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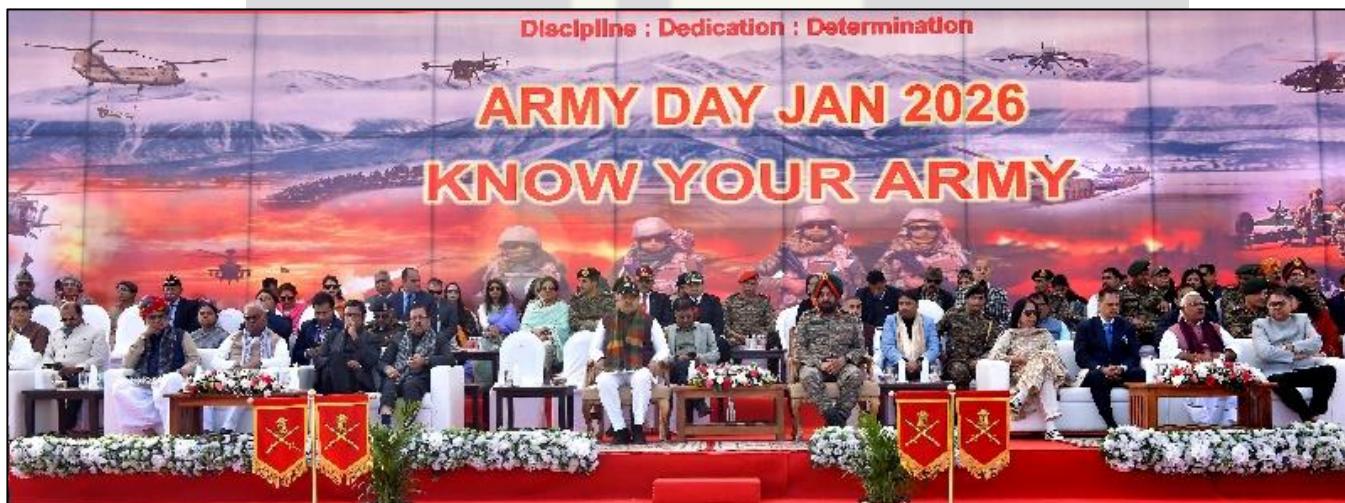
RAJASTHAN



'Know Your Army' Exhibition Inaugurated in Jaipur

Why in News?

- Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma inaugurated the 'Know Your Army' exhibition in Jaipur on January 8, 2026.



Key Points:

- This exhibition is being organized as part of the programs being held to commemorate the 78th Army Day.
- Dates:** January 8 to 12, 2026.
- Venue:** Bhawani Niketan Shiksha Samiti, Jaipur.
- Main event of the 78th Indian Army Day:** Mahal Road, Jagatpura (Jaipur).
- The exhibition showcases various modern weapons, artillery, and military resources used by the Indian Army during Operation Sindoora.
- 'Krishna' and 'Jena':** The unmanned ground vehicles 'Krishna' and 'Jena', manufactured in Jaipur, are also included in the exhibition. 'Krishna' provides fire support to soldiers through firing, while 'Jena' assists in relief and rescue operations during fire and disaster situations.

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Other Important Points:

- The state government has increased the pension amount for non-pensioner ex-servicemen and widows of World War II from ₹10,000 to ₹15,000 per month. 976 ex-servicemen and widows in Rajasthan have benefited from this.
- The state government has named 43 schools in honor of soldiers who sacrificed their lives.
- The honorarium of ex-servicemen employed on contract in various departments of the state has been increased by 10 percent each in 2024 and 2025.

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State Level Police Conference – Jaipur

Why in News?

- Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma inaugurated the ‘State Level Police Conference-2026’ in Jaipur on January 8, 2026.



