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RAJASTHAN



Heal in Rajasthan Policy – 2025



Why in News?

- Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma launched the 'Heal in Rajasthan Policy – 2025' at the 'State Level Arogya Camp' organized at Rajasthan University of Health Sciences (RUHS), Jaipur on December 15, 2025.

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**'हील इन राजस्थान
नीति-2025' को मंजूरी से
मेडिकल टूरिज्म को बढ़ावा**

राजस्थान बनेगा मेडिकल वैल्यू ट्रैवल हब

- हील इन राजस्थान नीति से राज्य बनेगा विश्वस्तरीय, किफायती और भरोसेमंद मेडिकल वैल्यू ट्रैवल डेस्टिनेशन

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Key Points:

- **Note:** The draft of the Medical Value Travel Policy (Heal in Rajasthan Policy) 2025 was approved by the Rajasthan Cabinet in July 2025, with the objective of making Rajasthan a leading medical tourism hub with world-class healthcare services and infrastructure.

Objectives of the Policy:

- To establish Rajasthan as an accessible, affordable, and reliable Medical Value Travel (MVT) destination.
- To promote economic growth, job creation, and global branding by integrating the health and tourism sectors.
- Under this policy, investors will be provided incentives under the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme (RIPS), Rajasthan Industrial Development Policy, and Tourism Policy, and Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) and Viability Gap Funding (VGF) will also be utilized.

Benefits:

- It will ensure the development of a digital ecosystem associated with Medical Value Travel (MVT) along with quality healthcare services.
- Multi-specialty hospitals located in Rajasthan will be able to develop according to international standards.
- Traditional medical practices such as Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, and Siddha will be promoted.
- Under this policy, a dedicated MVT cell will be established, and MVT facility providers and service providers will be certified.
- The policy will promote advancements in telemedicine, biotechnology, and app-based diagnostics. Teleconsultation and multilingual helpline services will also be established.

Other Important Points:

- **Ferric Carboxymaltose Injection Campaign:** The 'Ferric Carboxymaltose Injection Campaign' has been launched in the state to free, pregnant women from anemia.

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State-Level Exhibition on the Second Anniversary of the State Government



Why in News?

- Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma inaugurated a 'State-Level Exhibition' in Jaipur on December 15, 2025, to mark the completion of two years of the state government.



Key Points:

- **Venue:** Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur.
- **Organizer:** Department of Information and Public Relations, Rajasthan.
- **Duration:** December 15 to 18, 2025.

Other Important Points:

- The Chief Minister also launched new residential schemes of the Rajasthan Housing Board in Hanumangarh and Bhiwadi.

International Women of Courage Award 2025: Dr. Kriti Bharti



Why in News?

- Dr. Kriti Bharti, who was included in the BBC's list of 100 inspiring women, was recently honored with the 'International Women of Courage Award - 2025'.



Key Points:

- Dr. Kriti Bharti is originally from Jodhpur and is the Managing Trustee and rehabilitation psychologist of the Saarthi Trust.
- She was given this honor for her inspiring and courageous campaign against child marriage and for the protection of children and women.
- **Awarded by:** All India Council for Human Rights, Liberties and Social Justice (AICHLS) and a joint collaboration of 250 organizations from London, Bangladesh, and India.

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- Dr. Kriti Bharti has also been awarded the Human Rights Award 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland, and the Marwar and Mewar Ratna awards at the global level.
- Note: A film titled 'Sherni', starring actress Vidya Balan, has also been made about Dr. Kriti Bharti's campaign for the eradication of child marriage.

Other Important Points:

- **Dr. Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar (Udaipur):** Global Cultural Heritage Philanthropy Award.





NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

| S. No. | News |
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| 1. | <p>Maharshi Dayanand Panorama: Ajmer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Recently, Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani announced the construction of a 'Maharshi Dayanand Panorama' in Ajmer, the place of Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati's nirvana.■ Arya Samaj: Founded by Dayanand Saraswati in Mumbai in 1875.■ Paropkarini Sabha: Established by Dayanand Saraswati in 1882-83 to publish and propagate his works and Vedic texts.■ Literary Contributions: "Satyarth Prakash" (a critical interpretation of Vedic teachings and a critique of various Hindu practices and rituals), other books include 'Sanskar Vidhi', 'Rigveda Bhashyam', etc. |
| 2. | <p>'Two Golden Years of Dairy: A Strong Upsurge in Rural Economy' (Book)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Release: By Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma at Pinjrapol Gaushala in Jaipur.■ This book encompasses the achievements of the state government in the last two years in the dairy and animal husbandry sector, including innovations, expansion of cooperatives, and strengthening of the rural economy. |

3.

