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World Environment Day - 2026 (State-level Ceremony)



Why in News?

- A state-level ceremony was organized at the 'Constitution Club of Rajasthan' in Jaipur on the occasion of World Environment Day (June 5).



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पर्यावरण
दिवस 2026

विश्व पर्यावरण दिवस 2026 के अवसर पर
माननीय मुख्यमंत्री श्री भजनलाल शर्मा जी की अध्यक्षता में
जयपुर में राज्य स्तरीय कार्यक्रम आयोजित हुआ।



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Key Points:

- **Main organizers of the state-level event:** Department of Environment and Climate Change and Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB).
- **Launch of Early Warning System:** During the event, the 'Air Quality Early Warning and Decision Support System' was launched for Alwar and Bhiwadi to ensure accurate monitoring and forecasting of air quality.
- **Technical Agreement (MoU):** A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB) and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) for innovative environmental conservation techniques and technology transfer.
- **Laying of foundation stones for 4 RSPCB regional offices:** At Jaisalmer, Banswara, Jhunjhunu, and Sawai Madhopur.
- **Green Infrastructure:** Inauguration of 7 new nurseries and 8 prey-base augmentation enclosures in the state.
- Additionally, the Chief Minister presented awards to the winners of the Green-Co rating scheme and the hackathon.
- **Inauguration of Exhibition:** An exhibition based on the theme 'Inspired by Nature' was inaugurated.

Facts for Prelims:

- **Host country for World Environment Day - 2026:** Azerbaijan.
- **Theme:** "Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future."
- **Key Message:** #NowForClimate

Launch of Mission 'Haryalo Rajasthan' and the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' Campaign



Why in News?

- On the occasion of World Environment Day 2026, the Chief Minister launched Mission 'Haryalo Rajasthan' and the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' (A Tree in Mother's Name) campaign for the year 2026 by planting a banyan sapling at the World Forestry Tree Park in Jhalana (Jaipur).


सत्यमेव जयते
राजस्थान सरकार

**'एक पेड़-मां के नाम' अभियान से प्रेरणा लेकर,
राज्य सरकार ने मिशन हरियालो में 5 वर्षों में,
50 करोड़ पौधे लगाने का लक्ष्य रखा है।**

जिसमें से लगभग 19 करोड़ पौधे लग चुके हैं। वहीं, इस वर्ष 10 करोड़ पौधे लगाने का लक्ष्य रखा गया है। राजस्थान ने 'एक पेड़-मां के नाम' अभियान में उल्लेखनीय प्रदर्शन करते हुए, आवंटित लक्ष्य में प्रथम स्थान हासिल किया है।

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Key Points:

- It is noteworthy that the State Budget for 2026-27 sets a target to plant and conserve 10 crore saplings with the aim of developing Rajasthan into a green state.
- **Note:** Rajasthan has secured the first position nationwide in achieving the targets allocated under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign.



Other Important Points:

Mission 'Haryalo Rajasthan'

- Mission 'Haryalo Rajasthan', the Chief Minister's Mega Tree Plantation Campaign, and the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign are being implemented jointly.
- A target has been set to plant a total of 50 crore saplings in the state between 2024 and 2028 under the Chief Minister's Mega Tree Plantation Campaign 'Haryalo Rajasthan'.
- This initiative is inspired by the Prime Minister's 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign and is a multi-sectoral program aimed at increasing green cover in the state.
- A three-tier task force system is in place for the effective monitoring of the plantation program in the state. Under this, task forces will operate at the state level (chaired by the Chief Secretary), district level (chaired by the District Collector), and sub-division level (chaired by the Sub-Divisional Officer).

Facts for Prelims:

'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' Campaign:

- **Launch:** By the Prime Minister on June 5, 2024, on the occasion of World Environment Day.
- Under this campaign, people are encouraged to plant a tree as a symbol of their love, regard, and respect for their mothers, and to take a pledge to protect trees and Mother Earth.
- **Objective:** The objective of this campaign is to prevent land degradation and ensure the ecological restoration of degraded land.

'Samriddhi' Pilot Project in Rajasthan: Bisalpur Command Area



Why in News?

