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'Gram Vikas Chaupal' in Khari ka Lamba



Why in News?

- A 'Gram Vikas Chaupal' program was organized on June 5, 2026, in the Khari ka Lamba Gram Panchayat of Bhilwara district, in the presence of the Chief Minister.



Key Points:

- During this Chaupal, the Chief Minister announced the establishment of an Agriculture Supervisor headquarters and the creation of an Agriculture Supervisor post in the Gram Panchayat, as well as the introduction of an additional science stream (Biology and Agricultural Science) at the Government Senior Secondary School.
- Under the 'Gram Vikas Chaupal' initiative in Rajasthan, the Chief Minister is visiting various villages across the state to interact directly with the villagers.
- The primary objective of this public outreach campaign is to extend the benefits of state and central government public welfare schemes to the last person in society and to resolve villagers' issues on the spot.

Other Important Points:

- It is noteworthy that the Chief Minister has visited 8 districts so far under the 'Gram Vikas Chaupal' program.

S. No.	Village
1.	Bambori Village (Pratapgarh)
2.	Jajod Village (Sikar)
3.	Kadal Village (Ajmer)
4.	Panseri Village (Jalore)
5.	Thikaria Village (Jaipur)
6.	Churada Village (Banswara)
7.	Dhambola Village (Dungarpur)
8.	Khari Ka Lamba (Bhilwara)

Passing of Padma Shri Baijnath Maharaj



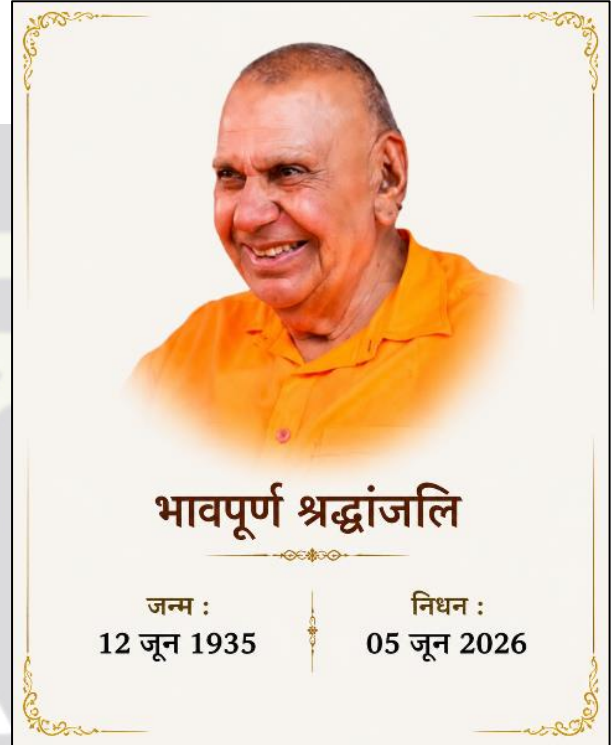
Why in News?

- Recently, Baijnath Maharaj the Peethadhishwar (head) of the Shri Shraddhanathji Maharaj Ashram in Laxmangarh (Sikar) and a Padma Shri awardee passed away.



Key Points:

- It is noteworthy that Baijnath Maharaj was honored with the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian award, in 2025.
- Other personalities honored with the Padma Shri in 2025 include Begum Batool (Art) from Nagaur and Sheen Kaaf Nizam (Shiv Kishan Bissa) (Literature) from Jodhpur.
- Baijnath Maharaj was born on June 12, 1935, into a Brahmin family in Panlawra village, Laxmangarh.
- At the age of just four, he came into contact with the saint Shri Shraddhanathji Maharaj of his own village and remained under his spiritual guidance, practicing Sadhana (spiritual discipline), until the latter attained Brahmaleen (spiritual liberation/death) in 1985.
- In 1985, following the instructions of his Guru Shri Shraddhanathji Maharaj, he left his service at the school and entered the Shrinathji Maharaj Ashram in Laxmangarh; there, he was formally initiated into the Nath Panth (Nath sect) and declared the successor of the ashram.
- He established the Shraddha Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, where students are imparted knowledge of the Vedas alongside modern education.



Banswara's 'Upper High-Level Canal Project'



Why in News?

- The State Government is developing the 'Upper High-Level Canal Project' to strengthen the agricultural and rural economy in the tribal-dominated region of Banswara.

