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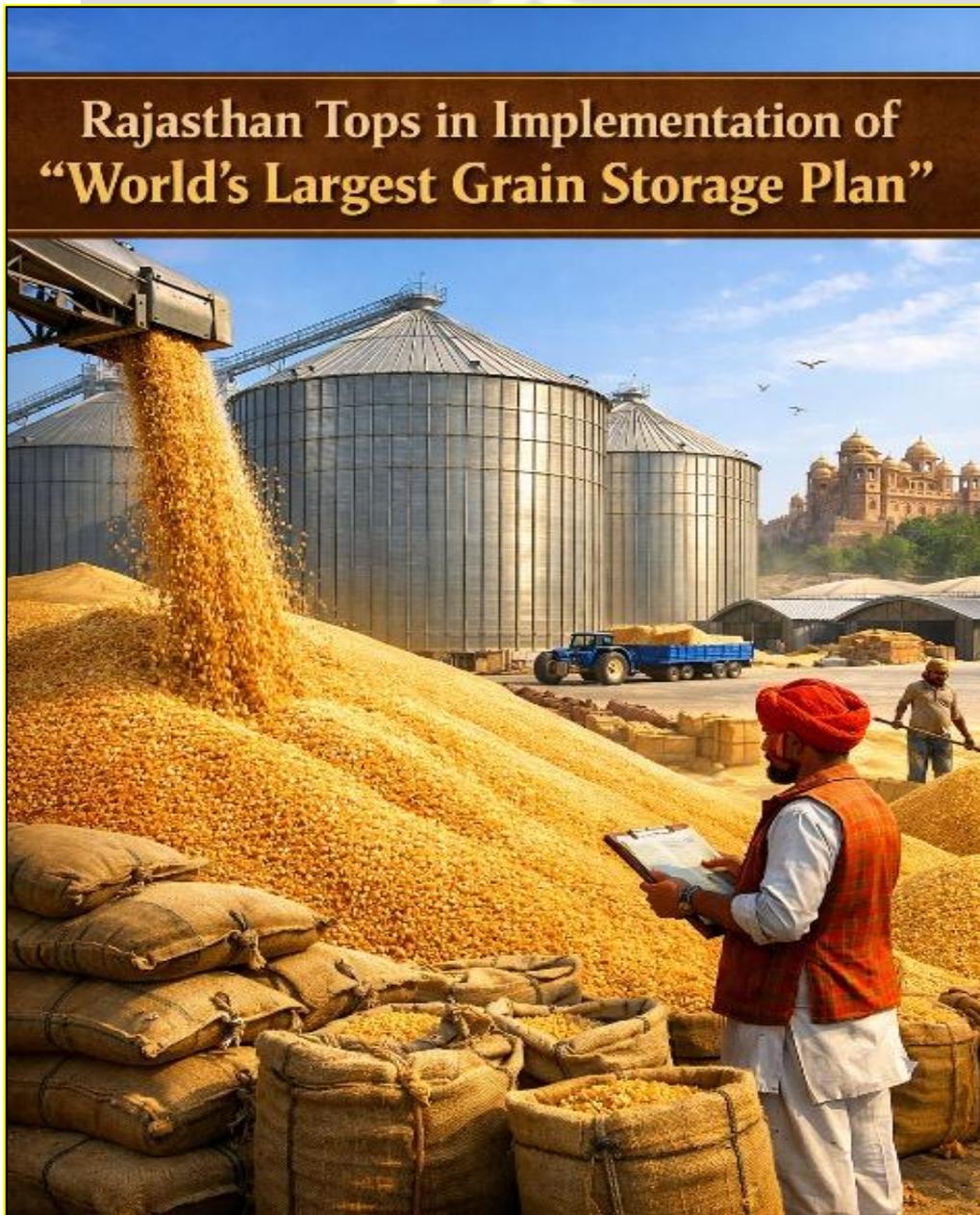


### Rajasthan Leads in Implementation of the 'World's Largest Grain Storage Scheme'



#### Why in News?

- According to data received as of January 31, 2026, Rajasthan ranks first in the country in implementing the World's Largest Grain Storage Scheme.