Key Points:

- Conference Theme:** ‘Policing in Developed India’.
- Event Duration and Location:** January 8-9, 2026, Rajasthan Police Academy, Jaipur.
- At the inaugural ceremony, the Chief Minister launched the ‘e-Visitors Portal’ and ‘e-Zero FIR’ and released the ‘Rajasthan Police Priorities-2026’ booklet.
- The state government also recommended that all police officers facilitate visits to police stations for students on National Youth Day (January 12).



- Compared to 2023, there has been a 15 percent reduction in overall crime, a 25 percent reduction in murder cases, and a 50 percent reduction in robbery cases. There has also been a 10 percent reduction in crimes against women and a 28 percent reduction in atrocities against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. (Source - DIPR)
- It is noteworthy that the state government has announced the creation of a ₹200 crore fund for police modernization and related infrastructure.
- The government will establish the 'Sardar Patel Centre for Cyber Control Room' and the 'Rajasthan Police Technical Training Academy' at a cost of ₹350 crore.

Other Important Points:

- **Director General of Police (DGP), Rajasthan:** Rajiv Kumar Sharma.
- **Note:** The Rajasthan Police Academy, Jaipur, has been awarded the status of an excellent institution by the Capacity Building Commission, a Government of India undertaking. This academy is the first police training institution among all states to receive the status of an excellent institution.

NEWS IN SHORTS

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1.	<p>'Bhairav Battalion' in the News</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Recently, the Indian Army formed a state-of-the-art military battalion, the 'Bhairav Battalion', whose primary training has been completed at the Nasirabad Cantonment (Ajmer).■ It has been formed as a special force to meet the challenges of security and modern warfare.
2.	<p>Vidhan Chhabra: Secured First Rank in CMA Foundation Exam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Vidhan Chhabra, a resident of Jaipur, secured the All India First Rank in the Cost and Management Accountant (CMA) Foundation Exam conducted by The Institute of Cost Accountants of India.
3.	<p>Acharya Prasanna Sagar: Declared State Guest by the State Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Government of Rajasthan recently declared Acharya Shri 108 Prasanna Sagar Ji Maharaj as a State Guest.■ The Acharya has been bestowed with the title of "Upvas Shiromani" (Crown Jewel of Fasting) for undertaking a continuous fast of 557 days and more than 12,000 fasts till date.



4.

MoU between Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Rajasthan Ayurveda University and ICMR-NIIRNCD

- Recently, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Rajasthan Ayurveda University, Jodhpur, and the National Institute for Implementation Research on Non-Communicable Diseases (ICMR-NIIRNCD), Jodhpur.
- Under this MoU, both institutions will jointly work on research, training, student and faculty exchange, and joint projects in the fields of medical health research, public health, and Ayurveda.
- This collaboration will promote research on non-communicable diseases, nutrition, and AYUSH-based treatment methods.

5.

Regional Roundtable Conference on Digital Health and AI Implementation

- IIHMR, Jaipur recently organized a one-day regional roundtable conference on the topic of 'Rajasthan Digital Health Research and AI Implementation Strategy'.
- **Venue:** Jaipur.



Census – 2027

Why in News?

- The Central Government has issued a notification for the first phase of Census – 2027.

Key Points:

- **First Phase (House Listing):** This exercise will be conducted in all states and union territories between April and September 2026.
- **Second Phase (Population Enumeration):** The main enumeration is scheduled for February 2027.
- **Note:** In the snow-bound areas of Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir, and the inaccessible areas of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, the population enumeration will be completed in September 2026 itself.
- **Caste Census:** For the first time in independent India, a nationwide caste census will be conducted. The last such census was held in 1931.
- **Conducted by:** The Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- **Legal Provisions:** The census is conducted under the Census Act, 1948 and the Census Rules, 1900.
- **Other Facts:** The 2027 census will be the 16th census of the country and the 8th since independence.
- The first synchronous census in India was conducted in 1881 under the leadership of W.C. Plowden.



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Directorate General of Mines Safety

Why in News?

- The Directorate General of Mines Safety celebrated its 125th Foundation Day.



