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RAJASTHAN



'Center of Excellence for Climate Change Adaptation'

Why in News?

- Amidst the changing climate scenario, this 'Center of Excellence for Climate Change Adaptation', to be established in Jaipur, will be the first of its kind in the state. It will conduct in-depth research on the potential impacts of climate change, changing rainfall patterns, and the likelihood of storms over the next 50 years. Essentially, it will function as a long-term climate "think tank + research lab" and "warning system" for Rajasthan.



Key Points:

- **Announcement:** Made by the state government in the Budget 2025-26, with an estimated cost of approximately Rs. 150 crore.
- This center will be built in Jagatpura, Jaipur, and will be the first such climate change adaptation center in Rajasthan.

- The Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board has been given the responsibility; the DPR (Detailed Project Report) has been prepared, and a committee of six officers has been constituted.
- IIT Jodhpur has been selected as the knowledge partner. An MoU will soon be signed between IIT Jodhpur and the Pollution Control Board.

What will the Center do?

- It will generate scientific data and modeling for the next 50 years regarding temperature changes, rainfall patterns, droughts, floods, and extreme weather events in Rajasthan, especially in the Jaipur region.
- This data will be provided to departments such as urban development, agriculture, disaster management, water resources, and health, enabling them to adapt their plans and policies to the changing climate.
- Advisories, strategies, and action plans will be prepared in advance to mitigate potential disasters and adverse effects, shifting the approach from "reactive" to "proactive."
- Public awareness and guidance will also be provided to citizens regarding daily life, agriculture, urban design, etc., based on weather and climate trends.

Why is it important?

- This center will institutionalize local-level climate research at the state level, providing a scientific basis for better climate adaptation plans, long-term policies for water, agriculture, and urbanization, and initiatives like "green budgeting."

Judicial Conclave in the Golden City...

Why in News?

- The Western Regional Judicial Conference was held in the Golden City of Jaisalmer on December 13-14, 2025. It was attended by the Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice Surya Kant, the Acting Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court Justice Sanjeev Prakash Sharma, approximately 20 senior judges of the Supreme Court, and more than 150 High Court and District Court judges from 4 states of Western India (Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and Maharashtra), including Rajasthan.
- **Theme:** “Advancing Rule of Law through Technology: Challenges and Opportunities”



Key Points:

- Deliberations on reducing pending cases, technology in justice delivery (e-courts, virtual hearings), judicial transparency, court orders in simple and accessible language, and an integrated judicial policy.
- Strengthening coordination among the judiciary of Western India, creating a roadmap towards a modern and technology-based justice system, and connecting the border district of Jaisalmer with the national judicial discourse.

State-Level Sanitation Awareness and Community Service Program



Why in News?

- On December 14, 2025, CM Bhajanlal Sharma participated in a state-level sanitation awareness and community service program at Jal Mahal (Jaipur), where he swept the area, planted saplings, and administered a sanitation pledge to the people. Calling sanitation workers "Sanitation Warriors," he distributed PPE kits to them and flagged off road sweeping machines, emphasizing that sanitation is a shared responsibility of both society and the government.



Key Points:

- He released the booklet 'Implementation Plan for Single-Use Plastic Free Cities' and announced the implementation of an action plan to ban single-use plastics.
- He highlighted the progress made in Rajasthan under SBM Gramin, with the construction of over 2.62 lakh individual and more than 4,000 community toilets, and the declaration of approximately 42-43 thousand villages as ODF Plus.
- He spoke about promoting the cleaning of water sources and institutions and water conservation through campaigns like the 'Vande Ganga Jal Sanrakshan Jan Abhiyan'.

Road Safety Awareness Campaign

Why in News?

- Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma launched the "Road Safety Awareness Campaign," which will run across the state from December 11-25, at a state-level ceremony at Amar Jawan Jyoti on Janpath in Jaipur. The Chief Minister flagged off road safety awareness vans and approximately 500 auto-rickshaws, which will spread awareness about the importance of helmets, seat belts, and traffic rules in urban and rural areas.

Key Points:

- A road safety poster was released, attendees took a road safety pledge, helmets were distributed to people with disabilities, and a message was given about increasing visibility at night by applying reflective tape to commercial vehicles.
- Citizens who helped transport those injured in road accidents to the hospital on time were honored with the Good Samaritan Award.

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1.	<p>International Volleyball Referee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Lal Chand from Rajasthan has obtained the status of an international volleyball referee by passing the international volleyball referee examination conducted by the Asian Volleyball Confederation in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan, with good marks. Lal Chand has now become the third international volleyball referee from Rajasthan.





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National Makhana Board

Why in News?

- The first meeting of the National Makhana Board was recently held. In this meeting, a Central Sector Scheme was launched for the overall development of the makhana sector. A roadmap for research, quality seed production, value addition, and export promotion was also approved.

Key Points:

National Makhana Board:

- Announcement:** Union Budget 2025-26
- Ministry:** Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- Location:** Purnea, Bihar.
- Objective:** To promote value addition, branding, and global positioning of the makhana sector.

Census of India – 2027

Why in News?

- The Union Cabinet has approved the Census of India – 2027. This will be the 16th census of the country and the 8th census to be conducted after independence.



Key Points:

- Phased Operation:** The process will be conducted in two phases:
- House listing and housing census from April to September 2026 and population enumeration by February 2027.
- The first digital census, which will utilize a mobile application.
- Caste data will also be recorded during the population enumeration phase.

Census in India:

- Origin:** The first non-synchronous census was conducted in 1872.
- Conducting Authority:** Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Legal Basis:** The Census Act – 1948 provides the legal framework for conducting the census.
- Previous Census:** The last census was conducted in 2011. The 2021 census was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



India-Oman Free Trade Agreement

Why in News?

