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## RAJASTHAN



### Rajya Sabha Election – 2026 (Three candidates declared elected from Rajasthan)



#### Why in News?

- On June 11, 2026, three candidates were declared elected to the Rajya Sabha from Rajasthan.

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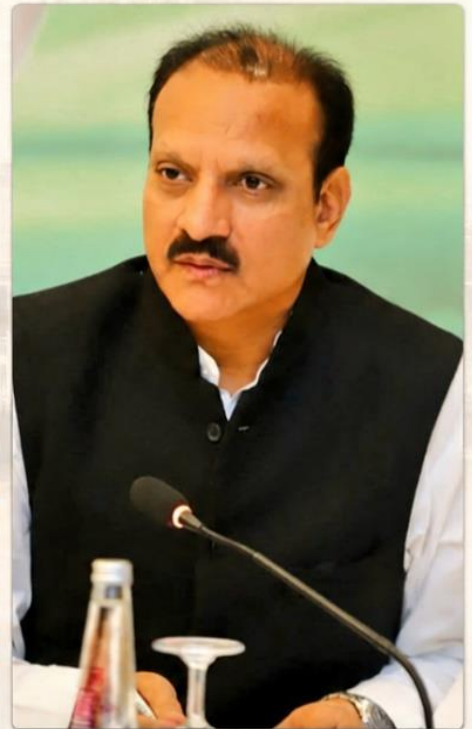
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## Key Points:

- **Returning Officer for the Rajya Sabha election: Bharat Bhushan Sharma.**

| Newly Elected MP | Party Name                   | Outgoing MP (Completed Term) | Party Name                   |
|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Satish Poonia    | BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) | Rajendra Gehlot              | BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) |
| Alka Gurjar      | BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) | Ravneet Singh                | BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) |
| Neeraj Dangi     | Congress (Re-elected)        | Neeraj Dangi                 | Congress                     |

## Rajya Sabha members from Rajasthan (as of June 10, 2026)

| S. N. | Name                    | Party                        | Term of Office                |
|-------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1     | Neeraj Dangi            | Congress                     | 22 June 2020 – 21 June 2026   |
| 2     | Rajendra Gehlot         | BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) | 22 June 2020 – 21 June 2026   |
| 3     | Ravneet Singh           | BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) | 27 August 2024 – 21 June 2026 |
| 4     | Ghanshyam Tiwari        | BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) | 5 July 2022 – 4 July 2028     |
| 5     | Randeep Singh Surjewala | Congress                     | 5 July 2022 – 4 July 2028     |
| 6     | Mukul Balkrishna Wasnik | Congress                     | 5 July 2022 – 4 July 2028     |
| 7     | Pramod Kumar            | Congress                     | 5 July 2022 – 4 July 2028     |
| 8     | Chunnilal Garasia       | BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) | 4 April 2024 – 3 April 2030   |
| 9     | Madan Rathore           | BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) | 4 April 2024 – 3 April 2030   |
| 10    | Sonia Gandhi            | Congress                     | 4 April 2024 – 3 April 2030   |

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## Facts for Prelims:

- **Rajya Sabha (Council of States):** The Rajya Sabha is known as the Upper House of Parliament.
- **Article 79 (Constitution of Parliament):** The Parliament of India consists of the President and two Houses the Rajya Sabha (Upper House) and the Lok Sabha (Lower House).
- **Article 80 (Composition of Rajya Sabha):** The maximum number of members in the Rajya Sabha is fixed at 250. Of these, 12 members are nominated by the President from the fields of art, literature, science, and social service. The remaining 238 members represent the states and union territories. (Currently, the number of members is 245).
- **Article 83 (Duration of the House):** The Rajya Sabha is a permanent House and is never dissolved. One-third of its members retire every two years, and the tenure of each member is six years.
- **Article 84 (Qualification for membership):** To contest the Rajya Sabha election, a candidate must be a citizen of India and at least 30 years of age.
- **Article 89 (Chairman and Deputy Chairman):** The Vice-President of India is the ex-officio Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. Additionally, the House elects a Deputy Chairman from among its members.



## 11th Meeting of NITI Aayog's Governing Council (With Special Reference to Rajasthan)



### Why in News?

- The 11th meeting of NITI Aayog's Governing Council was held on June 11, 2026, at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi, chaired by the Prime Minister.



### Key Points:

- This was the first instance since the establishment of NITI Aayog that Chief Ministers from all 28 states participated in the Governing Council meeting.

### Key points presented by the Chief Minister:

- A roadmap for 'Viksit Rajasthan@2047' (Developed Rajasthan@2047) was presented.
- The state government has implemented over 35 new policies, to promote investment.

