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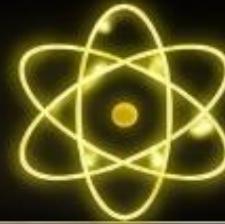
Uranium Deposits in Rohil (Sikar)



Why in News?

- The Directorate of Atomic Minerals Exploration and Research (AMDER), a constituent unit of the Department of Atomic Energy, discovered uranium deposits in the Rohil-Khandela area in Sikar district.

URANIUM



Symbol: **U**

Atomic Number: **92**

Highly
Radioactive

Used in
Nuclear
Fuel &
Weapons



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Key Points:

- The Department of Atomic Energy (DEA) has designated the Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL) as the lessee for the grant of a mining lease for the Rohil uranium deposit under the provisions of the Atomic Minerals Concession Rules, 2016.
- Uranium and thorium are the main atomic minerals. Other atomic minerals include beryllium, lithium, and zirconium.
- Uranium deposits are found in sedimentary rocks in the Singhbhum and Hazaribagh districts of Jharkhand, Gaya district of Bihar, and Saharanpur district of Uttar Pradesh. However, the largest source of uranium is monazite sand.
- India produces approximately 2 percent of the world's uranium production. The country's total uranium reserves are estimated to be 30,480 tons.

Facts for Prelims:

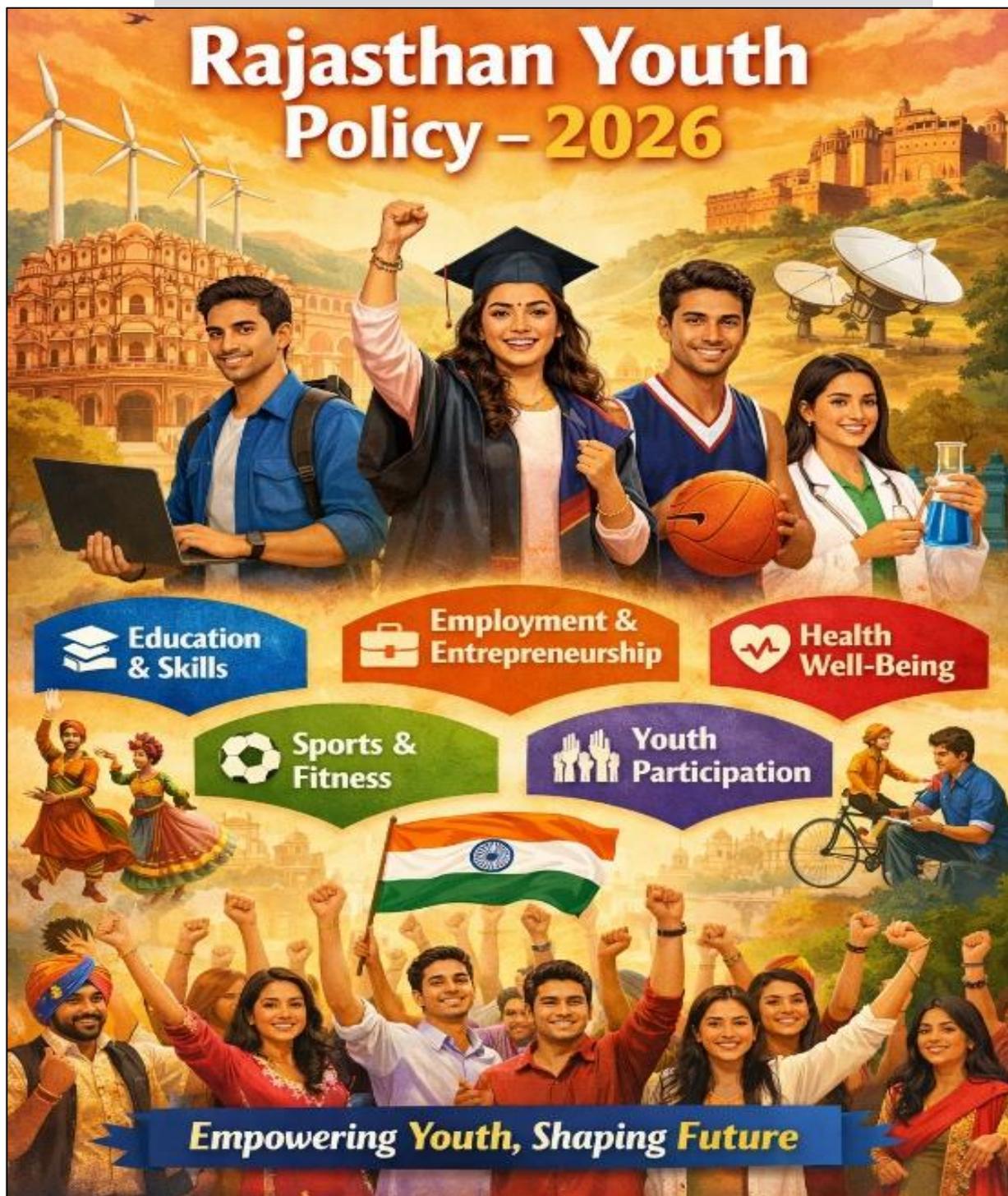
Uranium (U)