### Rajasthan Tops in Implementation of "World's Largest Grain Storage Plan"

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## Key Points:

- Additionally, Rajasthan is among the leading states in the country in membership of three multi-state cooperative societies formed at the national level and in the integration of the 'Raj Sahakar Portal' with the NCD portal.
- Rajasthan is the only state in the country where the state government is providing 100% subsidy for the construction of warehouses with a capacity of 500 metric tons.
- Under the World's Largest Grain Storage Scheme, 190 out of 200 warehouses with a capacity of 500 metric tons, have been approved so far, while construction of 95 warehouses has been completed.

## About the Scheme:

- To address the shortage of food storage capacity in the country, the 'World's Largest Food Storage Scheme in the Cooperative Sector' was approved by the Central Government on May 31, 2023, which was initially launched as a pilot project.
- The scheme integrates the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure Scheme (AMI), Sub-Scheme on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM), Pradhan Mantri Micro Food Industries Upgradation Scheme (PMFME), etc.
- The scheme involves construction of various agricultural infrastructure such as warehouses, custom hiring centers, processing units, fair price shops at the Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS) level.

## Other important points:

### 8th Meeting of the State Cooperative Development Committee (SCDC):

- Recently, the 8th meeting of the State Cooperative Development Committee (SCDC) was held in Jaipur under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary V. Srinivas.

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- **Main objective:** To promote the 'Saharkaar Se Samridhhi' initiative in Rajasthan.
- The computerization of 5,952 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) in the state has been completed by February 2026. Additionally, 4,141 PACS have been upgraded to Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhhi Kendras and 5,980 PACS to Common Service Centers and e-Mitra kiosks. Currently, 61 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) in Rajasthan are functioning as FPOs.
- **Note:** The state ranks second in the country in the formation of new multipurpose PACS and third in the formation of dairy cooperatives.

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## Republic Day 2026: Outstanding Tableaux from the State-Level Celebration

### Why in News?

- Recently, Rajasthan Chief Secretary V. Srinivasa awarded the outstanding tableaux from various state departments displayed at the Republic Day 2026 state-level celebration.

### Key Points:

#### Top 3 Tableaux:

- First Place:** The Agriculture Department's 'Namo Drone Didi' tableau. (The tableau presented the message of women's empowerment in agriculture and agriculture through modern technologies.)
- Second Place:** The Department of Art and Culture's tableau based on the theme of 'Rajasthani Art'.
- Third Place:** The Department of Medical and Health's tableau based on the theme of 'Maa Yojana'.
- State-Level Celebration:** Sawai Man Singh Stadium, Jaipur.

#### Facts for Prelims:

#### Rajasthan's Tableau on the Path of Duty:

- Rajasthan's tableau showcased 'Usta Art of Bikaner' during the 77th Republic Day Parade held at the Path of Duty in New Delhi.
- The theme of Rajasthan's tableau:** The Golden Touch of the Desert: The Golden Art (Usta Art) of Bikaner.
- Rajasthan's tableau won the third prize in the 'Popular Choice' category of MyGov.

## ‘Center of Excellence for Climate Change’ and ‘Clean and Green Technology Development Center’

### Why in News?

- Recently, the Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with two leading technology institutions in the state to address the challenge of climate change.



### Key Points:

- Under the MoU, the RSPCB will establish a ‘Center of Excellence for Climate Change’ in collaboration with IIT Jodhpur and a ‘Clean and Green Technology Development Center’ in collaboration with MNIT Jaipur.
- These centers are being established in compliance with the announcement in the Rajasthan Budget 2025-26.

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- These centers, established under the Climate Action Plan 2030, will prioritize green skill development, develop waste as a resource, promote a circular economy, and develop data and knowledge hubs for research centers for pollution control.

## Center of Excellence for Climate Change:

- **Cost:** ₹150 crore.
- **Location:** Jagatpura (Jaipur).
- **MoU:** Between the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Jodhpur, and the RSPCB.
- **Objective:** To position the state as a leader in climate change research, policy advice, innovation, and capacity building.
- This center will provide policy and technical advice, prepare detailed climate mapping of Rajasthan, develop early warning systems, and climate adaptation.
- This center is part of the Rajasthan government's long-term strategy, which focuses on a sustainable economy, environmental protection, and strengthening local livelihoods.

