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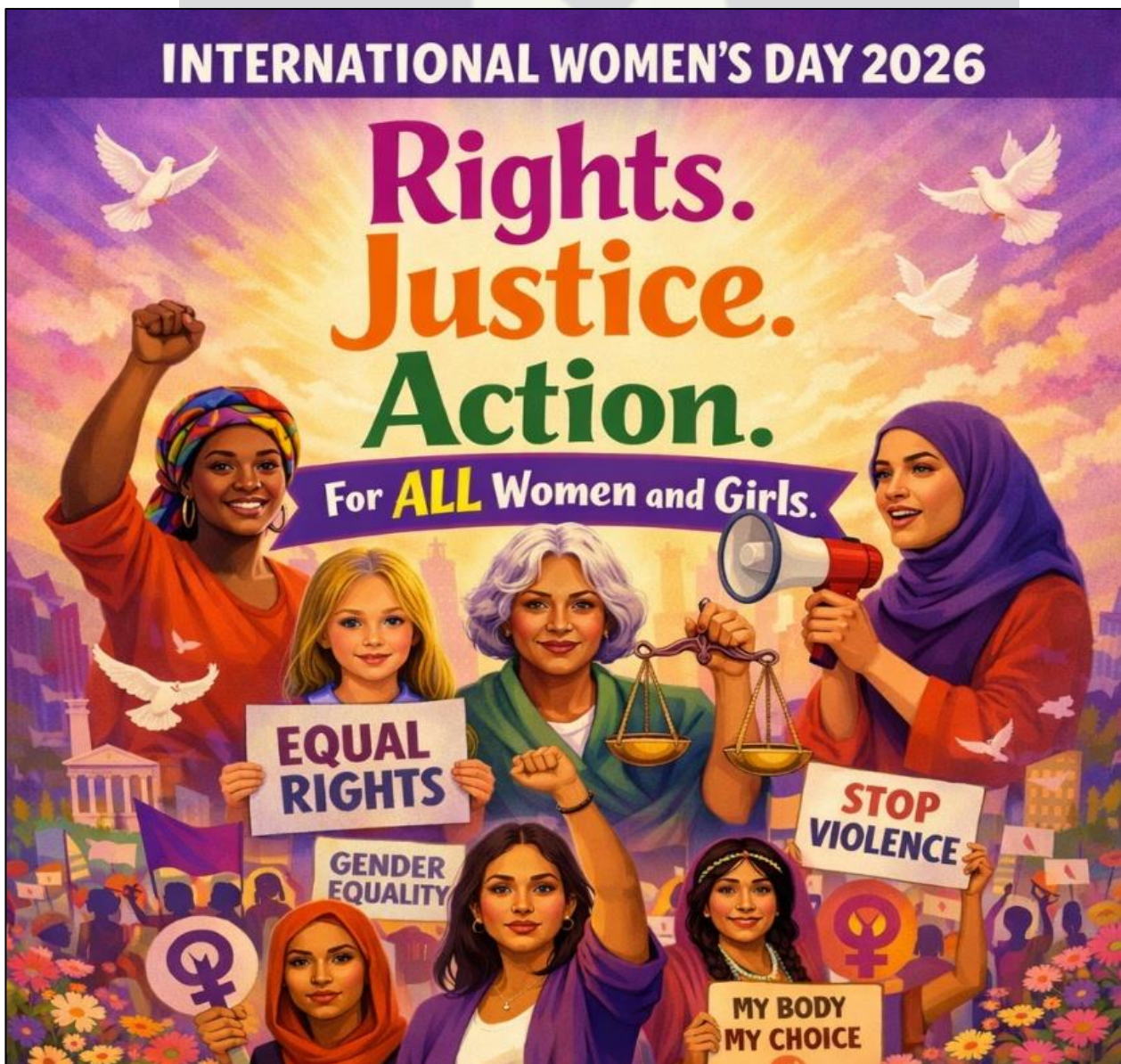


### International Women's Day – 2026 (State-Level Celebration)



#### Why in News?

- On the occasion of International Women's Day (March 8), a state-level celebration was held in Hanumangarh, with Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma as the chief guest.