- Uranium is a silvery-gray metallic radioactive chemical element. It is formed naturally only in supernova explosions.
- Uranium, thorium, and potassium are the main elements contributing to natural terrestrial radioactivity.
- Uranium has the chemical symbol U and atomic number 92.
- Natural uranium consists of the uranium isotopes ^{238}U (99.27 percent) and ^{235}U (0.72 percent).

Rajasthan Youth Policy – 2026

Why in News?

- The state government released the 'Rajasthan Youth Policy – 2026' on January 12, 2026.



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Key Points:

- This policy provides a comprehensive roadmap for effectively harnessing the potential of 22.5 to 23 million youth aged 15 to 29 years, representing 27.2 percent of the state's population.
- This policy envisions developing youth as leaders, innovators, and responsible citizens, enabling them to contribute to economic development, social progress, and sustainable nation-building.
- The policy adopts a coverage-based and results-oriented approach, with a target of reaching 90 percent of youth through at least one scheme and benefiting 75 percent through multi-touch support.

Key focus areas of the policy:

- Leadership and volunteerism.
- Digital empowerment and technology.
- Education and skill development.
- Employment and entrepreneurship.
- Sports, health and wellness.
- Culture, heritage and arts.
- Inclusion and social equality.
- This policy places youth at the center of Rajasthan's development strategy and aims to build an inclusive, skilled, healthy, and empowered young generation, ready to shape the state's future.

Facts for Prelims:

Rajasthan Youth Icon Award:

- On the occasion of National Youth Day, talented youth aged 15 to 29 in the state are honored with the 'Rajasthan Youth Icon Award' and a cash prize of ₹1,00,000, modeled after the National Youth Icon Award.

Awardees for the year 2026:

- Yash Vyas (Banswara)
- Kuldeep Verma (Jaipur)
- Naresh Kumar Meena (Dausa)
- Hira Lal Mahawar (Dausa).

NEWS IN SHORTS

S. No.	News
1.	<p>'Saksham Saathin' Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recently, the Rajasthan Women's Empowerment Department and Educate Girls jointly organized the 'Saksham Saathin' workshop in Jaipur.Objective – This initiative aims to make Saathin sisters self-reliant by making them aware of government schemes, higher education opportunities, and modern technological topics such as artificial intelligence and cyber security.In Rajasthan, a Saathin is an 'honorary woman worker' selected for women's development programs at the village panchayat level. She serves as a key guide and bridge, making rural women aware of education, health, rights, and government schemes, playing a vital role in preventing child marriage and promoting social change.
2.	<p>Rajasthan State Bharat Scouts and Guides State Level Awards Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Rajasthan State Bharat Scouts and Guides State Level Awards Ceremony was held on February 11, 2026, in Jagatpura (Jaipur).Chief Guest: Governor Haribhau BagdeSilver Elephant Award: Namit Mehta (IAS), District Collector of Pratapgarh (Former District Collector, Pali).The Silver Elephant Award is the highest national honor in Scouting.Chief Commissioner of Rajasthan Scout Guides: Niranjan Arya.

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3.

