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### Wildlife Helpline Number 1926



#### Why in News?

- The Forest Department has launched a wildlife helpline number 1926 in the state, which will be operational 24 hours a day. Through this helpline, people can immediately report injured, trapped, or wildlife that has entered populated areas.



#### Key Points:

##### 1. 24-Hour Helpline

- Wildlife helpline 1926 has been launched across the state, allowing people to report injured or distressed wildlife.
- On average, more than 12 rescue calls are being received daily on this helpline.

##### 2. Formation of Rapid Response Teams

- Rapid response teams will be formed in Dholpur, Karauli, and Sawai Madhopur to prevent tiger-human conflict.
- These teams will be equipped with necessary equipment and ₹90 lakh will be spent on each team.

##### 3. Strengthening Forest Security

- 460 bikes and 202 vehicles will be provided to range officers this financial year.
- Rangers and foresters will be provided with weapons such as glove pistols and SLR rifles to help them crack down on forest crimes.

## Professor Verma becomes the 'record man' in chemistry

### Why in News?

- Professor Suresh Kumar Verma has set a new record by clearing the National Eligibility Test (NET) in Chemistry 50 times. He has become the first person to achieve the first rank in the All India Ranking 14 times.

### Key Points:

#### 1. 25 Success in GATE

- Professor Verma has cleared the Graduate Eligibility Test in Engineering (GATE) 25 times, securing the All India Rank 13th three times.

#### 2. International Fame and Books

- He has published four books on organic chemistry, and 19 research papers have been published in international and national journals.
- His name is listed in the National Book of Records and the Limca Book of Records.

## 'Project Geeta'

### Why in News?

- IIT Jodhpur has launched a unique technology initiative called 'Project Geeta' for visually impaired and deaf children, aiming to empower them digitally and make them self-reliant. Under this project, smart instruments and hologram-based technology are being developed, which will open new avenues for education and expression.

### Key Points:

#### 1. Project Geeta: New Technology Initiative

- Under 'Geeta: Knowledge in the Air,' IIT Jodhpur, the Zila Parishad, and the Social Welfare Department are jointly developing new technology for visually impaired and deaf children.
- The main device, 'Naamya,' will function as a flexible band like a mobile phone, allowing children to study and navigate computer screens.

#### 2. Opportunity for Deaf and Mute Children to Learn Sign Language

- Hologram-based technology will enable deaf and mute children to learn sign language virtually, making it more effective than traditional education methods.

#### 3. Testing of New Devices

- Devices developed under the project, such as 'Naamya', 'Vani', and 'Haptic Gloves', were recently tested at the Institute for the Development of the Blind. They were used with visually impaired and deaf and mute students.

## NEWS IN SHORTS

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1.	<p><b>Sharat Kaviraj appointed new Police Commissioner of Jodhpur</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Major transfers have been made in the Rajasthan Police Department. These include the Range Inspector Generals (IGs) of Jaipur, Jodhpur, and Bikaner.</li><li>IG Special Operations Group (SOG) Sharat Kaviraj has been appointed the new Police Commissioner of Jodhpur.</li><li>Outgoing Jodhpur Police Commissioner Om Prakash has been appointed as the Special Police Commissioner of Jaipur.</li></ul>