- The Bisalpur Command Area in Tonk district is the only location selected from Rajasthan under the 'Samriddhi' pilot project announced by the Central Government.



Government of India Ministry of Jal Shakti

Department of Water Resources,
River Development & Ganga
Rejuvenation, CADWM Wing



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**Modernization of Command Area
Development and Water Management**
M-CADWM Scheme Operational Guidelines



Key Points:

- Under this project, irrigation water will be delivered to fields in the Bisalpur Dam Command Area using pipeline and sprinkler systems.

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- This project is being implemented under the Modernization of Command Area Development and Water Management (M-CADWM) sub-scheme.
- Modernization of Command Area Development and Water Management (M-CADWM) is a major initiative implemented by the Ministry of Jal Shakti under the 'Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana' (PMKSY).
- Its primary objective is to enhance water use efficiency in irrigated areas and improve agricultural productivity.
- Pilot projects will be implemented at 32 selected locations across the country under this initiative.
- An area of 5,000 hectares has been selected out of the total Bisalpur Command Area (81,800 hectares) for this project.

Other Important Points:

- On April 9, 2025, the Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, approved Modernization of 'Command Area Development and Water Management (M-CADWM)' as a sub-scheme of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) for the 2025-2026 period.
- The scheme aims to modernize irrigation water supply networks sourced from existing canals or other sources within designated areas.
- Under this scheme, robust infrastructure for micro-irrigation (covering up to 1 hectare) will be developed, extending from the established water source to the farm, utilizing an underground pressurized pipe irrigation system.

"Mesalina bishnoi": A New Lizard Species in Rajasthan



Why in News?

- Recently, the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) and wildlife researchers discovered a new species of lizard in the Gajner forest area of Bikaner.



Key Points:

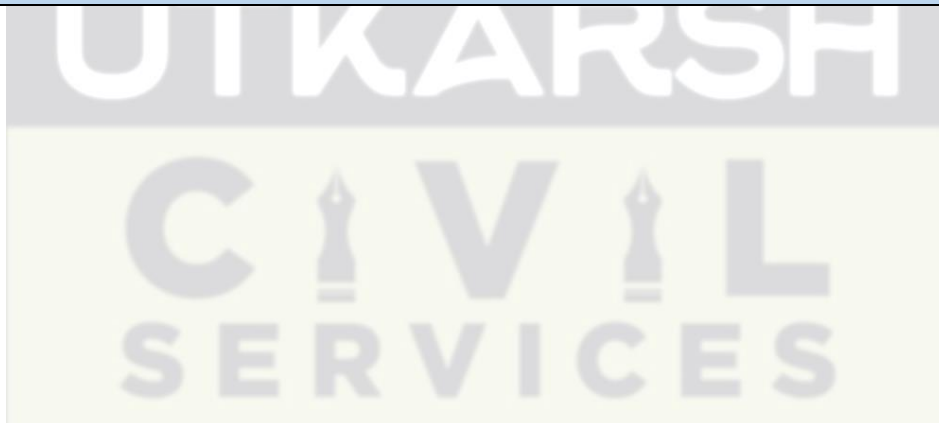
- The newly discovered species has been named "Mesalina Bishnoi," honoring the Bishnoi community of Rajasthan for their dedication to nature and wildlife conservation.
- This discovery marks the first confirmed and specimen-based record of the genus Mesalina in India.
- It is a small-bodied lizard, measuring only 39.2 millimeters in length.
- Coloration:** Brown and olive-brown; features two stripes running from the neck to the tail.
- It is a diurnal (active during the day) and fast-moving lizard.
- Habitat:** Found in the harsh, rocky, semi-desert regions of the Thar Desert characterized by sparse vegetation.

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NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	3 Rajasthan Blocks in Water Budgeting Pilot Project ■ Three blocks from Rajasthan have been included in the water budgeting pilot project launched by NITI Aayog for 'Aspirational Blocks'. ○ Bhim (Rajsamand) – 145.24% groundwater extraction. ○ Kotri (Bhilwara) – 143.25% groundwater extraction. ○ Abu Road (Sirohi) – 113.98% groundwater extraction. ■ This project is being implemented across 18 blocks spanning various agro-climatic zones of India.





