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## Rajasthan Digifest TiE Global Summit-2026

### Why in News?

- The 'Rajasthan Digifest TiE Global Summit-2026' was organized in Jaipur from January 4 to 6, 2026.



### Key Points:

- Venue:** Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Center (JECC), Sitapura.
- Inauguration:** By the Minister of Information Technology and Communications (Rajasthan), Colonel Rajyavardhan Rathore.
- Objective:** To establish Rajasthan as a global innovation hub and provide a platform for startups, investors, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and creators.
- Main Focus:** Digital Agriculture, Smart Health, Smart Infrastructure, Tourism, and Water Governance.



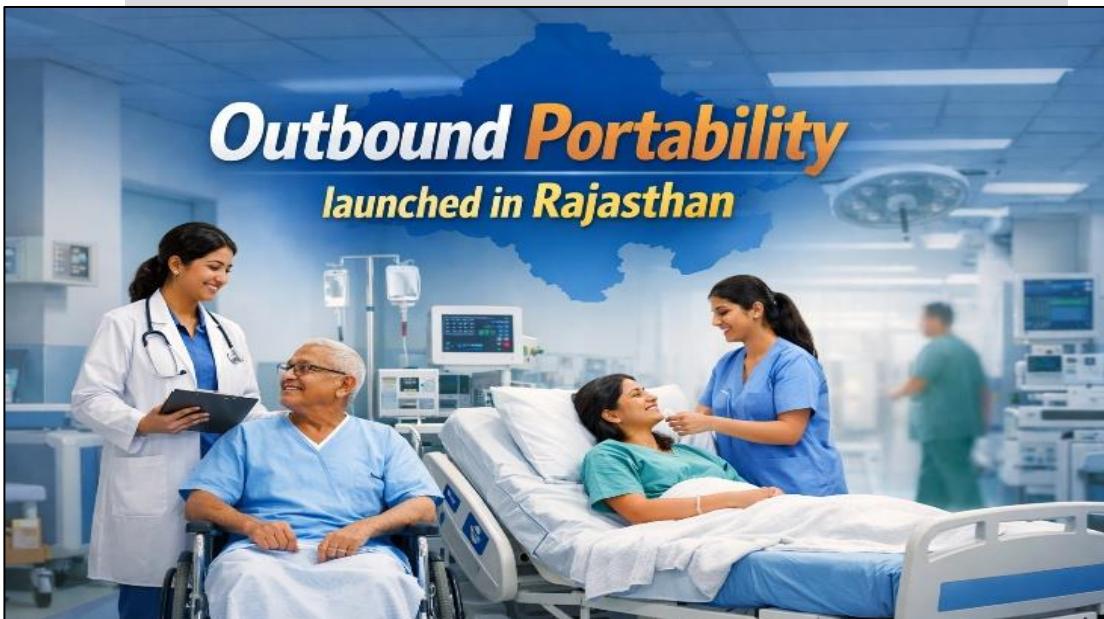
## Organizers:

- **Department of Information Technology and Communications (DoIT.C), Rajasthan:** The main host and organizer of the summit.
- **TiE Rajasthan:** Main collaborator.
- **iStart Rajasthan:** This is the flagship startup program of the Government of Rajasthan, under whose banner this festival was organized.
- An MoU was exchanged between the Department of Information Technology and Communications and 7 prestigious institutions during the inaugural ceremony.
- The Jodhpur portal of the Rajasthan Innovation Hub was launched.
- **Rajasthan Regional AI Impact Conference:** The 'Rajasthan Regional AI Impact Conference' was organized during this Global Summit, which was a pre-program for the India-AI Impact Summit to be held in New Delhi on February 19 and 20, 2026.
- The objective of the 'Rajasthan Regional AI Impact Conference' was to showcase AI-driven innovations in the state, engage with stakeholders, and provide recommendations regarding the action plan related to AI governance.
- Notably, the 'Rajasthan Data Center Policy' was launched in April 2025 and the 'Rajasthan AVGC-XR Policy' was launched in December 2024 in Rajasthan.
- **iStart International Film Festival of Rajasthan:** The 'iStart International Film Festival of Rajasthan' was organized during the summit. This film festival is a cornerstone of Rajasthan's AVGC-XR (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics and Extended Reality) policy.

## Outbound Portability Launched in Rajasthan

### Why in News?

- Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma launched outbound portability under the 'Mukhyamantri Ayushman Arogya Yojana' during the 'State Level Women's Conference' held in Pachgaon, Dholpur on December 19, 2025.



### Key Points:

- Rajasthan is the first state in the country to adopt this type of system. Under this, patients from Rajasthan will be able to receive cashless treatment in other states as well.
- With the implementation of this system, a network of more than 30,000 hospitals across the country has been included in the 'Mukhyamantri Ayushman Arogya Yojana'.
- This system will play a significant role in achieving Rajasthan's goal of 'Universal Health Coverage'.
- Under this new system, eligible families from Rajasthan will be able to avail cashless treatment in empanelled hospitals outside the state as well.

