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Rajasthan Industrial Park Promotion Policy – 2026



Why in News?

- Applications have been invited by RIICO from private developers from 01 June 2026 for the development of industrial parks through private participation.

औद्योगिक पार्क प्रोत्साहन नीति-2026

- मॉडल 'ए' और 'डी' के तहत पार्क विकसित करने के लिए, रीको ने मांगे आवेदन
- 9 स्थानों पर, 645 हेक्टेयर में विश्वस्तरीय औद्योगिक पार्क विकसित करने की तैयारी
- निजी डेवलपर्स के माध्यम से विकसित होंगे पार्क, आवेदन 1 जून से

RIICO
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Key Points:

- It is noteworthy that under Models 'A' and 'D' of the Rajasthan Industrial Park Promotion Policy – 2026, new industrial parks will be developed on 645 hectares of land across 9 districts of the state.

Selected Locations:

Model	Location (District)	Details
Model 'A'	Vedarlai (Balotra) Bijoli (Dholpur) Narbadiya (Chittorgarh) Kodia (Bhilwara) Gudha Ashikpura and Noorpur Rajahera (Dausa) Mayeja (Bundi) Bhakari Molas (Didwana-Kuchaman)	Under Model 'A', industrial parks will be developed by private developers on more than 374 hectares of land allotted by RIICO.
Model 'D'	Kanai Kalan (Ajmer) Kotwalon Ka Bas, Nangal Jhamarwara, Ralatwata and Sudhrampada (Dausa)	Under Model 'D', industrial parks will be developed on 271 hectares of land in Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode.

Other Important Points:

Industrial Park Promotion Policy – 2026

- **Cabinet Approval:** 25 February 2026.
- **Policy Unveiling:** 18 March 2026.
- **Objective of the Policy:** Development of world-class industrial parks in the state, scientific and sustainable utilization of land, water, and energy resources, and development of logistics infrastructure.

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The proposed policy prescribes four models for the development of industrial parks in the private sector:

- **Model – A:** Entire Development will be done by private developers on land allotted by RIICO.
- **Model – B:** Acquisition of 80% land by the developer, while the remaining 20% land will be provided by RIICO at prescribed rates.
- **Model – C:** Entire land arrangement will be done by the developer.
- **Model – D:** Development through Public-Private Partnership (PPP).
- Under the policy, industrial parks in the private sector must have a minimum area of 50 acres and establish at least 10 industrial units.

Capital Subsidy:

- The State Government will provide a 20% category-wise capital subsidy for common infrastructure development in industrial parks.
- **Category – I:** Maximum ₹20 crore for parks up to 100 acres.
- **Category – II:** Maximum ₹30 crore for parks ranging from 100 to 250 acres.
- **Category – III:** Maximum ₹40 crore for parks exceeding 250 acres.

Green Development:

- To promote green development, the policy provides 50% reimbursement of expenditure incurred on a Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP), subject to a maximum of ₹12.5 crore per park.

Facts for Prelims

- **Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Limited (RIICO)**
- RIICO is a government undertaking established on 28 March 1969 under the Companies Act, 1956, originally as the Rajasthan State Industrial and Mineral Development Corporation (RSIMDC).

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■ **On 1 January 1980, it was bifurcated into two separate entities:**

1. **RIICO – Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Limited.**
2. **RSMDC – Rajasthan State Mines and Minerals Development Corporation.**

Major Functions:

- **Develops industrial areas across different parts of the state.**
- **As a financial institution, it provides loans to small, medium, and large-scale industries.**
- **Offers financial assistance, technical guidance, and support for infrastructure development to industries.**
- **In 2021–22, RIICO was recognized by COSIDICI as the Best SIIDC (State Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation) in the country.**
- **A total of 33 regional offices have been established across the state to ensure efficient operation and management of industrial areas.**

Advisory Regarding the “ABHAY” Chatbot Developed by CBI



Why in News?

- Recently, the Cyber Crime Branch of Rajasthan Police issued an advisory regarding ‘ABHAY’, an AI-based chatbot developed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).



Key Points:

- ABHAY:** Artificial Intelligence Based Helpful Assistant for You (as per DIPR).
- ABHAY is an Artificial Intelligence-powered chatbot that functions as a digital security guard for ordinary citizens against cybercriminals operating on the internet.
- The chatbot remains active 24×7 and instantly verifies the authenticity of any suspicious notice received by a person.
- The primary objective of this chatbot is to prevent citizens from taking any wrong or self-destructive steps out of panic during major cyber frauds such as digital arrest scams.

Technical Features of the ABHAY Chatbot:

■ Real-Time Updates

- As soon as cybercriminals devise a new fraud technique in the country, police and investigating agencies immediately update its backend database, enabling the chatbot to identify emerging scams as well.

■ No-Panic Guidance

- The chatbot has been trained in such a way that if a frightened victim interacts with it, it provides step-by-step legal guidance while helping the individual remain calm.

■ Auto-Routing Facility

- If a case falls under a highly serious category, the chatbot automatically redirects the user to the official complaint portal of the Government of India.

■ 24×7 Service Provider

- Being an automated AI system, it provides legal and protective responses to victims of cyber fraud round the clock.

