.
- Parties: 185 – including India

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### Parliamentary Question: Deep Ocean Mission

#### ➡ Why in News?

- India has commenced exploration activities in the 75,000 square kilometer area allocated by the International Seabed Authority in the Central Indian Ocean Basin.

#### ➡ Key Points:

- Samples have been collected at regular intervals of 12.5 kilometers in this area to estimate the abundance and quality of nodules.
- The total estimated dry weight of nodules in the allocated 75,000 square kilometer area is 360 million metric tons, containing an average of 0.14 percent cobalt, 1.14 percent nickel, 1.09 percent copper, and 25.2 percent manganese.



#### Other Important Points:

#### Deep Ocean Mission:

- **Ministry:** Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- **Objective:** To explore and harness the depths of the ocean.



## Key Pillars:

1. Advancement in deep-sea mining and manned submersibles.
2. Exploration and conservation of biodiversity.
3. Harvesting energy and fresh water from the ocean.
4. Establishment of an advanced marine center for ocean biology.

## Mission Progress:

1. **Samudrayaan Project:** Launched by the Ministry of Earth Sciences in 2021.
2. **Matsya-6000:** Made of titanium alloy, designed for 3 crew members, and capable of withstanding a pressure of 6000 bar.
3. **Varaha: India's deep-sea mining system:** The National Institute of Ocean Technology, an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, has successfully conducted deep-sea mobility trials using a submerged mining system called 'Varaha' at a depth of 5270 meters in the Central Indian Ocean.

## India 6G Alliance (B6GA)

### Why in News?

- The Union Minister of Communications chaired a meeting of the Apex Council constituted under the India 6G Mission and reviewed the progress of the India 6G Alliance (B6GA).



### Key Points:

#### B6GA

- It is a collaborative multi-stakeholder platform that brings together academic institutions, domestic industries, and research and development organizations.
- It acts as the implementing arm of the India 6G Vision, which was unveiled by India in March 2023.
- Objective:** To establish the country as a global leader in 6G technology by 2030.
- 6G Technology:** 6G represents the next frontier of wireless communication technology, which will replace 5G as the sixth generation of mobile networks.
- 6G will offer a peak data rate of 1 terabit per second, which is approximately 100 times faster than 5G, which offers 10 Gbps.
- 6G can achieve ultra-low latency of 0.1 milliseconds, compared to 1 millisecond for 5G.

## IMPORTANT PORTALS AND APPS

### Sujalam Bharat App

#### Why in News?

- On December 10, 2025, the Union Minister of Jal Shakti launched the Sujalam Bharat app.
- Key Points:
  - This app has been developed in collaboration with the Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics.
  - Objective: To empower both citizens and institutions by providing comprehensive, real-time information, thereby transforming and enabling advanced geo-referencing, monitoring, and management of rural water supply infrastructure.
  - Under this, each scheme and its service area will be allocated a unique Sujalam Bharat - Sujal Gaon ID, which will clearly identify which scheme is supplying water to which households.



## PERSONALITY



### C. Rajagopalachari

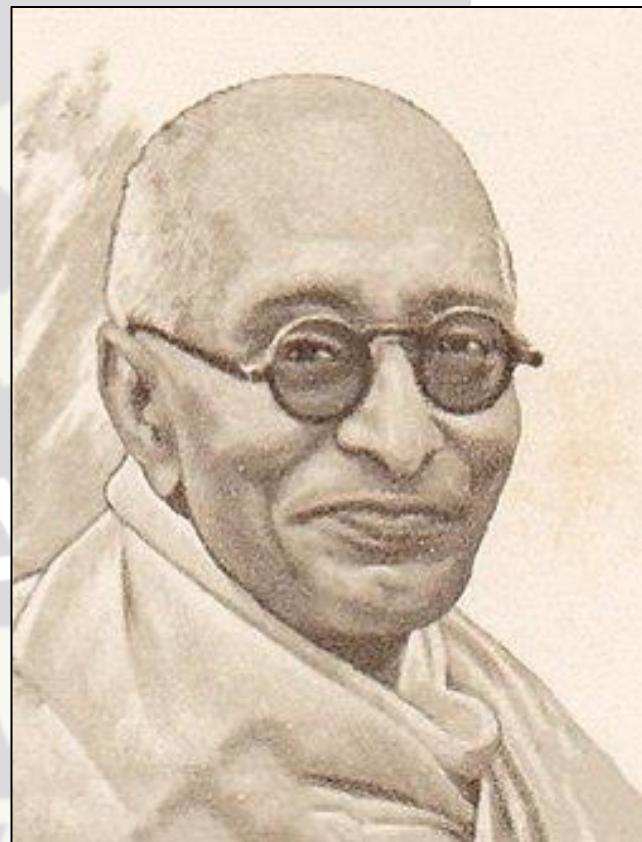
#### Why in News?

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to C. Rajagopalachari (Rajaji) on his birth anniversary (December 10).

#### Key Points:

##### Contributions and Important Facts:

- He led the Vedaranyam Salt Satyagraha (1930) in the Madras region, parallel to Gandhiji's Dandi March.
- After the Quit India Movement, he published a book titled "The Way Out," which proposed the CR Formula to resolve the constitutional deadlock with the Muslim League regarding Pakistan.
- After independence, he became the first Indian Governor-General of India (1947-50).
- He served as the Union Home Minister after the death of Sardar Patel.
- He was awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1954 for his contributions to politics, literature, and public service.





## Junior Hockey World Cup, 2025

### Why in News?

- On December 10, 2025, the Indian junior men's hockey team defeated Argentina at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium in Chennai to secure their first bronze medal at the Junior World Cup, 2025.



### Key Points:

- The Indian men's hockey team lost to Germany in the semi-finals.
- India won its second and last title in Lucknow in 2016, after its first title in Hobart in 2001.
- Indian team's head coach: P. R. Sreejesh
- Key players: Ankit Pal, Manmeet Singh, Shardanand Tiwari, Anmol Ekka.
- Junior Women's Hockey Team:** The team defeated Uruguay in a shootout and remains in contention for ninth place in the World Cup.

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## NEWS IN SHORTS

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1.	<p><b>Delhi Metro Campaign</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Event:</b> December 10, 2025 to January 10, 2026</li><li>■ <b>Organizer:</b> Union Ministry of Health</li><li>■ <b>Collaboration:</b> World Health Organization</li><li>■ <b>Objective:</b> To improve access to health and safety support for women and girls.</li></ul>
2.	<p><b>Amazon's Investment in India</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ At the Amazon Smbhav Summit held in New Delhi, Amazon announced an investment of \$35 billion in India by 2030.</li><li>■ This will create approximately 1 million jobs.</li><li>■ This investment will focus on expanding AI capabilities, strengthening logistics infrastructure, and job creation.</li><li>■ <b>Note:</b> Earlier, Microsoft had announced an investment of over \$17 billion in India for infrastructure, skills, and sovereign capability building.</li></ul>
3.	<p><b>Arena</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ India's first multi-purpose indoor live entertainment arena will be built in Navi Mumbai.</li><li>■ It is inspired by Madison Square Garden and will have a capacity of 45,000 people.</li></ul>
4.	<p><b>Global Environment Outlook</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) released the 7th edition of the Global Environment Outlook: A Future We Choose report.</li></ul>