National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2026

(Source: PIB)



Why in News?

- The Government of India has announced the winners of the National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2026.



Key Points:

- A total of 17 initiatives were selected across seven award categories, comprising 10 Gold awards, 6 Silver awards, and 1 Jury award.
- **National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG)**
- These awards are presented annually to promote excellence in e-governance and digital public service delivery.
- They recognize the innovative use of technology to improve governance, transparency, accountability, and citizen-centric services.
- They have been instituted by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG).
- The awards cover initiatives implemented by ministries, departments, states, union territories, districts, urban local bodies, and gram panchayats.



Key Award Winners

- **AgriStack**: Developed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- It creates a digital ecosystem for farmers through unique farmer identification and land-linked databases.

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- It facilitates the targeted delivery of subsidies, crop insurance, credit, advisory services, and government schemes.
- **e-Jagriti:** A digital platform for registering and tracking consumer grievances, developed by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs.
- **Mahakumbh 2025 Digital Governance Model:** Implemented by the Prayagraj Mela Authority.
- **Blood Bag Traceability and Citizen Engagement Portal:** Developed by the Keralam Development and Innovation Strategic Council (K-DISC); it enables end-to-end tracking of blood units from donation to transfusion.
- **AI-enabled Clinical Decision Support System in e-Sanjeevani Telemedicine Service:** Developed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.



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Economic Developments



Debt Crisis Facing Indian States

(Source: Indian Express)



Why in News?

- Kerala presented a white paper on the state's financial health after its debt exceeded ₹5 lakh crore. This amounts to 35.5% of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP).



Key Points:

- Additionally, committed expenditures such as salaries, pensions, and interest payments account for 77% of the state's revenue expenditure.
- Due to the aforementioned reasons, the state's capital expenditure has shrunk to just 1.3% of its GSDP.

Other Important Points

- According to NITI Aayog's 'Fiscal Health Index,' the debt of states constitutes approximately one-third of India's total government debt.
- States such as Punjab, West Bengal, Kerala, and Andhra Pradesh are grappling with persistent revenue deficits, fiscal deficits, high debt levels (35–45% of GSDP), and the burden of heavy interest payments.
- According to the RBI, the consolidated fiscal deficit of Indian states rose to 3.3% of GDP by March 2024. Simultaneously, outstanding liabilities reached approximately 28% of GDP.

Key Reasons for the Rising Debt Burden on States

- **Populist announcements and schemes:** Heavy expenditure on subsidies, welfare schemes, and 'freebies' places a strain on the budget.

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- **High committed expenditure:** States spend over 50–60% of their revenue receipts on salaries, pensions, and interest payments (e.g., Punjab and Keralam). This leaves insufficient resources for capital investment.
- In states like Keralam, the elderly population exceeds 15%, leading to rising expenditure on services such as pensions and healthcare.
- **Flaws in revenue management:** Such as excessive reliance on Central GST transfers and sluggish growth in own tax revenue sources.
- **Other factors:** Off-budget borrowings, resorted in order to circumvent the borrowing limits set by the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, emergency loans taken during the COVID-19 period, and rising borrowing costs (high interest rates) are also key factors contributing to the debt burden of states.

