

Monthly Current Affairs

February 2025

India Adds 4 New Ramsar Sites

- Centre has announced the addition of four new **Ramsar sites in India**, taking the **tally to 89**. In a social media post, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change said that ahead of World Wetlands Day, the government announced that **Sakkarakottai Bird Sanctuary and Therthangal Bird Sanctuary** in Tamil Nadu, **Khecheopalri Wetland in Sikkim**, and **Udhwa Lake in Jharkhand** have been included in the list of Ramsar sites in the country.



- In the post, Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav shared that **India still stands as the country with the highest number of Ramsar sites in Asia** and third in the world. He congratulated **Tamil Nadu for becoming the state with the maximum number of Ramsar sites, with a tally of 20**.
- He also termed this a special achievement for Sikkim and Jharkhand, which have added their first Ramsar sites. **World Wetlands Day is celebrated annually on**

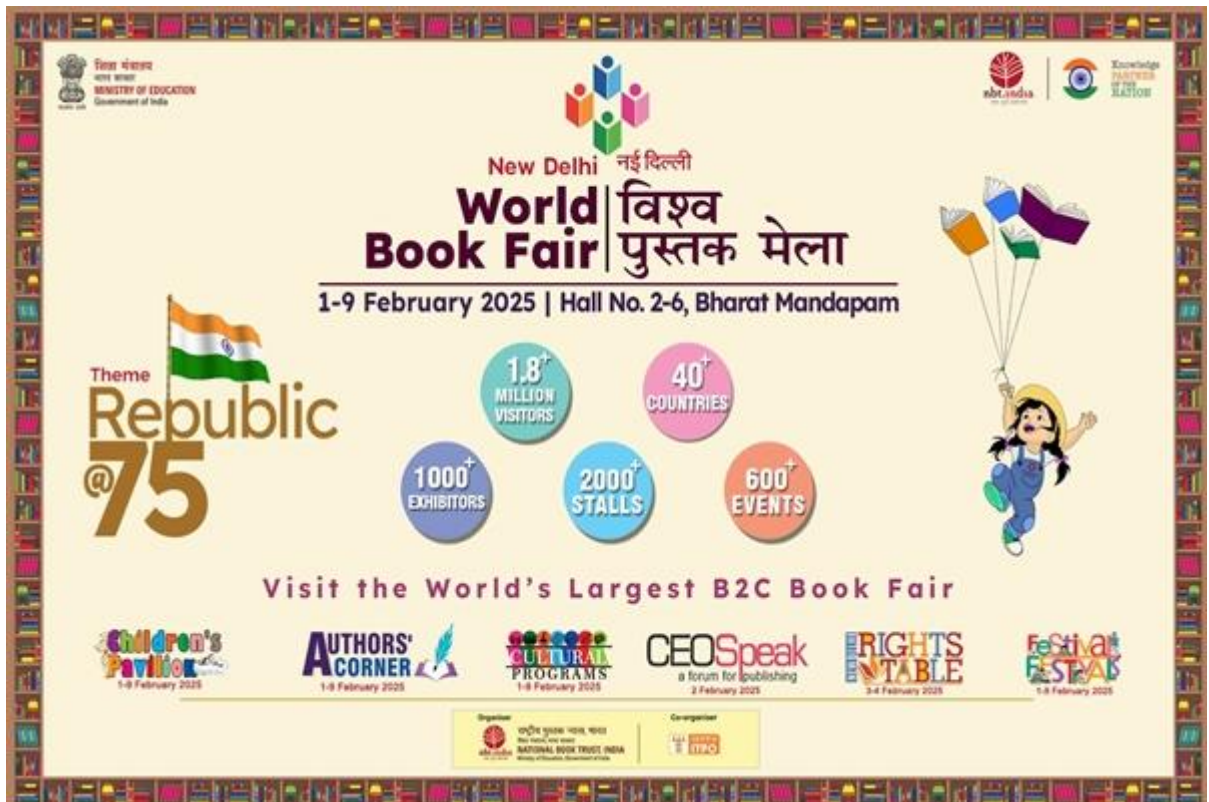
February 2 to raise awareness about the importance of wetlands and promote conservation efforts globally.



- This day marks the adoption of the **Ramsar Convention on Wetlands in 1971**, an international treaty focused on the protection and sustainable use of wetlands. Wetlands play a crucial role in maintaining ecological balance, supporting biodiversity, and mitigating climate change. The theme for World Wetlands Day 2025 is “Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future.”

World Book Fair 2025

- **New Delhi World Book Fair 2025** will commence on **1st February at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi**. This year, the fair’s **theme is ‘We the People of India’**, commemorating 75 years of the Republic of India.
- The **nine-day fair will be inaugurated by President Droupadi Murmu**. Speaking to Akashvani News, the Director of the National Book Trust, Yuvraj Malik, highlighted that this year, **Russia is the focus country of the fair**, and over 50 countries will participate, including France, Argentina, Spain, Colombia, UAE, and Qatar. He added that nearly two thousand publishers and one thousand speakers will attend the fair.



Niger 1st African Country To Eliminate Onchocerciasis

- Niger becomes the first country in the African Region to eliminate onchocerciasis.
- Niger's Minister of Public Health, Population and Social Affairs Garba Hakimi officially declared at a ceremony that the country is free of onchocerciasis. The World Health Organisation (WHO) congratulated Niger on achieving the standard required to eliminate onchocerciasis.



- Niger is recognised as the **fifth country in the world, the first in Africa**, to have successfully halted the transmission of the parasite *Onchocerca volvulus*. The other four countries that have reached this milestone are all located in the **Americas: Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, and Mexico**.



- The resident representative of the WHO, Casimir Manengu, commended Niger's commitment and leadership that enabled this remarkable achievement.
- **Onchocerciasis, commonly known as river blindness**, is a parasitic disease and is the second leading infectious cause of blindness worldwide, after trachoma. It is transmitted to humans through the **bites of infective black flies**, primarily found in riverine areas.
- The **disease primarily affects rural populations in sub-Saharan Africa and Yemen**, with smaller endemic areas found in parts of Latin America.

Shubhanshu Shukla

- India's space exploration has just reached a new milestone with **Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla set to become the first Indian astronaut** to pilot a space mission to the International Space Station (ISS).
- He has been chosen as the pilot for **Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4), a private spaceflight** scheduled for launch in the spring of 2025. This marks a significant moment in India's space history, continuing the journey that started 40 years ago with Rakesh Sharma's iconic spaceflight.



- **Axiom Mission 4, or Ax-4, is a private spaceflight** organized by Axiom Space in collaboration with NASA. The mission will see astronauts travel to the International Space Station for a stay of up to 14 days.
- The **astronauts will conduct scientific research, engage** in educational outreach, and take part in various commercial activities while in a microgravity environment. The crew will travel aboard the SpaceX Dragon capsule, which will **be launched atop a Falcon 9 rocket**.
- This mission marks an important step in the partnership between private space organizations and NASA to push the boundaries of space exploration. The crew of **Ax-4 consists of four astronauts**, each bringing unique experience and expertise to the mission:

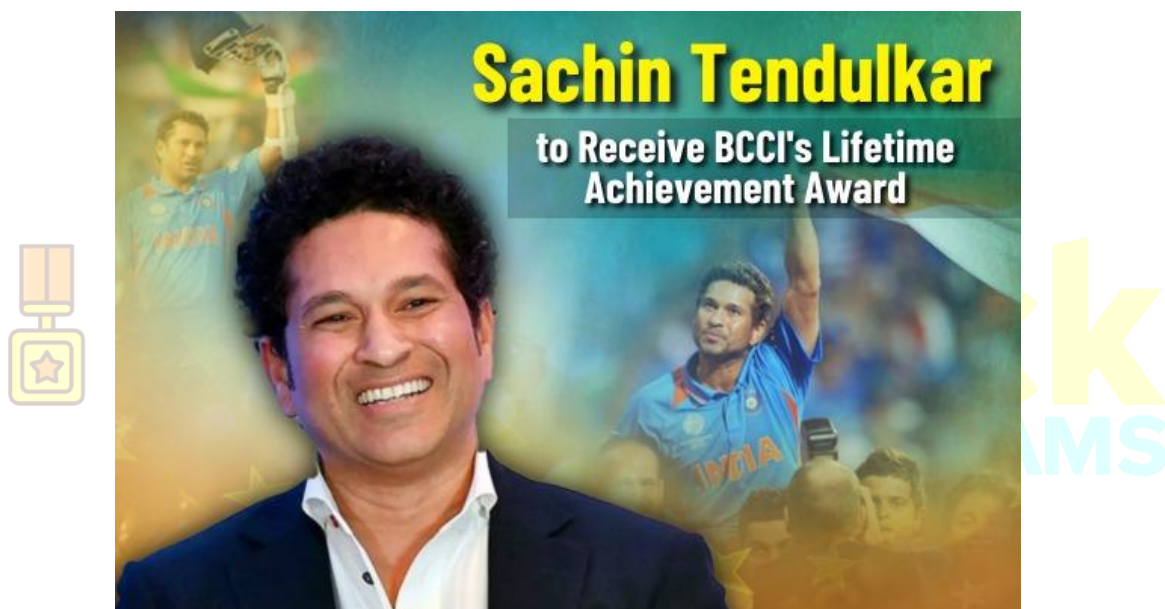


- **Peggy Whitson:** Former NASA astronaut, serving as the mission commander.

