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New Rules Regarding 'Appointment and Service Conditions' in the Rajasthan Board of Revenue

Why in News?

- Recently, the Rajasthan Board of Revenue, Ajmer, implemented new rules regarding the appointment of the Chairperson and Members within the Revenue Department.

Key Points:

- Rules:** These rules have been framed under Section 4(4) and Section 261(2)(i) of the Rajasthan Land Revenue Act, 1956.
- According to the new rules, a provision has been made to grant a 15 percent additional salary to officers appointed as Chairperson or Members by the Board of Revenue; meanwhile, a decision has been taken to increase the pension for advocates to ₹50,000.
- Chairperson:** As per the new rules, the minimum experience required for an IAS officer to be appointed as the Chairperson of the Revenue Department has been increased from 13 years to a mandatory 16 years.
- Members:** In the 20-member Board, 09 members will be officers from the Rajasthan Administrative Service (RAS), two from the Judicial Service, and two will be advocates. The remaining positions will be filled by officers from the Indian Administrative Service (IAS).
- Tenure:** The Chairperson and Members shall hold office until the completion of their tenure in their parent service. The provision for re-appointment has been abolished.

- **Special Allowance:** According to the new rules, the Chairperson and Members will be granted a special allowance of 15 percent in addition to their basic pay. This benefit shall remain applicable throughout their tenure or until retirement.
- Members appointed under the Advocate Quota must possess a minimum of 10 years of experience and shall be eligible for a pension after rendering at least one year of service. The pension amount has been increased from the previous ₹30,000 to ₹50,000. Advocate members may serve for a tenure of 4 years or until they attain the age of 60 years, whichever occurs earlier.

Facts for Prelims:

Role of the Board of Revenue:

Category	Description
Nature	A Quasi-Judicial Body and the highest Revenue Court of the State.
Headquarters	Ajmer (Circuit Bench: Jaipur)
Main Functions	Hearing appeals and revisions in revenue cases, maintenance of land records, and settlement operations.
Objective	To provide cheap, accessible, and speedy justice to farmers and to eliminate middlemen.
Structure	Its composition is 1+20. The number of members can be a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 20.
Service Conditions	Subject to changes by the State Government from time to time.

- The Board of Revenue was established on November 1, 1949, by an Ordinance issued by the Rajpramukh, serving as the apex court for revenue matters in Rajasthan as well as the principal regulatory and controlling authority for revenue administration.

Amendments to Rajasthan's Scooty Distribution Schemes

Why in News?

- Recently, the Government of Rajasthan issued a notification regarding amendments to two major scooty distribution schemes: the 'Kalibai Bhil Medhavi Chhatra Scooty Yojana' and the 'Devnarayan Chhatra Scooty Vitaran evam Protsahan Yojana'.

Key Points:

- According to the notification, instead of physically handing over scooties to eligible students, a sum of ₹70,000 will be transferred directly into their bank accounts through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

About the Schemes:

Parameter	Kalibai Bhil Meritorious Girl Scooty Scheme	Devnarayan Girl Scooty Distribution and Incentive Scheme
Name of Scheme	Kalibai Bhil Meritorious Girl Scooty Scheme	Devnarayan Girl Scooty Distribution and Incentive Scheme
Concerned Department	Higher Education Department	Higher Education Department
Launch Year	2015–16	2023
Eligible Category	GEN / OBC / EWS / SC / ST minority girl students	Extremely Backward Class girl students (e.g., Banjara, Gadia Lohar, Raika, Rebari, Dewasi, etc.)

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Eligible Beneficiaries	Must have secured at least 65% marks in RBSE or 75% in CBSE Class 12. Admission in first year of higher education is mandatory.	Must have secured at least 50% marks in RBSE or CBSE Class 12. Admission in first year of higher education and regular attendance is mandatory.
Annual Family Income	Less than ₹2.5 lakh	Less than ₹2.5 lakh
Other Provisions	Maximum number of scooters: 30,000	Additional incentive: ₹10,000 per year during all three years of UG course; ₹20,000 per year during two years of PG course



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21st Meeting of the Executive Committee of Rajeevika

Why in News?

