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Rajasthan Cabinet Meeting (December 30, 2025)

Why in News?

- A meeting of the Rajasthan Cabinet was held on December 30, 2025, chaired by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma.

Key Points:

- In this meeting, the Cabinet approved new policies to promote environmental protection, green and sustainable development, good governance initiatives, and the responsible, ethical, and safe use of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in various sectors, including industry and education.

Rajasthan Vehicle Scrapping Policy-2025

- **Announcement:** This policy was announced in the Rajasthan Budget 2025-26.
- **Approval:** Approved by the Rajasthan Cabinet on December 30, 2025.
- **Objective:** To remove unfit and polluting vehicles from the roads in the state in a phased manner and dispose of them scientifically, safely, and in accordance with environmental standards.
- **Provisions:** The policy will promote the establishment of Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facilities (RVSF) in the state, through which vehicle scrapping will be completely transparent, digital, and traceable. All scrapping processes will be integrated with the VAHAN portal, eliminating the possibility of unauthorized use of scrap-eligible vehicles.
- Under the policy, government vehicles older than 15 years, vehicles without fitness/registration, accident-damaged vehicles, scrap vehicles purchased in auctions, unusable vehicles, or vehicles voluntarily given to RVSF will be scrapped.

- Vehicle owners will be issued a Certificate of Deposit (CoD) and a Certificate of Vehicle Scrapping (CVS) from the authorized scrap center. Based on the CoD, a discount of up to 50 percent (maximum ₹1 lakh) on motor vehicle tax will be available on the purchase of a new vehicle.
- **Note:** The Rajasthan Vehicle Scrapping Policy-2025, will strengthen the circular economy.
- The Rajasthan Vehicle Scrapping Policy offers special incentives to registered scrapping units to attract investment, including subsidies on capital investment for the initial 20 units, state tax exemptions, interest subsidies, and concessions on stamp duty and electricity charges.

Rajasthan AI ML Policy - 2026

- **Full Name:** Rajasthan Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI ML) Policy - 2026
- **Announcement:** This policy was announced in the Rajasthan Budget 2025-26.
- **Approval:** Approved by the Rajasthan Cabinet on December 30, 2025.
- **Objective:** To make public service delivery faster, more transparent, and citizen-centric through the responsible, ethical, and secure use of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, to increase administrative efficiency, and to encourage innovation-based economic development.
- **Provisions:** This policy emphasizes making AI systems transparent, accountable, fair, and privacy-protected, while also focusing on reducing bias in AI systems, data security, and clarity in the decision-making process.
- The policy also includes provisions for clear procedures for reporting and resolving cybercrimes related to AI.
- This policy includes provisions for promoting AI education in schools, ITIs, polytechnic institutions, and colleges.
- **Note:** The policy includes a provision for the establishment of an 'Artificial Intelligence Center of Excellence'.

Green Credit Voucher Initiative - 2025

- **Approval:** The 'Green Credit Voucher Initiative - 2025' was approved by the Rajasthan Cabinet on December 30, 2025, to promote the development of a green and circular economy by linking environmental goals with economic incentives.
- **Objective:** To encourage investment in environmentally sustainable projects by providing tradable and redeemable green credits in the form of vouchers.
- **Provision:** Under this initiative, enterprises and urban local bodies will be encouraged to work in renewable energy, energy efficiency, waste management, water conservation and management, air pollution control measures, sustainable building and infrastructure, sustainable agriculture, and other environmentally friendly sectors.
- Eligible investors will be issued Green Credit Vouchers for their environmental contributions, in addition to the green incentives available under the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme (RIPS) - 2024. These Green Vouchers will be valued at 5 percent of green investments up to ₹1 crore and 10 percent of investments exceeding ₹10 crore (maximum ₹2.50 crore).
- Similarly, urban local bodies will also be issued Green Vouchers for projects financed through their own resources.

Rajasthan Jan Aadhaar on DigiLocker

Why in News?

- With the objective of providing simple, accessible, and quick services to the general public through the e-governance system, the Government of Rajasthan has made the 'Jan Aadhaar Card' available on the Government of India's DigiLocker platform.



Key Points:

- Jan Aadhaar is a socio-economic directory based on Rajasthan's 'One Number, One Card, One Identity' principle. Under this scheme, a database of demographic and socio-economic information of resident families of the state has been created.
- Jan Aadhaar provides a 10-digit Family Identification Number (Family ID) to the resident families of Rajasthan and an 11-digit Individual Identification Number (Individual ID) to each member.

