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### Maharana Pratap Tourist Circuit



#### Why in News?

- On February 24, 2026, Deputy Chief Minister and Tourism Minister Diya Kumari shared information in the Assembly about the state government's preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) worth ₹275.68 crore for the implementation of the Maharana Pratap Tourist Circuit Development Plan.
- Furthermore, on February 3, 2026, the review committee constituted under the chairmanship of the Rajasthan Heritage Authority approved the work to be carried out according to this DPR.



## Key Points:

Maharana Pratap Tourist Circuit	
Places	■ Various places related to the life of Maharana Pratap like Chavand, Haldighati, Gogunda, Kumbhalgarh, Diwar, Udaipur etc. were included in this circuit.
Development/construction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Chetak Memorial:</b> Haldighati.</li><li>2. <b>Battle of Haldighati:</b> Modern technology such as 3D technology and light and sound shows will be used to provide a live depiction of the Battle of Haldighati to tourists.</li><li>3. <b>Development of Chavand:</b> Chavand, the resting place of Maharana Pratap, will be developed.</li><li>4. <b>Vijay Stambh:</b> A Vijay Stambh will be constructed as a symbol of the victory at Diwar.</li><li>5. <b>Memorials and Monuments:</b> Various memorials and monuments will be developed at places associated with Pratap's life in Diwar, Gogunda, and Chittorgarh.</li></ol>
Amount allocated in the state budget for the year 2024-25	■ 100 crore rupees
Implementation of the project	■ Rajasthan State Road Development Corporation and Rajasthan Heritage Authority have been appointed as the implementing agencies for the implementation of the project.

## Mobile Veterinary Unit Scheme



### Why in News?

- According to the Rajasthan Animal Husbandry Department, under the Mobile Veterinary Unit Scheme, as of February 15, 2026, more than 6.1 million animals in the state have been treated free of charge through on-call services and camps by the Mobile Veterinary Unit.
- The state government has increased the grant amount for cow shelters and cow shelters by 25 percent.

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- ड्रेसिंग
- गर्भ जांच
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## Key Points:

- Through the Mobile Veterinary Unit Scheme, the state government is providing free medical care to livestock owners at their homes.
- The department launched a call center on October 9, 2024, and the unit has been providing regular, free on-call treatment to animals since December 31, 2024.

### Mobile Veterinary Unit Scheme:

- **Launch:** February 24, 2024
- **Operation:** This scheme is being operated under a centrally sponsored scheme. Under the scheme, 536 mobile veterinary units are operating in the state, and the vehicles are operated through the call center's toll-free number 1962.
- **Financial Contribution:** 100% of the funding for these mobile vehicles has been provided by the central government, while the budget for their operation is borne by 60% by the central government and 40% by the state government.
- **25 percent increase in grant amount:** On February 26, 2026, Animal Husbandry Minister Zoraram Kumawat shared information about a 25 percent increase in grants for cow shelters and bull shelters in the Assembly.
- Under the Rajasthan Cow Conservation and Development Fund Rules, 2016 (revised for 2021), from the financial year 2016-17, eligible cow shelters are provided with 270 days of assistance for fodder, water, and feed for cattle in two phases. Currently, assistance is provided at the rate of ₹50 per day for large cattle and ₹25 per day for small cattle.
- Cow shelters are provided with a 9-month grant and Nandi shelters with a 12-month grant. Disabled and visually impaired cattle are provided with a 12-month assistance.

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## Other important points:

### Information shared in the Assembly on February 26, 2026:

- **Mukhyamantri Mangala Pashu Bima Yojana:** The state government had set a target of insuring 4.2 million animals in the years 2024-25 and 2025-26, under the Mukhyamantri Mangala Pashu Bima Yojana. Out of which policies have been issued for 16 lakh 24 thousand 567 animals.
- Under this scheme, the number of animals has been doubled to 42 lakh in the financial year 2025-26 and the number of camel herders has been increased from 1 camel to 10 camels.

