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### ‘Maharana Pratap Sports University’ – Amer (Jaipur)



#### Why in News?

- On March 10, 2026, the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly passed the ‘Maharana Pratap Sports University Jaipur Bill, 2025’ by voice vote.



#### Key Points:

- **Announcement:** In the Rajasthan Budget 2024-25.
- **Location:** The ‘Maharana Pratap Sports University’ will be established in Amer, Jaipur at a cost of over ₹100 crore.
- This university will provide study and training in areas such as the School of Sports Sciences, School of Sports Coaching, School of Physical Education, School of Sports Medicine, School of Sports Management, School of Sports Technology, School of Adventure Sports, etc.
- Additionally, the university will serve as a center for research in areas such as biomechanics, physiotherapy, sports psychology, data analysis, sports medicine, and nutrition science.
- This university will help in fulfilling the objectives of the 'National Education Policy – 2020' and 'Khelo India Policy – 2025'.
- **Note:** Khelo India Policy 2025 is an initiative launched by the Government of India on July 1, 2025. Its main objective is to create a strong, inclusive, and performance-based sports ecosystem in the country. This policy replaces the old National Sports Policy of 2001.

- **University Advisory Council:** It will have a nationally renowned person appointed by the Chancellor as its Chairperson. The members will be the Vice Chancellor, the Principal Secretary of the Youth Affairs and Sports Department, the President or nominee of the Rajasthan State Sports Council, the Executive Director of the Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports, Patiala, two prominent athletes recognized as referees or umpires in international sports, five athletes representing the country in the Olympics or World Championships, two athletes receiving the Arjuna, Dronacharya, Guru Vashishtha, or Maharana Pratap Awards, and the Dean of the Faculty of Physiotherapy at the Rajasthan University of Health Sciences.
- **Facts for Prelims (Economic Survey 2025-26):**
- **Khelo India University Games-2025:** The Khelo India University Games-2025 were organized in all divisional headquarters in Rajasthan from November 24 to December 5, 2025. Competitions were held in 24 sports disciplines.
- **Khelo India Youth Games – 2025:** Rajasthan secured third place in the Khelo India Youth Games 2025, held in Bihar, winning a total of 60 medals (24 gold, 12 silver, and 24 bronze).
- **38th National Games:** Players from Rajasthan won 43 medals (9 gold, 11 silver, and 23 bronze) in the 38th National Games held in Uttarakhand.
- **Sports Life Insurance Scheme:** The Rajasthan government has launched the 'Sports Life Insurance Scheme' to provide security coverage to athletes, under which accident and life insurance up to ₹25 lakh is being provided to international medal-winning athletes.
- **One District-One Sport Scheme:** To strengthen sports expertise at the district level, the 'One District-One Sport Scheme' has been launched, under which one major sport has been selected for each district.
- **Mission Olympics-2028:** World-class training, sports kits, and coaching support to 50 talented athletes.
- **To increase women's participation in sports:** Residential Girls' Sports Institutes established in Jaipur, Bharatpur, and Udaipur.

## NEWS IN SHORTS

S. No.	News
1.	<p><b>"The Rise of Parliamentary Culture: 2 Years of Innovations" Book</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma recently released the book "The Rise of Parliamentary Culture: 2 Years of Innovations" written by Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani at the Constitution Club of Rajasthan (Jaipur).</li><li>During the event, the second edition of Vasudev Devnani's previously written book "Atal Drishti of Sanatan Sanskriti" was also released.</li></ul>
2.	<p><b>Rajasthan Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 2026 Passed by the Assembly</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>On March 10, 2026, the Rajasthan Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 2026 was passed by the Assembly by voice vote.</li><li>Through the amendment bill, candidates with more than two children will also be able to participate in urban body elections.</li><li>Additionally, the amendment bill excludes leprosy from the list of dangerous diseases defined in the Rajasthan Municipalities Act 2009, ensuring that there is no discrimination against individuals affected or treated for leprosy.</li></ul>
3.	<p><b>Meeting on National Household Income Survey (NHIS): Jaipur</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The National Statistical Office (NSO) will launch the country's first National Household Income Survey (NHIS) from April 2026. An important meeting in this regard was recently held in Jaipur.</li><li>A regional training camp for this survey was organized in Jaipur. The primary objective of this training was to train enumerators and statistical officers conducting the survey on the nuances and methods of data collection.</li></ul>

- 4. Krishna Nagar wins two medals at the 7th Senior National Para Badminton Championship**

  - Krishna Nagar of Jaipur won two medals at the 7th Senior National Para Badminton Championship held in Hyderabad, Telangana.
  - He won gold medals in both the men's singles (SH6) and mixed doubles (SH6) categories.
  - **Men's singles SH6 category:** Defeated Sudarshan MS 21-10, 21-19.
  - **Mixed doubles SH6 category:** Paired with Nithyashree Sumathi Sivan, defeated Sudarshan MS and Shreya Kumari 21-7, 21-11.
- 5. Book 'Shaping Tomorrow's Cities: From Climate Risk to Green Opportunities'**

