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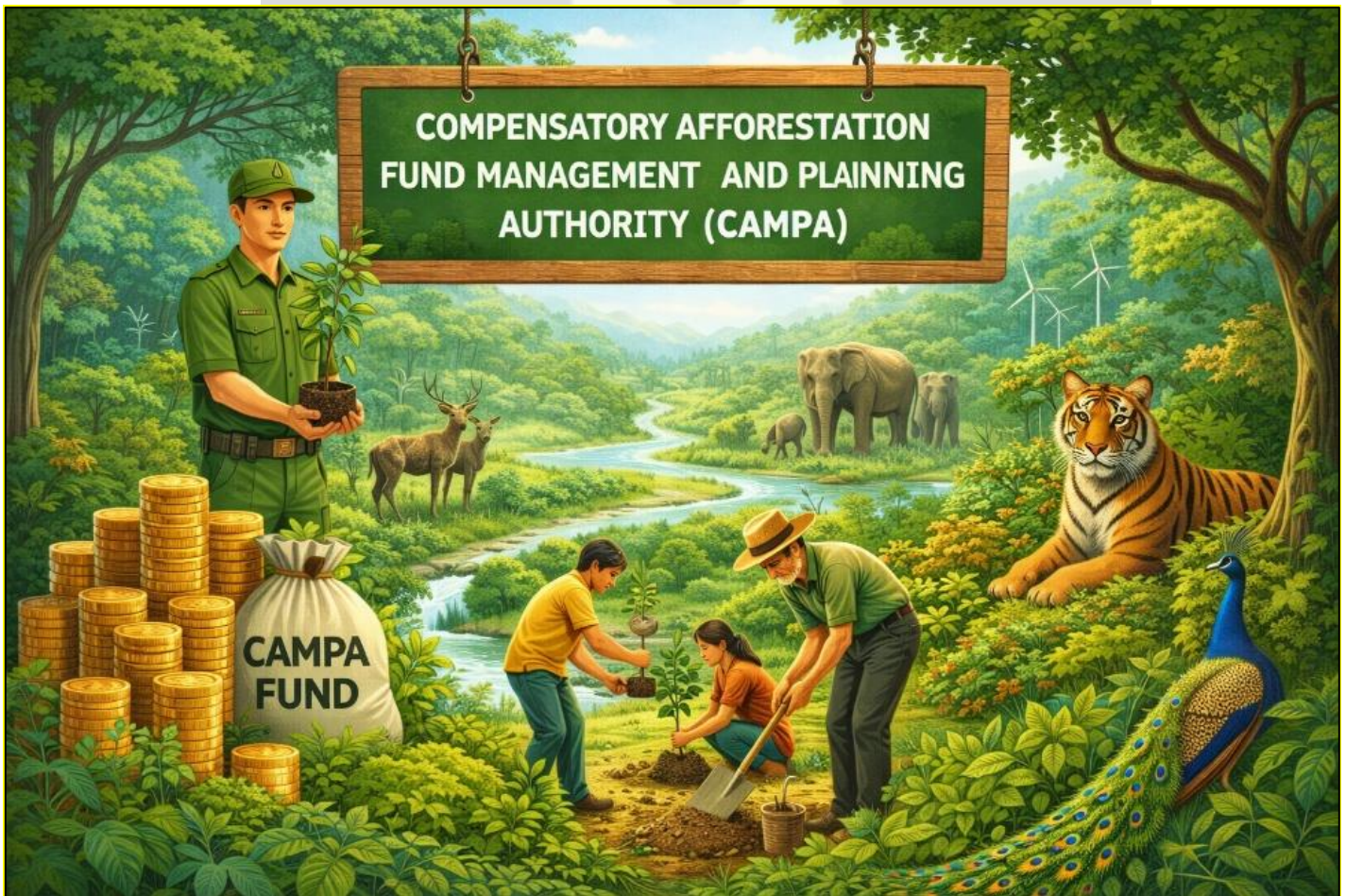


### Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) Rajasthan



#### Why in News?

- Recently, a meeting of the Steering Committee of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) was held in Jaipur under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary V. Srinivas.



#### Key Points:

- Full form of CAMPA:** Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority.

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- The Supreme Court ordered the creation of this fund in 2002 (in the case of T.N. Godavarman vs. Union of India). It has been given statutory status under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 (CAF Act, 2016).
- **Purpose of the Fund:** This fund has been created to compensate for losses incurred when forest land is used for infrastructure development.
- In Rajasthan, the CAMPA Fund is administered by the Rajasthan Forest Department.

## Use of CAMPA funds:

- **Compensatory Afforestation:** Planting trees in new areas.
- **Assisted Natural Regeneration:** Assisting the spontaneous growth of forests.
- **Wildlife Conservation:** Management of sanctuaries and national parks.
- **Infrastructure:** Development of infrastructure necessary for forest protection.

