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### Shriji's Hanumanji



#### Why in News?

- Rajasthan's tallest statue of Hanuman was unveiled atop the 500-foot-high Giriraj Mountain, situated opposite 'Vishwas Swaroopam'—the world's tallest statue of Lord Shiva—in Nathdwara (Rajsamand), Rajasthan.



#### Key Points:

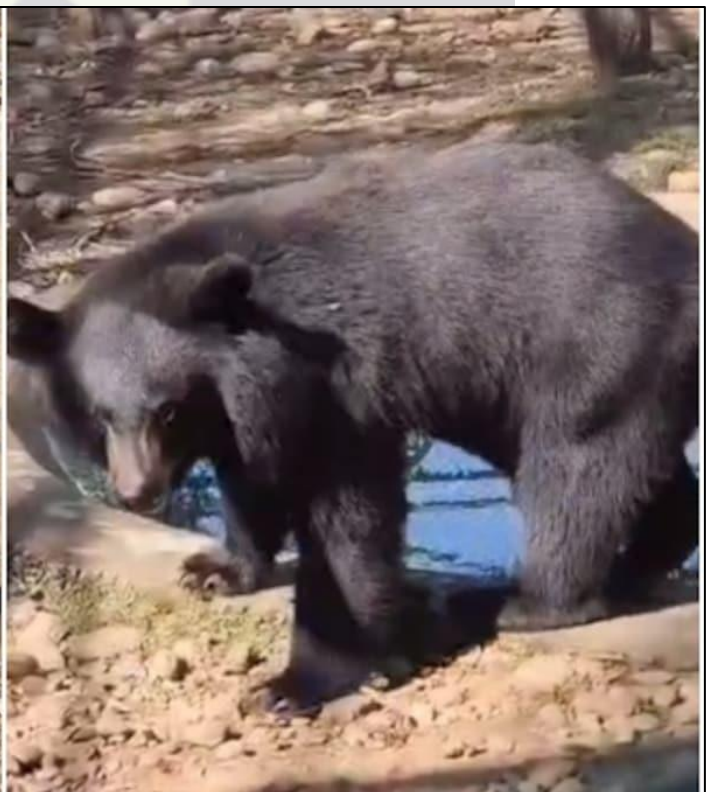
- **Sculptor** – Naresh Kumawat
- **Height** – 131 feet
- **Construction Period** – 3 years

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## Himalayan Bears at Nahargarh Biological Park

### Why in News?

- At the Nahargarh Biological Park located in Jaipur, one male and one female Himalayan Black Bear—brought from Jammu and Kashmir under a biodiversity exchange program—have been put on display for public viewing. The male bear has been named Hari, and the female bear has been named Kamala.



### Key Points:

#### Other Significant Points:

- On this occasion, the five cubs of the tiger Shivaji and the tigress Rani were named as follows:
- **Males:** Surya, Shaurya, Vijay
- **Females:** Ambe, Vrinda

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## Anwar Khan Manganiyar Appointed Vice-Chairman of Sangeet Natak Akademi

### Why in News?

- Padma Shri Anwar Khan Manganiyar, a renowned folk artist from Barmer, has been appointed as the Vice-Chairman of the Sangeet Natak Akademi by the Government of India.



### Key Points:

- The Vice-Chairman of the Sangeet Natak Akademi is elected by the members of the General Council for a tenure of five years; in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman discharges the powers and functions of the Akademi.
- **Honors and Achievements:** Padma Shri – 2024, Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2017)

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## The 'City of Hundred Islands' Set for Transformation

### Why in News?

- A high-level committee has been constituted under the guidance of the Chief Minister to develop Banswara district—renowned as the 'City of Hundred Islands'—from a tourism perspective.



### Key Points:

- The Divisional Commissioner of Udaipur will serve as the Chairperson of the committee.
- **Objective:** The committee will formulate a comprehensive Master Plan, which will prioritize eco-friendly tourism, water conservation, and employment generation.