- The Union Cabinet has approved the proposed free trade agreement between India and Oman. It has also received approval from the lower house of the Omani parliament.



Key Points:

Main Features

- With the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), India will gain access to 98 percent of its products in Oman and will also receive significant access in services.
- Besides trade, investment flows between the two sides are also expected to benefit from this agreement.

Free Trade Agreement (FTA)

- In an FTA, two trading partners significantly reduce or eliminate customs duties on the maximum number of tradable goods between them.
- They also relax regulations to promote trade in services and attract investment.
- India already has a similar agreement with the UAE, another member country of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which came into effect in 2022.

International Fund for Agricultural Development - IFAD

Why in News?

- At the IFAD India event held in Rome, India showcased its achievements in the areas of rural development, women's empowerment, and climate-resilient agriculture.



Key Points:

IFAD:

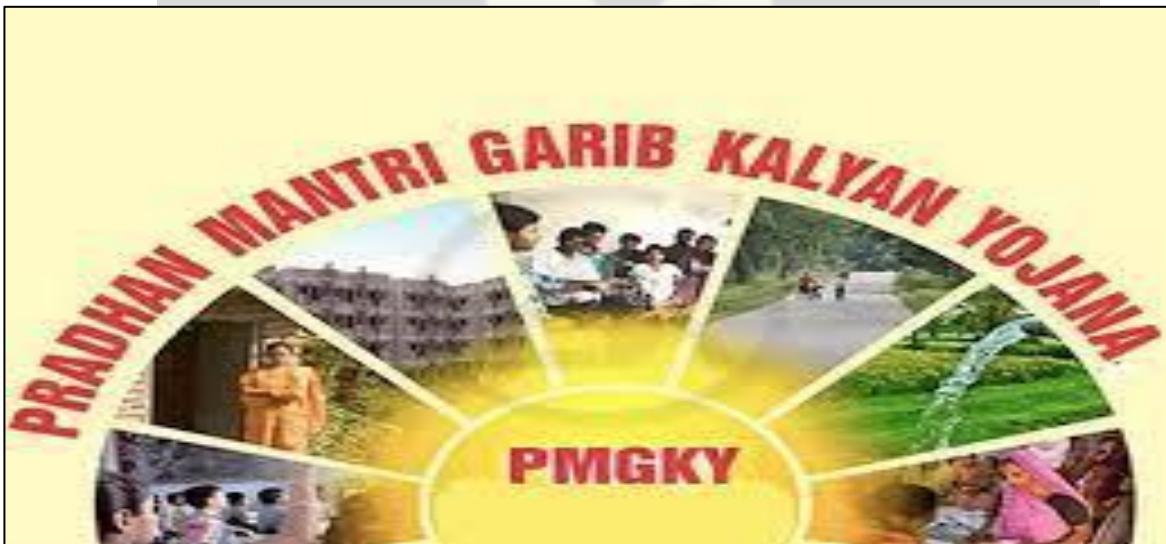
- Established:** 1977, Rome, Italy
- It is a specialized agency of the United Nations that works to combat rural poverty in developing countries through targeted financing.
- It primarily provides concessional loans, grants, and technical assistance to small farmers, livestock keepers, and rural entrepreneurs.

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Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package: Insurance Scheme

Why in News?

- The Supreme Court directed that all doctors who lost their lives while on COVID duty should be covered under the ₹50 lakh insurance scheme under the "Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package: Insurance Scheme for Health Workers Fighting COVID-19".



Key Points:

PMGKY Package: Insurance Scheme for Health Workers:

- Objective:** To provide financial security to health workers engaged in COVID-19 duty.
- Ministry:** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- Insurance Coverage:** Insurance cover of ₹50 lakh per beneficiary.
- Beneficiaries:** Healthcare workers directly involved in COVID-19 duty, including doctors, nurses, paramedics, and support staff.
- The PMGKY Package insurance scheme is a specific component of the comprehensive Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package launched in March 2020.

AMRUT

Why in News?

- The report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) was presented in the Lok Sabha.



Key Points:

AMRUT Mission:

- Launched** – June 2015
- AMRUT 2.0** – October 1, 2021
- Ministry** – Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- Scheme Type** – Centrally Sponsored Scheme
- Objective** – Development of basic urban infrastructure for water supply, sewerage and septage management, storm water drainage, green spaces and parks, and non-motorized urban transport in selected cities and towns.



ECONOMIC SCENARIO



Corporate Bond Market in India

Why in News?

- NITI Aayog has released a report titled “Deepening the Corporate Bond Market in India”.



Key Points:

Important points of the report:

- This report analyzes strengthening India's corporate bond market, the challenges, and the future action plan, which is a key source of financing for corporations, infrastructure, small and medium enterprises, and emerging sectors.
- A robust and liquid corporate bond market helps in raising long-term capital, reducing over-reliance on bank loans and supporting economic growth.

Corporate Bonds:

- Corporate bonds are debt securities issued by private and public corporations.
- Companies issue corporate bonds to raise funds for various purposes, such as setting up new plants, purchasing equipment, and expanding their business.
- When an individual buys a corporate bond, they are lending money to the company that issued the bond, called the issuer.
- In return, the company promises to repay the principal amount on a fixed maturity date. Until that date, the company typically pays a fixed interest rate.

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1.	<p>India's Wildfire Management Proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ India's proposal titled "Strengthening Global Management of Wildfires" was adopted at the 7th session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) held in Nairobi, Kenya.

