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Rajasthan Cabinet Meeting (December 3, 2025)



Why in News?

- Three important policies were approved at the recent Rajasthan Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma.



Key Points:

The newly approved policies include –

- **Non-Resident Rajasthani Policy of Rajasthan-2025 (NRR Policy):** Strengthening the social, cultural, and economic ties of non-resident Rajasthanis with the state will be the primary objective of this policy. Through this policy, the state government will create a conducive environment to promote the contribution of non-resident Rajasthanis in investment, trade, knowledge exchange, research, and social concerns.

- Additionally, an NRR Investment Facilitation Cell will be established.
- Investment coordinators will be appointed in Rajasthan Foundation chapters.
- Investment Advisory Councils will be formed.
- **Rajasthan Trade Promotion Policy-2025:** This policy has been approved with the aim of providing equal opportunities to small and local businesses, such as Big Trade, e-commerce platforms, and logistics networks. The government has given importance to 'ease of doing business' reforms in this policy.
- 6% interest subsidy on loans up to ₹1 crore and 4% interest subsidy on loans from ₹1 to ₹2 crore.
- Women, SC, ST, and disabled entrepreneurs will receive an additional 1% interest subsidy.
- Merchants using online platforms will receive assistance of up to 75% of their fees (maximum ₹50,000).
- **Rajasthan Tourism Policy-2025:** The state government has introduced this policy with the aim of encouraging private sector investment in Rajasthan, renowned as an important tourist destination in India and abroad, developing tourism infrastructure, improving connectivity to major tourist destinations, and creating a conducive environment for tourism units. This policy includes comprehensive provisions such as the establishment of tourism hubs, Shaurya Circuit and projection mapping, and the Rajasthan Travel Card.
- Other provisions include the development of Special Tourism Zones (STZs) in selected districts, craft museums to promote cultural heritage and local crafts, development of digital museums, and promotion of wellness tourism.

Rajasthan Tourism Unit Policy (RTUP) – 2024

- **Launch:** December 4, 2024
- **Objective:** To increase the benefits payable to investors and entrepreneurs associated with Rajasthan tourism and to encourage the establishment of new tourism units in the private sector, thereby creating employment and entrepreneurship opportunities.
- This policy focuses primarily on providing exemptions for heritage hotels and properties, leveraging the heritage properties available in the private sector. Additionally, the tourism policy streamlines the licensing process for operating hotels, restaurants, and other tourism-related establishments.

Other Key Points:

- **Rajasthan Public Trust (Amendment of Provisions) Ordinance, 2025:** The Cabinet approved the draft of the Rajasthan Public Trust (Amendment of Provisions) Ordinance, 2025, in line with the Government of India's Public Trust (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2023. This ordinance will remove criminal provisions from 11 Acts in Rajasthan. For example, Section 26 (1) (A) of the Rajasthan Forest Act, 1953 provided for imprisonment up to 6 months, or a fine of up to ₹500, or both, for grazing cattle in forest land. After the amendment, there will be a provision for imposing only a fine for violation.
- **Compassionate Appointment:** Currently, an application for compassionate appointment has to be made within 90 days from the date of death of a government employee. The State Cabinet approved increasing the time limit for applying for compassionate appointment from 90 to 180 days.

Rajasthan's position in the India Tourism Data Compendium-2025



Why in News?

- Recently, the Union Ministry of Tourism's report, "India Tourism Data Compendium-2025," ranked Rajasthan among the top five states in India in terms of domestic and foreign tourist arrivals.

Qutab Minar

Agra Fort

Humayun's Tomb



Taj Mahal

Foreign Visitors



Baori at Abhaneri





Key Points:

- Additionally, the report listed Chand Baori (Abhaneri) in Dausa as one of the top five most visited monuments in the country, with 1.16 lakh foreign tourists.

