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First-Ever 'Guava Festival' Organized in the Country

📢 **Why in News?**

- The first-ever 'Guava Festival' in the country was organized in Sawai Madhopur on January 18 and 19, 2026.
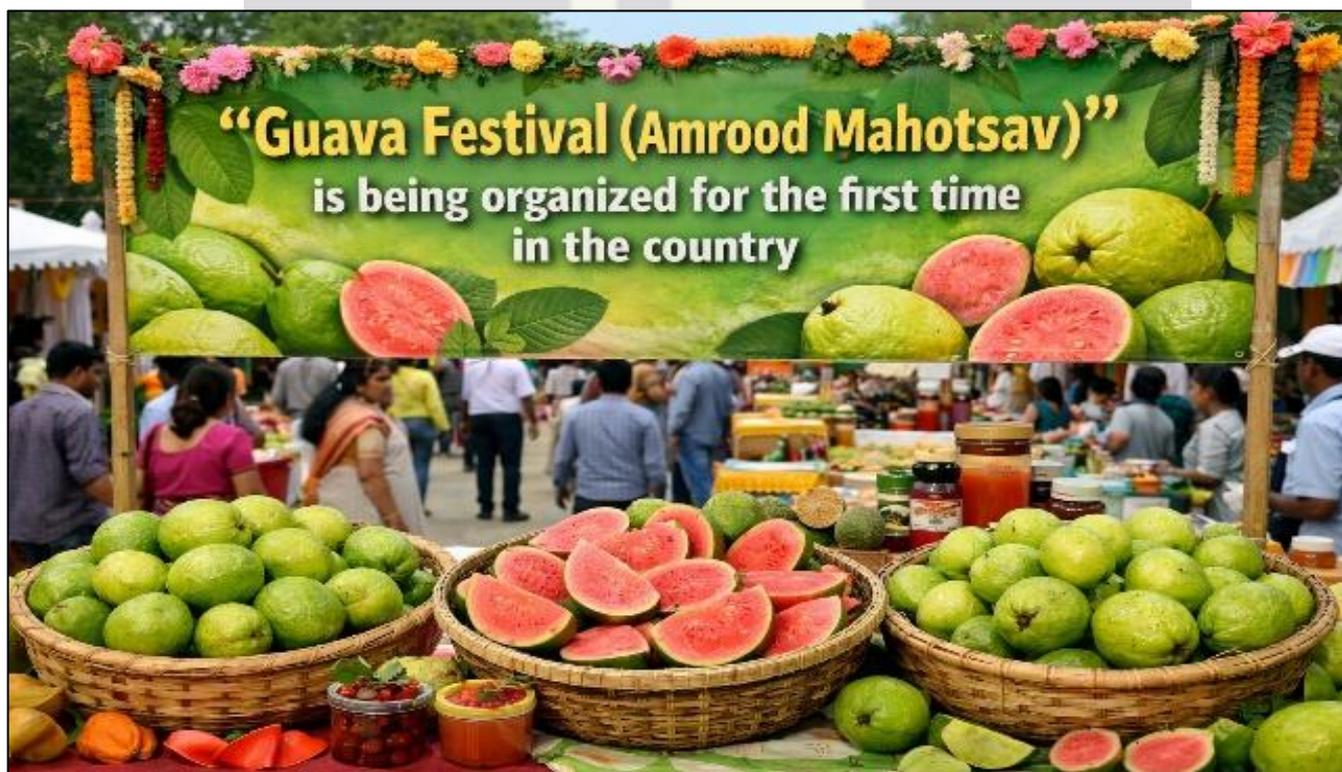
📌 **Key Points:**

- **Inauguration:** By Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Agriculture and Horticulture Minister Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena.

- **Venue:** Dussehra Ground, Sawai Madhopur.

- **Organizers:** Sawai Madhopur District Administration and the Department of Agriculture and Horticulture, Rajasthan.

- This festival was organized on the occasion of the 263rd foundation day of Sawai Madhopur.

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- **Guava Processing Plant:** Out of a total of 14,000 hectares of guava orchards in Rajasthan, 11,000 hectares are located in Sawai Madhopur alone. Considering this, the state government will establish a guava processing plant in Sawai Madhopur at a cost of ₹150 crore.

- **Scientific name of Guava:** Psidium guajava

- **Guava is rich in dietary fiber.**

Other Important Points:

Agricultural Technology Fair – 2026

- **On January 18, 2026, the Agricultural Technology Fair – 2026 was inaugurated in Sawai Madhopur by the Agriculture and Horticulture Minister of Rajasthan, Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena.**

- **Organizers:** District Administration and the Department of Agriculture and Horticulture, Rajasthan.