Facts for Prelims

■ Rajasthan's Position in Cyber Security

- Rajasthan Police ranks 5th in the country in terms of freezing defrauded funds and dismantling fraud networks.

■ Establishment of Cyber Courts in Rajasthan

- To address emerging cybercrime challenges, cyber courts will be established in Rajasthan.

■ Cyber Fraud Prevention Operations Conducted by Rajasthan Police

- Operation Mule Account & POS
- Operation Cyber Shield
- Operation Anti Virus
- Operation Vajra Prahar

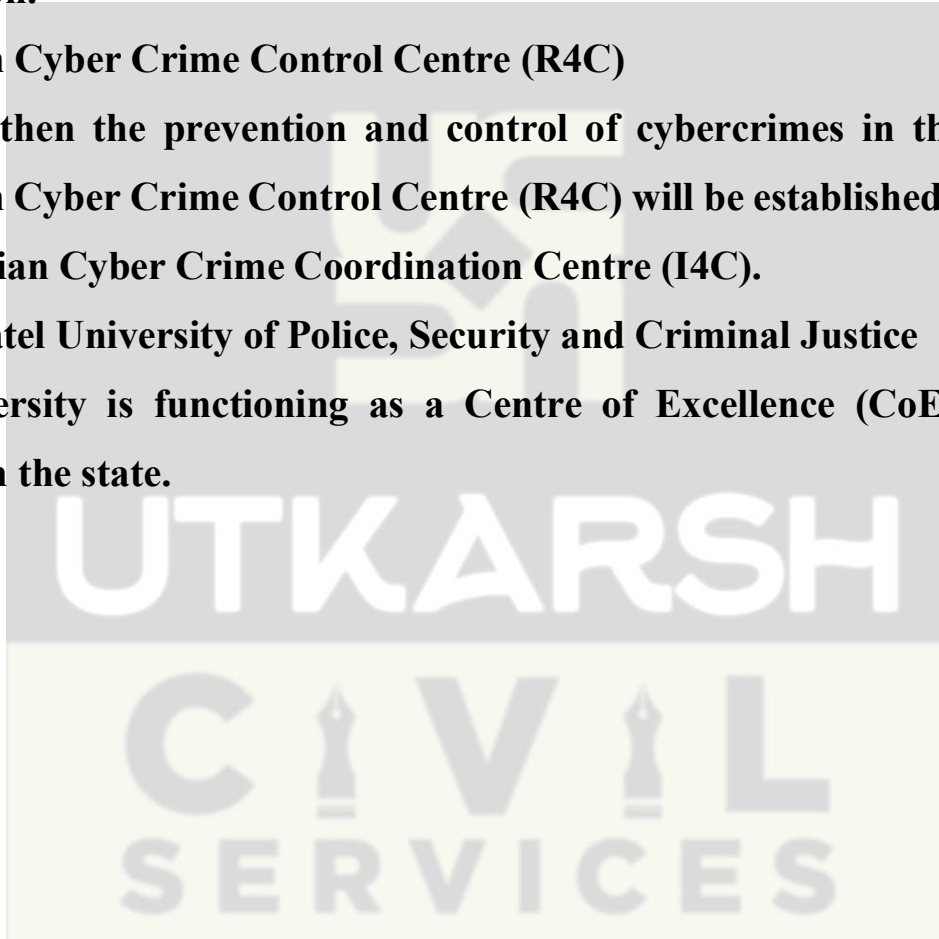
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- **Rajasthan's First Cyber Support Center**
- On 24 May 2025, Rajasthan's first Cyber Support Center was launched in the Jaipur Police Commissionerate.
- The center is being operated by Responsible Netizens and COGTA Foundation.
- **Rajasthan Cyber Crime Control Centre (R4C)**
- To strengthen the prevention and control of cybercrimes in the state, the Rajasthan Cyber Crime Control Centre (R4C) will be established on the lines of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C).
- **Sardar Patel University of Police, Security and Criminal Justice**
- The university is functioning as a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for cyber security in the state.



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Conduction of On-Demand Examinations at 06 Centres in Rajasthan



Why in News?

- The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is conducting On-Demand Examinations in Rajasthan. To save students' academic year and provide flexible learning opportunities, six such examination centres are currently operational in the state.



NIOS
National Institute of
Open Schooling
विद्या सर्वत्र प्राप्यते

On-demand Examinations are being conducted in Rajasthan



under the **National Institute of
Open Schooling (NIOS).**



To save students' academic year and
provide flexible education,



six such examination
centers are operational
in **Rajasthan.**



Flexible
Examination



Student
Friendly



Save
Academic Year



Accessible
Education
for All



NIOS is committed to providing quality, flexible and inclusive education
to every learner across **Rajasthan.**



Key Points:

- The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) is an educational institution operated by the Central Government and is equivalent to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) as well as various State Secondary and Senior Secondary Education Boards.
- NIOS conducts On-Demand Examinations (ODE), which allow students to appear for Class 10 and Class 12 examinations at any time according to their convenience.
- **The primary objectives of this system are:**
 - To save students' academic year.
 - To reduce examination-related stress.
 - To provide flexible educational opportunities for working youth and sportspersons.
- Under the supervision of the NIOS Regional Centre, Jaipur, On-Demand Examinations are currently being conducted at the following six centres in Rajasthan:

Examination Centres

1. Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 6 Jaipur
2. Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2 Kota
3. Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 3 Bikaner
4. Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1 Udaipur
5. Kendriya Vidyalaya Bundi
6. Kendriya Vidyalaya Sikar

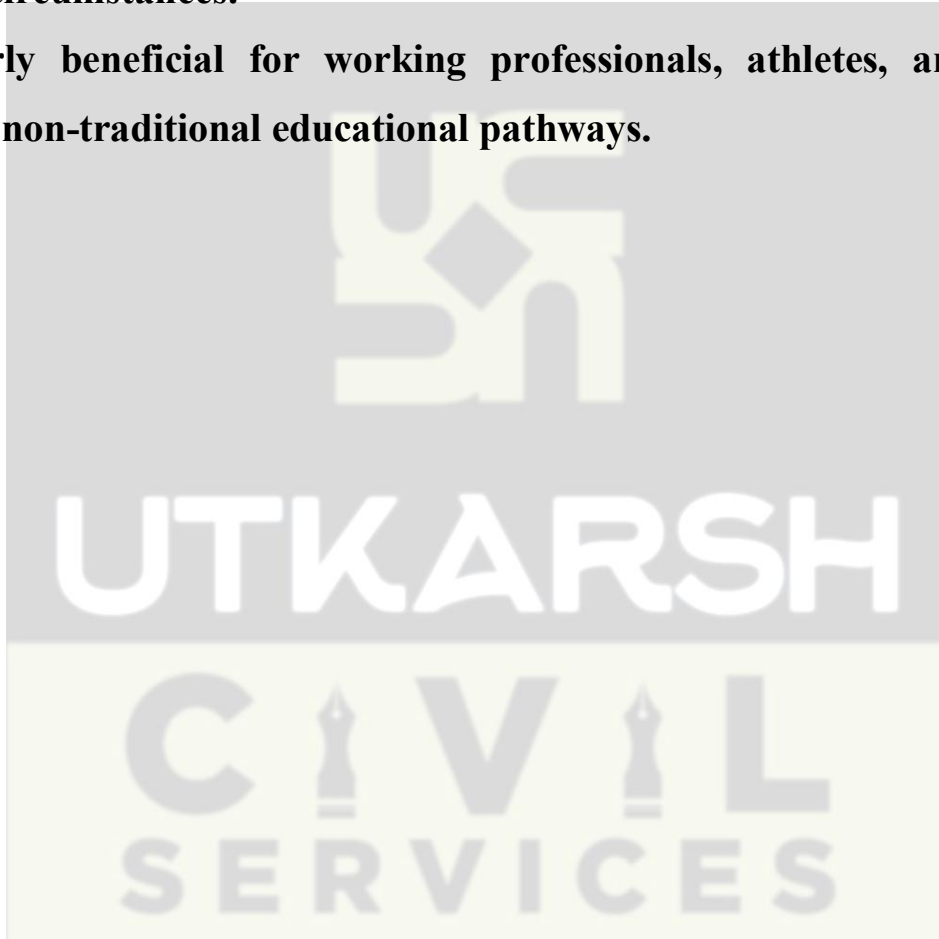
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Significance of the On-Demand Examination System

- Provides flexibility in learning and assessment.
- Enables students to take examinations when they feel adequately prepared.
- Helps prevent the loss of an academic year due to failure, absence, or other personal circumstances.
- Particularly beneficial for working professionals, athletes, and students requiring non-traditional educational pathways.



