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### Rajasthan's 5th Ramsar Site: Siliserh Lake (Alwar)



#### Why in News?

- Siliserh Lake, located in Alwar district, has recently been declared as Rajasthan's 5th and India's 96th Ramsar site.



#### Key Points:

- It is noteworthy that during the Ramsar Wetlands Convention (COP-15) held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe from July 23 to 31, 2025, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav proposed the declaration of Siliserh Lake as a Ramsar site.
- In addition to Siliserh Lake, the Kopra Reservoir in Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh) has also been included as a Ramsar site. With this, the number of Ramsar sites in India has increased to 96.

#### About Siliserh Lake:

- **Location:** In the buffer zone of Sariska Tiger Reserve in the Aravalli mountain range.

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- **Construction:** Built in 1845 by Alwar Maharaja Vinay Singh by constructing a dam on a tributary of the Ruparel River.
- **Other name:** Nandan-Kanan of Rajasthan.

## Ramsar Sites located in Rajasthan:

S. No.	Ramsar Site	Year of Declaration	Included Districts
1.	Keoladeo National Park	1981	Bharatpur
2.	Sambhar Lake	1990	Jaipur, Nagaur, Ajmer
3.	Kheechan Wetland	2025	Phalodi
4.	Menar Wetland Complex	2025	Udaipur
5.	Silisedh Lake	2025	Alwar

## Other Important Points:

- The 'Ramsar Convention on Wetlands' is an intergovernmental treaty adopted on February 2, 1971. It came into force on December 21, 1975. This treaty provides a framework for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources for sustainable development. It is the only treaty that focuses on a single ecosystem.
- India became a member country of the Ramsar Convention on February 1, 1982.
- World Wetlands Day is celebrated every year on February 2.
- **Wetlands:** A wetland is a land area where a large part of the ecosystem is permanently or temporarily flooded with water, meaning it is saturated with water throughout the year or during a specific period.
- These areas are rich in biodiversity and are extremely sensitive. In India, wetlands are classified into 19 categories, including mangroves, river deltas, lakes, and floodplains.
- In 2016, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) notified the 'Wetland (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017' to regulate various activities in wetlands.

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## Rajasthan Public Trust (Amendment of Provisions) Ordinance-2025 (Gazette Notification Issued)



### Why in News?

- On December 12, 2025, the state government has issued the gazette notification for the 'Rajasthan Public Trust (Amendment of Provisions) Ordinance-2025'.



### Key Points:

- **Approval of the Ordinance:** Approved on December 3, 2025, in a meeting of the State Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma.
- **Objective of the Ordinance:** Through this ordinance, criminal penalties such as imprisonment for minor violations or technical errors have been removed from 11 different acts, and only provisions for fines have been retained.
- This ordinance of the state government has been brought in line with the Government of India's 'Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act-2023'. It will promote 'Ease of Living' and 'Ease of Doing Business' in the state.

### The 11 different acts to be amended through the ordinance:

S. No.	Name of the Act
1.	Rajasthan Forest Act - 1953
2.	Rajasthan Tenancy Act - 1955
3.	Rajasthan Navigation Regulation Act - 1956
4.	Rajasthan Treasury Act - 1958
5.	Rajasthan State Assistance (Industries) Act - 1961
6.	Rajasthan Electricity (Tax) Act - 1962
7.	Rajasthan Moneylenders Act - 1963
8.	Rajasthan Non-Government Educational Institution Act - 1989
9.	Rajasthan Stamp Act - 1998
10.	Rajasthan Municipalities Act - 2009
11.	Rajasthan Water Supply and Sewerage Board Act - 2018



## Innovation Day - Startups Conclave



### Why in News?

- The 'Innovation Day - Startups Conclave' has been organized on December 12, 2025, at the Rajasthan International Centre (RIC), Jaipur, to commemorate the completion of two years of the state government.

