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Rajasthan Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill - 2026

Rajasthan Municipalities (Amendment) Bill - 2026

Why in News?

- The Rajasthan Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill - 2026 and the Rajasthan Municipalities (Amendment) Bill - 2026 were approved at a Cabinet meeting held on February 25, 2026, chaired by the Chief Minister.

Key Points:

- **Amendments:** The proposed bills will amend Section 19 of the Rajasthan Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, and Section 24 of the Rajasthan Municipalities Act, 2009.
- **Amendment provisions:** Individuals with more than two children will be able to contest elections to Panchayati Raj institutions and municipalities.

Other Important Decisions:

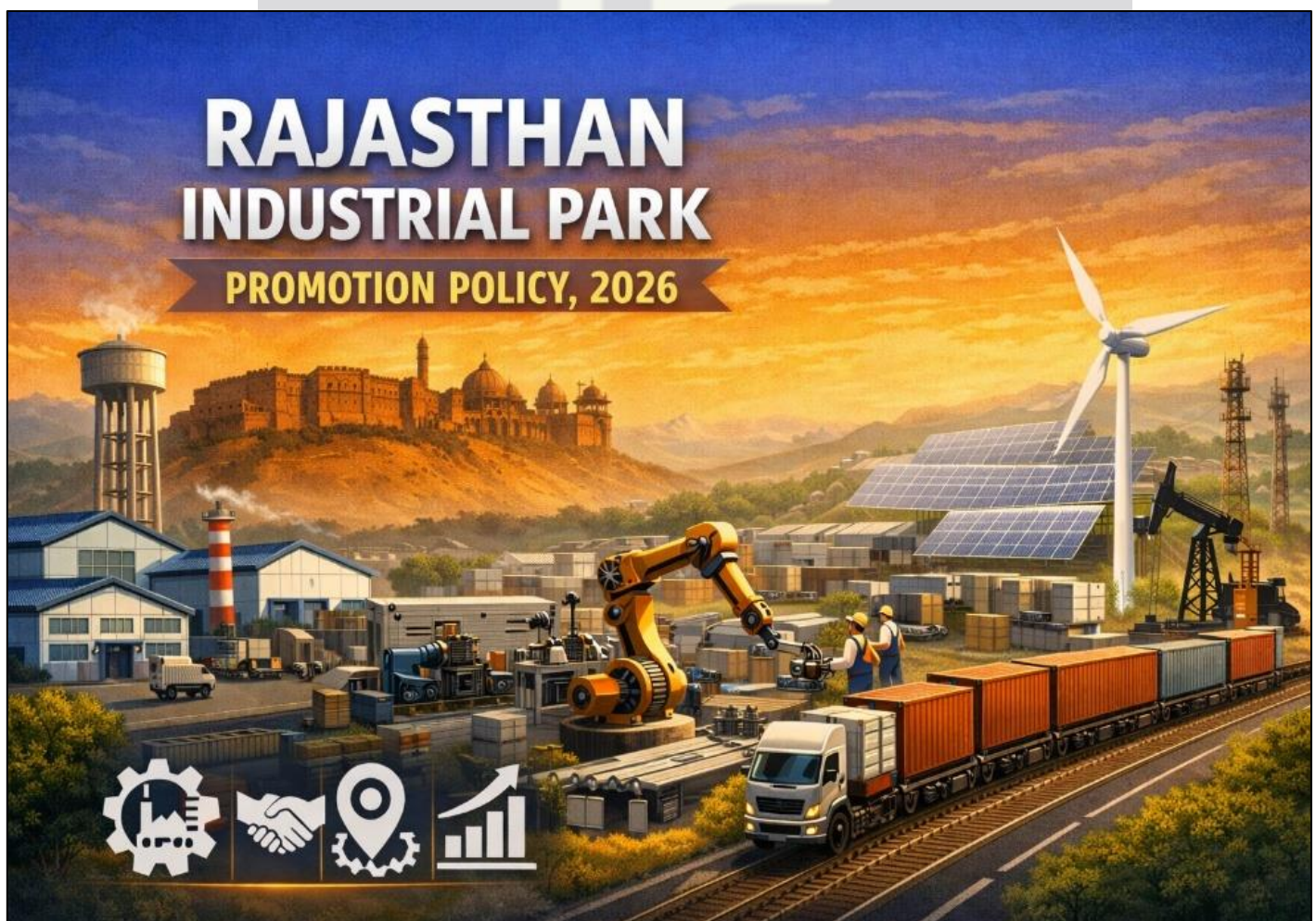
Directorate of Revenue Intelligence and Economic Offences:

- The Rajasthan Cabinet decided to replace the State Directorate of Revenue Intelligence with the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence and Economic Offences to effectively prevent economic crimes and ensure financial discipline.
- This will enable prompt action on matters related to real estate fraud, financial crimes related to banking, insurance, NBFCs, and the stock market, multi-level marketing (MLM) fraud, false bankruptcy filings, fake placement agencies, and employment or admissions through forged documents.
- Additionally, effective control will be established on economic crimes such as illegal occupation or sale of government land, stamp and registration irregularities, formation of fake companies, and scams in cooperative societies.