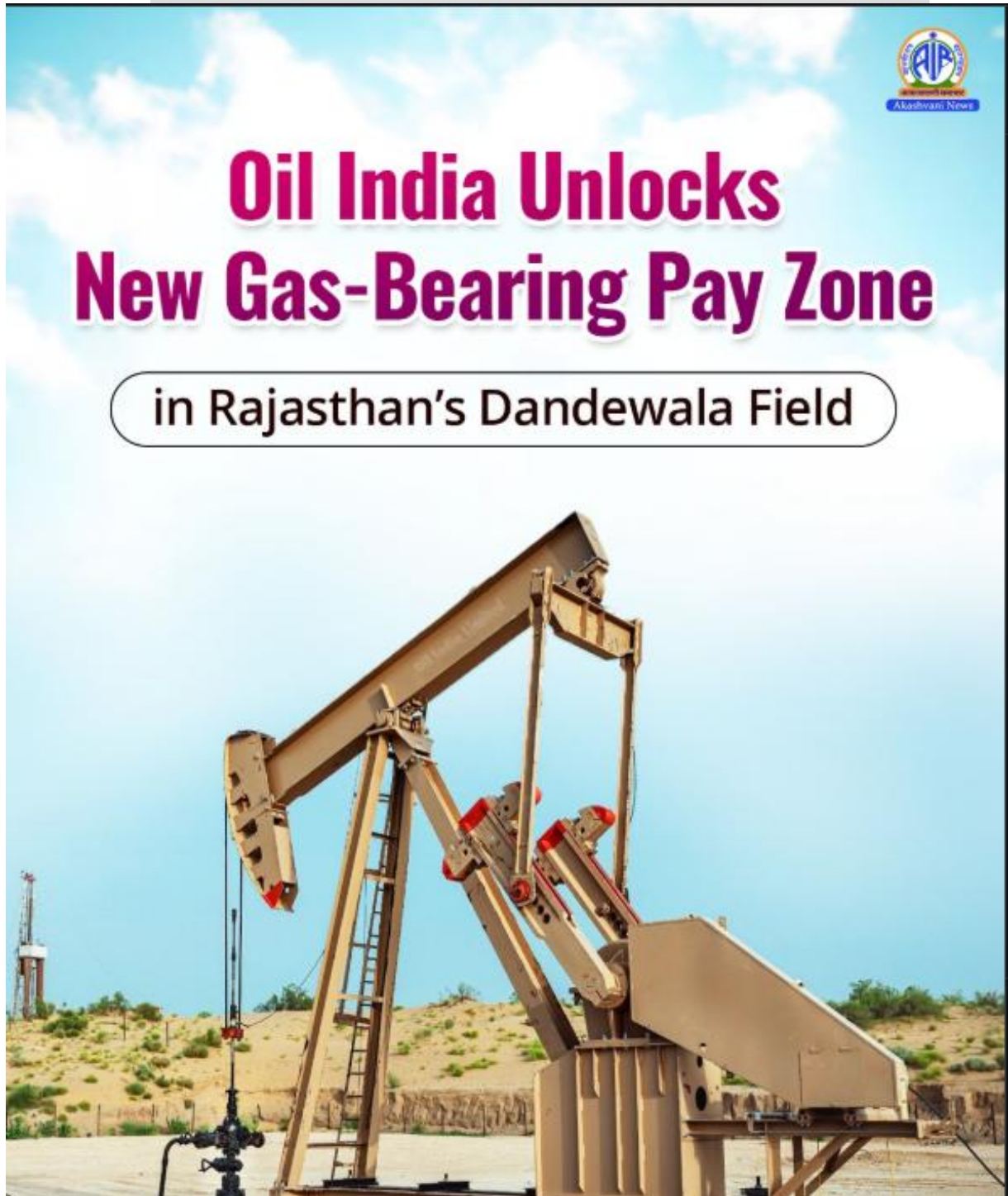
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Jaisalmer's 'Dandewala Gas Field'



Why in News?

- Recently, Oil India Limited (OIL) discovered a new gas-bearing pay zone in the Dandewala Gas Field located in Jaisalmer district.



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Key Points:

- The discovery has been made in the shallow Sanu Formation, where a successful flow of natural gas has been recorded for the first time.
- This new source of gas has been found at a depth of approximately 950 meters below the surface.
- During initial testing, the well recorded an average natural gas flow of about 25,000 Standard Cubic Metres per Day (SCMD).
- According to preliminary geological studies, the newly discovered zone is estimated to contain around 75 Million Metric Standard Cubic Metres (MMSCM) of natural gas reserves.

Significance of the Discovery

- The discovery strengthens Rajasthan's role in India's hydrocarbon exploration and production sector.
- It highlights the untapped potential of the Sanu Formation for future natural gas exploration.
- The find may contribute to enhancing domestic natural gas production and reducing dependence on imported energy resources.

Important Terms

- Pay Zone
- A pay zone is a subsurface geological formation that contains commercially recoverable quantities of hydrocarbons such as oil or natural gas.
- SCMD (Standard Cubic Metres per Day)
- A unit used to measure the daily production or flow rate of natural gas under standard conditions.
- MMSCM (Million Metric Standard Cubic Metres)
- A unit used to estimate and express natural gas reserves or production volumes on a large scale.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Introduced in the RSCIT Curriculum

Why in News?

- The Rajasthan Knowledge Corporation Limited (RKCL) has announced that students enrolled in the RSCIT (Rajasthan State Certificate in Information Technology) course will now receive training in Artificial Intelligence (AI) along with computer literacy.

मुख्यमंत्री नारी शक्ति प्रशिक्षण एवं कौशल संवर्धन योजना

निदेशालय महिला अधिकारिता, महिला एवं बाल विकास विभाग,
जयपुर द्वारा RKCL के माध्यम से बालिकाओं और महिलाओं के
लिए कंप्यूटर आधारित पाठ्यक्रमों का

निःशुल्क प्रशिक्षण

RS-CIT

आधारभूत कंप्यूटर प्रशिक्षण

RS-CFA

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Key Points:

- RSCIT (Rajasthan State Certificate in Information Technology) is a basic digital literacy and computer education course recognized by the Government of Rajasthan.
- The course is conducted by Rajasthan Knowledge Corporation Limited (RKCL) and certified by Vardhman Mahaveer Open University (VMOU).

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- The RSCIT certificate is considered a mandatory qualification for applying to many government jobs in Rajasthan.
- The Department of Women Empowerment, Government of Rajasthan periodically implements free RSCIT training schemes for women and girls.

Other Important Points

Mukhyamantri Nari Shakti Udyam Protsahan Yojana

Objective:

- To empower women by providing them with technical and vocational skills and making them self-reliant.

Training Agency:

- Training is provided by Rajasthan Knowledge Corporation Limited (RKCL).