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- MoUs worth ₹35 lakh crore in investments were signed for the state through the 'Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit'; ground-breaking ceremonies have already taken place for investment proposals exceeding ₹9 lakh crore.
- The state government has set a target to transform Rajasthan into a \$350 billion economy by 2030. Currently, the state's GSDP growth rate stands at 10.24 percent, a positive indicator towards achieving this goal.
- Rajasthan ranks second in the country under the 'My Bharat' campaign, with 18 lakh registered youths.
- Under the 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana', 2.19 crore insurance policies have been issued, and solar energy projects with a total capacity of 723 MW (comprising 496 projects) have been established under the PM-KUSUM scheme (Component-A). Rajasthan holds the top position in the country for both these schemes.
- Rajasthan has secured the first position in the country for two consecutive years under the 'Pradhan Mantri Poshan Yojana', while it ranks second under the 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana'.
- The state government has launched the 'Raj Unnati' platform, modeled after the 'PRAGATI' platform developed by the Central Government. Through this initiative, real-time monitoring of 42 significant projects with a total cost exceeding ₹2 lakh crore is being conducted up to June 2026.

## Facts for Prelims:

### Viksit Rajasthan@2047: Vision Document

- **Launch:** Released by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on October 13, 2025.
- **Approval by Rajasthan Cabinet:** Approved on August 23, 2025.

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- This vision document aligns with the vision of transforming India into a developed nation by the year 2047.
- **Four Pillars of Inclusive Development:** The Rajasthan government's vision document is based on four key themes and 13 sectors.

| S. No. | Key Theme                                                      | Dimensions                                                                                                   |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1      | Public Welfare and Social Empowerment                          | Agriculture and food systems, healthcare, education, and social inclusion.                                   |
| 2      | Accelerated Development, Prosperity, and Employment Generation | Development of new opportunities in the industrial, mining, and tourism sectors.                             |
| 3      | Future-Oriented Rajasthan                                      | Infrastructure development, water security, environmental sustainability, and climate resilience.            |
| 4      | Enabling Policy, Finance, and Governance                       | Rural and urban development, effective governance, digital services, and strengthening financial management. |

## Goals of the Vision Document:

- **Economic Development:** Transforming Rajasthan into a \$350 billion economy by 2030 and a \$4.3 trillion economy by 2047; increasing exports to five times the current level.
- **Agricultural Productivity:** Increasing productivity in the agricultural sector by 40 percent by 2047, through climate-resilient and technology-driven farming.

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- **Health:** Ensuring universal health access, reducing the maternal mortality rate to 15, bringing the infant mortality rate below 10 per 1,000 live births, and raising life expectancy to 77 years.
- **Educational Development:** Implementing a skill-based education system to foster an education- and knowledge-based economy, establishing smart schools equipped with computers, and achieving 100 percent school enrollment by 2047.
- **Women's Empowerment:** Increasing women's workforce participation to over 60 percent.
- **Energy:** Increasing renewable energy generation from 33 GW to 290 GW to make the state self-reliant in the energy sector.

## Implementation:

- This vision document has been prepared by the Rajasthan Institute for Transformation and Innovation (RITI) in accordance with the guidelines of NITI Aayog.
- **State-level Steering Committee:** Chaired by the Chief Secretary.
- 45 departments have been grouped into 13 sectors with designated nodal departments, and Project Management Units (PMUs) have been established at the departmental level.

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## ‘Advanced Quantum’ and ‘Artificial Intelligence’ Laboratories in Jaipur



### Why in News?

- Recently, Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the establishment of advanced quantum computing and quantum communication laboratories at the ‘Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Jaipur’.



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## Key Points:

- Additionally, the establishment of an ‘Artificial Intelligence Lab (AIL)’ was also announced.
- These laboratories will be set up under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology’s ‘Electronics and ICT Academy Project’.
- **Advanced Quantum Laboratory:** Established by MeitY, this laboratory will focus on strengthening India’s indigenous capabilities in Quantum Key Distribution (QKD), quantum computing simulation, and quantum sensing hardware components.
- Projects undertaken within this initiative will be crucial for the country. The laboratory will also conduct research in the field of Quantum Key Distribution, which is vital for national security.
- **Artificial Intelligence Lab:** This lab will also be established by MeitY at MNIT Jaipur, with the primary objective of fostering research and innovation by providing advanced computing infrastructure and research tools. To achieve this, it will be integrated with the ‘IndiaAI Mission’ network.

## Other Important Points:

- **Makers Lab:** Inaugurated by Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw at ‘Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Jaipur’. This lab will provide students with opportunities for experimental and practical training in both software and hardware technologies.

## Facts for Prelims:

### National Quantum Mission (NQM):

- **Approval:** By the Union Cabinet on April 19, 2023.
- This mission is one of the nine key missions under the Prime Minister’s Science, Technology, and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC).

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- **Main Objective:** To make India a global leader in the research, development, and industrial application of Quantum Technology (QT).
- **Budget:** ₹6,003.65 crore.
- **Duration:** From the financial year 2023-24 to 2030-31.
- **Implementing Agency:** Department of Science and Technology (DST) under the Ministry of Science and Technology.
- **4 Thematic Hubs (T-Hubs):** Under this mission, 4 Thematic Hubs (T-Hubs) have been established at premier academic and research institutions following the 'Hub-Spoke-Spike model'. These are as follows:
  - **Quantum Computing:** Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.
  - **Quantum Communication:** Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras.
  - **Quantum Sensing and Metrology:** Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay.
  - **Quantum Materials and Devices:** Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi.