- वागड़ अंचल के लिए मील का पत्थर होगी 'अपर हाई लेवल कैनाल परियोजना'
- 338 गांवों की 42 हजार हेक्टेयर भूमि को लिफ्ट सिंचाई प्रणाली से मिलेगा जल
- 2500 करोड़ रुपए की लागत से निर्माणाधीन परियोजना
- 102 किलोमीटर परियोजना की कुल मुख्य नहर की लंबाई



Key Points:

- **Total Cost:** ₹2,500 crore.
- **Beneficiary Area:** 338 villages (covering 42,000 hectares of land) across 6 tehsils within 3 assembly constituencies of Banswara district (Banswara, Bagidora, and Kushalgarh).

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- **Scope/Extent:** Main canal length of 102 km; 22.50 km of tunnels.
- Under this modern irrigation system, hydrants will be installed for every 1.25 to 1.50 hectares of land. An underground pipeline network will be laid to connect to these hydrant points, allowing farmers to access water directly for irrigation.
- This system will ensure equitable water distribution down to the farm level, minimize water loss, and enhance irrigation efficiency. Modern micro and pressurized irrigation systems will enable the irrigation of a larger area with less water.

SCADA System:

- A state-of-the-art SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system is also being developed for the project. This will fully automate the operation and monitoring of the entire pressure-based system.
- The system will facilitate equitable water distribution, automatic control of pressure and flow, as well as real-time data monitoring and operational control.

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Senior Citizen Pilgrimage Scheme



Why in News?

- Recently, 1,008 senior citizen pilgrims from Rajasthan visited the Shri Somnath Jyotirlinga under the Rajasthan Government's 'Senior Citizen Pilgrimage Scheme' as part of the 'Somnath Swabhiman Parv,' an event organized to commemorate the completion of 75 years since the reconstruction of the Somnath Temple.



Key Points:

Senior Citizen Pilgrimage Scheme:

- The Devasthan Department of the Rajasthan Government initiated pilgrimage tours for the state's senior citizens via rail travel in 2013 and air travel in 2016.
- The Devasthan Department organizes the pilgrimage and bears the prescribed travel expenses.

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- The Rajasthan State Budget 2025-26 announced plans to facilitate pilgrimages for 6,000 senior citizens via air and 50,000 senior citizens via air-conditioned rail under this scheme.
- Pilgrims will be selected through a lottery system conducted by a district-level committee.

Eligibility:

- Must be a native resident of Rajasthan.
- Must be over 60 years of age (as of April 1, 2025).
- Neither the applicant nor their spouse (husband or wife) should be an income taxpayer.
- Must not have availed the benefits of the Senior Citizen Pilgrimage Scheme previously.
- Neither the applicant nor their spouse should be a retired gazetted officer from the Central Government, State Government, Central/State Government undertakings, or local bodies.

Facts for Prelims (Somnath Swabhiman Parv):

- The 'Somnath Swabhiman Parv' was organized by the state government to mark the completion of 1,000 years since the first foreign invasion of the Somnath Temple (1026 AD) and 75 years since its modern reconstruction.
- **Organizers:** Under the joint aegis of the Department of Art & Culture and the Devasthan Department (Government of Rajasthan).
- **Venue:** Jharkhand Mahadev Temple, Jaipur.

Increase in Honorarium for Senior Accredited Journalists



Why in News?

- The Rajasthan government has approved a proposal to increase the monthly honorarium for the state's full-time senior accredited journalists from ₹15,000 to ₹18,000.



Key Points:

- **Concerned Department:** Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), Rajasthan.

Provisions:

- Full-time accredited journalists who have served for at least 20 years whether in daily, weekly, or fortnightly newspapers, as independent journalists, or in electronic media and news agencies and are aged 60 years or older, will be eligible for a monthly honorarium of ₹18,000.
- Additionally, under the Senior Accredited Journalist Honorarium Scheme, the honorarium amount payable to the wife of a deceased beneficiary journalist has been increased from ₹7,500 to ₹9,000.

Facts for Prelims:

Rajasthan Journalist Health Scheme (RJHS):

- The notification for the 'Rajasthan Journalist Health Scheme (RJHS)' was issued by the Department of Information and Public Relations on April 4, 2025.
- **Launch of the Scheme:** The scheme was launched by the Chief Minister in Bhilwara on March 28, 2025, during the state-level Development and Good Governance Festival.

