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RSMML's Innovation - Sangtarash Program



Why in News?

- Rajasthan State Mines and Minerals Limited (RSMML) has launched a significant innovation called 'Sangtarash' to promote the efficient use of mineral waste and the arts.



Key Points:

- Under this innovation, mineral overburden and waste material from the Jhamarkotra mining area (Udaipur) will be recycled. This recycled material will be used to create modern and contemporary sculptures.
- RSMML's Sangtarash innovation is an important step towards environmental protection, social responsibility, and good governance.

Facts for Prelims:

Rajasthan State Mines and Minerals Limited (RSMML)

- **Established:** 1974
- Rajasthan State Mines and Minerals Limited is one of the leading public sector undertakings of the Government of Rajasthan, primarily responsible for the mining and marketing of industrial minerals in the state.
- **The main objective of the company:** To adopt cost-effective technological innovations in mineral mining and diversify into mineral-based downstream projects.

Entrepreneur Award Ceremony – 2026

Why in News?

- Recently, Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma honored 14 entrepreneurs from Rajasthan at the 'Entrepreneur Award Ceremony – 2026' organized by the Swadeshi Jagran Manch in Jagatpura, Jaipur.

Key Points:

Respected Entrepreneur:

S.N.	Name	concerned district
1.	Radheshyam Goyal	Bharatpur
2.	Sardar Hira Singh	Bharatpur
3.	Ramprasad Sharma	Jaipur
4.	Saryu Sharan Sharma	Jaipur
5.	Deepak Agarwal	Jaipur
6.	Bharat Agarwal	Jaipur
7.	Manish Gupta	Jaipur
8.	Ras Bihari Rungta	Jaipur
9.	Sculptor Mahavir Bharti	Jaipur
10.	Vineet Jain	Sikar
11.	Prithvi Singh	Sikar
12.	Pushpa Sevaram Gupta	Jhunjhunu
13.	Ramavatar Sharma	-
14.	Aniruddha Joshi	-

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Facts for Prelims:

Rajasthan MSME Policy - 2024

- **Released:** By Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma on December 4, 2024.
- **Effective:** Until March 31, 2029, or until replaced by another policy.

Key Goals of the Policy:

- **New Units:** To establish 20,000 new MSME units in the next 5 years.
- **Investment and Employment:** This policy aims to attract ₹10,000 crore in investment and create approximately 1 lakh new jobs.
- **Global Competitiveness:** To make local MSMEs competitive in the global market by aligning them with international standards.

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New Cumin Variety: Jodhpur Cumin-1 (JC-1)

Why in News?

- 'Jodhpur Cumin-1 (JC-1)' is a new cumin variety developed by Jodhpur Agricultural University.

Key Points:

- **Approval:** 'Jodhpur Cumin-1' was officially approved by the Central Variety Release Committee (CSC) in April 2025.
- **Higher Yield:** Jodhpur Cumin-1 has a 22.7 percent higher yield than the current cumin variety GC-4.
- **Disease Resistance:** Resistant to diseases such as Fusarium Wilt and Blight.
- **Oil Quality:** The oil content is approximately 4.34 percent. Due to its excellent aroma and high oil quality, it is considered suitable for export to the international market.
- Before final approval, this variety was tested at five major agricultural science centers in Rajasthan and Gujarat.

Facts for Prelims:

High-quality varieties of major crops

1. Millet

- RAJ – 171
- RCB – 2
- RCB – 911
- RHB – 30

5. Sugarcane

- CO – 419
- CO – 449
- CO – 1007
- CO – 1111

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2. Cotton

- Narma (a type of cotton variety)
- Bikaneri Narma
- PST – 9
- US – 81
- US – 51
- US – 71
- Veernar
- Varalakshmi

6. Mustard

- Pusa Bold
- Rajvijay Mustard – 2
- Pusa Mustard – 25
- Pusa Mustard – 21

3. Wheat

- MG-Nabi (Dead Wheat-Nabi)
(Black Wheat)
- Lemi
- Kalyan Sona (1482)
- Sonalika
- Malavika
- Kohinoor
- Durgapura – 65 and Chambal 65