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## Key Points:

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister launched the 'Laado Incentive Scheme' portal.
- In addition, the 'Saathin Guide' was digitally launched and awards were presented under the 'Pannadhay Suraksha and Samman Yojana'.
- **The global theme for International Women's Day 2026: "Rights. Justice. Action. For All Women and Girls."**

## Key announcements for women in the Rajasthan Budget 2026-27:

- **STRI (Safety Training Resource Initiative) Scheme:** To provide girls and women with self-defense training, psychological counseling, information on various laws related to women, and protection against cyber fraud. Under this scheme, approximately one lakh women will be trained by subject matter experts.
- **Expansion of the 'Kishori Balika Yojana':** Previously, this scheme was only implemented in five aspirational districts of the state (Karauli, Dholpur, Baran, Jaisalmer, and Sirohi). Now, it will be implemented in all 27 aspirational blocks of the state.
- **Mukhyamantri Shishu Vatsalya Sadan:** For safe care of children of women employees working in government offices and workplaces.
- **Mukhyamantri Nari Shakti Udyam Protsahan Yojana:** Under this scheme, the loan limit for women entrepreneurs and self-help groups (SHGs) has been increased from ₹50 lakh to ₹1 crore.
- **Chief Minister's Lakhpati Didi Loan Scheme:** The loan limit for Lakhpati Didis with interest subsidy has been increased from ₹1 lakh to ₹1.50 lakh.
- **Raj Sakhi Stores:** These stores will be opened at the divisional level to provide a market for the products of women self-help groups.

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- **Bank Sakhi:** 5,000 women from the state will be appointed as "Bank Sakhis." This initiative aims to expand banking services in rural areas and empower women.
- **Loan under Swanidhi Yojana:** Tribal women will be provided loan facility under the 'Swanidhi Yojana' to start their own small business or self-employment.
- **Kalika Patrolling Unit:** Announcement to increase the number of Kalika Patrolling Units from 500 to 600 with the aim of strengthening women's safety.
- **Mini e-Mitra:** Announcement to authorize 25,000 youth and women as 'Mini e-Mitra' to promote digital good governance and women empowerment.

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## 'Ringing Campaign' Launched in Rajasthan



### Why in News?

- The Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) and the Rajasthan Forest Department have relaunched the 'Ringing Campaign' in Rajasthan after a 42-year hiatus.



### Key Points:

- This campaign is an important project related to the scientific study of the migration routes and movements of migratory birds.

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- **Objective:** The primary goal of this campaign is to collect data on the flight patterns of migratory birds, their migration routes, and their resting places.
- Under the project, birds are fitted with a special metal ring bearing a unique identification number and details of the study center.
- This helps identify which countries the birds have flown from and which water bodies in Rajasthan they are stopping at.
- This data will be helpful in future bird conservation and understanding the impacts of climate change on them.

## Migratory Birds Visiting Rajasthan:

- **Demoiselle Crane (Kurjaan):** This is Rajasthan's most famous migratory bird. They mainly visit Khichan village in Phalodi. They are called 'Kurjaan' in the local language.
- **Flamingo (Rajhans):** Sambhar Lake is a major habitat for flamingos, where both pink and grey flamingos can be seen.
- **Siberian Crane:** Keoladeo National Park (Bharatpur) is famous for the rare Siberian Crane.
- **White Stork:** These birds have been recorded in Jaisalmer in recent years.
- **Other Species:** Pelican, Pintail, Garganey, and Pochard.

## Agricultural Land Management Carbon Project



### Why in News?

- Recently, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Rajasthan Agriculture Department and M/s IORA Ecological Solutions Private Limited to launch the Agricultural Land Management Carbon Project in Rajasthan.



### Key Points:

- To facilitate carbon finance for environmentally friendly activities under the Carbon Credit Trading Scheme 2023, carbon credits are being launched as a pilot project in selected blocks of the state.
- This project is being implemented as a pilot project in three blocks of Rajasthan.
- Selected blocks:** Bansur (Kotputli-Behror), Mahuva (Dausa), and Malpura (Tonk).
- It is worth noting that farmers engage in activities that reduce carbon emissions, such as tree plantation, micro-irrigation, farm ponds, and solar pumps. These activities can provide farmers with carbon finance.