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### Key Points:

- **Organizer:** Department of Information Technology and Communication, Rajasthan.
- Through 'iStart Rajasthan', more than 7200 startups have been registered in Rajasthan by December 2025, attracting investments exceeding ₹1000 crore.
- More than 2600 of the startups registered on iStart are led by women.
- **Launch:** Teaser of Rajasthan DigiFest and DigiFest Hackathon has been launched by the Chief Minister.

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- **Funding:** The Chief Minister handed over cheques for ₹10.79 crore in to fund to 333 selected startups.
- To make the state competitive in the field of information technology, the Rajasthan government has launched the 'Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics and Extended Reality (AVGC-XR) Policy – 2024'.
- The government has established a 'Cyber Security Simulation Lab' to protect against cyber threats.



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## NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	<p><b>Rajasthan Tops the Country in BBSSL Membership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Under the membership drive of the Bharat Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited (BBSSL), 6120 cooperative societies in Rajasthan have taken BBSSL membership.</li><li>■ Rajasthan ranked first in the country in terms of membership.</li><li>■ Gujarat (5524 cooperative societies) and Maharashtra (4969 cooperative societies) are at second and third place respectively.</li></ul>
2.	<p><b>Rajeevika's 'Mission Samriddh Didi' Campaign</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ On December 12, 2025, the Rajasthan Rural Livelihoods Development Council (Rajeevika) launched the 'Mission Samriddh Didi' campaign at the state level, which will run for the next one month.</li><li>■ The objective of the campaign is to provide bank loans to women of Self-Help Groups (SHGs), promote women-led enterprises, and strengthen digital financial inclusion in rural areas.</li></ul>
3.	<p><b>Rohini Bhajibhakare: Rajasthan's 'Special Roll Observer (SRO)'</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Recently, Rohini Bhajibhakare was appointed as the 'Special Roll Observer' by the Election Commission of India to oversee the special intensive revision (SIR) of the electoral roll in Rajasthan.</li><li>■ The main task of the SROs is to observe the entire process of SIR with the Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) and District Election Officers (DEOs) of the respective states to ensure that it is completed smoothly, transparently, and participatively.</li></ul>

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## **'Nav Utthan - Nai Pehchan, Badhta Rajasthan - Hamara Rajasthan' Development Chariot**

- On December 12, 2025, Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma flagged off 50 development chariots from the Harishchandra Mathur Rajasthan Institute of Public Administration, Jaipur, to mark the completion of two years of the state government.
- To mark the completion of two years of the state government, 200 development chariots are being operated in all 200 assembly constituencies of the state.
- Through these chariots, information about the state government's achievements, flagship schemes, and policy reforms over the past two years will be conveyed to the general public in each assembly constituency.

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## **IPS Biju George Joseph**

- Recently, Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor honored Biju George Joseph (IPS) for his continuous, active, and significant cooperation during 'Operation Sindoor'.

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## **Center for Electronic Governance (CEG)**

- Recently, the Center for Electronic Governance (CEG) was appointed by the Rajasthan Technical Education Department as the nodal agency for the admission processes of engineering, diploma, management, and other professional programs in the state for the next five years (2026-27 to 2030-31).
- **Established:** In 2006 by the Department of Technical Education.

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## **First High Court in the country to increase working days: Rajasthan High Court**

- On the initiative of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, the Rajasthan High Court has become the first High Court in the country to increase its working days.
- To reduce the number of pending cases in the High Court, court proceedings will be held on two Saturdays every month.





### Nuclear Power Corporation of India



#### Why in News?

- According to the Department of Atomic Energy, NPCIL has crossed the 50 billion units of electricity generation mark for the first time in the financial year 2024-25.



#### Key Points:

##### Nuclear Energy in India:

- The country currently has an installed nuclear power capacity of approximately 8.78 gigawatts, operating through 24 nuclear reactors.
- As of July 2025, nuclear energy contributed approximately 3.1 percent to the total electricity generation.

##### Nuclear Energy:

- Nuclear energy is the energy released during nuclear reactions, such as fission or fusion.
- In nuclear fission, heavy atomic nuclei, such as uranium or plutonium, split into lighter nuclei, releasing a large amount of energy.
- This process is used in nuclear power plants to generate electricity.
- According to the current nuclear policy, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is not permitted in the nuclear energy sector.