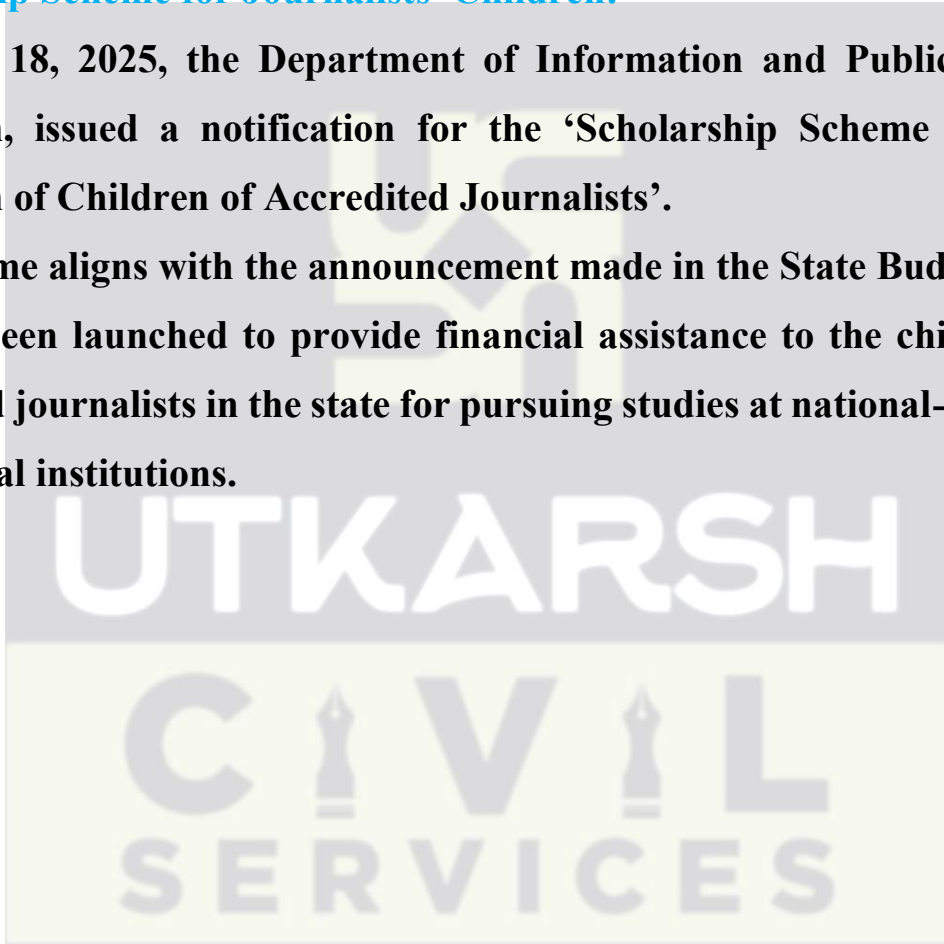
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- Under the scheme, all journalists accredited by the state government will be eligible for RJHS. Following the notification of this scheme, accredited journalists will be able to avail cashless medical facilities, similar to the RGHS (Rajasthan Government Health Scheme).

Scholarship Scheme for Journalists' Children:

- On April 18, 2025, the Department of Information and Public Relations, Rajasthan, issued a notification for the 'Scholarship Scheme for Higher Education of Children of Accredited Journalists'.
- This scheme aligns with the announcement made in the State Budget 2024-25 and has been launched to provide financial assistance to the children of all accredited journalists in the state for pursuing studies at national-level higher educational institutions.



Potash Mining in India Begins in Rajasthan



Why in News?

- Recently, the Union Ministry of Mines completed the auction process for two potash and halite blocks.



Key Points:

- Potash mining is being initiated in the country for the first time in Rajasthan.
- **2 Blocks:**
 - **Jorakiya-Satipura-Khunja Integrated Potash and Halite Block (Hanumangarh):** Allocated to Oil India Limited (OIL).
 - **Jhandawali-Satipura Potash and Halite Block (Hanumangarh):** Allocated to Hindustan Zinc Limited.
- More than 95 percent of the country's total potash reserves are located in Rajasthan.
- Sub-surface halite-bearing evaporite rock formations are spread across an area of approximately 30,000 square kilometers in the Bikaner, Hanumangarh, Sri Ganganagar, Churu, and Nagaur districts of Rajasthan.

