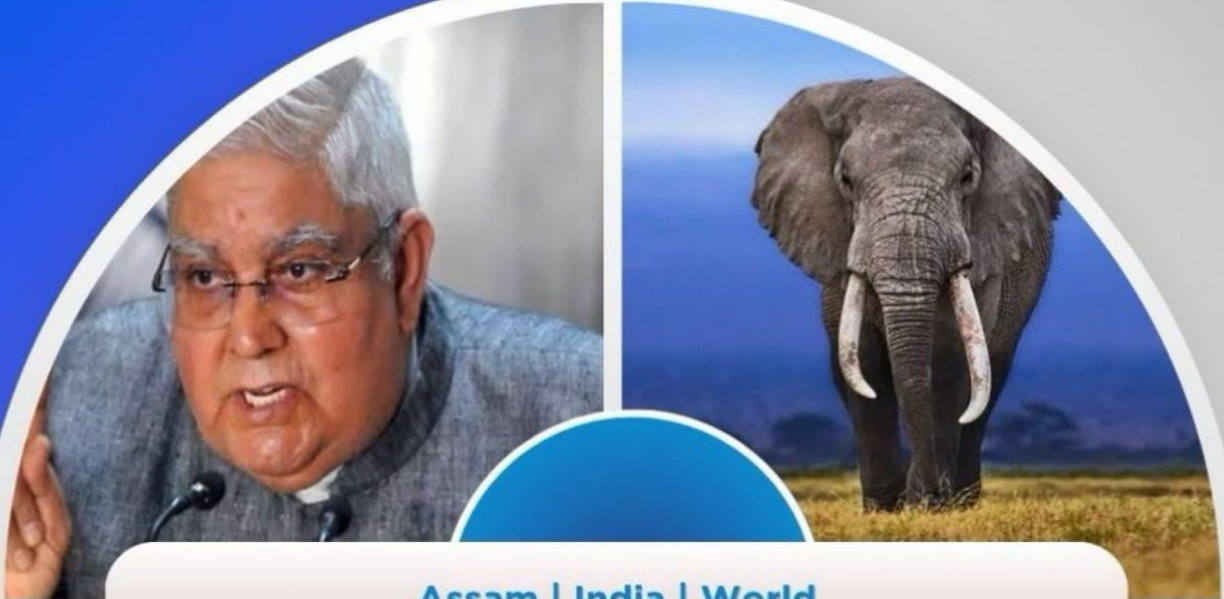


MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS

July 2025



Assam | India | World

PRABAH



For APSC & Other Competitive Exams

At **Aspire ACS Coaching Institute**, we understand that staying updated with current affairs is crucial for success in competitive exams. This Monthly Current Affairs Compilation is specially curated by our expert Content Creator and Expert Faculty members to provide students with a concise, reliable, and exam-focused overview of important State, national and international events.

Our Edition is designed to:
Support preparation for **APSC** and other competitive exams

We aim to simplify your preparation journey by delivering accurate and structured content — all in one place. Let this compilation be your trusted companion for smart and consistent learning.



aspireacs.in | 8822194743



The Monthly Roundup :

Assam Specific. (Page 1-7)

NE 1st Aqua Tech park , Gaja Mitra , Brahmaputra Tunnel , NE SDG Index , Lohit ke Manas putra , Bodo Accord , Iron ore in Dhubri ,Crude Oil in Assam , 1st Bamboo Based Ethanol Plant , Grassland Bird Census,Assam First Vulture Restaurant, Japanese Encephalitis , Swacch Sarvekshan , Mission Moon , Majuli Island , One liners.

History|Art and Culture. (Page 8-11)

IICT , 44th UNESCO World Heritage site, Gurvil Ravines , Kashi Declaration, Gaden Phodranh Institution, Gelephu Mindful City , Sanchipat Manuscript, 1000 years of Gangaikonda Cholapuram , University for National Disability Studies , Lungphum Ropui , Kiyo , National Sports Awards, Parivesh Mitra Award.

Indian Polity (Page 12-17)

Reservation in Supreme Court, Article 143, Removal of Judges , Resignation of Vice President, Bills of Ladding Bill , Nominated members of Rajya Sabha , Inter state river water dispute, Phone Tapping , NCSC , Enemy Property Act , CDSCO , Aadhar Based face Authentication, OCI Card , Special Intensive Revision, One year of New criminal Laws.

Geography|Environment (Page 18-19)

Green India Mission, Ground level ozone , 30*30 Initiative, Global Hunger Hotspot, Global Wetlands outlook, Strongest Earthquake in Russia,Red Sprite Phenomenon.

Economy. (Page 20-22)

OECD – FAO Agriculture, World Bank GINI INDEX, NBFC Liscense,NOS scheme, UNCTAD , Employment linked incentive Scheme, Consumer Price Index , Global Findex Report , Inflation Rate of Assam.

Schemes|Policies. (Page 23-25)

PMDDKY , Social Security Scheme ,Scheme for 1st time enterpreneur , Bharatiya Bhasha Pushtak Schem

, AB PM JAY , Credit Guarantee fund , Udan Scheme , National Telecom Policy ,Yuva Rozgar Guarantee 2.0 , PM E Drive

Defence|Operatios. (Page 26– 28)

Operation Deep Manifest , QUAD, Med Max , Astra Missile , Talisman Sabre , Exercise SIMBEX , Bold Kurukshetra, Operation Shiva , Operation Kalanemi.

Science and Technology (Page 29-32)

Gaganyaan Mission, Sea slug , Bharat NCX 2025, Sickle Sick Anaemia,Tribal Genome Sequencing Project, Dengi All , NITI AAYOG report on Science and Technology, India's Battery passport System, UIDAI Functioning, NISAR Mission, Indian becomes 4th largest Biofuels User , Miscellaneous..

International Relations. (Page 33 -36)

BRICS summit , CETA, India Maldives Engagement, India's UN Voting Pattern, Kaladan MultiModal Transit Transport Project, E5 for trials(Bullet Train).

Miscellaneous. (Page 37-40)

Wimbledon 2025, FIFA club World Cup, World Boxing Cup, 1st Khelo India Water Sports, Khelo India University Games, National Sports Policy, Elite women National Boxing Championship, PM Modi Honoured in Ghana , Cleanest City of India, Henley Passport Index, Cruise India Mission, GST Day , India's First Mining Tourism Project.

.....

ASSAM CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. NE's 1st Aqua Tech Park

Context : Assam launches NE's 1st Aqua Tech Park in Sonapur.

• It was developed in collaboration with NABARD, ICAICIF, the Assam government, CELCO Foundation, and knowledge partner GIZ.



• **Objective:** To attain self-sufficiency in fish production.

• Assam has emerged as the fourth highest fish-producing state in India, achieving a significant milestone in the fisheries sector.

FACTS

~ India is the 2nd largest fish producer after China.

~ The three largest fish-producing states in India are Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, and Gujarat.

~ The largest fish seed market in Assam is located in Rangiya, on the banks of the Borolia river

• Assam has a large area of water bodies suitable for fish farming, indicating potential for increased fish production and further economic development. The Sector has registered an average annual growth of about 6% in terms of fish production

Significance of fisheries in Assam :

• Contributes more than 2 % to state's GDP

• Offers employment opportunities in fish farming, processing and marketing.

• The sector serves as a primary source of income for many households, especially those in floodplain areas.

• Provides nutritional security as it is a vital source of protein and other essential nutrients.

Challenges :

• Climate change : Changes in rainfall pattern, flood, drought etc pose threat to fish production

• Overfishing : Unsustainable fishing practices can lead to over exploitation of resources that can threaten biodiversity.

• Lack of infrastructure : Inadequate infrastructure for fish storage, processing and marketing limits the economic potential.

Govt initiatives :

Matsya Baibhav : A mobile app to geo-tag the assets created under GGPGGM .

Ghare Ghare Pukhuri Ghare Ghare Maach : Targeted construction of 1000 ha of farmers' individual ponds and 430 ha of village community tanks covering all the LACs throughout the state.

PM Matsya Sampada Yojana : A scheme to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector in India.

2. GAJA MITRA SCHEME

Context : To address the growing issue of human-elephant conflict, Assam government is set to launch the Gaja Mitra Scheme in eight high-risk districts (Goalpara, Udalguri, Nagaon, Baksa, Sonitpur, Golaghat, Jorhat, and Biswanath)

As part of the initiative, community-based rapid response teams, each with eight local members, will be deployed in 80 conflict-prone villages.

Adult male elephants, critical to maintaining herd dynamics and forest ecology, were found to be disproportionately affected by threats like electrocution and retaliatory killings.



Protection Status of Asian Elephant

- IUCN Red List: Endangered
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES): Appendix I

Facts :

~Karnataka has the highest population of elephant followed by Assam and Kerala.

~5 elephant reserves in Assam :

- Sonitpur ER
- Dihing Patkai ER
- Kaziranga – Karbi Anglong ER
- Chirang Rip ER
- Dhanshiri Lungding ER

World Elephant Day : August 12

3. Brahmaputra Tunnel

Context : The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has approved the construction of the ambitious 4-lane underwater tunnel across the Brahmaputra River. After completion it will be India's first underwater river road tunnel.



The four lane road tunnel will connect Gohpur (NH-15) on the North Bank and Numaligarh (NH-715) on the South Bank in Assam.

The National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation (NHIDCL) will implement the project.

The tunnel aims to bridge the gap in interconnectivity between the northern and southern corridors of Assam, while simultaneously safeguarding the Kaziranga eco-sensitive zone.

Facts - India's First Under-River Metro Tunnel passes under the Hooghly River and is a part of Kolkata Metro's East-West Corridor.

4. NE SDG INDEX

Context : The recently released 2023-24 edition of the North Eastern Region District SDG Index offers a more refined and reliable picture of the development journey of India's Northeastern Region. None from Assam feature in the top ten districts of Northeast in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Index.

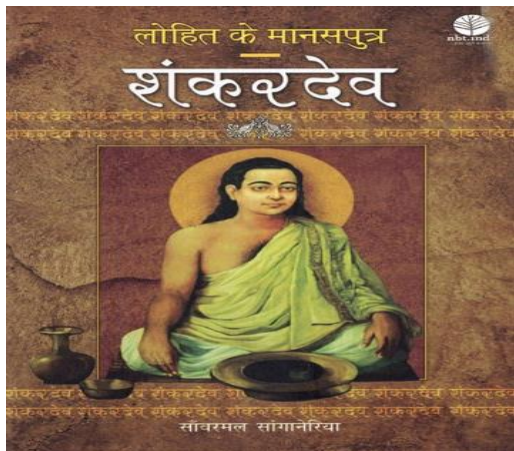
The index is released by NITI Ayog, MoDONER and UNDP (United Nation Development Program)

~All districts in Mizoram, Sikkim and Tripura have now achieved 'Front Runner' status.