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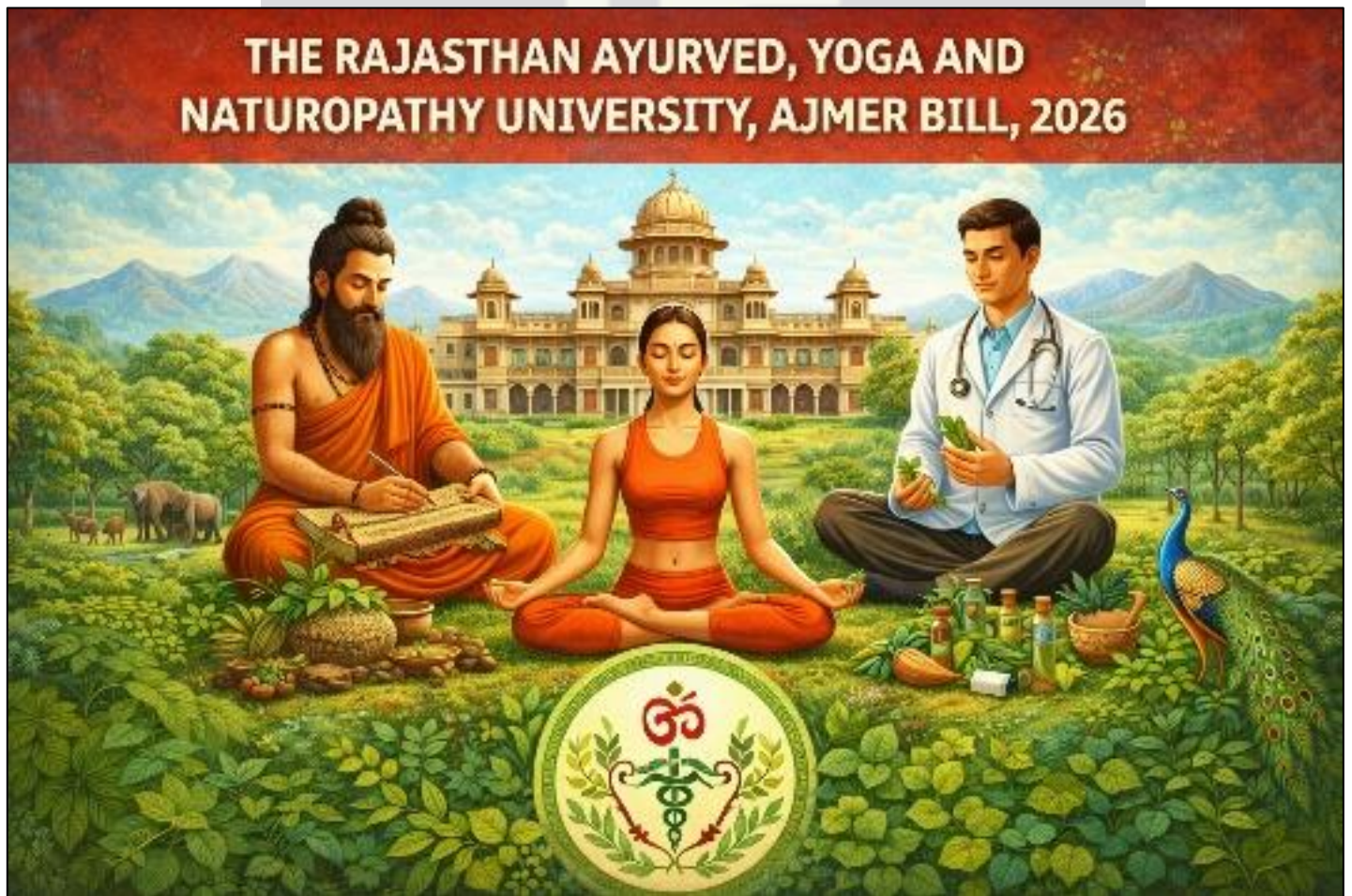
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## Rajasthan Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy University, Ajmer Bill, 2026

### Why in News?

- The Rajasthan Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy University, Ajmer Bill, 2026 has been passed by the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly on March 9, 2026, by voice vote.



### Key Points:

- This bill paves the way for the establishment of a new state university in Ajmer to promote traditional medical systems.
- The university will promote education and research in subjects such as Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy.

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- **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020:** The university's faculty board will oversee the study of Ayurveda and other systems in accordance with the principles of the National Education Policy 2020.
- Additionally, the university will play a key role in developing Rajasthan into a major medical tourism hub, 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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**Four athletes from Rajasthan have been appointed as Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSPs).**

## Why in News?

- The Rajasthan government has appointed Ravi Bishnoi, Manini Kaushik, Divyakriti Singh, and Sachin Tanwar to the post of Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) in the Rajasthan Police Service under the sports quota in March 2026.



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## Key Points:

- The Rajasthan Home Department recently issued orders in this regard. These athletes have been appointed under the 'out of turn' policy and the 'Recruitment Rules for Sports Medalists Without Examination, 2017' (amended 2020).
- **Ravi Bishnoi (Cricket):** Member of the Indian cricket team and Asian Games gold medalist.
- **Manini Kaushik (Shooting):** Gold medalist at the ISSF World Championships.
- **Divyakriti Singh (Equestrian):** First Indian woman equestrian to win a gold medal in equestrian (dressage) at the Asian Games.
- **Sachin Tanwar (Kabaddi):** Member of the Indian Kabaddi team that won the gold medal in the Asian Games.

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## NEWS IN SHORTS

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1.	<p><b>'Women's Hearing Campaign' in the State</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Launch:</b> By Vijaya Rahatkar, Chairperson of the National Commission for Women, from the Rajasthan Police Academy in Jaipur.</li><li>■ <b>Event Duration:</b> March 9 to 14, 2025.</li><li>■ <b>Objective:</b> To ensure the safety, respect, and dignity of women and to effectively address their problems.</li><li>■ The goal is to listen to and resolve the problems of women in 500 districts across the country. Through this campaign, efforts will be made to resolve the complaints and problems of approximately 15,000 women.</li></ul>
2.	<p><b>Rajasthan Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2026</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ On March 9, 2026, the 'Rajasthan Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2026' was passed by the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly by voice vote.</li><li>■ Under Section 19 of the Rajasthan Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, a decision was made to disqualify a person from having more than two children from becoming a member of Panchayati Raj institutions. This was repealed by the 2026 Amendment Bill.</li><li>■ By amending the provision disqualifying individuals from contesting elections due to having more than two children, eligible individuals who were previously barred from becoming members of Panchayati Raj institutions due to having more than two children will now have the opportunity to participate in elections.</li></ul>

3.

## Expansion of the 'Kishori Balika Yojana'

- In the Rajasthan Budget 2026-27, the expansion of the 'Kishori Balika Yojana', which is being implemented in the aspirational districts of Karauli, Dholpur, Baran, Jaisalmer, and Sirohi, was announced.
- After the expansion, the scheme will be implemented in all 27 aspirational blocks of the state, along with the aspirational districts.
- **Main objective of the scheme:** To improve the health and nutrition of adolescent girls by providing them with supplementary nutrition.

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## Social Security Pension Amount - ₹1450

- The Rajasthan government officially announced an increase in the social security pension amount to ₹1450 per month in the 2026-27 budget.
- **Phased increase:** The pension amount was ₹1000 per month in 2024, which was increased to ₹1150. Subsequently, it was increased to ₹1250 per month in 2025. In January 2026, it was increased to ₹1300 per month, and now the state government has increased it to ₹1450 per month. Thus, the pension amount has increased by ₹450 in the last two years.
- Currently, in Rajasthan, regular pensions are being provided to over 9.1 million beneficiaries under social security pension schemes. These include the elderly, widows and single women, persons with disabilities, and small and marginal farmers.
- The objective of these schemes is to provide minimum financial support to economically weaker sections so that they can live a life of dignity and meet their daily needs.

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## Vedanta's #HerAtTheCore Campaign

- On the occasion of International Women's Day 2026, the Vedanta Group has set an ambitious target of increasing women's participation in its workforce from the current 23 percent to 35 percent through the #HerAtTheCore campaign.