Rajasthan Industrial Park Promotion Policy, 2026

Why in News?

- The Cabinet meeting held on February 25, 2026, chaired by the Chief Minister, approved the "Rajasthan Industrial Park Promotion Policy, 2026" with the aim of accelerating industrial development, encouraging investment, and promoting employment generation.



Key Points:

- Under the proposed policy, four models have been established for the development of private sector industrial parks.
- **Model A:** Development to be done entirely on land allotted by RIICO.

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- **Model B:** Acquisition of 80 percent of the land by the developer and the remaining 20 percent at rates determined by RIICO.
- **Model C:** Arrangement of the entire land by the developer.
- **Model D:** Public-Private Partnership (PPP).
- Under the policy, a minimum area of 50 acres and the establishment of a minimum of 10 industrial units will be mandatory for private sector industrial parks.
- **Capital Grant:** The State Government will provide 20 percent capital grant for general infrastructure development for the industrial park.
- **Category-I:** Maximum ₹20 crore for parks up to 100 acres.
- **Category-II:** Maximum ₹30 crore for parks from 100 to 250 acres.
- **Category-III:** Maximum ₹40 crore for areas greater than 250 acres.
- **Green Development:** To promote green development, a provision has also been made for 50 percent reimbursement of expenditure on Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) (maximum ₹12.5 crore/park).

Facts for Prelims:

Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Limited (RIICO)

- RIICO is a government undertaking, established on March 28, 1969, as the Rajasthan State Industrial and Mineral Development Corporation (RSIMDC) under the Companies Act, 1956.
- On January 1, 1980, it was split into two separate entities:
 1. **RIICO** – Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Limited.
 2. **RSMDC** – Rajasthan State Mineral Development Corporation.

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Key Functions:

- It develops industrial areas in various parts of the state.
- As a financial institution, it provides loans to small, medium, and large industries.
- Provides financial assistance, technical guidance, and infrastructure development support to industries.
- In the year 2021-22, RIICO was awarded as the best SIIDC (State Industrial Development Corporation) in the country by COSIDICI.
- 33 regional offices have been established across the state, ensuring efficient operation and management of industrial areas.

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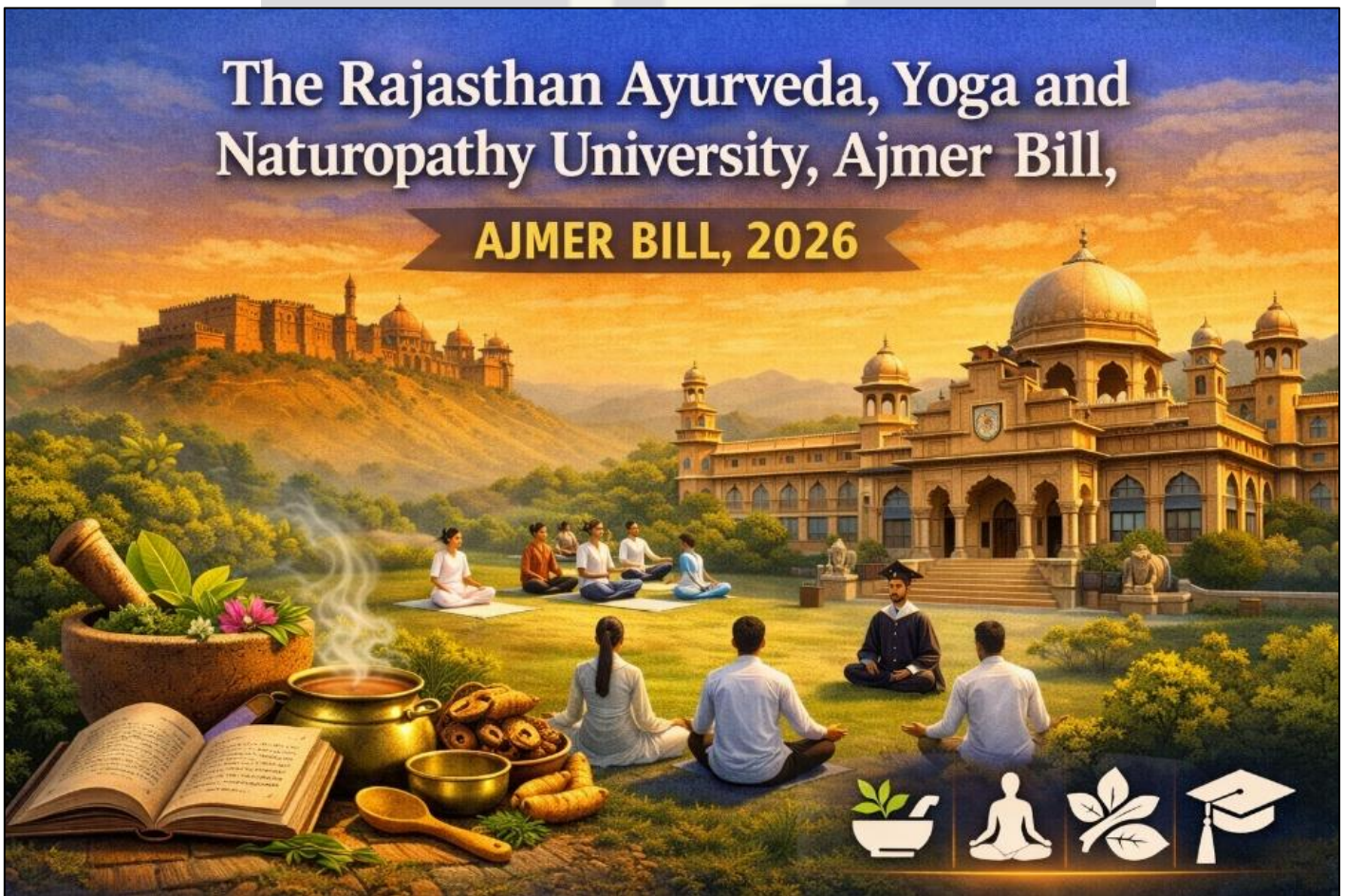
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The Rajasthan Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy University, Ajmer Bill, 2026