~Dibrugarh topped the list of districts in Assam, but it has been ranked 17th among 121 districts of the Northeastern region.

5.Lohit Ke Manaspra

Context : A Hindi book on life of Sankardeva to be translated into Urdu.



The book have already been translated into Malayalam, Marathi & Assamese.

Dr Sanwermal Sangneria is the author of the Hindi book.

6.BODO ACCORD

News : A delegation of the ABSU met Union Home Minister Amit Shah and requested him to ensure the implementation of each and every clause of the Bodo Peace Accord within six months.

Background :

~The demand for a separate Bodo state started in the 1960s.

~The 1987 ABSU-led movement culminated in a 1993 Bodo Accord, which paved the way for a Bodoland Autonomous Council (BAC).

~But ABSU withdrew its agreement and renewed its demand for a separate state.

~The 2003 Bodo Accord was signed by the extremist group Bodo Liberation Tiger Force (BLTF), the Centre and the state.

~This led to the formation of the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) which is an autonomous body under the Constitution.

The Accord :

The Tripartite Bodo Accord is a peace treaty signed on 27th January 2020, between the Assam State Government, Central Government, and the National Democratic Front of Bodoland. The objective was to stop separatist demands from the Bodo-Kachari community and bring peace. In 2020 Accord, the BTAD was renamed to BTR (Bodoland Territorial Region).

~Bodo-populated areas would aid efficient governance in Sixth Schedule administrative units in existing Bodoland Territorial Area Districts of Baksa, Kokrajhar, Chirang and Udalguri.

~The BTAD and area under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution are exempt from the Citizenship Amendment Act of 2019.

~This accord promises to form a committee including representatives from Bodoland Territorial Council and All Bodo Students Union to decide the inclusion and exclusion of new areas. This increased the number of assembly seats from 40 to 60.

~The new Accord provides for alteration of area of BTAD and provisions for Bodos outside BTAD.

Facts - The Bodos (largest tribe of Assam) constitute about 5-6% of Assam's population.

7.Discovery of Iron ore in Dhubri District

Context : Assam has officially entered India's iron ore map with the confirmation of a substantial deposit (18.29 mn tones) in Dhubri district. The Geological Survey of India disclosed the find in its latest handbook, Geological Potential of Northeast India, released in June 2025.

Significance –

•Will boost Assam's industrial potential eg steel based industry and could attract strategic investments in the region.

- The new reserve not only enhances Assam’s industrial potential but also supports India’s push for self-sufficiency in key raw materials.

- Will create employment opportunities with the establishment of industries

- The inclusion of Dhubri on the national mineral map is already being seen as a strategic advantage for Assam and a catalyst for long-term regional development.



Facts –

- Jharkhand has the largest reserve of iron ore in Asia.

- The two main types of ore found in our country are haematite and magnetite.

- Odisha (55%) is the largest producer followed by Jharkhand, Chattisgarh & Karnataka .

8.Discovery of crude oil in Assam

Context : Crude oil has been discovered by Oil India Limited on Brahmaputra's North bank .



- For the first time, crude oil has been discovered on the north bank of the river Brahmaputra.

- Assam is set to become India's first state government to directly engage in oil production following a hydrocarbon discovery in the Namrup Borhat-1 well.

What is crude oil ?

~Crude oil, also known as petroleum, is a naturally occurring, unrefined fossil fuel.

~It's a complex mixture of hydrocarbons and other organic compounds formed from the remains of ancient marine organisms like algae and zooplankton, buried under layers of sediment over millions of years.

~It is found in liquid form in natural underground reservoirs.

Facts –

- Top 3 producer of crude oil – USA, Saudi Arabia and Russia

- Top 3 Indian states – Rajasthan, Gujarat and Assam

- commercial production of crude oil in Assam started in 1889 and the first oil well was completed in 1890.

- The first refinery in Assam was set up in Digboi in 1901.

9.India’s first bamboo based ethanol (bio ethanol) plant

Context – PM Modi to inaugurate India’s first bamboo-based ethanol plant at Numaligarh

- Built at a cost of ₹4,000 crore, the project is a joint effort between Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) and Fortum (Samplex Oil and Associates).

- The bio-refinery is designed to process 3 lakh metric tonnes of bamboo annually and produce 49,000 metric tonnes of ethanol.



What is ethanol ?

- It's a type of alcohol (ethyl alcohol) primarily used in alcoholic beverages, as a solvent, and as a fuel additive. . It's also used in various industrial and pharmaceutical applications.
- It is produced from various sources such as sugarcane, corn, rice, wheat, bamboo and biomass.
- It can be blended with petrol in various proportions, such as E10 (10% ethanol, 90% petrol) and E20 (20% ethanol, 80% petrol).
- The Indian government has implemented the Ethanol Blending Programme to promote the use of ethanol as a renewable fuel.

10.Grassland bird census

Context : Prime Minister of India highlighted the first-ever Grassland Bird Census in **Kaziranga National Park** during his Mann ki Baat, praising its innovative use of acoustic technology and its role in biodiversity conservation.

PM Modi Lauds Kaziranga's AI-Driven Bird Census In 'Mann Ki Baat'



- It was conducted by Forest department officials, Researchers including INSPIRE fellow Chiranjib Bora, Conservationists and Kaziranga park authorities.

- First of its kind in India, the census focused exclusively on grassland bird species, often underrepresented in conventional bird surveys.

- Acoustic Monitoring technique was used in this census.**



- The census recorded 43 species, including 1 Critically Endangered, 2 Endangered, and 6 Vulnerable birds as per the IUCN Red List.

11.Assam's first vulture restaurant.

Context : Assam's first vulture 'restaurant' to be set up in Kulsi (Kamrup Metro).



- Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre (VCBC), Rani will introduce vulture restaurant.

- The proposed restaurant will be an area where villagers can deposit animal carcasses to ensure a safe and toxin-free food source for the carrion eaters.

- Out of 23 species of vultures in the world, nine are found in India.

- National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) has approved an Action Plan for Vulture Conservation 2020-2025.

12. Japanese Encephalitis

Context : Guwahati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) has reported an alarming rise in Japanese Encephalitis (JE) cases in 2025.

According to data from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the state of Assam has lost over 840 lives to JE between 2015 and 2024.

- Japanese Encephalitis is a mosquito-borne viral infection (zoonotic disease) transmitted by the bite of infected **Culex mosquitoes**.

- The virus is transmitted from animals – particularly pigs and birds belonging to the Ardeidae family.

- There is no human-to-human transmission of the virus.

- Symptoms: It affects the brain, leading to symptoms like fever, headache, vomiting, and neurological signs such as confusion, seizures, and paralysis.

- Vaccination is the most effective prevention strategy.

13. Swachh Survekshan 2024-25 Awards

Context : The President of India conferred Swachh Survekshan Award 2024-25 (9th edition) hosted by the Mo Housing & Urban Affairs in New Delhi.

- Swachh Survekshan, conducted by the MoHUA since 2016, is the world's largest urban sanitation and cleanliness survey under Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban (SBM-U).

- For the first time, city classification based on population was introduced.

- The annual theme for 2025 is “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (3R)”

Key Highlights –

- Cleanest state – Uttar Pradesh

- Indore, Surat and Navi Mumbai are the top 3 cleanest cities (population of more than 10 Lakh)

- Guwahati was honoured with the Promising Swachh Shehar Award in the 3 to 10 lakh population category, securing the 44th national rank (Cleanest North East's Capital)

- Additionally, the city achieved Open Defecation Free Plus (ODF+) status and was certified as a Garbage Free City (GFC) One Star.

- The North Lakhimpur Municipality Board (NLMB) of Assam won the Best Swachh Survekshan 2025 award under the category of cities with a population of up to one lakh.

- Manipur's Jiribam named Northeast's 'Most Promising Town'

14. Mission Moon

- It is a Meghalaya govt's flagship program launched in March 2023.

- The programme aims to send at least 100 trained healthcare professionals from the state to countries facing critical shortages of skilled caregivers and nurses.

15. Majuli Island

Context : Majuli Residents Combat Riverbank Erosion by **Planting Kanchan Trees**.

About Majuli ~

World's largest river island

India's first river island district
(Declared in 2016)

16. One liners ~

I) Kharchi Puja : Kharchi Puja is one of the most popular festivals in Tripura. It's a week-long royal Puja which falls in the month of July on the eighth day of the new moon and attracts thousands of people. This festival is celebrated at **Agartala** (Puran Agartala) in the temple premises of Fourteen gods.

II) Behdeinkhlam Festival: Behdienkhlam is a vibrant, annual festival celebrated by the Pnar people of **Meghalaya**, India, primarily in the Jaintia Hills. It takes place in July, coinciding with the monsoon season and the post-sowing period.



History| Art and Culture

1.Indian Institute of Creative Technology (IICT)

The **first campus of the Indian Institute of Creative Technology (IICT)** was inaugurated at **NFDC Complex, Mumbai** by Union Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** and Maharashtra CM **Devendra Fadnavis**.

It aims to boost India's capabilities in the **AVGC-XR** sector (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics & Extended Reality).

The institute will house state-of-the-art facilities, including **immersive studios, animation and gaming labs, virtual production setups, editing and sound suites, and smart classrooms** to support hands-on learning and innovation. The AVGC-XR sector in India is growing rapidly due to global demand for immersive and digital content.

Objectives :

~To provide **advanced, industry-relevant training** in animation, VFX, gaming, and XR.

~To collaborate with tech leaders like **Google, Meta, Microsoft, and Apple**.

~To establish IICT as a **Centre of Excellence** for students, professionals, and trainers.

~To position India as a **global digital content powerhouse**.

Key Features:

Initial training for **300 students**, professionals, and trainers.

Launch of **17 industry-aligned courses**.

MoU signed between **Prasar Bharati** and Maharashtra Film Corporation for a **media & film innovation hub**.

A **second campus** planned at **Film City**, integrating with the natural environment.