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## Operation Anti-Venom

### Why in News?

- Operation Anti-Venom is a campaign primarily launched by the Rajasthan Police in March 2026 against drug traffickers.



### Key Points:

- **Objective:** To dismantle the drug supply chain and shut down hotspots within 15 days (by March 31, 2026).
- **Scope:** This campaign spans across 8 districts and 115 police stations.
- **Other Active Police Campaigns:** Operation Clean Sweep, Operation Trinetra, Operation Sankalp, Operation Flush Out.

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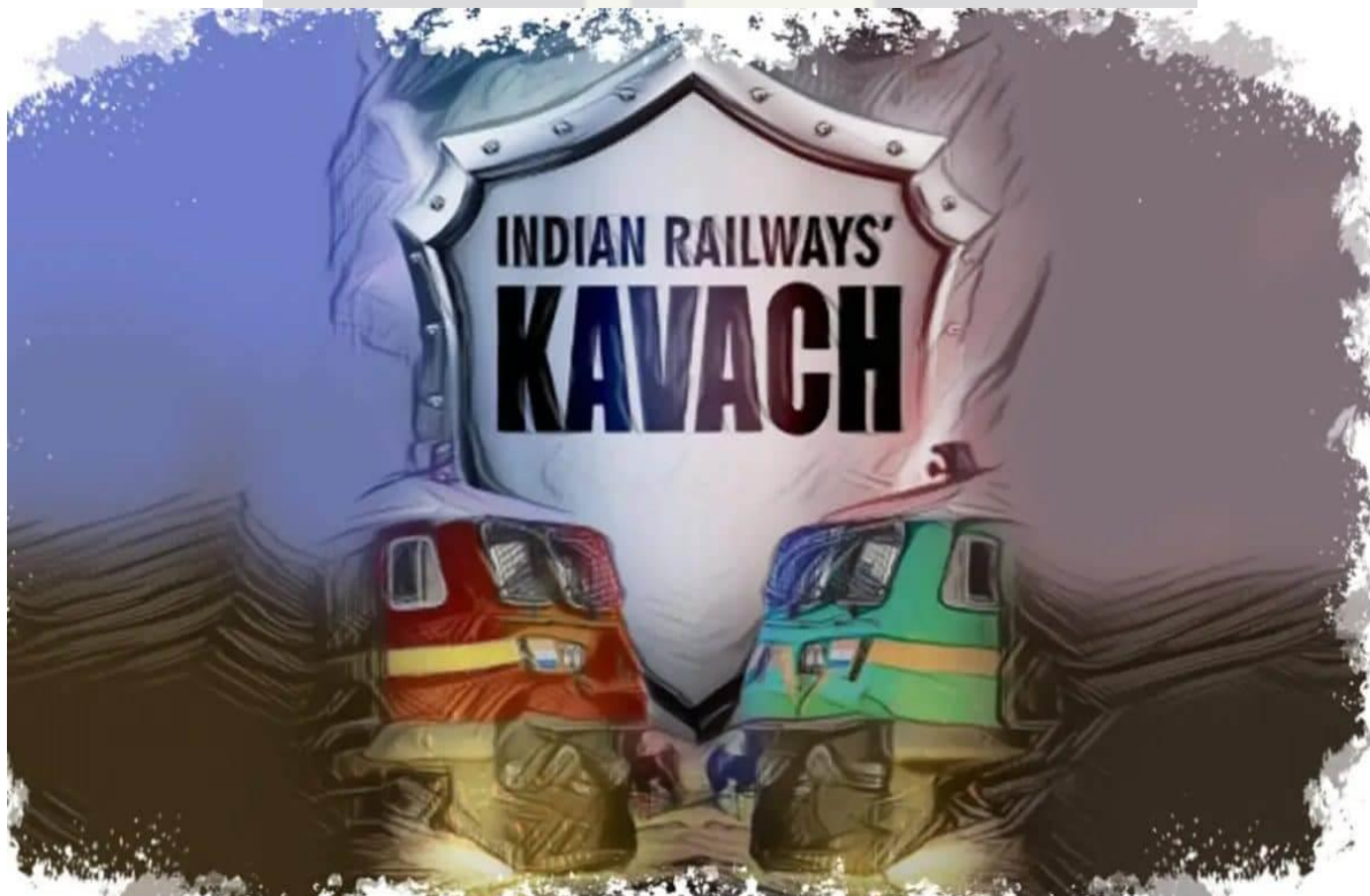