Eligibility:

- Women and girls of Rajasthan who have passed Class 10 or Class 12 are eligible to apply.
- The minimum age for all courses is 18 years.
- The maximum age limit is:
 - 45 years for the RS-CSEP course.
 - 40 years for all other courses.

Programmes Conducted Under the Scheme

- (i) Free RS-CIT Training (Rajasthan State Certificate in Information Technology)
- (ii) Free RS-CFA Training (Rajasthan State Certificate in Financial Accounting)
- (iii) Free RS-CSEP Training (Rajasthan State Certificate in Spoken English and Personality Development)
- (iv) Kaushal Samarthya Yojana

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Facts for Prelims

RS-CIT

- A state-recognized digital literacy programme aimed at enhancing computer and information technology skills among citizens.

RS-CFA

- A certification programme focused on financial accounting, bookkeeping, and computerized accounting practices.

RS-CSEP

- A skill-development programme designed to improve spoken English, communication skills, and personality development among participants.

Significance of AI Integration in RSCIT

- Promotes AI awareness and digital readiness among students.
- Enhances employability by introducing emerging technologies at the foundational level.
- Supports Rajasthan's efforts to build a digitally skilled and future-ready workforce.
- Helps learners understand and use AI tools responsibly in education, employment, and everyday life.



NEWS IN SHORTS



S. No.	News
1.	Nindad-Benad Biodiversity Project Eco-Trail - Recently, the Chief Minister inaugurated the Nindad-Benad Biodiversity Project Eco-Trail in the Nindad forest area of Jaipur. - The Nindad-Benad Biodiversity Project Eco-Trail is an ambitious eco-tourism and forest conservation project. - The primary objective of the project is to promote nature tourism, maintain ecological balance, and strengthen water conservation efforts in the region.
2.	Surta Devi Saini Receives National Recognition at the ‘Seva Se Samriddhi’ Regional Workshop - At the regional workshop titled ‘Seva Se Samriddhi: Service Delivery through Panchayats’, held in Guwahati, Village Level Entrepreneur (VLE) Surta Devi Saini received national recognition. - Surta Devi Saini is the only representative from Rajasthan selected among six Common Service Centre – Village Level Entrepreneurs (CSC VLEs) at the national level. - Associated with: Kosana (Pipar), Jodhpur. - Role: Banking Business Correspondent of Rajasthan Gramin Bank. - The Banking Business Correspondent (BC) Model is an important mechanism for delivering banking services to the last mile in rural and remote areas.

3.

Additional Charge Assigned to Two Vice-Chancellors

- Prof. Tribhuvan Sharma, Vice-Chancellor of Sri Karan Narendra Agriculture University, has been given additional charge of Baba Amte Divyang University.
- Prof. N. K. Pandey, Vice-Chancellor of Haridev Joshi University of Journalism and Mass Communication, has been assigned additional charge as Vice-Chancellor of Vishwakarma Skill University.

4.

Avdhesh Akodia Receives the First 'Narayan Bareth Journalism Award'

- Avdhesh Akodia, Special Correspondent of Dainik Bhaskar, was recently honored with the first 'Narayan Bareth Journalism Award'.
- The Narayan Bareth Memorial Journalism Award is presented in memory of senior journalist and former Information Commissioner of Rajasthan, Narayan Bareth.
- The award is conferred annually by the Greater Kota Press Club to a talented journalist for outstanding services.
- Note: In April 2026, Avdhesh Akodia was also honored with the Danish Siddiqui Journalism Award – 2026 for reporting that exposed corruption in the MLA Local Area Development (MLA-LAD) fund in Rajasthan.

5.

"Maharana: The Story of the Rulers of Udaipur"

- Recently, the book Maharana: The Story of the Rulers of Udaipur was launched in Udaipur.
- The book has been authored by British writer and historian Brian Masters.
- It highlights the glorious history, unique traditions, and sovereignty of the Mewar dynasty.
- The book is based on the Sisodia Rajput dynasty of Mewar, which is considered one of the world's longest-ruling dynasties, spanning 76 generations and more than 1,500 years.

6. **India's First Railway Bio-Toilet Bacteria Manufacturing Factory**
- The Carriage Workshop, Ajmer, has become the first railway bio-toilet bacteria manufacturing facility in the country.
 - The Carriage and Wagon Workshop Ajmer is a major technical center of North Western Railway (NWR).
- Bio-Toilet Technology:**
- Special anaerobic inoculum bacteria (which survive without oxygen) are used in train bio-toilets to convert human waste into water and gas.
7. **Neeraj Chaudhary Honoured on International Everest Day – 2026**
- On the occasion of International Everest Day 2026, renowned Indian mountaineer Neeraj Chaudhary was honoured at a ceremony held at the Embassy of Nepal in New Delhi.
 - Neeraj Chaudhary also serves as the State SVEEP Icon of the Rajasthan State Election Commission.
 - Along with him, two other Indian mountaineers were honoured:
 - Prem Singh
 - Tusi Anit Shah
 - Tusi Anit Shah is recognized as the first woman to successfully summit Thale Sagar Peak.



Geography and Geology



Kalai-II Project and the White-bellied Heron

(Source: Indian Express)



Why in News?

- The Forest Advisory Committee of the Union Ministry of Environment has granted in-principle forest clearance to the Kalai-II Hydroelectric Project, despite concerns related to the conservation of the White-bellied Heron.



