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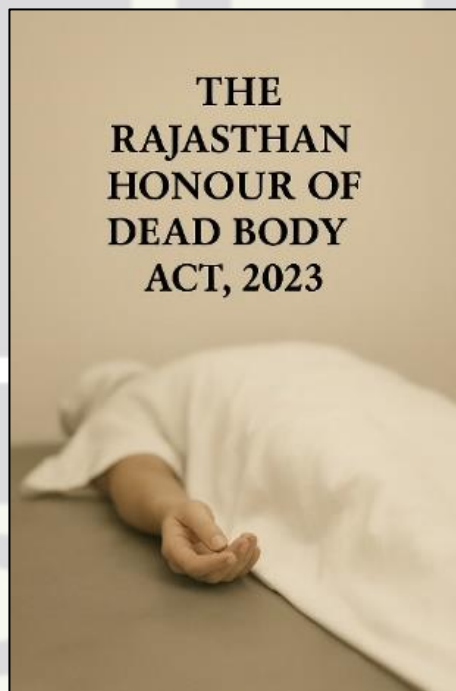


Rajasthan Respect for Dead Bodies Act, 2023



Why in News?

- Recently, the Rajasthan government implemented all provisions of the Rajasthan Respect for Dead Bodies Act, 2023 across the state.



Key Points:

- Rajasthan is the first state in the country to implement the Respect for Dead Bodies Act.
- With the implementation of this law, protesting by keeping a dead body, politicizing the corpse, and unreasonable delays in cremation will now be considered a crime in Rajasthan.
- The purpose of implementing this Act is to maintain the dignity of the deceased and to prevent cases where bodies are misused for compensation or other demands.

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- According to this Act, it is mandatory to cremate the deceased within 24 hours. Delays will only be acceptable if the deceased's family is traveling from outside or a postmortem is necessary.

Provisions of the Act:

No.	Action	Punishment Provision
1.	When a family member of a deceased person does not receive the dead body	Imprisonment up to one year, fine, or both.
2.	When a family member of a deceased person uses the dead body for protest or allows any other person to do so	Imprisonment up to two years and fine.
3.	When a non-family person uses the dead body for protest	Imprisonment from at least six months to five years and fine.
4.	If any authorized person or persons disclose any kind of genetic data information and the confidentiality of the information	Imprisonment from at least three years to ten years and fine.
5.	If the family refuses to take the body after a 24-hour notice given by the Magistrate	Imprisonment up to one year, fine, or both. (In this situation, the police will take custody of the body, conduct the post-mortem with videography, and perform the last rites.)

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Rajasthan becomes the first state to achieve 100% digitization of voter lists



Why in News?

- Rajasthan has become the first state in the country to achieve 100% digitization of its voter list under the Special Intensive Revision-2026 (SIR-2026).



Key Points:

- In addition to 100% digitization, mapping of over 97% of voters in the state has also been completed.
- It is noteworthy that, as announced by the Election Commission of India (ECI), the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process is being conducted in Rajasthan from October 28, 2025, to February 7, 2026.
- According to the current 2025 voter list, there are 548,84,827 voters in Rajasthan.



Important Dates:

- **October 28 – November 3, 2025:** Training and printing of enumeration forms.
- **November 4 – December 4, 2025:** Door-to-door distribution and collection of enumeration forms.
- **December 9, 2025:** Publication of the draft voter list.
- **December 9, 2025 – January 8, 2026:** Claims and objections period.
- **December 9, 2025 – January 31, 2026:** Notice phase, hearings, and verification.
- **February 7, 2026:** Publication of the final voter list.

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- **Special Intensive Revision (SIR):** The Election Commission of India's (ECI) Special Intensive Revision (SIR) is a process of updating voter lists to ensure they are accurate and error-free. This exercise is done to ensure that no eligible voter is left out and no ineligible person is included in the list.
- **Note:** The Election Commission of India has launched a unified ECINet app/website, which also has a 'Book a Call with BLO' feature, through which voters can directly contact the BLO and obtain various types of information.

Facts for Prelims:

- **Gyanesh Kumar:** Took charge as the 26th Chief Election Commissioner of India on February 19, 2025. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer from the Kerala cadre of the Indian Administrative Service.
- **Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu:** Joined the Election Commission of India as an Election Commissioner on March 15, 2024. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer from the Uttarakhand cadre.
- **Dr. Vivek Joshi:** Joined the Election Commission of India as an Election Commissioner on February 19, 2025. He is a 1989 batch IAS officer from the Haryana cadre.
- **Chief Election Commissioner of Rajasthan:** Rajeshwar Singh.
- **Chief Electoral Officer (Rajasthan):** Naveen Mahajan.