## INTERNATIONAL



### Trump Gold Card



#### Why in News?

- US President Donald Trump has launched the much-anticipated 'Gold Card' visa program, inviting individuals and companies to invest at least \$1 million.



#### Key Points:

- It replaced the 35-year-old EB-5 visa.
- Under this visa scheme, an individual can donate \$1 million (approximately ₹9.01 crore) to obtain residency in the US and later citizenship.
- For companies, this amount is \$2 million.
- This visa scheme will increase investment in the US, leading to new jobs and economic growth.

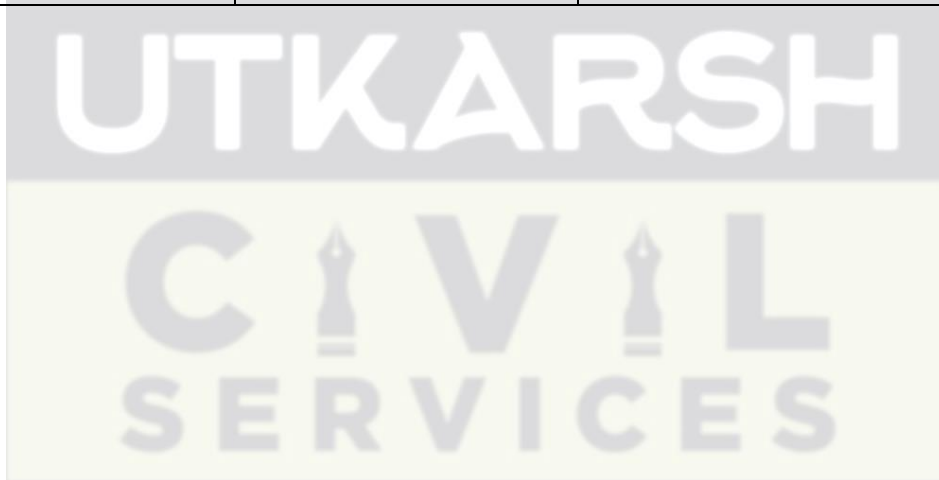
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## Other Important Points:

S. No.	Feature	Trump Gold Card	EB-5 Visa
1.	Time to Obtain Citizenship	Immediate	5 to 7 years
2.	Minimum Investment	\$1 million (₹ 9.01 crore)	\$800,000 - \$1 million (₹ 7-8 crore)
3.	Loan Permission	No	Yes
4.	Employment Requirement	Not mandatory	At least 10 jobs must be provided to U.S. citizens



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## Project Suncatcher



### Why in News?

- Google has announced that the company (Google) has started working on Project Suncatcher. This initiative focuses on establishing solar-powered data centers in space.



### Key Points:

- **Objective:** To test the possibilities of machine learning computing in space through solar-powered satellites in low Earth orbit.

## India-Italy Business Forum, 2025



### Why in News?

- Recently, the India-Italy Business Forum, 2025 was held in Mumbai.



### Key Points:

#### Outcomes:

- Signing of the agreed minutes of the 22nd India-Italy Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (JCEC).
- Italy-India Joint Strategic Action Plan (2025-2029): Announced in 2024, this plan sets out a roadmap for cooperation in artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, renewable energy, telecommunications, biotechnology, and mobility.

#### Other Important Points:

#### India-Italy Economic Relations:

- Trading relations:** Italy is India's 4<sup>th</sup> largest trading partner in the European Union.
- Foreign Direct Investment in India:** Italy ranks 19<sup>th</sup> in terms of Foreign Direct Investment in India from 2000 to 2025.



## ⌚ SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ⌚

### India's First Hydrogen Fuel Cell Passenger Vessel



#### Why in News?

- India launched its first fully indigenous hydrogen fuel cell passenger vessel in Varanasi, marking a significant step in green water transport.