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## NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

| S. No. | News                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 1.     | <p><b>Renowned Maand Singer Gavri Devi Passes Away</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Folk singer Gavri Devi, who brought international recognition to Rajasthan's rich folk culture and the 'Maand' singing style, passed away in Pali.</li><li>■ She was born in Koran village of Barmer district.</li><li>■ <b>Gavri Devi's famous Maand songs include:</b> Kesariya Balam Padharo, Dhola Thare Desh Mein, Mor Bole Re Malji, etc.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2.     | <p><b>Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni: Honoured with the 'All India Professor Vishnukant Shastri Award'</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Recently, it was announced that Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni, a Rajasthan-cadre IAS officer and litterateur, would be honoured with the 'All India Professor Vishnukant Shastri Award' for his acclaimed travelogue, Okuhepa.</li><li>■ <b>Conferred by:</b> The Sahitya Akademi, operating under the Madhya Pradesh Culture Council.</li><li>■ Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni is a native of Dhannasar village in Hanumangarh district.</li><li>■ <b>Note:</b> Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni's work Bharkhama has previously received the Sahitya Akademi Award for the Rajasthani language (2025).</li></ul> |
| 3.     | <p><b>Inauguration of a 20 kW Akashvani FM Transmitter in Ramgarh</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Recently, Union Minister for Railways, Information &amp; Broadcasting, and Electronics &amp; Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw, inaugurated a 20-kilowatt (kW) Akashvani FM transmitter for Ramgarh (Jaisalmer) from the Akashvani Jaipur premises.</li><li>■ With the addition of this new transmitter, the total number of FM transmitters in Rajasthan has reached 39.</li><li>■ The Ramgarh transmitter will ensure radio coverage within an 80-kilometre radius in the border region.</li></ul>                                                                                                                |





### Srishti Kiran

[Source: AIR]



#### Why in News?

- Bengaluru's Srishti Kiran has secured the world number 1 spot among Under-13 tennis players.



#### Key Points:

- Srishti achieved this ranking by winning five consecutive ITF Junior titles and finishing as the runner-up at the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors J-100 Guatemala.
- The 13-year-old Srishti Kiran has attained a career-best ITF Junior ranking of 357, which is the highest ranking globally among Under-13 players.
- She achieved this feat by participating in only eight ranking tournaments two fewer than the maximum limit of 10 tournaments considered for the ranking.

## Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championships, 2026

[Source: AIR]



### Why in News?

- Indian female wrestlers delivered an impressive performance at the Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championships held in Da Nang, Vietnam, winning a total of 10 medals comprising 2 gold, 3 silver, and 5 bronze medals.



### Key Points:

| Gold Medal              | Silver Medal            | Bronze Medal             |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Diksha (43 kg category) | Nikita (49 kg category) | Palak (40 kg category)   |
| Garima (73 kg category) | Antara (65 kg category) | Anamika (46 kg category) |
|                         | Tania (69 kg category)  | Akshara (53 kg category) |
|                         |                         | Sakshi (57 kg category)  |
|                         |                         | Manya (61 kg category)   |

- India's men's freestyle team put up a stellar performance at the Under-23 Asian Wrestling Championships, clinching the title of 'Best Team'. In the freestyle category, India secured the top spot by defeating the teams from Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan.

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**Shrey Parikh**

[Source: AIR]



## Key Points:

- Shrey Parikh, a 14-year-old Indian-American student from California, has won the prestigious Scripps National Spelling Bee competition. He clinched the title by correctly spelling 32 out of 35 words within 90 seconds.
- The Spelling Bee competition was first held in 1925. Balu Natarajan became the first student of Indian origin to win this competition in 1985.

