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First Edition of State-Level Ranking of PM SHRI Schools

Why in News?

- Recently, Rajasthan Chief Secretary V. Srinivas released the first-ever state-level ranking of all 639 PM SHRI schools in Rajasthan.

Ministry of Education
Government of India

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PM SHRI Schools

(PM Schools for Rising India)

*Nurturing well-rounded individuals equipped with
21st century skills*

More than 14500 Schools across
the country to be upgraded &
developed

To act as exemplar schools & also
offer mentorship to other schools
in their vicinity

To showcase all components of
the National Education Policy 2020

Pedagogy adopted in these
schools will be more experiential,
holistic, integrated & play/toy-
based

To benefit lakhs of students across
the country

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Key Points:

- This ranking, released by the Chief Secretary, is based on 18 parameters.
- **Top five PM SHRI schools:** PM SHRI School Dhawa (Jodhpur), PM SHRI School Sawar (Ajmer), PM SHRI School Manpura Macheri (Jaipur), PM SHRI School Jodhkia (Hanumangarh), and PM SHRI School Ringas (Sikar).
- The PM SHRI schools operating in the state are based on the concept of 'excellent management', where students are provided with a practical environment and modern educational facilities.
- The 'PM SHRI scheme' is being implemented in Rajasthan in two phases.
- **First Phase:** 402 schools were selected from the state.
- **Second Phase:** Another 237 schools were selected from 33 districts of the state.
- Thus, A total of 639 schools have been selected under this scheme in the state, including 16 primary, 123 upper primary, 18 secondary, and 482 senior secondary schools.
- Under the Prime Minister Schools for Rising India (PMSHRI) scheme, a total of 639 schools in Rajasthan are being developed as Centers of Excellence. Of these, digital libraries have been established in 500 PM SHRI schools and O-labs in 142 schools.
- **Concerned Departments:** At the national level, the 'Department of School Education and Literacy', and at the state level, the Rajasthan School Education Council and the Department of Education.

Prime Minister Schools for Rising India (PM-SHRI)

- **Cabinet Approval:** September 7, 2022
- **Type:** Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- **Objective:** To establish 14,500 model schools.
- To provide holistic education, 21st-century skills development, and environmentally friendly infrastructure in the selected schools.

- **Main Pillars (8):** Service Provision, Patient Rights, Inputs/Resources, Support Services, Clinical Care, Infection Control, Quality Management, and Outcomes.
- The core principle of NQAS is to shift public healthcare from service delivery based solely on availability to care based on safety, effectiveness, and patient dignity.
- These standards are applicable to District Hospitals (DH), Community Health Centers (CHC), Primary Health Centers (PHC), Urban PHCs, and Ayushman Arogya Mandir (HWC).

Facts for Prelims:

- **e-Swasthya Vidya Platform:** Recently, the Rajasthan University of Health Sciences launched the 'e-Swasthya Vidya Platform' for students of affiliated institutions, on the lines of the 'Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission'.
- **Digital Health Mission:** The Rajasthan government has launched the Digital Health Mission, which aims to digitize health records and improve healthcare delivery through technology.
- **ABHA ID:** The Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) has been launched by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).
- This is a 14-digit digital health ID, which aims to create a centralized repository for individuals' health records, facilitating seamless access and sharing of medical information among healthcare providers.
- The objective of this initiative is to enhance the efficiency of healthcare delivery, improve patient outcomes, and promote transparency in healthcare services across the country, including Rajasthan.

NEWS IN SHORTS

S. No.	News
1.	<p>Rajasthan in the 7th National Muaythai Championship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Rajasthan team secured the first runner-up (second place) in the 7th National Muaythai Championship held in Hyderabad.■ Event Dates: From January 22 to 25, 2026■ Organizers: Telangana Muaythai Association and United Muaythai Association of India.■ In the championship held at the S.S. Convention Center in Hyderabad, Rajasthan won a total of 33 medals, including 10 gold.
2.	<p>Jaipur – I Ranks First in Consumer Case Resolution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ In 2025, the District Consumer Commission Jaipur-I ranked first in the entire state for resolving consumer-related cases.■ It also ranked fourth nationwide. From January 1 to December 31, 2025, the District Consumer Commission, Jaipur-I resolved 1056 cases.
3.	<p>Sparsh Leprosy Awareness Campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Rajasthan Medical and Health Department will conduct the ‘Sparsh Leprosy Awareness Campaign’ across the state from January 30 to February 13, 2026.■ Under this campaign, various activities will be organized at the block and panchayat levels for leprosy prevention and awareness.■ Campaign Theme: ‘Ending Discrimination and Ensuring Dignity’.

