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Rajasthan Emerges as a Model for Cybersecurity



Why in News?

- In 2025, Rajasthan secured the 5th position nationwide in terms of freezing funds swindled by cyber fraudsters.



Key Points:

- Rajasthan Police is conducting various operations and campaigns to prevent cyber fraud. Prominent among these are Operation Mule Account & POS, Operation Cyber Shield, Operation Anti-Virus, and Operation Vajra Prahar.
- During these operations, the technical team blocked approximately 2.5 lakh suspicious mobile numbers and IMEI numbers. Additionally, 'mule accounts' were identified and frozen.

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- Currently, fully functional cyber police stations exist in all 41 revenue districts of Rajasthan. Furthermore, a cyber helpdesk has been established at every local police station in the state.
- The helpline number for cybersecurity in Rajasthan is '1930'.

Other Important Points:

- **Rajasthan's First Cyber Support Center:** On May 24, 2025, 'Rajasthan's first Cyber Support Center' was launched at the Jaipur Police Commissionerate. This center is being operated by 'Responsible Netizens and Cogta Foundation'.
- According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report 'Crime in India' (2022), 65,893 cybercrime cases were registered in India in 2022, marking a 24.4% increase compared to the 52,974 cases recorded in 2021.
- **Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C):** The 'Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre' (I4C) has been established under the Ministry of Home Affairs to deal with all types of cybercrimes in the country in a coordinated and comprehensive manner.

Practice Question for Preliminary Examination

Q.1. Which position did Rajasthan secure nationwide in 2025 regarding the freezing of funds swindled by cyber fraudsters?

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| A. Third place | B. Fourth place |
| C. Fifth place | D. Seventh place |

Q.2. Which of the following operations/campaigns is being conducted in Rajasthan to prevent cyber fraud?

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| A. Operation Cyber Shield | B. Operation Anti-Virus |
| C. Operation Vajra Prahar | D. All of the above |

World's First 'Three-Way Hybrid Pearl Millet': RHB 273



Why in News?

- The Rajasthan Agricultural Research Institute (RARI), Durgapura (Jaipur), in collaboration with ICRISAT, Hyderabad, has developed the world's first three-way hybrid pearl millet, 'RHB 273'.



Key Points:

- This newly developed pearl millet variety is not only capable of withstanding drought but also outperforms traditional varieties in terms of yield and nutritional value.
- **Developed by:** International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Hyderabad, and Rajasthan Agricultural Research Institute, Durgapura (Jaipur).
- **Launch:** RHB 273 was launched on January 4, 2026, by the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, alongside 184 improved varieties of 25 crops in India.

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- **Three-Way Hybrid:** Unlike traditional pearl millet hybrids that involve two parents, a three-way hybrid utilizes three parent lines. This integrates traits such as higher yield, drought tolerance, and superior fodder quality.
- **Cultivation:** Apart from Rajasthan, the hybrid pearl millet 'RHB 273' can be cultivated in the hyper-arid regions of Gujarat and Haryana, where annual rainfall is less than 400 mm.
- **Performance:** Multi-location testing of RHB 273 over three years at 30 sites across three states yielded an average of 2,230 kg/ha, which was approximately 13 to 27 percent higher than regional varieties.

Facts for Prelims:

- **Rajasthan in Pearl Millet Production:** Ranked first (44.66% share).
- **Major Pearl Millet Varieties in Rajasthan:** RAJ – 171, RCB – 2, RCB – 911, RHB – 30.
- **Centre of Excellence for Millets:** Agriculture University, Jodhpur.
- **Pearl Millet Research Centre:** Gudamalani (Barmer)
- To promote pearl millet in Rajasthan, the 'Rajasthan Millets Promotion Mission' was launched as part of the 11 agricultural missions announced in the first-ever agriculture budget (State Budget 2022-23).

Practice Questions for the Preliminary Examination

Q.1. Which institutions collaborated to develop the world's first three-way hybrid pearl millet variety, 'RHB 273'?

- A. ICAR, New Delhi and Agriculture University, Jodhpur
- B. ICRISAT, Hyderabad and Rajasthan Agricultural Research Institute, Durgapura
- C. CIMMYT, Mexico and Rajasthan Department of Agriculture
- D. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Barmer and IARI, New Delhi

Q.2. What is Rajasthan's position in the country regarding pearl millet production?

- A. First place
- B. Second place
- C. Third place
- D. Fourth place

New Spider Species in Rajasthan: Mogrus shushka



Why in News?