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## Rajasthan Startup Summit, 2026

### Why in News?

- On February 27, 2026, the Chief Minister addressed the inaugural session of the 'Rajasthan Startup Summit, 2026' held at Hotel Taj, Amer.



### Key Points:

- Introduction:** It creates a common platform for direct dialogue between startups, investors, mentors, and industry leaders.
- Rajasthan Startup Summit, 2026 is a special SSS Weekend edition of the Seaside Startup Summit ecosystem, designed as a focused and impactful format for startups, investors, corporates, and ecosystem leaders.
- Event:** February 27, 2026, to March 1, 2026, at Hotel Taj, Amer.
- Organizers:** Open Innovation Lotus Foundation and Startup Armenia Scientific Educational Foundation, Government of Armenia.

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- **Collaboration:** Department of Information Technology and Communications, Government of Rajasthan.
- **Objective:** The summit aims to foster partnerships between Indian startups and investors from South Asia, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East, and to establish Rajasthan as a leading startup and innovation hub nationally and internationally.
- **Training Program:** Over 130 selected startups will be trained at the summit through workshops, panel discussions, and individual mentoring sessions.
- It is noteworthy that over 50 percent of these startups are from Rajasthan, and approximately 20 percent are foreign.
- On the first day of the event, a panel discussion will be held on the topic "Leadership and Impact: Shaping the Future through Policy and Innovation." The Innovation Pavilion will also be inaugurated, showcasing innovations from various startups.
- It is noteworthy that the Rajasthan Digifest and TiE Global Summit were previously held in Jaipur in January 2026, demonstrating the momentum of digital innovation in the state.

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## Rajasthan Science Festival, 2026

### Why in News?

- The three-day Rajasthan Science Festival, 2026, was inaugurated at the Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Jaipur, on the occasion of National Science Day on February 26, 2026.



### Key Points:

- **This year's festival theme:** "Women in Science: Catalyzing Viksit Bharat."
- **Organized under the joint auspices of:** Department of Science and Technology, Government of Rajasthan, Vigyan Bharti Rajasthan, and MNIT.
- **Inauguration:** Inaugurated by Rajasthan Legislative Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani.
- **Event period** – February 26 to 28, 2026

## Vayu Shakti 2026

### Why in News?

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) demonstrated its capabilities through the Vayu Shakti-26 exercise at the Pokhran Air-to-Ground Range in Jaisalmer on February 27, 2026.
- On February 27, 2026, President Draupadi Murmu conducted an aerial inspection in the indigenous Light Combat Helicopter 'Prachand'.



### Key Points:

- This biennial event is the largest since Operation Sindoor.
- **Type:** It is a biennial exercise of the Indian Air Force.
- **Theme:** Based on 'Operation Sindoor'.
- **Motto:** "Surefire, Invulnerable and Accurate"
- **Objective:** To showcase the Indian Air Force's (IAF) indigenous capabilities, network-centric warfare strategy, and strike capability.

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- **Major aircraft:** A full spectrum of operations was carried out by fighter, transport, and helicopter aircraft, including Tejas, Rafale, Jaguar, Mirage-2000, Sukhoi-30MKI, MiG-29, Hawk, C-130J, C-295, C-17, Chetak, ALH Mk-IV, Mi-17 IV, LCH, Apache, Chinook, and Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA).
- Advanced weapons were used, ranging from Short Range Loitering Munitions (SRLM) to air defense systems such as Akash, Spyder, and Counter Unmanned Aerial System (CUAS).

## Light Combat Helicopter Prachanda:

- **Introduction:** Prachanda is India's first indigenous multi-role combat helicopter.
- **Developed by:** Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
- Designed for the Indian Armed Forces deployed in desert and mountainous areas.
- **Range:** 700 km
- **Landing and take-off altitude:** 5,000 m (16,400 ft)
- The world's only attack helicopter that can land and take off at altitudes of 5,000 m with a heavy load of weapons and fuel.