  - Recently, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel released the book 'Shaping Tomorrow's Cities: From Climate Risk to Green Opportunities' by Shalini Agarwal (IAS), a native of Rajasthan.
  - **Topic:** This book focuses on the opportunities for transforming the challenges of rapid urbanization into sustainable and climate-resilient cities.
- 6. Chess Player Vani Jain**

  - Recently, the Women Power Society Foundation (WPSF), an organization dedicated to women and child development, appointed Rajasthan's chess player Vani Jain as the brand ambassador for its National Sports Department.
  - Vani Jain has been dedicated to sports for the past two years and has organized camps in various locations to teach chess to children.
- 7. Sawan Khan Dabdi Passes Away**

  - Jaisalmer's renowned Sufi singer and international folk artist, Sawan Khan Dabdi, passed away on March 9, 2026, at the age of 70.
  - He was the first artist from Jaisalmer to perform on a prestigious platform like Coke Studio.
  - He sang many famous folk songs such as "Umar Madu," "Mitho Kaglo," and "Rangar Chain." He also contributed to the song "Taqdeer Takht Chadhayo" from the Bollywood film "Highway."

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## Approval of the 'Rajasthan Agricultural Produce Market Yard Land Acquisition Policy'

- On March 10, 2026, the Chief Minister approved the 'Rajasthan Agricultural Produce Market Yard Land Acquisition Policy' to make the land acquisition process related to market development transparent and streamlined.
- This policy will strengthen the infrastructure in the market committee premises and facilitate the marketing of agricultural produce.

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## Goals for the upcoming monsoon under Mission 'Hariyalo Rajasthan'

- Under Mission 'Hariyalo Rajasthan', which aims to increase the green cover in the state, a target of planting 10 crore saplings has been set for the upcoming monsoon season of 2026.
- Under this mission, a target of planting a total of 50 crore saplings has been set in the state from 2024 to 2028.
- In 2024, under the "Chief Minister's Tree Plantation Campaign," 72.2 million saplings were planted against a target of 70 million. Similarly, in the 2025 monsoon season, more than 117.4 million saplings were planted against a target of 100 million.
- A three-tier task force has been established to effectively monitor the tree plantation program. This includes a state-level task force headed by the Chief Secretary at the state level, a task force headed by the District Collector at the district level, and a task force headed by the Sub-Divisional Officer at the subdivision level.

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## Rajasthan's First Integrated Resource Recovery Park: Jaipur

- Rajasthan's first Integrated Resource Recovery Park has been established in Tholai (Jamwaramgarh), Jaipur.
- **Waste to Wonder Park:** Mansarovar, Jaipur.
- **Zero Waste Park:** Andhi Village, Jaipur.

## NATIONAL

### Ranji Trophy

#### Why in News?

- Recently, Jammu and Kashmir defeated Karnataka to win the Ranji Trophy cricket title for the first time.



#### Key Points:

- Player of the Series:** Aqib Nabi
- Man of the Match:** Shubham Pundir
- Event:** The final match of the 2025-26 Ranji Trophy season was held at the KSCA Cricket Stadium in Hubli, Karnataka.
- Winner:** Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Team (Captain: Paras Dogra)
- Runner-up:** Karnataka
- Tournament:** October 15, 2025 to February 28, 2025.
- NOTE:** In the 2024-25 season, Vidarbha won the Ranji Trophy by defeating Kerala.

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## Economic Developments



### Ease of Doing Business in India



#### Why in News?

- In recent years, several digital initiatives have been launched that have played a significant role in improving the 'ease of doing business' in India.



#### Key Points:

##### Key Digital Initiatives

##### Business Registration and Regulation

- **MCA21 Version 3:** An AI-powered platform for end-to-end registry services with e-scrutiny and e-adjudication features.
- **SPICe+ Forms:** Consolidates 10 essential processes (such as DIN, PAN, TAN, and GSTIN) into a single web form.
- **Others:** Udyam Portal for MSME registration, Business Reforms Action Plan to reduce compliance burden.

##### Clearances and Environmental Clearances

- **PARIVESH 3.0:** Uses AI and GIS-based land bank for streamlined environmental and forest clearances.
- **e-Gram SWARAJ:** For tracking the use of development funds.
- National Single Window System provides approvals across 32 central departments and states.

##### Taxation and Trade Facilitation

- **GSTN and e-Way Bill:** Automated taxation mechanisms.
- **TReDS (Trade Receivables Discounting System):** Electronic platform facilitating TReDS for MSME liquidity (cash flow).