## Clean and Green Technology Development Center:

- **Cost:** ₹250 crore
- **Location:** Jagatpura (Jaipur).
- **MoU:** Between Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Jaipur and RSPCB.
- **Objective:** To promote environmental protection, employment generation, and sustainable economic development.

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## Facts for Prelims:

### North India's First Green Hydrogen Hub: Jodhpur

- North India's first Green Hydrogen Innovation Cluster is being established at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Jodhpur.
- This cluster, built on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model, will produce approximately 350 tons of green hydrogen annually, at a cost of \$1 to \$3/kg.
- This will be the fourth green hydrogen cluster in the country and the first in North India. Green hydrogen clusters are also being established in Bhubaneswar (East), Pune (West), and Kerala (South).

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## Rajasthan Education Department's District Academic Ranking

### Why in News?

- Recently, the Rajasthan School Education Department released the District Academic Ranking for January 2026.

### Key Points:

#### Top Five Districts in the District Academic Ranking:

Rank	District Name
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jhunjhunu
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hanumangarh
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Churu
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sikar
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bharatpur

- Banswara and Jaisalmer ranked last in the ranking.
- This ranking is based on an assessment of the performance of all districts in Rajasthan, in indicators such as academic outcomes, daily school operations, and governance.
- Objective:** To conduct regular, data-driven reviews of district performance and strengthen accountability in the school education system.
- The rankings take into account key parameters such as regular student attendance, quality of classroom teaching, monitoring through field visits, and student performance in academic evaluation.

## Facts for Prelims:

### Rajasthan's literacy rate:

- Overall literacy rate: 66.1 percent.
- Male literacy: 79.2 percent.
- Female literacy: 52.1 percent.
- Rural literacy: 61.4 percent.
- Urban literacy: 79.7 percent.

### Districts with the highest literacy rates:

Serial	District	Literacy Rate (in percent)
1.	Kota	76.6
2.	Jaipur	75.5
3.	Jhunjhunu	74.1
4.	Sikar	71.9
5.	Alwar	70.7

### Districts with the lowest literacy rates:

Serial	District	Literacy Rate (in percent)
1.	Jalore	54.9
2.	Sirohi	55.3
3.	Pratapgarh	56.0
4.	Banswara	56.3
5.	Barmer	56.5

## Establishment of 'Atal Knowledge Centers' in Rajasthan

### Why in News?

- The Rajasthan government is establishing Atal Knowledge Centers at the Gram Panchayat level to provide rural youth with digital education, competitive exam preparation, and career counseling.

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हर पंचायत में ज्ञान की रोशनी, अटल ज्ञान केंद्र की होगी स्थापना!

→ आगामी वर्ष में 3 हजार से अधिक जनसंख्या वाले पंचायत मुख्यालयों में अटल ज्ञान केंद्र स्थापित करने की घोषणा



### Key Points:

- Atal Knowledge Centers are being established in a phased manner at each Gram Panchayat headquarters. Financial approval has been issued for 1,687 Atal Knowledge Centers in the first phase.
- The establishment of these centers will reduce the digital divide between urban and rural areas, and the affluent and those with limited resources in the state.

- The primary objective of these centers is to connect rural youth and citizens with modern facilities.
- Each center will have an e-library facility, where books and educational materials will be available in digital form.
- A trained 'Atal Motivator' will be appointed at each center. Additionally, e-mitra and common service centers will be established at the centers, where citizens can avail benefits of state government welfare schemes.

## Facts for Prelims:

### Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)

- **Launched:** 2016.
- **Associated Department:** NITI Aayog.
- **Mission Director of AIM:** Deepak Bagla.
- The Atal Innovation Mission is a major initiative of the Government of India to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in the country.
- Its objective is to develop new programs and policies to foster innovation across various sectors of the economy, provide platforms and collaboration opportunities for various stakeholders, increase public awareness, and develop an umbrella structure to oversee the country's innovation ecosystem.