## ✂ NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

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### National Conference on Arid Horticulture, 2026



- **Event:** A three-day national conference on the theme “National Conference on Arid Horticulture – Building a Sustainable Future through Biodiversity and Climate Resilience” is being organized at the Central Institute for Arid Horticulture, Bikaner, from February 26 to 28, 2026.
- Organized under the aegis of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.
- **Objective of the conference:** To discuss effective strategies for sustainable development of horticultural crops, biodiversity conservation, and addressing the challenges of climate change in arid and semi-arid regions.
- On September 27, 2000, the National Research Centre for Arid Horticulture (NRCAH) was upgraded to full-fledged institute status as the Central Institute for Arid Horticulture, Bikaner (CIAH).

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## Vande Ganga Water Conservation Public Campaign 2.0



- The state government will launch the second phase of the Vande Ganga Water Conservation Public Campaign on Ganga Dussehra (May 25, 2026) and will continue until Environment Day on June 5, 2026.

### Vande Ganga Water Conservation Public Campaign 1.0

- The Rajasthan government conducted the 'Vande Ganga Water Conservation - Public Campaign' across the state from June 5 to 20, 2025.
- In the first phase (1.0) of the campaign, the state ranked third, with Barmer and Bhilwara districts performing exceptionally well.

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## Bird Festival, 2026

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Invitation

### Sambhar Lake Bird Festival 2026

Date : 27 Feb 2026 • Time : 11.00 AM  
Venue - Jhapok, Sambhar Lake

Bird Watching eBird App Demo Salt Production Demo Wetland Mitra Registration Bird quiz/Painting for school children

Deputy Conservator of Forest, Jaipur

- **Event:** February 27, 2026, at the Interpretation Center campus at Kochya Ki Dhani, Sambhar Lake.
- **Organizer:** Forest Department
- **Objective of the festival:** To raise public awareness about the lake's rich biodiversity, wetland ecosystem, and the importance of the migratory birds that visit here annually.

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- **Wetland Mitra Registration Campaign:** The Forest Department will also conduct a "Wetland Mitra Registration Campaign," which will permanently connect the public with lake conservation activities.
- Special stalls will also be set up to raise awareness about the prevention and treatment of bird diseases like avian botulism.

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### **JPL Shootingball Premier League**

- The three-day men's and women's JPL Shootingball Premier League concluded in Jaysingpur, Maharashtra.
- Maharashtra's team was victorious in both categories.
- In the girls' team, Sireen of Rajasthan received the Best Shooter award.
- In the men's teams, Suresh Bishnoi of Haryana was the Man of the Series, Waqar Anjum of Maharashtra was the Man of the Match, and Nana Chaugule of Maharashtra was the Best Shooter.

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### **National Hockey Championship**

- Pranav Sharma of Treasureland Sports Academy won the gold medal in the junior category at the Special Olympics Bharat National Hockey Championship held in Faridabad from February 22 to 25, 2026.
- Ansh Khan finished fourth in the junior category and Isha Parikh finished fourth in the senior category.

## NATIONAL

### Road Safety Financing Project

#### Why in News?

- The United Nations (UN) launched a road safety financing project in four states in India.



#### Key Points:

- **Project:** Sustainable Financing for Road Safety in India: A Collaborative Approach.
- **Funding:** United Nations Road Safety Fund (UNRSF)
- **Technical Assistance Providers:** World Health Organization, United Nations Children's Fund, and United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.
- **States:** Rajasthan, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Assam.

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- **Main Focus:** Building national and subnational capacities for effective implementation of road safety action plans.

- **Goal:** Reducing deaths and serious injuries from road accidents.

## United Nations Road Safety Fund (UNRSF)

- Established in 2018, to mobilize finance for road safety in low- and middle-income countries.
- Works collaboratively with governments, civil society, and private sector partners.

## The Marrakesh Declaration

- It was adopted at the Fourth Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety (2025). It calls for political commitment, sustainable funding, and a safe-systems approach.

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## Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)

### Why in News?

- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation launched a series of events to commemorate its 75th year of existence.