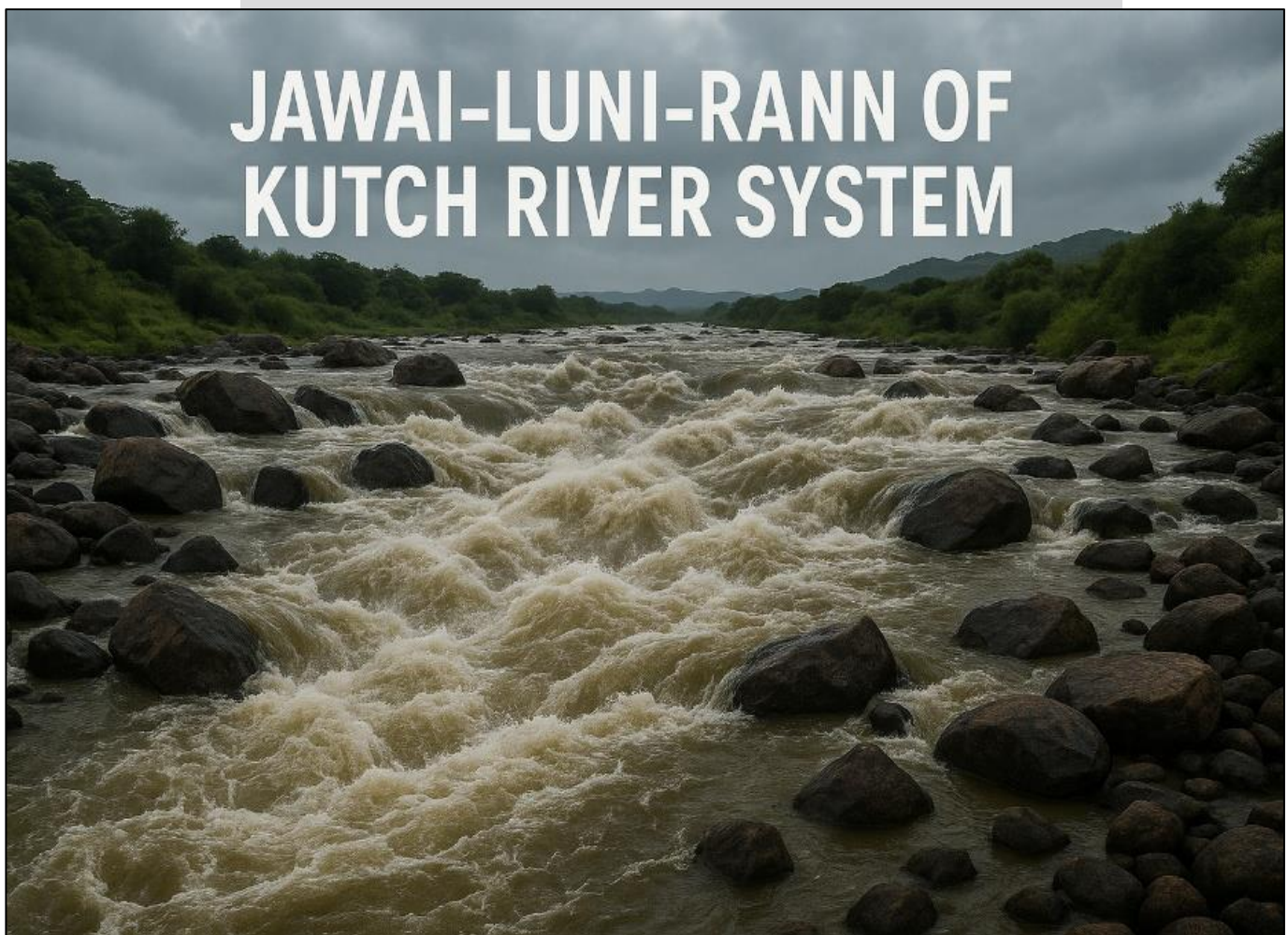
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Proposed National Waterway 48



Why in News?

- Recently, Tojo Vikas International Private Limited submitted the final report of the hydrographic survey related to the proposed National Waterway 48 in the state to the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI).