India Renewable Expo – 2026: Jaipur

📢 **Why in News?**

■ The India Renewable Expo – 2026 was held in Jaipur from January 16 to 18, 2026.

📌 **Key Points:**

■ **Venue:** VT Ground, Mansarovar, Jaipur.

■ **Organizer:** Rajasthan Solar Association.

■ **Edition:** Third.

■ **Brand Ambassador:** Para-Olympian Devendra Jhajharia.

■ During this expo, individuals who performed exceptionally well in the PM Suryaghar Muft Bijli Yojna were honored with the 'Suryaghar Warrior Awards 2026'.

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Facts for Prelims:

■ **Rajasthan's share in solar energy capacity:** As of December 2025, Rajasthan's share in the country's total solar energy capacity is 27.2 percent, and its total share in renewable energy is 16.43 percent.

■ **Installed renewable energy capacity:** The state's current installed renewable energy capacity is 41,189 megawatts (MW), and its solar energy capacity is 35,337 megawatts (MW).

■ **Rajasthan Integrated Clean Energy Policy, 2024:** To contribute to achieving the national target of 500 gigawatts of renewable energy by 2030.

■ Rajasthan ranks first nationwide in the PM-KUSUM scheme (Component - A) in the national FLS ranking. It ranks third in the PM-KUSUM scheme (Components B & C).

Mahakavi Kanhaiyalal Sethia Award: Yatindra Mishra

📢 **Why in News?**

■ Recently, poet, editor, and music scholar Yatindra Mishra was awarded the 11th Mahakavi Kanhaiyalal Sethia Award.

📌 **Key Points:**

■ **Award Ceremony:** At the 19th Jaipur Literature Festival.

■ **Work:** Yatindra Mishra received this award for his poetry collection 'Bina Kaling Vijay'.

■ **Book Launch:** During this award ceremony, Kanhaiyalal Sethia's book 'Pankh Diye Akash Na Doge' was launched. This book includes Sethia's representative works.

- **Note:** In 2025, poet Badri Narayan was awarded the 10th Mahakavi Kanhaiyalal Sethia Award for his literary contributions.

Facts for Prelims:

Kanhaiyalal Sethia

- The literary figure Kanhaiyalal Sethia, the creator of the popular song 'Dharti Dhoran Ri' and the immortal popular song 'Pathal aur Pithal', was born on September 11, 1919, in Sujangarh (Churu).

- His first poetry collection 'Vanphool' was published in 1941. Due to his poetry collection 'Agniveena' (1942), which was full of patriotism and nationalism, he was accused of sedition.

- He was also active in the Quit India Movement and in 1945, as a prominent worker of the Bikaner Praja Parishad, he opposed feudalism and awakened the farming community through his poem 'Kun Zameen Ro Dhani'.

- He struggled to include Abu in Rajasthan during the integration of Rajasthan.

- Sethia also made tireless efforts to get constitutional recognition for the Rajasthani language.

Awards:

- Awarded by the Central Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi in 1976 for his work 'Leeltans'.

- Murti Devi Award in 1988 for 'Nirgranth'.

- Awarded the Suryamall Meesan Award for 'Sabda' and the Tantia Award for 'Satvadi' in 1987.

- He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2004 and the Rajasthan Ratna award (posthumously) in 2012.

- **Died:** November 1, 2008, in Kolkata.

In the News: Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary

📢 **Why in News?**

■ Recently, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change declared a 1-kilometer area surrounding the Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary as an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ).

📌 **Key Points:**

■ According to the new rules, industrial and commercial activities have been banned in 94 villages located in the 243 square kilometer area adjacent to the sanctuary's boundary.

■ The Kumbhalgarh Sanctuary is spread across Rajsamand, Pali, and Udaipur districts and is the catchment area of the Banas and Luni river systems.

■ **Objective:** To ensure the protection of the rare flora and fauna of this region and maintain the ecological balance.

Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ):

■ To manage and conserve biodiversity in protected areas, the Central Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change notifies the area near protected areas as 'Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZs)'.