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## Geography and Geology



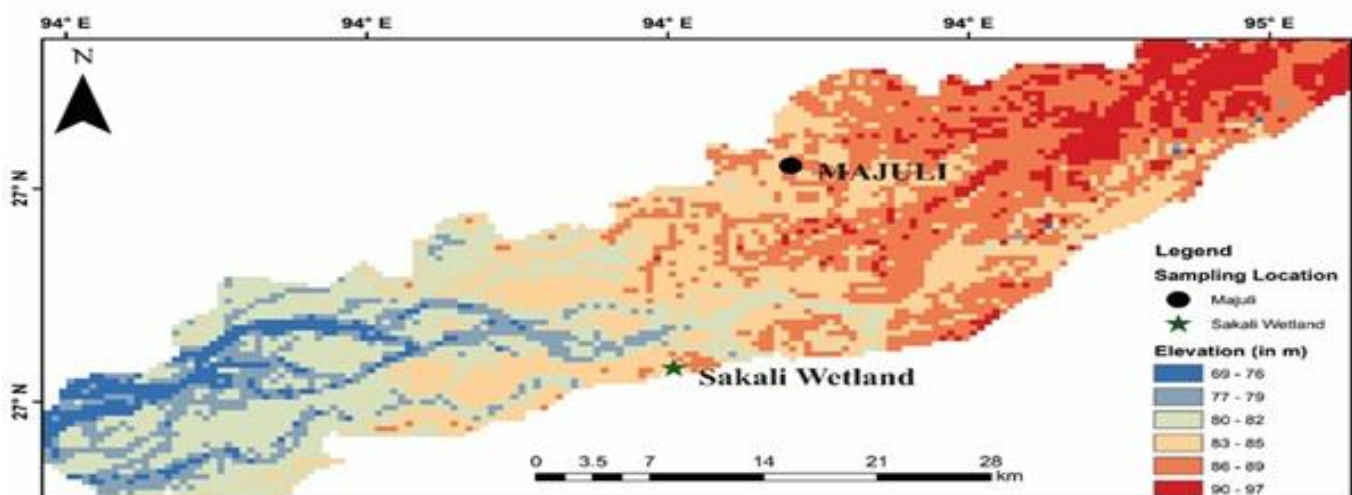
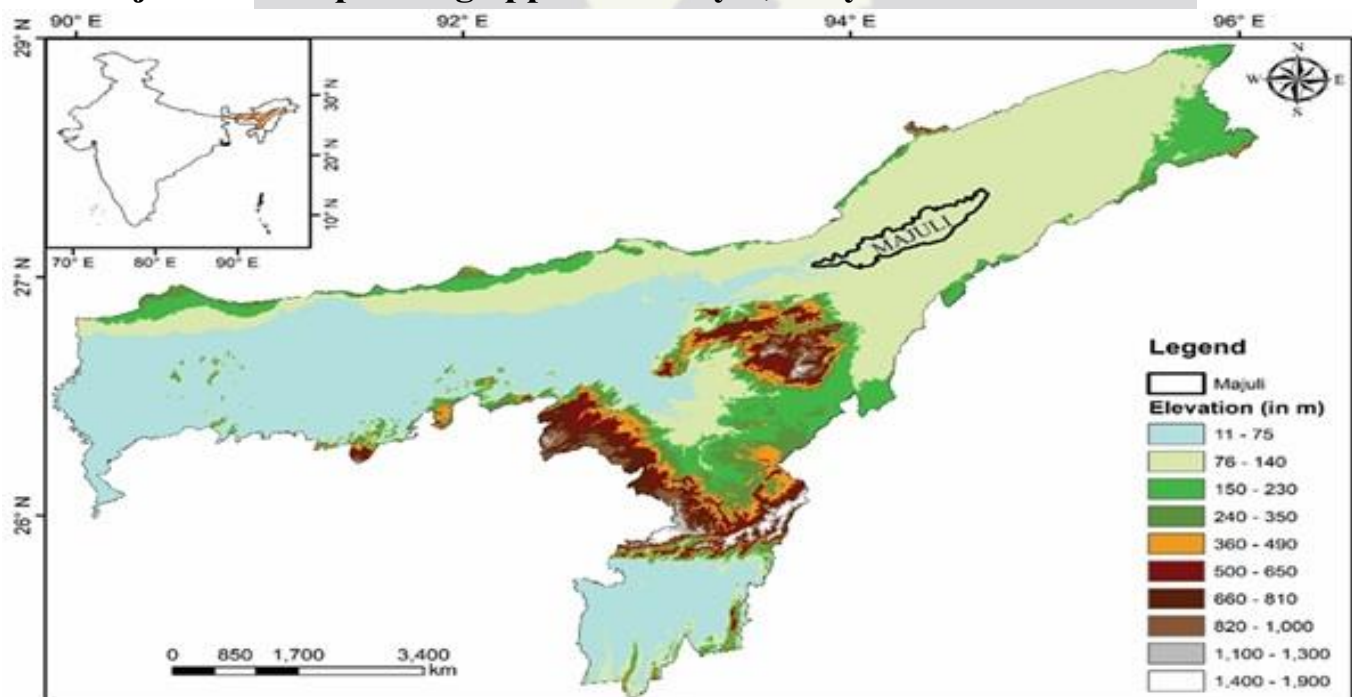
### Majuli Island

[Source: PIB]



#### Why in News?

- A new study by scientists at the Lucknow-based Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology has reconstructed the climate and vegetation history of Assam's Majuli Island spanning approximately 4,000 years.