'Legacy in Tunes' Film

- Producer Ayesha Vasudev's 18-minute documentary "Legacy in Tunes" has been nominated for the Jaipur International Film Festival (JIFF).
- **Film's Theme:** The film depicts the vanishing legacy of Manganiyar folk music. The film revolves around Manganiyar artist Chandan Khan Manganiyar and his traditional instrument, the Surmandal.
- The 18th Jaipur International Film Festival (JIFF) 2026, will be held in New Delhi from February 13 to 15, 2026.

4.

Exercise 'Vayu Shakti-2026'

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) will conduct the largest strike capability exercise ever, 'Vayu Shakti-2026', at the Pokhran Air-to-Ground Range in Jaisalmer on February 27, 2026.
- **Theme:** Based on 'Operation Sindoor'.
- **Key aircraft:** Rafale, Sukhoi-30 MKI, Tejas, MiG-29, Jaguar, and Mirage-2000, etc.

5.

Para Throwball National Federation Cup 2026 – Jhunjhunu

- The Para Throwball National Federation Cup 2026, was held from February 3 to 5, 2026, at Singhania University in Jhunjhunu.
- **Women's category winner:** Jharkhand.
- Jharkhand women's team defeated Rajasthan 21-17 in the final.
- **Men's winning team:** Andhra Pradesh.
- Andhra Pradesh defeated Telangana in the final.
- **Organized by:** Para Throwball Federation of India.

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6. **World's smallest cat spotted in Shergarh Wildlife Sanctuary**

- Recently, the world's smallest cat was spotted in Shergarh Wildlife Sanctuary, located in Baran.
- This cat, called the 'Rusty Spotted Cat,' is considered a 'hummingbird of the cat family.'
- **Scientific name:** Prionailurus rubiginosus.
- In India, it enjoys the highest protection under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act. It is listed as 'Near Threatened' on the IUCN Red List.

7. **Harshvardhan Singh Saktawat**

- At the 36th Senior National Kayaking-Canoeing (Sprint) Championship - 2026, Harshvardhan Singh Saktawat of Udaipur won two gold medals in the men's K-1 200m and K-1 500m events.
- **Location:** Lower Lake, Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh)
- **Duration:** February 2 to 5, 2026.
- **Organized by:** Madhya Pradesh Amateur Kayaking and Canoeing Association under the aegis of the Indian Kayaking and Canoeing Association (IKCA).

8. **Rajasthan Government's Cyber Security Advisory**

- Recently, the Rajasthan Home Department issued a new advisory to raise public awareness about cybersecurity and cyber hygiene.
- The advisory specifically warns against cyber scams related to digital arrest and call forwarding.
- **Cyber Helpline Number – 1930**
- **Portal for filing online complaints – cybercrime.gov.in**
- **Rajasthan Police Cyber WhatsApp Number – 9256001930**

9.

Sub-Inspector Prachi Gurjar

- Recently, the Rajasthan team, led by Sub-Inspector and handball player Prachi Gurjar of the Rajasthan Police, won the bronze medal at the '2nd All India Police Duty Meet 2025-26' held in Siliguri, West Bengal.

10.

Employment Exchange Management System (EEMS) 2.0

- Recently, a new digital portal called 'Employment Exchange Management System (EEMS) 2.0' was developed by the Rajasthan government under the 'Rajasthan Employment Policy-2026'.
- This portal acts as a bridge between job seekers and employers, where employers can post vacancies and youth can search for jobs.
- **Rajasthan Employment Policy-2026:** The 'Rajasthan Employment Policy-2026' was released by the Chief Minister in Jaipur during the State Level Youth Festival (January 12, 2026). Under this policy, 15 lakh employment opportunities will be created by March 2029 through a multi-pronged strategy focused on employment and entrepreneurship.

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Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay

Why in News?

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay on his death anniversary.



Key Points:

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay (1916-1968)

- Born on September 25, 1916, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay was a political thinker, economist, and founder of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh (BJS).
- He studied in Kanpur and later joined the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, becoming a full-time pracharak in 1942.
- **Philosophy:** He was known for propounding the Integral Human Philosophy, which emphasized harmony between material and spiritual development, decentralization, and a self-reliant village-based economy.

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- **Journalism:** He also contributed to ideological journalism through publications such as Rashtra Dharma (monthly), Panchjanya (weekly), and Swadesh (daily).
- **Concept of Antyodaya:** He propounded the concept of Antyodaya, meaning "upliftment of the last man", and focused on the upliftment of the poorest and most marginalized sections of society.
- **Government schemes named after him:** Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana and Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana.