■ The Ministry notifies ESZs under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, based on proposals and recommendations from the state government.
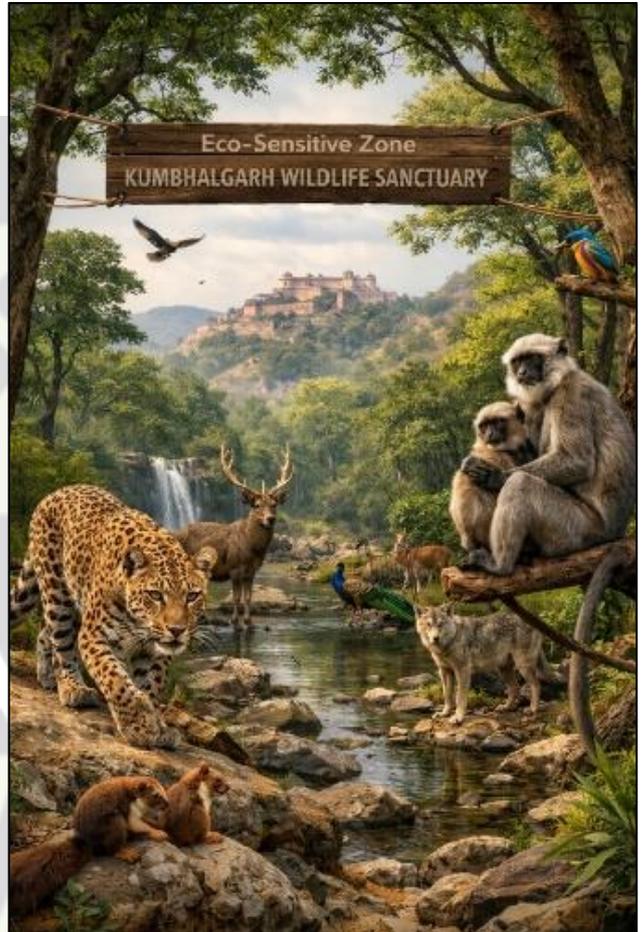
■ **Concept:** The concept of Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZs) was conceived during the meeting of the Indian Board for Wildlife held in January 2002, when the Wildlife Conservation Strategy, 2002 was adopted.

■ **Regulation of ESZs:** By the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC).

Objectives:

■ To conserve the eco-sensitive zone and prevent environmental degradation caused by anthropogenic activities.

■ To create a barrier or shock absorber for the special ecosystem.

Facts for Prelims:

■ **Kumbhalgarh Tiger Reserve (proposed):** Proposed as the sixth Tiger Reserve of Rajasthan, it will include areas of Rajsamand and Udaipur districts.

■ **Kumbhalgarh Festival:** Organized by the Rajasthan Tourism Department at Kumbhalgarh Fort in Rajsamand from December 1 to 3, 2026.

✂️ NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

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1.	**Eklavya Model Residential Schools operating in Rajasthan** ■ Currently (January 2026), 31 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) are being operated in the state by the Rajasthan State Eklavya Model Residential School Society. ■ **The 31st and newest EMRS:** Started in June 2025 in Jamwaramgarh (Jaipur). ■ Classes from 6th to 12th grade (affiliated with CBSE) are conducted in all EMRS schools in the state. Science and Arts streams are available in classes 11 and 12.
2.	**First meeting of RAJ-UNNATI** ■ The first meeting of the 'RAJ-UNNATI' platform was held in Jaipur on January 17, 2026, under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister. ■ The 'RAJ-UNNATI' platform has been developed in Rajasthan on the lines of PM-PRAGATI for strict monitoring of schemes. ■ PM-PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation) was launched by the central government in 2015 to implement projects, schemes, and public grievances with technology-based monitoring and timely resolution.
3.	**AI Skilling Program launched from Jaipur** ■ On January 6, 2026, Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnaw launched an AI skilling program from Jaipur with the aim of providing AI skilling to one million youth across the country. ■ The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared July 15th of every year as World Youth Skills Day in 2014.

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4.	**Forest Fair – 2026 in Sajjangarh**

- **Event:** January 17-18, 2026 in Sajjangarh (Udaipur).
- **Organizer:** Forest Department, Rajasthan.
- **Objective:** To promote forest products and empower rural livelihoods.

Sajjangarh Wildlife Sanctuary:

- **Location:** Located near Sajjangarh Palace in Udaipur, also known as the 'Monsoon Palace'.
- **Declaration/Establishment:** In the year 1987.
- **Vegetation:** Dry deciduous forest, with Anogeissus pendula, Boswellia serrata, Acacia senegal, and Acacia leucophloea being the dominant species. The area is home to a large number of rare and endangered plant species, including Commiphora wightii, locally known as "Guggal".