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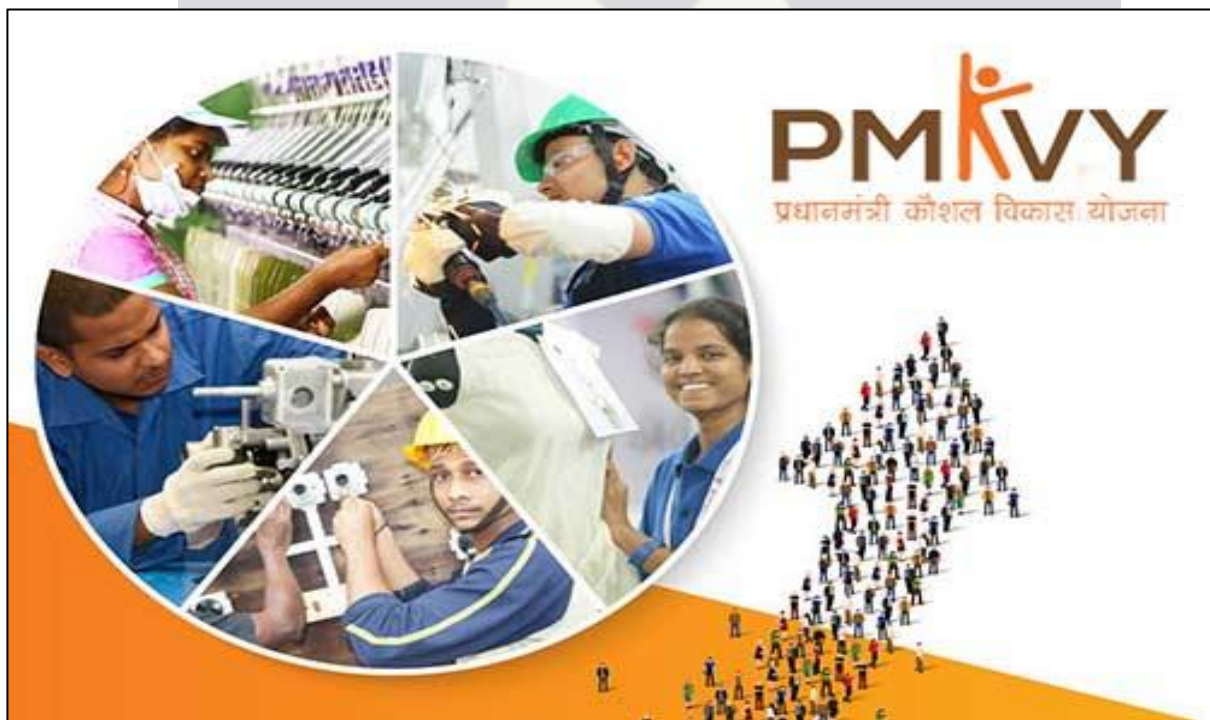
Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)

(Source: THE HINDU)



Why in News?

- The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has criticized the government regarding the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), citing a mismatch between the training imparted and the market demand for skills.



Key Points:

Concerns highlighted by the PAC

- **Mismatch between skill demand and training provided:** Excessive focus was placed on training related to the apparel, electronics, and retail sectors, despite a lack of employment opportunities in these areas.
- **Shortfall in certification:** Against the set target of training and certifying 1.32 crore candidates, only 1.10 crore individuals were certified.

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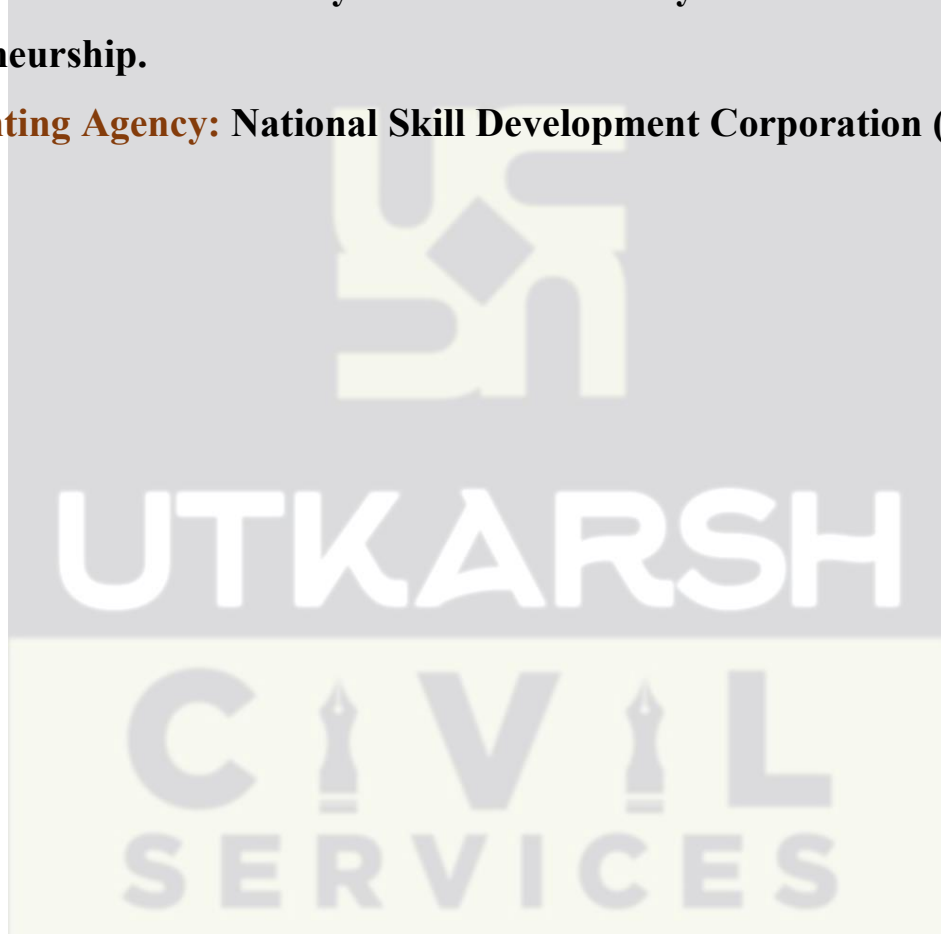
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Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)