Key Points:

- The report indicates that the project could have serious impacts on the local environment.
- The Luni River, a section of the project, is heavily impacted by textile waste and chemical pollution. After Balotra, the river becomes highly polluted.

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About the Project:

- An inland port is also proposed in Jalore under this National Waterway.

No.	Name of River/Region	Gujarat	Rajasthan	Total Length
1.	Rann of Kutch	410.04 km	11.20 km	421.24 km
2.	Luni River	—	70.65 km	70.65 km
3.	Jawai River	—	123.54 km	123.54 km
Total Length		410.04 km	205.39 km	615.44 km

Other Important Points:

High-Level Ecosystem Oversight Committee (HLEOC)

- The Supreme Court constituted a High-Level Ecosystem Oversight Committee to address the deadly pollution in the Jojri, Bandi, and Luni rivers, considered the lifelines of western Rajasthan.
- **Chairperson:** Justice (Retd.) Sangeet Lodha.
- **Key Members:** Additional Chief Secretary (Environment Department), Member Secretary (CPCB and RSPCB), Managing Director (RIICO), and District Collectors of Jodhpur, Pali, and Balotra.

Facts for Prelims:

Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)

- Formed on October 27, 1986, under the Inland Waterways Authority of India Act, 1985.
- IWAI is primarily responsible for the development, maintenance, and regulation of waterways declared as National Waterways under the National Waterways Act, 2016.
- **Headquarters:** Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

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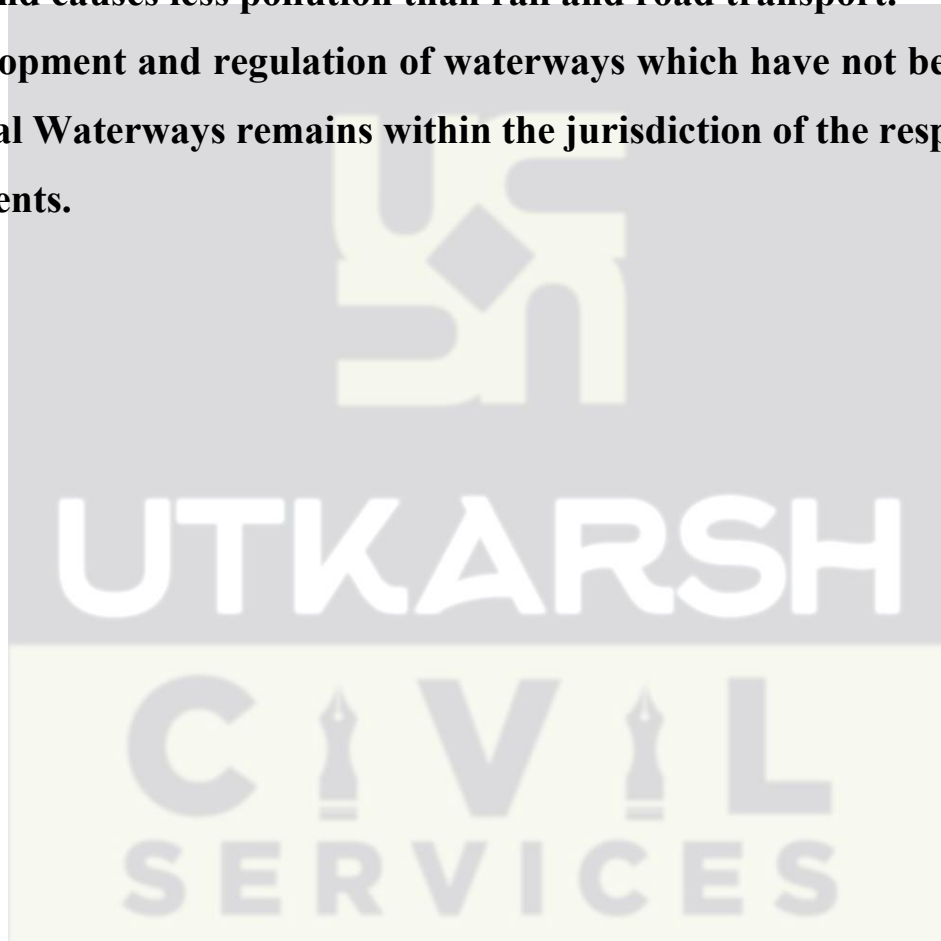
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- With the declaration of 5 new National Waterways (NWs) in 2016, the total number of National Waterways in the country has reached 111.
- Transportation of coal, fly ash, and iron ore through inland water transport (IWT) is considered economical and cost-effective, as it is environmentally friendly and causes less pollution than rail and road transport.
- The development and regulation of waterways which have not been declared as National Waterways remains within the jurisdiction of the respective State Governments.