- A team of zoological researchers discovered a new species of jumping spider found in the arid regions of Rajasthan.



Key Points:

- **Naming:** The newly discovered species has been named 'Mogrus shushka'. The name 'Shushka' is derived from the Sanskrit word 'Shushk' (meaning arid/dry).
- **Publication:** Published in the European Journal of Taxonomy.
- **Specimen Collection:** The main specimen (holotype) was collected from Nimaj (Chhatrasagar, Beawar) and Desert National Park, Jaisalmer.
- **Habitat:** This species is primarily found in the arid regions of Rajasthan and Gujarat.



- **Significance:** The presence of these spiders in the Thar Desert highlights a strong ecological link between the arid regions of Rajasthan and the broader Afro-Asian desert regions.
- **Other Species:** The research team also found another species named 'Mogrus larisae', which was recorded in India for the first time.

Other discoveries made in Rajasthan:

- **Langeliurillus udaipurensis (Discovered: 2024):** A species of jumping spider discovered in the Sajjangarh Wildlife Sanctuary, Udaipur.
- **Peucetia chhaprajanirvin (Discovered: 2024):** A green lynx spider discovered in the Tal Chhapar Wildlife Sanctuary, Churu.
- **Pseudomogrus sudhii (Discovered: 2022):** A species of jumping spider discovered in Desert National Park. This species is named after the renowned Indian arachnologist Sudhikumar A.V.

NEWS IN SHORTS

S. No.	News
1.	Dr. Madhu Mukul Chaturvedi: 'Sant Kabir Das Samaj Ratna Samman - 2026' - Recently, educationist, litterateur, and social worker Prof. Dr. Madhu Mukul Chaturvedi was honored with the 'Sant Kabir Das Samaj Ratna Samman – 2026'. Conferred by: Brij Lok Sahitya Kala Sanskriti Akademi (Trust) and Sant Kabir Das Sanstha, Etawah (Uttar Pradesh). Associated District: Jaipur.
2.	Rajasthan at the 'Eastern Grand Slam - 2026 Squash Championship' - Players from the Rajasthan Squash Academy won a total of 5 medals (1 gold, 2 silver, and 2 bronze) at the 'Eastern Grand Slam - 2026 Squash Championship' held in Raipur (Chhattisgarh). Gold Medal Winner: Dhairya Gogia, who defeated Aaron Aramban of Maharashtra in the Boys' Under-13 category final. Event Dates: June 22 to June 27, 2026. Venue: Squash Complex, Raipur (Chhattisgarh).
3.	'Country's Third Tropical Medicine Institute' to Open in Jodhpur - The 'country's third Tropical Medicine Institute' will be established at Dr. SN Medical College, Jodhpur. - Tropical diseases are infectious diseases that primarily spread in the tropical and subtropical regions of the Earth. - The hot and humid climate of these regions is most favorable for the breeding of mosquitoes, flies, and other parasites. - According to the World Health Organization (WHO), many of these diseases are categorized as "Neglected Tropical Diseases" (NTDs) because they primarily affect poor and developing communities.

4.

Open de Paris-Daniel Féo Polo Tournament: Jaipur Team Wins

- The 'Saint Mesme Jaipur' team clinched the title at the 132nd edition of the 'Open de Paris-Daniel Féo Polo Tournament' held in Paris, France.
- In the final, Saint Mesme Jaipur defeated the Baron d'Avella team 10-8.

5.

Uday Shreyas Scholarship Scheme



Uday Shreyas
Scholarship for CA Aspirants

A fully residential, mentorship-driven programme by the RCA Foundation — providing end-to-end Academic, Residential, Mentorship & Placement support at **zero cost** to become a Chartered Accountant.

- The Rajasthan Chartered Accountants Foundation (RCA Foundation) launched the 'Uday Shreyas Scholarship Scheme' to assist meritorious students from economically weaker sections in becoming Chartered Accountants (CAs).
- This is a completely free (zero-cost), residential, and mentorship-based program.

6.

Chhitar Mal Balai

- 64-year-old Chhitar Mal Balai won the gold medal in the 50-meter pistol Senior Master Men's category (individual event) at the 24th Rajasthan State Rifle-Pistol Championship (2026), held at the Jagatpura Shooting Range in Jaipur.

7.