2.India's 44th UNESCO World Heritage Site

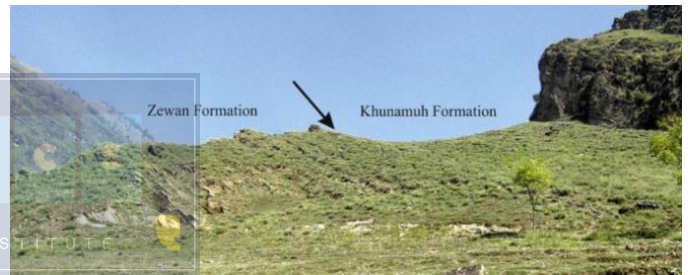
Maratha Military Landscapes of India has been inscribed as **India's 44th UNESCO World Heritage Site** at the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee in Paris. This network of **12 strategic forts** (17th–19th centuries CE) reflects the **military ingenuity** of the Maratha Empire,

highlighting their **architectural brilliance, adaptability**, and mastery over **diverse geographic terrains**.



3.Guryul Ravines: Fossil Site in Kashmir

News: The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has issued a stark warning to the Jammu and Kashmir administration over a “serious threat” to this important site.



Located near **Dachigam National Park** in **Kashmir's Khonmoh Conservation Reserve**, Guryul Ravines holds fossil evidence of the **Permian–Triassic extinction event** from 260 million years ago. The site also preserves traces of the **world's first recorded tsunami**, making it a vital geological and paleontological treasure of global scientific significance.

4.Kashi Declaration:

The Youth Spiritual Summit concluded in Varanasi with the adoption of the Kashi Declaration, setting a



national roadmap for youth-led action against drug abuse.

Initiated by: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Aim: National roadmap to combat substance abuse through youth and spiritual leadership.

Objectives ~

- 1: Eradicate drug abuse by creating a *Nasha Mukta Yuva* for *Viksit Bharat* by 2047.
- 2: Leverage India's spiritual capital for healing and transformation.
- 3: Promote a whole-of-society approach—engaging families, communities, and institutions.
- 4: Ensure institutional coordination via a Joint National Committee and reporting system.
- 5: Empower youth clubs under *MY Bharat* to lead awareness and de-addiction drives.

5. Gaden Phodrang Institution and Dalai Lama Succession:

•The Gaden Phodrang Foundation, founded by the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, supports the spiritual and religious duties of the Dalai Lama and preserves the institution's legacy.



•**News:** Ahead of his 90th birthday, the Dalai Lama confirmed that his succession will continue through the Gaden Phodrang Trust, asserting that no external entity has authority over this process.

Significance: The announcement reinforces the independence of the Tibetan spiritual tradition and adds complexity to India-China relations.

5. Gelephu's Mindful City and Dhubri Terracotta Art:

Bhutan Consul General visits Dhubri's Asharikandi to explore terracotta art for Gelephu's Mindfulness city.

Gelephu's Mindful City:

Bhutan's visionary *Mindfulness City* project in Gelephu, led by King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, aims to promote sustainability, spirituality, and cultural integration on a global scale.



Dhubri's Terracotta Art:

Asharikandi village in Dhubri district, Assam, is renowned for its traditional terracotta craftsmanship, recognized with a Geographical Indication (GI) tag for its cultural and artistic heritage.

News:

On July 15, Bhutan's Consul General Jigme Thinlye Namgyal visited Asharikandi to explore collaboration between Bhutan and Assam by integrating the village's terracotta art into the *Mindfulness City* project, fostering cultural exchange and diplomacy.

6. Sanchipat manuscripts handed over to Rashtrapati Bhavan library:

The Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra Society on Tuesday formally handed over five ancient sanchipat



manuscripts to the Rashtrapati Bhavan library for preservation and display.

The 5 manuscripts are:

1. 'Kirtan Ghoxa,' composed by Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev.
2. 'Adi Dasham,' Srimanta Sankardev's poetic translation based on the tenth skandha of the Bhagavata Purana,
3. 'Nam Ghoxa,' composed by Mahapurush Shri Shri Madhavdev,
4. 'Bhakti Ratnavali,' a Sanskrit work by the Vishnupuri monks, translated into Assamese by Mahapurush Shri Shri Madhavdev,
5. A sanchipat manuscript of 'Geet Govinda,' originally composed in Sanskrit by Jayadeva and translated into Assamese by poet Kabiraj Chakravarti in the royal court of Swargadeo Rudra Singha.

7.1000 years of Gangaikonda Cholapuram:

Gangaikonda Cholapuram, founded by Rajendra Chola I in 1025 CE, celebrates 1000 years as a symbol of Chola imperial glory. Built after his victorious northern expedition. It was the imperial capital of the Chola empire and is known for the magnificent Gangaikondacholeeswaram Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



The city and temple commemorate Rajendra Chola's military expedition to the Ganges and his assumption of the title "Gangaikonda Cholan" The city featured grand architecture like the Gangaikondacholeeswaram Temple and was a centre of politics, trade, and culture. Chola Gangam Lake is a prominent water body situated within the vicinity of Gangaikonda Cholapuram. On the same occasion to celebrate his northern campaign, It was dug by King Rajendra Chola I.

8.Northeast's first, 137-year-old Dangari Railway Station:

Station: Assam's Dangari Railway Station established in 1883, was the first railway station in Assam and the entire Northeast, serving as a critical hub for the burgeoning tea industry initiated by the British in the undivided Dibrugarh district.

9.University for National Disability Studies :

The Assam Cabinet has approved the establishment of a University for National Disability Studies at Deosar under Bongaon Mouza in Chhaygaon Revenue Circle, Kamrup district.

10.Lungphun Ropui was designated as a monument of national importance:

ASI has declared **Lungphun Ropui** in Lianpui village, Champhai district, Mizoram as a **Monument of National Importance**, the second such site in the state.



The site is now protected under the **Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958**. The medieval menhirs reflect early Mizo life, customs, and beliefs, making the site vital for understanding the cultural and historical origins of the Mizo people.

11.Kiyo: "Kiyo" is an Assamese film directed by Aparup Agarwala, inspired by the drama of



Natasurya Phani Sarma. It has gained international recognition by winning the "Best First-Time Director Award" at the Berlin Kiez Film Festival.

It showcases **Assamese heritage** and storytelling on an international stage honoring **Phani Sarma**, the legendary figure in Assam's cultural history.

12. Assam Olympic Association Launches Arjuna Bhogeswar Baruah National Sports Award:

The Assam Olympic Association (AOA) has announced a new annual national award — the *Arjuna Bhogeswar Baruah National Sports Award* — to honor outstanding sporting talent in India.



The inaugural award ceremony will be held in September 2025 in Sivasagar, Assam. Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal shared the details of the award, including its prize money and categories.

Award Categories and Prize Money:

1. **Sportsperson of the Year** – ₹5 lakh
2. **Lifetime Achievement in Sports** – ₹3 lakh
3. **Emerging Sports Talent of the Year** – ₹2 lakh

A selection committee, including the Secretary of Sports (Assam), Arjuna Awardee Monalisa Baruah, and former Indian volleyball captain Abhijit Bhattacharya, will shortlist three nominees for each category to ensure a fair and transparent selection process.

13. Parivesh Mitra Award 2024:

The Assam government has announced the Parivesh Mitra 2024 award to five individuals for outstanding

contributions to environmental conservation, traditional knowledge, and wildlife protection.

Awardees:

1. Dr. Anil Kumar Goswami – Promoted environmental education; founding member of WWF India (Northeast).

2. Dr. Dulal Chandra Goswami – Expert in river and wetland conservation; ex-professor at Gauhati University.

3. Jayanta Kumar Das – Wildlife conservationist known for grassroots environmental activism in Udalguri.

4. Jayanta Kumar Sarma – Works on traditional ecological practices and indigenous climate knowledge.

5. Uttam Saikia – Conservationist and environmental journalist active in Kaziranga National Park.

Indian Polity

1.Reservation in Supreme Court

Context: For the first time, the Supreme Court has implemented a reservation policy for SC/ST staff in its internal administration, covering both direct recruitment and promotions.



More in the News:

- The reservation policy covers several administrative posts like registrars, senior personal assistants, assistant librarians, junior court assistants, and chamber attendants.
- The policy **does not apply to judges.**
- SC employees will get 15% and ST employees 7.5% reservation in promotions.

2.Article 143

Context: The Supreme Court has issued notices to the Union and State Governments on a Presidential Reference under Article 143, seeking its opinion on the powers of the President and Governors in dealing with State Bills.

About Article 143 (Advisory Jurisdiction)

Article 143 empowers the President to seek the Supreme Court's opinion on legal or factual

questions of public importance. This advisory jurisdiction is available only to the President and is not binding.

Types of Questions Referred:

- Article 143(1):** The President may refer any question of law or fact of public importance which has arisen or is likely to arise. In such cases, the Supreme Court may choose to tender or refuse to tender its opinion to the President.
- Article 143(2):** This allows the President to refer disputes arising out of any pre-constitution treaty, agreement, covenant, sanad, or other similar instruments. In such cases, the Supreme Court must tender its opinion to the President.

3.Removal of judges

Context: 145 MPs from different parties have submitted a motion in Parliament to impeach Justice Yashwant Varma, currently posted at the Allahabad High Court, over allegations of judicial miscojudges



Constitutional Provisions for Removal of Judges:

- Article 124(4):** Deals with removal of Supreme Court judges on grounds of proven misbehavior or incapacity.

•**Article 124(5):** Gives Parliament the power to decide the procedure for investigating and proving misbehavior or incapacity of a Supreme Court judge. This procedure is set by the Judges Enquiry Act (1968).

•**Article 217(1)(b):** Says that a High Court judge can be removed by the President in the same way as a Supreme Court judge, following the procedure in Article 124(4).

Article 218: Makes Articles 124(4) and 124(5) also apply to High Court judges.

Steps in Removal Process:

•A removal motion signed by 100 members of the Lok Sabha or 50 members of the Rajya Sabha is submitted to the Speaker or Chairman.

•If the motion is admitted, a three-member committee is formed to investigate the charges. This committee includes a Supreme Court judge, a Chief Justice of a High Court, and a distinguished jurist.

•If the committee finds the judge guilty of misbehavior or incapacity, the originating House considers the motion.

•The originating House must pass the motion with a special majority and then send it to the other House, which must also pass it with a special majority.

•After both Houses pass the motion, an address is presented to the President for removal. This must be done in the same session.

•The President then issues the removal order.

4.Vice President Submits Resignation to President

Context: Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has resigned from his position, citing health reasons.

Important Articles Related to the Vice-President of India



•**Article 63:** There shall be a Vice President of India.

•**Article 64:** The Vice President is the ex officio Chairman of the Council of States (Rajya Sabha).

•**Article 65:** The Vice President acts as President when the President's office is vacant or when the President is absent.

•**Article 66 (Election and Qualifications):**

~The Vice President is elected by members of both Houses of Parliament using proportional representation.