- **Shubhanshu Shukla:** Indian Air Force pilot and mission pilot, making history as India's first astronaut to pilot a mission to the ISS.
- **Sławosz Uznański-Wiśniewski:** Polish astronaut and mission specialist.
- **Tibor Kapu:** Hungarian astronaut and mission specialist.

Sachin Tendulkar

- Legendary former cricketer **Sachin Tendulkar will be honoured** with the BCCI's Lifetime Achievement Award at the Board's annual gala in Mumbai. Tendulkar will become the **31st recipient of the prestigious award**, which was instituted in **1994 in honour of India's first cricket captain, Col. C.K. Nayudu.**



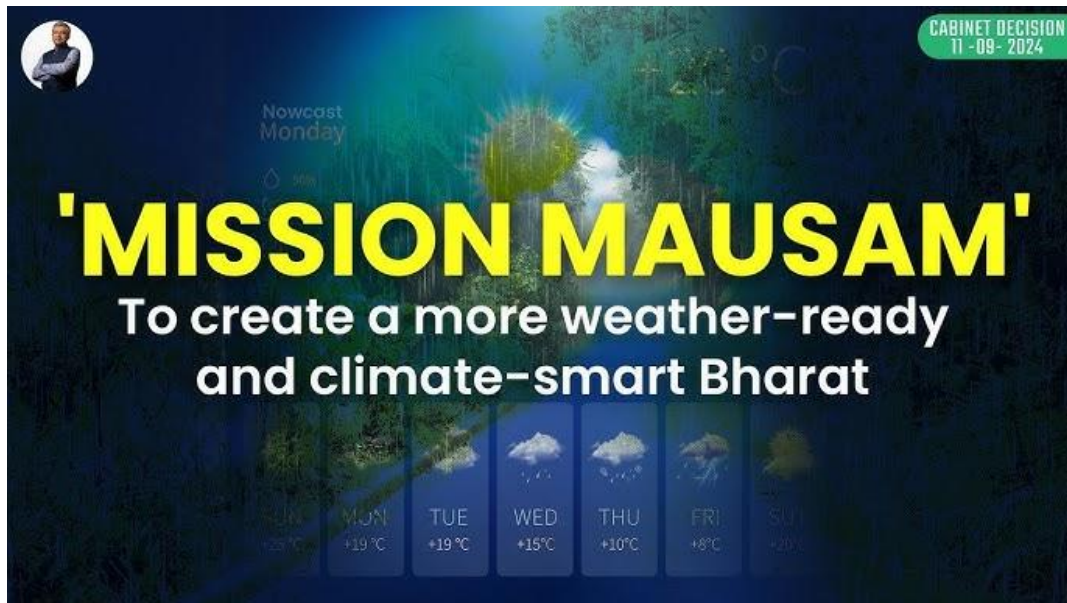
- The **51-year-old Tendulkar, who played an incredible 664** international matches for India, holds the record for the highest number of Test and ODI runs in cricket history.
- He amassed **15,921 runs in Tests and a staggering 18,426** runs in ODIs. Tendulkar also holds the record for the most appearances in both formats, with 200 Test matches and 463 ODIs to his name. Tendulkar was a pivotal member of India's 2011 World Cup-winning team, marking his record sixth and final appearance in the tournament. In 2023, the Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to former India head coach Ravi Shastri and wicket-keeping legend Farokh Engineer.

Samudrayaan Mission

- India's ambitious mission to send **scientists to explore the depths of the ocean** in specially-designed submersible **Samudrayaan** got a **boost** with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman **allocating Rs 600 crore** for the Deep Ocean Mission.
- The mission involves mapping **deep ocean floors and developing technologies** like a manned submersible with **6000 m water-depth rating**. It also involves exploration of deep-sea mining for sustainable utilisation of deep-sea bioresources and **developing engineering designs for offshore** thermal energy-driven desalination plants.



- India plans to send a **manned-submersible, developed by** the Chennai-based National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), up to a depth of 500 metres in the ocean later this year, and gradually explore **the seabed at the depth of 6,000** meters next year.
- The finance minister also **allocated 1,329 crore** for **Mission Mausam**, an Earth Sciences Ministry initiative to improve weather forecasting capabilities. The Ministry of Earth Sciences, which is steering the Deep Ocean Mission, got an allocation of **around 3,650 crore rupees in the Union Budget**.



Japan Successfully Launches Navigation Satellite

- Japan's space agency said it successfully **launched a navigation satellite** on its **new flagship H3 rocket**. The satellite was launched as the country seeks to have a more precise **location positioning system of its own**.



- The **H3 rocket carrying the Michibiki 6 satellite** lifted off from the Tanegashima Space Centre on a southwestern Japanese island. Officials said it is expected to reach its targeted geospatial orbit in about two weeks. Japan currently has the **quasi-zenith satellite system, or QZSS**, with four satellites for a regional navigation system that first went into operation in 2018.
- The **Michibiki 6 will be the fifth of its network**.

Indian Navy Women Officers Cross Point Nemo

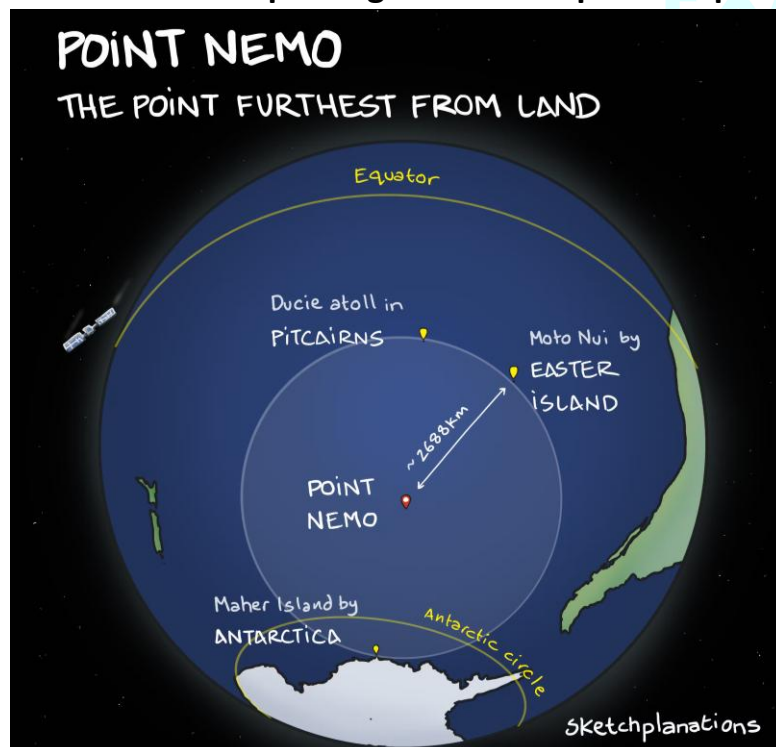
- Two Indian Navy women officers, Lt. Cdr. Dilna K. and Lt. Cdr. Roopa A., **successfully navigated** through **Point Nemo**, the **most remote location** on Earth, during their expedition aboard the sailing vessel **INSV Tarini**.
- This historic journey is part of the **Navika Sagar Parikrama-II initiative**, promoting women's participation in maritime activities.



- **Point Nemo**, also known as the **Oceanic Pole of Inaccessibility**, holds the distinction of being the farthest point from any landmass on Earth.
- This remote point lies in the **South Pacific Ocean** and is named after Captain Nemo, the sailor from **Jules Verne's famous novel Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea**.
- Situated **approximately 2,688 km from the nearest landmass**, this isolated point is famous for its extreme remoteness, with the **closest human presence often being aboard the International Space Station orbiting above**.