5.	**Rajasthan wins 2 Gold Medals at the World International Mathematical Olympiad (WIMO)**

- Rajveer Maheshwari and Armaan Agarwal from Jaipur won gold medals at the World International Mathematical Olympiad (WIMO) held in Shenzhen, China.
- The competition was held on January 3, 2026.

6.	**Shekhawati Handicrafts Festival – 2026**

■ Urban Development and Local Self-Government Minister of State, Jhabar Singh Kharra, inaugurated the 'Shekhawati Handicrafts Festival – 2026' on January 17, 2026.

■ **Organizers:** District Industries and Commerce Centre and District Administration, Sikar.

■ **Event:** January 17 to 25, 2026.

■ Five Glories of Sikar District: One District One Product (Wooden Furniture), Sports (Basketball), Produce (Onion), Tourist Destination (Khatu Shyamji) and Flora (Ardu).

7.	**Shri Dwarka Prasad Agarwal Award: Piyush Mishra**

■ Actor, singer and writer Piyush Mishra was honored with the prestigious 'Shri Dwarka Prasad Agarwal Award' by the 'Dainik Bhaskar' group.

■ **Ceremony:** During the Jaipur Literature Festival (JLF).

8.	**State Cancer Institute: Jaipur**

■ The state's first State Cancer Institute (SCI) is being constructed at Sawai Man Singh (SMS) Medical College in Jaipur.

■ Rajasthan University of Health Sciences (RUHS) will be upgraded and RIMS will be established in Jaipur, as announced in the state budget for 2024-25. The State Cancer Institute, Jaipur is also proposed to be integrated into RIMS.

9.	**North India's First FIH-Approved Hockey Turf Ground**

■ The first and only hockey turf ground in North India, recognized by the International Hockey Federation (FIH), is located in Phooliyakala, Bhilwara.

■ It was constructed by Satyanarayan Laddha, a philanthropist from the village.

10.	**Special Awareness Campaign of the Department of Women and Child Development**
	■ The Rajasthan Department of Women and Child Development has launched a special awareness campaign from January 19, 2026, to create ABHA IDs (Digital Health IDs) for children up to 6 years of age, pregnant women and lactating mothers registered on the Poshan Tracker. The aim is to digitize the health records of all beneficiaries and connect them to health services.
	■ The Poshan Tracker app is an important initiative of the Central Ministry of Women and Child Development. Its main objective is to monitor the activities of Anganwadi centers and improve the nutritional status of children, pregnant women, and lactating mothers.
11.	**Formation of 85 new Panchayat Samitis and 3,417 new Gram Panchayats**
	■ The Rajasthan government has constituted new Zila Parishads in the eight newly formed districts to strengthen the Panchayati Raj institutions.
	■ Additionally, under the reorganization of Panchayati Raj, 85 new Panchayat Samitis and 3,417 new Gram Panchayats have been created.
12.	**Visit of Parliamentary Representatives from Commonwealth Countries to Jaipur**
	■ During the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of Commonwealth Parliaments (CSPOC) held in New Delhi, representatives from various countries recently visited Jaipur for a two-day trip.

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Kondagai Inland Lake

📢 **Why in News?**

■ A new study has revealed one of the most comprehensive climate records of peninsular India, preserved beneath the unassuming Kondagai inland lake located on the outskirts of Sivaganga, Tamil Nadu.