~Qualifications: Must be an Indian citizen, at least 35 years old, and qualified to be a Rajya Sabha member.

•**Article 67 (Term and Removal):**

~The Vice President holds office for five years.

~The Vice President can resign by writing to the President.

~Removal is possible by a resolution passed by a majority of all then Rajya Sabha members and agreed by the Lok Sabha.

~The Vice President continues in office until the successor takes charge, even after the term ends.

5. Bills of Lading Bill, 2025

Context: Parliament has passed the Bills of Lading Bill, 2025, marking a significant development in the regulation of shipping documents and trade practices.

About Bills of Lading Bill, 2025

~Aims to modernize and simplify laws related to shipping documents.

~Replaces the Indian Bills of Lading Act, 1856.

~A bill of lading is a document issued by a freight carrier to a shipper.

~ It includes details such as the type, quantity, condition, and destination of the goods being transported.

6. Nominated Members of the Rajya Sabha

Context: President Murmu has nominated four new members to the Rajya Sabha for their contributions in various fields.

About Nominated Members of Rajya Sabha

•**Constitutional Provision:** Article 80 allows the Rajya Sabha to have up to 238 elected members and 12 nominated members.



•**Article 80(3):** The President nominates 12 members with special knowledge or experience in literature, science, art, or social service.

•**Role of Ministry:** The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) manages the nomination process under the Allocation of Business Rules, 1961.

•The MHA notifies the appointments after the President nominates them.

7. Inter-State River Water Disputes Act,

Context: The Central Government has granted an extension to the Ravi and Beas Waters Tribunal, which was constituted in 1986 under the Inter-State River Water Disputes (ISRWD) Act, 1956, to adjudicate the water-sharing dispute among Punjab, Haryana, and Rajasthan.

About ISRWD Act, 1956

~ Inter-State River Water Disputes (ISRWD) Act, 1956 was made to settle disputes over sharing water from inter-state rivers and river valleys.

~It is based on **Article 262** of the Constitution, which allows Parliament to make laws for resolving such disputes.

~Once a dispute is referred to a tribunal under this Act, the **Supreme Court or any other court cannot intervene** in the matter.

8. Legality of Phone Tapping

Why in News?

Recently, the Madras High Court and Delhi High Court gave differing views on whether the government can legally tap phones to prevent



crimes like bribery and other economic offences.

More about the news

Both courts dealt with phone tapping to prevent crime. The Delhi High Court approved the tapping, while the Madras High Court rejected it, saying phone tapping violates the right to privacy unless done following a proper legal process.

Law Governing Phone Tapping

• **Indian Telegraph Act, 1885:** Section 5(2) lets central or state governments intercept phone calls during emergencies or for public safety.

• **Information Technology Act, 2000:** Covers monitoring of digital communications like emails and WhatsApp.

• **Indian Post Office Act, 1898:** Applies to postal communication monitoring.

• **Safeguards:** Rule 419A of Indian Telegraph Rules, 1951 sets procedures for phone tapping and includes a Review Committee to prevent misuse.

9. National Commission for Scheduled Castes

Context: The National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) submitted its Annual Report 2023-24 to the President of India.

About National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)

• Created by the Constitution (Eighty-Ninth Amendment) Act, 2003, splitting the old National Commission for Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes into two separate bodies:

~NCSC (under Article 338)

~National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (under Article 338-A)

•Key Functions:

~Monitor and investigate the protection of Scheduled Castes' rights and safeguards.

~Look into complaints about violations or denial of SC rights.

• **Composition:** Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and 3 members, all appointed by the President.

• **Power:** Has civil court powers in some matters.

10. Enemy Property Act, 1968

Context: Madhya Pradesh High Court dismissed an actor's objection to a government notification declaring his property under the Enemy Property Act, 1968.

Enemy Property Act, 1968

- Defines an 'enemy' as a country and its citizens that have attacked India, mainly Pakistan and China.

- 'Enemy Property' is any property owned or controlled by an enemy, enemy subject, or enemy firm.

- Such properties are taken over by the Custodian of Enemy Property under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

- The 2017 amendment widened the definition to include:

- ~ Legal heirs or successors of enemies, even if they are Indian citizens or from non-enemy countries.

- ~ who have changed their nationality.

11. Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO)

Context: CDSCO recommended safely disposing of 17 drugs, including narcotics like Fentanyl, Tramadol, and Diazepam, by flushing them down the sink to prevent harm to people and pets.

About CDSCO

- CDSCO is the central drug authority under the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

- operates under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

- states handle drug manufacturing and sale, CDSCO manages new drug approvals.

Key Functions:

- ~ Regulates drug imports and issues licenses

- ~ new drugs and clinical trials

- ~ Can ban unsafe drugs and cosmetics

12. Aadhaar-based Face Authentication (FaceAuth)

Context: Himachal Pradesh became the first state to launch Aadhaar-based face authentication (FaceAuth) for ration distribution under the Public Distribution System (PDS).

About Aadhaar-based Face Authentication

Face authentication is a new method introduced by UIDAI as an additional way to verify identity.

- Other Aadhaar authentication methods include OTP, fingerprint, and iris scan.

- FaceAuth uses **1:1 matching** — the live facial image is matched with the photo linked to the Aadhaar number in the UIDAI database.

13. Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) cards

Context: India will issue Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) cards to the 6th generation of the Indian diaspora in Trinidad & Tobago, strengthening cultural and people-to-people ties. The Indian Prime Minister announced that India will create a database of the Girmitya community.

- OCI card holders can travel to India without a visa, work and study there, and own property (except certain agricultural and plantation lands).

- People of Indian origin make up over 40% of Trinidad and Tobago’s population.

- Girmitiyas were Indian indentured laborers who migrated to British colonies in the 19th and early 20th centuries, primarily to work on plantations.

14.Special Intensive Revision (SIR)

Context: The Election Commission of India will initiate a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Bihar’s electoral rolls to ensure accurate voter registration before upcoming elections.

About SIR

Special Intensive Revision (SIR) is legally supported by Article 324 of the Constitution and Section 21 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

SIR involves house-to-house verification carried out by Booth Level Officers to make sure all eligible citizens are enrolled in the electoral roll.

Aim: To include all eligible citizens in the voter list.

Significance: To maintain the accuracy and integrity of the electoral roll for free and fair elections.

15.One Year of New Criminal Laws

Context: One year has passed since the new criminal laws came into force on 1st July 2024.

More about the laws

Three new criminal laws were introduced to make the justice system more affordable, accessible, simple, consistent, and transparent. These laws replace the old colonial-era laws:

- Indian Penal Code (1860)** is now the **Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023 (BNS)**.

- Criminal Procedure Code (1973)** is now the **Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS)**.

- Indian Evidence Act (1872)** is now the **Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023 (BSA)**.

Key Changes in New Laws

- FIR Registration at Any Police Station:** People can now file an FIR at any police station, no matter where the crime happened. This makes it easier for victims to report crimes.

- Death Sentence for Certain Offences Against Women and Children:** Some serious crimes against women and children now carry the death penalty, showing how seriously these offences are treated.

- New Offences for Terrorism and Threats to India:** New laws address terrorist acts and threats to India’s unity and security to better protect the nation.

- Mob Lynching and Snatching:** These acts are now clearly defined as crimes, helping to control mob violence with strict legal action.

Geography & Environment

1.Green India Mission

Context : Recently, the MoEF&CC has released a revised Green India Mission (2021-30), focusing on restoring vulnerable landscapes such as the Aravallis, Western Ghats, and the Indian Himalayan region.



Objectives of Green India Mission (2021–2030)

- To increase forest and tree cover to create a carbon sink of 3.39 billion tonnes, adopting a microecosystem approach.
- Increase forest/tree cover on 5 million hectares of forest and non-forest land.
- Enhance ecosystem services, including biodiversity, hydrology, and carbon sequestration.
- Boost livelihoods for 3 million forest-dependent households.
- Achieve annual CO₂ sequestration of 50–60 million tonnes by 2030.

2.Ground Level Ozone

Context : Recently, the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) revealed that ground-level ozone breached national safety limits nearly every day in the National Capital Region (NCR) between March and May 2025.

What is ozone ?

- Ozone (O₃) is a highly reactive gas composed of three oxygen atoms. It is both a natural and a man-made product that occurs in the Earth's upper atmosphere.

- Depending on where it is in the atmosphere, ozone affects life on Earth in either good or bad ways.

- Stratospheric ozone is formed naturally through the interaction of solar ultraviolet (UV) radiation with molecular oxygen (O₂) reduces the amount of harmful UV radiation reaching the Earth's surface.

- Tropospheric or ground-level ozone** – what we breathe – is formed primarily from photochemical reactions between two major classes of air pollutants, volatile organic compounds (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x).

- High temperatures and stagnant air exacerbate ozone formation, especially in densely populated urban areas.

3.30x30 initiative :

- It is a global conservation effort aiming to protect at least 30% of the Earth's land and sea areas by 2030



- initiative is part of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, agreed upon at the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) COP15.

4.Global Hunger Hotspots

Context : Recently, the FAO and WFP of the United Nations identified 18 hunger hotspots in

22 countries because of convergence of armed conflict, climate shocks, economic instability, and displacement.

- Five regions are at 'highest concern' due to catastrophic hunger levels and imminent risk of famine: Sudan, South Sudan, Burkina Faso, Haiti and Mali.

5.Global Wetland Outlook, 2025

Context : The Global Wetland Outlook 2025 warns that wetlands are vanishing faster than any other natural system.

•It is the flagship report of the Convention on Wetlands (famously known as Ramsar Convention), developed by its Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP).

•The first edition of the Global Wetland Outlook was published in 2018.

Key Highlights –

- Africa's wetlands among the most degraded in the world.
- 22% of the world's wetlands have been lost since 1970 and an additional one-fifth of the world's remaining wetlands could be at risk by mid-century without urgent action.
- The world is losing wetlands at an annual rate of 0.52%.

6.Strongest Earthquake in Russia

Context : One of the strongest earthquakes (8.8 magnitude) ever recorded struck Russia's Far East early Wednesday, sending tsunami waves into Japan and Hawaii and across the Pacific.

Epicenter : Kamchatka Peninsula, Russia

- It lies on the pacific ring of fire

7.Red sprite phenomenon

Context : Red sprites are now captured by astronauts on the International Space Station .



•These are a type of electrical discharge that occur high above thunderstorms, typically in the mesosphere, between 50-90 km (30-55 miles) above the Earth's surface.

• appear as brief, reddish flashes, often with tentacle-like or jellyfish-like shapes, and are triggered by powerful lightning strikes.