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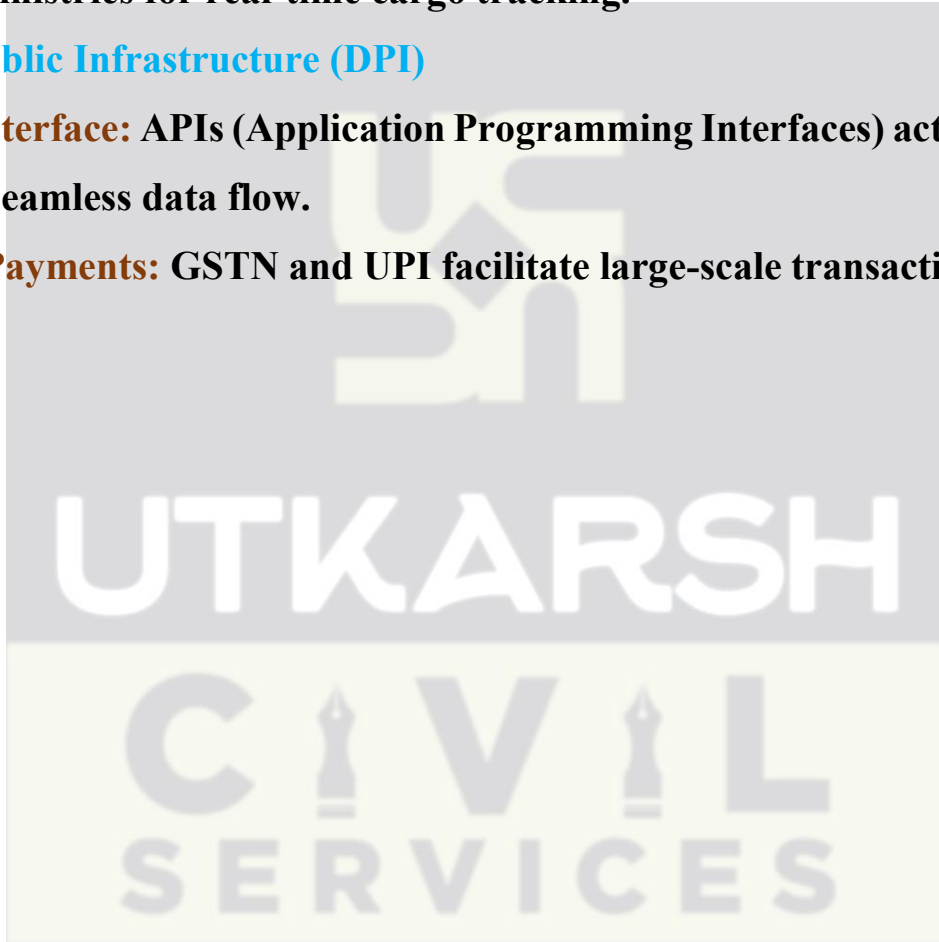


## Logistics and Market Access

- **PM GatiShakti NMP:** To reduce logistics costs and improve last-mile connectivity.
- **ULIP (Unified Logistics Interface Platform):** Integrates 35+ systems from various ministries for real-time cargo tracking.

## Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)

- **Unified Interface:** APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) act as a bridge, enabling seamless data flow.
- **Scalable Payments:** GSTN and UPI facilitate large-scale transaction volumes.



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## Indian Governance and State System

### Central Industrial Security Force: Foundation Day

#### Why in News?

- March 10, 2026, marked the 57th Foundation Day of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).



#### Key Points:

- Established:** March 10, 1969 (under the Central Industrial Security Force Act, 1968)
- Subordination:** CISF functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Objective:** To realize the organization's vision in a cost-effective manner through optimal utilization of resources, continuously upgrading skills and developing core competencies, adopting cutting-edge technologies, and providing holistic security solutions.