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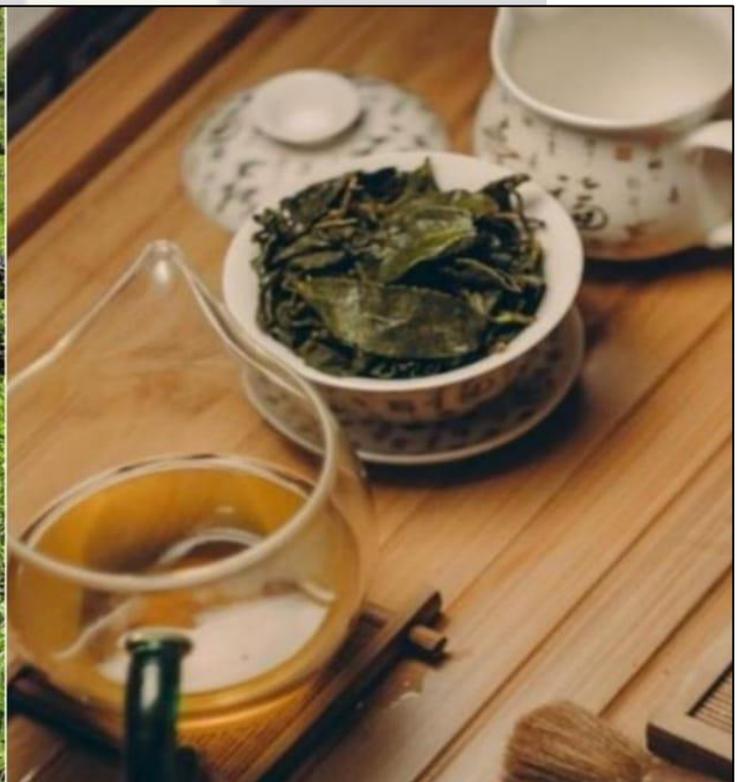


India's Tea Exports: 2025



Why in News?

- India recorded its highest ever tea exports in 2025, reaching 280.40 million kg during January-December 2025 (256.17 million kg in 2024).



Key Points:

About Tea

- India is the second largest tea exporter in the world.
- China is the world's largest tea producer, followed by India.
- Main reason:** Significant increase in shipments to West Asia, especially Iraq, UAE, and Iran, which now account for 20% of India's tea exports.
- India's export destinations:** More than 25 countries, including the UAE, Iraq, Iran, Russia, the US, and the UK.

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- **Major tea-producing regions:** Assam (Assam Valley, Cachar) and West Bengal (Duars, Terai, Darjeeling).

Geographical Conditions for Tea Production

- **Climate:** Tropical and subtropical climates. Tea bushes require a warm, humid, and frost-free climate throughout the year.
- **Soil:** Deep and fertile, well-drained soil, rich in humus and organic matter.
- **Temperature:** Average annual temperature 15-23 degrees Celsius.
- **Rainfall:** Rainfall 150-200 centimeters.
- **Major tea-producing states:** Assam, the hills of Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri districts of West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala.
- Besides these, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Meghalaya, Andhra Pradesh, and Tripura are also tea-producing states in the country.

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National Karmayogi Large Scale Public Service Program

Why in News?

- Under the National Karmayogi Large Scale Public Service Program, 10.5 lakh government employees have been trained so far.



Key Points:

National Karmayogi Large Scale Public Service Program

- Introduction:** This is a major practical training initiative of the Capacity Building Commission (CBC).
- The Capacity Building Commission is the implementing body of the Mission Karmayogi system. The Commission advances civil service reforms through capacity building and competency-based learning.

Objectives:

- To develop a deep sense of service and self-righteousness among government employees.
- To strengthen citizen-centric governance.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

NLST and NLOT

Why in News?

- The Union Budget 2026, has approved the installation of two new telescopes in Ladakh to study the Sun and the origins of the universe.