Top 5 States in Domestic Tourist Arrivals:

Rank	State	Share (in Percentage)
1st	Uttar Pradesh	21.94
2nd	Tamil Nadu	10.41
3rd	Karnataka	10.33
4th	Andhra Pradesh	9.85
5th	Rajasthan	7.80 (Tourists: 23.8 Crore)

Top 5 States in Foreign Tourist Arrivals:

Rank	State	Share (in Percentage)
1st	Maharashtra	17.69
2nd	West Bengal	14.92
3rd	Uttar Pradesh	10.83
4th	Gujarat	10.86
5th	Rajasthan	9.90 (Tourists: 2 Million)

Facts for Prelims:

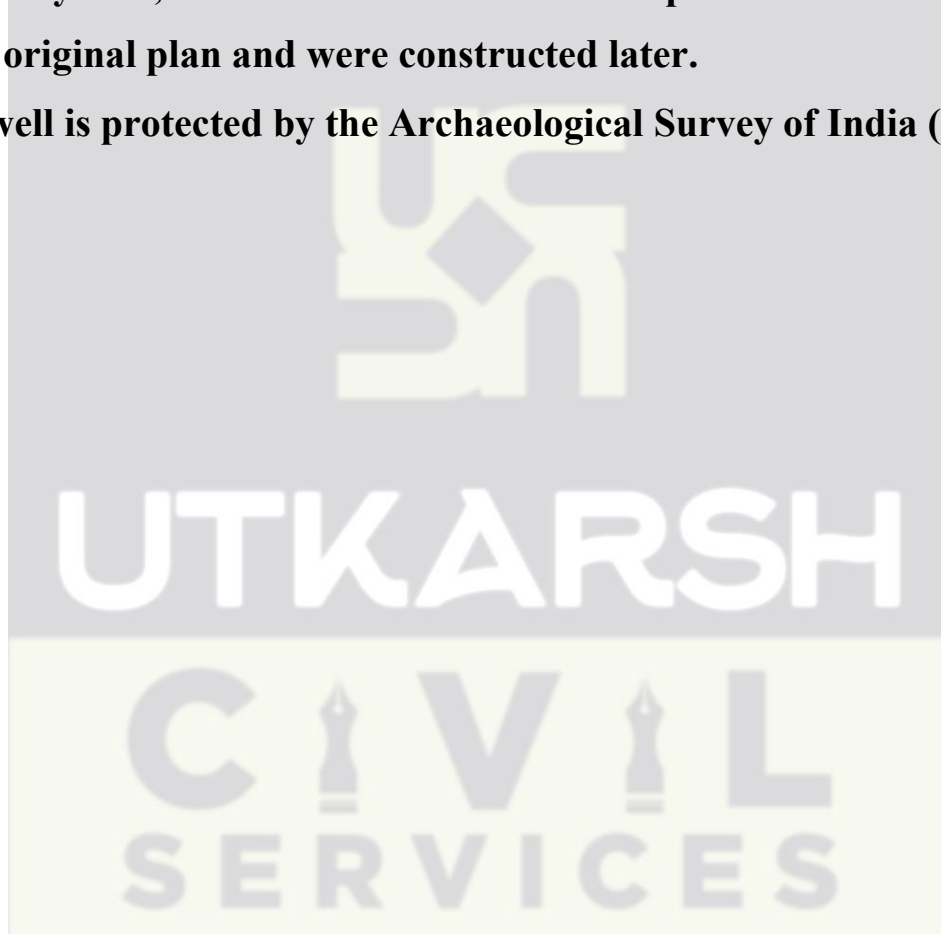
- **Chand Baori:** Abhaneri
- **Built:** By King Chand (Chandra) of the Nikumbh dynasty.
- This king ruled ancient Abhanagari or Abhaneri in the 8th-9th centuries.
- **Features:** This square-shaped stepwell is 19.5 meters deep and its entrance is on the north side.

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- There are double steps on three sides to descend into the stepwell, while a multi-storeyed gallery based on pillars has been built in the northern part.
- Beautiful statues of Mahishasuramardini and Ganesha are installed in two pavilions projecting from this gallery.
- The boundary wall, side verandahs and entrance pavilion of the stepwell were not in the original plan and were constructed later.
- This stepwell is protected by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).



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Child Marriage-Free Rajasthan Campaign



Why in News?

- Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Annapurna Devi, launched a "100-day special campaign" for a "Child Marriage Free Bharat" from New Delhi on December 4, 2025.