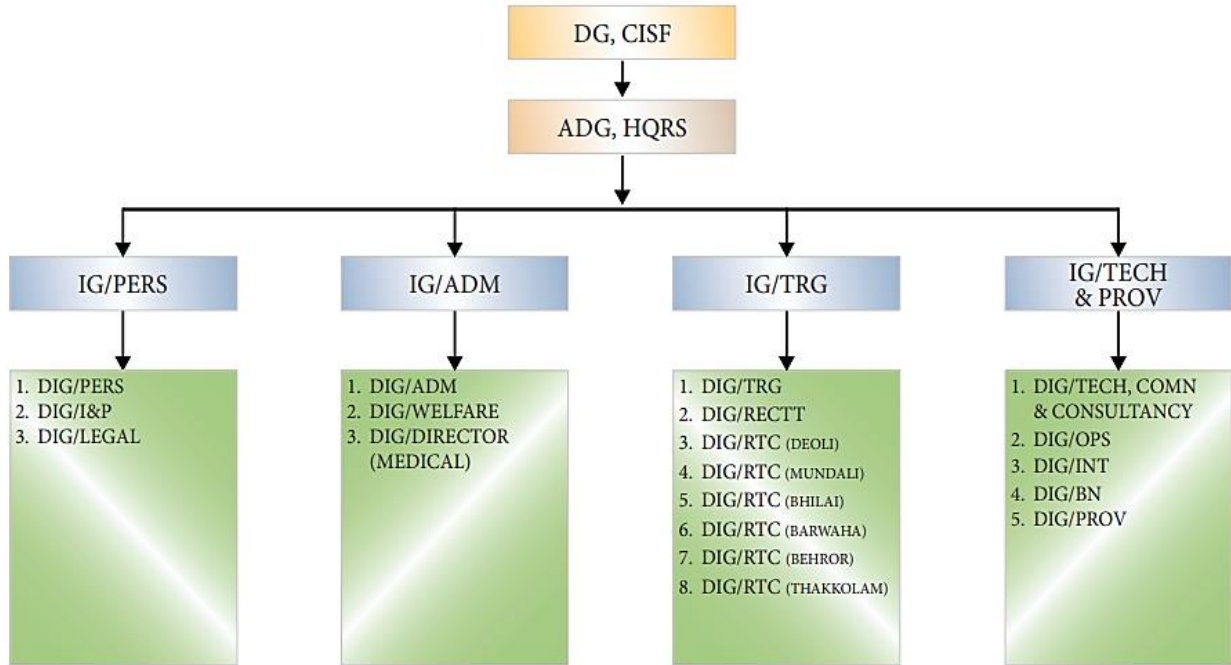
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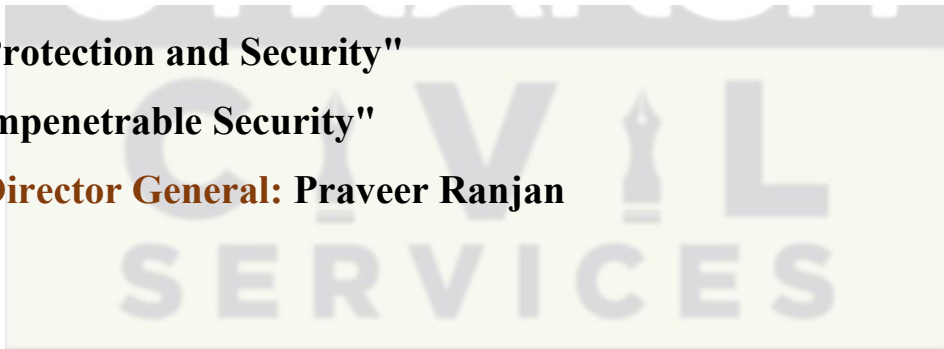


## Organization:

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- **Motto:** "Protection and Security"
- **Ethos:** "Impenetrable Security"
- **Current Director General:** Praveer Ranjan



## New Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog

### Why in News?

- Recently, the central government appointed Nidhi Chhibber, a 1994 batch IAS officer of Chhattisgarh cadre, as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the government think tank NITI Aayog.



### Key Points:

- Appointment:** By the Department of Personnel and Training.
- Nidhi Chhibber:** She was serving as the Director General of the Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO) at NITI Aayog.
- Previously, Chhibber was designated as Additional Secretary at NITI Aayog and was appointed as Officer on Special Duty in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries in April 2025.