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## Plastic Waste Free Campaign – 2026

- **Operation Period:** The state-wide 'Plastic Waste Free Campaign 2026' was organized from February 16 to 28, 2026, under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin).
- During the campaign, 1.861 million participants actively participated, and approximately 39,000 kilograms of plastic waste was collected from across the state.
- **Campaign Objective:** To make rural areas clean and plastic-free and to raise public awareness about the ill effects of single-use plastic.

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## The Book "Women's Divinity"

- On the occasion of International Women's Day 2026, Rajasthan Patrika Group Editor-in-Chief Gulab Kothari's book "Women's Divinity" has been released.
- The book has been published by the National Book Trust (NBT).

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## Kuchaman City Institute Selected for Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Division

- The Vigyan Darshan Research Organization (VDRO) in Kuchaman City has been selected for the 2026 list of research projects by the Ministry of Education's Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Division.
- The Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Division is a special cell established in October 2020 under the Ministry of Education, located within the AICTE. Its objective is to preserve, research, and integrate ancient Indian knowledge, philosophy, science, technology, and arts into the modern education system (NEP 2020).



### Essential Commodities Act, 1955

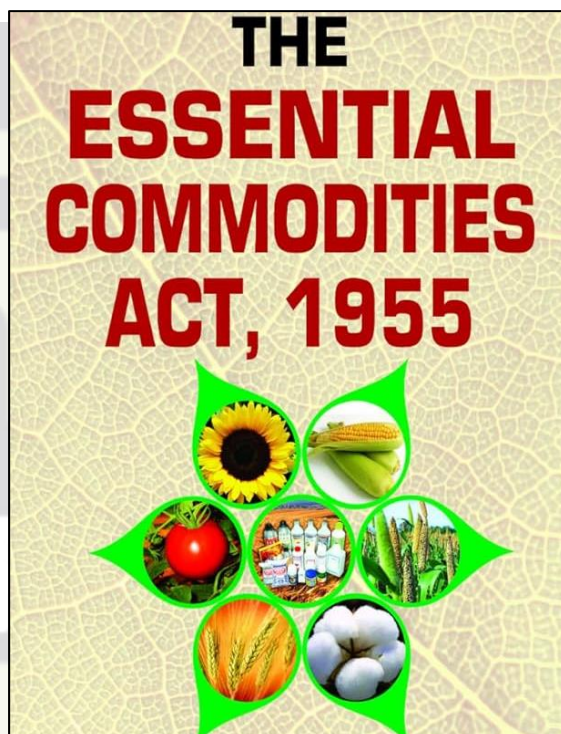
#### Why in News?

- In response to the oil crisis caused by the Israeli-US attacks on Iran, the Central Government has enacted the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

#### Key Points:

##### Essential Commodities Act, 1955:

- This Act empowers the government to regulate the production, supply, distribution, and trade of essential commodities. Its purpose is to ensure availability at reasonable prices in the public interest and to prevent hoarding or black marketing.
- **The list of essential commodities includes:** medicines, fertilizers, foodstuffs (including edible oils), cotton yarn, petroleum and its products, raw jute and textiles made from it, and various types of seeds (fruits, vegetables, and animal feed).
- **2020 amendment to the Act:** Parliament limited the government's powers to regulate agricultural commodities (cereals, pulses, onions, potatoes, and edible oils). Now these can be regulated only in exceptional circumstances like war, famine, natural calamity or extraordinary price rise.



## Shanti Niketan



### Why in News?

- The Spring Festival was recently celebrated in Bengal. This tradition was first started by Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore at Visva Bharati, Shantiniketan.



### Key Points:

#### Shanti Niketan:

- Located in West Bengal and founded by Rabindranath Tagore in 1901.
- It was a residential school and center for the arts based on ancient Indian traditions.
- In 1921, a 'World University' was established in Shanti Niketan. It was later recognized as 'Visva Bharati'.
- It was recognized by UNESCO as India's 41st World Heritage Site in 2023.
- **Recent World Heritage Sites in India:** Moidam - Mound-Burial System of the Ahom Dynasty (2024), Maratha Military Landscape (2025).

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## Prague International Chess Tournament

### Why in News?

- Grandmaster D. Gukesh of India defeated David Anton Guijarro of Spain in the 9th and final round of the Masters category of the Prague International Chess Tournament held in the Czech Republic.



### Key Points:

- **Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzbekistan):** Finished first with 6 points.
- **Arvind Chidambaram (India):** Arvind Chidambaram defeated David Navara of the Czech Republic in the final round to finish tied for second with 5 points.
- **Divya Deshmukh (India):** In the Challengers category, India's Divya Deshmukh defeated Herbek Stepan of the Czech Republic to finish third with 5 points.
- **Surya Shekhar Ganguly (India):** Finished fifth with 4 points.

## Geography and Geology

### Marsupials

#### Why in News?

- A marsupial species thought to be extinct for about 6,000 years has been discovered alive in the forests of New Guinea.