Key Points:

- **Rajasthan's goal:** To completely free the state from child marriage by 2030.
- It is worth noting that the "Child Marriage Free Rajasthan Campaign" was launched by the Rajasthan Child Rights Department in April 2025.
- **The focus of the campaign:** Strengthening community participation through strong local leadership.
- According to the National Family Health Survey-4 and National Family Health Survey-5, the prevalence of child marriage in Rajasthan has declined from 35.4 percent to 25.4 percent.

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- **Operation Ladli:** Launched by the Rajasthan Police to prevent child marriage.

Facts for Prelims:

- **Mukhyamantri Kanyadan Yojana:** This scheme aims to encourage the marriage of girls from economically weaker sections of society.

Benefits under the scheme:

- **Category I:** An amount of ₹31,000 will be provided for the marriage of girls aged 18 years or above from Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, and minority BPL families. Additionally, an amount of ₹10,000 (total ₹41,000) will be provided for girls who have passed the 10th standard and ₹20,000 (total ₹51,000) for girls who have passed the graduate level.
- **Category II:** An amount of ₹21,000 will be provided for the marriage of girls from BPL families, Antyodaya families, Aastha card holders, economically weaker widows, persons with disabilities, foster care beneficiaries, and female athletes aged 18 years or above. Additionally, ₹10,000 will be given to girls who have passed the 10th grade and ₹20,000 to girls who have graduated.

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NEWS IN SHORTS

S. No.	News
1.	<p>Phalodi Ranks First in Watershed Yatra Campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Phalodi secured first place in the Central Government's 'Watershed Yatra Campaign.■ Ghantiyali and Lohawat in Phalodi performed exceptionally well under the Prime Minister's Agricultural Irrigation Scheme, for which they were awarded incentives of ₹20 lakh each.





Central Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2025



Why in News?

- The Central Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2025 was introduced in the Lok Sabha by the Ministry of Finance on December 1, 2025, and the bill was passed by the Lok Sabha on December 3, 2025.



Key Points:

- **Objective:** To amend the Central Excise Act, 1984, to increase the excise duty and cess rates on tobacco products.
- **Reasons:**
 1. According to the Ministry of Finance, the government's health expenditure has increased from 1.13 percent of GDP to 1.84 percent between 2014-15 and 2021-22.
 2. India accounts for 17 percent of global tobacco-related deaths.
 3. The economic loss due to the use of tobacco products is accounted approximately ₹2 lakh crore annually.
- In addition to this bill, the government has also introduced a supplementary bill, the Health Protection and National Security Cess Bill, 2025. This bill aims to further strengthen revenue sources by introducing a new cess on pan masala and other potentially 'unhealthy' products.

Key provisions of the Central Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2025:

1. **Excise duty increase on tobacco** - The duty on unmanufactured (raw) tobacco, such as dried tobacco, will be increased from 64 percent to 70 percent.
2. **Duty increase on cigarettes** - The excise duty on cigarettes, currently ranging from ₹200 to ₹735 per thousand, will be increased from ₹2700 to ₹11000 per thousand.

3. Increase on other tobacco products -

- A. Duty on chewing tobacco will be increased from 25 percent to 100 percent.
- B. Duty on hookah and gutkha tobacco will be increased from 25 percent to 40 percent.
- C. Duty on smoking mixtures used for pipes and cigarettes will be increased from 60 percent to 325 percent.

Impact:

- 1. Revenue strengthening and revenue protection of state governments (stronger federalism).
- 2. Consistent with health policy.
- 3. **Market impact** – changes in consumption patterns and increased illicit trade.

Indian Maritime Doctrine-2025



Why in News?

- The Indian Navy's Maritime Doctrine-2025 has been released by Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh Tripathi.



Key Points:

Indian Maritime Doctrine-

- It is the Navy's supreme guiding document, setting out the principles governing its strategy, role, and planning across the entire spectrum of conflict.
- It was first released in 2004, revised in 2009, and amended in 2015.
- It prioritizes joint maneuvering by aligning with tri-service joint doctrines to ensure interoperability among the armed forces.



ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY



Roadshow on Circular Economy



Why in News?