### Facts for Prelims:

#### Carbon Credits:

- A carbon credit is a tradable certificate or permit that entitles the holder to emit a certain amount (usually 1 ton) of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) or equivalent amounts of other greenhouse gases.
- It is based on a "cap and trade" model, where the government imposes a cap on emissions. Companies that emit less than this limit can sell the remaining credits to companies that have exceeded their limits.
- Kyoto Protocol (1997):** The concept of carbon credits was first developed under the Kyoto Protocol to help developed, countries meet their emissions targets.

## Gaurav Sainik Samaroh – Churu

### Why in News?

- On March 8, 2026, the 'Gaurav Sainik Samaroh' was held in Churu under the chief patronage of Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma.

### Key Points:

- The Chief Minister announced that the District Sports Stadium in Churu will be named after Lieutenant General Sagat Singh Rathore, who displayed exceptional courage, during the 1971 Indo-Pakistani War.
- The state government is constructing integrated Sainik Welfare Complexes to provide various facilities to soldiers, ex-servicemen, and their dependents under one roof. These complexes will include the District Sainik Welfare Office, a war memorial, a Sainik canteen, a health center, and a community hall.
- In the first phase, these complexes will be constructed in Jodhpur, Tonk, Shergarh, and Jhunjhunu at a cost of ₹36 crore.
- Currently, there is a provision of providing 50 percent discount to widows of soldiers and 25 percent discount to serving and ex-servicemen in the hotels and guest houses of Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDC) in Rajasthan.

### Facts for Prelims:

- **Rajasthan's first Param Vir Chakra winner:** Company Havildar Major (CHM) Piru Singh Shekhawat (Regiment: 6 Rajputana Rifles).
- **Rajasthan's second Param Vir Chakra winner:** Major Shaitan Singh Bhati (Regiment: 13 Kumaon Regiment).

## NEWS IN SHORTS

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1.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Industry Meet and Farmers' Fair-2026</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Organized by:</b> National Seed Spices Research Institute, Tabiji (Ajmer).</li><li>■ <b>Organized by:</b> The Intellectual Property and Technology Management Unit of the Central Council of Agricultural Research, under the joint auspices of the Indian Society of Seed Spices (ISSS) and the Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development (DASD).</li><li>■ The National Research Centre for Seed Spices (NRCSS) is a premier autonomous institute of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) dedicated exclusively to research and development on seed spices (such as cumin, coriander, fennel, fenugreek, etc.).</li></ul>
2.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Shakti Vandan: Celebrating India's Self</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Organized by:</b> On the occasion of International Women's Day (March 8 and 9, 2026) at Shilp Gram, Jawahar Kala Kendra (JKK), Jaipur.</li><li>■ <b>Organized by:</b> Municipal Corporation of Greater Jaipur.</li><li>■ <b>Maa Panna Dhay Nari Shakti Mahotsav:</b> As part of the program, the 'Maa Panna Dhay Nari Shakti Mahotsav' was inaugurated by the Chief Minister.</li></ul>

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## Kota-Bundi Greenfield Airport

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently laid the foundation stone of the Kota-Bundi Greenfield Airport via video conferencing.
- **Expenditure:** ₹1,507 crore.
- **Operation:** By the Airports Authority of India (AAI).
- **Capacity:** To handle approximately 2 million passengers per year.

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## Leeladhari Mahadev Cattle Fair: Sirohi

- Recently, the Leeladhari Mahadev Cattle Fair was inaugurated in Mandar under the joint aegis of the Sirohi District Administration and the Rajasthan Animal Husbandry Department.
- **Event:** From March 7 to 11, 2026.
- This fair will promote the conservation, promotion, and propagation of excellent animal breeds. Information on advanced animal husbandry techniques, vaccination, disease control and government schemes will also be provided to the livestock farmers.

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### Khelo India Tribal Games (KITG)



#### Why in News?

- Recently, the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced the holding of the first Khelo India Tribal Games.



#### Key Points:

- Introduction:** KITG is a national-level multi-sport event dedicated exclusively to Indian tribal athletes.
- Event:** March 25, 2026, to April 6, 2026, under the Khelo India scheme.
- Host State:** Chhattisgarh (Cities: Raipur, Jagdalpur, and Surguja)
- Sports Participated (7):** Athletics, Football, Hockey, Archery, Weightlifting, Wrestling, and Swimming.
- Demonstration Sports (2):** Mallakhamb and Kabaddi
- Official Mascot:** “Morveer” (a symbol of courage, pride, and identity of tribal communities)

## ICC T-20 Men's World Cup, 2026

### Why in News?

- Recently, the Indian cricket team defeated New Zealand to win the ICC T-20 Men's World Cup, 2026, for the third time.