Key Points:

DGMS – Additional Information:

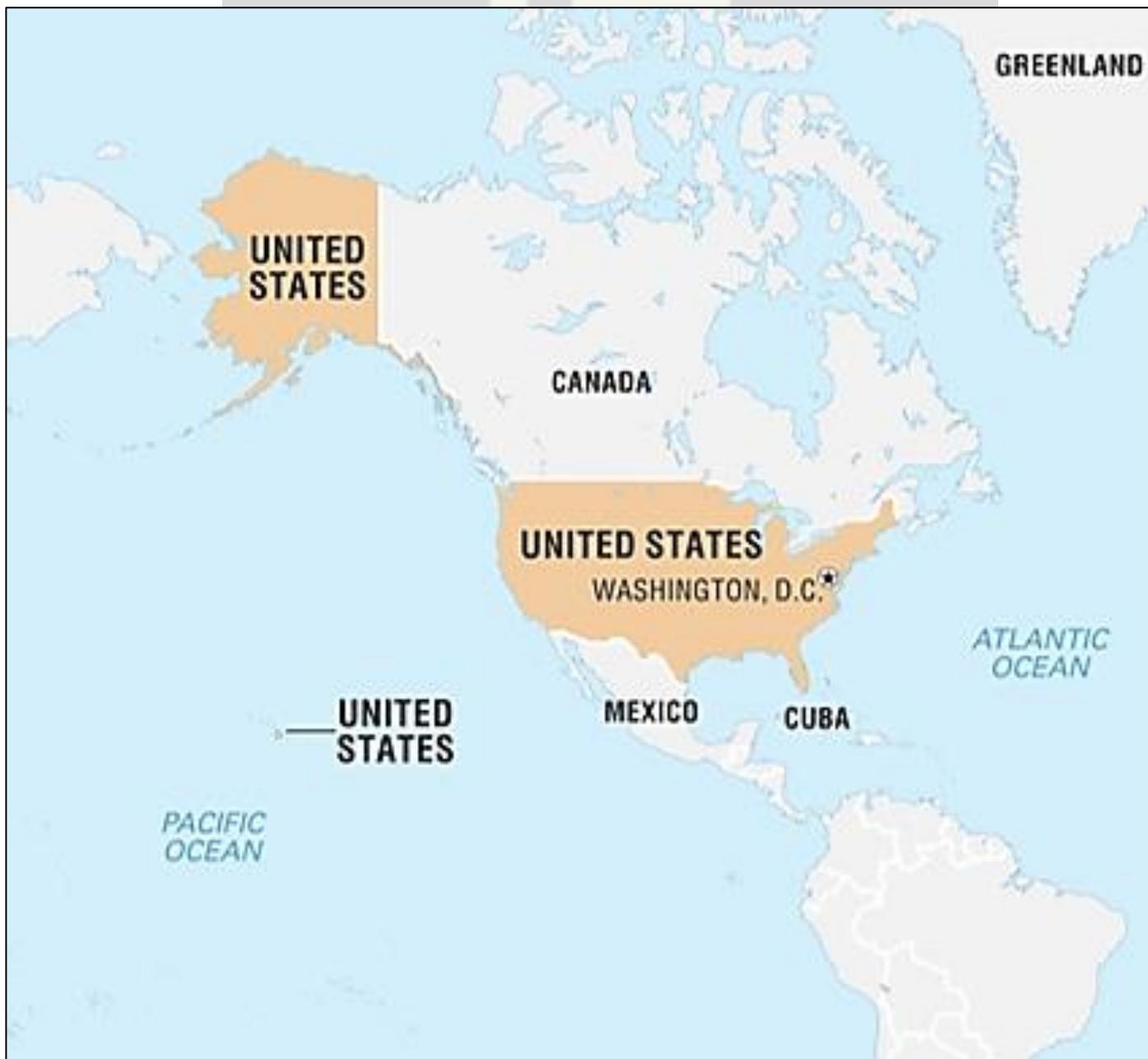
- Established in: 1902, as the Bureau of Mines Inspection, and renamed as the Directorate General of Mines Safety in 1967.
- Concerned Ministry: Union Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- Headquarters: Dhanbad, Jharkhand.