### Other important points:

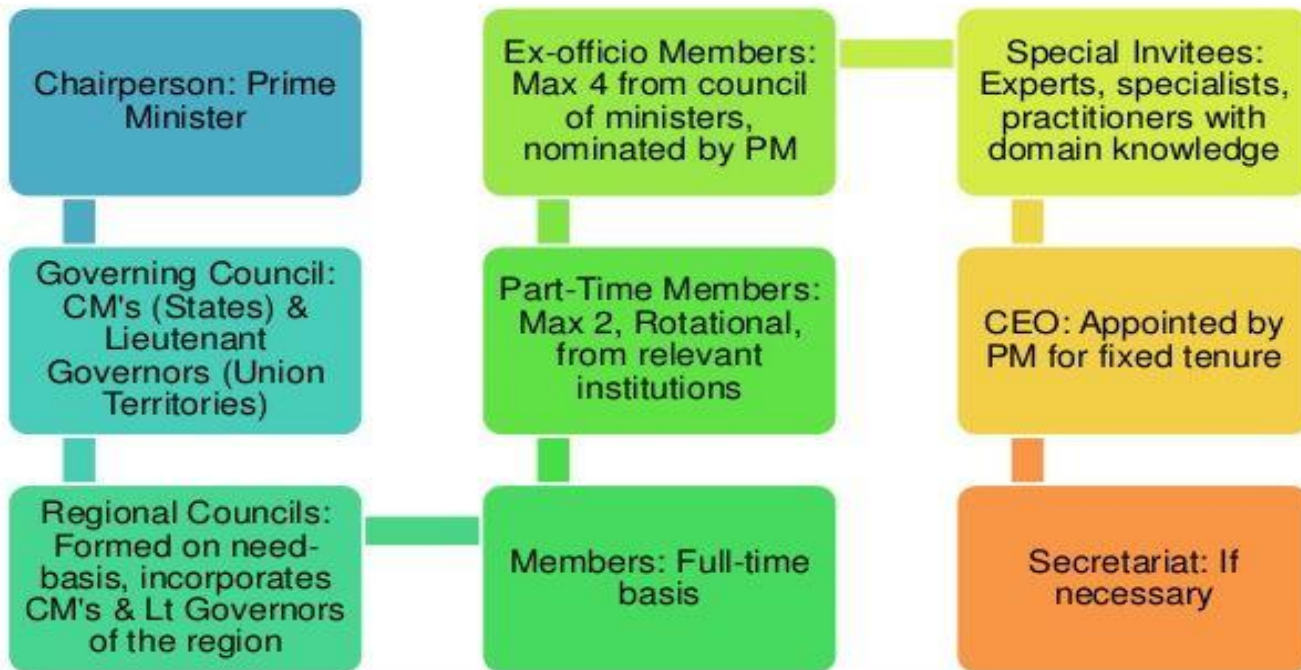
- NITI Aayog (NITI: National Institution for Transforming India):**
- Establishment:** Established on January 1, 2015, by an executive resolution, replacing the Planning Commission (March 1950).

### Current office bearers of NITI Aayog:

- Chairperson:** Narendra Modi (Prime Minister of India)
- Vice Chairperson:** Suman Beri
- CEO:** Nidhi Chhibber