7. Maize

- Mahi Dhawal
- Mahi Kanchan
- HM - 4
- HM - 8
- HM - 9
- Arun
- Kiran
- Prabhat

4. Rice

- Basmati
- Mahi Sugandha
- Parmal
- Chambal
- Padma
- Jamuna

8. Barley

- Karan
- Kailash
- Kedar
- Jyoti
- R.D. 3064

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NEWS IN SHORTS

S. No.	News
1.	<p>Shikara Boating Iconic Destination – Amer (Jaipur)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ On the lines of Kashmir, the Maotha Lake in Amer (Jaipur) is being developed as an 'Iconic Destination' for Shikara boating.■ Tourists will be able to experience Shikara boating at Maotha Lake, located at the foot of the Amer Fort, similar to the Dal Lake in Kashmir. Rajasthani cultural programs will also be organized for tourists during the boating.
2.	<p>World Global Impact Award – 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Recently, Jaipur resident Jitendra Bagda was presented the 'World Global Impact Award-2026' in New Delhi.■ He was given this honor for effectively promoting Indian Sanatan culture, art, traditional clothing, and values of life on the world stage.
3.	<p>Solution to the Waterlogging Problem in Bhiwadi and Dharuhera</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ A joint project worth ₹150 crore is proposed with the support of the Government of India, the Government of Haryana, and the Government of Rajasthan to provide a permanent solution to the decades-old waterlogging problem in Bhiwadi (Rajasthan) and Dharuhera (Haryana).■ A sewage treatment plant with a capacity of 34 MLD (million liters per day) will be established in Bhiwadi. Additionally, a Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) with a capacity of 6 MLD has been developed for industrial waste.

4.

Shiv Math Temple, Chandresal (Kota)

- Recently, Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari announced that conservation work will be carried out at the Shiv Math Temple, Chandresal (Kota).
- This temple was built in the 10th-11th centuries. The Shiv Math Temple, Chandresal was conserved by the Department of Archaeology and Museums in 2008.

5.

Release of Compilation Booklet of Army Day Parade-2026

- Recently, Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma released the compilation booklet and short film of Army Day Parade-2026 in Jaipur.
- The Chief Minister honored administrative, police, and military officers who made significant contributions to the success of the Army Day Parade by presenting them with commendation certificates.
- Those honored included Principal Secretary-General Administration Naveen Jain, Jaipur Police Commissioner Sachin Mittal, Secretary of School Education Krishna Kunal, Jaipur Collector Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni, General Incharge-Administration South-Western Command Major General Amar Ramdasani, Colonel Sandeep Shridharan, and Colonel Harinder Sumra.



Raisina Dialogue



Why in News?

- The 11th edition of the Raisina Dialogue is being held in India.



Key Points:

- **The theme of this 2026 edition is: "Sanskar - Assertion, Accommodation, Advancement."**
- As part of the Raisina Dialogue, the first edition of the Raisina Science Diplomacy Initiative (SDI) was launched.

Raisina Dialogue:

- It is India's premier conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics. It has been held annually in New Delhi since 2016.
- It is organized by the Observer Research Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs.
- The Raisina Platforms and Ideas Forum (RPIF) is the entity that administers and manages the Raisina Dialogue.

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India as a 'Lead Security Provider' in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR)



Why in News?

- The sinking of Iran's IRIS Dena vessel by the US has highlighted maritime security concerns.



Key Points:

- The Iranian vessel IRIS Dena was sunk by a US nuclear-powered submarine in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). This is being reported as the first such attack by the US since World War II.
- Upon receiving the distress signal, the Indian Navy deployed INS Tarangini and INS Ikshak and launched search and rescue operations.

India's Role as a 'Lead Security Provider' in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR)

- India has upgraded its SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) vision to MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Inclusive Advancement for Security and Growth in the Region).
- **Providing leadership by establishing institutions:** The Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) is located in India. India plays a leading role in the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA).
- **Regional security forums and naval cooperation:** for example, the Colombo Security Initiative, International Fleet Review (IFR) 2026, Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Conclave, etc.

Kurds



Why in News?

- The United States is seeking support from Kurdish ethnic groups in its conflict with Iran.



Key Points:

About the Kurds:

- Kurds are one of the world's largest stateless ethnic groups. Their population is between 30 and 40 million worldwide.
- **Territory:** They live mostly in the mountain ranges and valleys along the borders of Armenia, Iraq, Iran, Syria, and Turkey.
- **Culture:** Kurds have a distinctive culture. This includes a Persian-related language with several dialects, traditional clothing, music, food, and identity.
- **Demand for a separate nation:** Their nationalism emerged in the late 19th century, but their aspirations for a homeland have repeatedly been thwarted.

Iran's Nuclear Sites

Why in News?

- Iran's nuclear sites have once again drawn global attention amid the ongoing US-Iran conflict.