66 International Organizations: United States

Why in News?

- A memorandum from the US President has directed the United States to withdraw from 66 international organizations.





Key Points:

- This order directs the cessation of participation and funding in 35 non-UN organizations and 31 UN institutions.

Important organizations from which the US has withdrawn:

- UN organizations:** International Energy Forum, International Solar Alliance, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), etc.
- Previously, the US had also withdrawn from the Paris Climate Agreement, the World Health Organization, and the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).
- Reason:** According to the US, these institutions act against American national interests, security, economic prosperity, and sovereignty.

Hindrance in the solution to climate change

The fragmentation of multilateralism, global protectionism, and a weakened international governance system.

The potential consequences of the US withdrawal

Increased global instability and local conflicts.

Obstacles in human and economic development and financing.

BRICS

Why in News?

- India has assumed the BRICS chairmanship and will host the 18th BRICS Summit in 2026.



Key Points:

- India's chairmanship is based on four main pillars: Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation, and Environmental Sustainability.

Reforming global governance
(Western dominance)

Promoting digital public
infrastructure

The significance of
India's BRICS
chairmanship

Leadership of the Global South
and support for a multipolar
world order.

Strategic autonomy and multi-
alignment

BRICS – Additional Information:

- **Origin of the idea:** In 2001, British economist Jim O'Neill.
- **Establishment:** In 2006, as BRIC.
- **First Summit:** In 2009, Russia.
- **BRIC to BRICS:** South Africa joined in 2010.
- **Objective:** To reform global governance and provide an alternative to Western-dominated institutions.

Global Impact:

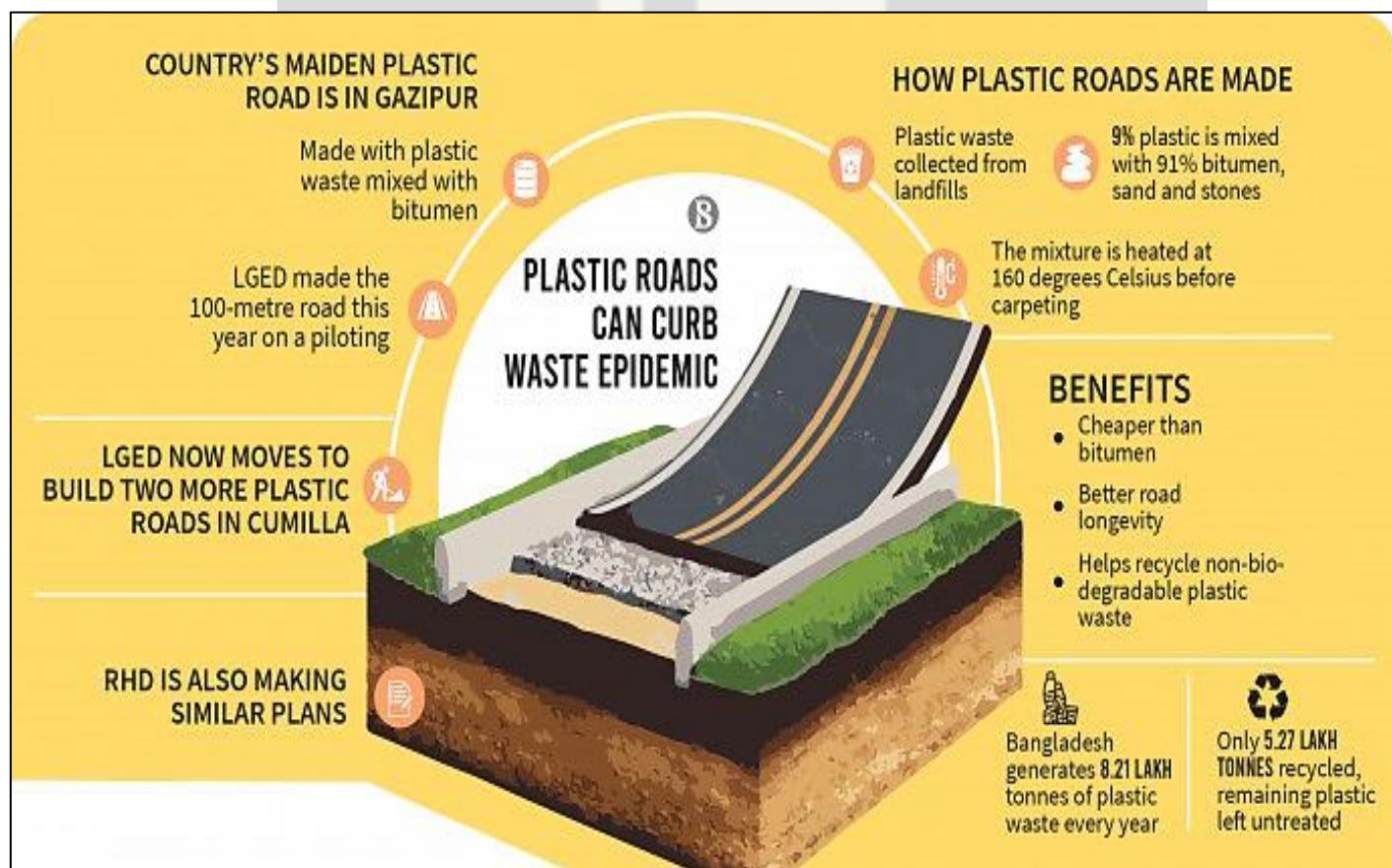
- Represents 49.5 percent of the global population.
- Represents 40 percent of the global GDP.
- Represents 26 percent of global trade.
- **Original Members:** Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa.
- **New Members (BRICS+):** Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Bio-bitumen