■ **Organization:**

## Composition of NITI Aayog



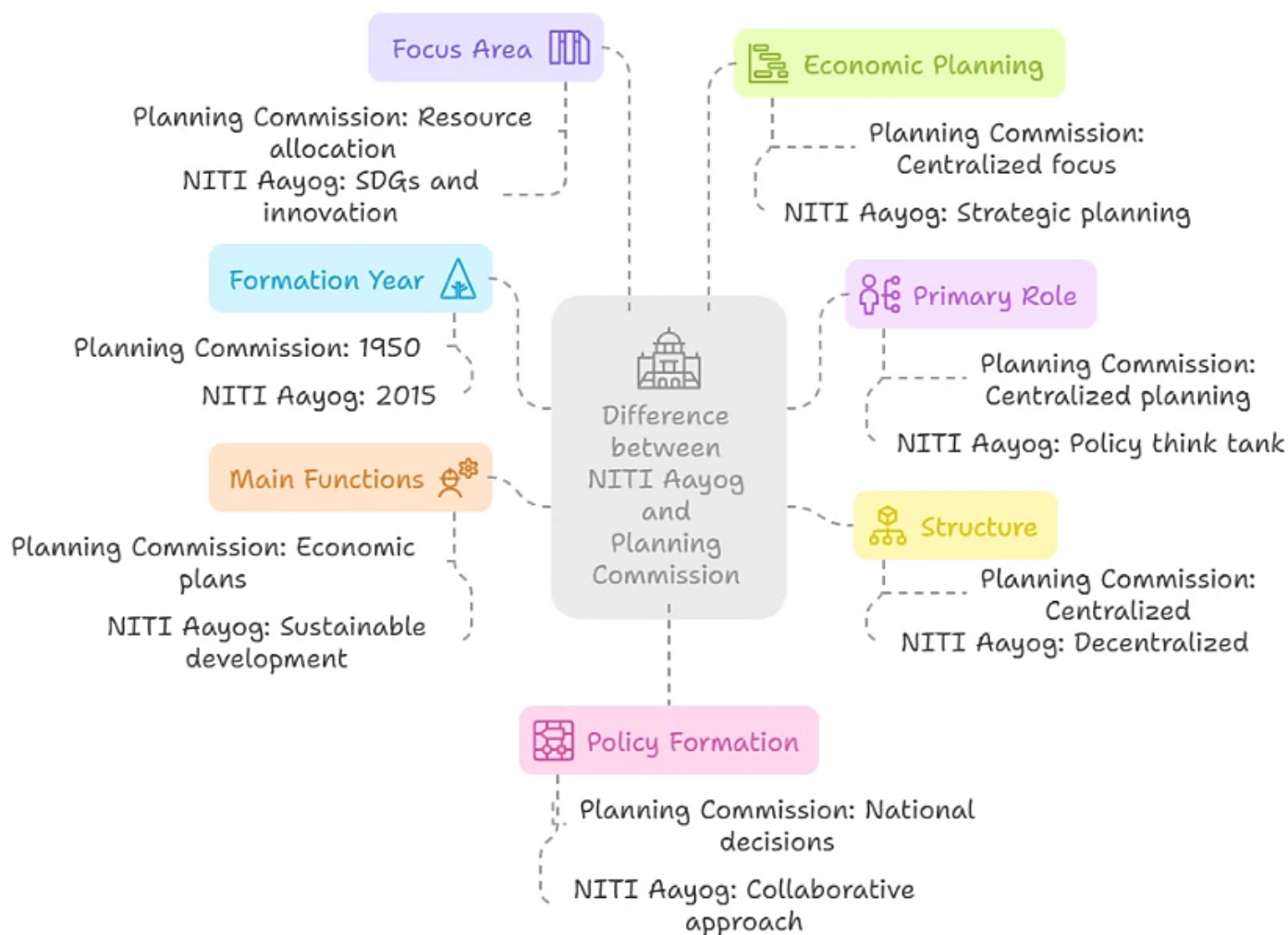
■ **7 Pillars of NITI Aayog:**



- **Key initiatives of NITI Aayog:** SDG India Index, Comprehensive Water Management Index, School Education Quality Index, District Hospital Index, Health Index, India Innovation Index, Agricultural Marketing and Farmer-Friendly Reforms Index, Good Governance Index, Atal Innovation Mission, SATH Project, Aspirational Districts Programme, Women Transforming India Awards, Women Entrepreneurship Forum, 75 Years of New India Strategy, Methanol Economy Programme, e-Amrit Portal

## NITI Aayog vs. Planning Commission:

### Comparative Analysis of Planning Commission and NITI Aayog





### Exercise Lamitie 2026



#### Why in News?

- A contingent of the Indian Armed Forces arrived in Seychelles to participate in Exercise Lamitie 2026.



#### Key Points:

#### Exercise Lamitie

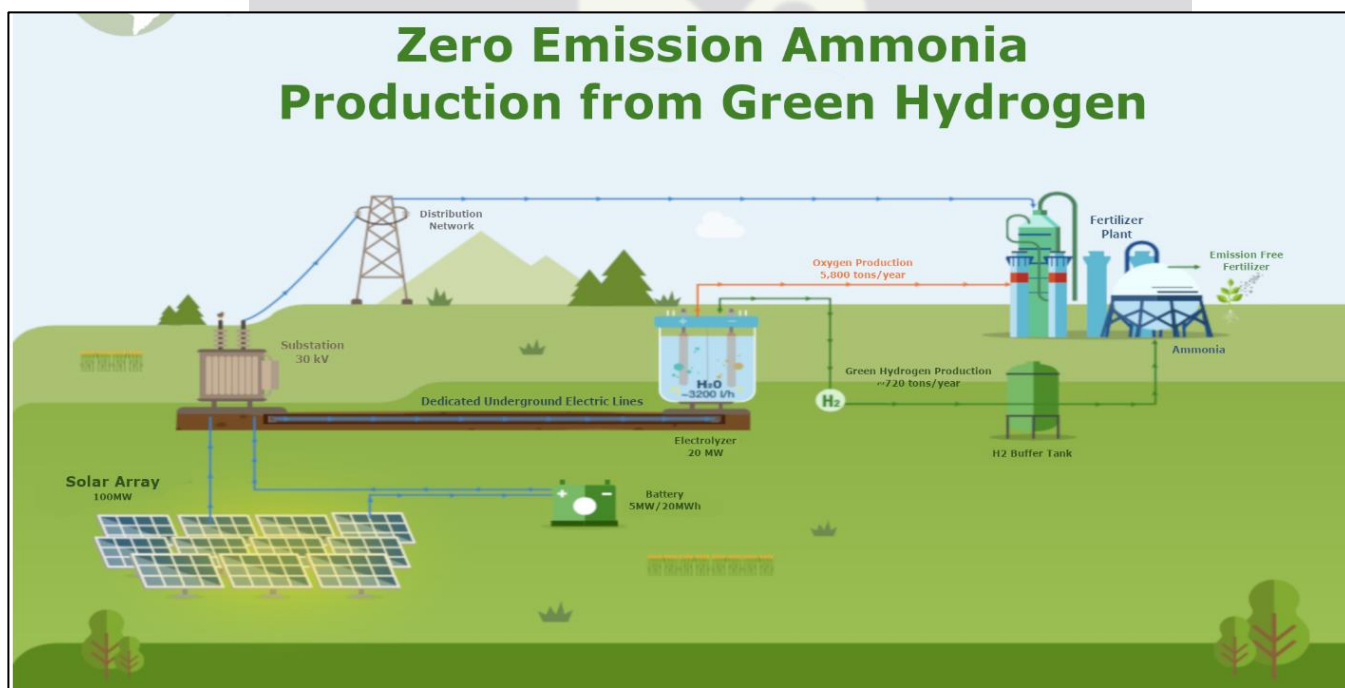
- This is a joint military exercise between India and Seychelles held every two years.
- For the first time, all three armed forces are participating from India's side in the 2026 edition.

## ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

### Standards for Green Ammonia and Green Methanol

#### Why in News?

- On March 7, 2026, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy notified emission standards for green ammonia and green methanol for the trade of green hydrogen products under the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM).



#### Key Points:

- Objective of establishing the standards:** To promote the development and trade of green hydrogen derivatives in India.

#### Green Ammonia Standards for India:

- Green Ammonia Limit:** India's new green ammonia standard requires that total non-biogenic greenhouse gas emissions not exceed 0.38 kg carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) equivalent per kilogram of ammonia (Kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq/kg NH<sub>3</sub>).

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- Green Ammonia Classification:** These standards define the maximum emission levels permitted for ammonia to be classified as 'green'.
- Emissions Calculation:** Emissions calculations include emissions from three hydrogen products: ammonia synthesis, purification, compression, and on-site storage. Emissions are calculated as an average over the past 12 months.

- **Green Ammonia:** Green ammonia is a carbon-neutral, renewable fuel and fertilizer feedstock produced by combining green hydrogen produced through electrolysis using wind or solar energy with nitrogen.

## Green Methanol Standards for India:

- Green Methanol Limit:** India's Green Methanol Standard requires that total non-biogenic greenhouse gas emissions not exceed 0.44 kg carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) equivalent per kilogram (kgCO<sub>2</sub>eq/kgCH<sub>3</sub>-OH).
- Green Methanol Classification:** These standards define the emission limits required for methanol to be classified as "green."
- Emissions Calculation:** Emissions calculations include emissions from green hydrogen production, methanol synthesis, purification, and on-site storage. These are also calculated as a 12-month average.
- Green Methanol Sources:** As per the notification, CO<sub>2</sub> for green methanol emissions can be obtained from biogenic sources, direct air capture (DAC), or existing industrial sources.

- **Green Methanol:** It is a low-carbon, renewable liquid fuel and chemical feedstock produced from biomass (biomethanol) or green hydrogen.
- It is a sustainable, net-zero alternative to conventional fossil-based methanol, capable of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 60–95%.

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## Other key points:

### National Green Hydrogen Mission:

- **Launch:** January 2023 (announced in Budget 2021-22)
- **Target:** Achieve 5 million tonnes per annum of green hydrogen production capacity in the country by 2030.
- **Ministry:** Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India.

### Mission Strategy:

1. Development of Green Hydrogen Hubs.
2. Establishment of Green Hydrogen Ecosystems.
3. Implementation through Public-Private Partnerships.
4. Research and Development (Strategic Hydrogen Innovation Partnership - SHIP).
5. Integrated Skill Development Programs

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### White Phosphorus

#### 📣 Why in News?

- Human Rights Watch has claimed Israel's use of white phosphorus in Lebanon. It is a type of chemical weapon.



#### 📌 Key Points:

#### White Phosphorus

- **Properties:** It is a translucent, yellowish-white, wax-like solid.
- It glows in the dark and ignites immediately upon contact with air.
- **Main hazards:** It is highly toxic to humans. It causes severe burns to the skin and deep tissues, and if inhaled or swallowed, it causes severe damage to internal organs.
- **Weapon Use:** Primarily used as a flammable substance for smoke screens and lighting.

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## Darknet

### Why in News?

- The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has busted a darknet drug network called 'Team Kalki', operating across the country since January 2025.



### Key Points:

#### Darknet

- The darknet is a part of the internet that is deliberately hidden and cannot be accessed through normal web browsers or search engines.
- Accessing it requires special software (TOR) configuration.
- Users remain anonymous, and their identities and locations are kept secret through encryption. The darknet is a subset of the deep web.
- It is used for drug trafficking, the exchange of pornographic material, and other illegal activities.

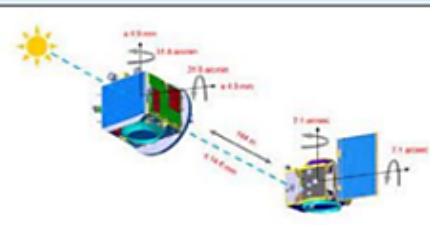
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## Proba-3 Mission

### Why in News?

- Recently, the European Space Agency (ESA) lost contact with the Coronagraph spacecraft, one of the two satellites in the Proba-3 mission, and the spacecraft went into silent survival mode.