- The nearest land in each direction is:
- To the north lies **Ducie Island**, part of the Pitcairn Islands (British Overseas Territory).
- To the northeast is **Motu Nui**, one of the Easter Islands (Chilean dependency).
- To the south is Maher Island, part of Antarctica.
- Due to its isolation, the waters around Point Nemo have very little marine life, and the region falls within the **South Pacific Gyre**, known for having some of the clearest and least biologically active ocean waters.
- Due to its remoteness and relative lack of marine traffic, Point Nemo has become a popular location for **space agencies to dispose of space junk**.



‘SwaRail’ SuperApp

- Railway Ministry has released an application called **SuperApp**, a **one-stop solution offering multiple public-facing services**. The app provides easy access to services like **reserved and unreserved ticket bookings**, platform and parcel bookings, train inquiries, PNR inquiries, help through RailMadad and more.



- The **core emphasis of the app is to enhance** user experience through a seamless and clean user interface. It **not only combines all services in** one place but also integrates several services to provide users with a complete package of Indian Railway services.

International Big Cat Alliance

- Environment Ministry announced that the Framework Agreement on the establishment of the **International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)** has officially come into force.
- The **IBCA and its Secretariat have become a full-fledged**, treaty-based, inter-governmental international organization and legal entity as of January 23. Five countries – **Nicaragua, Eswatini, India, Somalia, and Liberia** – have deposited

their instruments of ratification under the Framework Agreement. As of now, 27 countries, including India, have consented to join the IBCA.



- Several international and national organizations working in the field of **wildlife conservation** have also partnered with the IBCA.
- IBCA was launched by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 9, 2023**, during the '**Commemorating 50 years of Project Tiger**' event. Last year, the Union Cabinet approved the **establishment of the IBCA**, with its headquarters in India.
- It was launched with the **aim of conserving seven big cats**: the Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, and Puma.



Mount Taranaki Becomes A Legal Person

- New Zealand as the country's Parliament passed a law that grants **Mount Taranaki**, also known as **Taranaki Maunga**, legal personhood. This unprecedented decision recognizes the mountain as a living entity with rights similar to those of a human being.
- This move is deeply rooted in the **Māori people's spiritual and cultural beliefs** and aims to correct past injustices while promoting environmental conservation. Mount Taranaki holds immense cultural and spiritual significance for the Māori tribes.



- For centuries, it has been regarded not just as a **mountain but as an ancestor**, a figure of cultural identity. **Māori people view the mountain** as a living being that is central to their heritage and traditions.
- The recognition of **Taranaki Maunga as a legal person** reflects this long-standing relationship, marking a momentous step in honoring the Māori worldview and understanding of the natural world.



- New legislation establishes Mount Taranaki as a legal entity known as **Te Kāhui Tupua**. This grants the mountain rights similar to those of humans, with the ability to hold responsibilities, seek legal representation, and even pursue legal actions if necessary.
- A governing body made up of **local Māori iwi (tribes) and appointees** from the Conservation Minister will oversee the management and protection of the mountain. This ensures that Māori communities will play a crucial role in decision-making processes, making the cultural connection to the land an integral part of the mountain's future care.



- Legal rights granted to Taranaki Maunga are designed to protect its health and wellbeing. These rights will help prevent forced sales of the land and promote conservation efforts.
- The mountain's management will focus on restoring traditional practices and protecting native **wildlife, ensuring that it remains a vibrant ecosystem**. The country has already taken similar steps with the **Whanganui River in 2017** and **Te Urewera forest in 2014**.
- This recognition highlights an **increasing global awareness of the need** to protect and respect nature, acknowledging that ecosystems and natural landscapes are vital to the well-being of communities, particularly Indigenous peoples.

India's First AI University

- **Maharashtra is set to establish India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI) university**, marking a significant step in advancing AI education, research, and innovation. A task force has been formed to plan and implement the project, bringing together **experts from academia, industry, and government**.
- The university **aims to promote research and development**, enhance technological innovation, support skill development, and shape AI policies, making Maharashtra a global hub for AI education and innovation.
- **A task force has been created for planning** and implementation. It comprises experts from academia, industry, and government. Chaired by the Principal Secretary of the IT Department.



- **Members Include,**
- Directors of IIT Mumbai and IIM Mumbai.
- Representatives from Google India, Mahindra Group, L&T.
- Officials from Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY), Govt. of India.
- Experts from Rajiv Gandhi Science & Technology Commission.
- Data Security Council of India representatives.

India's First White Tiger Breeding Centre

- Central Zoo Authority (CZA) has approved **India's first white tiger breeding centre** in Madhya Pradesh's Rewa district. This initiative marks a significant step in wildlife conservation, especially since Rewa is historically linked to the last known wild white tiger.



- The project, initially **approved in principle in 2011**, will be established in **Govindgarh**, near the state's only white tiger safari in Mukundpur. The breeding centre is expected to enhance biodiversity conservation, promote wildlife tourism, and create job opportunities for the local population.
- **Rewa is known as the home of Mohan**, the last wild white tiger, discovered in Govindgarh jungle in 1951 by **Maharaja Martand Singh Judeo**. The maharaja initiated a white tiger breeding and conservation programme, leading to the global spread of **white tigers in captivity**. The centre is part of a revised master plan for the Maharaja Martand Singh Judeo White Tiger Safari and Zoo in Mukundpur.



First Black Mrs World

- **Soweto-born Tshego Gaelae** has made history by becoming the first Black woman to win the Mrs World 2025 title at the grand finale in Las Vegas. The 34-year-old attorney and **2024 Mrs South Africa Queen** follows in the footsteps of **Candice Abrahams**, the only other South African to hold the title (2016).



- Gaelae's victory is a **milestone in the pageant's 40-year** history, and she plans to use this platform to champion women's empowerment while representing South Africa on a global stage.



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Govt Allocates ₹10,900 Cr for PM e-DRIVE

- **Over 16 lakh 14 thousand electric vehicles** have been supported by the Faster Adoption and **Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles**, FAME II scheme, till the end of last year.
- In a written reply in the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Heavy Industries Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma informed that the **FAME-II scheme has been implemented across the country**, covering urban and rural areas to promote electric mobility and reduce pollution.



- In another written reply, the **minister said 10 thousand 900 crore rupees** have been allocated under **PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM e-DRIVE)**, and the scheme will be implemented for two years till March 2026. Under the scheme, electric two-wheelers, three-wheelers, e-trucks, emerging electric vehicles, e-buses, e-ambulances, and EV public charging stations will get support.

Fort William Renamed As Vijay Durg

- Indian Army's Eastern Command headquarters, **Fort William, was officially renamed Vijay Durg**. This change reflects India's ongoing efforts to shed colonial legacies and honour its indigenous military history.
- The decision to rename the fort was made in December 2024, marking a historic shift from British influence in recognition of India's past. Additionally, **Kitchener House inside Fort William** was renamed **Manekshaw House**, and **St. George's Gate** has been renamed **Shivaji Gate**.

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ARMY'S EASTERN COMMAND HEADQUARTERS FORT WILLIAM RENAMED AS 'VIJAY DURG'