■ Multi-proxy lake records have been scarce in the interior parts of Tamil Nadu, while this region is highly sensitive to the Northeast Monsoon.
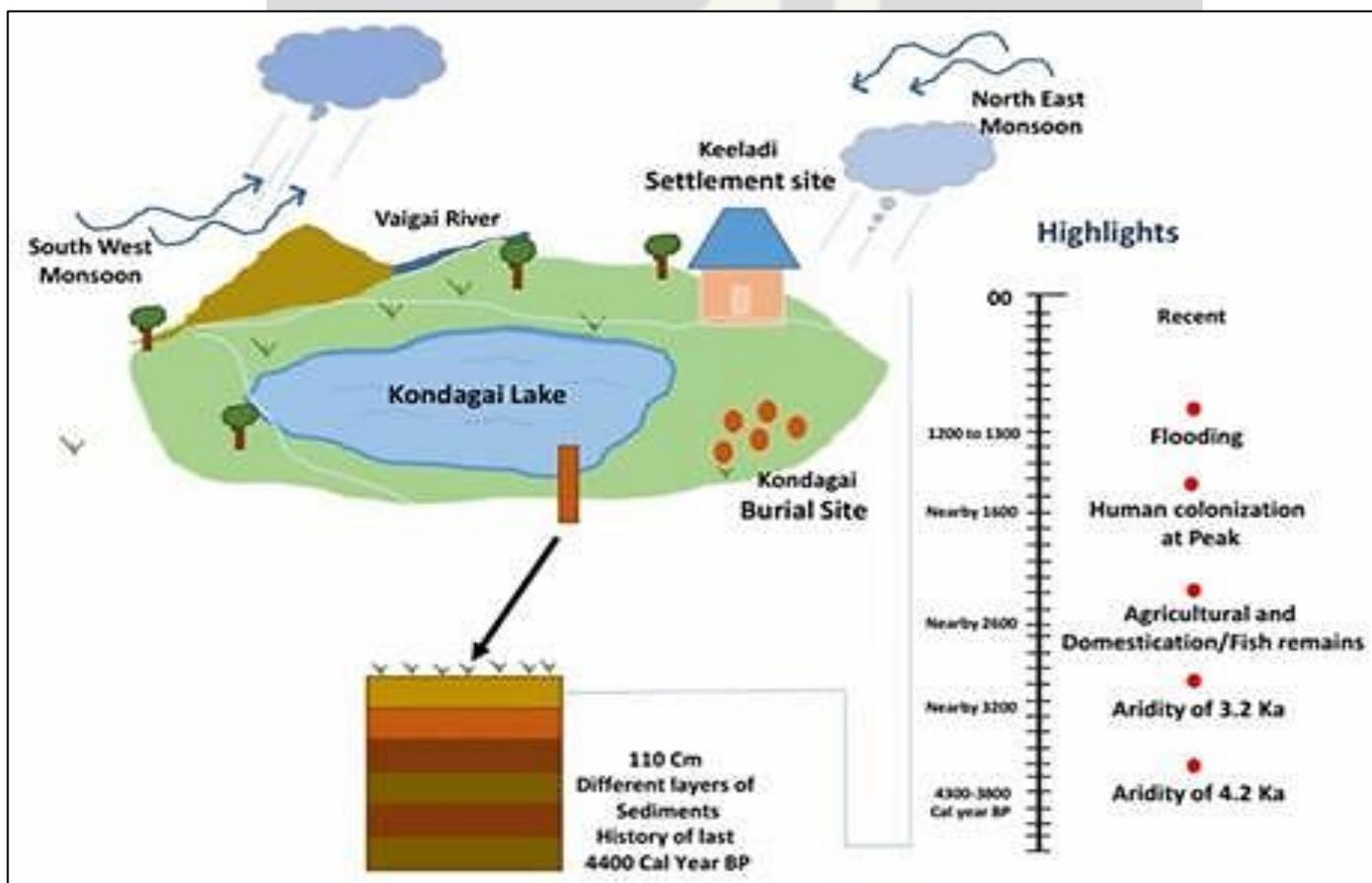
📌 **Key Points:**

■ **Researchers:** Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP), Department of Science and Technology.

Research Site: Kondagai Lake:

■ Located in Keeladi, Tamil Nadu.

■ An archaeological site famous for evidence of a sophisticated urban civilization of the Sangam period.

■ It likely dates back to the 6th century BCE (or earlier).

Research:

■ This lake, situated amidst ancient settlements, offers a rare opportunity to understand past monsoon variability, ecosystem responses, and their relationship with human development.

■ Using a combination of techniques such as stable isotope analysis, pollen studies, particle size measurements, and radiocarbon dating on 32 collected samples, researchers reconstructed past rainfall, vegetation, lake levels, and flood events with exceptional accuracy.

■ Published in the journal Holocene, this first high-resolution, multi-proxy reconstruction of climate and lake-ecosystem dynamics from the inland region of Tamil Nadu during the North Holocene period has identified 3 distinct climate phases over the last approximately 4500 years. It has documented the 4.2 thousand years ago arid event, the 3.2 thousand years ago arid phase, and the Roman Warm Period, and established their direct links to monsoon variability, lake hydrology, and human activities in the region.

Significance:

1. This helps in strengthening regional climate predictions and anticipating future events such as droughts and extreme rainfall.

2. This can improve monsoon forecasting models in climate-sensitive regions like Tamil Nadu.

3. It will strengthen water resource management in drought-prone districts such as Sivaganga and Madurai.

4. By identifying ancient flood deposits, local sediment transport, and phases of land instability, this study contributes to risk mapping and disaster preparedness.