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## Key Points:

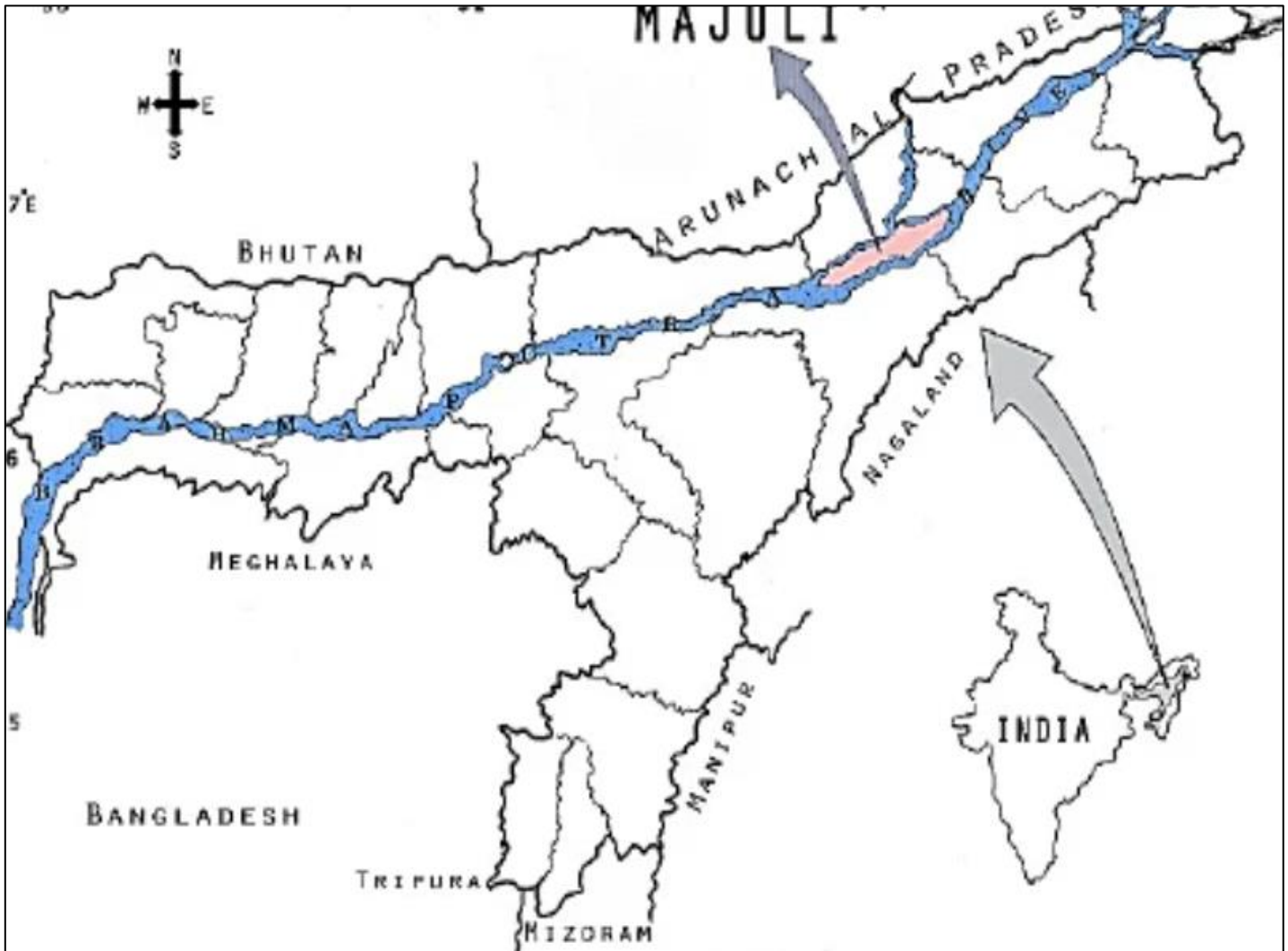
- **Study Team:** Led by Arya Pandey and Dr. Swati Tripathi (Scientist-E/Supervisor), the study involved collaboration with Dr. Sadhan Kumar Basumatary, Dr. Salman Khan (Germany), Dr. Hema Singh, Dr. Biswajit Thakur, and Dr. Anupam Sharma.
- **Publication:** Published in Review of Palaeobotany and Palynology (Elsevier).
- The study utilized a 150 cm deep sediment core collected from the Sakali wetland in Majuli.
- It reconstructed the climate and vegetation history of the last 4,000 years through pollen and grain-size analysis.

## Key Findings

- Supported by modern pollen analogues and a pollen-based quantitative palaeoclimate reconstruction method known as the 'Coexistence Approach,' this research estimated mean annual temperature and precipitation for the period between 4,040 and 500 calibrated years BP. The results indicate an initial warm and humid phase (4,040–2,260 calibrated years BP) characterized by dense forest cover, while also suggesting the intensification of arid climatic conditions around 4.2 thousand years ago.
- Fluctuations in monsoon and flood intensity were observed, including a relatively humid period between 1,100 and 500 calibrated years BP, which aligns with the Medieval Climate Anomaly.
- A decline in temperature and rainfall has been observed over the last 500 years, consistent with the Little Ice Age; this period also reflects an increase in anthropogenic impact and the expansion of sparse vegetation.