Key Points:

- **National Large Solar Telescope (NLST):** This is a 2-meter aperture telescope to be installed in Merak (Ladakh). It will study solar dynamics, magnetism, and space weather.
- The National Large Solar Telescope will serve as India's third ground-based solar observatory.
- Currently, the Kodaikanal Solar Observatory (Tamil Nadu, established 1899) and the Udaipur Solar Observatory (Rajasthan, established 1975) are operational.
- **National Large Optical Telescope (NLOT):** This will be a 13.7-meter segmented mirror telescope in Hanle (Ladakh).
- It will research exoplanets and the origin of the universe using optical-infrared wavelengths.

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Corruption Perceptions Index

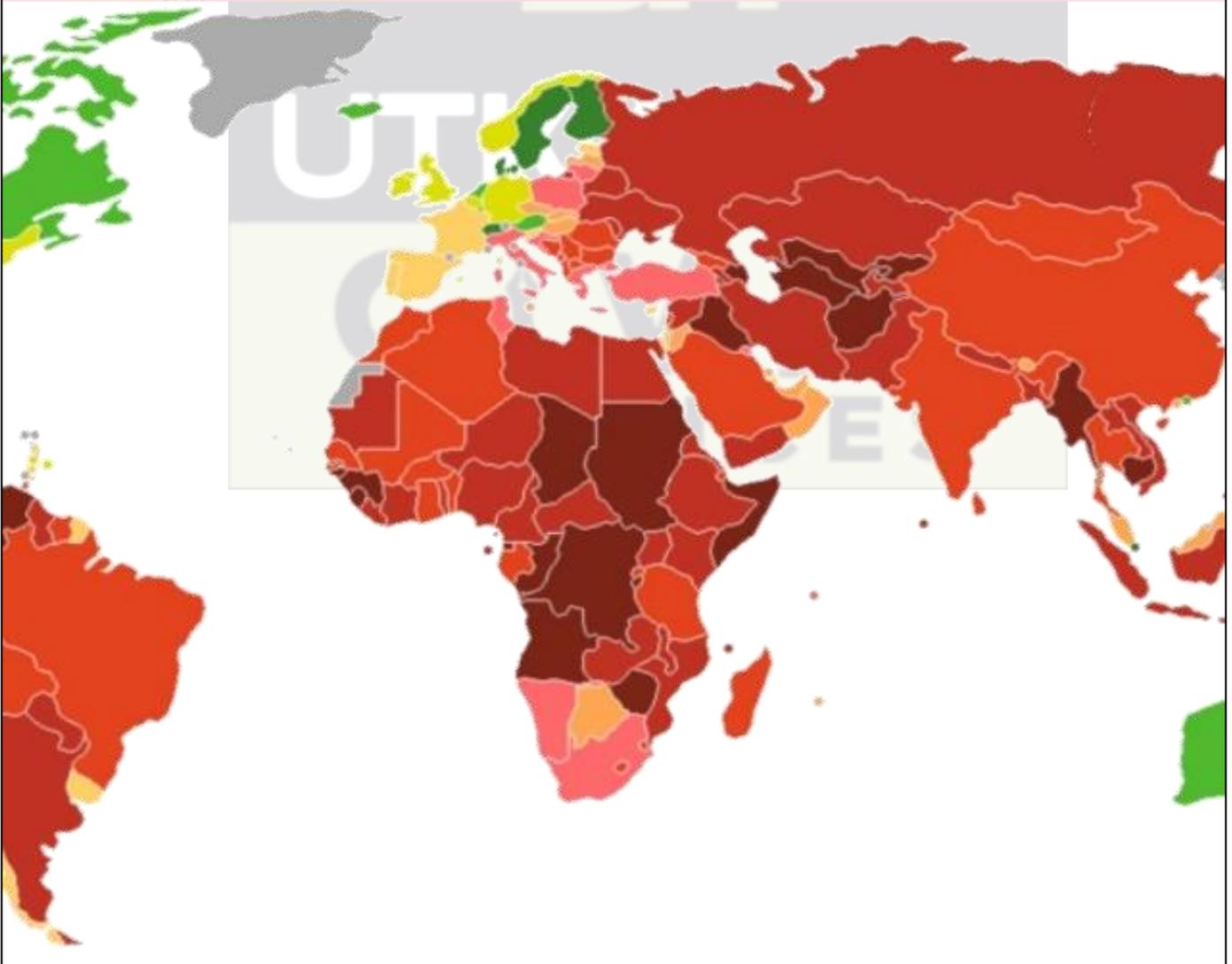


Why in News?