5. Information on past fluctuations in lake water levels, sediment transport, and hydrological changes provides guidance for sustainable reservoir restoration and groundwater recharge planning, tank rehabilitation, and climate-resilient agriculture and water use.

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Counter-Terrorism Measures: ASEAN

📢 **Why in News?**

- **The 16th meeting of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM Plus) Expert Working Group on Counter-Terrorism, focusing on counter-terrorism measures and preparedness, was held in New Delhi from January 14 to 16, 2026.**

📌 **Key Points:**

16th Expert Working Group Meeting:

- **Co-chaired by: India and Malaysia.**
- **This is the third meeting of the current cycle from 2024 to 2027.**
- **11 ASEAN member states (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Vietnam, Singapore, Thailand, and Timor-Leste)**
- **7 Dialogue Partner countries (Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, Japan, China, the USA, and Russia) participated.**
- **ADMM Plus is a practical cooperation platform among the defense establishments of the participating countries.**
- **This cooperation currently focuses on 7 areas:**
1. **Maritime Security**
2. **Counter-Terrorism**
3. **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief**
4. **Peacekeeping Operations**
5. **Military Medicine**
6. **Humanitarian Mine Action**
7. **Cyber Security**
- **Tabletop Exercise on Responding to Disaster Situations or Hybrid Threats: Malaysia will host the tabletop exercise during the next meeting of the Expert Working Group in 2026, followed by India conducting a field training exercise in 2027.**

The Rise of a Third Global Strategic Pole

📢 **Why in News?**

■ **In an era of declining Russian influence and increasing US assertiveness, and amidst a period of unpredictability, the concept of a "third pole" in global geopolitics has gained prominence.**

📌 **Key Points:**

■ **This concept refers to a strategic alignment between India, Germany, France (and by extension, Europe), and other middle powers.**

■ **Multipolar World Order: This third global power center could give rise to a multipolar world order. This world order would be based on shared values of strategic autonomy, economic openness, technological cooperation, democratic norms, and rules-based global governance.**

How India can benefit from the third global pole:

1. **Diversification of strategic partnerships, i.e., reducing dependence on any single power bloc.**

2. **Economic resilience: Shaping the global economic structure in collaboration with the European Union, South-South economic cooperation, and other middle powers.**

3. **Strengthening industrial ecosystems: Through co-production in defense, technology, and other supply chains.**

4. **A voice in global governance: Pressuring for the reform of the United Nations Security Council, the World Trade Organization, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank.**

5. **Supporting the leadership of the Global South in areas such as climate finance, debt relief, and developmental justice.**

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Chabahar Port

📢 **Why in News?**

■ **Amidst the pressure being exerted by the US on Iran, India is considering options to maintain its presence at Iran's Chabahar port.**

📌 **Key Points:**

Additional Information:

■ **It is located on the coast of the Gulf of Oman in Iran's Sistan and Baluchestan province.**

■ **It is Iran's only deep-sea port that is directly connected to the Indian Ocean.**

■ **The Chabahar port project has two main terminals – Shahid Beheshti and Shahid Kalantari.**

■ **This port is an integral part of the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC).**

■ **INSTC is a multi-modal corridor. It connects India to Russia and Europe via Iran and the Caspian Sea.**

🌍 GEOGRAPHY 🌍

IMD and Mission Mausam

📢 **Why in News?**

■ **The India Meteorological Department (IMD) celebrated its 151st Foundation Day with the deployment of 200 automatic weather stations in four major metropolitan cities. This initiative is in line with Mission Mausam.**

📌 **Key Points:**

Mission Mausam:

■ **This is a multi-pronged initiative to promote science, research, and services related to weather and climate in India.**

Implementation:

■ **India Meteorological Department (IMD)**

■ **Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM - Pune)**

■ **National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF - Noida)**

India Meteorological Department:

■ **Established: 1875**

■ **Ministry: Ministry of Earth Sciences**

■ **Headquarters: New Delhi**

■ **Function: To forecast weather-related information and issue warnings against severe weather events.**

📈 ECONOMIC SCENARIO 🏢

Startup India Initiative

📢 **Why in News?**

■ **The National Startup India Mission completed a decade on January 16, 2026.**

📌 **Key Points:**

■ **Launch:** January 16, 2016 (National Startup Day; January 16).

■ **Implementation:** By the Startup India team under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

■ **Objective:** To accelerate economic growth by promoting innovation and entrepreneurship and enabling investment, thereby creating employment.