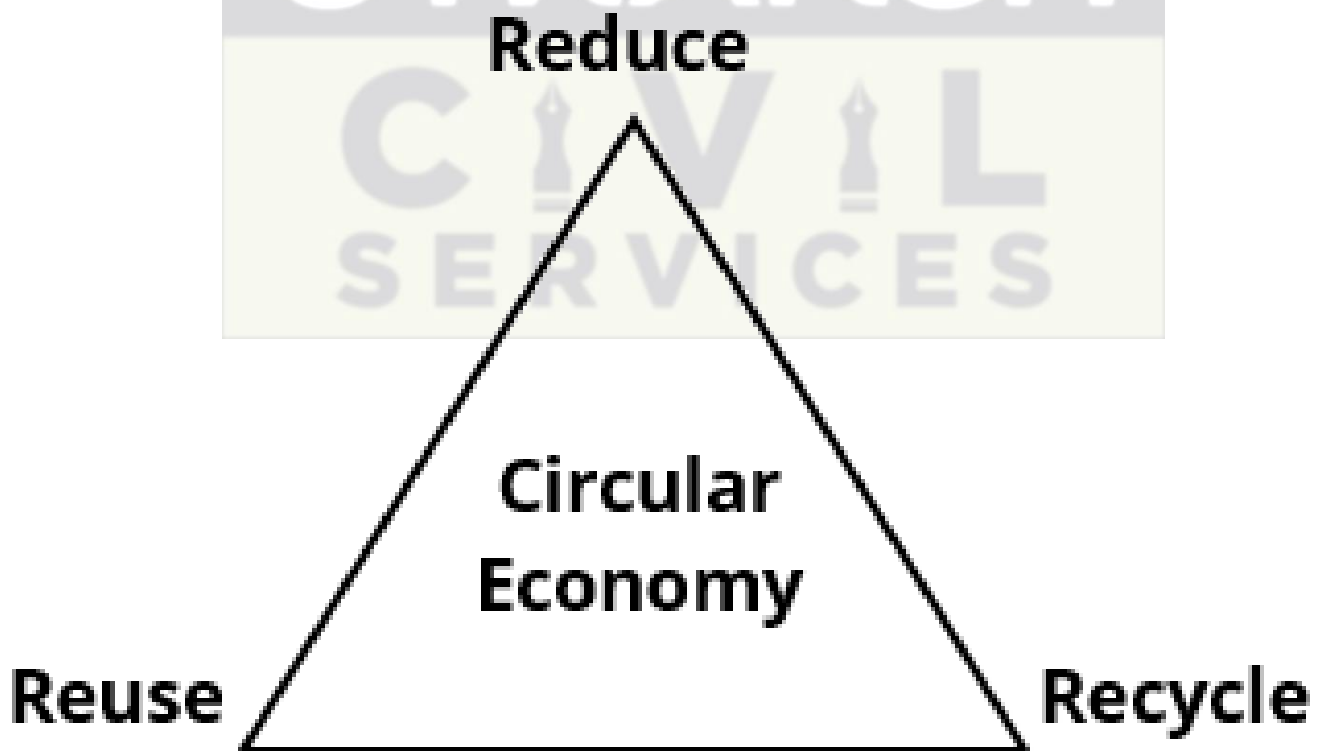
- Finland will organize roadshows in major Indian cities to raise awareness about the circular economy and explore business opportunities.



Key Points:

Circular Economy:

- The circular economy is an economic model focused on reducing waste, reusing materials, and building sustainable systems that promote long-term environmental and economic health.



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- India's circular economy is expected to have a market value of \$2 trillion and create 10 million jobs by 2050.

India's Initiatives:

1. **Swachh Bharat Mission:** To reduce urban waste management with the principles of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.
2. **GOBARdhan Yojana:** An initiative inspired by the Waste to Wealth approach.
3. **e-Waste Management Rules 2022:** To strengthen circular economy practices.
4. **Extended Producer Responsibility (ERP):** Encouraging industries to take responsibility for plastic waste.
5. **3R and Circular Economy Forum** held in Jaipur (March 2025).



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SCHEMES



PM Mitra Park



Why in News?

- Minister of State for Textiles, Shri Pabitra, provided information regarding PM Mitra Parks in response to a written question in the Lok Sabha on December 2, 2025.



Key Points:

Objective:

- The government approved the establishment of seven PM Mitra Parks for the period 2021-22 to 2027-28 to promote investment, job creation, and global integration.
- These parks will provide world-class infrastructure with plug-and-play facilities.