•Lightning flashes normally go downward from the clouds to the ground. However, a sprite goes in the other direction, going into the atmosphere, a bit like backwards lightning.



ECONOMICS

1.OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2025-2034

Context : Recently, the Agricultural Outlook 2025-2034 was released by a joint report from The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).



About Key Global Trends (by 2034):

- Cereal Use Shift → Only 40% for direct human Consumption; 27% for biofuel/industrial (up from 23%), and 33% for animal feed.

- Biofuel Boom → 0.9% annual growth, led by India, Brazil, Indonesia, heavily relying on food-based feedstock.

- Production Growth → 1.1% annually (mostly yield gains). India and Southeast Asia Will drive 39% of cereal consumption growth.

- Animal Products → Rising demand, particularly in middle-income nations, leading to increased meat/dairy production (17%) and 6% rise in agricultural greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions.

2.World Bank Gini Index

Context : According to the World Bank, India's Gini Index stands at 25.5, making it the Fourth most equal country in the world, after the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Belarus.

Key Highlights from the Report:

- India ranks 4th globally on the Gini



Index with a score of 25.5, behind only the Slovak Republic (24.1), Slovenia (24.3), and Belarus (24.4).

- India is more equal than all G7 and G20 countries, including China (35.7), USA(41.8), and the UK (34.4).

- Out of 167 countries assessed, India falls into the “moderately low” inequality Category — and is very close to the “low inequality” group.

- Globally, just 30 countries fall into the “moderately low” inequality category,

Including several European countries with strong welfare systems.

- This is a significant achievement for a country of India's size and diversity, Reflecting policies focused on reducing inequality and poverty.

- India lifted 171 million people out of extreme poverty.

3.NBFC license

Context : Flipkart, India's biggest e-commerce company, has received a lending License from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).



The approval was granted in March 2025

Significance of the License for Flipkart •First large e-commerce player in India to get an

NBFC (Non-Banking Financial Company) license.

- This allows Flipkart to offer loans directly to customers, instead of partnering with banks or other lenders.
- It can now directly finance customer purchases, especially for EMI and instalment based payments.

About

- An NBFC (Non-Banking Financial Company) is a finance company that offers services similar to banks but doesn't have a banking licence.
- It can give loans and provide credit, but cannot accept regular deposits like a bank savings account.
- Regulated by the RBI under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, which ensures safe and fair financial practices.
- They do not form part of the payment and settlement system and cannot issue cheques drawn on itself.

4. National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme

Context: Recently, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment withheld provisional award letters for 66 NOS candidates due to fund constraints and sought additional allocation.



About National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme

- The scheme is a flagship initiative to promote social empowerment and economic inclusion by enabling students from marginalized communities.
- In India to pursue postgraduate and doctoral studies at prestigious foreign universities.

- Nodal Ministry → Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- Eligible Beneficiaries → The scheme benefits students from Scheduled Castes (SCs), Identified Tribes, Semi-Nomadic and Nomadic Tribes, landless agricultural labourers, and traditional artisan families.
- 30% of the awards for each year are earmarked for women candidates.
- Types of Courses Funded → The NOS scheme supports Master's and Ph.D. programs in accredited foreign institutions across disciplines, including engineering, management, social sciences, and pure sciences.

5. World of Debt Report

Context: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) released A World of Debt Report 2025



- Developing countries' share: \$31 trillion (1/3 of total)
- India's public debt: \$2.9 trillion (82.7% of GDP)
- Interest paid by developing countries: \$921 billion (2024)
- Development impact: 3.4–4 billion people live in countries spending more on interest than on health/education

5. Employment Linked Incentive Scheme

Context : Cabinet of Govt. Of India recently approved Employment Linked Incentive Scheme

- Launched - Union Cabinet approval, July 2025.

- Implementation - August 1, 2025 – July 31, 2027.
- Target: Over 3.5 crore new jobs, with special focus on manufacturing sector.
- Ministry: Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- Two Part Structure :
 - Part A: Incentives for first-time employees
 - Part B: Incentives for employers hiring new workers

6.Consumer Price Index

Context : Base Year of CPI for Agricultural Labour and Rural Labour revised.

Base year for CPI-AL/RL has been updated from 019. This is the First revision in nearly 38 years

Why This Matters :

- 1.Updates reflect modern rural consumption patterns
- 2.Enables accurate wage indexation (e.g., MGNREGA, minimum wages)
- 3.Reduces distortions caused by outdated price structures

7.Global Findex Report

Context : Global Findex Report released by World Bank

Report Focus: Tracks global access to and usage of financial services-account ownership, digital payments, savings, credit, and financial resilience.

Key Global Findings:

- Account ownership and digital savings have risen, especially in low- and middle-income nations.
- Growth is driven by mobile phone access and expansion of digital payments.

India Specific :

- **90% of Indian Adults now possess a financial account – among the highest in low and middle income countries**
- **However , account inactivity remains a concern , ~ 35% of account holders in India (vs ~5% globally) didn't initiate any transactions in 2021 – many due to PM Jan Dhan expansions and limited usage.**

8.Inflation Rate of Assam

Context : As per the latest Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for June 2025, Assam has reported an inflation rate of 1.77%, which is significantly below the national average of 2.10%. This comes at a time when India's overall inflation is already at a six-year low, driven by easing food prices and proactive government measures.

National Scenario: India's headline CPI inflation for June 2025 dropped to 2.10%, well below the RBI's 4% comfort level, marking the lowest rate since February 2019.This decline is largely attributed to a deflation in food prices, with the Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) registering a -1.06% rate.

Assam's Performance: Assam's CPI inflation stood at just 1.77%, making it one of the states with the lowest price rise across India.

The state government credited targeted welfare schemes like Orunodoi, improved public distribution systems, and localised supply chain efficiency for controlling prices.

Why It Matters :

- Low inflation helps maintain purchasing power of households, especially in rural areas.It complements monetary policy goals of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and creates space for future rate cuts, promoting growth.
- For a developing state like Assam, it reflects strong fiscal management, food supply chain stability, and administrative control over essential commodities.

Schemes|Policies

1. Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)

● Important Points:

- Approved by the Union Cabinet on July 16, 2025, for a period of six years, starting 2025-26.
- Aims to enhance agricultural productivity, promote crop diversification, and encourage sustainable agricultural practices.
- Focuses on augmenting post-harvest storage facilities at the panchayat and block levels.
- Includes improving irrigation infrastructure.
- Facilitates easier access to long-term and short-term credit for farmers.
- Merges 36 existing schemes across 11 departments, along with other state schemes and local private sector partnerships.
- Will cover 100 districts initially, identified based on low productivity, low cropping intensity, and less credit disbursement.
- Progress to be monitored monthly on 117 key performance indicators via a dashboard.

- **Significance:** A major initiative to strengthen India's agricultural sector, ensure food security, and improve farmers' economic well-being by addressing the entire agricultural value chain.

2. Social Security Scheme for Welfare of Online Platform Workers

Important Points:

- Announced as part of the Union Budget 2025.
- Aims to provide social security benefits and formal recognition to online platform (gig) workers.
- Includes provisions for identity cards, e-Shram registration, and healthcare security under PM Jan Arogya Yojana.

Significance: Addresses the evolving nature of work in the gig economy, providing much-needed protection and benefits to a vulnerable workforce, thereby promoting greater social equity and welfare.

3. Scheme for First-time Entrepreneurs

Important Points:

- Under the broader "Startup India" initiative, this scheme provides incentives and support.
- existing flagship schemes like Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS), Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS), and Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS).
- supports Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) that invest in startups.
- SISFS provides financial assistance to seed-stage startups through incubators.
- CGSS enables collateral-free loans to startups through eligible financial institutions.

Significance: Fosters a stronger entrepreneurial ecosystem, encourages job creation, and reduces reliance on traditional employment, especially among the youth, by supporting startups at various stages.

4. Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme

Important Points:

- Unveiled in the Union Budget 2025–2026.
- Aims to make digital Indian language books available for school and higher education.
- Aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 vision to promote multilingualism.
- Complements the ASMITA (Augmenting Study Materials in Indian Languages through Translation and Academic Writing) initiative.
- Will provide digital textbooks and study resources in multiple Indian languages, focusing on STEM, Social Sciences, Commerce, and Humanities.
- Digital books will be available on government e-learning platforms (DIKSHA, e-PG Pathshala, National Digital Library of India).

- Utilizes AI-based tools for translations and voice-assisted learning.

Significance: Aims to democratize education by bridging the language barrier, promoting linguistic diversity, and enhancing comprehension and retention by allowing students to study in their mother tongue. Also plays a vital role in cultural preservation.

5. Expansion of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)

Important Points:

- Union Budget 2025 announced the expansion to include gig workers.
- Union Cabinet approved expansion in September 2024 (reported in July 2025 as part of ongoing developments) to include all senior citizens aged 70 and above, regardless of income.
- Provides health coverage of up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year.
- Senior citizens have the option to choose between PM-JAY and other existing schemes like CGHS or ECHS.

Significance: Significantly broadens the reach of affordable healthcare, especially for vulnerable populations like gig workers and senior citizens, ensuring greater health security and reducing out-of-pocket expenses.

6. Enhanced Credit Guarantee Fund for MSMEs and Startups

Important Points:

- Announced in Budget 2025.
- For Micro and Small Enterprises: Credit guarantee limit increased from Rs. 5 crore to Rs. 10 crore.
- For Startups: Credit guarantee limit increased from Rs. 10 crore to Rs. 20 crore.
- Guarantee fee for startups in 27 focus sectors (relevant to Atmanirbhar Bharat) moderated to 1%.
- Aims to facilitate an additional Rs. 1.5 lakh crore in credit over the next

five years .

Significance: Improves access to credit for MSMEs and startups, which are crucial for economic growth and job creation, supporting their modernization and competitiveness.

7. Modified UDAN Scheme

Important Points:

- A modified version of the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme, launched in Budget 2025.
- Aims to enhance regional air connectivity to 120 new destinations.
- Target to transport 4 crore passengers over the next 10 years.
- Includes support for helipads and smaller airports in hilly, aspirational, and Northeast districts.

Significance: Boosts regional connectivity, making air travel more accessible and affordable for a larger population, stimulating economic activity and tourism in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities.

8. Draft National Telecom Policy (NTP)-2025

Important Points:

- Released by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on July 25, 2025.
- Aims to build on the National Digital Communications Policy 2018.
- Addresses emerging challenges and leverages next-generation technologies like 5G/6G, AI, IoT, Quantum Communications, Satellite Network, and Blockchain.
- Vision: Transform India into a "Nation of Choice" for Telecom Technology and a "Telecom Product Nation."
- Objectives include ensuring universal and meaningful connectivity, doubling telecom sector contribution to GDP, attracting Rs. 1 lakh crore annual infrastructure investment, and creating 1 million new jobs by 2030.
- Focuses on strengthening domestic telecom ecosystem, cybersecurity, green telecom, and ease business.