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NEWS IN SHORTS

S. No.	News
1.	<p>Helicopter service to Mehandipur Balaji launched</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Helicopter service to the religious site of Mehandipur Balaji in Dausa was launched from December 8, 2025.■ Mehandipur Balaji is included in the 'Panch Gaurav'.
2.	<p>'Honor Run' Marathon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma flagged off the 'Honor Run' marathon, organized by the Army's Southwestern Command, from Albert Hall in Jaipur to honor the valor and sacrifice of veterans.■ This marathon was organized as part of the main event to be held in Jaipur to commemorate Army Day (January 15, 2026).■ The Honor Run marathon held at Albert Hall included three race categories: 5 kilometers, 10 kilometers, and 21 kilometers.
3.	<p>'Vande Mataram's Call, Expansion of Labor Safety' Exhibition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Union Law and Justice Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal inaugurated a five-day multimedia exhibition themed 'Vande Mataram's Call, Expansion of Labor Safety' at Maharani Higher Secondary School, Jodhpur, organized by the Central Bureau of Communications, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.■ The exhibition will be held from December 6 to 10, 2025.
4.	<p>Global Energy Leaders Summit 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Rajasthan's Energy Minister Hiralal Nagar recently represented Rajasthan at the Global Energy Leaders Summit 2025 held in Puri, Odisha.■ Event: December 5 to 7, 2025.■ Organized by: Government of Odisha and Tony Blair Institute for Global Change.



NATIONAL



56th International Film Festival of India, 2025



Why in News?

- The 56th International Film Festival of India was held from November 20 to 28, 2025, in Panaji, the capital of Goa.



Key Points:

- **Theme for 2025:** “Young Filmmakers: The Future is Now.”
- **Venue:** Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium, Goa.
- **Focus Country:** Japan
- **Partnership Country:** Spain
- **Spotlight Country:** Australia
- **Opening Film:** “The Blue Trail” by Brazilian author Gabriel Mascaráo.
- **Opening Feature Film** – Amaran (Tamil)
- **Opening Non-Feature Film** – Kakori
- **Organizers:** National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India + Entertainment Society of Goa (ESG)

Results/Winners

No.	Award	Winner
1.	Golden Peacock Award (Best Film)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Lithuanian film – “Toxic” (Best Feature Film)■ Director: Saulius Bliževičius■ It depicts the entire socio-economic environment of the “Drausty Van Kons.”

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2.	Silver Peacock Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Best Director – Bogdan Muresanu (The New Year That Never Came, Romania)■ Best Actor – Clément Fabu (Holy Car, France)■ Best Actress – Vesta Matlaite and Ieva Rupeikaite (Toxic)
3.	Special Jury Award	■ French filmmaker Louis Cervevoisier (Film – Holy Cow)
4.	ICFT–UNESCO Gandhi Award	■ Georgian film – Crossing (Director – Levan Akin)
5.	Best Debut Film	■ American filmmaker – Sarah Friedland (Film – Familiar Touch)

Indian Movies:-

No.	Honour	Winner
1.	Best Indian Feature Film Director	Navjyot Bandivdekar (Marathi film – Gharat Ganpati)
2.	Best Web Series (OTT)	Marathi series “Lumpan” (Director: Kattar Dharma Shikshak)
3.	Indian Film Personality of the Year	Actor Vikrant Massey
4.	Special Honour	Filmmaker Rakesh Sippy and Actress Jaya Prada

- **Note:-** Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award – Australian filmmaker Phillip Noyce.

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Baramulla Civilization Site



Why in News?

- Excavations in the Jehanpora area of Baramulla district in North Kashmir have uncovered the remains of an ancient Buddhist site dating back to the Kushan period (approximately 2,000 years ago).



Key Points:

- **Basis for Excavation:** Rajatarangini (Kalhana) and travelogues.
- **Excavation Work:** Center for Central Asian Studies (CCAS) of the University of Kashmir and the State Government (Department of Archives, Archaeology and Museums).
- **Remains:** Three stupas, structural walls, ancient pottery, copper objects, and a semicircular stupa.