Key Points:

Kalai-II Hydroelectric Project

- **Location:** Anjaw District, Arunachal Pradesh.
- **River:** Lohit River, a tributary of the Brahmaputra River.

White-bellied Heron

- **Other Names:** Imperial Heron, Great White-bellied Heron.
- **Current Distribution:** Its distribution is restricted to the southern foothills of the Eastern Himalayas. It is primarily found in Bhutan, northeastern India (especially Assam and Arunachal Pradesh), and northern Myanmar.

Conservation Status

- **International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List:** Critically Endangered
- **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972:** Listed under Schedule I.

Indian Governance and State System

Problem of Pending Cases in Courts

(Source: The Hindu)

Why in News?

- Recently, the President promulgated the 'Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Ordinance, 2026' under Article 123 of the Constitution of India. The objective of the Ordinance is to increase the strength of the Supreme Court of India from 34 to 38 judges (including the Chief Justice of India) in view of the growing number of pending cases.
- Since the establishment of the Supreme Court on 26 January 1950, this is the seventh occasion on which the number of judges has been increased under the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956.

Key Points:

Current Status of Pending Cases (National Judicial Data Grid)

- **Supreme Court:** Approximately 93,000 cases are pending. Among these, 22 cases are pending before five-judge Constitution Benches, 5 cases before seven-judge Constitution Benches, and 2 cases before nine-judge Constitution Benches.
- **Subordinate Courts:** The situation is even more serious. More than 6.4 million cases are pending in High Courts, while nearly 49 million cases are pending in District Courts.

Reasons for Pendency of Cases in Courts

- **Limited Impact of Increasing Judge Strength:** Past experiences (2008 and 2019) indicate that merely increasing the number of judges does not permanently reduce pendency, as the complexity of cases is also increasing.

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- **Low Judge-to-Population Ratio:** India has only about 21 judges per million people, whereas the 120th Report of the Law Commission of India recommended a ratio of 50 judges per million population.
- **Weakening of the Court's Original Role:** Due to the routine admission of Special Leave Petitions (SLPs) under Article 136 of the Constitution, the Supreme Court has increasingly transformed into an overburdened appellate court.
- **Financial Constraints:** India spends only about 0.1% of its GDP on the judiciary.
- **Government as a Litigant:** The government is responsible for nearly 50% of litigation, significantly contributing to the judicial backlog.
- **Systemic Deficiencies:** Procedural delays at the preliminary hearing stage, inadequate infrastructure, and shortages of subordinate judicial staff continue to hamper the efficient disposal of cases.

Government Initiatives

- **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Mechanisms:** The burden on courts is being reduced through dispute resolution outside courts via Lok Adalat, mediation, arbitration, and similar mechanisms.
- **National Mission for Justice Delivery and Legal Reforms (2011):** Its objective is to reduce delays in case disposal and lessen the burden of pending cases.
- **Other Initiatives:** Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the Development of Judiciary Infrastructure, appointment of ad hoc judges, e-Courts Mission Mode Project, etc.

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Special Intensive Revision (SIR)

(Source: THE HINDU)



Why in News?

- The Supreme Court has upheld the legal validity of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls being conducted by the Election Commission of India.
- It stated that the objective of the SIR is to safeguard the constitutional mandate of free and fair elections by ensuring that the electoral roll on which elections are based is accurate and reliable.
- The Supreme Court clarified that such a process does not constitute a final determination of citizenship under the Citizenship Act, 1955.
- It will be the responsibility of the ECI to refer the matter, in accordance with the law, to the competent authority under the Citizenship Act for a decision.
- If it is ultimately found that such individuals are citizens, their names should be restored to the electoral roll.



Key Points:

Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls

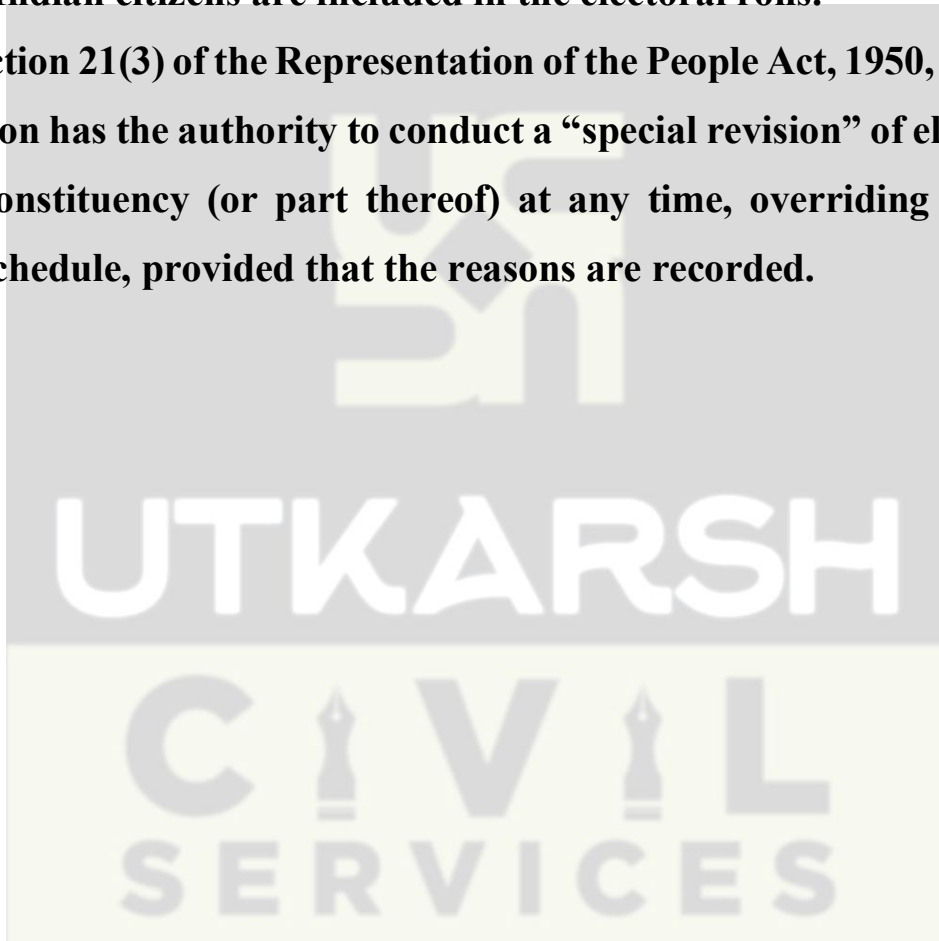
- The Election Commission of India is empowered to prepare and revise electoral rolls.
- To maintain the integrity of electoral rolls, the Commission orders revision of the electoral rolls before every election or whenever necessary.
- In its 2025 order announcing the SIR, the ECI cited two major reasons for undertaking this process:

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- Since the intensive revision conducted in 2003, rapid urbanization and migration over the past 20 years have led to significant demographic changes, resulting in repeated, multiple, and defective entries in the electoral rolls.
- Under Article 326 of the Constitution, the Commission has a duty to ensure that only Indian citizens are included in the electoral rolls.
- Under Section 21(3) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, the Election Commission has the authority to conduct a “special revision” of electoral rolls for any constituency (or part thereof) at any time, overriding the regular revision schedule, provided that the reasons are recorded.





Sociology



Dowry Deaths as a Social Crisis

(Source: THE WIRE)



Why in News?

- According to the "Crime in India 2024" report released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), approximately 16 women die every day in India due to dowry-related violence.
- According to the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, dowry refers to any property or valuable security that is given, agreed to be given, directly or indirectly, by one party to a marriage to the other party before, at the time of, or after the marriage.



Key Points:

Current Situation (According to NCRB 2024 Report)

- **Crimes Against Women:** Out of a total of 441,534 registered cases, 27.2% were related to cruelty by husband or his relatives.
- **Dowry Deaths:** Despite a slight long-term decline, 5,737 dowry-related deaths were recorded in India in 2024.
- **Highest Number of Cases:** The highest number of cases was recorded in Uttar Pradesh (2,038 cases), followed by Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.

Relevant Legal Provisions

- **Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961:** Makes the giving, taking, or demanding of dowry a criminal offence.

Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS)

- **Section 80:** Provides for stringent punishment for dowry death.
- **Section 85:** Prescribes punishment for cruelty committed against a woman by her husband or his relatives.
- **Evidence:** Under Section 118 of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA), a presumption of guilt may be drawn against the accused for proving the offence under specified circumstances.
- **Domestic Violence:** The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 was enacted to protect women from violence within the household.

Supreme Court Directions, 2025

- In the case of State of Uttar Pradesh v. Ajmal Beg, the Supreme Court issued the following directions:
- **Appointment of Dowry Prohibition Officers:** Their appointment should be ensured under the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.
- **Training of Officials:** Police and judicial officers should be provided with regular training.
- **Expeditious Disposal of Pending Cases:** High Courts have been requested to review the number of pending cases and ensure their speedy disposal.
- **Other Directions:** District administrations should conduct grassroots-level awareness programmes against dowry, and school curricula should be revised to promote awareness and discourage the practice of dowry.



Schemes and Policies



National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA)

(Source: PIB)



Why in News?

- The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), under the Government of India, has launched the NeSDA 2025 Portal.



Key Points:

NeSDA 2025

- It is a biennial assessment framework developed by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG).
- It is based on the Online Service Index (OSI) of the United Nations E-Government Survey.
- **Objective:** To measure the effectiveness of the e-governance service delivery mechanism from the perspective of citizens.
- **Parameters:** It evaluates multiple parameters related to the availability, accessibility, and maturity of online service delivery across States, Union Territories, and Central Ministries/Departments.
- **Coverage:** It includes G2C (Government-to-Citizen) and G2B (Government-to-Business) services across major sectors.