Sarosh Khan: Gold Medal in the 68th National Shooting Championship Competition

- Sarosh Khan, a resident of Kota, won a gold medal in the 68th National Shooting Championship Competition.
- **Category:** Skeet Shooting (Shotgun Event) Masters Category.
- **Venue:** Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range, New Delhi.
- **Organizer:** National Rifle Association of India.

4.

Committee Formed to Prevent Corruption in MLA Fund

- Recently, Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma constituted a 4-member committee headed by Bhaskar Sawant to prevent corruption in the MLA fund.
- **Members:** Jogaram (Government Secretary, Panchayati Raj), Rajan Vishal (Government Secretary, Finance, Budget), and Manish Goyal (Special Secretary, Home Department) have been appointed as member secretaries.

5.

7th Junior State Ball Badminton Championship

- **Event:** Held from December 12 to 14, 2025 in Barmer.
- **Boys' Category Winning Team:** Tonk.
- **Girls' category winning team:** Churu.
- **Best players of the championship:** Vibha from Churu and Harshit from Tonk.

6.

Youth Parliament in the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly

- **Event date:** December 14, 2025.
- **Total participants:** 164 students from 41 districts.
- **Selection:** Young people selected from among students studying in classes 9 to 12 in government schools across all districts of the state.
- This youth parliament was organized under the 'Prabal' program (Program to Recognize Ability and Build Up Adaptive Life Skills for the 21st Century) of the Rajasthan Education Department.

7.

'Bal Vivah Mukht Gram Panchayat' Program: Baran



- Recently, the 'Bal Vivah Mukht Gram Panchayat' program and a 100-day public awareness campaign were launched in Baran.
- **Department:** District Administration, Baran and Department of Women Empowerment, Rajasthan.
- **Rajasthan's Goal:** To make the state completely free from child marriage by 2030.

8.

Ladli Media and Advertising Awards for Gender Sensitivity – 2025

- Recently, Kavita Swami, a resident of Nagaur, was honored with the 'Ladli Media and Advertising Awards for Gender Sensitivity 2025' for her journalism on gender sensitivity and social issues.
- **Presented by:** 'Population First' organization in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).



Coal SETU Policy



Why in News?

- The Union Cabinet has approved the auction policy for coal linkages (Coal SETU) for seamless, efficient and transparent utilization.

CoalSETU Window *for* Fair Access and Optimal Coal Utilisation



- Cabinet approves the **Policy for Auction of Coal Linkage for Seamless, Efficient & Transparent Utilisation** by creation of new window "CoalSETU" in the NRS (Non-Regulated Sector) Linkage Auction Policy of 2016



- The new window aims to allocate **coal linkages on auction basis** on long-term for any **industrial use and export**
- Any **domestic buyer** requiring coal can participate in the **linkage auction**

CABINET DECISION: 12-12-2025



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Key Points:

Coal SETU Policy:

- It creates a new auction window for coal under the 2016 Non-Regulated Sector Linkage Auction Policy.
- **Objective:** To allow long-term allocation of coal linkages on an auction basis for any type of industrial use and export.
- **Exception:** Coking coal will not be offered under this window.
- **Participation:** Any domestic buyer requiring coal can participate in the linkage auction.
- Traders are not allowed to bid under this window.



Ponduru Khadi



Why in News?

- Ponduru Khadi from Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh has received Geographical Indication (GI) tag recognition.



Key Points:

Additional Information:

- Ponduru Khadi is a handwoven fabric primarily made from a short-staple, pest-resistant variety of cotton grown locally in the hilly regions.
- This cotton is chemical-free, promoting sustainable agriculture and the region's traditional eco-friendly production methods.