Significance: Positions India to become a global leader in next-generation telecom technologies, enhancing digital infrastructure, boosting domestic manufacturing, and creating significant employment opportunities.

9. PM Yuva Rozgar Guarantee 2.0 Scheme

Launched: 3rd July 2025

Ministry: Ministry of Labour & Employment

Budget Allocation: ₹12,000 crore

Aim: To generate 50 lakh urban jobs across 18 states within the next two years.

Key Features:

- Skilling and re-skilling of youth.
- MSMEs to receive employment-linked subsidies.
- Focus on digital economy, gig jobs, and urban infrastructure sectors.
- State-wise performance monitoring to ensure accountability.

Significance:

This second edition of the Rozgar Guarantee Scheme is designed to tackle rising urban unemployment and support India's demographic dividend.



10. PM E-DRIVE (Electric Truck Incentive Scheme)

Launched: 11th July 2025

Ministry: Ministry of Heavy Industries

Budget Allocation: ₹500 crore

Incentive: Up to ₹9.6 lakh per e-truck (N2/N3 category)

Key Highlights:

- Only available on scrapping of old diesel trucks.
- Encourages fleet electrification in logistics and industrial transportation.
- Supports India's Net-Zero Emissions goals.

Significance:

This is India's first dedicated incentive for electric commercial trucks, helping to curb vehicular emissions and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

Defence|Operations|Exercises

1.Operation Deep Manifest

Context: The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has seized Pakistani-origin goods worth ₹9 crore under 'Operation Deep Manifest'.



The DRI launched the Operation to crack down on illegal imports of Pakistani-origin goods rerouted through third countries, primarily via Dubai, UAE.

•Following the **Pahalgam terror attacks**, the Government imposed a **total ban on direct or indirect imports** or transit of goods originating from **Pakistan**.

•Despite this, importers attempted to bypass the ban by mis-declaring the origin and falsifying shipping documents.

Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) The DRI, apex anti-smuggling agency of India, was established on 4th December 1957, and has evolved from the Central Revenue Intelligence Board formed in 1953.

2.QUAD At Sea Ship Observer Mission

Context: India, along with Japan, the US, and Australia, has launched the first-ever 'QUAD at Sea Ship Observer Mission' under the Wilmington Declaration to boost maritime coordination in the Indo-Pacific.

•A **multilateral maritime cooperation initiative** enabling **observer-level cross-embarkation** of officers from QUAD nations on each other's coast guard vessels.

Countries Involved:



India – Indian Coast Guard (ICG)

Japan – Japan Coast Guard (JCG)

United States – US Coast Guard (USCG)

Australia – Australian Border Force (ABF)

3.Operation Med – Max

Context : The **Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)**, under **Operation MED MAX** and in coordination with international agencies, has **dismantled a transnational drug cartel** operating across **more than 10 countries** in **Asia, North America, Europe, and Oceania**.



NCB: Headquartered in New Delhi, NCB is the apex drug law enforcement and intelligence agency in India, constituted in 1986 under the provisions of the **Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.**

The National Policy on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances is based on Article 47 of the Indian Constitution, a Directive Principle of State Policy, which mandates the prohibition of the consumption of intoxicating drugs except for medicinal purposes.

4.ASTRA Missile

Context : Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM) 'Astra' with an **indigenously developed Radio Frequency (RF) Seeker** from a **Su-30 Mk-I fighter aircraft** off the coast of Odisha.



Astra is India's first indigenous **BVRAAM**, designed to target enemy aircraft **beyond line-of-sight**.

•Astra is India's first **indigenous BVRAAM**, capable of engaging **supersonic, manoeuvrable targets** beyond **100 km** and up to **20 km altitude**.

•Uses **inertial navigation, mid-course data link updates, and active radar homing**, with a **smokeless solid-fuel engine** for enhanced stealth.

•Equipped with a **DRDO-developed active RF seeker**, enabling **fire-and-forget** and **buddy**

launch mode, where one aircraft launches and another guides.

5.Talisman Sabre

Context : India, for the **first time**, is participating in the **11th** edition of **Exercise Talisman Sabre 2025**, a major **Australia-led multinational military exercise**.



•**Objective:** It aims to promote a **free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific, enhance military readiness, interoperability, joint operational capability** and reinforce the **regional security architecture** among allied nations.

Key India-Australia Military Exercises

Ausindex (naval), Pitch Black (air), Austrahind (military).

Key India-US Military Exercises

Yudh Abhyas (military), Tiger Triumph, Cope India (air) and Vajra Prahar.

6.Exercise SIMBEX

Context : Recently, **Indian Navy warships** have reached **Singapore**, where they will participate in the **32nd Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX)** to be held later this month.

•**Four indigenous warships** are participating from India's side -

•INS Delhi

•INS Satpura

- INS Kiltan
- INS Shakti



SIMBEX is an annual maritime military exercise between India and Singapore which started in the year 1994.

It was earlier known as “Lion King Exercise”.

7.Bold Kurukshetra Exercise 2025

Context: The 14th edition of Exercise Bold Kurukshetra 2025, a joint military exercise between India and Singapore, commenced on 28 July, Jodhpur



Objective: It aims to **validate operational procedures**, enhance **interoperability**, and improve **joint training capabilities** of both armies in **UN peacekeeping scenarios**.

Joint Participants: It involves **India’s Mechanised Infantry Regiment** and **Singapore’s 42 Armoured Regiment** of the **4 Singapore Armoured Brigade**.

8. Operation Shiva

Context: The Indian Army launched Operation SHIVA 2025 to secure the Shri Amarnath Yatra, deploying over 8,500 troops amid rising threats from Pakistan-backed terror outfits in Kashmir.



•**Operation SHIVA** is a **high-altitude annual security operation** led by the **Indian Army** to ensure **safe and smooth conduct** of the Shri Amarnath Yatra in Jammu & Kashmir.

•It is one of India’s most logistically intense military-civilian coordination exercises for **religious tourism safety**.

•**Launched By:** **Indian Army**, in coordination with the **civil administration, Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs)**, and **disaster response teams**.

9.Operation Kalanemi

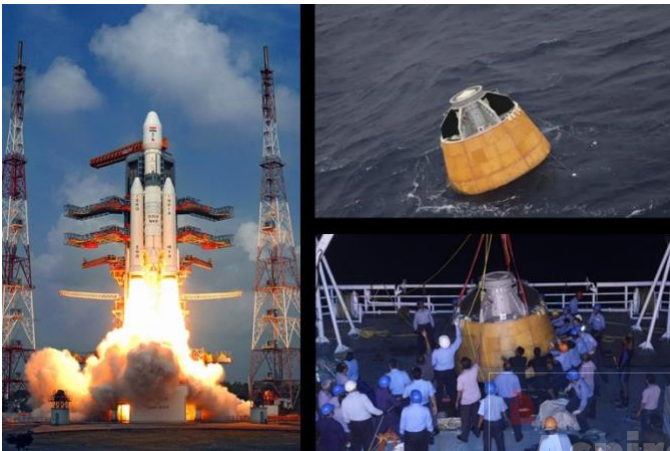
Context : Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami announced the launch of ‘Operation Kalanemi’, a police operation to take strict action against people pretending to be saints. **The aim is to identify and arrest fake saints who misuse religion for personal gain. Police teams will work across the state to catch those involved in such activities.**

Science and Technology

1. Gaganyaan Mission

News:

Union Minister of State for Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh, informed the Lok Sabha in a written reply that key components of the Gaganyaan Mission — including the human-rated launch vehicle (HLVM3), the crew escape system (CES), and propulsion systems for both the crew and service modules — have been successfully developed and tested.



Objectives:

The mission aims to demonstrate India's human spaceflight capability by sending a crew of three astronauts into a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) at an altitude of 400 km for a duration of three days, and ensuring their safe return by splashdown in Indian sea waters.

Proceedings of the mission:

- The successful execution of the first uncrewed Test Vehicle Abort Mission (TV-D1) has provided a robust foundation for the upcoming test phases.
- The second Test Vehicle Mission (TV-D2) is scheduled next, which will be followed by uncrewed orbital flights.
- Vyommitra, a female robot (gynoid), will be deployed in the first uncrewed Gaganyaan mission.

2. Sea Slug

•**Recent Discovery (News):** Two new sea slug species, *Phyllidia ovata* and *Phyllidia fontjei*, were discovered near North Sulawesi, Indonesia.



•**What is a Sea Slug?** Soft-bodied marine molluscs without shells, sea slugs are vibrant, toxic creatures found in oceans, especially coral reefs, under Phylum Mollusca and Class Gastropoda.

•**3. Bharat NCX 2025:** India's premier national cybersecurity exercise (21st July– 1st August, 2025), was inaugurated with the theme 'Enhancing the Operational Preparedness of Indian Cyberspace'.



•**Organisers:** Conducted by the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) in collaboration with Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU).

•**Objectives:** Enhance operational preparedness and cyber resilience through real-world attack simulations, including deepfakes and AI-driven malware.

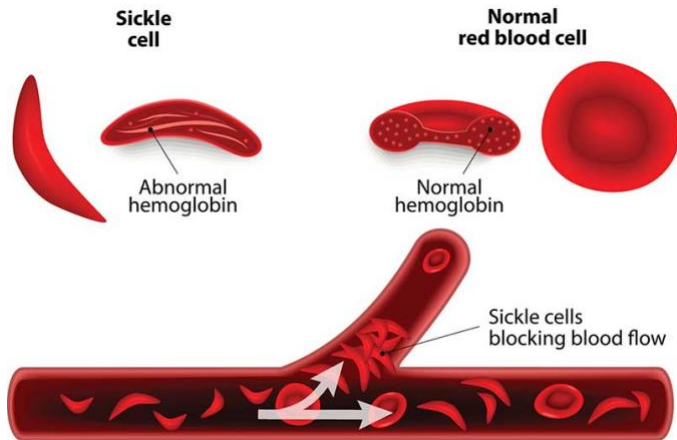
•**Significance:**

~Includes STRATEX to improve strategic crisis response.

~Hosts CISO Conclave on emerging threats.

~Features a startup exhibition promoting indigenous cybersecurity innovations and digital self-reliance.