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- A woman above 18 years of age is designated as the head of the family. If there is no woman aged 18 years or older in the family, then a man aged 21 years or older can be the head of the family.
- The 'Rajasthan Jan Aadhaar Scheme, 2019' was launched on December 18, 2019.
- **DigiLocker:** DigiLocker is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) under the Government of India's 'Digital India program', which aims to digitally empower citizens by providing them access to authentic digital documents in their digital document wallet.

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Virtual Net Metering and Group Net Metering Systems

Why in News?

- Recently, the system of virtual net metering and group net metering was implemented for the first time in Rajasthan.



Key Points:

- Virtual Net Metering:** Virtual net metering is a system in which electricity generated from a solar power plant installed at one location is adjusted in the electricity bills of several consumers falling within the same DISCOM area.
 - For example, if an apartment, colony, or institution does not have its own rooftop or has limited space, they can install a solar power plant at another location and receive the benefit of the electricity generated there in their respective meters.

- **Group Net Metering:** This is a system in which if a consumer installs a solar power plant at one location, the electricity generated from it can be adjusted in their other connections within the same DISCOM area.
 - **For example,** if a consumer has a house, shop, office, or any other establishment, they can install a solar plant at one location and consume the electricity generated there at their other locations' electricity connections as well.
- With the implementation of this system, domestic consumers will receive complete exemption from all types of charges. Other consumers will also receive relief from several charges.
- Additionally, projects related to battery energy storage will receive additional incentives, and there will be a 75 percent exemption from wheeling charges for 5 percent battery energy storage system capacity and a 100 percent exemption for more than 30 percent battery energy storage capacity.
- This will be most beneficial to people living in multi-story buildings and apartments in the state, people living in villages and hamlets, government and private offices, small and medium industries, and large industries with an electricity load of up to one megawatt, and other consumers who do not have their own rooftops available.

Other Important Points:

- Allowing 'Group Net Metering' and 'Virtual Net Metering' will promote the use of cheap and accessible electricity in the form of solar energy in the state and reduce consumers' electricity expenses.
- This will further strengthen the state's commitment to achieving the 'Net Zero target' and reduce carbon emissions.



- It is noteworthy that the state government has released the 'Integrated Clean Energy Policy-2024' to promote renewable energy, which includes provisions for net metering, gross metering, as well as virtual net metering and group net metering to promote rooftop solar.

Facts for Prelims:

Rajasthan Integrated Clean Energy Policy 2024:

- The state government issued the notification for this policy on December 4, 2024.
- **Policy Duration:** This policy is effective from the date of notification and will remain in force until March 29, 2029, or until replaced by another policy.

Target:

- The policy aims to achieve a target of 125,000 megawatts (125 gigawatts) of renewable energy projects in the state by the year 2029-30.

Breakdown of 125 GW:

S. No.	Type of Generation	Target Capacity
1.	Solar	90,000 MW
2.	Wind & Hybrid	25,000 MW
3.	Hydro, Pumped Storage Plant (PSP), Battery Energy Storage System	10,000 MW

- **Note:** Rajasthan aims to achieve a target of more than 54,000 megawatts of power capacity from conventional and renewable energy sources by the year 2031-32.

NEWS IN SHORTS

S. No.	News
1.	<p>9th Federation Cup Wushu Competition in Rajasthan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Event: Held from December 24 to 30, 2025 in Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh.■ Rajasthan's Performance: Runner-up trophy in the overall team championship with a total of 99 points.■ Winner's trophy in the Sanshou women's team championship with 33 points.■ Runner-up trophy in the Sanshou men's team championship with 21 points.■ Runner-up trophy in the Taolu men's team championship with 35 points.■ Organizer: Wushu Association of India.
2.	<p>51st Junior National Kabaddi Championship in Rajasthan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Rajasthan's junior girls' kabaddi team won the bronze medal in the 51st Junior National Kabaddi Championship held in Kolkata (West Bengal).
3.	<p>Vande Bharat (Sleeper) Maintenance Depot: Bhagat Ki Kothi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ A state-of-the-art Vande Bharat (Sleeper) maintenance depot is being constructed at Bhagat Ki Kothi railway station in the Jodhpur division of Indian Railways.■ This will be the first dedicated sleeper Vande Bharat maintenance depot of Indian Railways.