Selected Sites:

1. Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu)
 2. Navsari (Gujarat)
 3. Kalaburagi (Karnataka)
 4. Dhar (Madhya Pradesh)
 5. Warangal (Telangana)
 6. Amravati (Maharashtra)
 7. Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)
- **Implementing Agency** – Special Purpose Vehicles owned by the Central and State Governments.
 - **Launched by** – Ministry of Textiles.

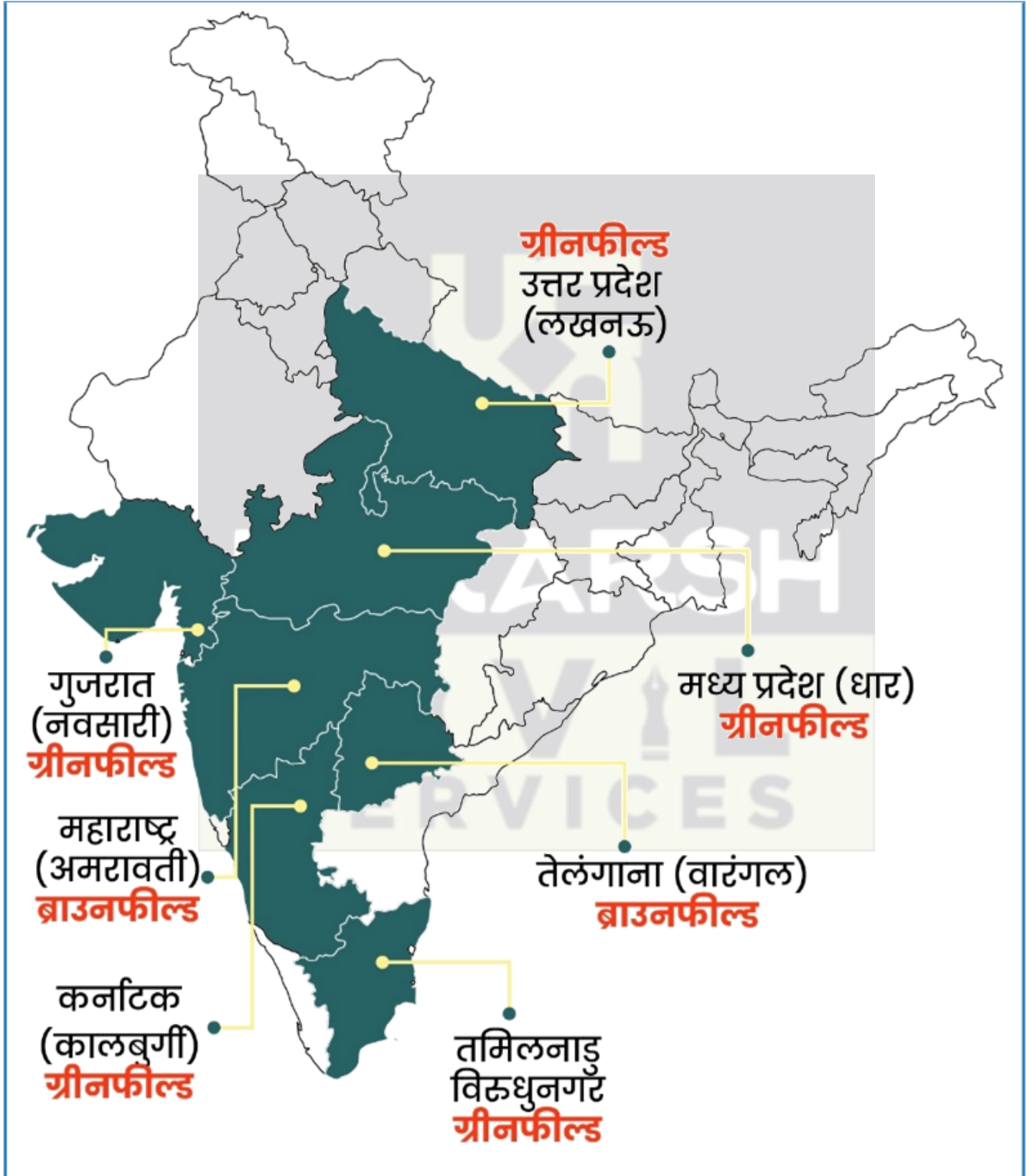
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PM Mitra Park



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SOLAW Report 2025



Why in News?