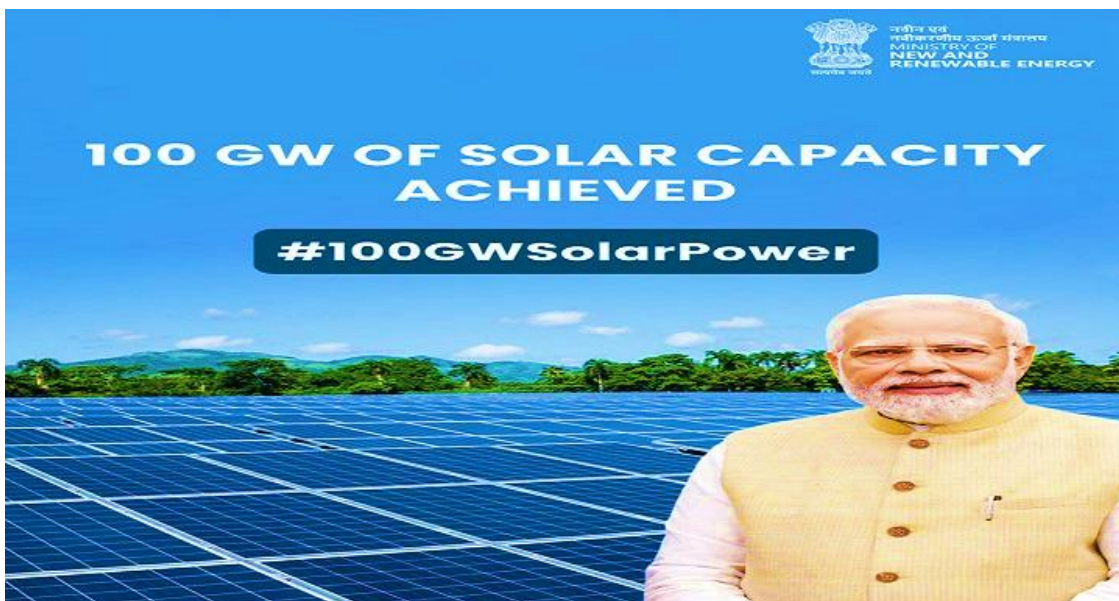


- Fort William was **constructed by the British in 1781**. It was named after King William III of England. The fort served as a key military stronghold during British rule in India.
- Its strategic location on the eastern banks of the River Hooghly made it vital for controlling trade and military operations in Bengal. The **name 'Vijay Durg' pays tribute to a historic fort along Maharashtra's Sindhudurg coast**. This fort was an important naval base during the reign of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The renaming marks India's military heritage and aims to replace colonial references with indigenous ones.



100 GW In Solar Power

- India has achieved a historic milestone by **surpassing 100 Giga Watt (GW)** of installed solar power capacity, reinforcing its position as a global leader in renewable energy.
- The **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy** said in a statement that this achievement is a testament to the nation's commitment to a cleaner, greener future.



- It marks a significant step toward realizing the **ambitious target of 500 GW of non-fossil fuel-based energy capacity** by 2030, set by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. **Minister of New and Renewable Energy, Pralhad Joshi**, said that India's energy journey over the past ten years has been historic and inspiring. He mentioned that initiatives like solar panels, solar parks, and rooftop solar projects have brought about revolutionary changes.



- He added that India is not only becoming self-reliant but is also showing the world a **new path in the field of green energy**. India has also made significant strides in solar manufacturing.
- In 2014, the country had a limited solar module **production capacity of just 2 GW**. Over the past decade, this has surged to 60 GW in 2024, establishing India as a global leader in solar manufacturing.

Guneri Village Gujarat First Biodiversity Heritage Site

- **The 32.78-hectare area of Guneri village** in Lakhtar tehsil of Kutch district, which is a natural inland mangrove site, has been declared as the first **Biodiversity Heritage Site of Gujarat**.



- The Gujarat government made the announcement after considering a recommendation from the **Gujarat Biodiversity Board**. This will ensure conservation and enrichment of the flora and fauna in the area “through a management plan”.
- The announcement has been done under the provisions **of The Biodiversity Act, 2002. The Act** empowers the state government to notify an area as a BHS after consulting concerned local bodies.

National Commission For Safai Karamcharis

- Centre has approved **eight thousand 800 crore rupees** for the Skill India programme for the period from 2022-23 to 2025-26. Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that demand-driven skill development is the **focus of the government, and emphasis will be placed** on convergence and quality enhancement.



- He said this underscores the **government's commitment to building a skilled, future-ready workforce** by integrating demand-driven, technology-enabled, and industry-aligned training across the country.
- **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 4.0**, the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme, and the Jan Shikshan Sansthan Scheme are now combined under the composite central sector scheme of the Skill India Programme.
- Mr. Vaishnaw said the government has also approved the extension of the tenure of the **National Commission for Safai Karamcharis for three years**, till 31st March 2028.
- He said this would help in facilitating the socio-economic upliftment of sanitation workers, improving working conditions in the sanitation sector, and aiming to **achieve zero fatalities while performing hazardous cleaning**.



Skill India Programme (Rs 8,800 Cr)

- 1) PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana 4.0 (PMKVY 4.0)**
 - demand driven skill development
 - training and certification to youth in industry-relevant skills
 - short term training and upskilling and reskilling
- 2) PM National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (PM-NAPS)**
 - Financial incentives to industries for engaging apprentices
 - ensuring school to work transition through hands-on experience
 - both in manufacturing and services
 - as per provisions of Apprentices Act, 1961
- 3) Jan Shikshan Sansthan for Skill Development**
 - community-based skill training to marginalized groups
 - focus on women and rural youth
 - fostering self-employment and local entrepreneurship
 - flexible, training at their doorstep

2025 Henley Passport Index

- Singaporean passport has emerged as the strongest passport in the world with visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to **193 out of 227 countries across the globe**, according to the **2025 Henley Passport Index**.
- **India found the 80th spot** on the list, with easy access to 56 nations. Compiled by Henley & Partners, the **index assessed 199 passports** based on the data from the International Air Transport Association (IATA).



- Per the list, **South Korea and Japan followed Singapore** in the second position with easy access to 190 countries. Seven countries, including **Spain, Germany, Italy, France, Ireland, Finland and Denmark** shared the third rank with access to 187 destinations without prior visa requirements.



- **India shared the 80th spot with Algeria, Equatorial Guinea, and Tajikistan.** Its neighbour Myanmar secured the **88th sport with access to 45 destinations.** **Sri Lanka shared the 91st position** with Iran and Sudan with access to 42 countries.
- **Bangladesh shared the 93rd with Libya** and the Palestinian Territories, Nepal is at 94th rank and **Pakistan is at 96th spot with Yemen.**



- At the bottom of the list in the **99th position**, **Taliban-run Afghanistan** suffered the widest mobility gap in the index's 19-year history by losing visa-free access to two additional destinations.
- The passport offers **easy access to just 25 nations**. Meanwhile, unstable Iraq got the 97th spot with access to 30 countries and war-torn Syria received the 98th position with access to 27 destinations.

Indigenous Automated Bio Medical Waste Treatment Plant

- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launched **India's first indigenous Automated Biomedical Waste Treatment Rig, named Sṛjanam**, at AIIMS New Delhi.
- Developed by the **CSIR National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology, NIIST**, in Thiruvananthapuram, the rig is the first of its kind in the country. Minister called for a paradigm shift from **Waste to Wealth and emphasized the importance** of sustainability and environmental concerns.



- Dr. Singh highlighted India's economic transformation, noting that the country has moved from being part of the 'fragile five' to a member of the 'First Five' and is on track for continued growth.
- He also highlighted the significance of the new biomedical waste treatment rig, which is set to **revolutionize waste management in healthcare facilities**. The Srjanam rig is designed to disinfect pathogenic biomedical waste, including blood, urine, sputum, and laboratory disposables, without relying on costly and energy-intensive incinerators.



- Notably, the rig also neutralizes foul odors, imparting a pleasant fragrance to otherwise toxic waste. With a **daily capacity of 400 kg**, the equipment is capable of **handling 10 kg of degradable medical waste** per day in the initial phase.

Pandora Mission

- **NASA's upcoming mission, Pandora**, is set to launch in 2025. This mission aims to study the **atmospheres of distant exoplanets**. With the **James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)** facing overwhelming demand for observation time, Pandora will fill a critical gap.
- It will focus on clouds, hazes, and water, which are essential for assessing habitability in distant worlds. Exoplanets are planets that orbit stars outside our solar system.



- They provide vital information about planetary formation and the potential for life beyond Earth. **NASA has confirmed over 5,800 exoplanets**, but many remain unstudied due to the complexities involved in atmospheric analysis.



- Pandora's primary objectives include: Analyzing the atmospheres of at least **20 exoplanets, primarily gas giants** and super-Earths. Investigating the presence of key atmospheric components like water vapor, methane, and carbon dioxide.
- **Monitoring stellar activity to understand its impact** on observations. Supporting data **collection for JWST and other missions** to enhance exoplanet models.
- Demonstrating the **capabilities of small satellites in astrophysics**. Pandora will **utilise a 17.7-inch (45 cm) aperture Cassegrain telescope**. Although smaller and less sensitive than JWST, its design allows for prolonged observations. The mission will employ the **transit method to capture starlight filtering** through exoplanet atmospheres, revealing critical chemical signatures.

World's Largest Jhumur Festival

- Assam will host the **world's largest Jhumur dance**, also called Jhumoir, on February 24, 2025, ahead of the Advantage Assam 2.0 Investment Summit.
- With over **7,500 dancers**, the **event aims for a Guinness World Record** and will be attended by PM Narendra Modi.