### KAVACH System



#### Why in News?

- Indian Railways has approved the expansion of the KAVACH system across several zones.



#### Key Points:

#### KAVACH {Automatic Train Protection (ATP) System}:

- It is a Train Collision Avoidance System (TCAS). If two trains are on a collision course, it automatically applies the brakes to prevent the collision.
- Development:** By the Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO) of Indian Railways.

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## Key Features:

- Providing continuous real-time updates to the locomotive.
- **Prevention of all types of train collisions:** Head-on, rear-end, and side-on collisions (loco-to-loco communication).
- Preventing the danger of passing a signal at 'danger' (SPAD).
- **Others:** Repeating line-side signals for foggy weather conditions, automatic horn activation, and broadcasting emergency messages.



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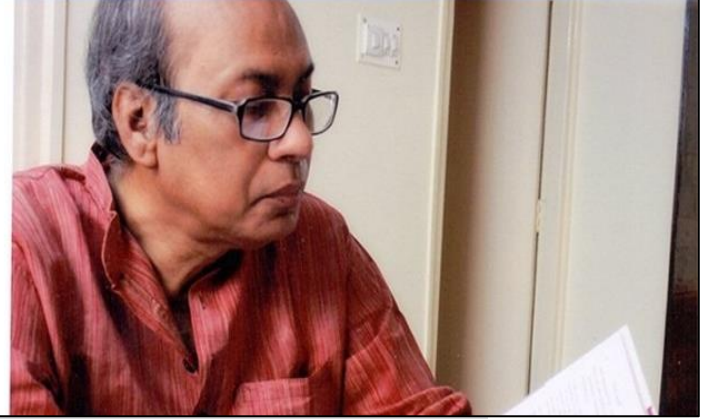
## Saraswati Samman 2025

### Why in News?

- Author Ramkumar Mukhopadhyay's Bengali novel, 'Hara Parbati Katha', has been selected for the Saraswati Samman, 2025.



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### Key Points:

- The Saraswati Samman, established by the K.K. Birla Foundation in 1991, is an annual award presented to an outstanding literary work written by an Indian citizen in any Indian language and published during the preceding 10 years.

## 🎓 Indian Governance and State System 🎓

### Finance Bill 2026

#### 📣 Why in News?

- The Finance Bill, 2026, has been passed by the Lok Sabha, marking a significant step towards concluding the Union Budget process for the financial year 2026-27.



#### 📌 Key Points:

##### What is a Finance Bill?

- A Finance Bill is a Money Bill that gives effect to the taxation and financial proposals of the Central Government.
- It is introduced annually under Article 110 of the Constitution following the presentation of the Union Budget. It includes provisions related to the following:

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- o Provisions concerning direct and indirect taxes.
- o Amendments to existing tax laws.
- o Changes in financial rules and the policy framework.

## Significance of the Bill

- It grants legal sanction to tax proposals, thereby ensuring revenue mobilization.
- It promotes ease of doing business by simplifying taxation.
- It encourages investment and consumption through targeted tax measures.
- It strengthens India's path toward fiscal consolidation and growth.

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## Sociology

### Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Bill, 2026

#### Why in News?

- Parliament has passed the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Bill, 2026.