- The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has released the State of the World's Land and Water Resources for Food and Agriculture (SOLAW) 2025 report.



Key Points:

Additional Information

- The SOLAW Report is released every two years.
- The SOLAW 2025 Report focuses on harnessing the unseen and untapped potential of land, soil, and water resources to enhance sustainable agricultural production, food security, adaptation, and ecosystem services.



IMPORTANT DAYS



International Day of Persons with Disabilities, 2025: December 3



Why in News?

- The United Nations General Assembly has observed the International Day of Persons with Disabilities every year on December 3 since 1992.



Key Points:

- **Objective:** To promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in society and to empower them politically, socially, economically, and politically.
- **Theme for 2025:** “Building a Disability-Inclusive Society to Advance Social Progress.”

Other Important Points:

- **Accessible India Campaign** – Launched on December 3, 2025.
- **Concerned Department** – Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

Important Years –

- **2006:** Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- **2015:** Use of the term “Divyangjan” instead of “Disabled.”

Sukapha Day



Why in News?

- The Prime Minister congratulated the Assamese people on Assam Day or Sukapha Day. This day is celebrated in the context of the life journey of Swargadeo Tsholung Sukapha.



Key Points:

Swargadeo Tsholung Sukapha

- He was the prince of Tai Ruy Mong Mao, present-day Yunnan (China).
- He entered Assam in 1228.

Contributions:

- **Establishment of the Ahom Kingdom:** In 1253 AD, he established the Ahom Kingdom with Cherayadeo as its capital.
- **Region:** Entire Brahmaputra Valley
- The British temporarily annexed the kingdom in 1826 and fully annexed it in 1836.

SPORTS

FEI Asian Equestrian Championships, 2025



Why in News?

- The Indian contingent won a total of five medals at the FEI Asian Equestrian Championships 2025.



Key Points:

- **Event Duration:** From November 23 to December 3, 2025, in Pattaya, Thailand.
- **Edition:** Second
- **Indian Contingent:** Participated for the first time (16-member team)

Key Indian Athletes

1. **Ashish Limaye** – Target Asian Games Group (TAGG) Scheme athlete Limaye won the gold medal in the vetting event.
2. Shashank Singh Kataria and Shashank Kanmuri won the silver medal in the team event.
3. **Shruti Vora** – The dressage athlete Vora won a total of three silver medals.
 - One in the individual event, the second in Intermediate Freestyle-I, and the third in Team Dressage.
4. The team event included TAGG athletes Divyakriti Singh, Gaurav Pundir, and Shruti Vora.

World Boxing Cup Final, 2025

Why in News?

- India won a total of 20 medals at the World Boxing Cup Final, 2025, held in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points:

- Host City:** Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- India's Performance:** 20 medals (9 gold, 6 silver, and 5 bronze).
- India's Gold Medalists** - Total 9 (7 women + 2 men)

S. No.	Player	Category	Defeated
1.	Jaismine Lamboria	57 kg	Wu Shi Yi (China)
2.	Nikhat Zareen	51 kg	Xuan Yi Guo (China)
3.	Parveen Hooda	60 kg	Ayaka Taguchi (Japan)
4.	Arundhati Choudhary	70 kg	Aziza Zokirova (Uzbekistan)
5.	Preeti Pawar	54 kg	Sirine Charrabi (Italy)
6.	Meenakshi Hooda	48 kg	Farzona Fojilova (Uzbekistan)
7.	Nupur Sheoran	80+ kg	Olitnoy Sotimboeva (Uzbekistan)
8.	Sachin Sivach	60 kg	Munarbek Seitbek Uulu (Kyrgyzstan)
9.	Hitesh Gulia	70 kg	Mursal Nurbek (Kazakhstan)

Silver Medalists

- Ankush Panghal (80 kg)** – lost to Oladimeji Shittu of England.
- Abhinash Jamwal (65 kg)** – lost to Shion Nishiyama of Japan.
- Pawan Bartwal (55 kg)** – lost to Samandar Olimov of Uzbekistan.
- Jadumani Singh (50kg)** – Lost to Asylbek Jalilov of Uzbekistan.