Facts for Prelims:

- Potash is an important mineral primarily containing potassium. It is mainly used as a fertilizer in agriculture.
- **Muriate of Potash (MOP):** Known as potassium chloride (KCl), it is used as a fertilizer.
- **Sulphate of Potash (SOP):** Known as potassium sulphate (K_2SO_4), it is suitable for crops such as fruits and tobacco.



NEWS IN SHORTS ⚡

S. No.	News
1.	JDA's Innovative Initiative: 'Samvad' ■ The Jaipur Development Authority's (JDA) innovative initiative, 'Samvad', is a unique public grievance redressal and project approval program launched to foster public participation and transparency. ■ Under the 'Samvad' program, applicants are invited to present their objections, issues, and suggestions in person, allowing for immediate resolution.
2.	Gayatri Devi: Gold Medal at World Yogasana Championship ■ Head Constable Gayatri Devi, a resident of Mandota village in Sikar, won a gold medal at the inaugural World Yogasana Championship. ■ She secured the title in the Senior-C Women's Back Bending Individual category. ■ Event: The first 'World Yogasana Sports Championship' was held in Ahmedabad from June 4 to June 8, 2026.
3.	Anvi Rathore: Title at All India Sub-Junior Ranking Badminton Tournament ■ Jaipur's Anvi Rathore won the Girls' Singles title at the All India Sub-Junior Ranking (Under-15) Badminton Tournament held in Hyderabad. ■ Anvi defeated the top-seeded player from Telangana, Hamshini Chandaram, in the tournament final.



SAFF Women's Championship, 2026

(Source: AIR)



Why in News?

- The Indian women's football team won the title for a record sixth time by defeating the defending champions, Bangladesh, 3-1 in the final of the SAFF Championship, 2026.



Key Points:

- **Final Match:** Held between India and Bangladesh on June 6, 2026, at the Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Goa.
- The women's football team had previously won this title in 2019.

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- **Indian Women's Team:** Panthoi Chanu Elangbam, Nirmala Devi Phanjoubam, Shilky Devi Hemam, Juli Kishan, Sangita Basfore, Sanfida Nongrum, Astam Oraon, Pyari Xaxa, Manisha Kalyan, Jasoda Munda, and Aveka Singh.
- **Most Valuable Player (Best Player of the Tournament):** Sanfida Nongrum
- **Top Scorer (Most Goals):** Aveka Singh (4 goals)
- **Best Goalkeeper:** Panthoi Chanu Elangbam
- **Fair Play Award:** Nepal



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NZP Saathi App

(Source: PIB)



Key Points:

- **Inauguration:** The Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change launched the "NZP Saathi App" a smart digital zoo guide and inaugurated a self-ticketing kiosk at the National Zoological Park (NZP), New Delhi.
- **Feature:** The app facilitates theme-based tours, including options for Express Tour, Family Tour, Grand Zoo Tour, and a personalized "My Tour."

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Men's Under-18 Asia Hockey Cup, 2026

(Source: AIR and IHF)



Why in News?

- The Indian men's Under-18 hockey team clinched the Men's Under-18 Asia Cup 2026 title by defeating hosts Japan 4-1 in the final, while the Indian women's team won the bronze medal.



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Key Points:

- **Event:** The tournament was held in Kakamigahara, Japan, from May 29 to June 6, 2026.

Category	Men	Women
Semi-Final	India (Winner) and Pakistan	India and China (Winner)
Final	India and India (Winner) and Japan	Japan and China (Winner)

Medal	Men	Women
Gold	India	China
Silver	Japan	Japan
Bronze	Pakistan	India

- **Captain of the Indian men's hockey team:** Ketan Kushwaha
- In the bronze medal match, India defeated Korea 3-0 to secure third place in the competition.

French Open, 2026

(Source: AIR, Dainik Bhaskar, Roland-Garros)



Why in News?

- The 2026 French Open the year's second Grand Slam tournament played on clay courts was held from May 17 to June 7, 2026, at the 'Roland Garros' complex in Paris, France.