4.

South Asian Ball Badminton Championship-2025

- **Event:** Held from December 27 to 29, 2025 in Patna, under the aegis of the Asian Ball Badminton Federation, organized by the Indian Ball Badminton Federation and the Bihar Ball Badminton Association.
- **Players from Rajasthan:** Deepak Singh (Karauli) and Nikita Kanwar (Jaipur).
- **Coach of the Indian team:** Shaukat Ali Mansoori, Secretary of the Rajasthan Ball Badminton Association.
- India won the titles in both categories of this competition.

5.

Interim Report of the Seventh State Finance Commission for the year 2025-26

- Recently, the Parliamentary Affairs Minister of Rajasthan informed that the interim report for the year 2025-26, by the Seventh State Finance Commission was submitted to the Governor on September 2, 2025.
- The recommendations of the aforementioned interim report were approved by the State Cabinet on December 30, 2025. These recommendations will now be presented in the upcoming session of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly.
- On August 1, 2025, the Government of Rajasthan announced the formation of the state's 7th Finance Commission.
- **Chairman of the 7th Finance Commission:** Arun Chaturvedi.
- **Member Secretary of the 7th Finance Commission:** Retired IAS officer Naresh Thakral.



NATIONAL



Pinaka Weapon System

Why in News?

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted the first test of the Pinaka Long-Range Guided Rocket-2 (RGR).

Key Points:

Additional information regarding Pinaka:

- **Range:** Maximum range of 120 kilometers
- **It is a Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL) system.**
- **Design:** It has been designed by the Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE) in collaboration with the High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMR).
- **Development:** This project has been developed in collaboration with the Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL) and Research Centre Imarat (RCI).
- **Potential:** The Pinaka system has emerged as a high-potential system in the defense export sector, for countries like Armenia.



India-Canada Collaborative Industrial Research and Development Program

Why in News?

- To promote clean transportation, technological self-reliance, and industry-driven innovation, the Technology Development Board (TDB), under the administrative control of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with M/s Vijay Marine Services Private Limited (VMSPL), Goa, for the implementation of the 'Smart Sea Project by VACE'.

Key Points:

- This project will involve the development and demonstration of an electric boat with a capacity of 20 passengers.
- **Boat design and construction:** By Vijay Marine Services Private Limited.
- **Standards:** This high-power, lightweight boat will be built in accordance with the standards of the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS).
- The boat will integrate an electric outboard motor, battery system, and digital console interface developed by the Canadian partner, ACEL Power Inc.

India-Canada Collaborative Industrial Research and Development Program:

- **Bilateral initiative:** Between the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, and the National Research Council (NRC) of Canada and Global Affairs Canada.
- **Objective:** To promote joint industrial research and development projects.
- **Key areas of collaboration:** Manufacturing, clean and green technologies, health and life sciences, food and agricultural technologies, and smart infrastructure.
- **Project duration:** 2 years.

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National Frequency Allocation Plan, 2025 (NFAP)

📢 Why in News?

- The National Frequency Allocation Plan of the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, which governs the management and allocation of radio frequency spectrum in the country, came into effect on December 30, 2025.

📌 Key Points:

- **Introduction:** This is an important policy document for radio frequency spectrum management.
- **Launched by:** Department of Telecommunications.
- **Immediate Allocation:** Allocation of radio spectrum for various radio communication services in the frequency range of 8.3 kHz to 3000 GHz.

Improvements in NFAP 2025:

1. The 6425-7125 MHz band has been earmarked for IMT, increasing the mid-band spectrum for 5G, 5G Advanced, and 6G.
2. Strengthening of GSO/non-GSO satellite services by allocating Ka, Ku, and V bands.
3. Additional spectrum for In-Flight and Maritime Connectivity (IFMC).
4. Support for V2X communication, LEO/MEO satellite services, and emerging broadband solutions.

Memorandum of Understanding for Close Quarter Battle Carbines and Heavyweight Torpedoes

Why in News?

- The Ministry of Defence signed two contracts worth Rs 4666 crore on December 30, 2025, for the procurement of Close Quarter Battle (CQB) carbines and heavyweight torpedoes.

