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RAJASTHAN



Rajasthan's Achievements in the Cooperative Sector



Why in News?

- Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma participated in the ceremony held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, marking the 5th Foundation Day of the Ministry of Cooperation.



Key Points:

- **Chief Guest:** Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah.
- During the ceremony, the Chief Minister highlighted Rajasthan's achievements in the cooperative sector.
- **Cooperative Societies:** There are over 42,000 cooperative societies in Rajasthan, with a membership base exceeding 1.35 crore. Additionally, 8.90 lakh new members were enrolled in cooperative societies under the state's 'Sahkar Sadasyata Abhiyan' (Cooperative Membership Drive).

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- **World's Largest Grain Storage Scheme:** Under this scheme, 200 warehouses have been sanctioned in the state, with construction completed for 120 of them. Rajasthan ranks first in the country in the implementation of this scheme.
- **Electronic Primary Agricultural Credit Society (e-PACS):** In the first phase of the e-PACS initiative in Rajasthan, 5,646 PACS have been converted into e-PACS. More than 10 crore online transactions have been conducted through these e-PACS; this accounts for approximately one-third of the total transactions nationwide and represents the highest number in the country.
- **e-PACS Count:** The state ranks third in the country in terms of the number of electronic PACS (e-PACS).
- e-PACS is the digital and advanced version of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) that operate at the Gram Panchayat level.
- **Multipurpose Primary Agricultural Credit Society (M-PACS):** Under the Central Government's ambitious scheme to form a cooperative society in every Panchayat, 5,279 new multipurpose cooperative societies have been established in Rajasthan.
- **First in BBSSL Membership:** Rajasthan holds the top position nationwide in the membership list of the Bharatiya Beej Sahkari Samiti Limited (BBSSL).

Other Important Points:

- During the 5th Foundation Day celebrations of the Ministry of Cooperation held in New Delhi, Rajasthan received various initiatives in the fields of agriculture and cooperation, such as:
 1. Laying of the foundation stone for 10 new grain storage warehouses.
 2. Inauguration of 50 warehouses.
 3. Transfer of 100 warehouses to the State Warehousing Corporation.



Practice Questions for the Preliminary Examination:

- Q.1** Where was the 5th Foundation Day celebration of the Ministry of Cooperation held?
- A. Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
 - B. Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
 - C. Jaipur Secretariat
 - D. Rashtrapati Bhavan
- Q2.** How many warehouses have been approved in Rajasthan under the world's largest grain storage scheme?
- A. 100
 - B. 150
 - C. 200
 - D. 250
- Q3.** What is Rajasthan's rank in the country regarding the implementation of the world's largest grain storage scheme?
- A. First
 - B. Second
 - C. Third
 - D. Fourth

Sample Registration System Statistical Report (2024) – Rajasthan



Why in News?

- Recently, 'Sample Registration System Statistical Report – 2024' was released by the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India (ORGI).



Key Points:

- The report marks a historic turning point in India with population stabilization, falling fertility rates and improvement in health indicators.
- Total Fertility Rate (TFR):** India's national TFR has fallen to 1.9, which is below the population replacement level of 2.1. This is the fifth consecutive year that India has remained below this level.
- Crude Birth Rate (CBR):** At the national level, the crude birth rate has declined to 18.3 (per 1,000 population), from 21.0 in 2014. The highest birth rate among states is in Bihar (26.8) and the lowest in Kerala.

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- **Crude Death Rate (CDR):** India's national death rate remains stable at 6.4 (per 1,000 population).
- **Infant Mortality Rate (IMR):** A major decline has been recorded, falling to 24 (per 1,000 live births). Kerala has the lowest (8) among the states.

Rajasthan's performance:

- **Above replacement level:** Rajasthan is among the 6 states in the country whose total fertility rate (TFR) remains above the replacement level (2.1).
- **99.5 percent delivery in hospitals:** In the year 2019, where only 88.7 percent of deliveries by women occurred in hospitals, this has increased to 99.5 percent in 2024.
- **Sex ratio at birth (females per 1000 males) at place of residence:**

Category	Total
Rajasthan (Total)	917
Rural	913
Urban	931

- **Age-specific fertility rate (ASFR) in Rajasthan:** The number of live births per 1,000 women.

Age Group (in years)	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
ASFRs	10.3	133.4	167.0	96.9	37.1	11.7	6.2

Percentage of female population in the age group 15-49 by level of education (Rajasthan)

Indicator/Parameter									
	Illiterate	Total Literate	Without Any Formal Education	Below Primary	Primary	Secondary	Class X	Class XII	Graduate and Above
Rajasthan (Figures in Percentage)	13.0	87.0	5.0	7.2	15.5	19.4	15.8	13.3	10.9

New Guidelines for the Braj Regional Development Plan (2026)



Why in News?

- Recently, the state government implemented new guidelines for the Braj Regional Development Plan (2026) to promote religious tourism and preserve local heritage in the Braj region of Rajasthan (primarily Bharatpur and Karauli).