#### Key Points:

##### Marsupials:

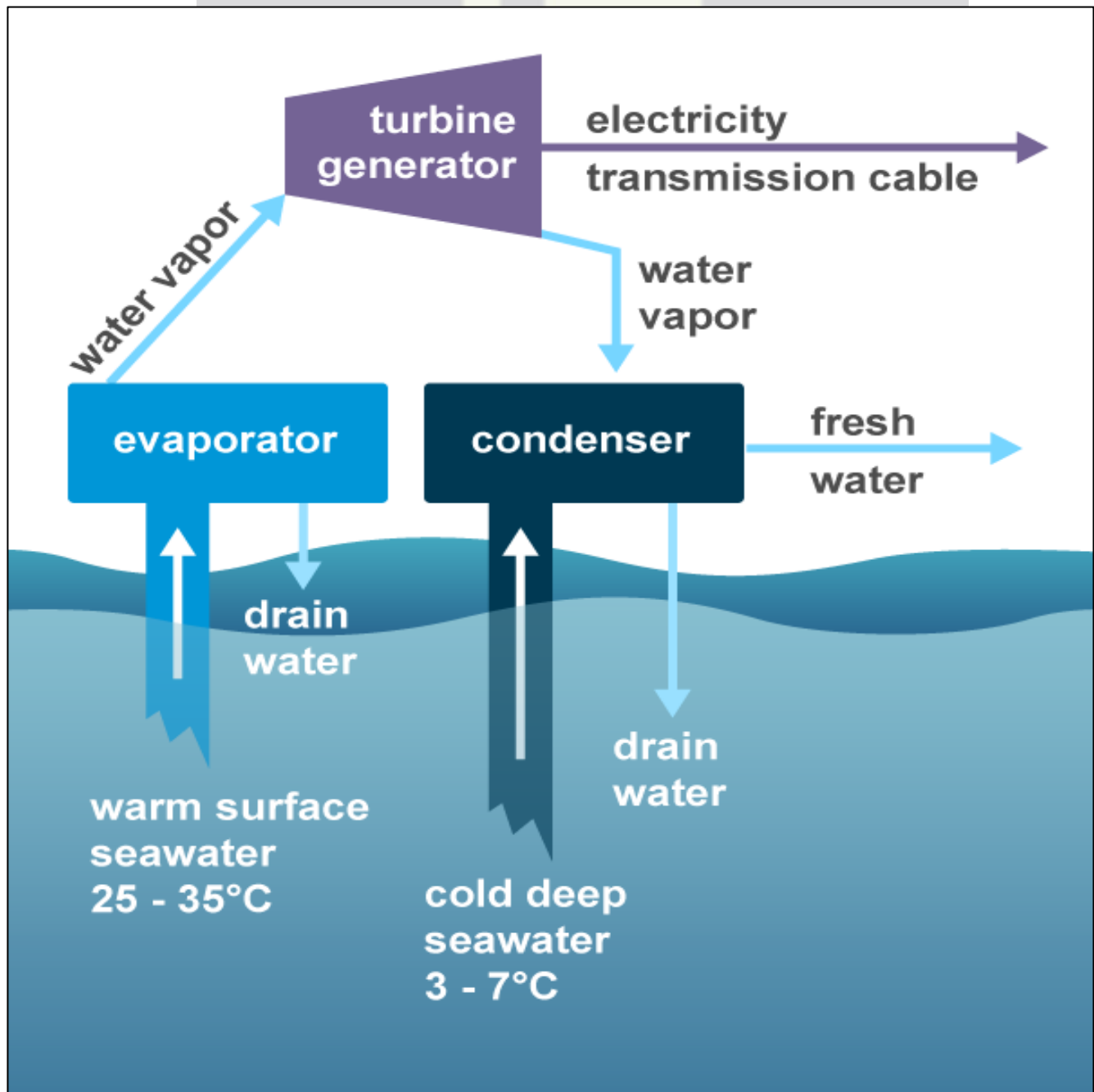
- These are mammals that give birth to underdeveloped young. These young continue to develop in a pouch (marsupium).
- **Distribution:** Mainly Gondwanaland

## Economic Developments

### Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC)

#### Why in News?

- The Government of India is setting up a first-of-its-kind integrated "Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion" plant in Kavaratti Island, Lakshadweep.



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## Key Points:

### Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion:

- This is a renewable energy technology. It generates electricity by exploiting the temperature difference between warm ocean surface water and cold deep sea water.
- **Prerequisite:** It requires a temperature difference of approximately 20°C. This energy conversion is primarily possible in tropical oceans (30°N–30°S).
- **Mechanism:** Cold deep sea water and warm surface water act as a heat engine, generating electricity.
- **Uses:** It provides 24-hour electricity and water desalination for island regions.

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## Sociology

### SHINE App for Women Employees

#### Why in News?

- Recently, Indian Railways launched the SHINE app on the occasion of International Women's Day to promote safety and empowerment at the workplace.



#### Key Points:

#### Sexual Harassment Incident Notification for Empowerment (SHINE) App

- This is a mobile app for women employees to register complaints of sexual harassment at the workplace.
- Objective:** To maintain confidentiality and ensure that complaints are resolved promptly by the Internal Complaints Committee in accordance with the Vishaka Guidelines (1997) and government directives.

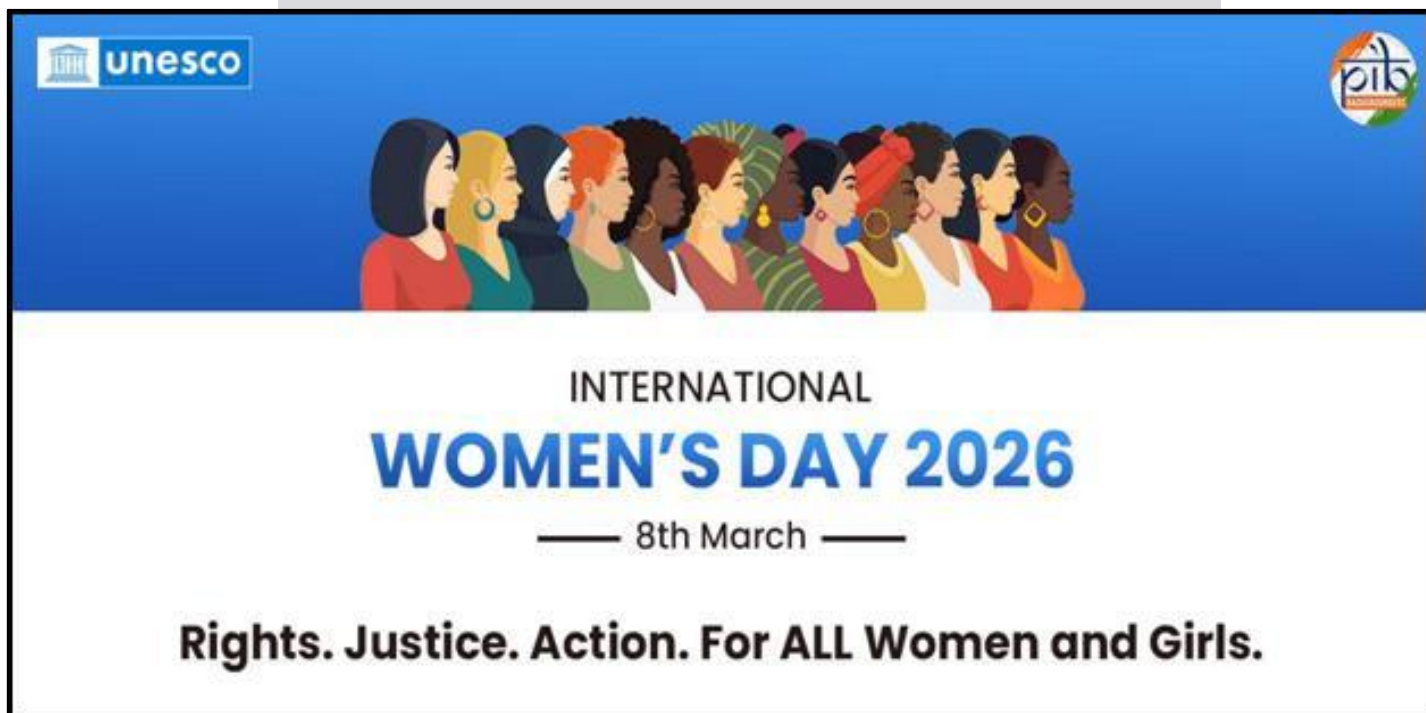
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### International Women's Day, 2026

#### 📣 Why in News?

- India celebrated International Women's Day 2026 on March 8, 2026, in line with the United Nations theme "Rights, Justice, Action: For All Women and Girls."
- Kerala Police announced the launch of the "Nirbhaya Nisha Initiative" to enhance the safety of women traveling at night across the state.
- The United Nations officially declared the year 2026 as the "International Year of Women Farmers."