- Recently, the 21st meeting of the Executive Committee of the Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Development Council (Rajeevika) was held in Jaipur, presided over by the Chief Secretary of Rajasthan, V. Srinivas.

Key Points:

- The Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Development Council (RGAVP), or Rajeevika, was established in the year 2010 by the Government of Rajasthan as an autonomous body under the administrative control of the Department of Rural Development.
- It is a society registered under the Rajasthan Societies Act, 1958.
- Chairperson:** The Chief Minister.

Objectives:

- To bring about effective convergence between government and non-government initiatives being undertaken for rural development.
- To assist in the formation and strengthening of Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Producer Organizations, Community Development Organizations, and Federations of Self-Help Groups.
- To promote small and micro-enterprises in the agricultural and non-agricultural sectors in order to enhance the income of the poor.
- Rajeevika as the Nodal Agency in the State:** It functions as the nodal agency in the state for the empowerment of the rural poor particularly women through Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

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Schemes and Missions Implemented and Operated by Rajeevika:

- Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Project (RRLP)
- Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM)
- Mitigating Poverty in Western Rajasthan (MPOWER)
- National Rural Economic Transformation Project (NRETP)
- One Block One Product (OBOP)
- National Rural Livelihood Project (NRLP)
- Shri Annapurna Rasoi Yojana
- Utensil Bank Scheme
- Mission Samridh Didi
- Van Dhan Vikas Kendra
- ‘Lakhpati Didi’ Initiative, etc.

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Rajasthan Royals' 'Pink Promise' Match

Why in News?

- The Rajasthan Royals (RR) will play the 'Pink Promise' match against the Gujarat Titans (GT) at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium on May 9, 2026.



Key Points:

- For every six hit during this match, six rural households will be illuminated using solar panels. Under this initiative, homes in Sambhar (Jaipur) will be connected to solar energy.
- The 'Pink Promise Jersey' was unveiled during a 'Meet and Greet' event held at Poornima University in Jaipur.
- **Objective:** This initiative is being spearheaded by the 'Royal Rajasthan Foundation' (RRF) to promote women's empowerment and social change in rural Rajasthan.
- Under this initiative, women who have passed the 5th grade have been trained as 'Solar Engineers' through a five-month training program; currently, 20 of these women are actively working in this capacity.

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Vriksha Mitra Samman Samaroh – 2026



Why in News?

- The 'Vriksha Mitra Samman Samaroh – 2026' (Tree Friend Honor Ceremony) was organized by the Shri Kalpataru Sansthan in Jaipur on the occasion of its 31st annual celebration.



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Key Points:

- **Chief Guest:** Actress Raveena Tandon.
- During the ceremony, the second edition of the 'Operation Sindoor 2.0' campaign was launched, and the 'Parinda Abhiyan' (Bird Campaign) was initiated for the welfare of birds.

Honored Personalities:

- Triloki Nath Sharma from Alwar received the First Vriksha Mitra Award.
- Sub-Inspector Uma Vikas of the Kota Police received the Second Vriksha Mitra Award.
- Usha Devi, who plants one sapling every day, received the Third Vriksha Mitra Award.
- **Special Award:** Viven Pareek, who is leading the 'Green Bachpan Abhiyan' (Green Childhood Campaign), received the 'Volunteer of the Year' award.

Facts for Prelims:

- Shri Kalpataru Sansthan is a prominent Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) based in Jaipur, which has been active in the fields of environmental conservation and social reform for 31 years.
- **Founder:** It was founded by Vishnu Lamba, who is also known as the 'Tree Man of India' due to his dedication to the environment.

✂ NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

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1.	<p>Meeting of Rajasthan's Chief Secretary with UNICEF Representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ On May 6, 2026, Rajasthan's Chief Secretary, V. Srinivas, held a significant meeting with Cynthia McCaffrey, the UNICEF Representative in India, at the State Secretariat in Jaipur.■ During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on subjects such as health services, Women and Child Development, nutrition, education, and the protection of child rights within the state.■ Upcoming Action Plan (2026-29): Cynthia McCaffrey shared UNICEF's action plan for the years 2026-29, under which UNICEF's role in policy formulation, technical assistance, and guidance will be further strengthened.