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Nutritional Gardens at Anganwadi Centers

- By January 2026, nutritional gardens have been developed at 107 Saksham Anganwadi centers and 242 Adarsh Anganwadi centers in Rajasthan.
- It is noteworthy that nutritional gardens were developed in the state as an innovation under the POSHAN Abhiyan (Nutrition Campaign) in the financial years 2020-21 and 2021-22.
- The main objective of developing nutritional gardens is to create awareness among the local community about fresh and green vegetables, promote balanced diets, reduce malnutrition, and enhance children's knowledge about various agricultural techniques through site visits.

5.

International Gemological Institute Opens Second Laboratory in Rajasthan

- Recently, the International Gemological Institute (IGI) inaugurated its second laboratory in Rajasthan, located in Sitapura (Jaipur), equipped with advanced colored gemstone analysis technology.
- This new facility in Jaipur will provide a full range of certification services for diamonds, colored gemstones, and jewelry. The laboratory will utilize advanced analytical instruments such as Raman spectrometry, UV-Vis-NIR spectroscopy, and X-ray fluorescence.

6.

Prakhar Rajasthan 2.0 Campaign under AI-based ORF

- In the Prakhar Rajasthan 2.0 campaign, run by the Rajasthan Education Department, students of primary classes are being made proficient in reading through reading remediation. Under this campaign, students will be evaluated through AI-based ORF (Oral Reading Fluency).
- The Prakhar Rajasthan 2.0 campaign (Read to Lead) was launched on the occasion of National Teachers' Day (September 5, 2025) under the 'Chief Minister's Educated Rajasthan Campaign'.

7.

Kati Ghati Biological Park: Alwar

- A new biological park will be developed in the Kati Ghati area of Alwar. This park will combine wildlife conservation, animal care, and tourism in one place.
- Upon completion, it will become the first biological park of its kind in the National Capital Region (NCR), with facilities for safari, rescue center, and a state-of-the-art veterinary hospital.
- Approximately 30 percent of the area will be developed as a zoo, while the remaining 70 percent will remain a green area to maintain the natural environment. More than 400 wild animals of 81 different species will be housed in the Alwar Biological Park.

8.

Wavelength Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence Machine

- The Rajasthan Directorate of Mines and Geology will install a state-of-the-art Wavelength Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence (WD-XRF) machine in its laboratory for the testing of minerals.
- This high-tech machine will enable fast, accurate, and high-quality chemical analysis of mineral samples.
- Rajasthan Directorate of Mines and Geology: Udaipur.

9.

Rajasthan Industrial Trade Expo (RITEX) 2026

- The second edition of the Rajasthan Industrial Trade Expo (RITEX) will be held from March 20 to 22, 2026.
- **Venue:** BN College Ground, Udaipur.
- Designed as an open platform for all industries, RITEX provides a common platform for manufacturing, infrastructure, lifestyle, services, sustainability-led sectors, and emerging industries.



History and Culture



Lala Lajpat Rai (1865-1928)



Why in News?

- The Prime Minister paid tribute to 'Punjab Kesari' Lala Lajpat Rai on his 161th birth anniversary (28th January,). Lala Lajpat Rai was born in Punjab.



Key Points:

Role in the Indian Independence Movement:

- He was a prominent leader of the extremist faction of the Congress and was part of the famous trio 'Lal-Bal-Pal' (Lala Lajpat Rai, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, and Bipin Chandra Pal).
- He was elected President of the Indian National Congress at its Calcutta session in 1920.
- He also served as the President of the All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) in 1920.

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Organizations/Movements Founded:

- He founded the Hindu Relief Movement, the Indian Home Rule League in America, and the Servants of the People Society.
- He also played a significant role in the establishment of Punjab National Bank.

Literary Contributions:

- He started the magazine 'The People' and contributed to 'The Tribune' newspaper.
- **Major books:** Unhappy India, Young India, History of Arya Samaj, England's Debt to India.
- He also wrote popular biographies of Mazzini, Garibaldi, and Swami Dayanand.
- **Protest against the Simon Commission:** When the Simon Commission arrived in Lahore in 1928, he led a peaceful march in protest. He sustained serious head injuries in a police lathi charge, which ultimately led to his death.

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Geography and Geology

Submergence of River Deltas

Why in News?

- According to a study, more than half of India's major river deltas are submerging.



Key Points:

- A recent study indicates that seven major deltas worldwide which account for approximately 57% of the global delta area are experiencing submergence. These seven major deltas include the Ganges-Brahmaputra, Nile, Mekong, Yangtze, Amazon, Irrawaddy, and Mississippi deltas.

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Reasons for the Submergence of River Deltas

- **Land Subsidence:** Between 2014 and 2023, more than half of the deltas globally experienced land subsidence at a rate exceeding 3 mm per year.
- In India, the Brahmani and Mahanadi deltas are submerging at the fastest rate.
- **Reduced Seasonal Sediment Deposition:** Sediment deposition is essential for maintaining the elevation of deltas, but dam construction has disrupted the natural sediment flow.