#### 📌 Key Points:

##### International Women's Day:

- **Historical origins:** This day originated from the labor and suffrage movements in North America and Europe in the early years of the 20th century.

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- **First National Women's Day:** Celebrated in the United States in 1909 by the Socialist Party of America.
- **Formal Recognition:** It was first officially celebrated at the United Nations on March 8, 1975, during International Women's Year, and the UN General Assembly formally recognized the day in 1977.
- **Global "Give to Gain" Campaign:** The global campaign theme for International Women's Day 2026, "Give to Gain," emphasizes how our mutual cooperation can pave the way for gender equality.
- **International Women's Day Celebration:** At Manekshaw Centre Auditorium, New Delhi.

## Other Key Points:

### National Commission for Women:

- **Establishment:** In January 1992, the Government established this statutory body with a specific mandate.
- **Main Objective:** To study and monitor all constitutional and legal safeguards provided for women, review existing laws, and suggest amendments wherever necessary.

### Key constitutional provisions supporting gender equality:

1. Article 15 (Prohibition of discrimination)
2. Article 16 (Equality of opportunity)
3. Article 39 (Equal opportunity in livelihood)
4. Article 42 (Maternity relief)
5. Article 243 (One-third reservation in Panchayats and Municipalities)

## Women Empowerment Efforts of the Government of India:

### Institutional Framework Supporting Nari Shakti

Financial Inclusion & Income Security	Women-Led Livelihoods & Entrepreneurship	Health & Nutrition Security	Education & Skill Development	Safety, Protection & Institutional Support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sukanya Samridhi Yojana</li> <li>Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)</li> <li>Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY)</li> <li>Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)</li> <li>Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)</li> <li>Lakshpati Didi Initiative</li> <li>Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP)</li> <li>NaMo Drone Didi Yojana</li> <li>Womaniya Initiative (GeM)</li> <li>SHE-Mart</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0</li> <li>Poshan Abhiyaan</li> <li>Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG)</li> <li>Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA)</li> <li>Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY)</li> <li>Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK)</li> <li>Mission Indradhanush</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP)</li> <li>Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV)</li> <li>PM POSHAN</li> <li>Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students</li> <li>National Scholarship for Post Graduate Studies</li> <li>AICTE PRAGATI Scholarship Scheme</li> <li>Vigyan Jyoti Scheme</li> <li>NAVYA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mission Shakti</li> <li>One Stop Centres</li> <li>Women Helpline</li> <li>SHE-Box Portal</li> <li>Nari Adalat</li> <li>Shakti Sadan</li> <li>Sakhi Niwas</li> </ul>

### Women's Rising Representation in Governance

Women in Lok Sabha	Women in Rajya Sabha	Women Contesting Elections	Constitutional Milestone	Grassroots Democracy
<p><b>Steady Rise</b></p> <p><b>1952 (1st Lok Sabha):</b> 22 women MPs</p> <p><b>2024 (18th Lok Sabha):</b> 75 women MPs</p> <p>Representation increased from marginal presence in early years to approx. <b>14%</b> today.</p>	<p><b>Growing Share</b></p> <p><b>Early Years:</b> 15 women members</p> <p><b>Recent Years:</b> 42 women members</p> <p>Now approx. <b>17%</b> of total membership.</p>	<p><b>Expanded Political Participation</b></p> <p><b>1957:</b> 3% women candidates</p> <p><b>2024:</b> 10% women candidates</p> <p>More than a <b>threefold</b> rise in women contesting general elections.</p>	<p><b>Structural Increase</b></p> <p><b>2023:</b> 106th Constitutional Amendment</p> <p>Mandates <b>33%</b> reservation in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies (rotational)</p> <p>From token presence to near parity at the local level.</p>	<p><b>Transformational Scale</b></p> <p><b>14.5 lakh</b> women elected representatives</p> <p><b>46%</b> of total representatives in Panchayati Raj institutions</p>

## Schemes and Policies

### Jan Aushadhi Diwas (7<sup>th</sup> March): Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)

#### Why in News?

- Recently, the 8<sup>th</sup> Jan Aushadhi Diwas has been celebrated across the country with enthusiastic participation.
- The Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana was launched in 2008 as the 'Jan Aushadhi Yojana'.



#### Key Points:

- Objective:** To provide quality generic medicines to the public at affordable prices.
- It was renamed PMBJP in 2015.
- Nodal Agency:** Department of Pharmaceuticals (Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers).

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- **Implementing Agency:** Bureau of Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices of India.

## Key Initiatives under PMBJP

- **Jan Aushadhi Suvidha Sanitary Napkins:** Providing 'oxo-biodegradable' sanitary pads at ₹1 per pad to make menstrual hygiene affordable for women.
- **Jan Aushadhi Sugam Mobile App:** A digital platform that helps citizens to find the nearest center, check the availability of medicines, and compare prices.
- **Expansion of Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs):** Franchise-based JAK expansion to improve access to affordable medicines and expand the number of centres across the country.
- **Cooperative Sector Involvement:** Leveraging the rural network of cooperatives to ensure last-mile delivery of affordable medicines.
- **Jan Aushadhi Kendras at Railway Stations:** Providing affordable medicines to travellers and migrant workers.

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### THAAD



#### Why in News?

- The US-developed Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) missile defence system is being operationally used during the ongoing US-Israel conflict with Iran.



US SENDING THAAD  
TO ISRAEL



#### Key Points:

##### Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD):

- It is an advanced missile defense system. It is designed to intercept short-, medium-, and intermediate-range ballistic missiles.
- **Developed by:** Lockheed Martin Corporation (USA).