### Key Points:

- Final Match:** Held between India and New Zealand at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad, on March 8, 2026.
- Winner:** India won the title by defeating New Zealand by 96 runs.

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- India scored 255 for 5 in 20 overs, the highest total ever in a World Cup final.
- **Player of the Match:** Jasprit Bumrah (4 wickets)
- **Player of the Tournament:** Sanju Samson.

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2000	चैंपियंस ट्रॉफी	न्यूजीलैंड	हार
2002	चैंपियंस ट्रॉफी	श्रीलंका	संयुक्त विजेता
2003	वनडे वर्ल्ड कप	ऑस्ट्रेलिया	हार
2007	टी-20 वर्ल्ड कप	पाकिस्तान	जीत
2011	वनडे वर्ल्ड कप	श्रीलंका	जीत
2013	चैंपियंस ट्रॉफी	इंग्लैंड	जीत
2014	टी-20 वर्ल्ड कप	श्रीलंका	हार
2017	चैंपियंस ट्रॉफी	पाकिस्तान	हार
2021	वर्ल्ड टेस्ट चैंपियनशिप	न्यूजीलैंड	हार
2023	वर्ल्ड टेस्ट चैंपियनशिप	ऑस्ट्रेलिया	हार
2023	वनडे वर्ल्ड कप	ऑस्ट्रेलिया	हार
2024	टी-20 वर्ल्ड कप	द. अफ्रीका	जीत
2025	चैंपियंस ट्रॉफी	न्यूजीलैंड	जीत
2026	टी-20 वर्ल्ड कप	न्यूजीलैंड	जीत



## History and Culture



### Kerala: Megalithic Laterite Rocks

#### Why in News?

- Recently, a chamber carved out of megalithic laterite rocks was discovered in the Kasaragod district of Kerala.

#### Key Points:

- Chamber:** It is said to be part of a burial complex of the megalithic culture, constructed by burying pottery of various shapes and sizes as part of ritual belief systems.
- Origin and Age:** These structures are generally associated with the Iron Age/Megalithic period in South India, dating back approximately 2000 to 2500 years.
- Region:** It is found mainly in the laterite belts of Kerala and coastal parts of Karnataka.

#### Key Features

- Its architecture consists of a circular inner chamber, entrance (shakta), and upper opening.

#### Other Important Points:

#### Megalithic Culture:

- Introduction:** Megalithic culture is a prehistoric cultural practice characterized by the construction of massive stone structures that served as burial sites away from human settlements.
- Time Period:** South Indian megalithic cultures flourished between 1000 BCE and 100 CE.

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- The Megalithic period in South India was a fully developed Iron Age culture, where iron technology was fully developed.
- Iron objects such as weapons and agricultural tools are evidence of this in this region.
- **Geographical Distribution:** Its main center was the Deccan region south of the Godavari River.