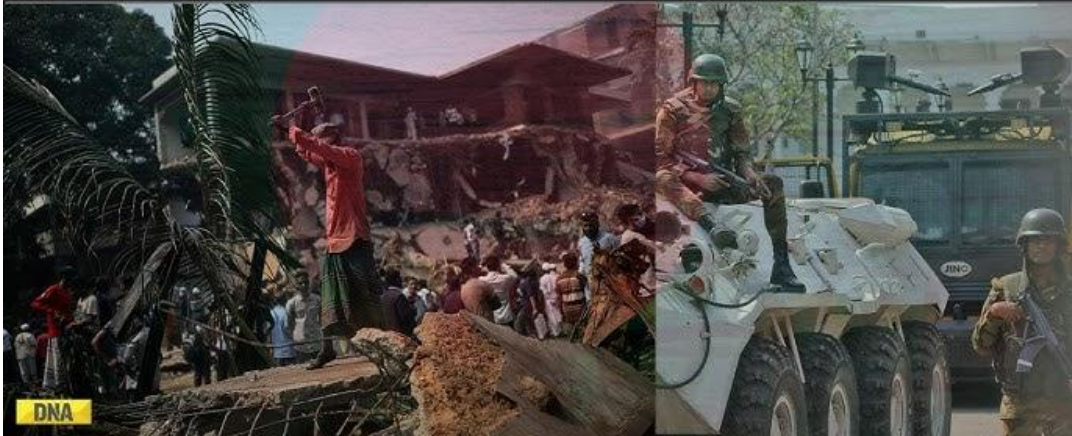


- This summit is a platform to showcase **Assam's rich traditions** to a global audience and attract investors.
- The two-day event is expected to draw investors from all around India and the world, **solidifying Assam's standing as a new** investment destination in the country.

'Operation Devil Hunt'

- Bangladesh has launched a large-scale security operation, "**Operation Devil Hunt,**" **targeting loyalists** of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The move comes after protesters were attacked by gangs allegedly linked to Hasina's regime.
- The interim government, led by **Muhammad Yunus**, has vowed to restore order and uphold democratic values. The unrest was sparked by reports of Hasina's possible address from exile in India, leading to violent protests, including the destruction of buildings linked to her family.

Bangladesh Launches 'Operation Devil Hunt'



- Meanwhile, tensions between India and Bangladesh have risen over India's condemnation of the demolition of the Bangabandhu Memorial Museum. Gangs allegedly loyal to Sheikh Hasina attacked student protesters, leaving several injured.
- Government Response: The interim government, **led by Jahangir Alam Chowdhury, initiated "Operation Devil Hunt" to dismantle pro-Hasina forces.**
- Goal of the Operation: Chowdhury declared that the crackdown would continue until **"the devils are uprooted."** The unrest intensified after reports emerged that Hasina, in exile in India, was planning a virtual address.



- **Destruction of Hasina-Linked Buildings:** Protesters demolished buildings associated with Hasina’s family, including the Bangabandhu Memorial Museum, using excavators.
- **Interim Leader’s Call for Calm:** Nobel laureate and interim leader Muhammad Yunus urged protesters to uphold democracy and human rights.
- **Indian MEA’s Statement:** **India condemned the destruction of the** Bangabandhu Memorial Museum, calling it an attack on Bangladesh’s national consciousness.
- **Bangladesh’s Response:** The Bangladeshi Foreign Ministry rejected India’s statement, calling it “unexpected and unwarranted”, asserting that Bangladesh does not interfere in India’s internal matters.

Global Best M-Gov Award

- **Three Indian computer science students from New Delhi won the Bronze Award** at the Global Best M-Gov Award 2025 during the World Government Summit (WGS) in Dubai. The accolade recognises **innovative technological solutions** advancing mobile government services and societal progress.
- The award, along with a cash prize of **\$10,000, was presented by Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President** of the United Arab Emirates, during the opening day of the summit. The winning team comprised Sagar Teotia (team lead), Abhinav Mishra, and Anushka Singh, all fourth-semester computer science students from **Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Technology, Delhi**, who were recognised for their **application ‘AccessWay.’**



- The AI-powered platform integrates augmented reality (AR), artificial intelligence, and **crowdsourced data to provide accessible navigation**, social connections, and emergency tools for individuals with disabilities.
- The app promotes independence by offering personalised route planning with AR overlays and **real-time voice assistance for visually impaired** users. It enables community-driven mapping of accessible spaces and allows businesses to gain accessibility certifications, attracting a more diverse audience.



- Users who **contribute valuable data on accessibility** features are rewarded with incentives, fostering a sustainable and inclusive ecosystem. The organising committee praised the team for their creative and scalable solution aimed at fostering social inclusion and accessibility for all.
- The **'M-Gov Award'** and **'GovTech Award'** are prestigious annual honours presented by the UAE government as part of the World Government Summit. With submissions from **74 countries**, **over 3,500 entries**, and 60 shortlisted finalists, the awards recognised six winners for their groundbreaking contributions. These **acolades seek to inspire students**, researchers, government entities, private sector companies, and startups to leverage advanced technologies to address global and local challenges, fostering sustainable solutions for a better future.

Indigenous Chip for Space

- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** and the **Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras)** have collaboratively developed and successfully booted an indigenous semiconductor chip named **'IRIS' (Indigenous RISC-V Microprocessor for Space Applications)**.
- This development aligns with the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative, aiming to reduce dependence on foreign technology in critical sectors. **The 'IRIS' chip is derived from the 'SHAKTI' microprocessor project**, which is based on the open-source RISC-V Instruction Set Architecture (ISA).



- SHAKTI project, led by **Prof. V. Kamakoti at IIT Madras**, focuses on creating customizable processors for various applications. The **'IRIS' chip is tailored for space applications**, including command and control systems, and can also be utilized in domains such as the Internet of Things (IoT) and computing systems for strategic needs.
- **ISRO Inertial Systems Unit (IISU)** in Thiruvananthapuram proposed the concept of a **64-bit RISC-V-based controller and collaborated** with IIT Madras to define the specifications and design of the semiconductor chip. The design addressed common functional and computing requirements of existing sensors and systems used in ISRO missions.



- Fault-tolerant internal memories were integrated to enhance reliability, and custom functional and **peripheral interface modules** were included to meet specific space system needs.
- **'IRIS' chip's development is noteworthy because** it was entirely conceived, designed, and manufactured within India. The chip design and implementation were **carried out by IIT Madras, fabrication was** done by the Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL) in Chandigarh, packaging by Tata Advanced Systems Ltd. in Karnataka, and the motherboard was manufactured by PCB Power in Gujarat.
- This **end-to-end indigenous development exemplifies India's capabilities** in semiconductor design and fabrication, marking a significant milestone in the 'Make in India' initiative.

Munich Security Conference In Germany

- External Affairs Minister **Dr S Jaishankar met his Ukrainian counterpart Andrii Sybiha** on the sidelines of **Munich Security Conference in Germany** late last night. The two leaders discussed ongoing efforts towards the **resolution of the Ukraine conflict.**



- They also spoke on further advancement of **India-Ukraine bilateral cooperation**. Dr. Jaishankar also met Defence Minister of Germany Boris Pistorius. Their talks revolved **around bilateral cooperation and the Ukraine development**.
- The **61st Munich Security Conference (MSC)** began at Munich in Germany yesterday, bringing together policymakers and experts to discuss pressing global security challenges. The External Affairs Minister also participated in the Think Tank Ananta Aspen Session at MSC 2025.
- The theme of the session was Coming of Age: Evaluating Rising India's Security Challenges. In his first engagement at the Conference, Dr Jaishankar spoke during a panel discussion on the **topic 'Live to Vote Another Day: Fortifying Democratic Resilience**.
- The External Affairs Minister expressed optimism over the direction of India's democracy. He highlighted India as a democracy that delivers. **US Vice President JD Vance called on Europe to do more to curb illegal migration, describing it as the continent's most urgent challenge**. He also urged countries in Europe to take responsibility for their own defence so that Washington could focus on threats elsewhere.



- However, Mr. Vance did not touch upon the most expected subject of peace deal talks between Ukraine and Russia. European Commission President Ursula von **der Leyen said the European Union** needed to drastically increase its defence spending and suggested relaxing the bloc's strict debt rules as one way to make such a surge possible.
- **NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte said** the focus for European allies should be to make it clear what they can offer to ensure a possible peace deal between Russia and Ukraine lasts. **Sixty heads of state and government** are in attendance at the Munich Security Conference, which is regarded as the world's most important forum for security policy.
- Key topics on the agenda include the **ongoing conflict in Ukraine**, the crisis in Gaza, and the evolving dynamics of global security.