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- **Note:** Outbound portability will be valid in all states of the country except Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.
- **Maximum Hospitals:** The maximum number of hospitals under outbound portability are in Uttar Pradesh (6182).

## Facts for Prelims:

### Mukhyamantri Ayushman Arogya Yojana:

- **Launched:** From May 1, 2021.
- **Provisions:** This scheme provides cashless treatment up to ₹25 lakh per family per year, with ₹5 lakh in insurance mode and ₹20 lakh in trust mode. It also includes special packages for organ transplants and cochlear implants.
- This scheme is being operated by integrating it with the Central Government's Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY).

### Annual Premium:

- In the new phase of this scheme, a premium of ₹1,965 per family has been fixed, covering 1,819 packages, of which 1,761 packages are in insurance mode and 58 packages are in trust mode.
- Free health insurance premium for beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC), small and marginal farmers, contract workers, economically weaker section (EWS) families, senior citizens (above 70 years of age), and individuals affected by COVID-19. Other families can join the scheme by paying an annual premium of ₹850 per family, with the remaining premium being paid by the state government.
- **MAA Fund:** To ensure the successful implementation and financial sustainability of the scheme, a 'MAA Fund' of ₹3500 crore has been created in the Rajasthan Budget – 2025-26.

### Other Important Points:

- **Rajasthan Right to Healthcare Act-2023:** A significant step towards "Health for All". This Act legally recognizes the right to health and aims to provide equitable access to healthcare services for all residents.

## Known Bird Species in Rajasthan (510)

### Why in News?

- According to the 'Rajasthan State Biodiversity Board', the number of known bird species in Rajasthan is 510.



### Key Points:

- Of the total bird species found in Rajasthan, 3 species are critically endangered, 14 species are listed in the Red Data Book, and 6 species (birds of prey) are in the vulnerable category.

#### 3 Critically Endangered Species:

- Great Indian Bustard:** The state bird of Rajasthan.
- White-rumped Vulture:** Their population has declined dramatically due to consuming carcasses of cattle treated with the drug diclofenac.
- Indian Vulture (Long-billed Vulture):** The population of Indian vultures has declined by up to 90 percent due to the drug diclofenac.

#### Other Important Points:

- National Bird Day is celebrated every year on January 5th.
- The Government of Rajasthan has established the Rajasthan State Biodiversity Board under the 'Rajasthan Biodiversity Rules, 2010'.



## Saras Rajsakhi National Fair – 2025

### Why in News?

- The ‘Saras Rajsakhi National Fair – 2025’ was organized in Jaipur from December 18, 2025, to January 4, 2026.

### Key Points:

- **Venue:** Jawahar Kala Kendra (JKK), Jaipur.
- **Organizer:** Rajasthan Rural Livelihoods Development Council (Rajeevika)
- **Sponsor:** Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.
- **Theme:** 'India - A Unifying Force'.
- **Sponsoring Banks of the Fair:** Bank of Baroda, ICICI Bank, and HDFC Bank.
- **Main Objective:** To empower rural women entrepreneurs and Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

### Awards:

- Best Seller awards were presented at the conclusion of the ‘Saras Rajsakhi National Fair – 2025’; as follows:

### Rajasthan Category:

- **First Prize for Best Seller:** Awarded to Jai Shankar SHG from Bharatpur.
- **Second Prize:** Awarded to Dinuwani SHG from Barmer.
- **Third Prize:** Awarded to Jogmaya SHG from Barmer.
- **Best Seller First Prize in the Other States Category:** Awarded to Heena SHG from Uttar Pradesh.
- **Second Prize:** Awarded to Sogam SHG from Jammu and Kashmir.
- **Third Prize:** Awarded to Guru Nanak SHG from Punjab.

## NEWS IN SHORTS

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1.	<p><b>'My Career Advisor' App</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Recently, the Rajasthan Education Department launched the 'My Career Advisor' mobile app.</li><li>■ <b>App development:</b> By the Ministry of Education and NCERT-PSSCIVE.</li><li>■ This app is designed to enhance student preparation, awareness, and better planning in line with the 'National Education Policy-2020'.</li><li>■ Through this app, students can conduct self-review through three key assessments.</li><li>■ The app tests students through an aptitude test (20 minutes), an interest test (12 minutes), and a values test (14 minutes).</li><li>■ This app is extremely useful for students in grades 9 to 12, as well as for teachers, parents, and counselors.</li></ul>
2.	<p><b>Asian Waterbird Census (AWC) - 2026</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ The Asian Waterbird Census (AWC) - 2026 will be conducted at 122 identified water bodies in Rajasthan.</li><li>■ <b>Duration:</b> January 3 to 18, 2026.</li><li>■ <b>Objective:</b> Conservation of wetlands and waterbirds.</li><li>■ The year 2026 will be the 40th edition of the Asian Waterbird Census (AWC) and the 60th edition of the global International Waterbird Census (IWC).</li><li>■ In Rajasthan, it is being organized by the Rajasthan State Biodiversity Board.</li><li>■ <b>Note:</b> The 12th edition of the Udaipur Bird Festival will be held from January 15 to 18, 2026.</li></ul>