Abraham Accords

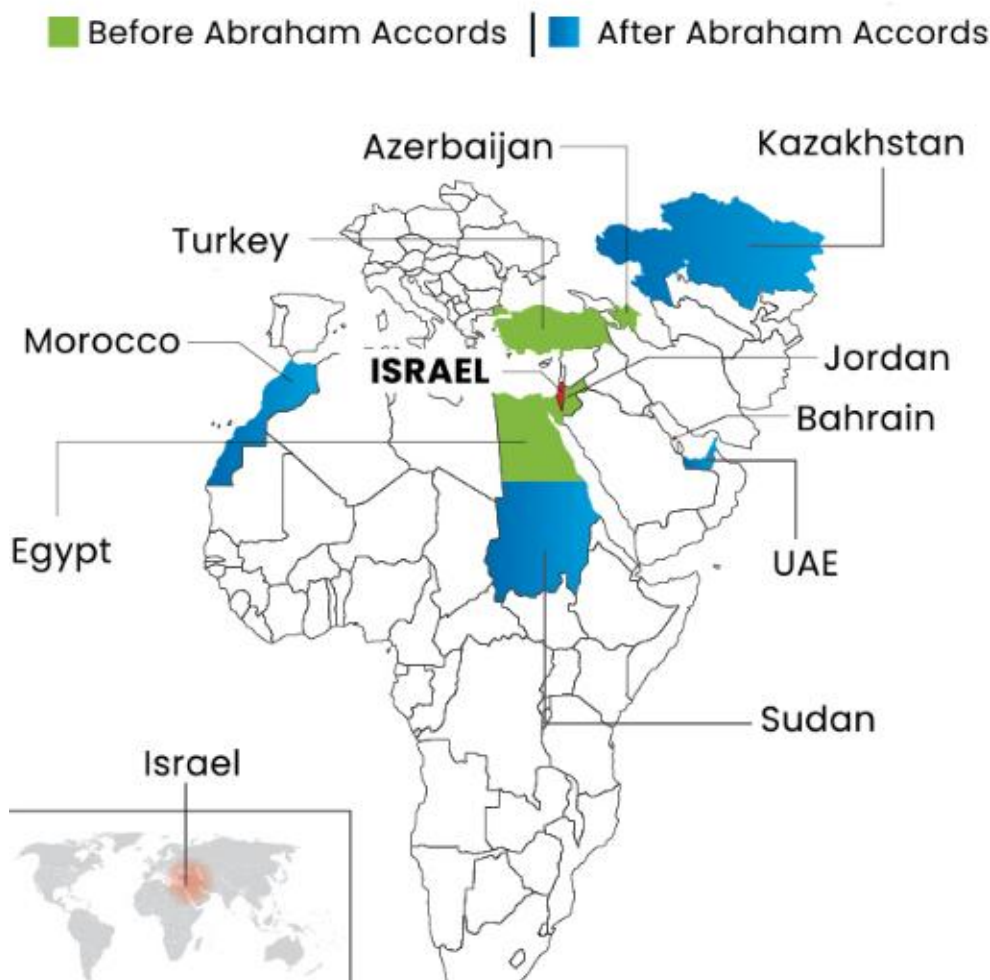
(Source: THE HINDU)



Why in News?

- Pakistan's Defence Minister has stated that he does not support Pakistan joining the Abraham Accords for the purpose of normalizing relations with Israel.

LIST OF MUSLIM NATIONS RECOGNISING ISRAEL



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Key Points:

Abraham Accords

- The Abraham Accords refer to a series of agreements signed in 2020 between Israel and several Arab countries, brokered by the United States under the administration of Donald Trump.
- For decades, most Arab countries had refused to recognize Israel until the Palestinian issue was resolved.
- The Abraham Accords marked a major shift in Middle Eastern diplomacy by establishing open relations between Israel and certain Arab states without a prior resolution of the Israel–Palestine conflict.
- Under the Abraham Accords, the United Arab Emirates became the first Gulf nation to normalize relations with Israel in 2020.
- **Participating Countries:** United States, Israel, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Sudan, and Morocco.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Lokayan 26 Expedition

(Source: NEWS ON AIR)



Why in News?

- INS Sudarshini has arrived in Antigua and Barbuda under the Lokayan 2026 (Lokayan 26) Expedition.



Key Points:

Lokayan 26 Expedition

- It is a 10-month, 22,000-nautical-mile inter-oceanic expedition involving visits to 3 countries and 18 ports.
- The expedition was flagged off in January 2026 from the Southern Naval Command at Kochi.
- **Significance:** It showcases India's growing influence in the global maritime domain and aligns with the MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions) vision.

INS Sudarshini

- INS Sudarshini is the second indigenously built sail training vessel of the Indian Navy after INS Tarangini.
- It was built by Goa Shipyard Limited.



INDEXES AND REPORTS



Global Annual to Decadal Climate Update 2026–2035 Report

(Source: THE HINDU)



Why in News?

- The Global Annual to Decadal Climate Update 2026–2035 Report warns of severe global warming and increased extreme climate conditions over the next five years (2026–2030).



Key Points:

- **Publisher:** The report is issued by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and is prepared by the Met Office of the United Kingdom.

Major Findings

- During 2026–2030, global temperatures are projected to remain 1.3°C to 1.9°C above pre-industrial levels.
- There is a 91% probability that the 1.5°C warming threshold will be temporarily exceeded before 2030.
- In the Arctic region, winter temperatures are expected to be, on average, 2.8°C warmer than the recent historical average.

World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

- The World Meteorological Organization is a specialized agency of the United Nations.
- **Headquarters:** Geneva, Switzerland.
- **Membership:** It has 193 Members, comprising 187 Member States and 6 Member Territories.