Selection of Five Archers from Rajasthan for the Indian Team

- Based on selection trials conducted by the Archery Association of India in Sonipat from June 26 to 29, 2026, five archers from Rajasthan were selected for the Indian team to compete in the 'Asian Youth Archery Championship' in Dubai.
- **Sub-Junior Recurve Boys' Category:** Anuj Kumar.
- **Sub-Junior Compound Boys' Category:** Aryan Pareek.
- **Junior Recurve Women's Category:** Pranjal Tholia and Khushi Kumawat.
- **Junior Compound Men's Category:** Sachin Chechi.

8.

Panchna Dam Water Dispute

- The 20-year-old water dispute regarding the Panchna Dam, located in Karauli district, has been resolved.
- A written agreement was reached between the Rajasthan government and the protesters during a high-level meeting held at the Education Complex in Jaipur.
- It is noteworthy that the Panchna Dam, with a capacity of 2,100 MCFT, irrigates an area of approximately 10,000 hectares; however, since 2006, there had been no water flow from the dam into the canals of the command area.
- Twenty-one revenue villages in the region, including Gudla, had been consistently demanding that water be made available to them via a lift irrigation project before permission was granted for water to flow through the canals.
- The state government had announced in the 2026-27 budget that water would be supplied to these 21 revenue villages in the Gudla area through a lift irrigation scheme.

9.

New Initiative by Rajasthan Police: 'Akshay Fund'

- The 'Akshay Fund,' a new initiative by the Rajasthan Police, has been launched by Jyeshtha Maitreyi, the Superintendent of Police (SP) of Sawai Madhopur district.
- The primary objective of this innovative scheme is to provide immediate financial assistance to the family of a police personnel in the event of their sudden demise while on duty or during their service tenure.



Practice Questions for Preliminary Examination

- Q.1. Which honor was recently (June 2026) conferred upon Prof. Dr. Madhu Mukul Chaturvedi?**
- A. Rajasthan Sahitya Ratna Samman – 2026
 - B. Sant Kabir Das Samaj Ratna Samman – 2026
 - C. Brij Sahitya Gaurav Samman – 2026
 - D. Jaipur Samaj Seva Samman – 2026
- Q.2. How many medals in total did players from the Rajasthan Squash Academy win at the Eastern Grand Slam – 2026 Squash Championship?**
- A. 3 medals
 - B. 4 medals
 - C. 5 medals
 - D. 7 medals
- Q.3. Where in Rajasthan will the country's third Tropical Medicine Institute be established?**
- A. SMS Medical College, Jaipur
 - B. RNT Medical College, Udaipur
 - C. Dr. SN Medical College, Jodhpur
 - D. JLN Medical College, Ajmer
- Q.4. In which district is the 'Panchna Dam', which has recently been in the news, located?**
- A. Jaipur
 - B. Karauli
 - C. Sawai Madhopur
 - D. Tonk



Project Brahmark



Why in News?

- Project Brahmark of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) celebrated its 16th Raising Day on June 29, 2026, at Ranaghat, Arunachal Pradesh.



Key Points:

Project Brahmark

- Project Brahmark is a highly specialized, forward-deployed engineering and infrastructure development unit.
- **Parent Organization:** It operates directly under the Border Roads Organisation (BRO).

Objectives:

- To construct, upgrade, and maintain all-weather lines of communication to ensure the rapid forward movement of the Indian Armed Forces.
- To connect isolated border outposts and remote tribal border villages with the national mainstream, thereby accelerating socio-economic development in border areas.

MCQ

Q. What type of unit is Project Brahmark?

- A. Agricultural research unit
- B. Water resource development unit
- C. Highly specialized, forward-deployed engineering and infrastructure development unit
- D. Defence production unit



Schemes and Policies



Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA)



Why in News?

- Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) has emerged as India's "One Nation, One Digital Platform" for school education, providing curriculum-based digital learning resources to students and teachers across the country.



Key Points:

Introduction

- The DIKSHA platform was launched in 2017. It was developed by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) in collaboration with the Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET).
- It supports education ranging from Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) to the higher secondary level and has been adopted by education boards across almost all states and union territories.
- The DIKSHA platform offers videos, 2D and 3D animations, Augmented Reality (AR)-based content, simulations, virtual laboratories, QR-coded "energized" textbooks, and interactive learning materials.
- This platform also supports teacher capacity building through the NISHTHA program and adheres to a federal structure.

MCQ:

Q. If a teacher wishes to enable students to access videos, AR content, and virtual labs through a QR-coded textbook, which platform would be the most suitable?