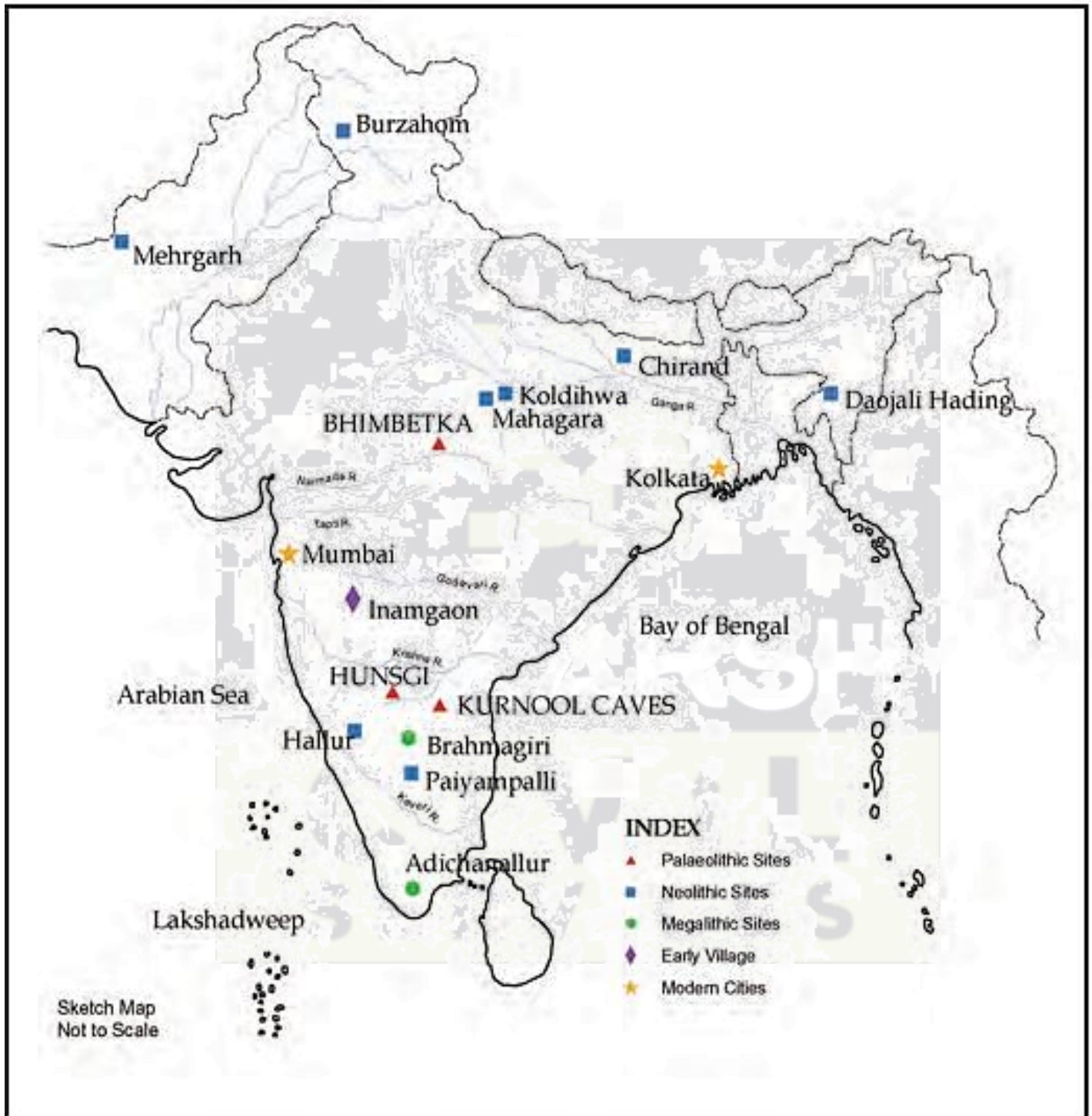
## Major Sites:

- Brahmagiri and Chandravalli (Karnataka), Junapani, Khapa and Muhurjari (Maharashtra), and Adichanallur (Tamil Nadu).
- Megalithic culture was also found in the Indo-Gangetic Basin, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Punjab, and Burzahom (Jammu and Kashmir).
- **Livelihood:** The people of the Megalithic culture depended on agriculture, hunting, fishing, and animal husbandry (evidence: rock paintings from megalithic sites).

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**MAP: Some Important Archaeological Sites**

## Thirumangai Alvar

### Why in News?

- Recently, new research suggests that the statue of St. Thirumangai Alvar originated from the Soundararaja Perumal Temple in Tamil Nadu.
- After research, the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford, England, returned the 16th-century bronze statue of St. Thirumangai Alvar to the Government of India.

### Key Points:

- Research:** The cultural advocacy group India Pride Project identified the Ashmolean bronze statue by matching it with archival evidence from the French Institute of Pondicherry in 1957.

### Thirumangai Alvar:

- Introduction:** He was the 12th and last of the Alvar saints.

**NOTE: Alvar saints:** Tamil saint-poets who dedicated their lives to

Lord Vishnu within the Vaishnavite tradition in the 8th century CE.



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## Early Life:

- **Nickname:** Kaliyan
- **Born:** Born into the Kallar community (warrior caste).
- Served as a military commander and chieftain in the Chola Empire.
- **Title:** Thirumangai Mannan
- **Skills:** He was a skilled archer.

