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Status of the 'Raj-Kaj' System in Rajasthan



Why in News?

- By June 2026, 71 administrative departments of the state have been integrated onto a single digital platform under the 'Raj-Kaj' system.



Key Points:

- The 'Raj-Kaj' system is the state government's integrated digital administrative platform, designed to make governance processes faster, more transparent, accountable, and citizen-centric.

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- **Developed by:** Developed by the Department of Information Technology & Communication (DoIT&C), this platform ensures the digitization of administrative processes across government and semi-government offices-ranging from the Secretariat down to the district, sub-division, and block levels.
- The digital integration of 71 departments and over 57,000 offices through this system has led to significant improvements in departmental coordination, decision-making processes, and file management. Additionally, the speed of work execution has increased.

Facts for Prelims (Other Key Applications):

- The Rajasthan government has launched several important digital apps to enhance citizen convenience and simplify government services.
- **Rajasthan Sampark 2.0:** An integrated public grievance redressal platform. Through this, citizens can register grievances related to government services and track the status of their resolution.
- **e-Mitra:** This app provides digital access to over 600 services offered by the Rajasthan government.
- **Raj Cop Citizen:** Developed by the Rajasthan Police, this app is designed for citizen safety. It allows users to seek emergency assistance, check the status of FIRs, and provide information to the police.
- **Shala Darpan:** A key platform for sharing academic and administrative data among teachers, students, and parents of government schools in the state.

World Milk Day - 2026 (With special reference to Rajasthan)



Why in News?

- World Milk Day is observed annually on June 1st by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) since 2001.



Key Points:

- According to the 'Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics (BAHS) 2025' report by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Rajasthan ranks second in the country in milk production, following Uttar Pradesh.
- **National Milk Day:** November 26 (This day is celebrated in India to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, the 'Father of the White Revolution').

Milk Production in the State:

- **Milk production in the state (in the year 2025-26):** Approximately 45 lakh liters per day.
- **Milk processing capacity:** Increased from 51 lakh liters to 54 lakh liters per day over the last two years. Extensive expansion of the dairy marketing network has led to a 15 percent increase in the marketing of milk products.
- Alongside the establishment of new 'Saras' booths in urban and rural areas, more than 1 lakh liters of milk is being supplied daily to other states.
- 'Saras' supplies milk products worth over ₹250 crore annually to the Indian Army.
- **India's top 5 milk-producing states:** Uttar Pradesh (15.66%), Rajasthan (14.82%), Madhya Pradesh (9.12%), Gujarat (7.78%), and Maharashtra (6.71%). Together, these states contribute 54.09 percent to the country's total milk production.

Facts for Prelims:

Rajasthan Cooperative Dairy Federation (RCDF)

- **Establishment:** In 1977 (Registered as a society under the Rajasthan Cooperative Societies Act, 1965).
- **Objective:** To implement dairy development programs in Rajasthan.

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Rajasthan Bags 6 Awards Under 'PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana'



Why in News?

- Rajasthan received 6 awards across 4 categories—in the segment for states with 90 lakh to 1.50 crore electricity consumers—at a ceremony organized by the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy to mark the completion of two years of the 'PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana'.



Key Points:

- **Award Recipient:** Aarti Dogra, Energy Secretary and Chairperson of Rajasthan DISCOMs.

Major Awards:

- **Second Prize in Consumer Category:** Rajasthan secured the second position nationwide in the category of states with 90 lakh to 1.50 crore electricity consumers.
- **Award for Record Performance in May:** Rajasthan recorded the highest number of applications, installations, inspections, and vendor registrations for rooftop solar systems across the country during 'May 2026'. The state was honored with the second prize in this category.
- **Jaipur Among Top 10 Districts:** Jaipur ranked 7th in the country for the highest number of rooftop solar band installations.
- **Second Prize in Vendor Category:** 'Milan Saur Urja Kendra' received the second prize nationwide in the vendor category for installing rooftop solar setups.
- It is noteworthy that during May 2026, under this scheme, 39,279 applicants registered across the Jaipur, Jodhpur, and Ajmer distribution corporations; 27,700 applications underwent physical verification; 26,632 rooftop solar panels were installed; and 177 new vendors were onboarded.

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Facts for Prelims:

PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana:

- **Launch:** By Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 13, 2024.
- **Concerned Ministry:** Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
- **Objective:** To provide free electricity to households by facilitating the installation of rooftop solar panels.
- **Target:** To supply solar energy to one crore households by March 2027.
- The state government has issued the 'Integrated Clean Energy Policy-2024' to promote renewable energy; the policy includes provisions for net metering, gross metering, as well as virtual net metering and group net metering to encourage rooftop solar installations.