Why in News?

- The draft of 'The Rajasthan Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy University, Ajmer Bill, 2026' was approved in the cabinet meeting held on February 25, 2026, chaired by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma.



Key Points:

- The proposed bill will effectively work towards achieving the objectives and goals of the Central Government's National Education Policy and the State Government's AYUSH Policy.

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- The establishment of an Ayurveda University will promote teaching, training, and research in the fields of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, and Homeopathy.
- Additionally, this university will play an important role in developing Rajasthan into a major medical tourism hub, along with providing world-class healthcare services and infrastructure.

Facts for Prelims:

- **Rajasthan's only Ayurveda University:** Jodhpur.
- **Rajasthan Ayurveda Directorate:** Ajmer.
- **National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA):** Jaipur.
- **First Panchakarma Centre in Rajasthan – Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Rajasthan Ayurveda University,** Jodhpur.
- **Panchakarma Centre of Excellence (CoE):** Chaksu (Jaipur).

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Guru Golwalkar Aspirational Block Development Scheme



Why in News?

- The state government is implementing the 'Guru Golwalkar Aspirational Block Development Scheme' in one block each in 41 districts.



Key Points:

Selected blocks in 41 districts:

Block	District	Block	District
Bhinay	Ajmer	Ramgarh	Alwar
Garhi	Banswara	Sindhari	Balotra
Chauhatan	Barmer	Bhusawar	Bharatpur
Kareda	Bhilwara	Shahbad	Baran
Bikaner	Bikaner	Sikandra	Dausa
Saipau	Dholpur	Galiyakot	Dungarpur
Nawa	Didwana-Kuchaman	Dhamotar	Pratapgarh
Jalore	Jalore	Chaksu	Jaipur
Sam	Jaisalmer	Jhalrapatan	Jhalawar
Jhunjhunu	Jhunjhunu	Bhadra	Hanumangarh
Masuda	Beawar	Ladpura	Kota
Bansur	Kotputli-Behrora	Karauli	Karauli
Merta	Nagaur	Bali	Pali
Khandar	Sawai Madhopur	Khandela	Sikar
Pindwara	Sirohi	Sadulshahar	Sri Ganganagar
Uniara	Tonk	Sarada	Salumber
Kotra	Udaipur	Kumbhalgarh	Rajsamand
Sekhala	Jodhpur	Aau	Phalodi
Pahari	Deeg	Tijara	Khairthal-Tijara
Gangrar	Chittorgarh	Churu	Churu
Talera	Bundi		

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important points:

- Through this scheme, the goal is to implement targeted development programs in a total of 41 blocks in Rajasthan and include them in the category of developed blocks.
- Through this scheme, innovation-based programs will be promoted in all identified blocks in key areas such as health and nutrition, education, agriculture and allied services, infrastructure, skill development, and social development.
- 39 key performance indicators have been used as the basis for monitoring. To monitor the scheme at various levels, a state-level committee chaired by the Chief Secretary and district-level and block-level committees chaired by the District Collector have been formed.
- **Awards:** The blocks that perform best under the scheme will be awarded annual awards.