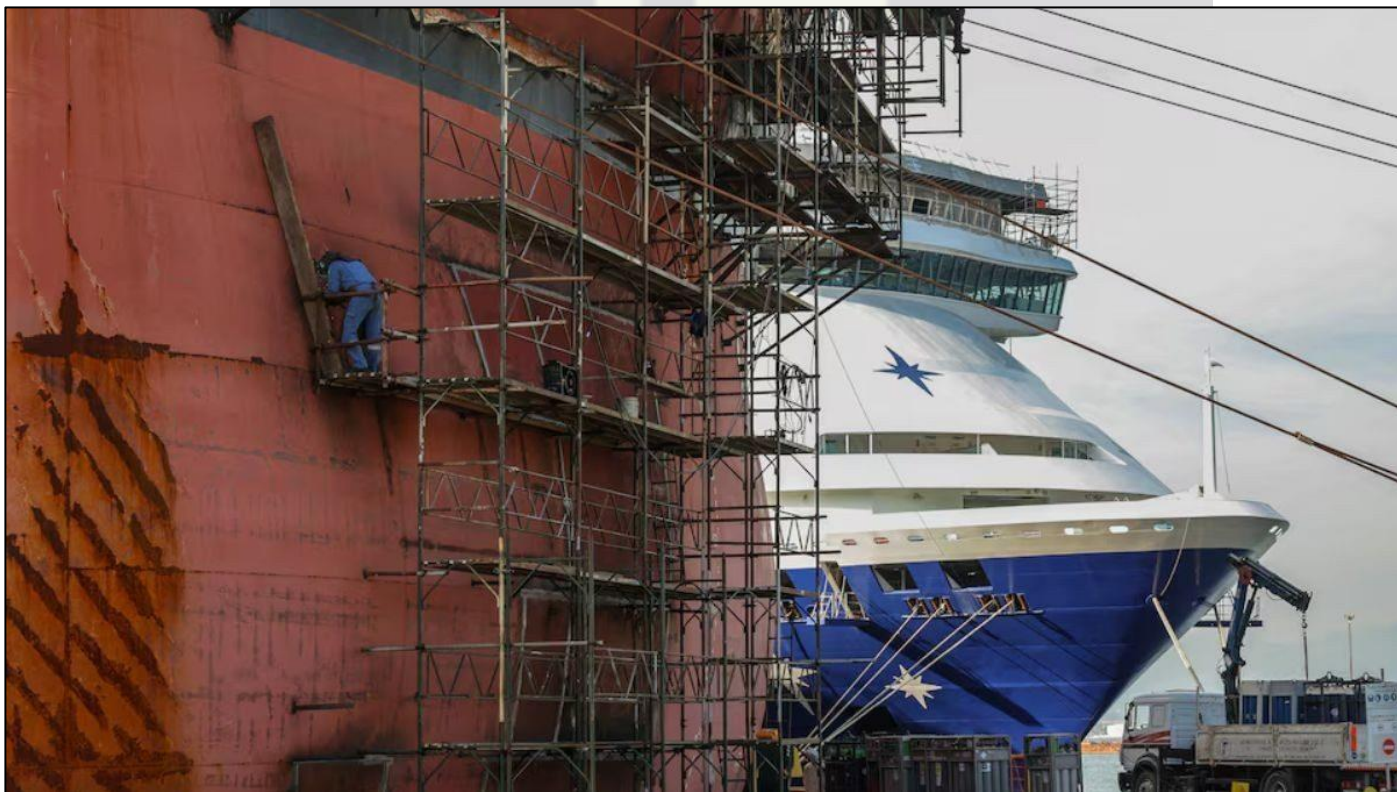
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Vadinar

Why in News?

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the development of a state-of-the-art ship repair center at Vadinar in Gujarat.



Key Points:

- This project will be jointly established by the Deendayal Port Authority and Cochin Shipyard Limited.
- It will be developed as a brownfield facility.
- **Reasons for selecting Vadinar:** Availability of a naturally deep coastline, proximity to major ports, and excellent international connectivity.

Pulitzer Prize

Why in News?