Key Points:

- Under these guidelines, the Rajasthan Rural Development Department will strengthen infrastructure in designated blocks of the Bharatpur and Karauli districts.
- The plan will primarily focus on developing the “Shri Girirajji 84-Kos Parikrama Marg” (circumambulation route) and creating local employment opportunities.
- The scheme entails the rejuvenation of the 84-Kos Parikrama Marg and the expansion of basic amenities along the route and at major religious sites to provide modern facilities and boost religious tourism.

Other Important Points:

Braj Region Religious Development Board:

- **Headquarters:** Jaipur.
- **Jurisdiction:** Bharatpur and Karauli.
- **Administrative Department:** Department of Tourism, Rajasthan.

NEWS IN SHORTS

S. No.	News
1.	Sahkar Van: Sumel Village ■ On the occasion of the 5th Foundation Day of the Ministry of Cooperation, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah virtually performed the “Bhoomi Pujan” (ground-breaking ceremony) for the 'Sahkar Van' to be developed in Sumel village. ■ This forest will be established by Amul and the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Limited (NCCF). ■ Extent: Spread across 64 acres of land. ■ Trees such as Khejri, Rohida, and Neem will be planted in this forest using both the Miyawaki and conventional planting methods. Practice Question for Preliminary Examination Q. Which of the following villages will be developed as the state's first 'Sahkar Van'? (a) Sawaipura (Pali) (b) Sumel Village (Jaipur) (c) Mandawa (Jhunjhunu) (d) Dhanaura (Dholpur)
2.	Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium: Ajmer ■ Recently, following the instructions of the Assembly Speaker, approval was granted to name the multipurpose stadium currently under construction near Panchsheel Vijayaraje Nagar by the Ajmer Development Authority as the Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium.



Changpa Community



Why in News?

- The Ladakh administration has taken measures to strengthen the Pashmina value chain and enhance the livelihoods of the Changpa pastoralist community.



Key Points:

Changpa

- A semi-nomadic pastoralist community inhabiting the Changthang plateau of Ladakh.
- They primarily reside within the Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary.
- They rear indigenous Changthangi (Changra) goats, which produce the world-famous Pashmina (Kashmiri) wool.
- Recognized as a Scheduled Tribe (ST) in India.



History and Culture



Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee



Why in News?

- The Prime Minister paid tribute to Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee on his 125th birth anniversary.



Key Points:

Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee (1901–1953)

- Born in Calcutta, he qualified as a barrister after joining the English Bar in 1926.
- In 1934, at the age of 33, he became the youngest Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University.
- He was elected to the Bengal Legislative Council in 1929.

Key Contributions

- Served as the Minister for Industry and Supply in Jawaharlal Nehru's cabinet.
- He was given the title 'Lion of the Parliament'.
- In 1940, he became the Acting President of the All India Hindu Mahasabha.
- He founded the Bharatiya Jana Sangh (1951) and became its first President.
- Served as a member of the Constituent Assembly representing West Bengal.

MCQ:

Q. Consider the following statements regarding Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee:

1. He became the youngest Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University in the year 1934.
2. He became the Acting President of the All India Hindu Mahasabha in the year 1940.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Both 1 and 2
- (D) Neither 1 nor 2



Schemes and Policies



Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) – Revised UDAN Launched



Why in News?

- Approved by the Union Cabinet on March 25, 2026, the scheme aims to accelerate aviation-led development and advance the vision of 'Viksit Bharat 2047' (Developed India 2047).



Key Points:

Revised UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) Scheme

- **Duration:** 10 years (from FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36)
- **Key Components:**
- **Airport Development (Capital Expenditure):** Development of 100 airports from existing unused airstrips.
- **Operations and Maintenance Support:** For approximately 441 RCS-only airports for a period of 3 years.
- **Development of 200 Modern Helipads:** To improve last-mile connectivity and emergency response in hilly, remote, island, and aspirational regions.
- **Viability Gap Funding (VGF):** Assistance of ₹10,043 crore over 10 years to airline operators to sustain regional routes.
- **Atmanirbhar Bharat Aviation:** Promoting the procurement of indigenous aircraft to strengthen aviation capacity in remote and inaccessible areas.

UDAN Scheme

- **Launch:** October 2016 (Envisaged under the National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) 2016)

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- **Type:** Central Sector Scheme.
- **Ministry:** Ministry of Civil Aviation
- **Implementing Agency:** Airports Authority of India (AAI).
- **Objective:** To democratize aviation by making air travel accessible and affordable and by strengthening connectivity from Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.

MCQ:

Q. Which type of government scheme is the 'UDAN' scheme?

- (A) Centrally Sponsored Scheme
- (B) Central Sector Scheme
- (C) State-sponsored scheme
- (D) Public-Private Partnership (PPP) scheme



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INTERNATIONAL



India-Israel Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA)



Why in News?

- Recently, The India-Israel Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) has come into force. This agreement replaces the India-Israel Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) of 1996, which was terminated in 2017.