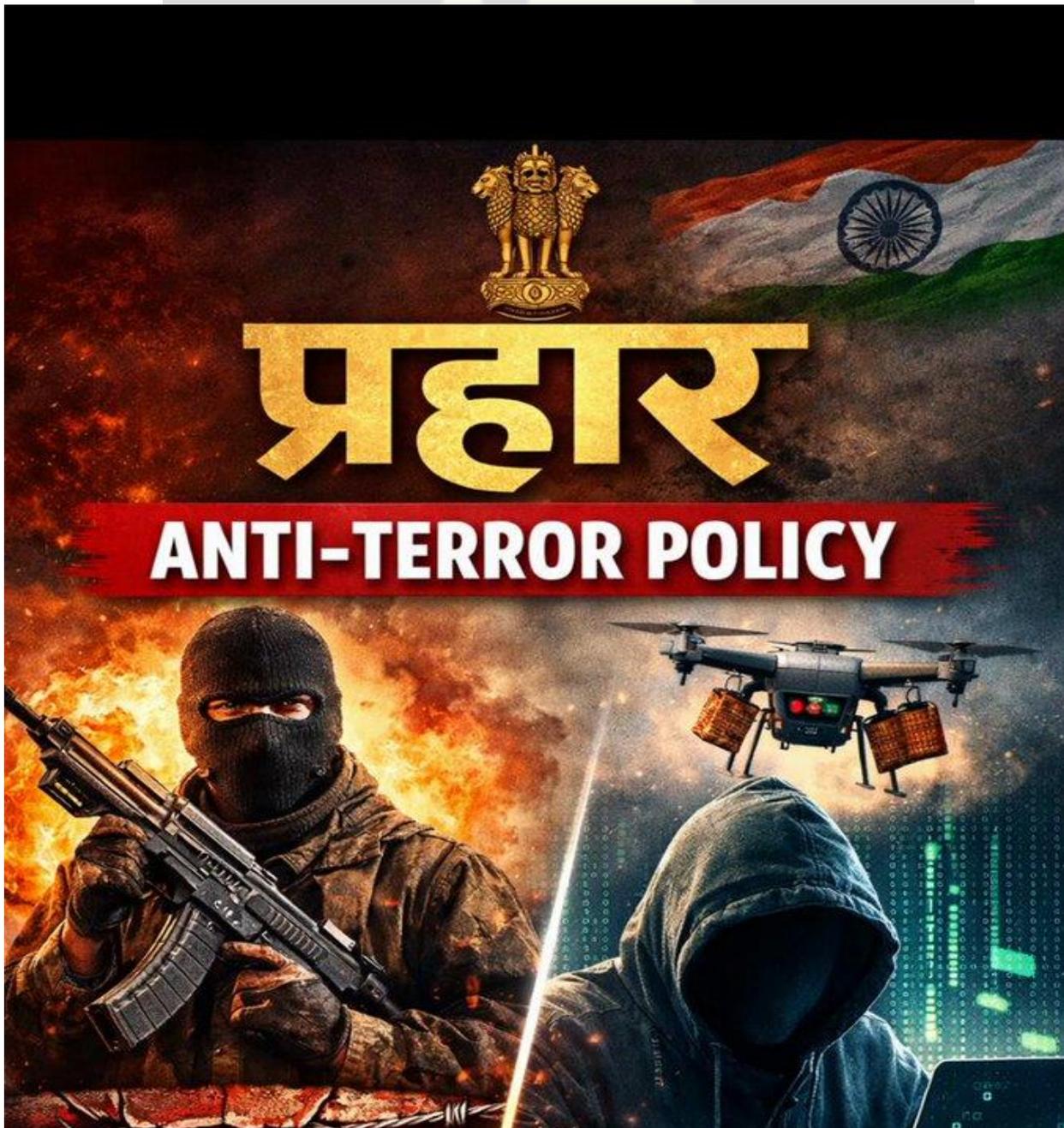


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### India's First Counter-Terrorism Policy 'PRAHAAR'

#### Why in News?

- The Ministry of Home Affairs has unveiled India's new national counter-terrorism policy and strategy, 'PRAHAAR'.



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## Key Points:

- It is based on the principle of 'zero tolerance' against terrorism.

### Key Pillars of the PRAHAAR Strategy

- **Prevention of Terrorist Attacks:** Adopt a proactive and intelligence-led approach through a multi-agency center and a joint task force on intelligence for real-time information sharing.
- **Response:** Local police will act as 'first responders,' supported by state/central counter-terrorism forces and the National Security Guard.
- The National Investigation Agency (NIA) and state agencies will ensure thorough investigations and high conviction rates, instilling fear in criminals.
- **Pooling of Capabilities:** Law enforcement agencies will be modernized and uniform counter-terrorism structures will be standardized across all states.
- **Processes based on human rights and the rule of law:** The strategy emphasizes that all counter-terrorism laws must protect fundamental human rights. Furthermore, levels of legal redress must be provided, from district courts to the Supreme Court.
- **Reducing conditions conducive to terrorism:** A graded police response will be ensured for misguided youth. Additionally, community leaders, non-governmental organizations, and liberal religious leaders will be involved in countering radicalization.
- **Shaping international efforts:** Multilateral cooperation will be strengthened through mutual legal assistance treaties and extradition treaties. Safe havens for terrorists will be eliminated globally and terrorist financing will be curbed.
- **Recovery and resilience through collective social efforts:** Public-private partnerships will be adopted to ensure rapid recovery and normalcy after any incident.



## History and Culture



### Chakravarti Rajagopalachari (1878–1972)



#### Why in News?

- The President of India unveiled the statue of C. Rajagopalachari at Rashtrapati Bhavan. This statue replaces the statue of Edwin Lutyens.



#### Key Points:

- This step is part of efforts to remove symbols of the colonial era.
- Edwin Lutyens was a renowned British architect. He designed large parts of New Delhi.
- **His major constructions:** Rashtrapati Bhavan, India Gate, North Block, and South Block.
- He designed Rashtrapati Bhavan in collaboration with Herbert Baker.