#### Key Points:

##### Key Provisions of the Bill

- Amended Definition:** Transgender persons are defined based on socio-cultural identity (Kinnar, Hijra, Aravani, Jogta), biological variations, etc.
- Removal of the Right to Self-Identification:** Through this Bill, Section 4(2) of the 2019 Act has been repealed. This section previously stipulated that any individual could voluntarily declare themselves as transgender, following which they would receive a certificate. Legal recognition of self-determination has now been abolished.

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- **Verification Authority:** To verify the identity of transgender persons, a Medical Board—headed by a Chief Medical Officer or Deputy Chief Medical Officer—will be established.
- **Provision for Stringent Penalties:** Various penalties have been prescribed for offenses committed against transgender persons. These provisions include sentences extending up to life imprisonment.
- **National Council for Transgender Persons:** The composition of the Council has been amended to ensure representation for States and Union Territories on a rotational basis.

## Key Concerns Regarding the Bill

- Loss of liberty
- Exclusion of many individuals from the community due to a restrictive definition
- Violation of privacy and dignity
- Medical gatekeeping
- Lack of adequate consultation regarding the Bill

## Initiatives for the Welfare of the Transgender Community in India

- **National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) vs. Union of India Case:** Transgender persons were recognized as a 'Third Gender.' The right of transgender persons to self-identify was affirmed.
- **National Council for Transgender Persons:** This is a statutory body established to protect and promote the rights of transgender persons.
- **National Transgender Portal:** This portal facilitates online applications for transgender persons to obtain identity certificates and access various benefits.
- **SMILE Scheme (Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise).**

## Schemes and Policies

### Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) – Revised UDAN

#### Why in News?

- The Union Cabinet has recently approved the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) – Revised UDAN.



#### Key Points:

- Under the UDAN scheme, the development of airports will now be undertaken under a 'Challenge Mode'. This will establish new standards for timely completion, quality, innovation, and sustainability within the scheme.

#### Revised UDAN Scheme

- **Scheme Duration:** 10 years (Financial Year 2026-27 to 2035-36)

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## Components of the Scheme:

- **Aerodrome Development (CAPEX):** To boost regional connectivity, 100 airports will be developed from unserved airstrips. This target aligns with the vision of 'Viksit Bharat 2047' (Developed India 2047).
- **Operations & Maintenance (O&M):** Financial assistance will be provided for a period of 3 years for approximately 441 RCS-only aerodromes.
- **Modern Helipads:** To enhance last-mile connectivity and emergency services, 200 helipads will be developed in remote, hilly, and aspirational regions.
- **Viability Gap Funding (VGF):** Assistance will be made available to airline operators to sustain operations on regional air routes.
- **'Atmanirbhar' (Self-reliant) Initiative:** Promotion of Indigenous Aircraft Procurement: To augment aircraft operational capabilities in remote and inaccessible regions, HAL Dhruv helicopters and Dornier aircraft will be procured.

## UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik –Scheme

- **Launched On:** October 2016
- **Implementing Ministry:** Ministry of Civil Aviation
- **Objective:** To make air travel affordable and accessible for everyone, and to enhance connectivity to Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.

## Immigration, Visa, Foreigners Registration and Tracking (IVFRT) Scheme

### Why in News?

- The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of the IVFRT scheme from April 2026 to March 2031.



### Key Points:

#### IVFRT Scheme:

- **Ministry:** Under the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.
- **Objective:** To modernize immigration and visa services. It facilitates legitimate travelers while strengthening national security.
- **Focus Areas:** Emerging technological innovations, transformation of core infrastructure, and technology and service optimization.
- This scheme integrates immigration, visa issuance, registration of foreigners, and the monitoring of their activities within India.

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### Qader Cruise Missile



#### Key Points:

- Iran fired Qader cruise missiles at the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier.
- The Qader is a medium-range, shore-based anti-ship cruise missile developed by Iran.
- It is an advanced variant of the Noor missile. Its reported strike range is 120–300 kilometers.




## ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

### India's Nationally Determined Contribution (2031–2035) Approved

#### Why in News?

- The Union Cabinet has approved India's updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) for the period 2031–2035, to be submitted to the UNFCCC.