Historic Renaming

- Rajasthan government has renamed two significant British-era landmarks in Ajmer to honor Indian heritage. The **132-year-old Foy Sagar Lake** has been **renamed Varun Sagar**, and the **113-year-old King Edward Memorial Bhawan** has been rechristened **Maharishi Dayanand Vishrant Grih**.



- The renaming was confirmed by **Rajasthan Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani**, who emphasized that these changes reflect India's journey towards erasing colonial remnants and embracing cultural pride.
- **Foy Sagar Lake Renamed as Varun Sagar**, Originally named after **British engineer Mr. Foy**. Built during the British era (1892) as a famine relief project. Now renamed after Lord Varun, the Hindu god of water.
- **A statue of Lord Varun** and a ghat will be constructed for prayers and spiritual activities. The lake is worshipped by many from the Sindhi community. **King Edward Memorial Bhawan Renamed as Maharishi Dayanand Vishrant Grih**, Originally named after King Edward VII during British rule.
- **Renamed after Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati**, the founder of the Arya Samaj, who attained nirvana in Ajmer. The renaming reflects efforts to replace symbols of slavery with symbols of inspiration.

Bharat Tex 2025

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that government aims to increase the **textiles exports to nine lakh crore rupees by 2030** from the present **three lakh crore rupees**.
- Addressing the gathering at **Bharat Tex 2025 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi**, Mr Modi said, country's textiles and apparel exports registered **seven per cent growth last year**. He highlighted that India is the sixth largest textile and apparel exporter. He said, **India is moving ahead in direction of manufacturing**

high-grade carbon fibre. The Prime Minister also stated that Government is working on **creating skilled talent pool for textile sector.**



- Prime Minister Modi said that India's cultural diversity is reflected in the textiles originating from different parts of the country. Mr Modi said the vision of **Farm, Fibre, Fabric, Fashion and Foreign has become** a mission which is expanding areas of growth of India.
- The Prime Minister stated that earlier, Indians used to wear clothes that other countries suggested but now, India will tell the world what to wear. He also said that the **skill of handloom artisans should reach the world**, and their capabilities and opportunities should also increase. He informed that in the last ten years, **more than 2,400 big marketing events have been** organized to promote handlooms.



- Mr Modi also visited the exhibition area and interacted with the exhibitors. Bharat Tex 2025, a major global event, is being held from February 14th to 17th. The event brings together the **entire textile value chain, from raw materials to finished products, including accessories**, under one roof. Bharat Tex platform is the **textile industry's largest and most comprehensive** event comprising a mega expo, spread across two venues, and showcasing the entire textile ecosystem.

Navika Sagar Parikrama II

- **Lieutenant Commander Dilna K and Lieutenant Commander Rupa A** of the Indian Navy have achieved a historic milestone by **sailing INSV Tarini past Cape Horn**, the southernmost tip of South America, during the third phase of the **'Sagar Parikrama II' expedition**.



- Navigating this region demands exceptional maritime expertise and the resilience to endure the **harsh conditions of the Southern Ocean**. With this remarkable feat, the two officers have earned the prestigious title of **'Cape Horners,'** which is a recognition reserved for skilled sailors who successfully conquer Cape Horn.
- **Cape Horn is situated just over 432 nautical miles** from Antarctica, making it one of the closest land points to the icy continent. The journey through this region not only **requires exceptional navigational expertise** but also resilience to the harsh conditions characteristic of the Southern Ocean.

Uganda's Jacob Kiplimo

- **Jacob Kiplimo from Uganda has made history** in the half-marathon. He became the first person to run the race in **under 57 minutes**. Kiplimo finished in **56 minutes, 42 seconds in Barcelona**. The 24-year-old set the record at the World Athletics Gold Label race.



- He broke the old record of 57:30 set by Ethiopia's Yomif Kejelcha in October. Kiplimo beat the record by 48 seconds, the biggest improvement ever.
- He was the half-marathon record holder from 2021 to 2024. With this run, he reclaimed his title. Kiplimo also set a world best time of 39:47 for 15 kilometers during the race.

NAKSHA Program

- Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will inaugurate **the National Geospatial Knowledge-based Land Survey of Urban Habitations (NAKSHA)** in 152 urban local bodies across 26 States and three Union Territories in Madhya Pradesh.



- The programme aims to **create and update land records in urban areas** to ensure accurate and reliable documentation of land ownership. The Ministry said, this initiative will empower citizens, improve ease of living, enhance urban planning, and reduce land-related disputes. The IT-based system for property record **administration will foster transparency**, efficiency and support sustainable development.

Gyanesh Kumar Appointed As New CEC

- **Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar** has been appointed as the 26th Chief Election Commissioner (CEC). He succeeded Rajiv Kumar.
- CEC Gyanesh Kumar is a former IAS officer from the 1988 batch of the Kerala cadre. He has served as secretary in the ministry of parliamentary affairs.



- **Vivek Joshi has been appointed** as the new Election Commissioner. He is an IAS officer from the 1989 batch of the Haryana cadre. President Droupadi Murmu has appointed both commissioners.



- **As the next Chief Election Commissioner**, he would be in charge of elections in five states – Opposition-ruled Bengal, Kerala and Tamil Nadu and NDA-ruled Bihar and Assam — in the immediate future. The election in Bihar is due later this year – the rest take place in 2026.

- About Election Commissioner of India (ECI)
- It is a constitutional body to conduct and regulate elections in the country.
- It consists of a chief election commissioner (CEC) and two election commissioners (usually retired IAS or IRS officers)
- Founded – 25 January 1950
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- 1st Chief – Sukumar Sen
- 1st Women Chief – V.S. Ramadevi
- 26th Chief – Gyanesh Kumar (replace Rajiv Kumar)
- Commissioner – Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi
- Tenure – 6/65yrs

Subsea Internet Cable Project Waterworth

- **Meta introduced its internet subsea cable Project Waterworth**, which will cross **50,000 km in length** and bring enhanced connectivity to the U.S., India, Brazil, South Africa, and other locations whilst becoming the longest subsea cable project in the world.



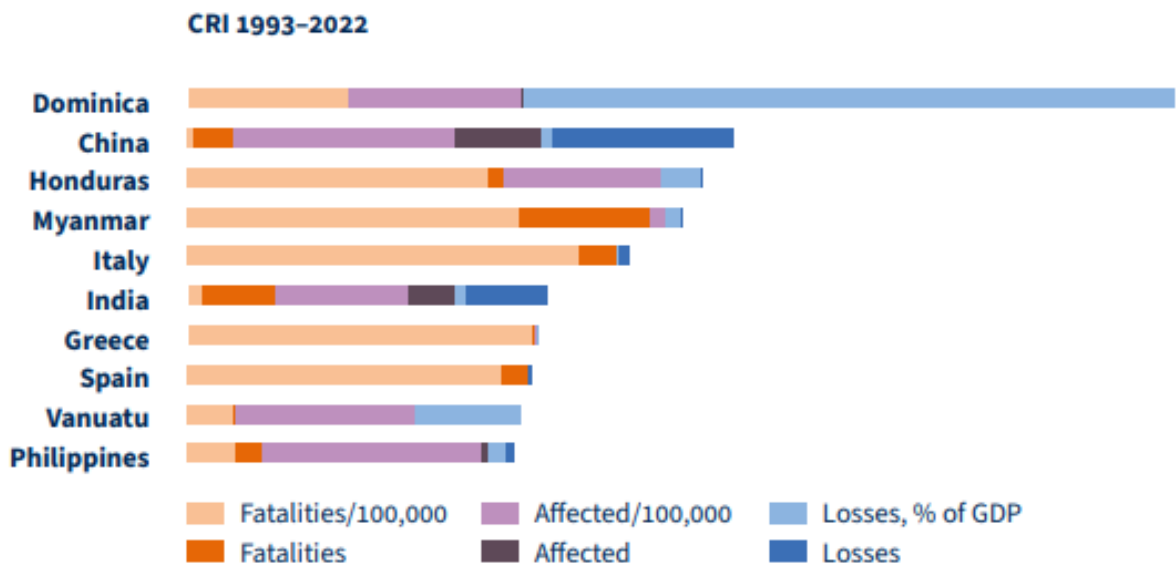
- The investment involves billions of dollars and is set to span across years, in a bid to **bring AI access to users all around the world**.
- **Subsea cables projects, such as Project Waterworth**, are the backbone of global digital infrastructure, accounting for **more than 95% of intercontinental** traffic across the world's oceans to seamlessly enable digital communication, video experiences, online transactions, and more.