Aspect	Details	
Mission Overview	Proba-3 is a pioneering <b>ESA mission involving two spacecraft</b> , demonstrating precision formation flying in space. The goal is to form a <b>144-meter-long solar coronagraph</b> for study of the Sun's corona (It is being tried 1 <sup>st</sup> time in the world)	
Precision Formation Flying	Proba-3's two satellites, the <b>Coronagraph spacecraft and the Occulter spacecraft</b> , <b>autonomously</b> maintain formation to a few millimetres at distances of 144 m or more for six hours at a time. This autonomous formation opens possibilities for <b>future large-scale missions</b> , including Mars Sample return and satellite de-orbiting.	
Technology Validation	Proba-3 serves as <b>a space laboratory to validate strategies, guidance, navigation, control algorithms, and key technologies</b> like metrology instruments. Techniques and simulators developed will have broader applications, preparing for future space missions.	
Role of ESA and PSLV	ESA is responsible <b>for designing and implementing</b> the mission, while PSLV is the launch vehicle. Proba-3 signifies a significant step in formation flying, placing the spacecraft in a highly elliptical orbit of 600 x 60530 km.	
About Sun's Corona	The Sun's corona is the <b>outermost layer of its atmosphere</b> , characterized by a faint, ghostly glow. Studying the Sun's corona is essential for <b>unravelling mysteries about solar processes</b> , enhancing space weather predictions, and gaining insights into the broader implications of solar activity on both the solar system and Earth.	

### Key Points:

- Introduction:** The world's first precision formation-flying mission designed to study the Sun's atmosphere.
- Manufactured and designed by:** European Space Agency (ESA)
- Launch:** Launched on December 5, 2024, from ISRO's Satish Dhawan Space Centre, by a PSLV-C-59 rocket.

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- **Objective:** To create an artificial solar eclipse in space to observe the Sun's faint outer atmosphere, the corona.

## Features:

- **Objective/Goal:** To demonstrate precision formation flying.
- **Dual spacecraft system:** 2 independent satellites; Includes a coronagraph (carrying a camera) and an occulter (blocking sunlight).
- **Precise flight configuration:** The two satellites maintained a precise distance of 150 meters.

## Other key points

Base	Proba-3	Aditya L1
Focus Area	Solar Corona and Space Weather	Solar corona, photosphere, and chromosphere.
Satellite Count	Two satellites launched simultaneously.	Single satellite mission.
Launch Vehicle	ISRO's PSLV rocket.	ISRO's PSLV rocket.
Orbit	Highly elliptical orbit.	Orbiting around L-1 (Lagrange point-1).
Observation Time	Maximum 6 hours per day.	Continuous solar observations at L-1.

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## INDEXES AND REPORTS



### NITI Aayog Report on Natural Farming



#### Why in News?

- NITI Aayog has published a report titled “Empowering Farmers: Natural Farming Training Toolkit & Best Practices Guide.”



#### Key Points:

##### Natural Farming

- It is a chemical-free, livestock-based farming system based on ecological principles.
- This method integrates crops, trees, and animals to maximize biodiversity, thereby maintaining environmental conservation.
- It relies on natural processes occurring in and around the farm, eliminating the need for external chemical inputs.

## Benefits of Natural Farming

- **Economic benefits:** Reduces cultivation costs for major crops by at least 5-10%, and in many cases by 20-55%.
- **Environment and Ecology:** Reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 55-85%.
- It significantly conserves resources, saving 50-60% on water and electricity.
- **Soil health and optimization:** It increases soil organic carbon by 45% and promotes beneficial soil microorganisms.
- **Health and nutrition security:** It protects the health of farmers and consumers by completely avoiding synthetic pesticides and fertilizers.
- **Livestock integration:** It makes livestock economically viable by directly integrating them into agro-ecological farming systems.

## National-level initiatives for natural farming

- **Bharatiya Prakritik Krishi Paddhati (BPKP):** It has been launched as a sub-scheme under the National Mission on Natural Farming.
- **National Mission on Natural Farming:** It aims to persuade 1 crore farmers to adopt natural farming.
- **Other major schemes:** Other government schemes supporting the transition from chemical farming to natural farming include PM Pranam Yojana, SATAAT (Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation), and Galvanising Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan (Gobardhan).

## Trends in International Arms Transfers 2025 Report

### Why in News?

- The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) released a report titled “Trends in International Arms Transfers 2025.”

### Key Points:

- SIPRI is an independent international institute that conducts research on topics related to conflict, weapons, arms control, and disarmament.

### Key Highlights of the Report

- **India is the second-largest importer:** During 2021–25, India was the second-largest importer of major arms globally, behind Ukraine.
- India's share of total global arms imports during this period was 8.2%.
- India's total arms imports declined by 4.0% between 2016–2020 and 2021–2025. This decline is partly due to increased weapons design and production capacity within India.
- **Top Suppliers:** The major arms suppliers to India during 2021–25 were: Russia (40%), France (29%) and Israel (15%).
- **Shift towards Western Countries:** Over the past decade, India has reduced its dependence on Russia in arms imports and shifted towards Western countries, particularly France, Israel and the United States.