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## Rajasthan Legislative Assembly Calendar-2026

- Recently, the annual calendar (2026) of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly was released by Rajasthan Legislative Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani.
- The 2026 Legislative Assembly calendar is dedicated to the 150th birth anniversary of the national song "Vande Mataram," which invoked India's freedom struggle.
- The calendar depicts events and details related to the historical background of the national song "Vande Mataram," and portraits of other great personalities, including the author of the national song, Bankim Chandra Chatterjee.

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## Ritika Chaudhary: 'Miss Urvashi - Season 4'

- Recently, Jhunjhunu resident Ritika Chaudhary won the title of the beauty pageant "Miss Urvashi - Season 4."
- **First Runner-up:** Jyotsna Choudhary from Sikar.
- Vaidehi Rai from Mumbai was crowned 'Miss Urvashi International' and Neetu from Sikar was crowned 'Miss Urvashi Rajasthan'.

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## The Infra and Industrial Conclave-2026

- **Event:** Bhiwadi on January 4, 2026.
- **Title:** "The Infra and Industrial Conclave-2026: Opportunities, Challenges, and Awards."
- **Organized by:** First India News.



## NATIONAL



### Task Force on Capacity Building of Sports Administrators

#### Why in News?

- A task force, chaired by Olympic medalist Abhinav Bindra, has submitted its report.

#### Key Points:

- This report provides a roadmap for transforming India's sports governance into a professional, accountable, and athlete-centric system.

#### Systemic shortcomings highlighted in the report:

- Lack of professional expertise.
- Current training for administrators is inadequate and irrelevant.
- Barriers to athletes becoming administrators.
- Centralization of power and lack of transparency.

#### Steps taken to improve sports governance in India:

1. National Sports Governance Act - 2025
2. Khelo India Policy - 2025: To identify talent at the grassroots level and upgrade sports infrastructure.
3. Khelo India Program: This is a national initiative to revive the sports culture at the grassroots level.



### India-Pakistan Non-Aggression Agreement

#### Why in News?

- India and Pakistan exchanged lists of their nuclear installations. This was done under the Agreement on the Prohibition of Attacks on Nuclear Installations and Facilities. This agreement is also known as the India-Pakistan Non-Aggression Agreement.



#### Key Points:

##### India-Pakistan Non-Aggression Agreement -

- **Signed:** Signed on December 31, 1988, and entered into force on January 27, 1991. Under this agreement, both countries are required to share information about the location of their nuclear installations every year on January 1st.
- **Objective:** To prevent both sides from directly or indirectly destroying or damaging any nuclear installation or facility in the other country.
- **Significance:** As a measure to reduce nuclear risk between India and Pakistan.



### Secondary Pollutants

#### Why in News?

- According to a report by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA), approximately one-third of Delhi's annual PM 2.5 pollution is due to secondary pollutants, primarily ammonium sulfate.

#### Key Points:

##### Secondary Pollutants

- These pollutants are not directly emitted from a source (such as vehicles or power plants).
- They are formed through chemical reactions between pollutants emitted from a source and molecules/water vapor present in the atmosphere. Examples include ammonium sulfate, ozone, and nitrogen oxides.
- Pollutants that are directly emitted into the environment from a source are called primary pollutants.

##### Formation of Ammonium Sulfate:

- Sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) gas is oxidized in the atmosphere to form sulfate. This sulfate then reacts with ammonia present in the atmosphere. Ammonium sulfate is formed at the end of this process.

## SCHEMES

### Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme - ECMS

#### Why in News?

- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has approved 22 proposals under the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme.



#### Key Points:

- Sectors covered in the approval:** Mobile manufacturing, telecommunications, consumer electronics, strategic electronics, automotive, IT hardware, etc.

#### Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme -

- Start Date:** April 2025
- Duration:** 6 years + 1 optional initial year (6+1)
- Objective:** To develop a robust electronics components manufacturing ecosystem by integrating the domestic electronics industry with global value chains and attracting investment.

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## India's Electronics Industry

### Production:

- Electronics production in India has increased nearly sixfold in the last decade.
- India is the world's second-largest mobile phone manufacturer.

### Exports:

- Electronics has emerged as India's third-largest and fastest-growing export category in 2024-25.

### Target:

- To build a \$500 billion domestic electronics manufacturing ecosystem by 2030-31.