Modern Technologies Involved in Excavation:

- Ground-penetrating radar (GPR), digital mapping, drone survey, 3D documentation.

Buddhism in Kashmir:

- This discovery provides evidence of Kushan-era Buddhist heritage on such a large scale in the valley for the first time and proves that Buddhism has a close connection with the culture of Kashmir.

Galwan War Memorial and Shyok Tunnel Project



Why in News?

- On December 7, 2025, the Defense Minister inaugurated 125 strategic infrastructure projects, including the Shyok Tunnel, built by the Border Roads Organization (BRO).



Key Points:

- **These projects are located in 7 states and 2 union territories.**
 - **7 states:** Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, West Bengal, and Mizoram.
 - **Union Territories:** Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir.
- **Construction cost:** ₹5,000 crore
- These include 28 roads, 93 bridges, and 4 other works.
- These mainly include the inauguration of the Galwan War Memorial and the strategic Shyok Tunnel located on the Darbuk Shyok Dolat Beg Oldi road.
- **Shyok Tunnel** – This 930-metre long cut-and-cover tunnel is one of the most difficult tunnels in the world.

Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)



Why in News?

- Due to recent widespread flight cancellations, the DGCA has relaxed the newly implemented flight duty time limit regulations.



Key Points:

- These regulations are designed to prevent pilot fatigue by limiting maximum duty hours and mandating adequate rest periods.

Directorate General of Civil Aviation

- **Establishment** – Became a statutory body in 2020, after amendment to the Aircraft Act.
- **Administrative control** – Ministry of Civil Aviation.