### Key initiatives implemented under AIM:

- Atal Tinkering Labs.
- Mentor India Mission.
- Atal Incubation Centers.
- Atal Research and Innovation for Small Businesses (ARISE)
- Atal Community Innovation Center.
- Atal New India Challenge.

## New Scientific Research on the Ramgarh Crater

### Why in News?

- Recent geological research on the Ramgarh Crater, located in Baran district, will be presented at the Lunar and Planetary Science Conference 2026.



### Key Points:

- Geologists' research has uncovered microscopic magnetic particles in the crater's sediments, indicating an iron-rich meteorite impact here approximately 165 million years ago.
- According to scientists, this structure was formed during the Middle Jurassic period when a meteorite struck the Earth. This impact created a circular crater approximately 3.5 kilometers in diameter.

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## Chemistry and Minerals

- Chemical tests conducted by geologists revealed the presence of iron, nickel, and silicon in the crater's particles.
- The presence of nickel is considered particularly significant, as it is common in meteorites, while rare in the sandstone rocks of the Ramgarh region.

## Other Important Points:

### Lunar and Planetary Science Conference (LPSC) 2026

- The 57th LPSC will be held in Texas (USA) from March 16 to 20, 2026.
- It is a major international conference in the field of planetary science, bringing together experts in a collaborative environment.

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## NEWS IN SHORTS

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1.	<p><b>Plug and Play Mini Textile Park: Kota</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ A plug and play mini textile park will be established in the Rej Kasar area of Kota. Land was recently identified by the Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Limited (RIICO).</li><li>■ The objective of this cluster is to provide ready-made infrastructure to garment manufacturers so that they can start production without any delay.</li><li>■ <b>Note:</b> To boost garment exports, the Export Promotion Council of India (EPCI) and the Garment Exporters Association of Rajasthan recently organized an 'Exporters Meet' in Sitapura (Jaipur).</li></ul>
2.	<p><b>The country's first tiger reserve with dedicated vehicles for disabled tourists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Ranthambore Tiger Reserve in Sawai Madhopur is the first tiger reserve in the country to provide dedicated vehicles for disabled tourists.</li></ul>
3.	<p><b>State-Level Forest Fair: Jaipur</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Recently, a two-day state-level forest fair was held in Jaipur.</li><li>■ <b>Venue:</b> Secretariat Nursery, Jaipur.</li><li>■ <b>Duration:</b> February 9 and 10, 2026</li><li>■ <b>Inauguration:</b> Minister of Forest, Environment and Climate Change, Sanjay Sharma.</li><li>■ <b>Objective:</b> To promote nature conservation and environmental awareness.</li><li>■ The Rajasthan Forest Department will organize division-level and district-level forest fairs, modeled after those in Udaipur and Kota.</li></ul>

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## Construction of an Aqueduct on the Chambal River

- As part of the first phase of the 'Ram Setu Link Project', an aqueduct is being constructed on the Chambal River in Kota and Bundi.
- This aqueduct is being built between Pipalda Samel village in Digod tehsil of Kota and Guhata village in Indragarh tehsil of Bundi.
- The length of this aqueduct is 2280 meters. The internal width of the aqueduct is 41.25 meters and its height is 7.7 meters.

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## Five places in Ajmer renamed

- Recently, the Rajasthan Home Department changed the name of the Christian Ganj police station in Ajmer to Krishna Ganj.
- Other names changed:
- **Foy Sagar** – Varun Sagar.
  - **King Edward Memorial** – Maharishi Dayanand Rest House.
  - **Hotel Khadim** – Hotel Ajaymeru.
  - **Elevated road renamed** – Ram Setu.