Providing support throughout the entire cycle from idea generation → incubation → funding → mentorship → scaling.

Key Supporting Pillars:

1. **Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS):** An FFS of ₹10,000 crore has been created to boost domestic venture capital, managed by the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).

2. **Startup Ranking:** Evaluates states and union territories based on startup-friendly policies and their implementation.

3. **Startup India Hub:** A digital platform that connects startups with investors, mentors, incubators, academic institutions, corporates, and government bodies.

4. **Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS):** This is a ₹945 crore fund that provides financial assistance for early-stage requirements such as proof of concept, prototyping, and market entry.

5. **Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups:** Operated by the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company (NCGTC), which provides collateral-free loans to startups through eligible financial institutions.

Achievements of the Digital India Mission (as of December 2025):

1. **Startups:** Approximately 44,000 startups were registered in 2025.

■ There are over 2 lakh DPIIT-recognized startups.

2. **Startup Hubs:** Major hubs include Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Mumbai, and Delhi, but now approximately 50% of startups are emerging from Tier II and Tier III cities, indicating the decentralization of startups.

3. **Unicorns (startups valued at $1 billion or more):** From 4 unicorns in 2014, the number has grown to over 120 by 2025, with a combined valuation of US$350 billion.

Challenges faced by startups in India:

1. Lack of infrastructure (poor connectivity, demand > supply, high logistics costs)

2. Insufficient research and innovation (consumer-centric bias, underdeveloped technological sectors like AI, electric vehicles, and semiconductors)

3. Lack of financial resources (funding shortage, competition, early-stage failures)

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Reserve Bank – Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (RB-IOS) – 2026

📢 **Why in News?**

■ **The Reserve Bank of India has released the Reserve Bank – Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (RB-IOS) – 2026. This revised scheme is designed to address customer grievances related to services provided by RBI-regulated entities. It will come into effect from July 1, 2026.**
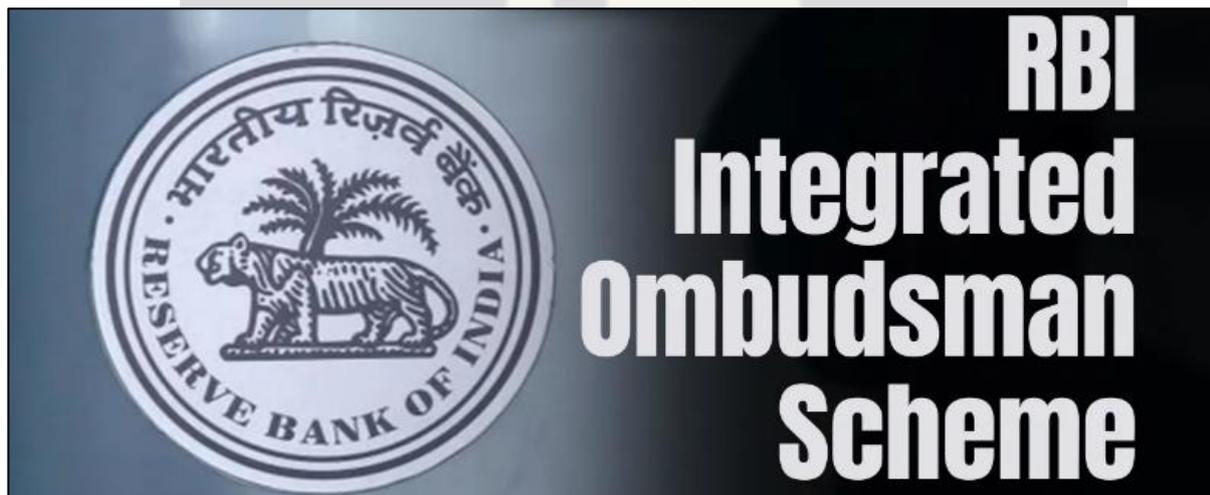
📌 **Key Points:**

Main Features of the Scheme:

■ **Objective:** **To establish a quick, cost-effective, and alternative grievance redressal mechanism against RBI-regulated entities.**

■ **RBI Ombudsman:** **The RBI may appoint one or more of its officers as RBI Ombudsman and RBI Deputy Ombudsman. Their appointment will generally be for a period of 3 years.**

■ **The RBI will establish a Centralized Receipt and Processing Centre (CRPC) for receiving and processing complaints.**

Powers of the Ombudsman:

■ **There is no limit on the amount of dispute that can be brought before the RBI Ombudsman.**

■ **The Ombudsman has the power to award compensation up to ₹30 lakh.**

■ **Appeal:** **The regulated entity or the complainant can file an appeal against the decision before the Appellate Authority within 30 days.**

🎓 POLITY 🎓

Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)

📢 **Why in News?**

■ Recently, Praveen Vashistha (Bihar cadre, 1991 batch) was appointed as a Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission and took oath on January 16, 2026.