INTERNATIONAL



Chennai-Vladivostok Corridor

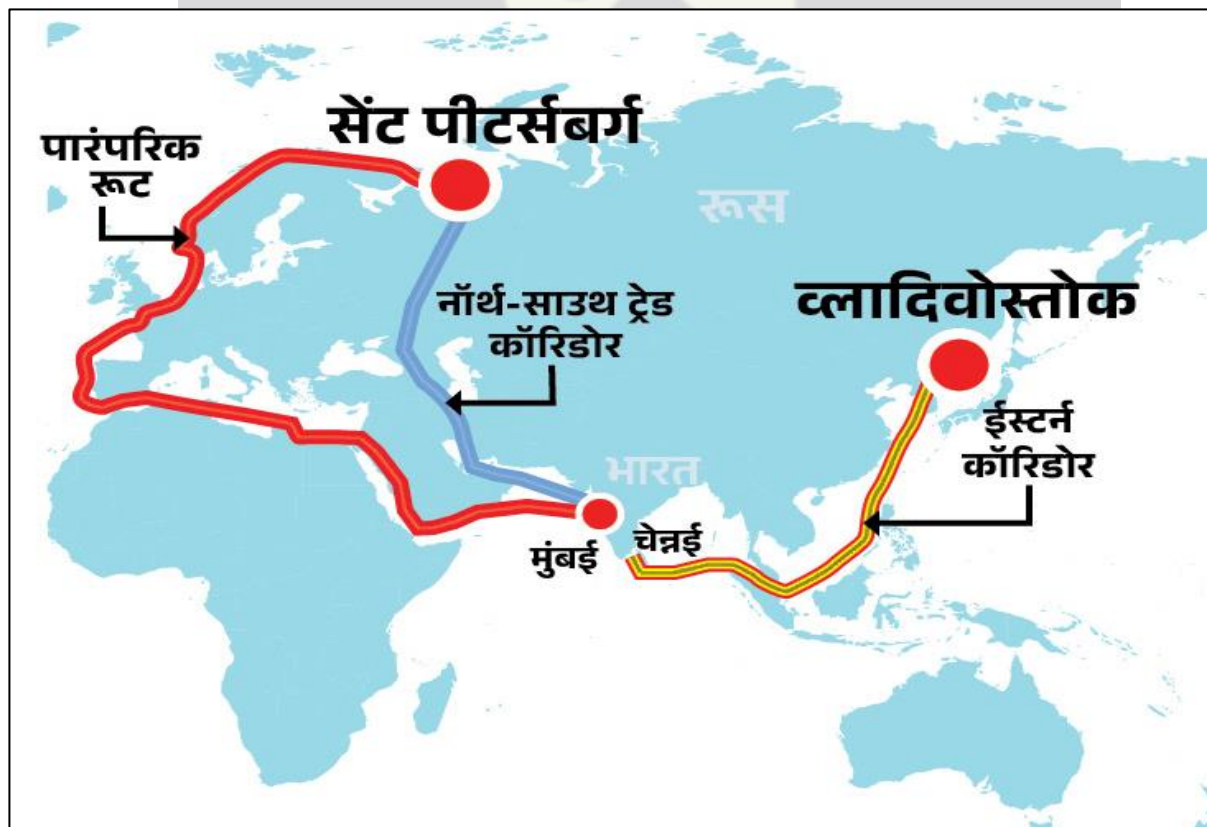


Why in News?

- During the Russian President's visit to India, the two countries reached an agreement to launch the Chennai-Vladivostok Corridor.



Key Points:



Eastern Maritime Corridor (EMC):

- **Chennai-Vladivostok Eastern Maritime Corridor:** A maritime corridor connecting India's eastern coast (Chennai Port) to ports in Russia's Far East (Vladivostok Port).
- It passes through the Sea of Japan, the South China Sea, and the Strait of Malacca.

Reasons for the Corridor's Construction:

1. Increasing risks on the Suez Canal due to the Gaza War.
2. Disruptions on the traditional sea route to Russia via Europe due to the Ukraine War.
3. The traditional route is 16,060 km long, making the journey time 40 days.

Importance of the EMC:

1. It is only 10,370 km long, taking an average of 24 days.
2. **Trade diversification** – This will lead to growth in key trade sectors such as oil, gas, LNG, fertilizers, coal, machinery, and metals.
3. **Reduction in logistics costs:** India imports 85 percent of its crude oil consumption, and in July 2024, India became the largest buyer of Russian oil, surpassing China.
4. **Enhancement of India's maritime sector:** This corridor contributes approximately 95 percent (by volume) and 70 percent (by value) of the country's maritime trade and is in line with India's Maritime Vision 2030.
5. **Strategic importance:** Vladivostok is the largest Russian port in the Pacific Ocean, and this corridor passes through the South China Sea, strengthening India's strategic presence while addressing China's dominance in the region.

Other Important Corridors in India:

1. **International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC):**
 - The INSTC is a 7,200-km-long multimodal transit route connecting the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf to the Caspian Sea via Iran and to Northern Europe via St. Petersburg, Russia.
 - **Origin:** With a trilateral agreement between India, Iran, and Russia in 2000.
 - **Countries Involved:** 13 countries.
 - **Route 3:** Central Corridor (India to Iran and Russia)

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- Western Corridor (Azerbaijan-Iran-India)
- Eastern Corridor (Russia to Central Asia)
- 2. **India-Central East Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) Project:**
 - **Announcement:** During the G-20 Summit in 2023.
 - **Objective:** Connecting India, the Middle East, and Europe through a rail link network using railways, roads, and ships.
 - **2 Corridors:** 1. Eastern Corridor (India-Arabian Gulf). 2. Northern Corridor (Arabian Gulf to Europe)
- 3. **Northern Sea Route (NSR):** 5600 km long Arctic shipping route, connecting the Bering and Katak Seas via the Bering Strait.



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India-Russia Economic Outlook



Why in News?

- The 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit was held in New Delhi.



Key Points:

Economic Outcomes of the Summit –

- **Economic Programme 2030** – The two countries adopted a programme to develop strategic sectors of India-Russia economic cooperation by 2030 to diversify trade beyond energy and defense.
- **Trade Targets** – Both sides set a target of \$100 billion in bilateral trade by 2030. This trade was \$68 billion in 2024-25.
- Negotiations for a free trade agreement between India and the Eurasian Economic Union were intensified to facilitate the flow of goods and services.
- **Payment Mechanisms** – To reduce dependence on Western payment systems, an agreement was reached to expand bilateral transaction settlements in national currencies and to facilitate interoperability of payment systems and central bank digital currencies.



ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY



India's Groundwater Pollution Crisis



Why in News?

- The Central Ground Water Board has highlighted a worrying increase in toxic pollutants in India's aquifers.



Key Points:

- **Factual Status** - India has 18% of the world's population, but only 4% of freshwater resources.
- India relies on groundwater for approximately 85% of its rural drinking water needs and approximately 60% of its irrigation water.