### INDIA'S NDC (2031-2035) TOWARDS VIKSIT BHARAT @2047 & NET-ZERO BY 2070

EMISSIONS INTENSITY OF GDP REDUCTION	NON-FOSSIL FUEL ELECTRICITY	CARBON SINK THROUGH FORESTS	APPROACH & STRATEGIES
 <b>47 PERCENT REDUCTION</b> by 2035 (from 2005 level) Reduced by 36% during 2005-2020	 <b>60 PERCENT CUMULATIVE INSTALLED CAPACITY</b> by 2035 Achieved 52.57% non-fossil capacity (Feb 2026)	 <b>CREATE 3.5 TO 4.0 BILLION TONNES CO<sub>2</sub>eq BY 2035</b> Already created 2.29 billion tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> eq by 2021	This strategy follows a multi-pronged approach: <b>People-Centric</b> measures including LiFE and EK PED MAA KE NAAM; <b>Clean Energy</b> initiatives through Green Hydrogen, PM SURYA GRGHAR, and PLI SCHEMES; adaptation via Mangroves, <b>EARLY WARNINGS</b> , and Heat Action Plans; and <b>International Partnerships</b> like ISA, CDRI, GBA, and Lead-IT.

#### Key Points:

#### India's Nationally Determined Contribution (2031–2035):

- Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) are climate action plans submitted by countries under the Paris Agreement, outlining their self-defined targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to the impacts of climate change.

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- **Period:** This specific NDC covers the period from 2031 to 2035, building upon the targets previously established for 2030.

## Key Targets Announced:

- **Emission Intensity:** To reduce the emission intensity of its GDP by 47% by 2035 (from 2005 levels).
- **Non-Fossil Fuel Energy:** To achieve 60% of its cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2035.
- **Carbon Sink:** To create an additional carbon sink of 3.5 to 4.0 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent by 2035 through the expansion of forest and tree cover.

## Other Key Features:

- **Whole-of-Government Approach:** Formulated through 10 NITI Aayog working groups involving Union Ministries, industry bodies, and civil society.
- **Focus on Adaptation:** In addition to mitigation, it emphasizes disaster resilience, including mangrove restoration (MISHTI scheme), Heat Action Plans, and glacier monitoring in the Himalayas.
- **People-Centric Initiatives:** Promotes community-driven actions—such as the LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) movement and 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' to transform climate action into a mass movement.
- **Clean Energy Mission:** Leverages the Green Hydrogen Mission, PM-Surya Ghar, and Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage technologies.
- **Global Leadership:** Reaffirms India's role in international alliances such as the International Solar Alliance and the Global Biofuels Alliance.

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## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### Agnite Engine

#### Why in News?

- The Indian private space startup Agnikul Cosmos has achieved a major milestone by successfully testing the Agnite engine.



#### Key Points:

##### Agnite Engine:

- Agnite is the world's largest single 3D-printed booster engine.
- Agnite and Agnilet are Agnikul's 3D-printed semi-cryogenic engines.
- It is constructed using Inconel.
- Inconel is a high-performance alloy. It is specifically designed to withstand extreme temperatures.
- The Agnite engines are designed to power the booster stage of Agnikul's Agnibaan launch vehicle.

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## INDEXES AND REPORTS



### IIED Food Security Index



#### Why in News?

- The International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) has published the IIED Food Security Index.

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#### Key Points:

- This index assesses how climate change impacts the "four pillars" of food security. These pillars are: Availability, Access, Utilization, and Sustainability.
- India is among the major economies that are most likely to face food insecurity due to rising global temperatures.
- India's position in the Food Security Index has been described as the "most concerning".
- Under scenarios involving a temperature rise of 1.5°C and 2°C, India's food security score could decline sharply (by up to 15%). This would push India closer to the "critically insecure" category.
- Rising temperatures could further widen the gap between rich and poor nations in terms of their capacity to ensure food security.