📌 **Key Points:**

■ **Establishment:** As an executive resolution of the Government of India in 1964.

■ **Status:** Granted statutory status by the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003.

■ **Historical Background:** Based on the recommendations of the Santhanam Committee (1962-64).

■ **Structure:** 1 Chairperson (Central Vigilance Commissioner) + 2 Members (Other Vigilance Commissioners)

- **Appointment:** By the President on the recommendation of a high-level committee.

- **Tenure:** 4 years/65 years (whichever is earlier).

Organizational Structure:

- Secretariat headed by a Secretary, comprising supporting officers.

- **Chief Technical Examiner (CTE) Wing:** Examines the technical aspects of construction contracts.

- **Departmental Inquiry Commissioner (CDI):** Investigates disciplinary proceedings.

Jurisdiction:

1. All India Services and Group 'A' officers of the Central Government.

2. Senior officers of Central Public Sector Undertakings, Public Sector Banks, RBI, NABARD, SIDBI, LIC, General Insurance Companies, and committees and autonomous bodies specified by the Central Government.

3. Supervises CBI investigations related to offenses under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

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Judges: Supreme Court

📢 **Why in News?**

- The Supreme Court upheld the decision of the Lok Sabha Speaker to constitute an inquiry committee to investigate the removal of Justice Yashwant Varma from office.

Justice Yashwant Varma

📌 **Key Points:**

- The Court observed that the rejection of a motion against a judge in one House (Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha) does not preclude the other House from proceeding with the inquiry and constituting an inquiry committee.

Removal of Judges: Constitutional Provisions:

- **Articles 124 and 218:** Relate to the removal of judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts, respectively.

- **Grounds for Removal:** Proved misbehavior and incapacity – although these terms are not defined in the Constitution.

- **Procedure:** This is governed by the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968.

- **Note:** The term impeachment is not mentioned in the Constitution for the removal of judges.

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WEF: Global Risks Report, 2026

📢 **Why in News?**

- Recently, the Global Risks Report 2026, released by the World Economic Forum (WEF), has identified cybersecurity as the most serious risk for India.

📌 **Key Points:**

Global Risk Outlook:

Risk	Rank
Geo-economic confrontation	First
State-based armed conflict and climate risk, social polarization	Second
Technological risks (misinformation, disinformation)	Fifth
Cyber insecurity	Ninth

- **NOTE:** The adverse consequences of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies have entered the top 10 global risks.

- **NOTE:** Geoeconomic confrontation: The strategic use of economic tools such as trade restrictions, investment controls, and technology restrictions by states to advance geopolitical interests and constrain rivals, leading to a weakening of multilateralism and a rise in protectionism.

- **NOTE:** Long-term (over the next 10 years) climate-related risks will dominate, with extreme weather events, biodiversity loss, and critical changes to Earth systems at the forefront.

India's Risk Outlook: For the year 2016:

Risk	Rank
Cyber insecurity	First
Income and wealth inequality	Second
Other risks for India: inadequate public services and social protection, economic slowdown, state-based armed conflict, etc.	

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Suggestions for India's risk profile:

1. Focus on social and governance risks compared to global geopolitical risks.
2. India needs robust digital security, inclusive growth, and resilient public service delivery.

Other important points:

India's risks:

Risk	Details
Cybersecurity risk	■ In the year 2025, 369.01 million malware instances were detected. ■ Mobile threats, commercialization of cybercrime. ■ Malware (42%), Adware (26%).
Income and wealth inequality	■ World Bank Gini Index for India is approximately 25.5 (year 2022–23), placing India among countries with income inequality. ■ According to the Oxfam Report, 2022, the top 1% of Indians hold 22.6% of the national income.
Inadequate public services and social security capacity	■ Public health expenditure is only 1.9% of GDP. **Note:** This is significantly lower than the 2.5% target set for the year 2025 under the National Health Policy 2017. ■ About 5% of GDP is spent on social security (excluding health).
State-based armed conflict and political instability	■ Pahalgam attack in the year 2025. ■ Explosion near the Red Fort in Delhi. ■ Cross-border terrorism.