4.Sickle Cell Anemia: India has reached a significant public health milestone by completing 6 crore screenings under the *National Sickle Cell Anemia Elimination Mission*, launched to fight the



genetic blood disorder in tribal populations, aiming for its elimination *by 2047* through early detection, awareness, and comprehensive care.

Sickle cell anemia is a genetic disorder causing red blood cells to become sickle-shaped, blocking blood flow and reducing oxygen transport due to abnormal hemoglobin.

5.First Tribal Genome Sequencing Project:

Gujarat has launched India’s first Tribal Genome Sequencing Project to map the genetic profiles of tribal populations.

About the Project: Spearheaded by the Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre (GBRC), the project will sequence genomes of 2,000 individuals from 17 districts to identify genetic health risks like Sickle Cell Disease and offer precision healthcare.

What is Genome Sequencing: Genome sequencing determines the exact order of DNA bases, helping identify traits, health risks, and genetic disorders.

6.DengiAll – Indigenous Dengue Vaccine in Phase III Trials:

India is conducting Phase III clinical trials of *DengiAll*, an indigenous one-shot dengue vaccine developed by Panacea Biotec under license from the US NIH.

Dengue is a major public health concern in India, ranking among the top 30 countries with the highest

incidence. WHO reported over 129 countries

India’s EV Market: Growth and Opportunities: India’s electric vehicle (EV) sector is rapidly expanding, with over 50% of 3-wheelers, 5% of 2-wheelers, and 2% of cars sold in 2024 being EVs. The EV battery market is expected to grow from US\$ 16.77 billion in 2023 to US\$ 27.70 billion by 2028. In 2025, Indian automakers will launch several new premium EV models. The government targets 30% EV penetration by 2030. Under Phase-II of the FAME scheme, Rs. 800 crore has been allocated for 7,432 public charging stations, with a total FAME II outlay of Rs. 10,000 crore. At the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025, Minister Piyush Goyal outlined a vision for Rs. 8.65 lakh crore (US\$ 100 billion) in EV exports, emphasizing innovation, affordability, and sustainability.

affected globally by 2023. In India, 75–80% of infections are asymptomatic but still transmissible. Children are more prone to hospitalization and mortality, while adults may develop severe complications such as dengue hemorrhagic fever and shock syndrome.

7.NITI Aayog Report on State S&T Councils:

NITI Aayog released a report titled “*A Roadmap for Strengthening State Science and Technology (S&T) Councils*”, urging reforms in governance and funding to transform these Councils into catalysts for regional innovation and sustainable development.

Key Recommendations:

The report highlights structural gaps and suggests reforms through capacity-building, institutional strengthening, and strategic partnerships to make State S&T Councils more effective and responsive.

Established under Centre-State partnership since 1971, these Councils exist across almost all States/UTs, initially formed in Karnataka, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

8.India’s Battery Passport System:

India is set to introduce a **Battery Passport** system for electric vehicles (EVs), providing detailed digital data on each battery’s source, composition, lifecycle, and performance. The system will use QR codes to embed unique IDs, acting like an Aadhaar for batteries.

This initiative aims to enhance battery safety, quality standards, and traceability, while supporting India’s EV export potential. It will also aid the upcoming battery-swapping policy by allowing users to access key battery details instantly, ensuring uniformity in manufacturing and helping consumers understand

battery lifespan—critical as batteries constitute nearly 40% of EV costs.

9.PAC Flags Concerns Over UIDAI Functioning

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) highlighted biometric verification failures in Aadhaar, causing exclusion from welfare schemes like PDS and MGNREGA. Issues include worn fingerprints, iris mismatches, data leaks, Aadhaar misuse by non-citizens, slow deactivation after death, and difficulty correcting authentication errors or updating data.

PAC is a parliamentary committee that audits the accounts of the Union Government based on CAG reports.

The UIDAI, a statutory authority under the Ministry of Electronics and IT, assigns 12-digit Aadhaar numbers to Indian residents. Established in 2016, it ensures identity coverage with over 93% Aadhaar saturation nationwide.

10.NISAR Mission: NASA-ISRO Joint Earth Observation Satellite

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the United States' National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) are set to launch the **NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR)** satellite—a first-of-its-kind Earth observation mission. After delays, the satellite is scheduled for launch on **30 July 2025** from the **Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota**, aboard India's **GSLV-F16** rocket. Developed jointly by NASA and ISRO under a 2014 agreement, NISAR integrates NASA's

L-band radar and ISRO's S-band radar, making it the **first satellite to carry dual-frequency radars**.

Significance of NISAR Mission:

1.Global Monitoring of Earth's Surface:

NISAR will scan all land and ice-covered surfaces **twice every 12 days**, helping detect both gradual and sudden changes like landslides, earthquakes, glacial melt, and deforestation.

2.Climate Change Tracking:

By observing surface deformation and biomass changes, NISAR will enhance understanding of **climate change impacts**, supporting global mitigation and adaptation strategies.

I) Milestone:

It is the **first radar imaging satellite** to carry both L-band and S-band synthetic aperture radars, combining high resolution with deep penetration capabilities.

II) Indo-US Space Cooperation:

The mission highlights India's rising stature as a **reliable space partner**, enhancing ISRO's reputation in international space collaboration and boosting India's space diplomacy.

11.India Becomes 4th Largest Biofuel User in 2024

India has overtaken China to become the world's fourth-largest biofuel consumer in 2024, according to the Statistical Review of World Energy 2025. Biofuel usage in India rose by 40% to 77 kbbloe/d, reflecting its growing commitment to clean energy.

India Lags in Biofuel Production:

Despite higher consumption, India produced only 70 kbbloe/d of biofuel in 2024 compared to China's 106 kbbloe/d, indicating a production gap that needs addressing. (kbbloe/d = thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day)

Biofuels are renewable energy sources made from organic materials like plants, algae, and animal waste, used in transport, power, and heating. Types include ethanol, biodiesel, biogas, biobutanol, and algal fuels. They are classified into four generations based on feedstock and technology. Biofuels offer environmental benefits like reduced emissions, energy security, and economic stimulation. The **National Policy on Biofuels (2018)** categorizes them and promotes advanced biofuels using diverse raw materials, supporting India's clean energy goals and rural development.

12.Miscellaneous:



Meri Panchayat mobile app: India's Meri Panchayat mobile app has gained global acclaim by winning the WSIS Prizes 2025 Champion Award in the category of Cultural and Linguistic Diversity and Local Content.

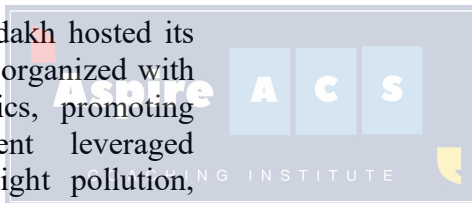
Malaria vaccine: ICMR is developing AdFalciVax, a novel chimeric malaria vaccine targeting liver and transmission stages of *Plasmodium falciparum* using *Lactococcus lactis*. It aims to protect individuals, curb transmission, and supports the Make in India initiative and malaria elimination efforts through advanced hybrid vaccine technology.

NASA Launches TRACERS Mission:

NASA has launched the TRACERS mission to study how Earth's magnetic field shields the planet from solar storms and space weather.

Samudra Prachet: The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) launched 'Samudra Prachet', the final of two indigenous Pollution Control Vessels (PCVs), on July 23, 2025, at Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL).

First Astro Tourism Festival : Ladakh hosted its first Astro Tourism Festival in Leh, organized with the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, promoting science-based tourism. The event leveraged Ladakh's high altitude and low light pollution, attracting astronomy enthusiasts and boosting India's efforts to develop astro-tourism circuits and space science awareness.



International Relations

1. BRICS summit in Rio

Context : Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the **BRICS Summit Plenary session on 'Strengthening Multilateralism, Economic-Financial Affairs, and Artificial Intelligence**.



Major Highlights:

• **The BRICS Leaders' Declaration**, adopted at the summit reflected India's key concerns, especially on cross-border terrorism and global governance reforms.

He put forward **four key suggestions to enhance among BRICS nations**:

1. Improving Systems to Boost Credibility:

Highlighted the importance of demand-driven decision-making, long-term financial sustainability.

2. Collaborative Initiatives: Proposed creating a BRICS Science and Research Repository that can also benefit the countries of the Global South.

3. Resilient supply chain: He emphasised the need to secure and make the supply chain resilient, particularly for critical minerals and technology.

4. Responsible AI: Stressed the importance of Responsible AI, stating that India believes in artificial intelligence as a tool for enhancing human values and capabilities and is guided by the mantra of 'AI for All'.

17th BRICS Summit was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 6–7 July 2025, under the **theme "Strengthening Global South Cooperation for a More Inclusive and Sustainable Governance"**



• **India will Chair BRICS in 2026. BRICS nations have officially supported India's Chairship for the 18th BRICS Summit.**

About BRICS

– BRICS is an acronym that refers to a group of five major emerging national economies: Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.

• Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates have joined BRICS as new full members.

BRICS countries have come together to deliberate on important issues under the three pillars of:

1. political and security,
2. economic and financial and
3. cultural and people-to-people exchanges.

BRICS Formation: Established in 2009 with Brazil, Russia, India & China as founding members.

South Africa's Entry: South Africa joined the bloc in 2010, expanding it to BRICS.

2. India and United Kingdom sign Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA).



Context : The India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA), signed on July 24, 2025, offers comprehensive economic gains for India across goods, services, and labour mobility.

India-UK Trade Deal: Key Highlights

INDIA-UK TRADE DEAL
KEY HIGHLIGHTS IN NUMBERS

- TRADE & TARIFF BENEFITS**
 - ✓ 99% of Indian exports to UK will enjoy zero-duty access
 - 💰 \$56 billion bilateral trade target set to double by 2030
 - 🌐 FTA (Free Trade Agreement) to cover nearly 100% of trade value
- SECTORAL BOOSTS**
 - 🌾 Indian farmers to access UK's \$ 377.5 billion agri-market
 - 💎 \$900 million+ boost expected in leather & footwear exports
 - 📖 Gems & jewellery exports may double in 2-3 years
 - 📱 Electronics exports to UK to be duty-free
 - 🏥 Medical devices to enjoy zero-duty access
- WORKFORCE & PROFESSIONALS**
 - 👤 75,000 Indian workers exempt from UK social security for 3 years
 - 👤 Indian professionals also exempt from UK social security for 3 years

3. India - Maldives Engagement

Context : PM of India visits Maldives marking 60th anniversary of India-Maldives diplomatic relations.



Key Outcomes of visit:

~Signing of Agreements on: A Line of Credit (LoC) of ₹4,850 crores to Maldives.