- A. SWAYAM
- C. eNAM

- B. DIKSHA
- D. DigiLocker

SUMAN Roadmap 2030



Why in News?

- The Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare launched the 'SUMAN Roadmap 2030' during the 16th Conference of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare.



Key Points:

SUMAN Roadmap 2030

- The SUMAN (Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan) Roadmap 2030 is a multi-dimensional, data-driven national health strategy.
- Instead of implementing a 'one-size-fits-all' model, it functions as a specific operational matrix designed to eliminate preventable maternal and neonatal deaths through technology-based public health interventions at the local level.
- **Ministry:** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India.

Objectives:

- To aggressively reduce India's Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) to below 70 per 100,000 live births by 2030; this aligns fully with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- To bring about a significant reduction in both the Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) and the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR).
- To ensure the availability of universal, equitable, and high-quality healthcare services for all pregnant women and newborns across every state and Union Territory of India.

MCQs

Q. **Assertion A.:** The SUMAN Roadmap 2030 emphasizes health interventions tailored to local needs.

Reason (R): Maternal and neonatal health challenges vary across different states in India.

Code:

- A. Both A and R are correct, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B. Both A and R are correct, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. A is correct, R is incorrect.
- D. A is incorrect, R is correct.

Ayushman Sarathi Chatbot



Why in News?

- The Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare launched 'Ayushman Sarathi', an official WhatsApp chatbot for the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY).



Key Points:

Ayushman Sarathi Chatbot

- Ayushman Sarathi is a secure, API-based digital public health interface that operates on WhatsApp.
- It enables citizens to interact directly with PM-JAY systems through the exchange of simple, automated messages on their mobile phones.

Nodal Ministry:

- **Ministry:** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India.
- **Executing Body:** Developed and monitored by the National Health Authority (NHA).

Objective:

- To provide an accessible and interactive platform that eliminates the need for citizens to physically visit government offices or call centers for basic card management.
- To ensure the secure and real-time delivery of citizen-centric healthcare services to every eligible family, with a special focus on senior citizens and rural areas.

MCQs

- Q. If a citizen requires immediate information regarding the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY), what would be the primary benefit of the Ayushman Sarathi chatbot?**
- A. Providing banking facilities**
 - B. Enabling simple and automated digital interaction**
 - C. Submitting offline applications**
 - D. Constructing hospitals**





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India-Mauritius Relations



Why in News?

- Recently, the Prime Minister of India met his Mauritian counterpart in Victoria, Mahé, on the occasion of Seychelles' Golden Jubilee National Day celebrations.



Key Points:

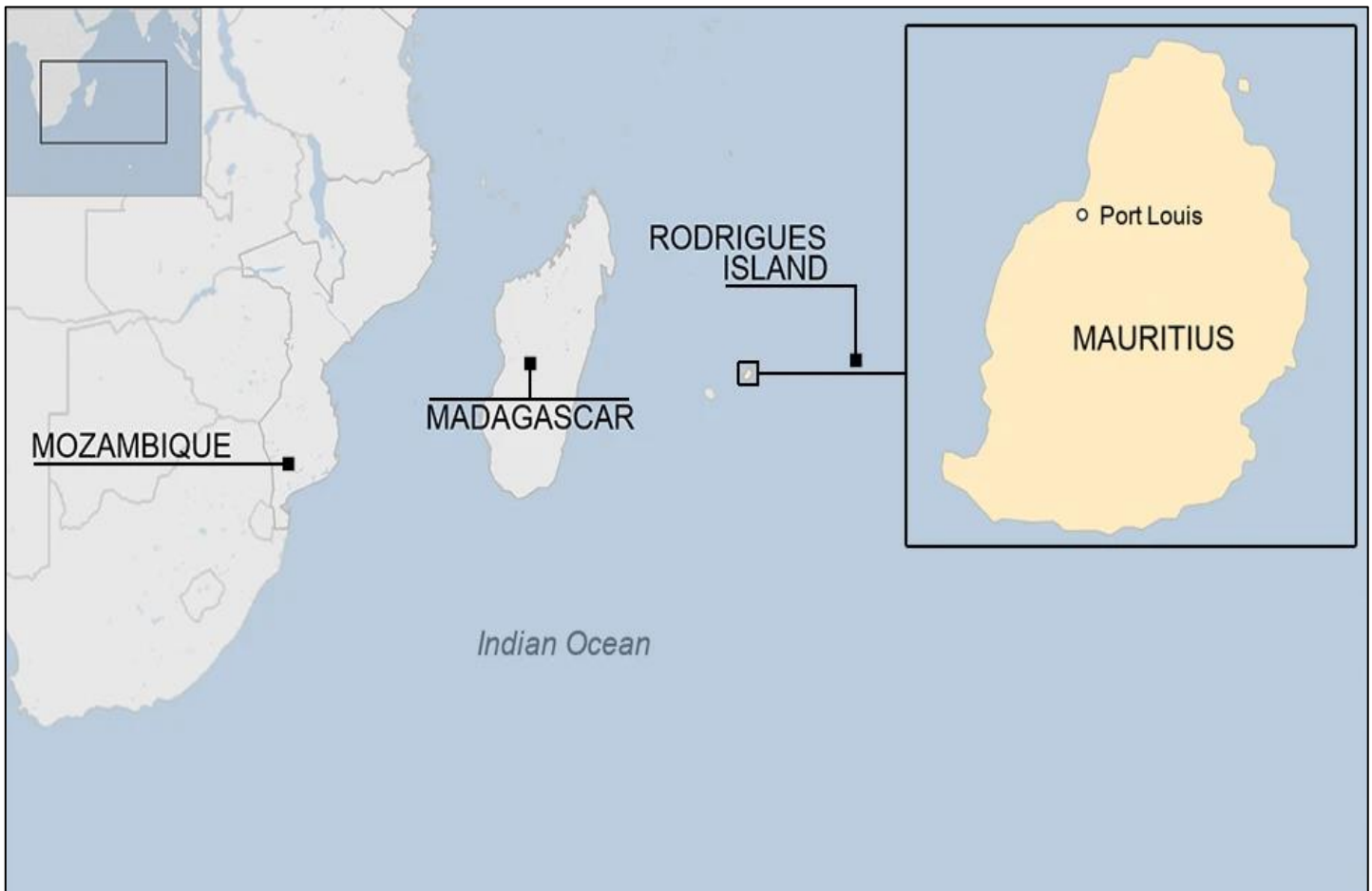
- Both leaders reiterated their commitment to further strengthening cooperation in maritime security, development partnership, capacity building, trade, connectivity, and people-to-people ties.

Basis of close ties between India and Mauritius—

- Shared history and civilizational links
- Engagement of the Indian diaspora
- Maritime and strategic convergence in the Indian Ocean
- Development partnership
- Shared democratic values
- Mauritius holds a pivotal place in India's vision of 'Security and Growth for All in the Region' (SAGAR) and its 'Neighbourhood First' policy.

Republic of Mauritius

- It is an island nation located in the Indian Ocean, approximately 2,000 kilometers off the southeastern coast of Africa.
- **Capital:** Port Louis



Key pillars of India-Mauritius relations

- **Political Relations:** Regular high-level political exchanges take place between India and Mauritius.
- Recently, both sides reiterated their commitment to expanding development partnerships, strengthening maritime cooperation, reinforcing regional stability in the Indian Ocean, and deepening economic engagement.

Strategic and Maritime Cooperation:

Maritime Security:

- Joint surveillance of Mauritius's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).
- Hydrographic surveys by the Indian Navy.
- Installation of a coastal radar system.
- Exchange of information for Maritime Domain Awareness.

Defence Cooperation:

- India provides cooperation through the training of Mauritian defence personnel, supply of defence equipment, deployment of Indian military advisors, and joint military exercises and patrols.

SAGAR Doctrine:

- Mauritius is a key pillar of India's vision of 'Security and Growth for All in the Region' (SAGAR), the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI), and the 'Ocean Vision'.

Economic and Commercial Relations

- **Bilateral trade (Financial Year 2024–25):** US\$ 887.25 million (Total trade)
- **India's exports to Mauritius:** US\$ 676.34 million
- **Mauritius's exports to India:** US\$ 210.91 million
- **Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA):** Signed in 2021; this is India's first trade agreement with an African nation.
- **Financial and investment relations:** Historically, Mauritius has been a major source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into India.
- Key reasons for this include the favorable tax regime and the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA).
- The 2016 amendment to this agreement aimed to curb treaty abuse, round-tripping of funds, and tax evasion.

Development Partnership:

- Metro Express Project
- New Supreme Court Building
- ENT Hospital
- Social Housing Projects: Numerous small-scale projects have been implemented in sectors such as education, health, community infrastructure, and sports.