Position	Prize Amount
First Place	50 lakh rupees
Second Place	35 lakh rupees
Third Place	25 lakh rupees

Facts for Prelims:

Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP):

- The Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP) was launched by the Central Government in January 2018 in 112 districts to uplift underdeveloped districts.
- Five districts of Rajasthan – Baran, Dholpur, Jaisalmer, Karauli, and Sirohi – are included in this program, run by the Central Government and NITI Aayog.
- The Aspirational Blocks Programme was launched by the Central Government in January 2023 to take the positive changes, successes, and development achieved in the districts through the Aspirational Districts Programme to the block level. This program covers 27 blocks in Rajasthan.

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✂ NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

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1.	<p>First Rajasthan Biotechnology Conclave 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Venue: Rajasthan International Centre (RIC), Jaipur on February 25, 2026.■ Objective: To establish Rajasthan as a national 'bio hub'.■ Organized by: Dr. B. Lal Institute of Biotechnology, Atal Incubation Centre (AIC), Vanasthali Vidyapeeth, and the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Rajasthan.■ Main theme: "BioE3 - Biotechnology for Economy, Environment & Employment"
2.	<p>Ansh Jain and Aishwarya Jhanwar (Kota)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Two young entrepreneurs from Kota, Ansh Jain and Aishwarya Jhanwar, represented Rajasthan at the 'India-AI Impact Summit 2026' recently held in New Delhi.■ Aishwarya Jhanwar is the founder of the startup 'Ekatra', which trains women and empowers them to make eco-friendly stationery and other products. Aishwarya received an invitation to meet French President Emmanuel Macron.■ Ansh Jain demonstrated his gaming platform 'ICR' during the summit.
3.	<p>Indo-Indonesia Ball Badminton Test Series 2025-26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Held: From February 13 to 19, 2026, in Bali, Indonesia.■ Players from Rajasthan: Harshita Junwal (Jaipur) and Kumkum Soni (Churu) from Rajasthan are in the women's team, while Harsh Detarwal (Churu) is in the men's team.■ Organizers: Ball Badminton Federation of Asia and Indonesia Ball Badminton Federation.■ Indian team's performance: Won the series by defeating host Indonesia by 3-0.

4. **'Jewel of India - Bharat Ki shaan, Bharat Ka Abhimaan Award'**
 - Recently, Sajeev Sachdev, founder of Jaipur's 'Let's Design Life', was honored with the 'Jewel of India - Bharat Ki shaan, Bharat Ka Abhimaan Award' at a ceremony held in New Delhi.
 - Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat released the book 'Jewel of India – Bharat Ki shaan, Bharat Ka Abhimaan', dedicated to India's global heritage and the achievements of the Indian diaspora.
5. **Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati National Temple (The Silicon Museum of India)**
 - On February 22, 2026, the 'Gatha Amar Balidoniyan Ki' program was organized at the Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati National Temple.
 - The Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati National Temple (The Silicon Museum of India) is located in Naulakha Mahal (Udaipur). This museum is dedicated to the stories of immortal martyrs and Indian culture.
 - This is the same place where Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati completed the writing of his famous treatise 'Satyarth Prakash'.
6. **19th Innovation in Software Engineering Conference (ISEC 2026)**
 - **Event Venue:** IIS (Deemed to be University), Jaipur, February 19-21, 2026.
 - **Organizer:** This conference is an annual event of the Software Engineering Special Interest Group (iSOFT) of ACM India.
 - **Main objective:** To bring together researchers, academics, and industry experts to share the latest research, innovation, and industrial advancements in the field of software engineering.

Geography and Geology

NIM and JIM&WS: Mount Aconcagua

Why in News?

- A six-member team from the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM), Uttarkashi, and the Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering and Winter Sports (JIM&WS), Pahalgam, successfully summited Mount Aconcagua, the highest peak in South America and the second highest peak in the world outside Asia, on February 22, 2026.



Key Points:

- **Start of climb:** Started on February 5, 2026, under the leadership of Colonel Hem Chandra Singh.
- **Team members:** Santosh Kumar, Deep Bahadur Sahi, Vinod Gusai, Naib Sepoy Bhupinder Singh, and Havildar Ramesh Kumar.