- Corruption has increased globally, according to the Corruption Perceptions Index 2025.

अष्टाचार धारणा सूचकांक (CPI) 2025

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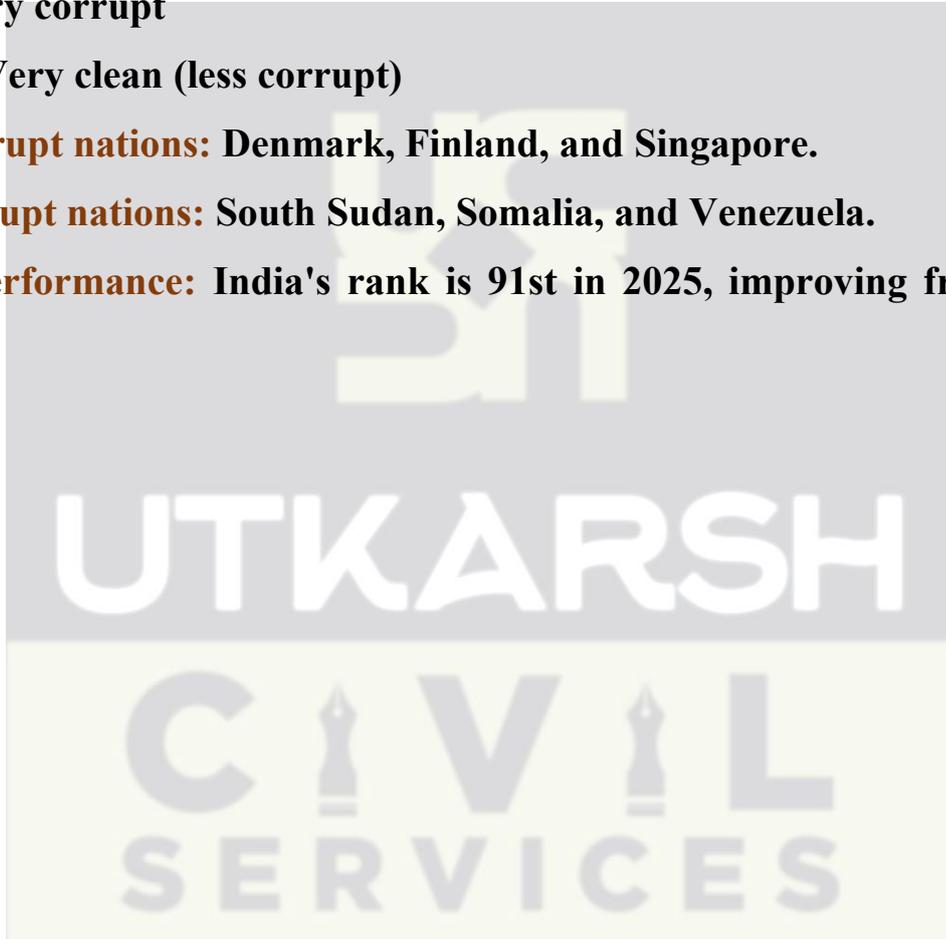
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Key Points:

About the Index:

- **Issuer:** Transparency International.
- **Methodology:** It ranks 182 countries on a scale from 0 to 100.
 - 0 = Very corrupt
 - 100 = Very clean (less corrupt)
- **Least corrupt nations:** Denmark, Finland, and Singapore.
- **Most corrupt nations:** South Sudan, Somalia, and Venezuela.
- **India's performance:** India's rank is 91st in 2025, improving from 96th in 2024.



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Network Readiness Index Report 2025

📣 Why in News?

- According to the Network Readiness Index 2025, report released in 2026, India ranked 45th.



📌 Key Points:

- **Issuer:** Washington, DC-based Portulans Institute.
- **Four Pillars:** Technology, People, Governance, and Impact
- **Top Three Countries:** USA, Finland, Singapore

India's achievements, according to the report:

- Ranks first in annual investment in telecommunications services, AI scientific publications, ICT services exports, and e-commerce legislation.
- Ranks second in building internet subscriptions, mobile broadband internet traffic within the country, and international internet bandwidth.
- Ranks third in domestic market scale and income inequality.
- India ranks second in the group of low-middle income countries.

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