- Two Indian journalists, Anand R.K. and Suparna Sharma, won the Pulitzer Prize in the 'Illustrated Reporting and Commentary' category for exposing cybercrime in India.



Key Points:

Pulitzer Prize

- Introduction:** This is a prestigious award presented in the fields of journalism, literature, and musical composition. It is conferred for excellence in reporting and storytelling.
- It is the highest award for journalism in the United States. It is presented annually across 23 categories.
- Administrator:** Columbia University.
- It was established in 1917 in accordance with the provisions of the will of the Hungarian-American newspaper publisher, Joseph Pulitzer.

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Economic Developments



Care Economy / Purple Economy



Why in News?

- The Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (EAC-PM) has released a working paper on the Care Economy.



Key Points:

- This working paper emphasizes the need to view 'care' not merely as a private domestic responsibility, but rather as a fundamental social and economic infrastructure.

Care Economy

- It is also referred to as the 'Purple Economy'.
- It encompasses the work (whether paid or unpaid) required for the welfare of children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities.
- **Contribution to GDP:** The value of unpaid domestic and care work (primarily performed by women) is estimated to be equivalent to approximately 15–17% of India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

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EAC-PM Recommendations

Innovative Financing Mechanisms:

- **Establishment of a 'Family Services Fund':** This fund would provide financing for community-driven care infrastructure and services.
- **'Carepreneur Fund':** Financial assistance at concessional rates would be provided to entrepreneurs operating within the care economy sector.
- **Leveraging Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs):** An example is the World Bank-funded "Women's Employment and Safety Program" in Tamil Nadu, which aims to provide childcare facilities for working women.
- **Building a Care Workforce:** Assessments should be conducted to identify skill gaps, followed by the provision of standardized training and certification.

Policy Reforms:

- **Gender-Neutral Childcare Leave:** As part of a phased reform process, paternity leave provisions should be extended to the private sector as well.
- **Inclusion in Urban Planning:** Care-related facilities should be recognized and designated as essential social infrastructure.
- **Strengthening Maternity Benefits:** For instance, in Sikkim, mothers working in the private sector receive monthly financial assistance; this model could be replicated across the country.

Others:

- Support has been extended for the formation of care cooperatives.
- Childcare centers should be established within government schools.
- A quality assurance mechanism should be established.

Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs)

Why in News?

- India's National Stock Exchange introduced Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs) to formalize India's gold market.



Key Points:

- The Bombay Stock Exchange became India's first stock exchange to launch EGRs in 2022.
- EGRs**
- These are dematerialized securities that represent the ownership of physical gold. This gold is securely stored in vaults recognized by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and is held in electronic form through depositories.
- EGRs can be converted into physical gold at any time, whereas Gold ETFs are typically settled in cash.
- Regulator:** Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- Asset Category:** Securities under the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act (SCRA), 1956.

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FRP for Sugarcane for the 2026-27 Season

Why in News?

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister, has fixed the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) for sugarcane for the 2026-27 season at ₹365 per quintal, based on a recovery rate of 10.25%.



Key Points:

Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP)

- The FRP is the minimum price determined by the government, at or above which sugar mills are legally bound to pay farmers for their produce.
- The FRP for sugarcane is determined annually by the Union Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Prime Minister based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), and following consultations with state governments and other stakeholders.

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- Across the country, the payment of FRP is governed by the Sugarcane Control Order, 1966, which mandates that payment be made within 14 days from the date of sugarcane delivery; failure to do so empowers the Sugarcane Commissioner to take action against the mill owner.
- In the event of non-payment of dues to farmers, the assets of the mill may also be attached (seized).

Mechanism

- The FRP for sugarcane is determined using the same process employed to calculate the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for 23 other crops.
- However, while the MSP is not legally guaranteed, sugar mills are legally bound to pay the FRP.
- The FRP methodology is based on the process of extracting sugar from sugarcane.
- The ratio of the quantity of sugarcane crushed to the quantity of sugar produced is termed 'Sugar Recovery,' which is expressed as a percentage.

Indian Governance and State System

Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971

Why in News?

- The Union Cabinet has approved amendments to the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971.