Subsidies provided under the scheme:

Average Monthly Electricity Consumption (Units)	Recommended Rooftop Solar System Capacity	Subsidy Assistance
0–150	1–2 kW	₹30,000 to ₹60,000
150–300	2–3 kW	₹60,000 to ₹78,000
More than 300	More than 3 kW	₹78,000

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Trial Run of 'Bharat Taxi' in Jaipur



Why in News?

- Recently, a trial run for 'Bharat Taxi'—the country's first cab service based on a cooperative model began in Jaipur.



Key Points:

- Registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, Bharat Taxi was established on June 6, 2025, by eight national-level institutions working in the cooperative sector; however, it was officially launched on February 5, 2026, by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah.
- Bharat Taxi is the country's first cooperative ride-hailing platform. This initiative is based on the vision of "Sahkar se Samridhhi" (Prosperity through Cooperation), aiming to create a driver-owned digital alternative to commercial aggregators like Ola and Uber.

Operational Model:

- Established under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, this platform grants drivers the status of 'Saarthi-Malik' (Driver-Owner) rather than merely 'Driver-Partner'.
- The platform operates on a zero-commission model. No convenience fees or platform charges are levied on the app, ensuring that the entire profit goes directly to the drivers.
- Priority on Women's Safety:** To encourage women's employment as 'Saarthis' (drivers) and enhance safety, Bharat Taxi has launched a women-centric 'Saarthi Didi' feature. This includes safety measures such as SOS, live location tracking, and dedicated 24x7 customer support, alongside the option for women to hire taxis driven by women.



Implementation of the 'PM-eBus Sewa Scheme' in Rajasthan



Why in News?

- It is proposed to operate 1,150 electric buses across 9 cities in Rajasthan under the 'PM-eBus Sewa Scheme'. The Chief Secretary serves as the Chairperson of the state-level steering committee responsible for the effective implementation of this scheme.

Cabinet Decisions
16 August 2023

PM-eBus Sewa

Cabinet nod to "PM-eBus Sewa" for augmenting city bus operation by **10,000 e-buses**

- Estimated cost of **Rs.57,613 crore**, of which **Rs.20,000 crore** to be provided by the Central government
- Scheme to support bus operations for **10 years**
- Scheme to cover cities of **3 lakh and above population**
- All Capital cities of **UTs, NE Region and Hill States** to be included
- Priority to cities having **no organized bus service**
- Scheme to generate **45,000 to 55,000 direct jobs**

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Key Points:

■ Cities selected under the scheme:

City	Number of proposed buses
Jaipur	450
Jodhpur	125
Bikaner	125
Ajmer	100
Alwar	100
Kota	100
Udaipur	50
Sikar	50
Bhilwara	50

Facts for Prelims:

PM-eBus Sewa Scheme:

- **Approval:** Granted by the Union Cabinet on August 16, 2023.
- **Concerned Ministry:** Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
- **Objective of the scheme:** To modernize urban public transport and make it eco-friendly. Additionally, infrastructure facilities will be upgraded in 181 cities under the Green Urban Mobility initiative.
- Under the scheme, 10,000 e-buses will be operated across 169 cities nationwide based on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.
- The scheme will cover cities with a population of 3 lakh (300,000) or more, as per the 2011 Census.

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Candidates for Rajya Sabha Elections – 2026



Why in News?

- Recently, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Congress announced the names of their respective candidates for the 2026 Rajya Sabha elections in Rajasthan.



Key Points:

Newly Announced Candidate	Party Name	Outgoing Member of Parliament (Completed Term)	Party Name
Satish Poonia	BJP	Rajendra Gehlot	BJP
Alka Gurjar	BJP	Ravneet Singh	BJP
Neeraj Dangi	Congress (Renominated Candidate)	Neeraj Dangi	Congress

Rajya Sabha members from Rajasthan (until June 2026)

S. No.	Name	Party	Term
1	Neeraj Dangi	Congress	22 June 2020 – 21 June 2026
2	Rajendra Gehlot	BJP	22 June 2020 – 21 June 2026
3	Ravneet Singh	BJP	27 August 2024 – 21 June 2026
4	Ghanshyam Tiwari	BJP	05 July 2022 – 04 July 2028
5	Randeep Singh Surjewala	Congress	05 July 2022 – 04 July 2028
6	Mukul Balkrishna Wasnik	Congress	05 July 2022 – 04 July 2028
7	Pramod Kumar	Congress	05 July 2022 – 04 July 2028
8	Chunnilal Garasiya	BJP	04 April 2024 – 03 April 2030
9	Madan Rathore	BJP	04 April 2024 – 03 April 2030
10	Sonia Gandhi	Congress	04 April 2024 – 03 April 2030