- According to **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai)** data, the country hosts around 17 international subsea cables across 17 district landing stations.



Climate Risk Index

- India is among the nations hit hardest by **extreme weather over the past 30 years**, according to the newly released 2025 Climate Risk Index (CRI).
- **Between 1993 and 2022**, the country endured more than 400 extreme events — including floods, heatwaves, and cyclones — leading to 80,000 fatalities and economic losses nearing **\$180 billion**.



- The **CRI measures both the human and economic consequences** of climate-related disasters, ranking countries based on fatalities, damages, and the number of people affected.
- **Climate Risk Index puts India in sixth place** among the 10 most affected countries, showing high absolute fatalities and economic losses in addition to high **absolute and relative numbers of people affected**. The report highlights the country's increasingly frequent extreme weather events over the past three decades, including floods, heat waves, cyclones, and droughts.
- **It also takes note of cyclones in Gujarat (1998), Odisha (1999), Hudhud (2014), and Amphan (2020),** as well as major floods in northern India (1993) and Uttarakhand (2013), in addition to severe floods in 2019

Rank	1993-2022 (Most Affected Countries)	2022 (Most Affected Countries)
1	Dominica	Pakistan
2	China	Belize
3	Honduras	Italy
4	Myanmar	Greece
5	Italy	Spain
6	India	Puerto Rico
7	Greece	United States of America
8	Spain	Nigeria
9	Vanuatu	Portugal
10	Philippines	Bulgaria

PMFBY Completes 9 Years

- India's flagship crop insurance scheme, has **completed nine years** since its launch on **February 18, 2016, under the leadership** of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The initiative aims to **provide comprehensive crop insurance** to Indian farmers, safeguarding them against various risks like natural disasters, pests, and diseases.



- Over these nine years, the **scheme has proven to be a vital tool for farmers, disbursing ₹1.75 lakh crore** in claims to over 23.22 crore farmers. This has not only helped in **stabilizing farmers' incomes** but also fostered a culture of innovation and sustainable agricultural practices.



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— PMFBY, A Shield for Every Farmer!
PMFBY @ 9 – A Legacy of Protection and Progress!

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- One of the key highlights of PMFBY is its affordability. Farmers are required to pay minimal premiums for crop insurance, which makes it highly accessible. For **Kharif food and oilseed crops, the premium is capped at 2%, while Rabi crops have a premium of 1.5%. Commercial and horticultural crops are insured with a premium of 5%.**



- The government bears the rest of the premium, making it a cost-effective solution for farmers. This has encouraged widespread adoption, helping many farmers protect their crops from unforeseen calamities.
- Moreover, the scheme ensures that farmers are compensated in a timely manner. **Claims are processed within two months of harvest**, ensuring that farmers receive financial support quickly when they need it the most. This timely **compensation has played a crucial role in ensuring that** farmers can bounce back from losses caused by various risks like hailstorms, droughts, and other local risks.
- Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and Restructured Weather-Based Crop Insurance Scheme till 2025-26 with a total budget of over 69 thousand 515 crore rupees.

Hurun's India's 10 Most Valuable Companies

- **Reliance Industries, TCS, and HDFC bank** are among India's top 10 most valuable companies, according to the 2024 Burgundy Private Hurun India 500 list.
- The list, created by Axis Bank's banking unit Burgundy Private and Hurun India says that **India's top 500 companies have a combined value of \$3.8 trillion,**

which is higher than India's own GDP and also the combined Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the UAE, Indonesia, and Spain.



- The top 10 companies alone have a higher combined value than Saudi Arabia's GDP.
- List of top 10 companies in the Hurun India 500 list

Rank	Company Name	Value (₹ Crore)
1	Reliance Industries	17,52,650
2	Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)	16,10,800
3	HDFC Bank	14,22,570
4	Bharti Airtel	9,74,470
5	ICICI Bank	9,30,720
6	Infosys	7,99,400
7	ITC	5,80,670
8	Larsen & Toubro	5,42,770
9	HCL Technologies	5,18,170
10	National Stock Exchange (NSE)	4,70,250

Ajmer Hosts First-ever All India Transgender Conference

- Ajmer has become the venue for the **first-ever All India Kinnar Mahasammelan**, a historic 10-day transgender conference held at a private school in Vaishali Nagar. The event, which began on February 17, 2025, with the Khichdi Tulai ritual, is aimed at addressing issues faced by the transgender community across India.
- The conference is organized in **memory of Anita Bai, the mentor of Gaddipati Saloni Nayak**, a respected figure in Ajmer's transgender community. Attended by over **2,000 transgender members from various states**, the event is deeply rooted in religious and cultural traditions.



- Various rituals, including Kalash Puja and Chak Puja, are being performed, emphasizing the community's spiritual beliefs. The conference also features stalls related to medical services, banking, perfumes, and travel. The event is being conducted under strict supervision, ensuring only invited members are allowed entry.

BBC Sportswoman Of The Year

- Indian shooter **Manu Bhaker** received the **BBC Sportswoman of the Year** after an impressive campaign at the Paris Olympics 2024, where she bagged two bronze medals.



- The **stellar performances from the 22-year-old established** her status as one of the elite sporting talents in the country. She became the first Indian shooter to win **multiple medals at a single Olympics**. Also, she became the first Indian woman to win an Olympic shooting medal.
- The other contenders for the honour were golfer Aditi Ashok, para-shooter Avani Lekhara, India women's cricket vice-captain Smriti Mandhana, and wrestler Vinesh Phogat.
- Her fellow shooter **Avani Lekhara was presented** with the BBC ISWOTY Para-sportswoman of the Year award.



- **Archer Sheetal Devi** won the Emerging Athlete Award after becoming India's youngest Paralympic medallist.

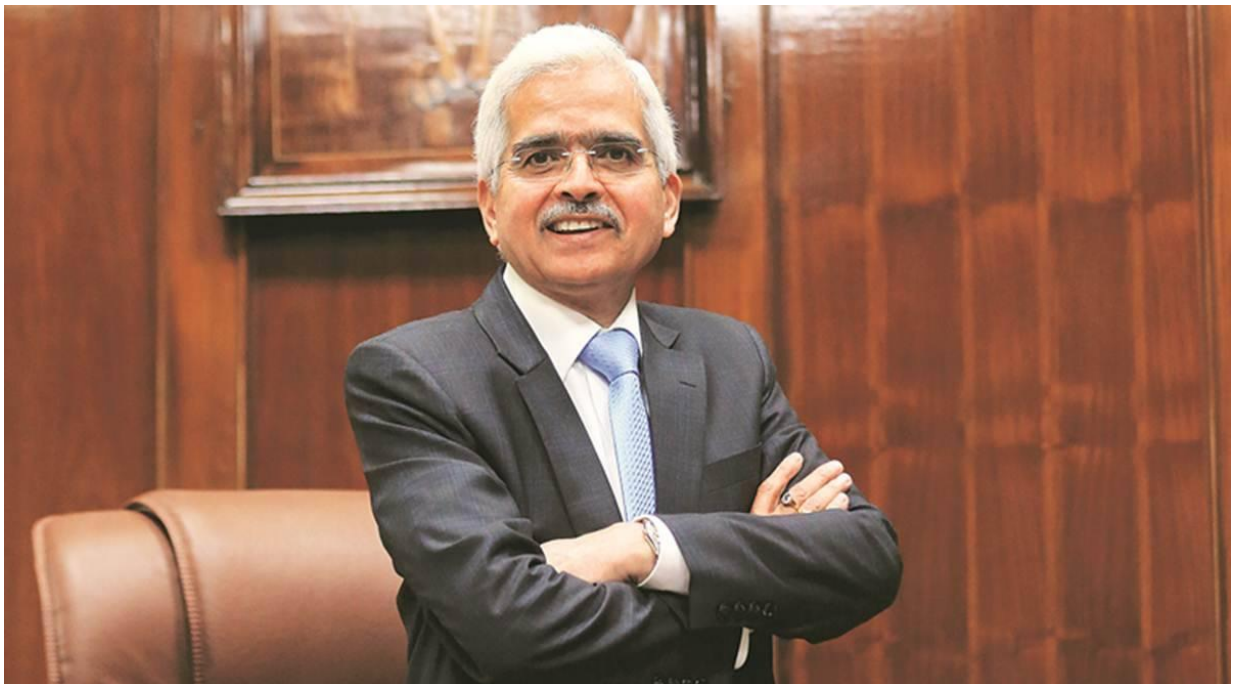


- **Mithali Raj** was given the Lifetime Achievement Award for her record 18-year captaincy of the Indian women's cricket team.