Key Points:

- **Objective:** To make any form of insult to, or obstruction of, the singing of the national song, Vande Mataram, a punishable offense.
- Currently, insults to India's National Anthem, National Flag, and Constitution are covered under the 1971 Act, and such offenses are punishable by imprisonment for up to three years, a fine, or both.

Vande Mataram

- Vande Mataram was composed in Sanskrit by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee and first appeared in the novel Anandamath, published in 1882.
- The story of Anandamath is set against the backdrop of the Bengal Famine of 1769–73 and the Sanyasi Rebellion.
- It gained national recognition after being sung for the first time by Rabindranath Tagore at the session of the Indian National Congress in 1896.
- During the Swadeshi Movement of 1905, Vande Mataram emerged as the anthem of civil resistance.
- Vande Mataram was first used as a political slogan on August 7, 1905.
- **National Song:** On January 24, 1950, Vande Mataram was adopted as the National Song of India.

Constitutional Provisions

- **Article 51A(a) – Fundamental Duties:** Enjoins every citizen to abide by the Constitution and to respect its ideals and institutions, the National Flag, and the National Anthem.
- **Absence of Explicit Constitutional Protection:** Unlike the National Anthem, Vande Mataram is not explicitly protected by any constitutional provision.
- Its status is determined by resolutions of the Constituent Assembly, rather than by enforceable constitutional text.

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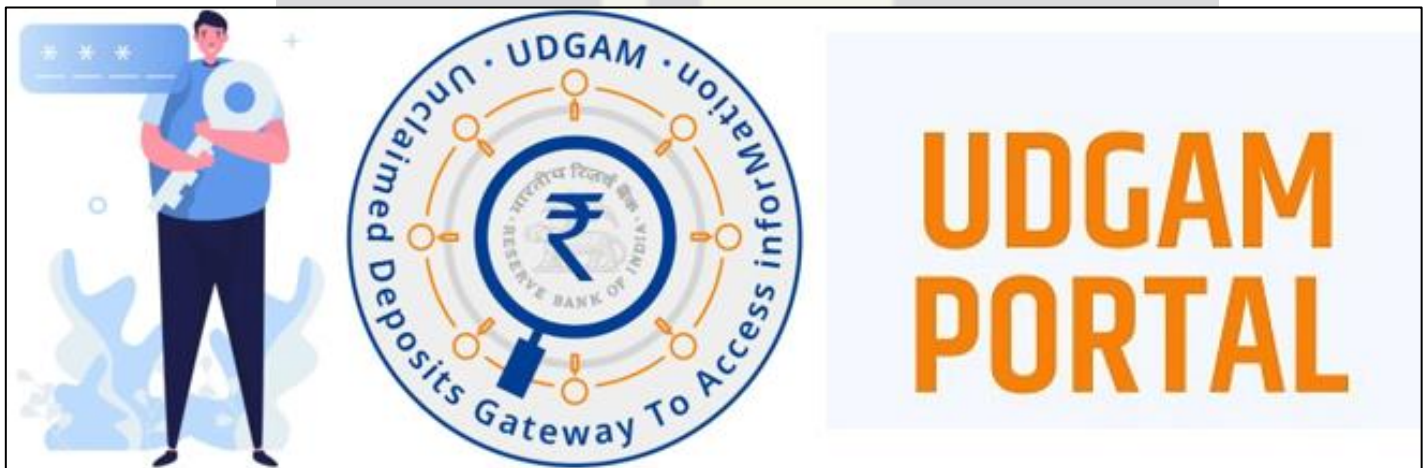
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Schemes and Policies

UDGAM Portal

Why in News?

- The Reserve Bank of India has informed the Supreme Court of India that 30 banks have been integrated into the UDGAM portal.



Key Points:

UDGAM Portal

- The UDGAM (Unclaimed Deposits – Gateway to Access Information) portal has been launched by the Reserve Bank of India to provide a centralized search facility for unclaimed bank deposits.
- It enables citizens to identify unclaimed balances across multiple participating banks through a single platform.
- This portal does not settle claims; rather, it facilitates the process by directing users to the respective banks where the deposits are held.