~To reduce Maldives' annual debt repayment on Indian government-funded loans.

~For enabling UPI in Maldives.

~Terms of Reference of proposed Free Trade Agreement.

~6 MOUs were exchanged in fields of fisheries and aquaculture, meteorology, digital public infrastructure, UPI, Indian pharmacopoeia etc..

~Inauguration / Handing-over of: 3,300 social housing units in Hulhumale under India's Buyers' Credit facilities, Roads and Drainage system project in Addu city.

~Two Aarogya Maitri Health Cube (BHISHM) sets.

Significance of Maldives for India

Geopolitical: Key to its 'Neighborhood First' policy and Vision MAHASAGR.

Strategic: Geographically positioned like a 'toll gate' between western Indian Ocean chokepoints (Gulf of Aden and Strait of Hormuz), and eastern Indian Ocean chokepoint of Strait of Malacca.

4. India's UN Voting Pattern

Context: India's voting pattern at the United Nations (UN) is undergoing a marked transformation. Annual share of abstentions in India's votes at the UN reaches an all-time high.

•An analysis of more than 5,500 different resolutions in the UN that India voted on between 1946 and June 2025 shows that:

Late 1950s-late 1960s: India's voting pattern remained volatile until the late 1960s, with the percentage of annual 'yes' votes swinging between 20% and 100%. The percentage of abstentions fluctuated between 0% and 40%.

In the time period in between: The magnitude of this volatility decreased substantially. India's voting patterns in the UN became stable, with the share of 'yes' votes ranging over 75%, and abstentions under 20%.

From 2019 onwards: The proportion of abstentions by India every year has increased, while the 'yes' votes have reduced.

Annual percentage of 'yes' votes by India has fallen to 56%, the lowest since 1955.

Annual percentage of abstentions has increased to 44%, the highest share in India's history at the UN.

•Reasons behind the shift in India's Voting Patterns:

India establishes its own independent position: An increasingly polarised world (greater polarisation between major powers in the UN) has led to India to alter its voting strategy at the UN. This rise in the share of abstentions could help India to establish its own independent position on various issues.

Increasing complexities of resolutions: The increase in abstentions is simultaneously a reflection that UN resolutions have become much more complicated (several different aspects and provisions are bundled up on the same resolution). In such situations, rather than

jeopardising bilateral relations, abstention allows diplomatic flexibility and future repositioning of the stand.

5. Kaladan MultiModal Transit Transport Project .

News : Kaladan project is getting delayed due to ongoing Political crisis in Myanmar.

Background-The Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project was jointly identified by India and Myanmar to create a multi-modal mode of transport for the shipment of cargo from the eastern ports of India to Myanmar.

Details of project:

- 1) It connects the eastern Indian seaport of Kolkata with Sittwe seaport in Rakhine State, Myanmar by sea. It will reduce the distance from Kolkata to Sittwe by approximately 1,328 km.
- 2) In Myanmar, it will then link Sittwe seaport to Paletwa in Chin State via the Kaladan river boat route
- 3) From Paletwa by road to Mizoram state in Northeast India (Paletwa is less than 20 km from the Bangladesh border).

Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Project



The project will reduce the distance from Kolkata to Sittwe by approximately 1,328 km. It will reduce the need to transport goods through the narrow Siliguri corridor.

2) This project will connect Sittwe Port in Myanmar to the India-Myanmar border. It will contribute to the economic development of the North-Eastern States of India, by opening up the sea route for the products.

Japan's move shows its strong commitment to helping India modernize its infrastructure



using the best technology available.

6.E5 for Trials, E10 for Launch For India's Bullet Train.

News : India will become the first country outside Japan to run the new E10 Shinkansen bullet train, starting with the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR) project in the early 2030s.

To prepare for the launch, Japan will send two E5 train sets to India in early 2026. These trains, also known as Hayabusa, run at speeds up to 320 kmph and will be used for trial runs.

Bullet Train Project :

The ₹1.1-lakh-crore Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail project is India's first bullet train line. Civil work is progressing well.

Originally, India had planned to use the E5 trains for commercial runs, but the plan changed after discussions with Japan to bring in the latest model instead.

Miscellaneous

1. Wimbledon 2025



World No. 1 Jannik Sinner of Italy and **Iga Swiatek of Poland** won the men's and women's singles titles, respectively, at the 2025 Wimbledon Tennis Championships. It was the first-ever singles title for both Sinner and Swiatek at Wimbledon.

The 138th edition of the All England Championship, also known as the Wimbledon Championship, was held at Wimbledon in England from June 30 to July 13, 2025.

Wimbledon is the only Grand Slam that is played on **grass**, and in a calendar year, it is the third after the Australian Open and the French Open.

2. Chelsea Clinch Historic First FIFA Club World Cup Title With 3-0 Win Over

Chelsea Football Club made history by winning the first-ever FIFA Club World Cup, beating Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) 3-0 in a stunning final at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey.



Final & semi-finals: MetLife Stadium, New Jersey (82,500 capacity)

Other major venues: Rose Bowl (Pasadena), Mercedes-Benz Stadium (Atlanta), Hard Rock Stadium (Miami), Lumen Field (Seattle), among others.

3. World Boxing Cup 2025

World Boxing Cup in **Astana, Kazakhstan**, Indian women boxers **Sakshi, Jaismine, and Nupur won gold medals** in their respective weight categories. India ended the event with its best-ever medal tally of **11 medals**, showing the country's growing strength in international boxing.



4. Italy qualified for the 2026 T20 WC



Italy qualified for the 2026 T20 WC for the first time in history .

5. 1st Khelo India Water sports

First-Ever Khelo India Water Sports To Be Held In Srinagar's Dal Lake Next Month.



The three-day water sports festival will see five sports: kayaking and canoeing, rowing, water skiing, shikara race and dragon boat

6. Khelo India University Games

News :Khelo India University Games 2025 To Be Held In Rajasthan This November: Sports Minister Mandaviya



7. National Sports Policy 2025

Context : The Union Cabinet has approved the **National Sports Policy (NSP) 2025 (Khelo Bharat Niti 2025)**, replacing the **National Sports Policy, 2001**. It outlines a roadmap to make India a global sporting powerhouse with a focus on the **2036 Olympics**.

•It is anchored on **five key pillars** viz. Excellence on the Global Stage, Sports for Economic Development, Sports for Social Development, Sports as a People's Movement and Integration with Education (NEP 2020).



8.Elite Women National Boxing Championship

Context: Telangana Boxing star and the reigning world champion, **Nikhat Zareen**, and Lovlina Borgohain, the bronze medalist from the Tokyo Olympics, both won gold medals in their separate finals in the Elite Women's National Boxing Championships. The Railway Sports Promotion Board won the team trophy with ten awards in the **6th Elite Women's National Boxing Championships in Bhopal**.



9. PM Modi Honoured in Ghana with 'Order of the Star'

- **Name of the Award:** Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana
- **Conferred by:** President John Dramani Mahama
- **Reason:** In recognition of PM Modi's distinguished global leadership, diplomatic outreach, and efforts to build South-South cooperation.



The honour celebrates his leadership and strengthens diplomatic engagement between India and Ghana, especially in sectors like trade, healthcare, education, and digital connectivity.

10. Cleanest City of India

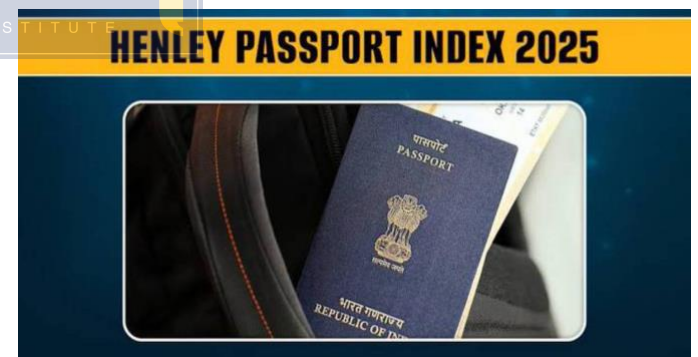
Context : President Confers Survekshan 2024-25 Awards.

Indore was once again named the cleanest city of India. Along with Indore, Surat, and Navi Mumbai have also done a great job by securing 2nd and 3rd place.



11. Henley Passport Index

India jumps 8 places to 77th in Henley Passport Index.



Top Rank : Singapore.

12. Cruise India Mission

Gujarat Becomes First State to Support Cruise Bharat Mission: Gujarat has officially partnered with the Cruise Bharat Mission, launched by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on September 30, 2024. The mission aims to increase India's sea cruise traffic tenfold by 2029.



14. India's First Mining Tourism Project in Jharkhand.

Jharkhand is set to become the first Indian state to launch a Mining Tourism Project, aiming to showcase its rich mineral heritage through guided mine tours and cultural experiences.



This initiative, led by the state government and Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), seeks to diversify tourism while educating the public about mining practices and local history.

Jharkhand, holding nearly 40% of India's mineral resources, has long been known as a mining hub.

15. First Ever Grassland Bird Census in Kaziranga National Park .

Context: Prime Minister of India highlighted the **first-ever Grassland Bird Census in Kaziranga National Park** during his Mann ki Baat, praising its innovative use of acoustic technology and its role in biodiversity conservation.

Objectives: Monitor population of grassland bird species

Identify rare, endemic, and globally threatened species

Map breeding patterns and ecological health of the habitat

To organize the tourism experience better, the coastal routes are divided into three clusters,

Padala Island – Rann of Kutch

Porbandar – Veraval – Diu

Dwarka – Okha – Jamnagar

13. GST Day



Every year on July 1st, India celebrates **Goods and Services Tax (GST) Day** to commemorate the implementation of one of the country's most transformative economic reforms.

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) is a comprehensive, destination-based indirect tax levied on the supply of goods and services. It is designed to be a single tax that flows through the entire supply chain — from the manufacturer to the end consumer — with provisions for input tax credit at each stage.

Aspire A

COACHING INSTITUTE

Aspire

A

C

S

COACHING INSTITUTE

Affordable APSC Coaching Now in Goalpara !!!!

ASPIRE ACS COACHING INSTITUTE



www.aspireacs.in

APSC

SSC

Banking

Railway

ADRE 3.0

REGISTER NOW FOR FREE DEMO CLASS

2nd Batch Starting July / August Onwards

- ✓ Smart classrooms
- ✓ Experienced Faculty
- ✓ Personal mentorship
- ✓ Free study materials
- ✓ Free Mock Tests
- ✓ Doubt sessions



+91 8822194743



www.aspireacs.in



+91 8822194743

₹ 114/