- PMKVY is a flagship skill certification scheme aimed at providing skill training to Indian youth aligned with industry requirements, thereby enabling them to secure better employment and livelihood opportunities.
- **Launch:** Launched in 2015 by the Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
- **Implementing Agency:** National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).



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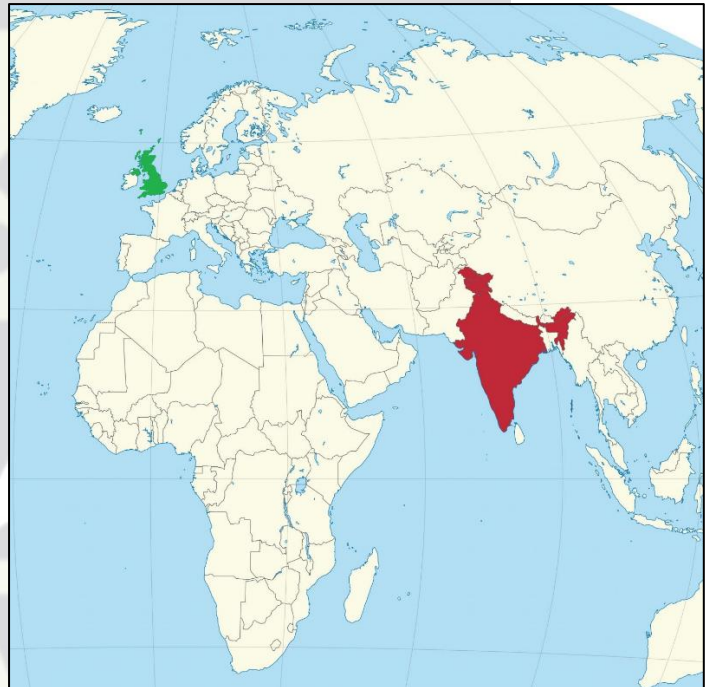
India-United Kingdom Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory (GSCO)

(Source: DD NEWS)



Why in News?

- The India-United Kingdom 'Critical Minerals Global Supply Chain Observatory' (GSCO) has been formally launched.



Key Points:

- It was announced during the bilateral talks between the Prime Ministers of India and the United Kingdom in 2025. It was formalized through a research collaboration agreement signed in March 2026.

Critical Minerals GSCO:

- It is a joint initiative of TEXMiN (TTRP, DST), IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, and the University of Cambridge.
- **Objective:** To create a data-driven platform for monitoring and analyzing global critical mineral supply chains.
- **Strategic Intent & Significance:** To identify supply-related risks and disruptions, gather market intelligence, facilitate fact-based decision-making, and assist in achieving the goals of the 'National Critical Mineral Mission'.

India-Venezuela Relations

(Source: NEWS ON AIR)



Why in News?

- Venezuela's Acting President Delcy Rodríguez visited India and held discussions with Prime Minister Modi.