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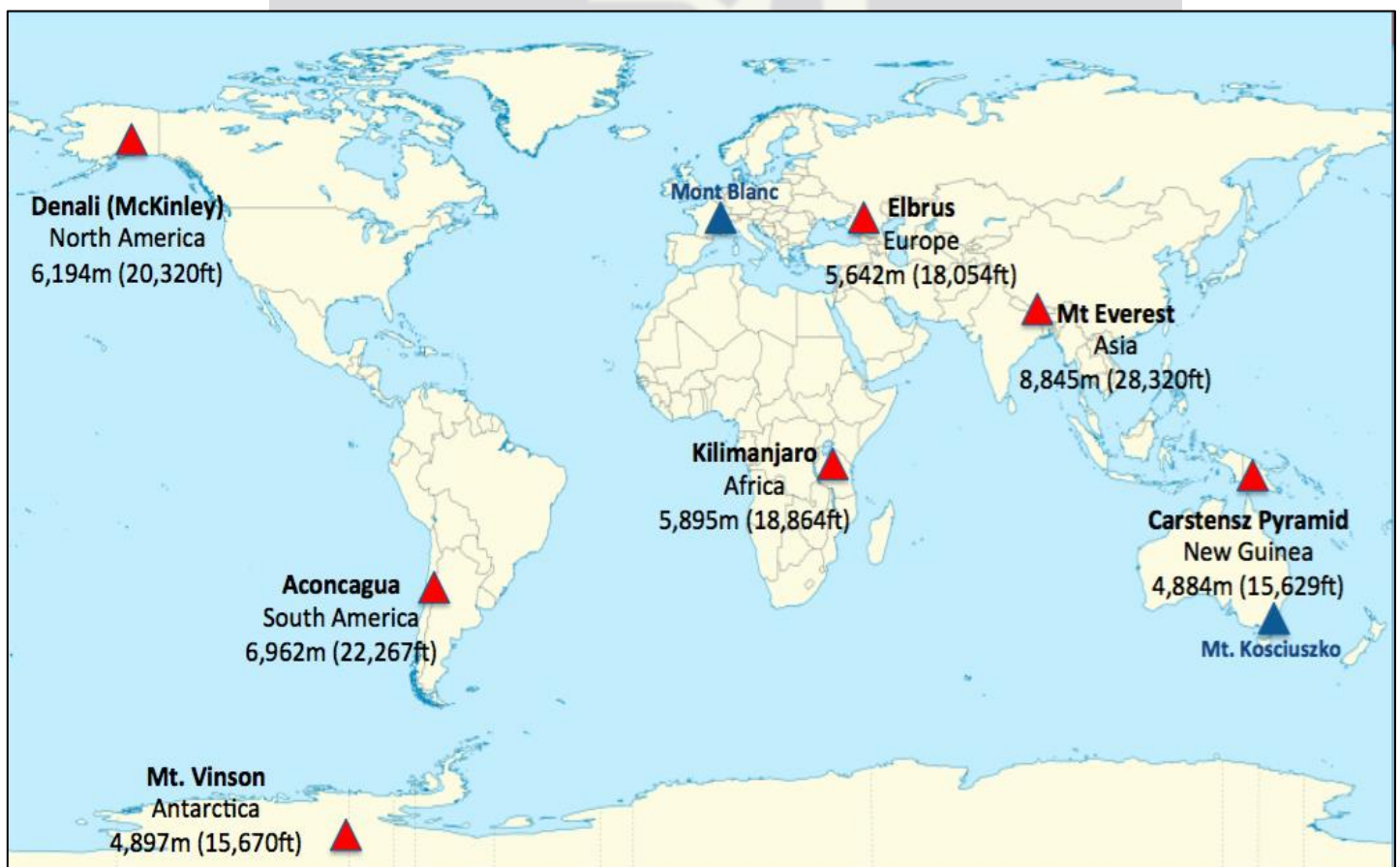
Mount Aconcagua:



- **Location:** Located in the Southern Andes mountain range of Argentina (the world's longest mountain range, stretching along the entire western coast of South America).
- It is located in western Mendoza Province, near the Argentina-Chile border.
- It is the highest mountain in South America and the highest outside of Asia.
- **Formation of Mount Aconcagua:** The mountain was formed by the massive Nazca Plate sinking beneath the South American Plate through a process called subduction.

Features:

- Despite being of volcanic origin, it is not an active volcano.
- It consists of two peaks (North and South) connected by a ridge called the Cresta del Guanaco.
- It is a fold mountain composed of sedimentary and metamorphic rocks.
- Climatic zones on the mountain: Arid and desert-like with sparse vegetation, alpine desert regions, and arctic-like conditions at the summit.
- Glaciers are also present on the mountain, of which the Ventisquero Horcones Inferior is the largest.





Key Points:

Resolutions passed by the Kerala Legislative Assembly:

- **First Schedule:** The Kerala Legislative Assembly passed a resolution on June 24, 2024, to change the state's name to "Keralam."
- **Eighth Schedule:** The Kerala Legislative Assembly specifically requested that all official languages recognized in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution should change the name "Keralam" to ensure complete linguistic consistency.