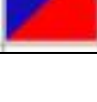
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SINGLES WINNERS

2016 - 2026

MEN'S SINGLES

WOMEN'S SINGLES

2026		Alexander Zverev		Mirra Andreeva
2025		Carlos Alcaraz		Coco Gauff
2024		Carlos Alcaraz		Iga Świątek
2023		Novak Djokovic		Iga Świątek
2022		Rafael Nadal		Iga Świątek
2021		Novak Djokovic		Barbora Krejčíková

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Key Points:

Winners of 2026:

Category	Winner
Men's Singles	Alexander Zverev (Germany) defeated Flavio Cobolli.
Women's Singles	M. Andreeva (Russia) defeated Maja Chwalińska.
Men's Doubles	Marcel Granollers and Horacio Zeballos defeated Harri Heliövaara and Henry Patten.
Women's Doubles	Kateřina Siniaková and Taylor Townsend defeated Aleksandra Krunic and Anna Danilina.
Mixed Doubles	Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori defeated Evan King and Gabriela Dabrowski.

Alexander Zverev (Germany):

- Zverev had previously been the runner-up at the 2020 US Open, the 2024 French Open, and the 2025 Australian Open.
- The 29-year-old Zverev has become the first German male player to win the French Open since Henner Henkel in 1937.
- Zverev has also become the first German male player to win a Grand Slam title since Boris Becker's Australian Open victory in 1996.

M. Andreeva (Russia):

- 19-year-old Mirra Andreeva won the French Open for the first time.
- Andreeva became the second-youngest player to win the French Open; prior to her, 18-year-old Monica Seles had claimed the title in 1992.

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Economic Developments



Provisional Estimates of Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

(Source: AIR)



Why in News?

- India's GDP growth rate is projected to be 7.7% in the financial year 2025-26.



Key Points:

- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has released provisional GDP estimates for the financial year 2025-26, showing a 7.7% growth in India's economy; this exceeds the earlier estimate of 7.6% and is significantly higher than the 7.1% growth recorded in the financial year 2024-25.

Key Highlights

- **Manufacturing Sector:** The manufacturing sector recorded robust growth of 10.7% in the financial year 2025-26.
- **Services Sector:** This sector comprising trade, repair, hotels, transport, communication, broadcasting, and storage grew by 11% in the financial year 2025-26.
- **Consumption-led Growth:** Private Final Consumption Expenditure, a key measure of household spending, increased by 7.7%.
- **Rise in Investment Activity:** Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) an indicator of investment and asset creation grew by 8.2%.

Factors Supporting Growth

- **Structural Reforms:** The continuous implementation of economic reforms improved productivity and business efficiency.



- **Strong Domestic Demand:** Increased consumption expenditure boosted the demand for goods and services. Growth was primarily driven by domestic economic fundamentals rather than external demand.
- **Capital Expenditure Boost:** Government spending on infrastructure strengthened the pace of investment. Capital expenditure generated a multiplier effect across the manufacturing, construction, and services sectors.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

- GDP is the total monetary value of all final goods and services produced within a country's domestic territory during a specific period (usually a quarter or a year).
- **Issuer:** National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- **Base Year:** 2022-23
- **GDP Calculation:** GDP is primarily calculated using three methods;
- **Expenditure Approach:** This method sums up all expenditures incurred on final goods and services in the economy.
- **Income Approach:** This method aggregates all incomes earned by the factors of production (labor, capital).
- **Production/Value-Added Approach:** This method sums up the value added by each industry at every stage of production.



Schemes and Policies



Jan Samarth Portal

(Source: PIB)



Why in News?

- The Jan Samarth Portal has completed four years of promoting digital financial inclusion and seamless credit delivery.



Key Points:

- Launched in 2022, Jan Samarth is a single-window digital platform for accessing benefits under 16 credit-linked government schemes.
- It facilitates access to institutional credit in sectors such as agriculture, business, housing, renewable energy, and livelihoods.
- Available in 8 languages, the portal has onboarded 269 lending institutions, including banks, non-governmental financial institutions, and cooperative banks.
- It enables end-to-end digital loan processing with real-time verification through databases such as UIDAI, UDYAM, AgriStack, GST, and the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

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ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

India's 100th Ramsar Site

(Source: PIB)



Why in News?

- Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal) has become India's 100th Ramsar site.



Key Points:

Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal)

- It is a natural and perennial 'oxbow lake'. Such a U-shaped lake is formed when a meandering river gets cut off in a floodplain.
- **Location:** Ballia district, Uttar Pradesh.
- **History:** It was created as 'Surha Tal' in 1991 by combining lands from 45 villages. In 2002, the lake was named in honor of the great activist and politician Jai Prakash Narayan.
- **Area:** Approximately 3,432 hectares, expanding up to 25,000 hectares during the monsoon season.