Key Points:

- Its objective is to promote investment while striking a balance between investor protection and the sovereign right of governments to regulate.
- Under the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties (1969), there is no substantive legal distinction between a "treaty" and an "agreement."

BIT

- **Definition:** These are reciprocal agreements between two countries that promote and protect foreign investment in each other's territories.
- **Objective:** They provide a legal framework to ensure fair treatment of investors and create a stable investment environment.
- **International Law:** BITs constitute primary sources of obligations under public international law, as recognized under the Statute of the International Court of Justice.
- In the 2025-26 Budget, the government announced a review of the BIT framework.

India-Israel BIT

- **Investment Protection:** It protects investments made by investors from both countries.
- **Compensation during Armed Conflict:** Investors suffering losses due to war, armed conflict, or civil unrest will receive non-discriminatory treatment regarding compensation.

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- **Right to Regulate:** It preserves the government's right to regulate for public health, the environment, safety, and public welfare.
- **Investor-State Dispute Settlement:** It provides a mechanism to resolve disputes through international arbitration.

MODEL MAINS QUESTION:

- Q. "The recently implemented India-Israel Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) is an attempt to strike a better balance between investor protection and the sovereign right of governments to regulate." Critically examine this statement and discuss its potential impact on India-Israel economic relations.



Hayabusa2 Mission



Why in News?

- Japan's Hayabusa2 spacecraft successfully performed a flyby of an asteroid during its extended mission.



Key Points:

Hayabusa2

- Japan's asteroid sample-return mission, developed by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA).
- Asteroids are small rocky or metallic bodies that orbit the Sun and are primarily found in the asteroid belt located between Mars and Jupiter.

MCQs:

Q. What type of space mission is 'Hayabusa2' primarily?

- (A) Lunar polar exploration mission
- (B) Mars orbiter mission
- (C) Asteroid sample-return mission
- (D) Mission to study the Sun

⌚ SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ⌚

Sub-Orbital Launch Vehicle for Experiments (SOLVE)



Why in News?

- ISRO conducted the first crucial ground test of SOLVE for the Gaganyaan mission. The successful test of the SOLVE solid motor was carried out at the static test facility at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.



Key Points:

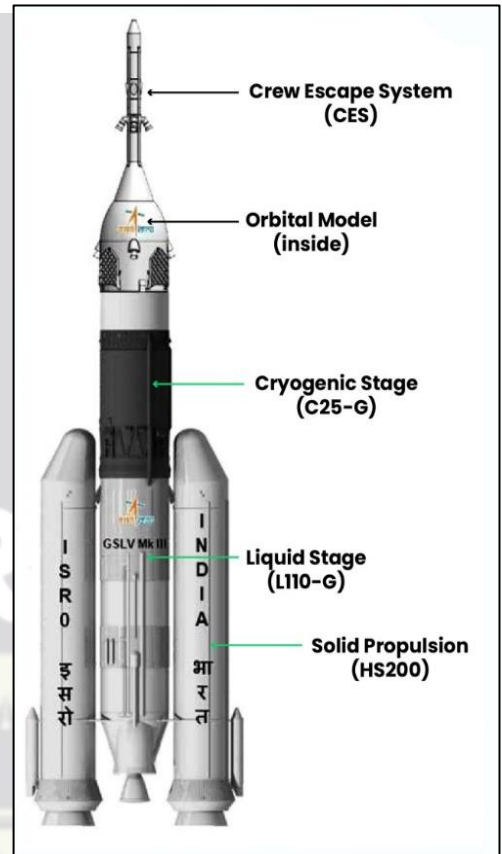
- ISRO is developing the solid motor-based SOLVE to serve as a test platform for conducting integrated parachute tests.

SOLVE

- Objective:** It will act as a test platform to validate the parachute system of the Gaganyaan mission's Crew Module.
- Function:** It carries the Crew Module to an altitude of 10–17 km, after which the module separates and descends into the sea using 10 parachutes.
- Components:** The solid motor has been created by modifying the strap-on motor of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).

Gaganyaan Mission

- The objective of India's first human spaceflight mission is to send three astronauts to a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) at an altitude of 400 km for three days, followed by a safe landing in Indian waters.
- 'Vyommitra', a gynoid (female robot), will be part of the first uncrewed mission of Gaganyaan.





INDEXES AND REPORTS



Global Passport Index



Why in News?

- India's ranking in the Global Passport Index (GPI) has dropped by one spot compared to last year, placing it at the 125th position.



Key Points:

Global Passport Index

- It evaluates how effectively a passport enables citizens to travel, invest, live securely, and access global opportunities.
- **Publisher:** Global Citizen Solutions
- It covers 200 countries.
- Three main pillars (Enhanced Mobility, Investment Potential, and Quality of Life) and 15 indicators are used to assess passport strength.

MCQ:

Q. How has India's position in the Global Passport Index changed this year (in the recent report) compared to the previous year?

- (A) The ranking has improved by 5 spots.
- (B) The ranking has dropped by one spot.
- (C) There has been no change in the ranking.
- (D) The ranking has dropped by 10 spots.