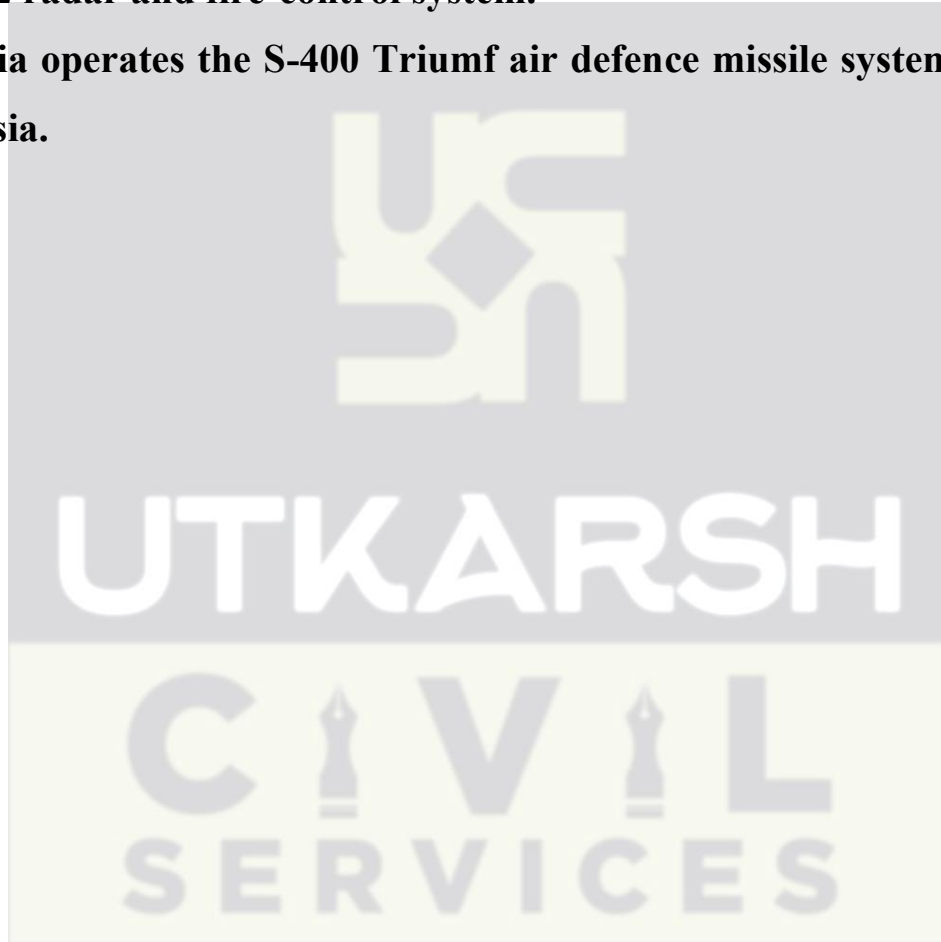
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- **Technology:** Uses "hit-to-kill" kinetic interception. It destroys targets both inside and outside the Earth's atmosphere.
- **Components:** A THAAD battery consists of approximately 95 personnel, truck-mounted launchers, and interceptor missiles. It also includes the AN/TPY-2 radar and fire-control system.
- **Note:** India operates the S-400 Triumf air defence missile system purchased from Russia.



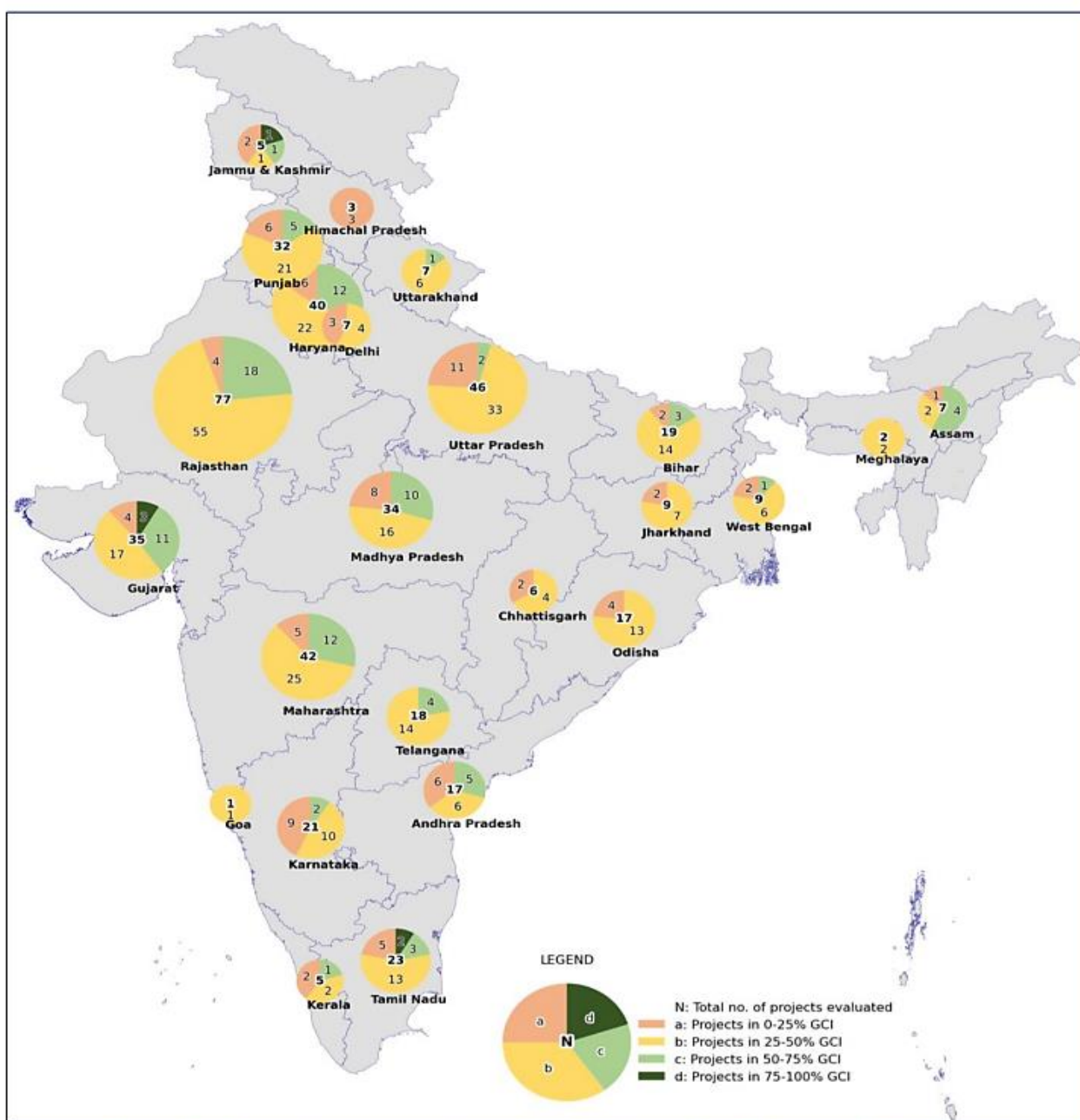
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## ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

### First National Highway Green Cover Index, 2025-26

#### Why in News?

- On March 9, 2025, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) released the first annual report on the National Highway Green Cover Index (NH-GCI), 2025-26, with the aim of providing a scientific and quantitative assessment of tree cover along national highways.