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## History and Culture

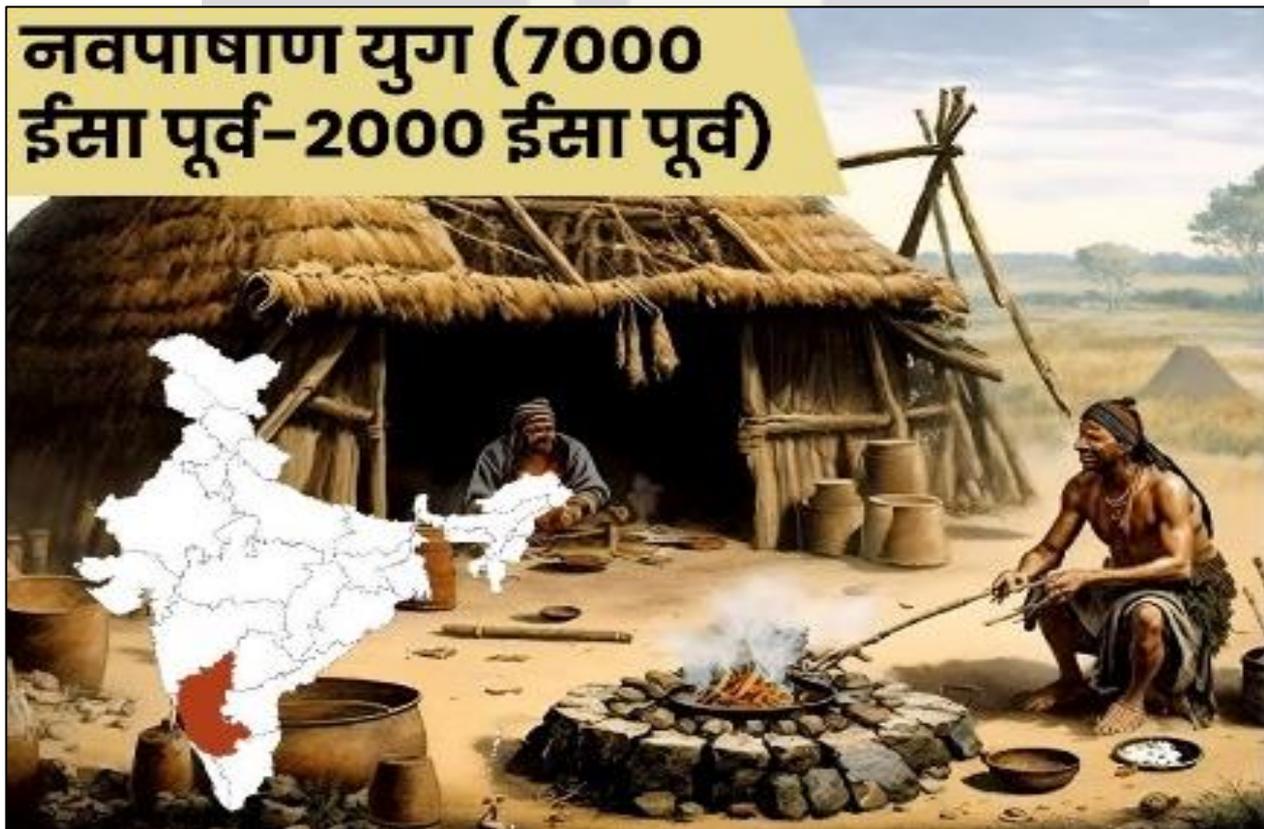


### Neolithic Age (7000 BCE – 2000 BCE)



#### Why in News?

- A highly preserved human burial site has recently been discovered in the Bellary district of Karnataka. This burial site belongs to the Neolithic and later periods.



#### Key Points:

##### Neolithic Age – Additional Information-

- **Characteristics:** Stone tools prepared by polishing or grinding, reliance on plants and animals for agriculture, permanent rural settlements, and pottery.
- Neolithic cultures in India were contemporary to the Harappan, Chalcolithic, and food-gathering communities.
- **Neolithic sites in India:** Kashmir (Burjhom), Vindhya region, Mirzapur, Belan Valley, North Bihar, Assam and the sub-Himalayan region, peninsular India, etc.



## INTERNATIONAL



### India and Greece



#### Why in News?

- India and Greece have signed a joint declaration to promote defense industrial cooperation.



#### Key Points:

##### Highlights of the declaration and meeting:

- **Defense Industrial Cooperation:** The meeting between Defense Minister Rajnath Singh and Greek Defense Minister Nikolaos-Georgios Dendias aimed to strengthen defense industrial cooperation between the two countries.
- **5-Year Roadmap:** This declaration is the first step towards developing a five-year roadmap to enhance partnership in the defense sector.