River Deltas

- A delta is a depositional landform. Deltas are formed when rivers deposit their water and sediment into another body of water, such as a sea, lake, or another river.
- For delta formation, the river flow must be slow and steady enough for sediment to be deposited. This is why not all rivers form deltas.
- Deltas occupy only 1% of the Earth's land area, but they are home to approximately 6% of the global population. Also, 10 of the world's 34 megacities are located in delta regions.

🎓 Indian Governance and State System 🎓

Geeta Mittal Committee

📣 Why in News?

- The Supreme Court has extended the tenure of the Geeta Mittal Committee by another six months.



📌 Key Points:

About the Geeta Mittal Committee

- All three members of this committee are women. It is chaired by Justice Geeta Mittal, former Chief Justice of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court.
- **Formation:** It was constituted by the Supreme Court in August 2023.
- **Objective:** To address the humanitarian concerns arising from the ethnic conflict in Manipur.

Main Mandate:

- To investigate the nature of violence against women.
- To ensure free legal and psychological assistance to those affected by the violence, etc.

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President's Special Address

Why in News?

- The President addressed a joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament at the commencement of the Budget Session.



Key Points:

- Articles 86 and 87 of the Indian Constitution empower the President to address Parliament.

About the 'President's Special Address'

- **Article 86** (President's right to address and send messages to the Houses): This article empowers the President to address either House of Parliament (Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha) or both Houses together.
- **Article 87** (Special address by the President): This article deals with the two special occasions when the President compulsorily addresses a joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament. These two occasions are:
 - o At the commencement of the first session of the Lok Sabha after each general election.
 - o At the commencement of the first session of each year (usually the Budget Session).

Schemes and Policies

Aspirational Districts Programme

Why in News?

- NITI Aayog has launched 'Sampoornata Abhiyan 2.0' on 28th January, 2026.



Key Points:

- **Objective:** To continuously strive for complete achievement in key performance indicators under the Aspirational Districts Programme and the Aspirational Blocks Programme.
- Both programmes have been launched by NITI Aayog.
- **About the Aspirational Districts Programme:**
- **Launched:** In 2018
- **Objective:** To ensure rapid and effective development of 112 districts across the country.
- **It has five main areas (themes):** Health and Nutrition, Education, Agriculture and Water Resources, Financial Inclusion and Skill Development, Infrastructure.
- Development progress is measured based on 49 development indicators.
- **About the Aspirational Blocks Programme:**
- **Launched:** In 2023
- **Objective:** To ensure complete availability of essential government services in 513 blocks across 329 districts of the country.

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INTERNATIONAL

SJ-100 Aircraft

Why in News?

- An agreement has been reached between Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Russia's United Aircraft Corporation for the production of the Superjet 100 (SJ-100) aircraft in India.



Key Points:

Superjet 100 (SJ-100) Aircraft

- This is a new-generation short-haul jet aircraft. It has a maximum seating capacity of 103 passengers and a flight range of approximately 3500 kilometers.

Aircraft Features:

- It features excellent aerodynamics and a digital 'fly-by-wire' control system.
- It has a state-of-the-art cockpit with control side sticks.

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ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

India's Renewable Energy Transition

Why in News?

- At the World Economic Forum (WEF), India highlighted its emerging position as a global leader in the renewable energy transition.



Key Points:

- India has achieved the historic milestone of deriving 50% of its total installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel sources, five years ahead of its 2030 target.

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India's Renewable Energy Transition

- **Manufacturing Capacity:** India's renewable energy generation capacity has increased to 144 GW.
- **Alternative Fuels:** The ethanol blending program has resulted in a reduction of 81.3 million metric tons of CO₂ emissions.
- India is also scaling up its initiatives in biofuels, green hydrogen, sustainable fuels, and other low-carbon emission technologies.
- **Competitiveness:** Solar tariffs have fallen by approximately 80%. Renewable energy with storage is now cost-competitive. Green hydrogen and green ammonia prices in India are among the lowest globally.

India's Key Renewable Energy Transition Initiatives

- **Decentralized Renewable Energy:** PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana for rooftop solar panels and Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM) scheme to connect agriculture to solar energy.
- **Alternative Fuels:** National Policy on Biofuels 2018, which targets 20% ethanol blending in petrol by 2025-26. National Green Hydrogen Mission aiming to produce 5 million metric tons of green hydrogen by 2030.
- **Solar Energy:** International Solar Alliance; One Sun, One World, One Grid and Solar Park Scheme.
- **Expansion of Nuclear Energy:** Nuclear Energy Mission plans to increase energy production to 22.5 GW by 2032 and aims for 100 GW by 2047.
- **Global partnerships:** Global Biofuels Alliance, G20 Energy Transition Working Group, and LeadIT (Leadership Group for Industry Transition), etc.

NEWS IN SHORTS

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1.	<p>Tulu language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Karnataka government has expressed support for declaring Tulu as the state's second additional official language.■ Currently, Kannada is the only official language of Karnataka, while English is used as an additional official language.