Why in News?

- India has become the first country in the world to commercially produce bio-bitumen for road construction.



Key Points:

Bio-bitumen - Additional Information -

- It is an alternative form of bitumen, prepared from organic materials. Examples include agricultural waste, lignin, biochar, bio-oil, etc.
- **Bitumen:** It is a black substance produced from the distillation of crude oil. It is known for its adhesive properties.



Applications:

1. In paving roads.
2. In waterproofing applications, etc.

Benefits:

- Reduction in crude oil imports.
- Solution to the problem of stubble burning.
- Promotion of the bioeconomy.
- It can be used as a supplement to bitumen or to reduce the amount of bitumen in binder mixtures.



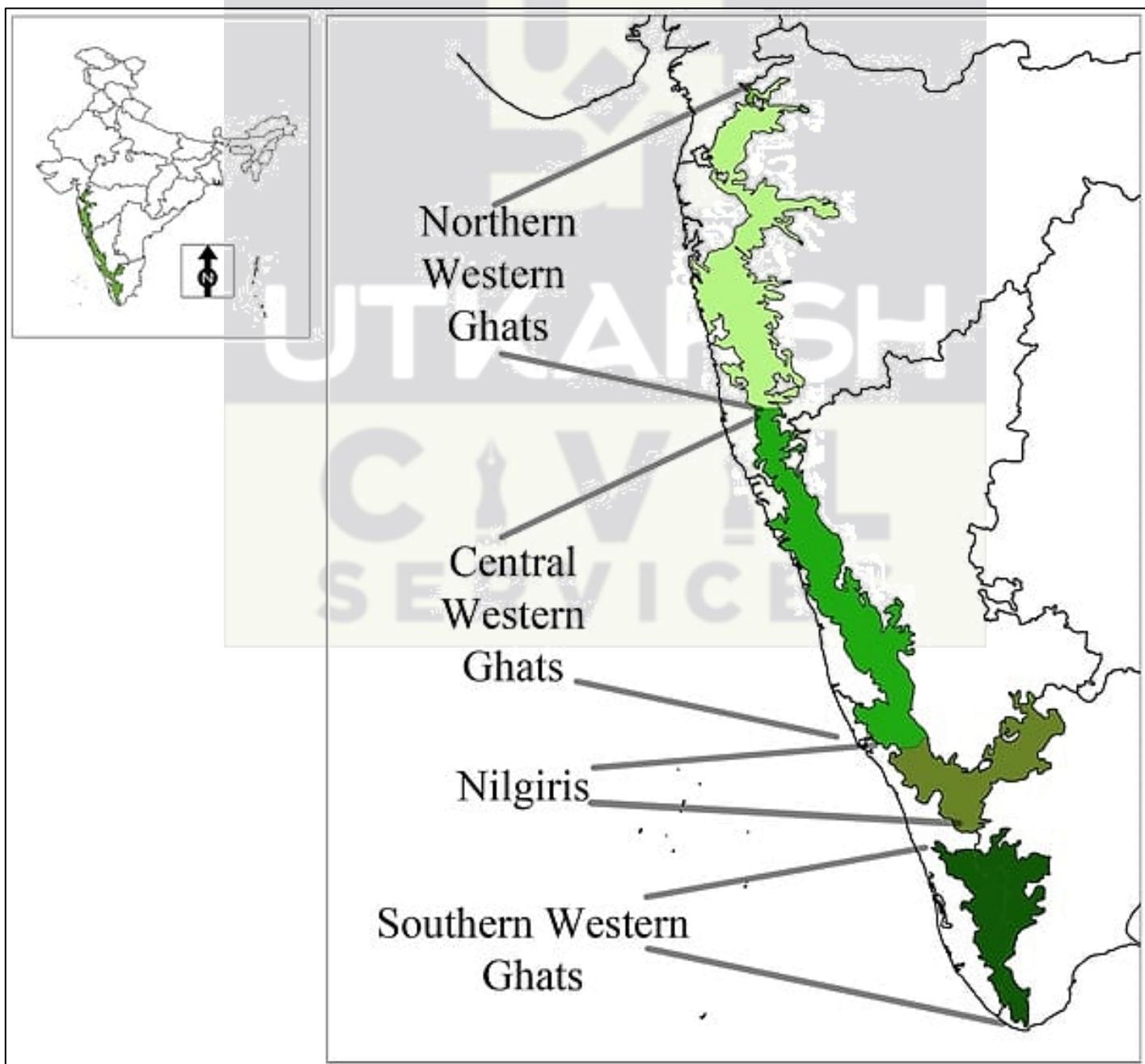
PERSONALITY



Madhav Gadgil

Why in News?

- Renowned environmentalist Madhav Gadgil, known for his work on the conservation of the Western Ghats, has passed away.





Key Points:

Major Contributions:

- **Gadgil Commission:** In 2010, the Ministry of Environment and Forests appointed **Madhav Gadgil** to chair the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel.
- He played a crucial role in declaring the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve as India's first biosphere reserve in 1986.
- He served as a member of the Prime Minister's Scientific Advisory Council and the National Tiger Conservation Authority.
- **Awards:** Madhav Gadgil received honors such as the Padma Shri – 1992, Padma Bhushan – 2006, and the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement – 2024.
- **Autobiography:** A Walk Up The Hill: Living with People and Nature.

NEWS IN SHORTS

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1.

ICGS Samudra Pratap



- Recently, India's first indigenously designed and built pollution control vessel, ICGS Samudra Pratap, has been commissioned into the maritime fleet in Goa.

ICGS Samudra Pratap: Key Features-

- Manufacturer:** Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL).
- It uses more than 60 percent indigenous components.
- It is 114.5 meters long and has a displacement capacity of 4170 tons.

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