### Key Points:

#### About ESIC

- It is a statutory body providing social security services.
- It was established in 1952 under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948.
- **Ministry:** Union Ministry of Labour and Employment
- **Objective:** To provide comprehensive social security and health insurance protection to employees in the organized sector.

## Schemes and Policies

### SUJVIKA

#### Why in News?

- The Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, launched the 'SUJVIKA' portal on the occasion of its 40th Foundation Day.



#### Key Points:

##### SUJVIKA

- It is an AI-powered data portal on biotech products.
- It will function as a digital intelligence platform for trade statistics. It will provide data on imports of certified biotechnology products in a systematic and accessible form.
- This portal will provide sector-wise information on imports of biochemical products, industrial enzymes, and other biotechnology-related products.

## Restoring Indigenous Fish Stocks in the Ganga River through River Ranching

### Why in News?

- Under the Namami Gange Programme, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR-CIFRI) has initiated a program of scientific river ranching.



### Key Points:

- **Objective:** To enhance aquatic life in the Ganga River and restore its ecological balance.

### River Ranching

- River ranching is a sustainable aquaculture method. In this, fish are reared under protection during the early stages of their life and then released into rivers to grow in their natural habitat, where they are fished as adults.
- It is one of the ex-situ methods of aquatic life conservation.

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- **Importance:** Ranching is one of the most important options for reviving river fisheries and conserving endangered native species.

## Namami Gange Programme (NGM)

- **Background:** It was approved in 2014 for a period up to March 2021 and has subsequently been extended to March 31, 2026 as NGM 2.0.
- **Objective:** Effectively abate pollution in the Ganga River and rejuvenate the river.
- **Implementing Agency:** National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and its state and district counterparts under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

## Inland Fisheries Sector in India

- India is the second largest fish producer in the world. It accounts for approximately 8% of global fish production.
- Inland fisheries contribute over 75% of total fish production.

## Key Initiatives:

- **Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF):** Provides funding for infrastructure construction.
- **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY):** Addresses critical gaps in fish production and productivity, technology, post-harvest infrastructure, etc.
- **Others:** National Marine Fisheries Policy 2017, Blue Revolution Scheme, etc.



## INTERNATIONAL



### Fissile Material Cut-Off Treaty (FMCT)



#### Why in News?

- India has expressed its support for negotiations on a Fissile Material Cut-Off Treaty based on the mandate of the 2026 High-Level Session of the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva.



#### Key Points:

##### Fissile Material Cut-Off Treaty (FMCT):

- The FMCT is a proposed international agreement.
- Its objective is to ban the production of highly enriched uranium and plutonium—two main components of nuclear weapons.

##### Conference on Disarmament:

- It was recognized as the sole multilateral disarmament negotiating forum by the 10th Special Disarmament Session of the United Nations General Assembly in 1978.
- The Conference has a total of 65 member states, of which India is a member.

## ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

### Palamu Tiger Reserve

#### Why in News?

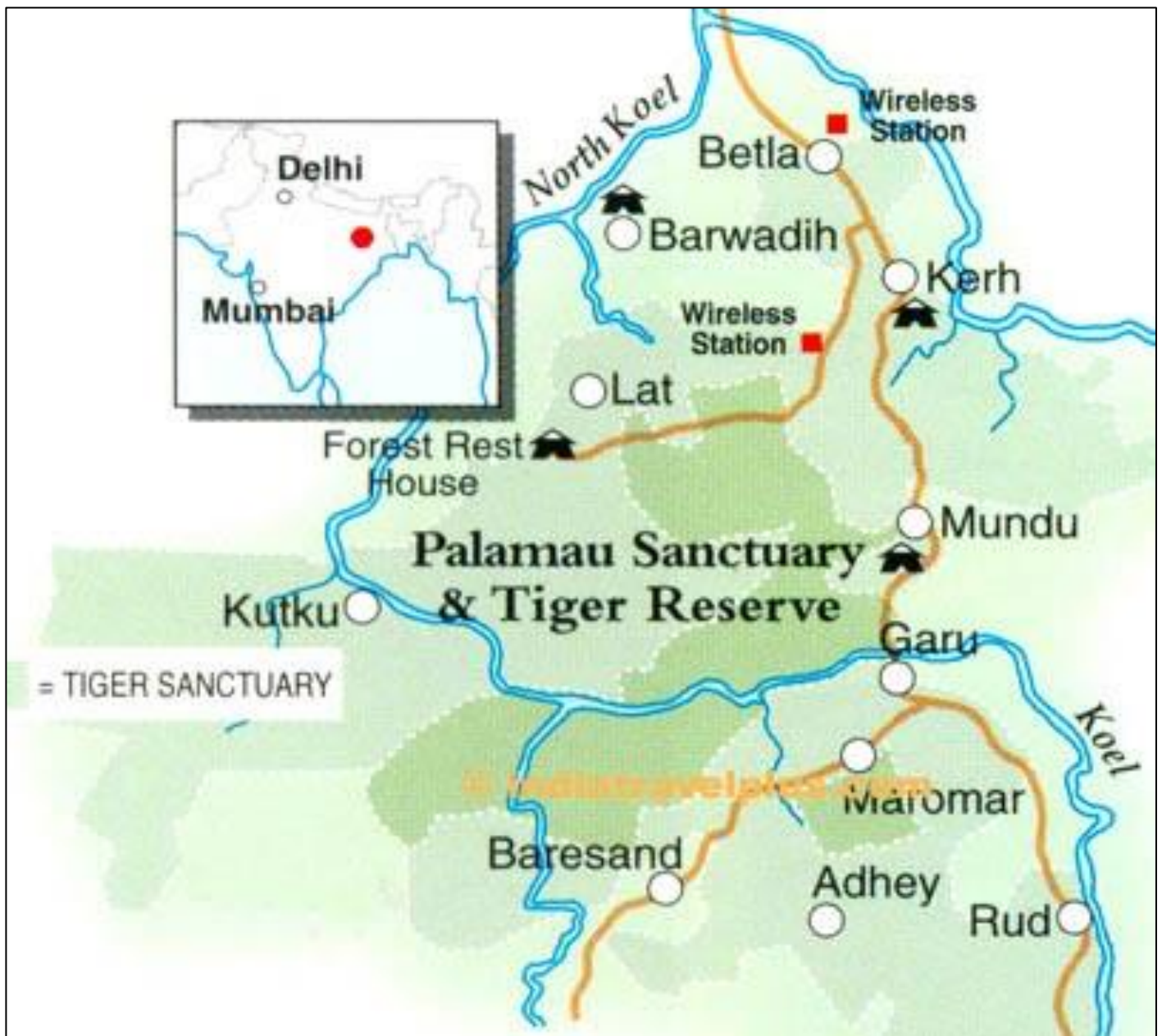
- Palamu Tiger Reserve has launched the 'Vanjeevi Didi' initiative for women to protect wildlife.



#### Key Points:

- Under this program, educated women are identified and trained to act as a bridge between the forest administration and local families.

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## Palamu Tiger Reserve

- **Location:** Located in the Chota Nagpur Plateau, Jharkhand.
- **Betla National Park:** It is part of the core area of the Palamu Tiger Reserve.
- **Flora:** It mainly consists of northern tropical dry deciduous sal forests and bamboo groves.
- **Fauna:** Tiger, Asian elephant, leopard, and gray wolf.
- **Rivers:** Koel, Burha, and Auranga rivers.

## ⌚ SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ⌚

### India-Sweden AI Partnership through the SITAC Framework

#### 📣 Why in News?

- During the India AI Impact Summit 2026, the India AI Mission and Business Sweden signed a Letter of Intent to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the field of artificial intelligence.



#### 📌 Key Points:

##### Other Key Points

- It provides a structured framework for collaboration on the development, application, and deployment of artificial intelligence solutions.
- The two countries will jointly develop a special program called the Sweden-India Technology and Artificial Intelligence Corridor (SITAC).
- SITAC will serve as a platform for engagement between government agencies, industry stakeholders, startups, and academic institutions from both countries.