## ECONOMIC SCENARIO



### Nationwide Strike by Gig Workers

#### Why in News?

- Recently, delivery workers from platforms like Swiggy, Zomato, Blinkit, and Zepto went on a nationwide strike.



#### Key Points:

##### Gig Economy in India:

- According to the Social Security Code, 2020, a gig worker is a person who works in a work arrangement outside of the traditional employer-employee relationship and earns income from it.



## Two Categories:

1. **Platform-based:** Their work is linked to online software applications, such as Swiggy's delivery workers.
2. **Non-platform-based:** Casual wage workers working part-time or full-time in traditional sectors, such as domestic workers.

■ **Numbers:** There are approximately 10 million gig and platform workers in India, and this number is projected to reach 23 million by 2029-30.

## Government Welfare Initiatives:

1. **Social Security Code-2020** provides a formal social security framework.
2. Under the **Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana**, registered unorganized workers are provided with annual accident insurance coverage of up to Rs. 2 lakh.
3. **State Government: Rajasthan Platform-Based Gig Workers (Registration and Welfare) Act-2023**



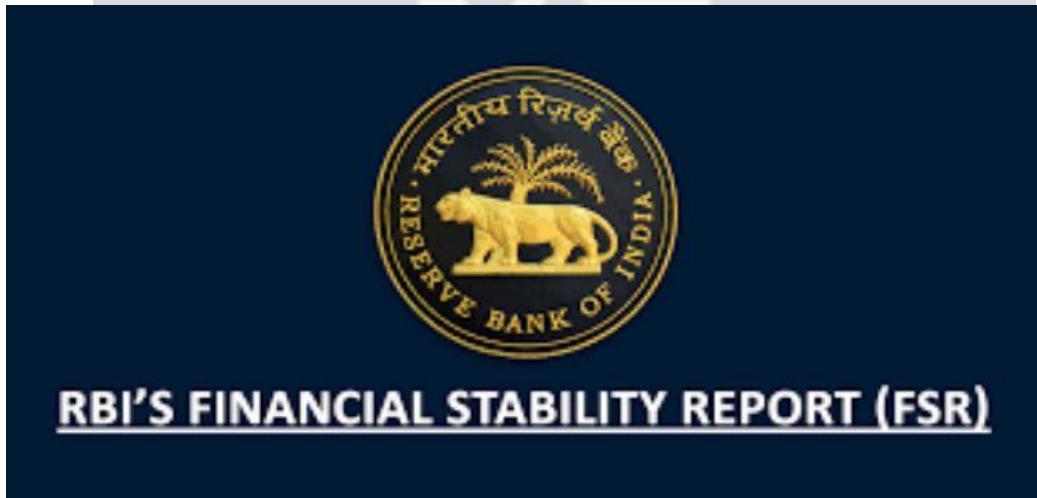
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### Financial Stability Report

#### Why in News?

- The Financial Stability Report is a semi-annual report published by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in June and December. This report includes suggestions from the sub-committee of the Financial Stability and Development Council.



#### Key Points:

- Importance:** This report assesses the current and emerging threats to the stability of the Indian financial system.

#### Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)

- Establishment:** Established in 2010, it is a top-level non-statutory council under the Ministry of Finance.

- Chairman:** Union Finance Minister

- Members:** Governors of RBI, and Chairpersons of SEBI, IRDAI, PFRDA, and IBBI.

#### FSDC Sub-committee:

- Chairman:** RBI Governor.

- It provides suggestions for the Financial Stability Report.

## IMPORTANT PORTALS AND APPS

### PRAGATI: Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation

#### Why in News?

- The Prime Minister chaired the 50th meeting of the PRAGATI platform. This system has played a significant role in the rapid implementation of various mega projects and welfare schemes.

## PRAGATI

Pro-Active Governance  
and Timely Implementation



#### Key Points:

##### PRAGATI

- Established:** Year 2015
- Background:** Three-tier system

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Three levels

Prime Minister's Office (PMO)      Central Government Secretary      Chief Secretaries of States

Accelerating project implementation

Coordination among government agencies

Objective

Technology-based project monitoring

Effective grievance redressal and monitoring



## PERSONALITY



### Savitribai Phule's Birth Anniversary

#### Why in News?

- The Prime Minister paid tribute to Savitribai Phule on her 195th birth anniversary.



#### Key Points:

- Poet and social reformer Savitribai Phule is recognized as the first female teacher of modern India.
- Born:** 1831
- Married to:** Jyotirao Phule
- In 1848, along with Jyotirao Phule, she established India's first girls' school in Bhidewada, Pune.
- She founded the Mahila Seva Mandal in 1852 to raise awareness about women's rights.
- She established the Bal Hatya Pratibandhak Griha (Infanticide Prevention Home) to prevent infanticide.

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