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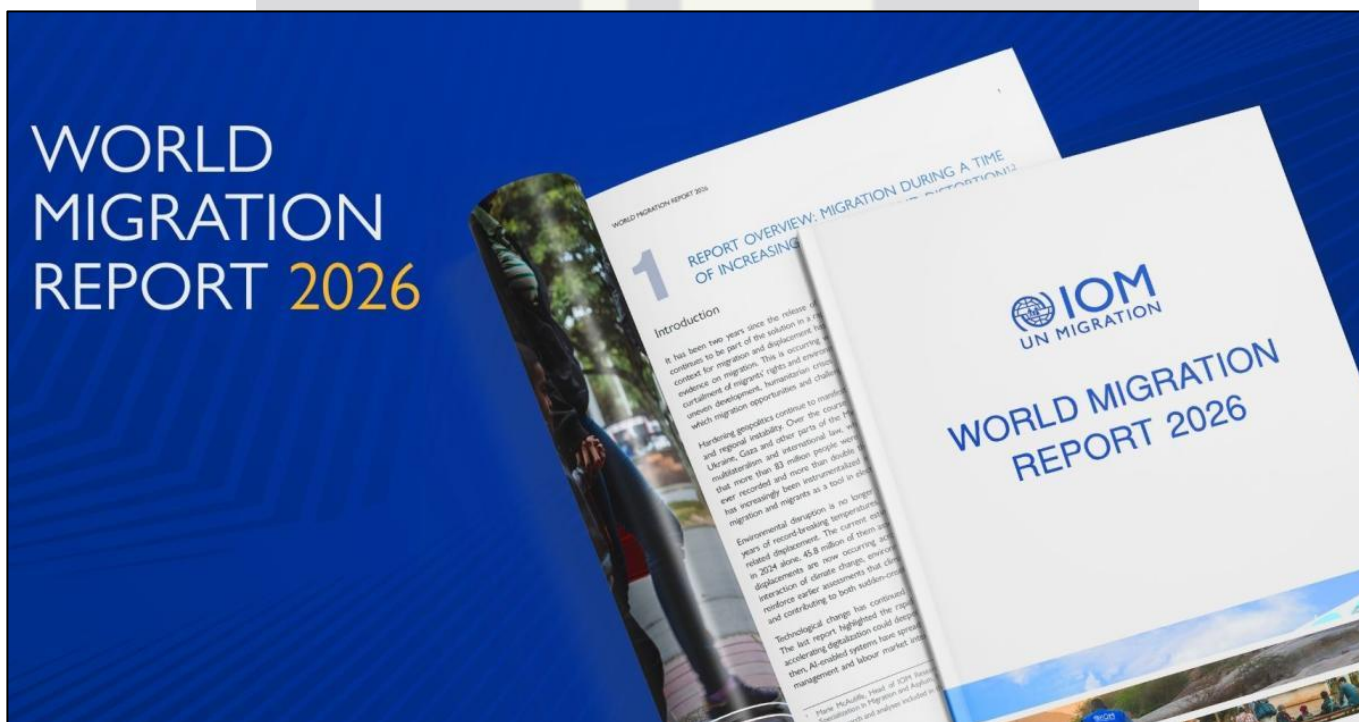


World Migration Report, 2026



Why in News?

- The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has released the World Migration Report 2026.



Key Points:

- **Global Migration:** In 2024, approximately 304 million people were living outside their country of birth, constituting 3.7% of the global population up from 2.9% in 1990.
- **Top Migration Corridors:** Mexico–USA (1st), Afghanistan–Iran (2nd), Syria–Turkey (3rd), Russia–Ukraine (4th), India–UAE (5th), and India–USA (6th).
- **Migration Driving Development:** In 2024, global remittances reached an estimated \$905 billion, including \$685 billion sent to low- and middle-income countries.

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Regarding India:

- The number of Indian migrants in the UAE exceeded 3 million, while the number of Indian migrants in the USA stood at approximately 3.2 million (the second-largest group after Mexican migrants).
- In India, the share of female immigrants was higher than that of male immigrants.
- Migration of men from India has primarily been driven by labor migration to the Gulf countries and similar destinations.

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