**Other key points:**

**Majuli Island:**



- It is the world's largest inhabited river island.
- It is culturally significant as a settlement for various tribes and a major center of Neo-Vaishnavite culture (a reformist form of Vaishnavism), while also serving as a symbol of transformation.
- Situated between the Brahmaputra River to the south and east, the Subansiri River to the west, and a branch of the Brahmaputra to the north, Majuli Island has been affected by frequent floods and severe riverbank erosion.



## Economic Developments



### "Senehjori" Mission

[Source: PIB]



#### Why in News?

- Recently, the Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), along with the Chief Minister of Assam, launched the "Senehjori" Mission—a USP (Unique Selling Proposition) initiative for Assam's Muga silk.



#### Key Points:

- Introduction:** The "Senehjori" Mission is a cluster-based initiative for Assam's Muga silk sector that seeks to bridge value gaps by creating a premium, traceable, and export-oriented Muga silk economy.

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- **Launch:** June 2, 2026.
- **Implementation:** It will be implemented by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) in coordination with the Government of Assam, the Central Silk Board, the Ministry of Textiles, and other central ministries/organizations.
- **Value Chain:** The mission aims to strengthen the entire Muga silk value chain ranging from host plant cultivation and silkworm seed production to reeling, weaving, branding, export promotion, digital traceability, and tourism.
- **Objectives of the Initiative:** Strengthening the host plant ecosystem, establishing modern reeling infrastructure, promoting Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), creating Common Facility Centers (CFCs), implementing GI (Geographical Indication) certification, and facilitating access to global markets under the unified brand identity of "Senehjori."
- **Cluster-based Approach:** The mission covers key Muga silk-producing districts, including Jorhat, Sivasagar, Lakhimpur, Dhemaji, Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Majuli, and Sualkuchi.
- **Duration and Outlay:** An estimated investment of approximately ₹396–411 crore (including ₹136–151 crore from MDoNER) will be made over a period of three years.
- **Target by 2028:**
  1. Establishment of five modern Muga reeling units and one Muga spun mill.
  2. Formation of 30 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and over 1,180 farmer interest groups.
  3. Regeneration of Som and Soalu plant species across 5,000 hectares, with trade facilitated through a GI-linked system.
  4. Certification of more than 80 percent of Muga silk.

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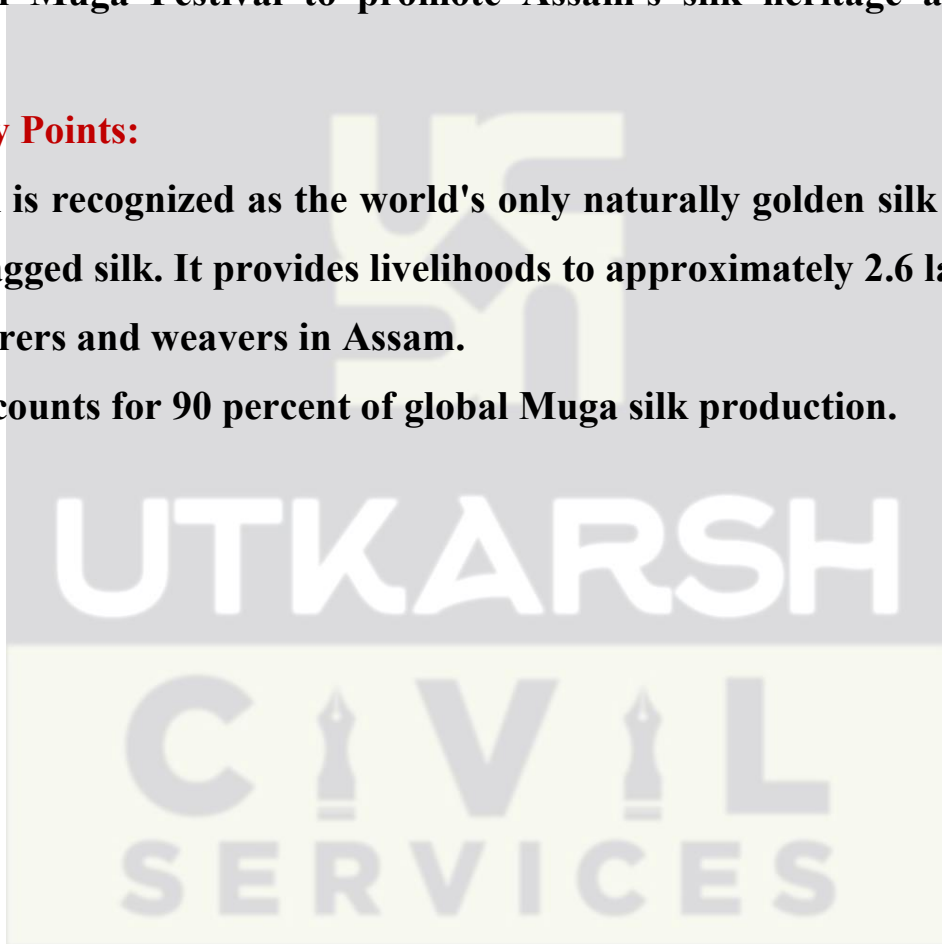
5. Establishment of a digital traceability mechanism for over 8,000 households.