NEWS IN SHORTS

S. No.	News
1.	Kanchan Devi Committee ■ Recently, the Supreme Court constituted a 5-member committee to redefine the boundaries of the Aravalli hills or range and to conduct an environmental review. ■ Chairperson of the Committee: Kanchan Devi, Director General of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE). ■ This high-level expert committee has been directed to submit its report by August 31, 2026. ■ The committee will examine whether the proposed criteria for identifying the Aravalli hills could reduce the area falling under environmental protection and potentially allow mining or other activities in ecologically sensitive zones. ■ The committee will also assess the scientific basis of the elevation criteria used in the report and evaluate whether the existing regulatory mechanisms for protecting the Aravalli mountain range are adequate.
2.	ASMITA Khelo India Women's Cycling City League - 2026 ■ Event Dates: June 1 to June 14, 2026. ■ The league will be organized in 8 cities of Rajasthan (Jaipur, Udaipur, Pratapgarh, Sri Ganganagar, Bhilwara, Dausa, and Bikaner). ■ Organizers: Cycling Federation of India (CFI) in collaboration with the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. ■ ASMITA: Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women Through Action. ■ Objective: The objective of this women's cycling league is to raise awareness about sports among girls and women, encourage fitness, and provide a robust platform for female athletes to showcase their talent.

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Lavanya Purohit (Gold Medal in National Arm Wrestling Championship)

- Lavanya Purohit, a resident of Phalodi, recently won a gold medal at the 4th PAFI National Arm Wrestling Championship - 2026 held in Gujarat.
- **Weight Category:** Junior 75 kg.
- **Venue:** Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- **Event Period:** May 29 to June 2, 2026.

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Bhim and Bhopalsagar Dams (Rajsamand)

- Recently, Rajasthan's Water Resources Minister laid the foundation stone for the repair and renovation of the Bhim and Bhopalsagar dams located in Rajsamand and their canal systems.
- The renovation of both these dams and their canals was announced as part of the 2025-26 budget.
- The Bhim Dam was constructed in 1950, and the Bhopalsagar Dam was built in 1956. Currently, both projects provide irrigation facilities for a total area of 931 hectares.

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National Panchayat Awards 2025

(Source: PIB)



Why in News?

- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has announced the winners of the National Panchayat Awards 2025, comprising 42 Panchayats from across India.



Key Points:

National Panchayat Awards

- **Introduction:** The National Panchayat Awards are conferred by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj to recognize and encourage high-performing Panchayats.

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- **Objective:** These awards foster competitive federalism by encouraging local self-government institutions to achieve good governance and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- **Implementation Framework:** These awards are presented under the Incentivization of Panchayats (IoP) scheme, which is a component of the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan.
- **Financial Incentives:** Winning Panchayats receive financial incentives ranging from ₹50 lakh to ₹5 crore, depending on the category and level.
- Karnataka received the highest number of awards (6), followed by Andhra Pradesh and Odisha, which secured 5 awards each for 2025.

Award Categories

1. **Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar:** This award recognizes outstanding Gram Panchayats based on their performance across the nine themes of the localization of Sustainable Development Goals.
 2. **Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar:** Awarded to the best-performing Panchayats based on overall performance.
- **Awards are presented at the following levels:**
 - o District Panchayat level
 - o Block Panchayat level
 - o Gram Panchayat level



Economic Developments



India's New Middle Class

(Source: PIB)



Why in News?

- The size of India's middle class is expanding rapidly due to rising incomes, urbanization, and economic growth.



Key Points:

- Between 1995 and 2021, India's middle class grew at an annual rate of 6.3% and now constitutes approximately 31% of the country's total population.
- According to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the size of India's middle class is projected to surpass that of China by 2030–35.

Economic Contribution of the Middle Class

- **Key driver of domestic consumption:** According to the World Economic Forum, India's middle class accounted for 80% of total consumption expenditure in 2026, a figure projected to rise to 93% by 2036.
- **Human capital development:** This segment enhances workforce productivity through investments in education and healthcare services.
- **Fostering entrepreneurship:** This class promotes startups, small businesses, and innovation.
- **Contribution to revenue:** Through the payment of income tax and GST, as well as investments in various products, this class contributes to government revenue and capital formation.
- **Social stability:** This class helps foster social progress and economic stability.

Challenges

- **Income stagnation:** Despite the country's economic progress, there has not been the expected rise in people's real incomes.
- **Rising cost of living:** Escalating prices of housing, healthcare, education, and food items are impacting their quality of life.
- **Job insecurity:** Uncertainty regarding future employment is growing due to automation, AI, and the rise of gig work.
- **Debt burden:** Driven by lifestyle aspirations and the need to keep up appearances, people are spending on credit, thereby depleting their savings.
- **Lack of access to social security schemes:** Not everyone is able to avail benefits such as health insurance, pensions, and unemployment allowances.