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- **Expanding Indigenous Capabilities:** Both countries agreed to enhance their indigenous defense industrial capabilities by synergizing India's 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' campaign and Greece's 'Agenda 2030' defense reforms.
- **Military Cooperation Plan 2026:** The meeting also exchanged a bilateral Military Cooperation Plan for the year 2026, which will outline future military engagements between the armed forces of the two countries.
- **Maritime Security:** Greece has announced the deployment of an International Liaison Officer at the Gurugram-based Information Fusion Centre-Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR), which will enhance maritime security cooperation.
- This move is a major milestone towards further strengthening the Strategic Partnership established between the two countries in 2023.

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## India-Malaysia Diplomatic Relations

### Why in News?

- A joint statement was issued during the Prime Minister's visit to Malaysia. It emphasized a shared commitment to regional stability, economic integration, and technology cooperation.
- India-Malaysia diplomatic relations were elevated to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in August 2024.

### Key Points:



## Key announcements made in the Joint Statement:

### Strategic and Defense Cooperation:

- A Working Group on Strategic Affairs and the Su-30 Forum will be established. The Su-30 Forum will enable cooperation on maintenance and technical expertise between the air forces of the two countries.
- A call for 'zero tolerance' towards terrorism was made.

### Energy and Climate Cooperation:

- Malaysian companies are expanding investments in India's solar energy and green hydrogen sectors.
- A shared commitment to net-zero emissions was expressed.
- **Semiconductor cooperation:** Focus will be on workforce development, supply chain resilience, and institutional linkages.

## Cooperation between India and Malaysia in Semiconductor Industry



### What it means?

Will help build  
India's capacity  
in this sector

Resilient and stable  
semiconductor supply  
chains

Enhances  
competitiveness

Increases  
job opportunities

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## Trade and Investment:

- Encouraging trade settlement in local currencies (INR–MYR) with the support of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Bank Negara Malaysia.
- Cooperation is underway in trade, resilient supply chains, investment, and advanced manufacturing.

## Food Security and Agriculture

- Malaysia reiterated its commitment as a reliable oil palm supplier.

## Regional and Multilateral Cooperation

- Reiterated support for UN reforms and India's permanent membership in a reformed UN Security Council (UNSC).
- Supported ASEAN Centrality and the implementation of the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP) for Peace.
- This included promoting cooperation between the AOIP and India's Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI).
- Both countries reiterated their commitment to freedom of navigation etc. based on the principles of international law, as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) 1982

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## India-US Interim Trade Agreement Framework

### Why in News?

- India and the United States have presented an interim trade framework aimed at reducing tariffs, strengthening energy ties, and deepening economic cooperation.

**9 TRADE DEALS IN 6 YEARS**

 India-US Trade Deal 2026	
 India-EU FTA 2026	 India-New Zealand FTA 2025
 India-Oman CEPA 2025	 India-UK CETA 2025
 India-EFTA TEPA 2024	 India-Australia ECTA 2022
 India-UAE CEPA 2022	 India-Mauritius CECPA 2021



## Key Points:

- This framework is a precursor to a comprehensive US-India Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) scheduled to commence in February 2025.
- The agreement aims to enhance reciprocal, balanced trade and supply chain security.

### India's Tariff Actions

- Eliminating or reducing tariffs on all US industrial goods.
- Reducing tariffs on various US agricultural and food products, such as dry grains, red sorghum, nuts, etc.
- Providing preferential market access in select sectors.

### US Tariff Actions

- Imposing an 18% tariff on most Indian goods, including textiles, apparel, and others.
- Tariffs on Indian goods such as generic medicines and aircraft parts will be removed once the interim agreement comes into force.

### Steel, Aluminum, and Auto Parts

- Removal of certain duties on Indian aircraft parts related to steel, aluminum, and copper.
- India will receive preferential tariff-rate quotas for auto parts.

### Non-Tariff Barriers

- India will review barriers affecting medical devices, information and communications technology (ICT) goods, and agricultural products imported from the United States.
- The aim of the negotiations will be to adopt American or international standards within six months.

### India's Purchase Commitments

- India plans to purchase US goods worth \$500 billion over the next five years, including energy products and technology.

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