Key Points:

- **Close Quarter Battle Carbines:** Between Bharat Forge Limited and PLR Systems Private Limited.
- These are high-firepower, short-barreled assault rifles that are smaller and lighter than standard rifles.
- **Heavyweight Torpedoes:** Contract signed with WASS Submarine Systems S.R.L. of Italy for the procurement of 48 heavyweight torpedoes and associated equipment for the Indian Navy's Kalvari-class submarines (P-75).
- **Torpedo Delivery:** Delivery will begin in April 2028 and will be completed by 2030.

'Dhruv Helicopter

Why in News?

- Recently, the Minister of Civil Aviation launched the first flight of the civil version of the new generation Dhruv helicopter at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Bengaluru.

Key Points:

- This helicopter has received civil certification from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation for its indigenously developed Shakti engine.

Dhruv Helicopter:

- Introduction:** The Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Dhruv is an indigenously developed 5.5-ton class multi-role utility helicopter.
- Design and Development:** By Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.
- Types:**
 - Dhruv MK - AI and MK – II:** Useful for basic operations.
 - Dhruv MK - III:** Advanced version equipped with advanced avionics and equipment.
 - Dhruv MK - IV (Rudra):** Armed version for attack and support.

Features:

- Multi-purpose capabilities:** Rescue, attack, civil version.
- Equipped with two engines.**
- Advanced weapon system (Rudra):** Equipped with a turret gun and air-to-air missile system.
- Electronic Warfare Suite:** Includes radar/missile detector, infrared jammer, chaff and flare dispensers.

- Exports:** Bolivia, Myanmar, Israel, Maldives and Nepal.

SCHEMES

JIVA Program

Why in News?

- The JIVA program is attempting to address the problems of natural farming crop losses, soil erosion, and migration.

Key Points:

Joint Initiative for Village Advancement Program - JIVA

Launch:

- Year 2022, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).
- It was launched by NABARD under its existing watershed and WADI programs.

Objective:

- To ensure long-term sustainability using the principles of agroecology.
- Transformation of existing social and natural capital.
- Promotion of natural farming.



INDEXES AND REPORTS



Index of Industrial Production - IIP

Why in News?

- India's industrial production growth rate reached a 25-month high of 6.7% in November 2025, as measured by the IIP.

Key Points:

Index of Industrial Production:

- **Publisher:** Monthly, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- **Objective:** To measure short-term changes in the volume of industrial production in the economy.
- **Base Year:** 2011-12

Sectors Included:

- The IIP primarily includes 3 broad sectors:
 1. **Manufacturing:** Weightage: 77.6%
 2. **Mining:** Weightage: 14.4%
 3. **Electricity:** Weightage: 8.0%

Dynamic Groundwater Resources Assessment Report - 2025

Why in News?

- The Union Ministry of Jal Shakti (Water Resources) has released the Dynamic Groundwater Resources Assessment Report - 2025.
- The assessment of dynamic groundwater resources has been jointly carried out by the Central Ground Water Board and the States/Union Territories.

Key Points:

- **Groundwater Recharge:** The total annual groundwater recharge has been estimated at 448 billion cubic meters (BCM), showing a slight increase compared to 446 BCM in 2024.
- **Groundwater Extraction:** The extractable annual groundwater resources have increased to 407 BCM, compared to 406 BCM in 2024.
- In 2025, the total annual groundwater extraction in India is estimated at 247 BCM.

Classification of Assessment Units:

- There are a total of 6746 assessment units (blocks/mandals/talukas) in the country. Their classification is as follows:
 1. **Safe** – 73.4% units
 2. **Semi-critical** – 10.5% units
 3. **Critical** – 3.05% units
 4. **Over-exploited** – 11.1% units
 5. **Saline** – 1.8% units

Regional concentration of over-exploited units:

1. **North-West India** – Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Western Uttar Pradesh
2. **Western India** – Rajasthan, Gujarat
3. **South India** – Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh

IMPORTANT PORTALS AND APPS

BHIM App: 9th Anniversary

Why in News?

- The Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) app celebrated its 9th anniversary on December 30, 2025.