Shaktikanta Das Principal Secretary-2 to PM Modi

- The government has **appointed retired IAS officer** and former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das as Principal Secretary-2 to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. **Das is the first Principal Secretary to have extensive experience** in both fiscal and monetary policy, making his appointment crucial at a time when the Indian economy faces challenges such as trade wars, rupee volatility, and economic slowdown.



- His tenure will be **co-terminus with the term of the Prime Minister** or until further orders. Former RBI Governor (December 2018 – December 2024). served in the Ministry of Finance in multiple roles, Revenue Secretary, Economic Affairs Secretary, Fertilisers Secretary
- 1980-batch Tamil Nadu cadre IAS officer.

PM-KISAN Scheme

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release the **19th installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)** scheme from Bhagalpur in Bihar today. The Prime Minister installment **will be released to 9.8 crore beneficiary** farmers via Direct Benefit Transfer.



- **More than 22 thousand 700 crore rupees** in assistance will be directly released to the bank accounts of beneficiaries of the scheme. The Prime Minister will also inaugurate and dedicate various development projects in Bihar and address a public meeting at Airport Ground in Bhagalpur in the afternoon.
- **The PM-KISAN scheme provides six thousand rupees annually** to landholding farmers in three equal installments. Programmes will also be organized in 731 Krishi Vigyan Kendras across the country with nearly two and a half crore farmers joining the programme physically or virtually.
- **Sharing the details of the programme, Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan** said, the day will be celebrated as Kisan Samman Samaroh to create awareness about the schemes of the central and state governments. He said, **more than 3.46 lakh crore rupees have been disbursed** so far to more than 11 crore farmer families in the country under the PM-KISAN scheme.

Indian Vishvaa Rajakumar Prodigy

- **20-year-old Vishvaa Rajakumar from India** has been crowned the winner of the Memory League World Championship, as reported by The New York Times. This prestigious competition challenges participants to memorize and recall sequences of numbers, images, and words in record time. Rajakumar's record-breaking performance **saw him recalling 80 digits in just 13.5 seconds**, demonstrating his extraordinary mental agility.



India Defeats Pakistan

- **Indian cricketer Virat Kohli has created history** as he became the quickest batter to score 14,000 runs in One-Day Internationals during the ICC Champions Trophy clash **against Pakistan in Dubai**. Kohli is the quickest ever to the milestone, having completed **his 14,000 ODI runs in 287 innings**.



- **Kohli is now only the third batter in ODI cricket to have scored 14,000 runs**, after the legendary Indian Sachin Tendulkar and Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara. Kohli already holds the record for scoring the most ODI centuries (50).
- **Earlier in the game against Pakistan, Kohli** had gone past former captain Mohammad Azharuddin's record of most catches by any Indian fielder when he took his 157th catch. Azharuddin had taken 156 catches for India between 1985 and 2000.



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REVIEW QUESTIONS

EXAMS

1. Which State Won The Best Tableau Award At The 76th Republic Day 2025

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Punjab
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan

ANSWER: A

2. Which Institution Has Launched iSPOT Portal For Reporting Technical Glitches

- A. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- C. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- D. NITI Aayog

ANSWER: B

3. Name Of Scheme By Government To Provide Loan Guarantees For MSMEs

- A. Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme
- B. Stand-Up India Scheme
- C. Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs (MCGS-MSMEs)
- D. Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana

ANSWER: C

4. Kanha Tiger Reserve Is Located In Which State

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Odisha
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Gujarat

ANSWER: A

5. Which Three Countries Have Withdrawn From The Economic Community Of West African States (ECOWAS) In January 2025

- A. Nigeria, Ghana, Togo
- B. Senegal, Guinea, Liberia
- C. Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger
- D. Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone

ANSWER: C

6. Who Has Been Named As The Pilot For Axiom Mission 4

- A. Mohana Singh
- B. Narinder Chatrath
- C. Aruna Kumar Datta
- D. Shubhanshu Shukla

ANSWER: D

7. Point Nemo, Is Located In Which Ocean

- A. Atlantic Ocean
- B. Pacific Ocean
- C. Arctic Ocean
- D. Indian Ocean

ANSWER: B

8. World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day Is Observed On Which Day Every Year

- A. 27 January
- B. 28 January
- C. 29 January
- D. 30 January

ANSWER: D

9. Which Satellite Deployed By Isro's 100th GSLV Rocket Launch On January 29

- A. GSAT-24
- B. RISAT-2B
- C. NVS-02
- D. Cartosat-3

ANSWER: C

10. Which Country Has Developed A Seabed Radar Capable Of Tracking High-altitude Aircraft From Underwater Depths

- A. USA
- B. China
- C. Russia
- D. Japan

ANSWER: B

11. Mount Taranaki Located In

- A. New Zealand
- B. Japan
- C. Indonesia
- D. Nigeria

ANSWER: A

12. World Cancer Day Is Celebrated On Which Day Every Year

- A. 1 February
- B. 2 February
- C. 3 February
- D. 4 February

ANSWER: D

13. World Wetlands Day Is Celebrated On Which Day Every Year

- A. 1 February
- B. 2 February
- C. 3 February
- D. 4 February

ANSWER: B

14. Which Country Has Become First African Country To Eliminate Onchocerciasis

- A. Kenya
- B. Libya
- C. Algeria
- D. Niger

ANSWER: D

15. Which Country Is The Host Of 9th Asian Winter Games

- A. China
- B. India
- C. Indonesia
- D. Malaysia

ANSWER: A

16. Primary Objective Of The Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme

- A. Promoting English-language learning
- B. Encouraging foreign-language education
- C. Establishing new universities
- D. Providing digital textbooks in Indian languages

ANSWER: D

17. Name Of Mission Announced By Indian Government For Development Of Small Modular Reactors

- A. Atmanirbhar Nuclear Mission
- B. Green Energy Nuclear Plan
- C. Nuclear Energy Mission
- D. Sustainable Atomic Energy Plan

ANSWER: C

18. Which Species Is The Natural Host Of Henipaviruses

- A. Mosquitoes
- B. Rodents
- C. Fruit bats
- D. Wild boars

ANSWER: C

19. Bart De Wever Has Been Elected As Prime Minister Of Which Country

- A. Belgium
- B. France
- C. Italy
- D. Germany

ANSWER: A

20. Which Institution Has Launched India's Largest Metal 3D Printing Machine For Rocket Components

- A. IIT Madras
- B. IIT Delhi
- C. IIT Kanpur
- D. IIT Hyderabad

ANSWER: D

21. Extra-long Staple (ELS) Cotton Is Mainly Grown In Which Countries

- A. Russia, Algeria and Vietnam
- B. China, Egypt, Australia and Peru
- C. Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore
- D. Japan, Germany, France and Vietnam

ANSWER: B

22. Which Country Has Decided To End Aid Programs For Bangladesh, Albania, And Zambia

- A. Germany
- B. United States
- C. Switzerland
- D. Sweden

ANSWER: C

23. Which Country Has Granted Personhood Status To Mount Taranaki

- A. New Zealand
- B. Australia
- C. Canada
- D. United States

ANSWER: A

24. Who Has Won The BBC Sportswoman Of The Year Award 2024

- A. Aditi Ashok
- B. Avani Lekhara
- C. Smriti Mandhana
- D. Manu Bhaker

ANSWER: D

25. Which Company Holds The Top Position In The 2024 Burgundy Private Hurun India 500 List

- A. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. Reliance Industries
- D. Infosys

ANSWER: C

26. Who Has Inaugurated National Geospatial Knowledge-based Land Survey Of Urban Habitations

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Amit Shah
- C. Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- D. Rajnath Singh

ANSWER: C

27. PM-KISAN Scheme Launched In

- A. 2014
- B. 2019
- C. 2021
- D. 2024

ANSWER: B

28. Tropical storm SARA Hits

- A. Philippines
- B. Honduras
- C. Sumatra
- D. India

ANSWER: B

29. Shaktikanta Das Became RBI Governor In

- A. 2016
- B. 2018
- C. 2019
- D. 2022

ANSWER: B

**30. Indian Vishvaa Rajakumar Prodigy Remembered How Many Digits In 13.5
Seconds**

- A. 70
- B. 80
- C. 90
- D. 100

ANSWER: B