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Significance:

- **High Bird Diversity:** It serves as a crucial winter stopover for migratory birds arriving via the Central Asian Flyway (a migratory route for birds).
- **Significant fish species found here include the vulnerable Wallago attu and Bagarius bagarius.**

Ramsar Convention

- It is an international treaty. The treaty provides a framework for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.
- It was adopted in 1971 in the Iranian city of 'Ramsar' and came into force in 1975. India signed the treaty in 1982.
- **It rests on three main pillars:**
 - o Conserving wetlands of international importance.
 - o Ensuring the wise use of all wetlands.
 - o Promoting international cooperation for the conservation of shared wetlands and migratory species.
- **Criteria:** To obtain the status of a Ramsar site, it is mandatory for any wetland to meet at least one of the nine criteria established by the Convention.

World Environment Day, 2026

(Source: PIB)



Why in News?

- World Environment Day (WED) is observed annually on June 5.



Key Points:

- On the occasion of World Environment Day, India organized a special event in Geneva during the WTO Trade and Environment Week, 2026, titled "Showcasing India's Carbon Credit Trading Scheme and Standardization in Renewable Energy."

Key Points:

- **Background:** WED was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1972 to mark the opening of the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment (1972).

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- **First Observance:** It was celebrated in 1973 with the theme "Only One Earth."
- **Organizer:** United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) (Headquarters: Nairobi, Kenya).

World Environment Day 2026:

- **Host Country:** Under the leadership of UNEP, the Republic of Azerbaijan (Capital: Baku) is hosting the event in 2026.
- **Theme for 2026:** "Inspired by Nature. For the Climate. For Our Future."
- **WTO Trade and Environment Week, 2026:** The event showcased key policies and regulatory initiatives designed to facilitate India's transition to a low-carbon economy.
- **Power Generation Capacity:** By March 2026, the share of non-fossil fuel-based power generation capacity reached 53.21 percent, surpassing the 2030 target of 50 percent; thus, India achieved this goal nearly five years ahead of schedule.
- **Emission Intensity of GDP:** India's emission intensity of GDP declined by 37.38 percent between 2005 and 2022, significantly outperforming the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) target of a 33–35 percent reduction by 2030 achieved well ahead of the deadline.
- **Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS):** Under this, the objective of India's national framework for the developed Indian carbon market is to establish a national electronic carbon credit trading platform. Additionally, it aims to utilize market-based instruments to encourage activities that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Abhilasha Biofuels (ABF)

(Source: PIB)



Why in News?

- The Technology Development Board, under the Department of Science and Technology, has supported a project to establish a commercial-scale facility for the production of Abhilasha Biofuels.



Key Points:

Abhilasha Biofuels:

- It is a second-generation (2G) biofuel that can be used as a fuel similar to diesel and as a renewable alternative to naphtha.
- 2G biofuels are those derived from non-food biomass, such as agricultural residues, forestry waste, crop stubble, sugarcane bagasse, rice straw, and other lignocellulosic materials.
- Additionally, it is a 'drop-in' fuel capable of directly replacing conventional diesel without requiring any modifications to existing engines, fuel systems, or fuel distribution infrastructure.

E85 Fuel

(Source: PIB)



Why in News?

- The Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas unveiled E85 fuel.



Key Points:

E85 Fuel:

- E85 fuel is a blend containing 80–85% ethanol and 15–20% petrol.
- It has been developed specifically for flex-fuel vehicles (FFVs).
- Flex-fuel vehicles (FFVs) are vehicles with engines capable of running on various blends of ethanol and petrol. They can utilize fuel blends ranging from E20 (20% ethanol + 80% petrol) to E100 (100% ethanol).

Chloramphenicol and Nitrofuran

(Source: Economic Times)



Why in News?

- India's shrimp exports faced rejection in US, EU, and Japanese markets due to the detection of chloramphenicol and nitrofuran residues.



Key Points:

- Both these drugs are banned in all food-producing animal husbandry systems.

Chloramphenicol:

- It is an antibiotic used to treat bacterial infections.
- **Risks:** Even trace amounts can cause aplastic anemia in humans.

Nitrofuran:

- It is an antibiotic used for antibacterial and anti-inflammatory purposes.
- **Risks:** These drugs are banned because their metabolites can persist in animal tissues for extended periods and carry a risk of causing cancer.