Key Points:

Iran's major nuclear sites:

- Natanz:** This is the main uranium-enrichment site.
- Fordow Fuel Enrichment Facility:** This is a deep-seated enrichment facility near Qom.
- Bushehr Plant:** This is Iran's only operating nuclear power reactor, built in collaboration with Russia's Rosatom.
- Tehran Research Plant:** This focuses on the production of medically useful isotopes.
- Isfahan:** This focuses on the processing of natural uranium and fuel production.
- Arak:** This focuses on the production of medically useful isotopes.

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India-Finland Relations

Why in News?

- During the State Visit of the President of Finland, India and Finland elevated their bilateral relations to a "Strategic Partnership in Digitalization and Sustainability."



Key Points:

- **Trade:** Leveraging the recently concluded India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA), bilateral trade is targeted to double to \$2.6 billion by 2030.
- **Digital Frontier:** A joint task force on 6G will be established.
- **Startups:** Improved connectivity between startup ecosystems will be achieved through the India-Finland Startup Corridor.
- **Circular Economy:** India will co-host the World Circular Economy Forum 2026. This is a Finnish initiative that provides circular economy solutions.
- **Human Capital:** A Migration and Mobility Partnership was signed to facilitate the movement of students and professionals.

ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

Why in News?

- India submitted its seventh national report to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

Key Points:

- This report was prepared by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. This report is India's official submission under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
- Under Article 26 of the CBD, States Parties are required to submit national reports to the Conference of the Parties (COP) on steps taken towards the implementation of the CBD.
- This is the first full assessment of progress towards the 23 targets set under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF).
- Policy Coordination:** The National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) is now aligned with the KMGBF. The NBSAP contains 23 National Biodiversity Targets (NBTs) and 142 indicators.
- Implementation of Goals:** The report highlights progress on all national biodiversity targets.



- India has moved up to 9th place in terms of total forest area. Forest and tree cover in India accounts for 25.17% of the country's total geographical area.
- 24.1 million hectares of land in India have been or are being restored. It is noteworthy that India has set a target to restore 26 million hectares of degraded land by 2030.
- India ranks 5th among the world's top carbon sink countries. India's forests are absorbing 150 million tons of CO₂ per year during 2021–2025.
- Non-fossil fuel-based energy resources account for 51.93% of India's total installed power capacity. This exceeds the 50% target set in the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC).

Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

- **Secretariat:** Montreal (Canada)
- It is a legally binding treaty adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Earth Summit) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992.
- The treaty entered into force in 1993. The treaty operates under the aegis of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).
- **Governing body:** Conference of the Parties (CoP).
- **Objectives:** Conservation of biological diversity; sustainable use of its components; and fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from it.
- **Protocols:** “Cartagena Protocol on Biosecurity” and “Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS)”

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Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mk-III and Shtil Missile

📣 Why in News?

- The Ministry of Defense signed contracts for the acquisition of six ALH Mk-III (Maritime Role) missiles for the Indian Coast Guard. In addition, contracts were also signed for vertical launch Shtil missiles for the Indian Navy.



📌 Key Points:

ALH Mk-III (MR):

- It is a twin-engine helicopter with advanced features superior to currently operating airborne platforms.
- It is capable of carrying out a wide range of maritime security missions from shore-based airfields as well as ships at sea.

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- It was signed with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bengaluru, under the 'BI (Indian-Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured)' category.

Shtil Missile:

- It is a surface-to-air missile that provides rapid response and improved survivability in challenging maritime environments.
- A contract for this missile was signed with Russia's JSC Rosoboronexport.



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IMPAct4Nutrition (Initiative to Mobilize Private Action for Nutrition: I4N)

📣 Why in News?

- NITI Aayog and UNICEF India signed a letter of intent through the IMPAct4Nutrition (I4N) platform.



📌 Key Points:

- It aims to strengthen nutrition and health improvements in aspirational districts and blocks.
- The I4N platform:**
- It serves as a central hub of knowledge and resources on nutrition.
 - It acts as a link between businesses and the broader social movement around Nutrition 2.0.
 - Nutrition 2.0 aims to achieve improvements in key nutrition parameters for both children and women.
 - It includes the ACE Card initiative (Assets for Nutrition, CSR for Nutrition, and Employee Participation for Nutrition). It aims to accelerate behavior change towards better nutrition literacy and eating habits in the workplace.

Minuteman III



Why in News?

- The United States test-launched the Minuteman III.



Key Points:

Minuteman III

- It is an intercontinental ballistic missile. It is part of the US Nuclear Triad.
- It is a nuclear missile land-based weapon under the control of the US Air Force Global Strike Command.
- It has three solid-propellant rocket engines. Its cruising speed is approximately Mach 23 when operational.
- **Range:** Over 6,000 miles (5,218 nautical miles).