#### Key Points:

- **Manufacturer:** Cochin Shipyard Limited
- Hydrogen fuel cell systems are based on Proton Exchange Membrane technology that represent a major achievement for India's clean energy and green mobility initiatives.
- A Proton Exchange Membrane fuel cell generates electricity through an electrochemical reaction between hydrogen and oxygen without combustion, making it a clean and efficient energy source.

## Heaviest American Commercial Satellite BlueBird-6



### Why in News?

- On December 15, 2025, ISRO will launch its heaviest American commercial satellite, Blue Bird-6, using the LVM-3 rocket.



### Key Points:

- **Introduction:** It is a 6.5-ton low Earth orbit communication satellite, part of AST SpaceMobile's next-generation constellation.
- **Utility:** It is designed to deliver mobile broadband directly to devices globally.

### Features:

1. The largest commercial phased array antenna in low Earth orbit.
2. 10 times more data capacity.
3. Provides bandwidth of up to 10,000 MHz per satellite.
4. Enables non-continuous direct-to-device connectivity in areas lacking terrestrial networks.

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## 🎓 POLITY 🎓

### Narco Test: Supreme Court



#### Why in News?

- The Supreme Court has stated that any forced or involuntary narco test will remain unconstitutional and illegal.



#### Key Points:

##### About Narco Test:

- A narco test is an investigative procedure in which the accused is sedated with a specific dose of substances such as barbiturates (sodium pentothal) to reduce their ability to hesitate and reason.

##### Legality:

- Article 20 of the Constitution provides for protection against self-incrimination.
- The court has held that any such test without free consent would be unconstitutional, and any information obtained from it cannot be used as evidence.
- In the Manoj Kumar Saini case (2023) and the Vinobhai case (2025), the court ruled that such tests do not prove guilt, but the information obtained can contribute to the investigation.

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## INDEXES AND REPORTS



### World Inequality Report, 2026 (WIR)



#### Why in News?

- Recently, the World Inequality Lab released the third edition of the World Inequality Report, 2026.



#### Key Points:

- It highlights global inequality based on income, wealth, gender, climate responsibility, and regional disparities.

#### Report's assessment regarding India:

1. **Income Inequality:** The top 10% of income earners hold a disproportionate 58% of the national income, while the bottom 50% of the population holds only 15%.
2. **Wealth Concentration:** 65% of the country's total wealth is held by the top 10% of the population, while the top 1% holds 40% of the total wealth.
3. **Low Female Labor Force Participation:** The participation rate is 15.7%, one of the lowest in the world.
4. **Average Growth:** The average annual income per capita is approximately €6,200 (PPP), and the average wealth is approximately €28,000 (PPP).



## AWARDS

### Turner Prize, 2025



#### Why in News?

- Recently, British-Nigerian artist Nnena Kalu was awarded the 2025 Turner Prize.



#### Key Points:

- Contribution:** She creates giant cocoon-like sculptures from discarded clothing and videotapes.
- Award established:** In 1984 by the English painter J.M.W. Turner.

#### Indian Award Winners:

- Turner Prize, 2024:** Jasleen Kaur, a Scottish artist of Indian origin, was awarded for her exhibition "Alter-Altar".
- Turner Prize, 1991:** Anish Kapoor, a British artist of Indian origin.





## NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	<p><b>Italian Cuisine: Declared Intangible Cultural Heritage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recently, UNESCO recognized Italian cuisine as a cultural heritage.</li><li>This is the first time that the entire cuisine of a country has been included in the list of 'Intangible Cultural Heritage'.</li></ul>
2.	<p><b>Shivraj Patil: Death</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recently, senior Congress leader and former Union Minister Shivraj Patil passed away.</li><li>Patil was a seven-time Lok Sabha MP and served as the 10th Speaker of the Lok Sabha.</li><li>Patil was the Home Minister during the 2008 Mumbai terrorist attacks, and he had to resign after the attacks.</li></ul>
3.	<p><b>"Sagara Pran Talamalala" Composition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Union Home and Cooperation Minister addressed a cultural programme organised in Vijayapuram to mark the completion of 115 years of the poem "Sagra Prana Talmalla" written by Savarkar.</li></ul>