Groundwater Pollution Crisis -

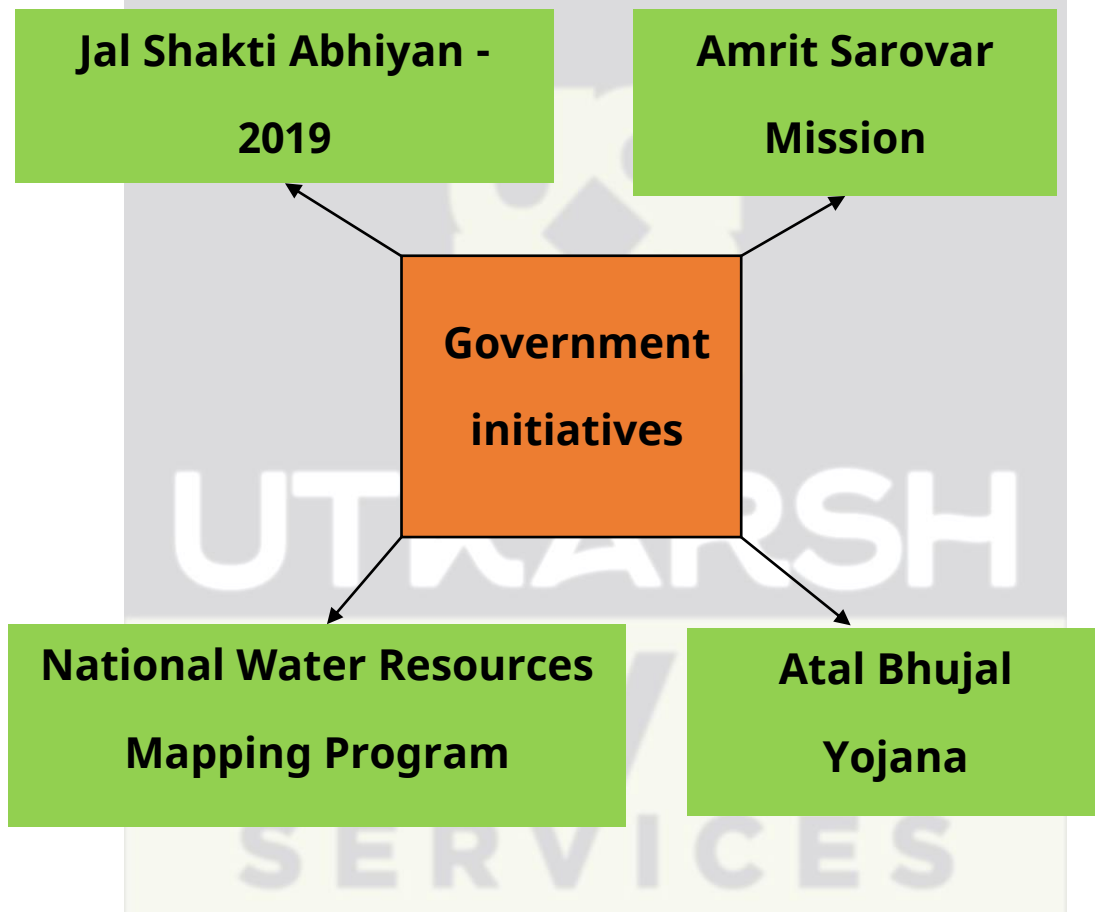
- Arsenic, fluoride, nitrate, uranium, salinity and heavy metal contamination are found together in the aquifers of India.
- Pollutants such as uranium, fluoride, nitrate, and arsenic exceed acceptable limits in approximately 20% of samples.
- Uranium concentrations are concerning in northern Indian states such as Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Delhi.
- Central India has seen an increase in fluoride and nitrate concentrations, linked to cropping intensity.
- The arsenic problem is concerning in the eastern states.

Causes of the growing crisis:

- **Agricultural pollution** – such as nitrate leaching
- **Soilborne** – fluoride and arsenic contamination

- **Anthropogenic factors:** such as industrial waste, untreated sewage, landfill leakage, urban waste dumping, etc.
- **Weak groundwater governance** – such as the conflation of groundwater ownership with land ownership, and fragmented institutional roles.

Government initiatives





SCHEMES



Technology Development Fund Scheme



Why in News?

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has transferred technologies developed under the Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme to the three services.