Government Initiatives for the Middle Class

- **Financial Security:** Income tax is no longer payable on annual incomes up to ₹12 lakh, and GST rates have been reduced.
- **Financial Inclusion and Entrepreneurship:** Schemes such as PM Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) and the JAM Trinity have been launched.
- **Housing:** Initiatives like PM Awas Yojana-Urban and the SWAMIH Fund (for affordable and mid-income housing projects) are being implemented.
- **Improved Transport:** Metro rail services are being expanded, and the UDAN scheme is being implemented.
- **Healthcare:** Eat Right India, Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY.

Solar Energy Capacity

(Source: HINDUSTAN TIMES)



Why in News?

- According to the Union Environment Minister, India ranked second globally in terms of solar energy capacity addition in 2025.



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Key Points:

- Recent reports indicate that India added over 37 gigawatts (GW) of solar energy capacity in 2025, thereby surpassing the United States (which added 34 GW of capacity).
- India's total installed solar energy capacity has crossed the 155 GW mark.
- By December 2025, the share of non-fossil fuels in the country's total installed power capacity reached 51.93%.
- According to 'Renewable Energy Statistics 2026', India ranks third globally in terms of total renewable energy installed capacity, trailing only China and the US.

Government initiatives to promote solar energy

- **PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana:** A major government scheme promoting the installation of solar panels on household rooftops.
- **Infrastructure development:** Approval has been granted for 55 solar parks. Additionally, the second phase of the 'Green Energy Corridor' has been launched to transmit power from generation sites to the main grid for consumer supply.
- **Domestic manufacturing of solar equipment:** The 'ALMM' (Approved List of Models and Manufacturers) has been implemented for solar equipment; this mandates the procurement of listed equipment exclusively from domestic manufacturers.
- **Global leadership:** India is spearheading the 'International Solar Alliance' (ISA) to accelerate the global adoption of solar energy.



Schemes and Policies



Navachar Mantra Initiative

(Source: DD NEWS)



Why in News?

- Navachar Mantra is a national initiative launched by the Union Minister at IIT Delhi.



Key Points:

- The Navachar Mantra initiative was launched by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and is implemented through the National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD).
- It is strategically designed to identify, mentor, and scale grassroots innovations emerging from Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities as well as rural India, thereby bridging the gap between local creators and the national entrepreneurial ecosystem.

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Key Features

- **Target Demographic:** The program is open to Indian citizens aged 18 to 55 residing in aspirational districts and less-developed rural or semi-urban areas.
- **Eligibility Criteria:** Under this criteria, only individuals with ideas at the validation or early prototype stages may apply; a registered corporate entity or a market-ready product is not required.



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Padma Barrage

(Source: THE HINDU)



Why in News?

- Bangladesh has approved a massive river project named the Padma Barrage on the Padma River in Rajbari district. The Padma River is the Bangladeshi section of the Ganges River.



Key Points:

Padma River

- It is the main distributary of the Ganges River after it enters Bangladesh from India.
- The Padma River flows southeast, joins the Jamuna River (Lower Brahmaputra), subsequently merges with the Meghna River, and finally empties into the Bay of Bengal.
- It is a major part of the world's largest delta system, the Ganges – Brahmaputra - Meghna Delta.

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S-400 Air Defence System

(Source: THE HINDU)



Why in News?

- Russia has handed over the fourth squadron of the S-400 air defence system to India.



Key Points:

- A deal worth \$5.43 billion was signed between India and Russia in 2018. Under this agreement, India was to receive five S-400 regimental systems. The current S-400 delivery is part of that same agreement.
- The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has approved a proposal to purchase five additional S-400 systems. This system forms a key pillar of India's multi-layered air defence network.

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- India's purchase of the S-400 air defence system from Russia had raised concerns about potential sanctions under the US's CAATSA (Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act). However, the US has not imposed any such sanctions on India so far.

S-400

- **Development:** It is a 'long-range surface-to-air missile' (SAM) system developed by Russia. NATO countries designate it as 'SA-21 Growler'.
- **Integrated System:** It comprises advanced radars, missile launchers, command-and-control centres, and autonomous target-identification systems.
- **Multi-layered Protection:** The system employs four types of missiles with engagement ranges of 40 km, 120 km, 250 km, and 400 km.
- **Capabilities:** It is capable of shooting down aircraft, stealth aircraft, drones (UAVs), cruise missiles, and ballistic missiles.
- **Threat Detection:** The system can detect aerial targets up to a range of 600 km and track multiple targets simultaneously.
- **AI-Enabled:** The S-400 now incorporates AI-based decision-making capabilities. This facilitates easier threat prioritization and target selection based on the severity of the threat.

Other Major Defence Systems

- S-500 Prometey (Russia)
- **THAAD (United States):** Terminal High Altitude Area Defense System (THAAD)
- Iron Dome (Israel)
- Patriot PAC-3 (United States)
- HQ-9 (China)