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RAS MAINS MODEL QUESTION:

Q. Analyze India–Mauritius relations in the context of the following dimensions—

- Political
- Strategic
- Maritime security
- Economic
- Development partnership
- Indian diaspora
- Regional cooperation



Prime Minister Modi's Visit to Seychelles



Why in News?

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Seychelles to participate as the Chief Guest at the country's 50th Independence Day celebrations.



Key Points:

Key Highlights of the Visit

- **Development Partnership:** India provided loan assistance of ₹1,250 crore for priority infrastructure projects in Seychelles.
- **Maritime Security:** India provided a fast patrol vessel, 10 utility vehicles, and 5 Laser Radial boats to strengthen Seychelles' coastal security and surveillance capabilities.
- **Digital Connectivity:** Under an agreement with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) will be implemented in Seychelles, facilitating seamless digital payments and boosting tourism.
- **Capacity Building:** Both countries agreed to expand cooperation in technical education, health, agriculture, skill development, and space applications under the Seychelles framework.
- **Blue Economy:** Cooperation will focus on the management of marine resources, sustainable fisheries, ocean science, and the sustainable use of marine resources.

Key Areas of India-Seychelles Cooperation—

- Infrastructure, housing, transport, education, health, and capacity building.
- In 2026, India announced a special economic package of USD 175 million for Seychelles.
- Both countries also adopted the 'Seychelles Joint Vision,' aimed at deepening cooperation in the areas of sustainable development, economic growth, and security.

Trade and Economy:

- Bilateral trade stood at USD 72.92 million between April 2024 and February 2025.
- **India's exports:** USD 68.64 million
- **India's imports:** USD 4.28 million

Energy Cooperation:

- Seychelles became a founding member of the International Solar Alliance after ratifying the framework agreement in 2017.
- In 2024, a solar-powered cold storage facility was inaugurated on Praslin Island in collaboration with the International Solar Alliance.

Multilateral Cooperation:

- Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)
- Indian Ocean Commission (India is a development partner)
- International Solar Alliance
- Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)

People-to-People Ties:

- The Indian diaspora has played a significant role in strengthening cultural exchange, trade relations, and long-standing goodwill between the two nations.

RAS MAINS MODEL QUESTION:

- Q.** Suppose that piracy, illegal fishing, and the increasing activity of external powers in the Indian Ocean region emerge as challenges to regional stability. In such a scenario—
- A.** How can India and Seychelles jointly address these challenges?
- B.** What is the significance of Seychelles in India's maritime diplomacy?

Operation Amistad



Why in News?

- After the devastating earthquakes in Venezuela, India launched Operation Amistad to assist in relief and rescue operations.



Key Points:

Introduction

- Amistad, which means “friendship” in Spanish, is India's humanitarian aid and disaster relief operation.
- India was among the first countries to provide aid, which shows its commitment to the principle of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam”.

MCQ:

Q. Choose the correct pair from the following:

- A. Operation Amistad – Earthquake Relief Operation
- B. Operation Amistad – military combat operation
- C. Operation Amistad — space mission
- D. Operation Amistad – Maritime Trade Agreement

International Big Cat Alliance



Why in News?

- Bangladesh has officially joined the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) as its 27th member country.



Key Points:

Bangladesh:

- **National Capital:** Dhaka.
- **Bordering Nations/Regions:** India, Myanmar, and the Bay of Bengal.

Key Geological Features:

- **Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna Delta:**
 - o **Flat Alluvial Plains:** More than 80% of Bangladesh consists of fertile alluvial plains formed by the Padma, Jamuna, and Meghna rivers, making it one of the world's largest delta systems.

■ Tertiary Hills and Highlands:

- o **Chittagong Hill Tracts:** Located in the southeastern part of Bangladesh, this rugged hilly region borders Myanmar and is home to several indigenous tribal communities.
- o **Sylhet Hills:** Situated in the northeastern part of Bangladesh, these rolling hills receive heavy rainfall and are renowned for their extensive tea gardens.

Big Cats of Bangladesh:

- Royal Bengal Tiger
- Indian Leopard
- **Other Wild Cats:** Species such as the Clouded Leopard, Fishing Cat, Jungle Cat, and Leopard Cat are also found in Bangladesh, inhabiting its forests, wetlands, and protected areas.

MCQ

- Q. Which of the following countries has recently become the 27th member of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)?
- A. Nepal
 - B. Sri Lanka
 - C. Bangladesh
 - D. Bhutan