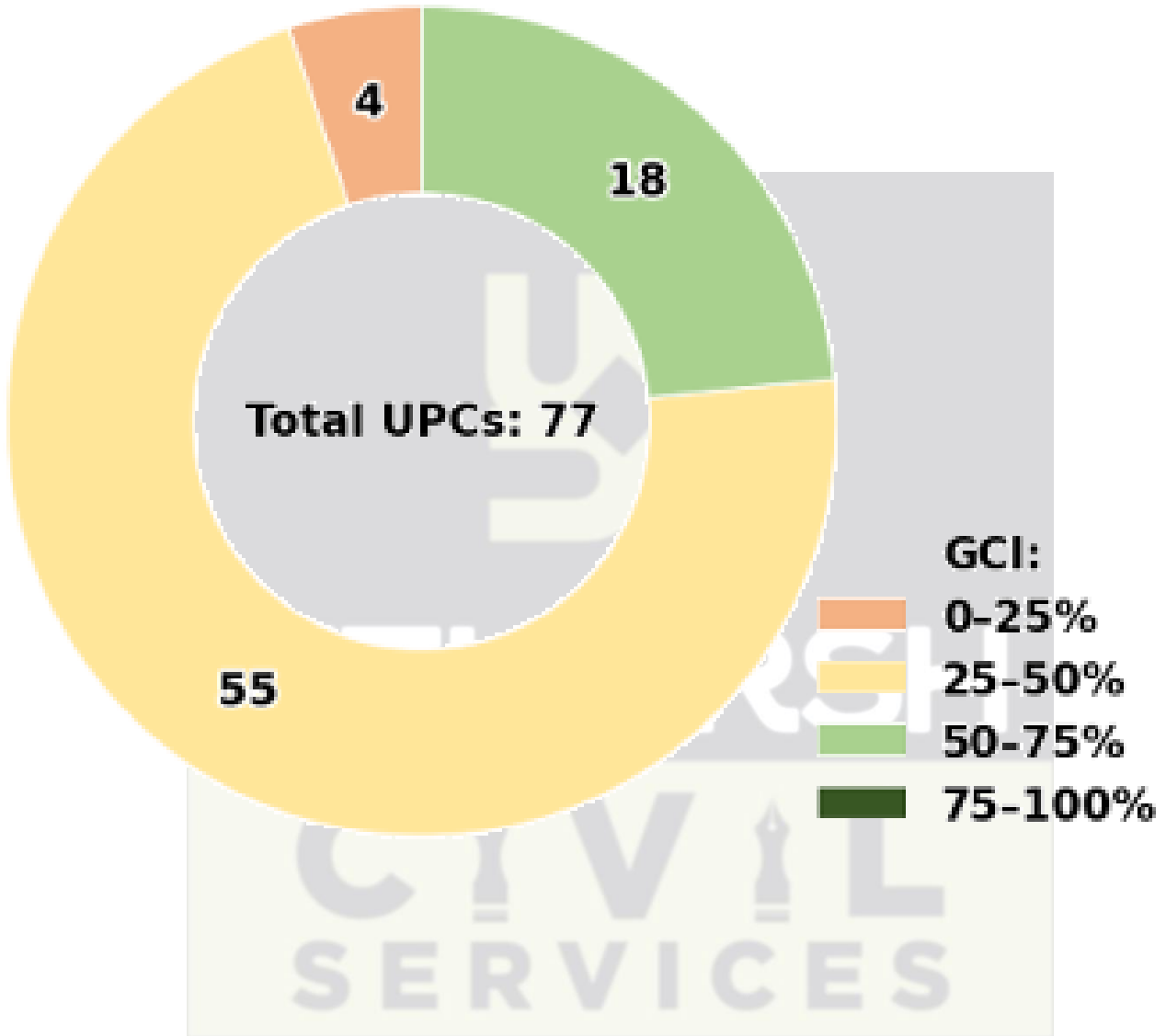
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## Key Points:

- **Report Preparation:** This report has been prepared in coordination with the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- **Objective:** To provide a scientific and quantitative assessment of green cover within the right-of-way (ROW) of the national highway network using advanced space-based technologies.
- **Assessment:** This assessment is derived from the amount of chlorophyll detected by high-resolution satellite sensors.
- **Measurement:** NH-GCI represents the proportion of land covered by green cover within the route (roading line) of National Highways as a percentage value at the level of 1 km.
- **Coverage:** This first assessment cycle covers approximately 30,000 km of National Highways spread across 24 states for the period July-December 2024.
- **Basis for releasing the index:** This initiative is under a three-year Memorandum of Understanding signed between the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) of ISRO in January 2024.
- **State-wise Assessment:**

Rank	State
1 <sup>st</sup>	Assam
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gujarat
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Telangana
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bihar
5 <sup>th</sup>	Tamil Nadu

## GCI Assessment for Rajasthan:



## 🕒 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY 🕒

### India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)

#### 📣 Why in News?

- India has embarked on a journey from providing digital systems to the "consumer" and "all-encompassing" digital infrastructure.



#### 📌 Key Points:

- This is achieved by using a "public good" model rather than "closed" platforms, i.e., platforms limited to a few individuals.

#### What is Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)?

- According to the United Nations (UN), DPI is fundamental digital systems that enable secure communication and transactions between citizens, businesses, and governments.

#### Requirements for DPI:

- **Inclusive Nature:** DPI is made accessible to everyone, regardless of geographic location or socioeconomic status.

- **Operable across systems:** Open APIs allow different systems to seamlessly work together.
- **Publicly governed:** Designed with a spirit of public welfare while protecting the public interest.

## Importance of Digital Public Infrastructure

- **Scale and Efficiency:** India's DPI enables billions of transactions every month at very low costs. It also significantly reduces leakages in the delivery of welfare schemes.
- **Economic Impact:** UPI now accounts for 49% of global real-time payment transaction volume.
- **Contribution to Every Sector:** India's DPI is no longer limited to payments. The India Stack has expanded to healthcare (CoWIN, e-Sanjeevani), education (Diksha), e-commerce, and judicial services (e-Courts).
- **Contribution to Global Diplomacy:** India is actively sharing its successful model internationally.
- **Cross-Border Payments with UPI:** UPI is operational in eight countries: the United Arab Emirates, Singapore, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, France, Mauritius, and Qatar.