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## Chakravarti Rajagopalachari

- **Born:** December 10, 1878, Thorapalli, Tamil Nadu
- **Popular name:** Rajaji.

### Major contributions:

- Actively participated in the protests against the Rowlatt Act, the Non-Cooperation Movement, the Vaikom Satyagraha, and the Civil Disobedience Movement.
- Led the Vedaranyam March in 1930 to break the salt law.
- Proposed the "C.R. Formula" to resolve the Hindu-Muslim political deadlock before Partition.
- Elected as a member of the Constituent Assembly from Madras.
- Served as Governor of West Bengal (1947–48) and Governor General of India (1948–50).
- Founded the Swatantra Party.

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## Economic Developments

### National Monetization Pipeline 2.0 (NMP 2.0)

#### Why in News?

- Recently, the Union Finance Minister launched the National Monetization Pipeline 2.0 (NMP 2.0), which aims to raise ₹16.72 lakh crore through asset monetization over the period 2025-26 to 2029-30.



#### Key Points:

- Asset monetization means leveraging existing or underutilized infrastructure assets to generate revenue without imposing additional financial burden on the government.

#### Key Features of NMP 2.0

- Objective:** It provides a medium-term roadmap for public asset owners. It also provides clarity to the private sector about potential assets.

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- **Total monetization potential:** Estimated at ₹16.72 lakh crore across 12 sectors over 5 years (FY 2026-FY 2030). This includes private sector investment of ₹5.8 lakh crore.
- **Key sectors:** Highways (including Multi-Modal Logistics Parks/MMLPs and ropeways) (26%), power (17%), railways (16%), ports (16%), petroleum and natural gas, civil aviation, storage and warehousing, urban infrastructure, coal, mining, telecommunications, and tourism.
- **Revenue distribution:** The largest portion of the proceeds under NMP 2.0 will go to the Consolidated Fund of India.

## National Monetization Pipeline-1.0 (NMP 1.0)

- A total monetization target of ₹6 lakh crore was set from FY 2022 to FY 2025.
- Currently, it has achieved about 90% of its target.
- **Sectors (13):** Highways, Railways, Electricity, Petroleum and Natural Gas Pipelines and Telecommunications accounted for 72% of the total target.

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## 🎓 Indian Governance and State System 🎓

### Principle of Just Deserts

#### 📣 Why in News?

- The Supreme Court clarified that upholding the principle of "Just Deserts" is the primary responsibility of the courts.



#### 📌 Key Points:

##### The Principle of Just Deserts:

- It refers to a philosophy within criminal justice that emphasizes the idea of proportionality in punishment. According to this, individuals should receive punishments proportionate to the crimes they commit.
- The philosophical foundation of this principle is based on retribution. This implies that the offender is morally responsible for the punishment they have committed.
- It is a response to the perception of excessive leniency in the justice system. This principle emphasizes standardized punishment and accountability.

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## Schemes and Policies

### Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana

#### Why in News?

- The Prime Minister lauded the achievement of 3 million households adopting rooftop solar under the PM Surya Ghar Yojana.



#### Key Points:

- It is the world's largest domestic rooftop solar initiative.

Eligibility	
The household must be an Indian citizen.	The household must own a house with a roof that is suitable for installing solar panels.
The household must have a valid electricity connection.	The household must not have availed any other subsidy for solar panels.

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## PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana

- **Launch:** 2024
- **Objective:** To install rooftop solar in 1 crore households and provide free electricity supply of up to 300 units per month.
- **Ministry:** Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- **Scheme duration:** Until FY 2026–27.
- **Subsidy:** Up to 40% subsidy to eligible households (families).
- The subsidy amount depends on the average monthly electricity consumption of the household and the capacity of the appropriate rooftop solar plant.

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### India and France: Double Taxation Avoidance Convention (DTAC)



#### Why in News?

- India and France have signed a protocol to amend the Double Taxation Avoidance Convention (DTAC). DTAC was originally signed in 1992.



#### Key Points:

- DTAC is the formal name used for certain 'Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements' (DTAAs).
- A DTAA is an agreement signed between two countries to protect individuals or businesses from double taxation on their income.

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## Key Amendments

- The 'Most-Favoured-Nation' (MFN) clause has been removed to eliminate ambiguity in treaty benefits.
- Provisions from the 'Base Erosion and Profit Shifting' (BEPS) Multilateral Instrument (MLI) have been incorporated to prevent profit shifting.

## Most-Favored-Nation (MFN)

- This is a fundamental principle of the World Trade Organization (WTO).
- It ensures that countries do not discriminate between their trading partners.
- If a WTO member offers favorable trade terms, such as lower tariffs, to one country, it must extend those benefits to all other WTO members.

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