Key Points:

- Launch:** Launched on December 30, 2016, by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- Objective:** To promote financial inclusion and a cashless economy in the country by enabling direct e-payments through banks.
- As of December 28, 2025, more than 663 million transactions worth over ₹64,000 crore have been recorded through the BHIM app.
- BHIM 3.0 App:** An advanced version of BHIM launched in March 2025 by NPCI BHIM Services Limited (NBSL), a subsidiary of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

Other Important Points:

- Global Expansion of UPI:** As of March 2025, UPI is operational in 7 countries: UAE, Singapore, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, France, and Mauritius.
- UPI was launched in Europe starting with France, and is also being promoted within the BRICS group.
- According to the ACI Global Report, 2024, UPI accounted for 49% of all global real-time transactions in India in 2023.



PERSONALITY



Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

Why in News?

- The Indian Prime Minister paid tribute to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Key Points:

Subhas Chandra Bose -

- **Born:** January 23, 1897, Cuttack, Odisha
- He was elected President of the Indian National Congress in 1938 and 1939, but resigned due to differences over non-violent strategies.

Contribution to the Freedom Movement

- Bose's approach to India's independence was to leverage the support of the Axis powers during World War II.
- In 1941, he escaped from house arrest in India and reached Germany via Afghanistan, where he sought support from Adolf Hitler.
- In 1943, he went to Japan, where he took command of the Indian National Army (INA), which had been formed by Indian prisoners of war and expatriate Indians.
- **Death:** He died in August 1945 in a plane crash in Taiwan. However, the circumstances of the crash remain mysterious and controversial.

Srimanta Sankardev – 1449-1568

Why in News?

- The Union Home Minister inaugurated the Batadrava Than redevelopment project, which is the birthplace of Srimanta Sankardev.

Key Points:

Additional Information:

- He propagated a form of Vaishnavism called Ek Sarana Hari Nama Dharma, which considers Lord Krishna as the supreme, eternal, and one God (monotheistic).
- He established monastic institutions like Namghar and Sattriya, which became centers of cultural and religious activities.
- He is known for initiating Borgeet (music), Sattriya (classical dance), Ankia Naat, and Bhaona (theatrical performances).
- **Literary works:** Kirtan Ghosha, Gunamala, Bhatimas, Harishchandra-Upakhyan, and Rukmini Haran Kavya.



SPORTS



South Asian Ball Badminton Championship, 2025

Why in News?

- India has won the titles in both the men's and women's categories at the South Asian Ball Badminton Championship, 2025.

Key Points:

- **Event:** Held from December 27 to 29, 2021, in Patna, Bihar.
- **Men's Category:** In the final round-robin league of the championship's Fives event, the Indian men's team defeated Sri Lanka.
- **Women's Category:** India won the title by defeating Sri Lanka.
- **Mixed Category:** The Indian team also won the title in the mixed doubles event, while Sri Lanka secured the second position, and Nepal and Bhutan jointly secured the third position in this event.
- **Nepal and Bhutan** jointly secured the third position in both the men's and women's categories.
- **Players from Rajasthan:** Deepak and Nikita from Rajasthan participated in this championship.

NEWS IN SHORTS

S. No.	News
1.	<p>Robot Iron</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Italian scientists created Iron, the world's first flying humanoid robot, in 2025.■ Powered by four mini-jet engines and AI technology, the robot successfully completed its first flight.■ It has been developed for deployment in disaster and hazardous areas.■ Note: China has opened the world's first robot mall in Beijing E-Town.
2.	<p>Firefly Aerospace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Firefly Aerospace's Blue Ghost lander became the first private spacecraft to land on the Moon.■ It carried 10 scientific instruments, including a laser reflector to measure the Moon's shape and its precise distance from Earth.
3.	<p>Param Rudra Supercomputer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ IIT Patna launched 'Param Rudra', Bihar's first supercomputer.■ Development: By the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing under the National Supercomputing Mission.■ This is the 37th supercomputer under the National Supercomputing Mission.
4.	<p>World Police and Fire Games, 2029</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The National Defence University, Gujarat, will host 8 events of the World Police and Fire Games, 2029.

5.

Khaleda Zia

- Recently, Khaleda Zia, the former Prime Minister of Bangladesh and former chairperson of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, passed away.
- She was the first female Prime Minister of Bangladesh.
- She enacted strict laws against crimes such as acid attacks, dowry, and rape.

6.

Year 2025: 'Ease of Living and Ease of Doing Business'

- Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Jitendra Singh, declared the current year 2025, as the year dedicated to governance reforms for 'Ease of Living and Ease of Doing Business'.

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