Constitutional Provisions:

1. **Article 3; Parliamentary Powers:** Article 3 of the Constitution provides for the changing of names of existing states. According to Article 3, Parliament may, by law, change the name of any state. No bill for this purpose shall be introduced in either House of Parliament without the President's recommendation. If the proposal contained in the bill affects the area, boundaries, or name of a state, the President must refer the bill to the legislature of that state to express its opinion thereon within the specified period or within such further period as the President may allow, and the specified or allowed period must expire.
2. **First Schedule:** The First Schedule of the Indian Constitution lists the names and territorial boundaries of all states and union territories, which form the legal basis of the political map of India.
 - This schedule relates to Articles 1 and 4 of the Constitution. Article 1 declares India a Union of States, and Article 4 empowers Parliament to make laws for the reorganization of states, including altering names, boundaries, or creating new states or union territories.

Constitutional Process for Name Change:

- 1. State Proposal:** This process begins with the State Legislature passing a resolution for a name change and forwarding it to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
- 2. Approval and No-Objection Certificate:** The Ministry of Home Affairs examines the request and obtains no-objection certificates from various stakeholders, such as the Ministry of Railways, the Intelligence Bureau, the Department of Posts, the Survey of India, and the Registrar General of India, to ensure that the name change does not conflict with existing administrative, geographical, or security records.
- 3. Submission:**
 - After the Home Ministry approves the proposal, the bill can be introduced in Parliament only with the prior recommendation of the President.
 - If the bill affects the name or boundaries of a state, the President must send the draft bill to the respective state legislature.
- 4. Time-bound Process:** The state legislature is requested to express its views within a specific period determined by the President. Parliament is not bound by the views of the state legislature.
- 5. Passage by Parliament:** A simple majority in Parliament is required to pass the bill, which would amend the First Schedule and is not considered a constitutional amendment under Article 368.
- 6. Presidential Assent:** The bill becomes law after the President's assent.
 - Examples: Uttaranchal to Uttarakhand (2007) and Orissa to Odisha (2011).

Other Important Points:

The term 'Keralam':

- **Inscriptional Evidence:** The earliest inscriptional evidence of the region is found in Emperor Ashoka's Rock Edict II (257 BCE), which refers to the region as "Keralaputra" (Chera Dynasty).
- **Origin of the word "Kerala":** According to German scholar Hermann Gundert (who compiled the first Malayalam-English dictionary), the word "Kerala" evolved from "cheram" or "cheralam," from the root "cher" meaning "to join" and "alam" translating to "land or region."
- **Unity Kerala Movement:** A political movement in the 1920s to unify the Malayalam-speaking regions of Malabar, Kochi, and Travancore.
- **States Reorganization (1956):** After independence, the States Reorganization Commission headed by Syed Fazal Ali recommended the creation of a unified state on linguistic grounds, and on November 1, 1956 (Kerala Piravi Day), the modern state was formed by integrating Malabar district and Kasaragod taluk, while excluding some southern parts of Travancore.



New Prime Minister of the Netherlands: Rob Jetten



Why in News?

- Recently, Rob Jetten has been elected as the new Prime Minister of the Netherlands.



Key Points:

- Swearing-in:** Jetten was formally sworn-in by King Willem-Alexander on February 23, 2026, at Huis ten Bosch Palace in The Hague.
- Rob Jetten became the youngest and first openly gay Prime Minister of the Netherlands after his minority government was sworn in.
- Party:** Democrats 66 (D66) defeated opposition populist Geert Wilders.

Other Key Points:

Netherlands:



- **Nickname:** Holland
- **Location:** A country in northwestern Europe, with offshore territories in the Caribbean.
- **Language:** The official language is Dutch, and West Frisian is the second official language in the province of Friesland. Dutch, English, and Papiamentu are official languages in the Caribbean. The people of the Netherlands are called Dutch.
- The Port of Rotterdam is the busiest in Europe. Schiphol is the Netherlands' busiest airport, and the fourth busiest in Europe.
- India and the Netherlands established the Joint Trade and Investment Committee (JTIC) in December 2025.

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India-Netherlands Green Hydrogen Partnership:

- India and the Netherlands signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to launch the 'India-Netherlands Hydrogen Fellowship Programme' and promote green hydrogen research and academic collaboration.
- **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):** Between the University of Groningen and 19 Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs).



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ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

'Him-CONNECT': World Sustainable Development Summit, 2026

Why in News?

- The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is organizing the 'Him-CONNECT' event in New Delhi from February 25-27, 2026, during the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) of the Energy and Resources Institute.