## International Malaria Conference, 2026

### Why in News?

- The International Malaria Conference (IMC) has been organized in New Delhi by the ICMR - National Institute of Malaria Research, under the Indian Council of Medical Research.
- World Malaria Day is celebrated annually on April 25.

### Key Points:

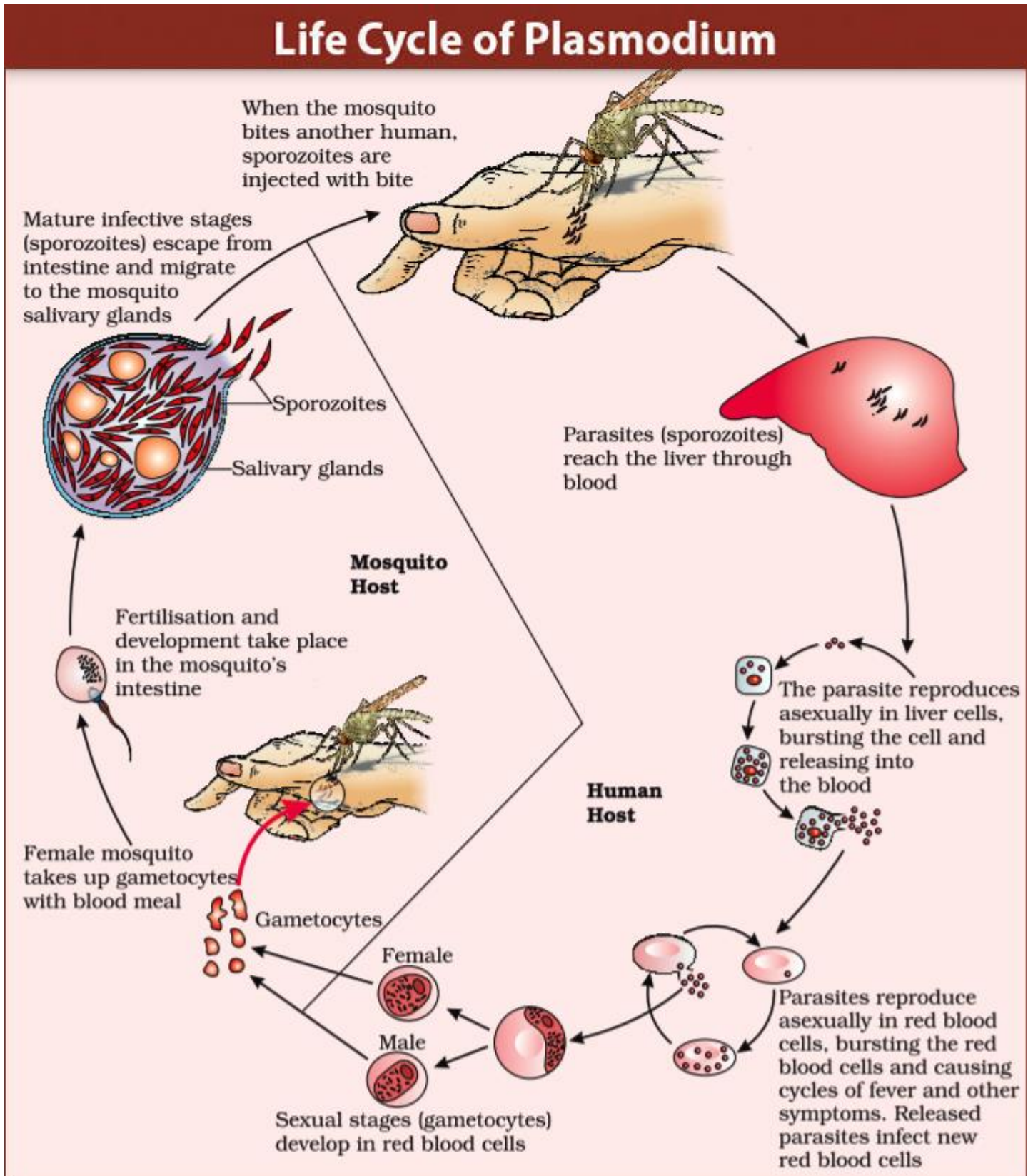
- **Event Duration:** Held in New Delhi from March 7 to 9, 2026.
- **Conference Theme:** "Discovery, Development, and Delivery: Driving malaria elimination and beyond."

Date	Focus on	Details
March 7, 2026	Discovery Segment	Scientific sessions and discussions on advanced research in malaria parasite biology, transmission dynamics, and the molecular mechanisms underlying malaria persistence and drug resistance were focused.
March 8, 2026	Development Segment	Innovations in malaria diagnostics, research tools, and technologies were highlighted.
March 9, 2026	Delivery Segment	Emphasis was placed on translating scientific discoveries into effective public health interventions and operational strategies.

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## Other Key Points:

### Malaria:



- The word malaria is derived from the Italian word "mala aria" (bad air).
  - **Discovery:** In 1880, French physician Charles Louis Alphonse Laveran discovered a protozoa called Plasmodium as the cause of malaria.
  - **Causative Agents:** Plasmodia parasites.
  - **Transmission:** By female Anopheles mosquitoes.
  - **Species:** There are five species of Plasmodium that cause malaria in humans. Of these, Plasmodium falciparum is the most deadly, while Plasmodium vivax is the most widespread.
  - **Affected:** Red blood cells (RBCs).
  - **Treatment:** Chloroquine and artemisinin.
  - **NOTE:** In 2015, Yutu was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for the discovery of artemisinin, which is derived from the sweet wormwood plant Artemisia annua.
- India's commitment to malaria elimination:**
1. National Framework for Malaria Elimination (2016 to 2030)
  2. **National Strategic Plan (2023 to 2027):** Focuses on the 'Test, Treat, Track' (3T) strategy and aims to reduce indigenous cases to zero by 2027.
  3. **MERA India:** Malaria Elimination Research Alliance.



### CMS Report



#### Why in News?

- The "State of the World's Migratory Species: Interim Report (2026)" has been published. It is published by the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS).



#### Key Points:

- CMS is an intergovernmental treaty under the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- India is a party to it. India hosted COP-13 of CMS in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, in 2020.
- Approximately 49% of CMS-listed migratory species are declining.
- Approximately 24% of migratory species protected under CMS are facing the threat of extinction globally.
- Between 1970 and 2020, the number of migratory freshwater fish has declined by approximately 81%.