## Literary Contributions:

- **Famous:** Known as Narakavi Perumal.
- **Compositions:** Nalayir Divya Prabandham; includes Periya Thirumozhi, Thirunedunthandakam, and Thirukkuruthandakam.

## Cultural Contributions:

- Enhanced the Srirangam Temple.
- Built a wall of the Srirangam Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple (Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu).
- **Spiritual Contributions:** Thirumangai Alvar is considered to be the incarnation of Vishnu's Sharanga bow.

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## 🎓 Indian Governance and State System 🎓

### Governor and Lieutenant Governor

#### 📢 Why in News?

#### Recently,

- Former Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi was appointed the new Governor of West Bengal.
- Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar was given additional charge of Tamil Nadu.
- Taranjit Singh Sandhu was appointed the new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi.

#### 📌 Key Points:

#### Appointment of Governor:

- Article 153 (Governors of States) – The 7th Constitutional Amendment, 1956, provided for the appointment of a single person as Governor of multiple states simultaneously.
- Article 154 (Executive Power of Governor)
- Article 155 (Appointment of Governor) – By the President.
- Article 156 (Term of Office) – Holds office during the pleasure of the President.
- Article 157 (Qualification for Appointment) – Indian citizen + 35 years of age.
- Article 158 (Conditions of Office) – Must not be a member of Parliament or Legislature, must not hold an office of profit, is entitled to official residence, and salary and allowances will not be reduced during his term of office.
- Article 159 (Oath) – Chief Justice or senior-most judge of a High Court.

## Appointment of Lieutenant Governor:

- **Article 239:** Unlike Governors (Part 6), Union Territories are administered under Part 8 (Articles 239 to 241).

## Designation:

- **Lieutenant Governor:** In 5 Union Territories (Delhi, Puducherry, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands), the Lieutenant Governor is designated.
- **Administrator:** In Chandigarh, Lakshadweep, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and Daman and Diu, he is called the Administrator.
- **Article 239AA:** The Union Territory of Delhi shall have a Lieutenant Governor designated as its head.
- **Appointment:** By the President (Article 74; on the aid and advice of the Union Council of Ministers)
- **Tenure:** Holds office during the pleasure of the President.

## ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

### Bureau of Energy Efficiency: Foundation Year

#### Why in News?

- The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) celebrated its 25th Foundation Day on March 1, 2026.

#### Key Points:

- **New Digital Initiatives:** New digital initiatives were launched at the Foundation Day celebrations:
  1. Renewable Energy Consumption Obligation (RCO) Portal
  2. BEE Star Label Mobile App
  3. BEE@25 People
- **Renewable Energy Consumption Obligation (RCO) Portal:** A policy mechanism under the Energy Conservation (Amendment) Act, 2022, which mandates designated consumers to obtain a minimum specified percentage of their electricity from eligible non-fossil sources.

#### Bureau of Energy Efficiency:

- **Established:** March 1, 2002 (under the Energy Conservation Act, 2001). Statutory body.
- **Under:** BEE, Ministry of Power.
- **Objective:** To reduce energy intensity and ensure energy efficiency through coordinated efforts.
- **Emissions Reduction:** India has achieved a 36% reduction in GDP emissions intensity from 2005 levels and reached 52% non-fossil fuel installed capacity.

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## Key Initiatives:

### Major BEE Programmes

#### ADEETIE Scheme for MSMEs

Initiatives to improve energy efficiency in small and medium enterprises.