GI Tag

- A GI tag protects products associated with a specific geographical origin, guaranteeing their unique qualities and characteristics.
- In India, it is granted under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.

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INTERNATIONAL



Pax Silica Initiative



Why in News?

- Pax Silica is a new critical minerals diversification initiative of the United States. India has been excluded from this initiative.



Key Points:

- **Members:** Japan, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Israel, United Arab Emirates, Australia.
- **Objective:** To build a secure, prosperous, and innovative silicon supply chain. This will include everything from critical minerals and energy inputs to advanced manufacturing, semiconductors, AI infrastructure, and logistics.

Operation Thunder - 2025



Why in News?

- Thousands of live animals were seized under Operation Thunder – 2025.



Key Points:

- **Implementing Agency:** It was coordinated by Interpol and the World Customs Organization with the support of the Interpol Consortium on Combating Wildlife and Forestry Crime.
- **Objective:** To disrupt and seize illegally traded wildlife and forestry products in global supply chains.

⌚ SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ⌚

MahaCrimeOS AI



Why in News?

- Maharashtra launched MahaCrimeOS AI to strengthen its response to rising cybercrimes using artificial intelligence.



Key Points:

- **Platform:** This is an advanced AI pilot system.
- It has been developed in collaboration with Microsoft. It uses Azure OpenAI Service.



INDEXES AND REPORTS



India's Employment Prospects: Pathways to Jobs Report



Why in News?

- The National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) released a report titled "India's Employment Prospects: Pathways to Jobs."



Key Points:

- The report highlights the role of skill development and small enterprises as key drivers of job creation in the country.

Major Employment Trends:

- Employment growth has been primarily driven by an increase in self-employment, while the shift from low-skilled to high-skilled employment has been slow.

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- Most small enterprises operate at a subsistence level with low capital, low productivity, and limited use of technology.
- Medium-skilled jobs, particularly in services, dominate employment growth, while low-skilled labor remains prevalent in manufacturing.
- India's vocational education and training system faces significant structural challenges.

These challenges include:

1. Underutilization of available seats.
2. Inadequate placements.
3. Vacant trainer positions.
4. Weak industry linkages.
5. The persistent perception of vocational education as a non-primary option.



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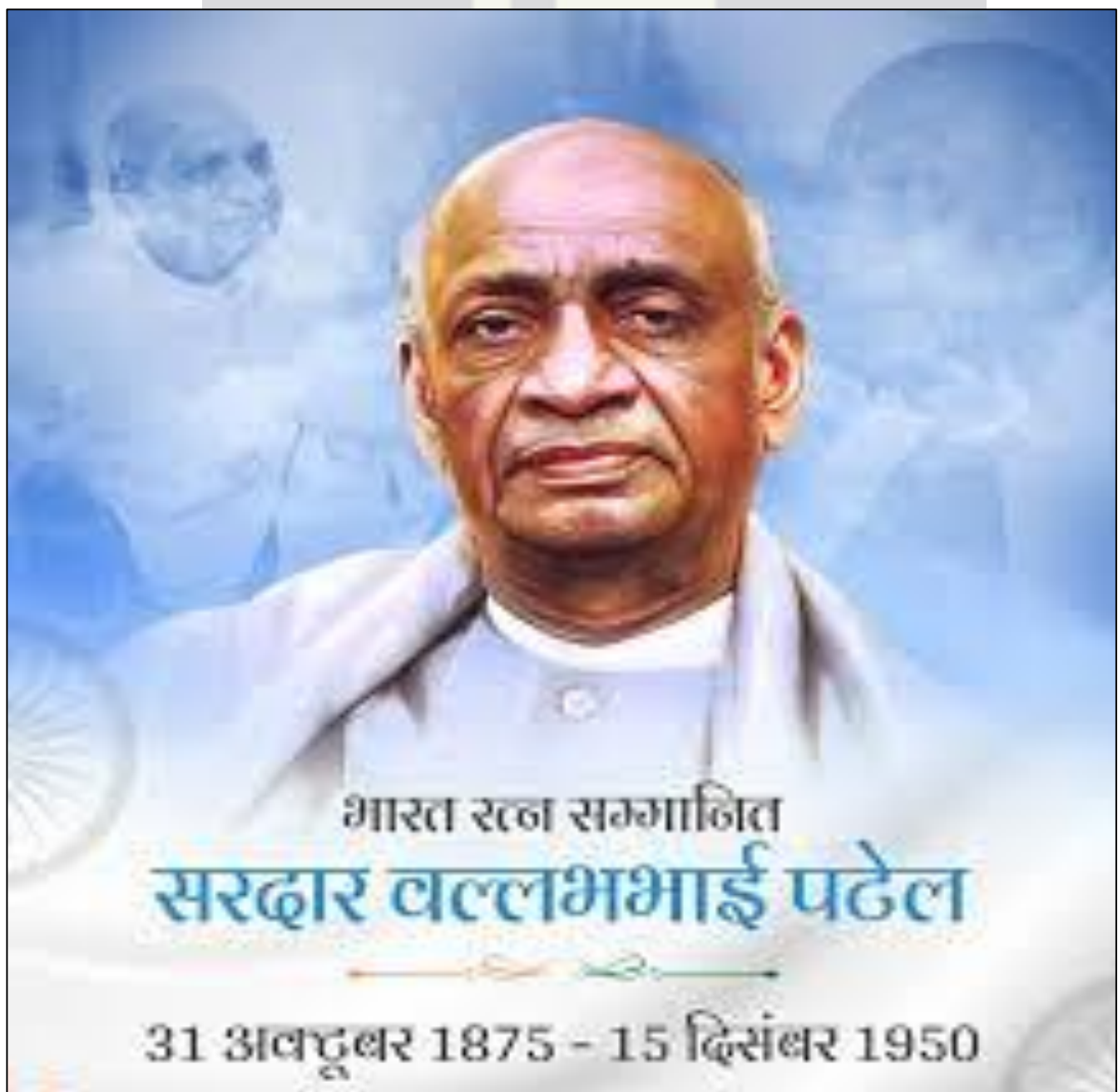


Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel



Why in News?

- The Prime Minister paid tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India, on his 75th death anniversary (December 15, 1950).





Key Points:

Other related facts:

- **Born:** October 31, 1875
- First Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of independent India.
- Led various constitutional committees such as the Advisory Committee on Fundamental Rights, the Committee on Minorities and Tribal and Excluded Areas, and the Provincial Constitution Committee.
- **Bharat Ratna:** 1991, posthumously.

Contribution to India's freedom movement:

1. **Kheda Satyagraha:** 1917, Kheda district of Gujarat
2. **Non-Cooperation Movement:** 1920-22
3. **Bardoli Satyagraha, 1928:** Supported the famine-stricken local population.
4. **Civil Disobedience Movement, 1930-34:** Actively participated in the Salt Satyagraha.
5. **Quit India Movement, 1942:** He inspired protests and strikes, boycotts of tax payments, and the closure of civil services.

Other important points:

- Since 2014, National Unity Day is celebrated annually on October 31st to commemorate Sardar Patel's birth anniversary.
- The world's tallest statue, the Statue of Unity, was unveiled on October 31, 2018, in Kevadia, Gujarat, on the occasion of Sardar Patel's 143rd birth anniversary.
- Civil Services Day is celebrated on April 21st to commemorate the address given by Sardar Patel to the first batch of civil servants of independent India in 1947.

Emperor Perumbidugu Mutharaiyar II (Suvaran Maran)



Why in News?

- The President of India released a postage stamp in honor of Emperor Perumbidugu Mutharaiyar II.



Key Points:

- **Epithet:** Shatrubhayankara (Terrifier of Enemies).
- **Dynasty:** Belonged to the Mutharaiyar dynasty, who were vassals of the Pallavas.
- **Region:** Ruled over parts of central Tamil Nadu.
- **Period:** During 705 AD to 745 AD.
- **Capital:** Tiruchirappalli.
- **Cultural Patronage:** Patronized temple construction, Shaivite and other scholars, and Tamil culture.

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NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

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News

1.

Bridge Summit – 2025



- The first and largest global media event, Bridge Summit – 2025, concluded at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre.
- The Bridge Alliance is a global organization that unites leaders from media, technology, politics, finance, and creative industries to build a resilient and future-oriented framework for the world's media, entertainment, and content ecosystem.