6. Expansion of Muga silk exports to over 2,000 kilograms per year.

- **Silk Tourism:** Development of the Muga Silk Trail, a Silk Tourism Park, and an annual Muga Festival to promote Assam's silk heritage and cultural economy.

**Other Key Points:**

- Muga silk is recognized as the world's only naturally golden silk and India's first GI-tagged silk. It provides livelihoods to approximately 2.6 lakh families of silk rearers and weavers in Assam.
- Assam accounts for 90 percent of global Muga silk production.



## Indian Governance and State System

**Sushmita Dev**

[Source: AIR]



### Key Points:

- Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP Sushmita Dev has resigned from the Rajya Sabha.
- Prior to this, senior Trinamool leader and Rajya Sabha member Sukhendu Sekhar Roy had resigned from both the Rajya Sabha and the party.

## polity

### Five new judges appointed in Supreme Court

[Source: PIB]



#### Why in News?

- In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (2) of Article 124 of the Constitution, President Draupadi Murmu appointed four Chief Justices and one senior advocate as judges of the Supreme Court.



#### Key Points:

- **Five new judges appointed:**

| Name                          | Position                                                |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Sheel Nagu                    | Chief Justice, Punjab and Haryana High Court            |
| Chandrashekhar                | Chief Justice, Bombay High Court                        |
| Sanjeev Sachdeva              | Chief Justice, Madhya Pradesh High Court                |
| Arun Palli                    | Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh |
| Mrs. Venkita Subramani Mohana | Senior Advocate                                         |

## Background:

- On May 5, 2026, the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister has approved the proposal to introduce the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026 in Parliament.
- The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026 provides for an increase in the number of judges of the Supreme Court by 4, i.e. from 33 to 37 (except the Chief Justice of India).

## Appointment of judges of the Supreme Court (by the President):

- **Chief Justice:** The Chief Justice is appointed by the President after consulting such judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts as he considers necessary.
- **Other Judges:** Other Judges are appointed by the President after consultation with the Chief Justice and such other judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts as he considers necessary.
- **Collegium System:** The collegium system was introduced through the 'Third Judge Case' (year 1998). It is used for appointments and transfers of judges in High Courts and Supreme Court.
- There is no mention of collegium in the original Constitution of India or in the amendments.
- **Collegium system of leadership:** The collegium of the Supreme Court is headed by the CJI (Chief Justice of India) and includes the four other senior-most judges of the court.
- The collegium of the High Court is headed by its Chief Justice and four other senior-most judges of that court.
- **Qualifications of Judges:**
  1. He should be a citizen of India.
  2. He must have been a judge of a High Court (or more than one court in succession) for at least five years, or
  3. He must have been an advocate of a High Court (or successively more than one High Court) for ten years, or
  4. He should be an eminent jurist in the opinion of the President.





### Armenian parliamentary election

[Source: AIR]



#### Why in News?

- Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan's ruling 'Civil Contract Party' won the Armenian parliamentary elections.



#### Key Points:

- **Election results:** Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan's party got 49.8% of the votes. The Strong Armenia Alliance came in second place with 23.2% of the votes, while the Armenia Alliance came in third with 9.9% of the votes.
- **Armenia:**
- **Bordering countries:** Georgia to the north, Azerbaijan to the east, Iran to the south-east and Türkiye to the west.
- **Important rivers:** Aras, Hrazdan, Arpa and Vorotan.
- **Major Lakes:** Lake Sevan is the largest lake in Armenia.
- **Natural resources:** Small reserves of gold, copper, molybdenum, zinc, bauxite.

## South Korea's New Prime Minister

[Source: AIR]



### Key Points:

- South Korean President Lee Jae-myung has nominated the current Minister for Small and Medium Enterprises, Han Seung-sook, as the country's next Prime Minister.
- Upon receiving approval from the National Assembly, Han will become the first female Prime Minister under the administration.
- Previously, Han Myeong-sook served as Prime Minister from 2006 to 2007.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### Artemis III Mission

[Source: AIR and NASA]



#### Why in News?

- NASA has announced the names of three American astronauts and one Italian astronaut for its upcoming Artemis III mission, scheduled for late 2027.



#### Key Points:

| Name                                   | Nationality / Organization | Role               |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Andre Douglas                          | American Astronaut         | Mission Specialist |
| Frank Rubio                            | American Astronaut         | Mission Specialist |
| Randy Bresnik                          | American Astronaut         | Commander          |
| Luca Parmitano (European Space Agency) | Italian Astronaut          | Pilot              |
| Bob Hines                              | American Astronaut         | Backup Crew Member |

- Artemis III will be the first crewed mission to land on the Moon since Apollo 17 in 1972.
- The spacecraft will land the crew in the lunar south polar region.
- For this mission, an SLS (Space Launch System) rocket will launch four crew members aboard the Orion spacecraft from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.