#### Corporate Average Fuel Efficiency Standards

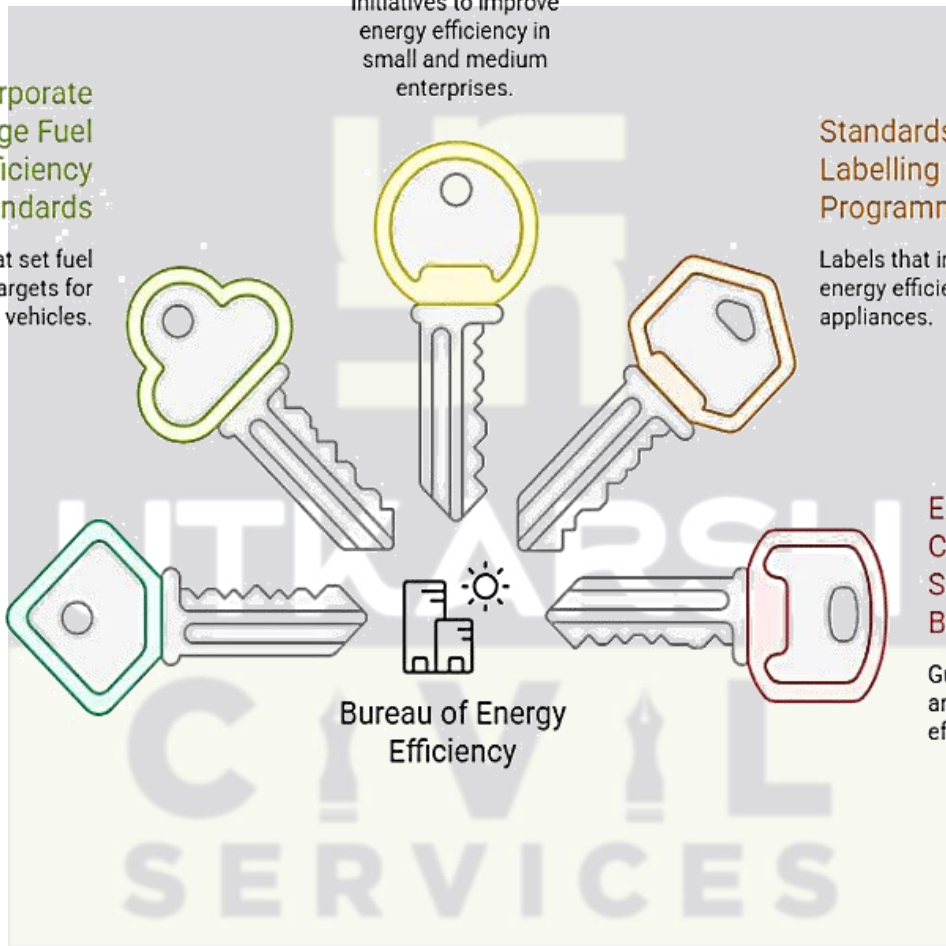
Regulations that set fuel efficiency targets for vehicles.

#### Standards & Labelling Programme

Labels that indicate the energy efficiency of appliances.

#### Perform, Achieve and Trade Scheme (now Carbon Credit Trading Scheme)

A market where companies trade carbon credits to reduce emissions.



#### Bureau of Energy Efficiency

#### Energy Conservation and Sustainable Building Code

Guidelines for designing and constructing energy-efficient buildings.

## 🕒 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY 🕒

### Denmark: HIV and Syphilis

#### 📣 Why in News?

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has certified Denmark as the first country in the European Union to eliminate mother-to-child transmission (EMTCT) of HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) and syphilis.



#### 📌 Key Points:

- **Mother-to-child transmission (MTCT):** The transmission of infections such as HIV and syphilis from a mother to her baby during pregnancy, childbirth, or breastfeeding, which can lead to infant infection, stillbirth, neonatal death, or congenital diseases.

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- **WHO MTCT Elimination Criteria:** The WHO criteria for EMTCT include reducing the mother-to-child transmission rate to less than 50 per 100,000 live births and ensuring that more than 95% of pregnant women receive testing and treatment.
- **Other countries included in EMTCT:** More than 20 countries and territories, including Caribbean countries (Anguilla, Antigua), South America (Brazil), Africa (Botswana), and Asia (Malaysia, Maldives), are recognized by WHO for Emergency Medical Control (EMTCT).
- **WHO's Tripartite Elimination Strategy:** WHO promotes the tripartite elimination of HIV, syphilis, and hepatitis B through four pillars (universal antenatal care, integrated maternal infection testing, effective treatment, and strong health systems with community participation).

## Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV):

- HIV attacks the human immune system, specifically CD4+ T-cells.
- Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) is the most advanced stage of HIV infection.
- **Transmission:** Spread through infected body fluids.
- **Treatment:** Antiretroviral therapy (ART)
- **Test:** Rapid diagnostic test

## Syphilis:

- **Infection:** Caused by a bacterium called *Treponema pallidum*.
- **Transmission:** Sexually transmitted infection.
- **Affected organs:** Nervous system, brain, heart, eyes

## Hepatitis B:

- **Infection:** Liver infection caused by a virus.
- **Transmission:** Spread through contact with infected body fluids.