Him-CONNECT
Connecting Himalayan Innovations with Start-ups & Industries

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India

WSDS 2026 | 25th - 27th February 2026 | Shahjahan Hall, Taj Palace, New Delhi

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Key Points:

- **Introduction:** 'Him-CONNECT' is a platform aimed at connecting researchers working in the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR) with startups, investors, and policymakers to enable widespread implementation of their research findings.
- More than 24 technologies, prototypes, patents, and pilot projects developed for the fragile ecosystems of the Indian Himalayan Region under the Ministry's National Mission for Himalayan Studies (NMHS) were showcased during Him-CONNECT.
- **Key innovations showcased:** Environmentally friendly road construction, use of treated wastewater for hydroponic farming, conversion of silk production waste into anti-inflammatory ointments, low-cost mineralized water purifiers, pine needle-based wastewater treatment systems, decentralized wastewater reuse solutions for the Himalayas, and yak milk cheese processing technologies.

World Sustainable Development Summit 2026 (WSDS):

- **Origin:** Started with the Delhi Sustainable Development Summit in 2001.
- **2026 Edition (Silver Jubilee of the Summit):**
- **Event Venue:** Taj Palace, New Delhi, February 25-27, 2026
- **Edition:** 25th
- **Theme:** “Transformations: Vision, Voices, and Values for Sustainable Development.”
- **Organizer:** The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI).

Key Focus Areas:

- **Climate Action and Finance:** Clean Energy and Green Manufacturing.
- **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):** Review of 2030 Targets.
- **Himalayan Ecosystems:** Water Security, Waste-to-Wealth, and Sustainable Livelihoods.
- **Silver Jubilee Publication:** TERI also released an archive pocketbook titled “World Sustainable Development Summits (2001-2026): 25 Issues of Ambition and Action on Sustainable Development.”

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN'

Why in News?

- On February 24, 2026, the 7th edition of the annual joint military exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN' between the Indian Army and the Japan Ground Self-Defence Force (JGSDF) commenced at the Foreign Training Center in Chaubatia, Uttarakhand.



Key Points:

- **Event:** From February 24 to March 9, 2026.
- **Units involved:** This edition involves contingents of 120 members each from both sides, including soldiers from the 32nd Infantry Regiment from the Jammu and Kashmir Security Force and soldiers from the Ladakh Scouts from the Indian Army.

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- **Objective:** To strengthen military cooperation and enhance joint capabilities for conducting joint operations in semi-urban environments.

- **Commencement year of exercise:** 2018

Other Highlights:

- **Other India-Japan Military Exercises:** JIMEX (Japan-India Maritime Exercise), Shinyu Maitri (Air Exercise), Cooperation Kaijin (Coast Guard), Malabar (India, Japan, Australia, and the United States).

- **Indian Prime Minister's Visit to Japan:** The Prime Minister of India paid an official working visit to Japan for the 15th India-Japan Annual Summit on August 29-30, 2025, during which the Prime Minister was honored with a Guard of Honor.

- Japan has set a target of 5 trillion yen of public and private investment and financing in India over five years, starting 2022.

18th India-Japan Strategic Dialogue (New Delhi; January 2026):

- **Focused on 5 priority sectors:** Semiconductors, Critical Minerals, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Clean Energy, and Pharmaceuticals.
- An "India-Japan AI Strategic Dialogue" will be established under the India-Japan AI Cooperation Initiative.
- Japan will invite 500 highly skilled AI professionals from India by 2030 to promote joint research.

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Exercise 'Vajra Prahar'

Why in News?

- The 16th edition of the India-US Joint Special Forces Military Exercise 'Vajra Prahar' is being held at the Special Forces Training School in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh.



Key Points:

- **Event:** From February 24 to March 16, 2026.
- **Previous Edition:** The previous edition of this military exercise was held in November 2024 at the Orchard Combat Training Center in Idaho, USA.
- **Start:** 2010
- **Objective:** To promote military cooperation between India and the United States by strengthening mutual coordination and exchange of joint and special operations strategies. This exercise is designed to strengthen joint capabilities for conducting joint special forces operations in mountainous terrain.
- **India-US Joint Military Exercises:** Major bilateral exercises include Yudh Abhyas (Army), Cope India (Air Force), and Tiger Triumph (tri-services), and the two countries also cooperate in major multilateral exercises such as Malabar, Rimpac, and Red Flag.

Blockchain India Challenge

Why in News?

- The Blockchain India Challenge was launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology on February 23, 2026, at New Delhi.



Key Points:

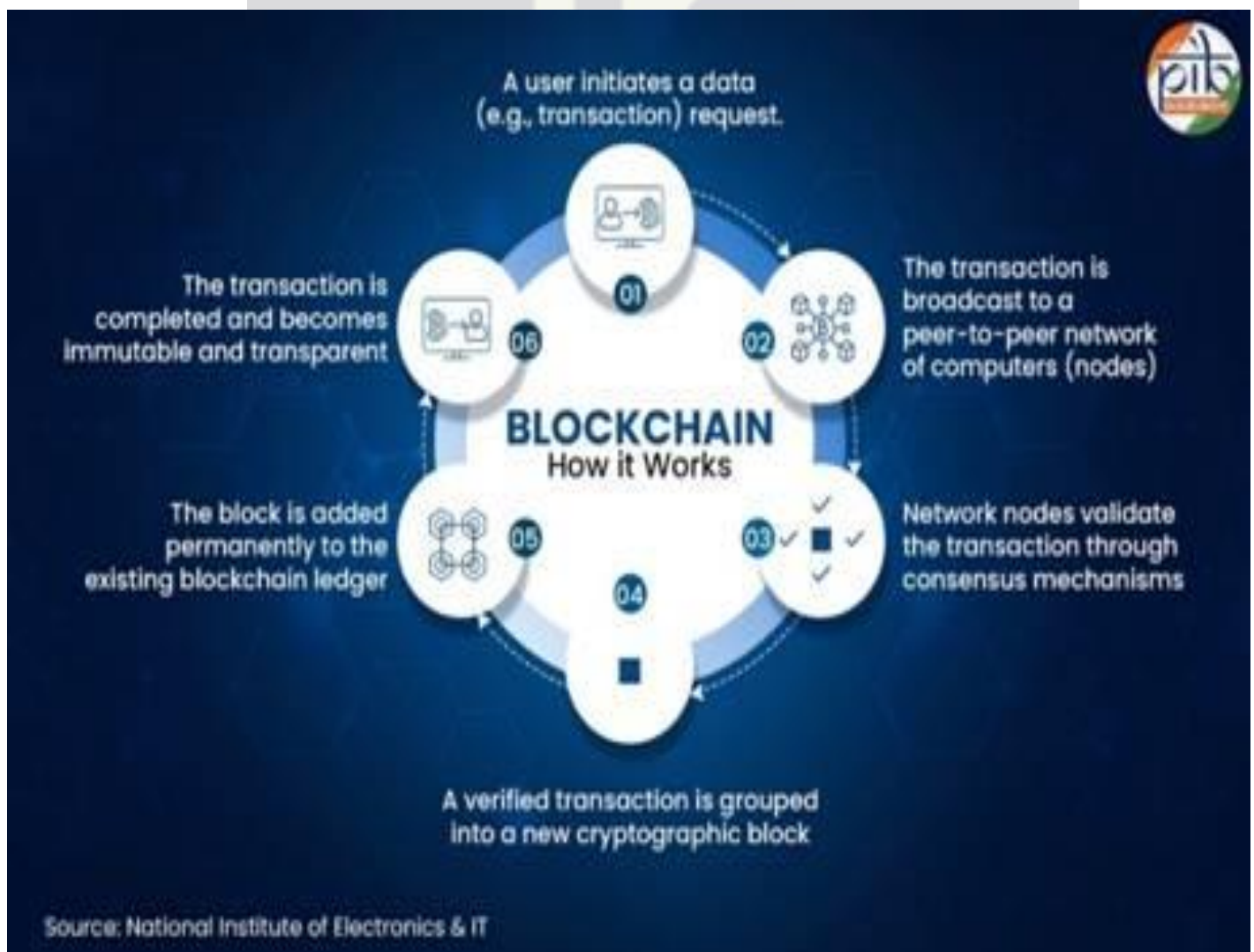
- **Introduction:** The Blockchain India Challenge is a national initiative aimed at encouraging Indian startups to propose and test cutting-edge blockchain-based digital governance solutions.
- **Initiated by:** Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC).
- **Goal:** To develop permission-based blockchain solutions for government use cases, prioritizing regulatory control and security (trust, auditability, and tamper-proof records).

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- **Focus:** The Blockchain India Challenge focuses on solving critical governance and service delivery challenges in key sectors such as e-procurement, supply chain management, public distribution systems, education, healthcare, agriculture, power, Internet of Things (IoT), land records, environment, and sustainability.

Other important points:

Blockchain:



- A blockchain is a distributed, transparent, secure, and immutable database that acts as a ledger of records or transactions, is tamper-resistant, and is accessible across a network of computers.

Types of Blockchain:

- 1. Public Blockchain:** In this network, all nodes can access records, verify transactions, perform proof-of-work, and add new blocks.
 - 2. Private Blockchain:** This is a permissioned blockchain, limited to select participants within an organization. The controlling entity determines the security, authorization, and access levels, making it ideal for government applications. By design, it increases trust among participants while also ensuring data privacy and operational efficiency.
 - 3. Consortium Blockchain:** In this network, the blockchain is semi-decentralized, jointly controlled by multiple organizations for shared data management and verification.
 - 4. Hybrid Blockchain:** This is a mix of public and private blockchains that allows access to selective data.
- **National Blockchain Framework (NBF):** The NBF was launched in March 2021 with a budget outlay of ₹64.76 crore. Scheduled for its official launch on September 4, 2024, the NBF is designed to accelerate the development and deployment of permissioned blockchain-based applications.