Key Points:

Key Outcomes of the Visit

- **Towards a long-term energy partnership:** Both sides discussed shifting from spot purchases to long-term crude oil supply contracts. India and Venezuela explored possibilities for cooperation across the entire energy value chain, including:
 - o Upstream activities such as oil exploration and production.
 - o Downstream activities such as refining and petrochemicals.
- **Cooperation in critical minerals:** Discussions covered the mining of critical minerals, gold, and diamonds.
- **Cooperation in other sectors:** Agriculture and agricultural mechanization, animal husbandry, transport and logistics, automotive manufacturing, and science and technology.

Significance of Venezuela for India

- **Energy security:** Venezuela possesses the world's largest proven crude oil reserves.
- India is the world's third-largest consumer of crude oil and imports over 85% of its oil requirements.
- Indian refineries are well-equipped to process Venezuela's heavy crude oil.

- **Securing critical minerals for future industries:** Venezuela holds significant reserves of critical minerals, including rare earth elements, nickel, and other strategic resources.
- **India's outreach to Latin America:** Venezuela serves as a key gateway for enhancing India's economic and diplomatic engagement in Latin America.

Venezuela

- **Location:** Situated on the northern coast of South America.



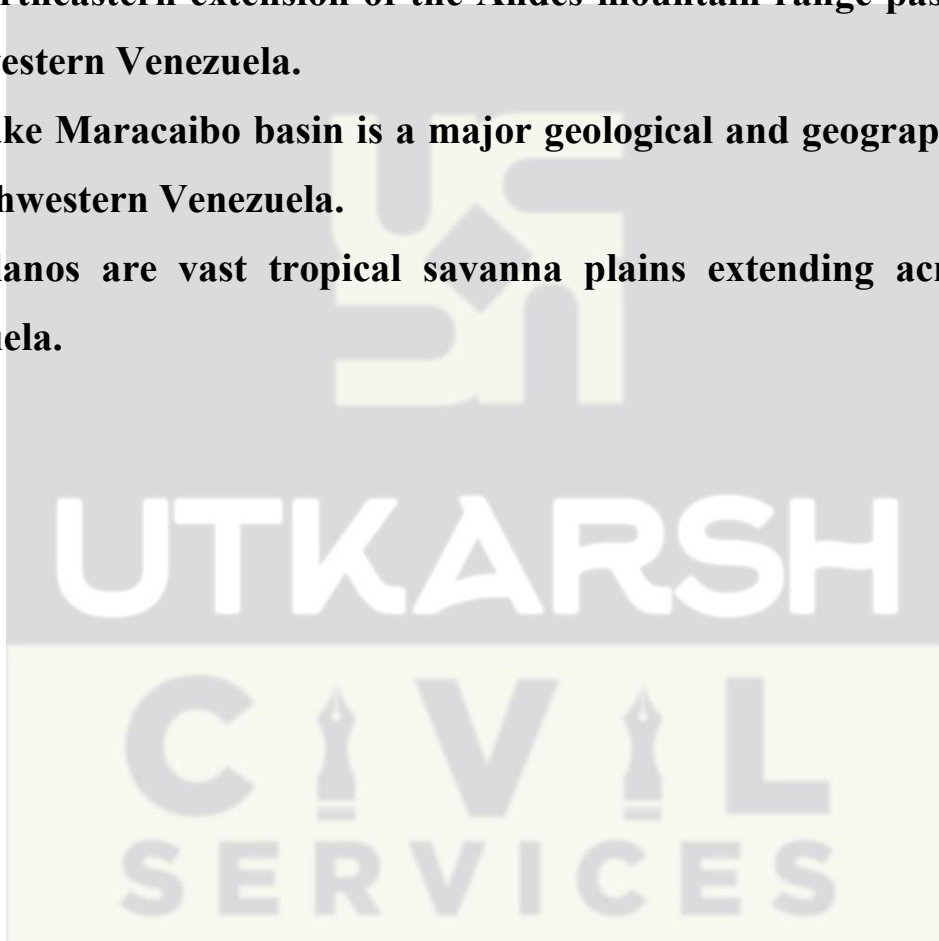
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- Bordered by Colombia to the west, Brazil to the south, Guyana to the east, and the Caribbean Sea to the north.
- **Capital:** Caracas.
- **Major geographical features:**
 - o The northeastern extension of the Andes mountain range passes through northwestern Venezuela.
 - o The Lake Maracaibo basin is a major geological and geographical region of northwestern Venezuela.
 - o The Llanos are vast tropical savanna plains extending across central Venezuela.