Key Points:

Technology Development Fund Scheme-

- **Implementation** – This is a Ministry of Defence program being implemented by DRDO under the Make in India initiative.
- **Scheme Duration** – 4 years
- **Objective** – To enhance self-reliance in defence manufacturing.
- **Financing** – This scheme provides funding of up to 90% of the project cost as grant-in-aid.

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Right to Disconnect Bill



Why in News?

- The Right to Disconnect Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha by a private member.



Key Points:

- This bill aims to establish an Employee Welfare Authority for the welfare of employees. This will provide employees the right to disconnect from work-related calls and emails after working hours and during holidays.
- **Private Member's Bill** – A bill introduced by a Member of Parliament other than a Minister.
- **Right to Disconnect** – This is based on Article 24 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states that everyone has the right to rest and leisure, including reasonable limitation of working hours and paid holidays.



IMPORTANT DAYS



International Cheetah Day, 2025: December 4



Key Points:

- **Initiated:** Introduced in 2010 by Dr. Laurie Mark (Founder – Cheetah Conservation Fund).
- **Theme:** “Regenerate Landscapes, Restore the Future.”
- **Status** – According to the IUCN –
 - A. All cheetah subspecies: Endangered.
 - B. Asiatic and Northwest African cheetahs: Critically Endangered.
- **Status in India:** Declared extinct in 1952 and rehabilitated in 2022.
- **Major centers:** Kuno and Gandhi Sagar Sanctuaries (Madhya Pradesh).
- **Project Cheetah:** Rehabilitated cheetahs from Namibia and South Africa in 2022.

National Human Rights Day, 2025: December 10



Key Points:

- **Celebration:** December 10, 2025, at Bharat Mandapam.
- **Reason:** Celebrated to commemorate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) on December 10, 1948.
- **Theme for 2025:** “Human Rights, Our Daily Necessities.”
- **United Nations Human Rights Council:** Established in 2006.
- **Founding Members:** 47 countries, including India.
- **Secretariat:** Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) (Geneva, Switzerland).

Human Rights and India:

- **Constitution:** Mentioned in Fundamental Rights (Part 3) and Directive Principles of State Policy (Part 4).
- **Preamble:** Justice, liberty, equality and fraternity.
- **National Human Rights Commission:** Established in 1993 under the Protection of Human Rights Act.

70th Mahaparinirvan Day



Why in News?

- The President and Prime Minister paid floral tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on Mahaparinirvan Day in the Parliament complex.



Key Points:

- **Mahaparinirvan Day** – This day is celebrated every year on December 6th to commemorate the death anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar.

Contributions: Dr. Ambedkar:

- **Newspaper:** Mooknayak
- **Organization:** Bahishkrit Hitkarini Sabha/Bahishkrit Jati Kalyan Sangh – founded in 1923
- **Challenges to caste hierarchy and priestly dominance** – such as the 1927 Great March for access to public water and the 1930 Temple Entry Movement at the Kalaram Temple
- **Poona Pact of 1932** – Ambedkar's key role, which established reserved seats for Dalits instead of separate constituencies.
- **Chairman of the Constitution Drafting Committee:** Ambedkar played a key role in the creation of the Indian Constitution. He submitted a draft in 1948, which was adopted in 1949 with minimal changes.
- His emphasis on equality and justice ensured provisions protecting the rights of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes, laying the foundation for an inclusive democracy.

SPORTS

Major League Soccer Cup (MLS Cup)



Why in News?

- Recently, American football club Inter Miami won the Major League Soccer Cup (MLS Cup) for the first time.



Key Points:

- **Final:** Lionel Messi's team, Inter Miami, defeated the Vancouver Whitecaps in the final.
- This is Messi's 48th career title.
- This is Messi's fourth title with Inter Miami.
- Messi was awarded the Most Valuable Player Award for the second consecutive season. He scored 43 goals and 26 assists in the season.



NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	<p>“Chunautiya Mujhe Pasand Hai” Book</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recently, the Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation released the Gujarati version of the book “Chunautiya Mujhe Pasand Hai” based on the life of Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel, in Ahmedabad.
2.	<p>Chief Minister Kanya Vivah Yojana: Odisha</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recently, the Odisha government launched the Chief Minister Kanya Vivah Yojana to provide ₹51,000 in marriage assistance to girls from economically weaker sections (EWS) families.This includes ₹35,000 direct financial assistance and a wedding gift of ₹10,000.Remarriage of widowed women is also covered under this scheme.