- This four-member mission will conduct the first space-based tests of lunar landers developed by Elon Musk's SpaceX and Jeff Bezos's Blue Origin, demonstrating delicate docking maneuvers.

## Other Important Points:

### Artemis Accords:

- The Artemis Accords were established by the US in 2020, with seven founding members: Australia, Canada, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the UAE, and the UK.
- They constitute a set of non-binding multilateral principles governing the civil exploration and use of outer space and celestial bodies for peaceful purposes.





## Rudra M-II

[Source: PIB]



### Why in News?

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully conducted a flight test of the indigenous Rudra M-II air-to-surface missile from an aerial platform.



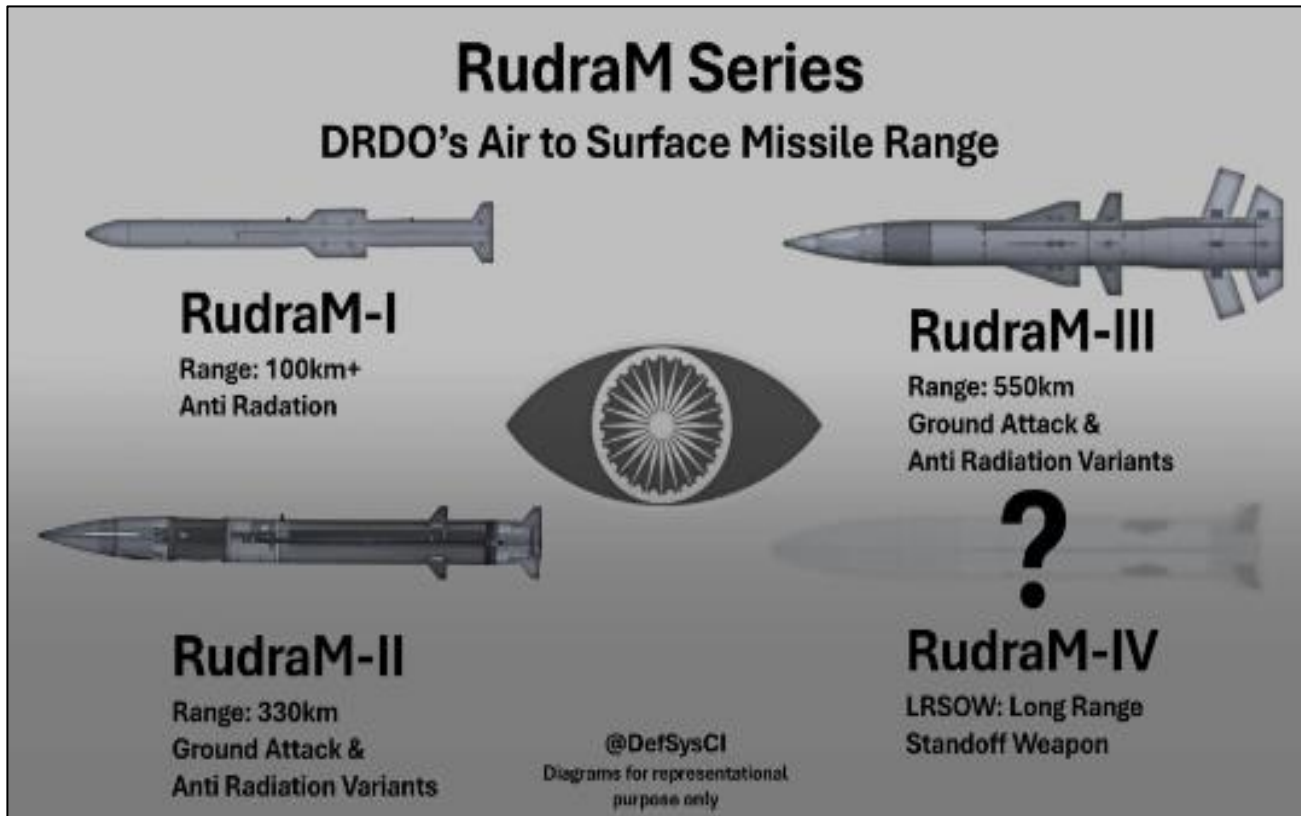
### Key Points:

- **Test:** The test was conducted using the Air Force's Sukhoi-30 MKI (Su-30MKI) fighter aircraft.
- **Development of Rudra M-II:** Rudra M-II has been indigenously developed by the Hyderabad-based Imarat Research Centre, which is the nodal laboratory of DRDO.
- **Collaboration:** This project was executed with the collaboration of other partner laboratories such as the Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL), High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL), Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE), and ITR.

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## Other Important Points:

### Rudra M:



- **Introduction:** Rudra M is a series of indigenous air-to-surface anti-radiation missiles developed to meet the need for enhancing the Indian Air Force's 'Suppression of Enemy Air Defence' (SEAD) capability.
- **Variants:** Three variants of the Rudra M missile Rudra M-I, Rudra M-II, and Rudra M-III have been developed; extensive testing of the first and second variants has already been completed.