Neelkanth Mishra appointed Executive Director of the World Bank

(Source: NEWS ON AIR)



Key Points:

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Neelkanth Mishra as Executive Director at the World Bank headquarters in Washington D.C. for a three-year term.
- He will represent the South Asian constituency comprising India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka on the World Bank Board.
- He will succeed Parameswaran Iyer, who has held this position since February 2023.
- Executive Directors are part of the World Bank Board, which oversees policies, lending decisions, and development priorities.

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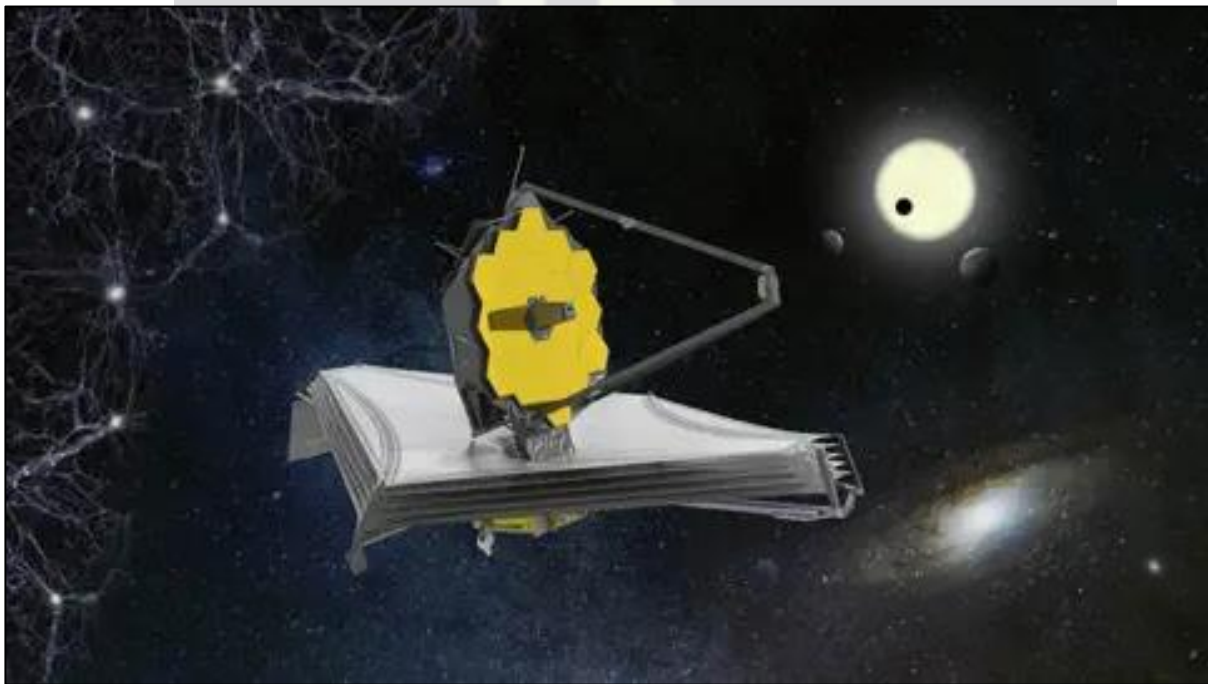
James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)

(Source: Indian Express)



Why in News?

- NASA's James Webb Space Telescope has detected methane on the interstellar comet '3I/ATLAS' for the first time.



Key Points:

James Webb Space Telescope

- It is an advanced, next-generation telescope that succeeds the Hubble Space Telescope. It is designed to explore the origins of the universe by studying the formation of stars, planets, and early galaxies.
- It is an international partnership between NASA, the European Space Agency (ESA), and the Canadian Space Agency (CSA).
- **Launch:** In the year 2021.