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STATES IN NEWS – CURRENT AFFAIRS COMPILATION**(JAN 2025 – FEB 2026)****SOUTH INDIA****Glass Bridge of Tamil Nadu**

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin unveiled India's first-ever glass bridge located in Kanniyakumari, connecting the Vivekananda Rock Memorial and the 133-foot Thiruvalluvar statue. The structure spans 77 metres and is 10 metres wide, constructed at a cost of ₹37 crore.

News in Brief

- Glass bridge is an architectural marvel connecting two iconic landmarks
- Located at Kanniyakumari in Tamil Nadu
- Represents major infrastructure development in southern tourism

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Vivekananda Rock Memorial: Historic site where Vivekananda meditated
- Thiruvalluvar: Tamil poet and saint, revered in Tamil culture

Prelims Connect

Feature	Details
Location	Kanniyakumari, Tamil Nadu
Length	77 metres
Width	10 metres
Cost	₹37 crore

The glass bridge integrates tourism infrastructure with heritage site preservation.

Prelims Pointers

- First glass bridge in India
- Tourism infrastructure development
- Heritage site connectivity
- Modern architectural engineering

Tamil Nadu's \$1 Million Indus Valley Decipherment Prize

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin announced a reward of \$1 million for researchers who successfully decode the ancient script of the Indus Valley Civilisation. This initiative promotes archaeological research and linguistic studies into India's earliest civilization.

News in Brief

- Significant financial incentive for decipherment research
- Highlights Tamil Nadu's commitment to ancient Indian studies

- May attract international scholars to the research

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Indus Valley Civilisation: One of the world's earliest urban civilizations (c. 3300–1300 BCE)
- Undeciphered script remains a major archaeological mystery

Prelims Connect

Aspect	Description
Prize Amount	\$1 million
Target	Indus Valley Script Decipherment
Initiator	Tamil Nadu Government
Purpose	Archaeological Research

Successful decipherment would revolutionize understanding of ancient Indian civilization.

Prelims Pointers

- Archaeological innovation funding
- Indus Valley Civilisation importance
- International research collaboration potential
- Tamil Nadu's support for historical studies

Nilgiri Tahr Conservation Census – Kerala and Tamil Nadu Joint Initiative

Kerala and Tamil Nadu jointly conducted a Nilgiri Tahr census in April across 265 census blocks to mark 50 years of Eravikulam National Park. The Nilgiri Tahr is the only mountain ungulate endemic to southern India and the state animal of Tamil Nadu.

News in Brief

- Joint state initiative for endangered species monitoring
- Celebrated 50 years of Eravikulam National Park establishment
- Used scientific surveys and radio telemetry techniques

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Nilgiri Tahr (*Nilgiritragus hylocrius*): Endemic mountain ungulate
- IUCN Red List status: Endangered; Wildlife Protection Act Schedule I
- Project Nilgiri Tahr (2022–2027): Comprehensive conservation initiative

Prelims Connect

Aspect	Details
Species	Nilgiri Tahr
Status	Endangered (IUCN)
Habitat	Western Ghats, Southern India

Census Blocks	265
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Conservation status monitoring through regular census is critical for species survival.

Prelims Pointers

- Endangered species protection
- Inter-state wildlife conservation cooperation
- Schedule I species monitoring under Wildlife Protection Act
- Montane grassland ecosystem preservation

Andhra Pradesh's Top Investment Destination Status

Andhra Pradesh emerged as India's top investment destination in the first nine months of FY26, capturing a 25.3% share of proposed national investments according to a Bank of Baroda report. The state outpaced Odisha (13.1%) and Maharashtra (12.8%).

News in Brief

- Led all Indian states in proposed FY26 investments
- Received 25.3% of India's total proposed investments
- Driven by manufacturing, renewable energy, electronics sectors

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Manufacturing sector: Automotive, electronics, appliances
- Renewable Energy: Solar and wind capacity expansion
- Data Centers: Emerging IT infrastructure hub

Prelims Connect

State	Investment Share %
Andhra Pradesh	25.3%
Odisha	13.1%
Maharashtra	12.8%
Others	48.8%

Investment concentration reflects state-level industrial policy and infrastructure development.

Prelims Pointers

- Economic growth and industrialization
- FDI and domestic investment trends
- Sectoral diversification strategy
- Competitive advantage in manufacturing and IT

NORTH INDIA

Maa Ki Rasoi Community Kitchen in Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated 'Maa Ki Rasoi,' a community kitchen initiative offering a full meal for just ₹9 in Prayagraj. Operated by the Nandi Sewa Sansthan at Swaroop Rani Nehru Hospital, the kitchen serves people from economically weaker sections.

News in Brief

- Affordable nutrition program for low-income populations
- Full meal available at ₹9 per serving
- Addresses food security and poverty issues

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Food Security: Right to food as fundamental need
- Community Kitchen Model: Public-private welfare approach
- Nutritional Standards: Balanced meal provision

Prelims Connect

Feature	Details
Location	Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh
Meal Cost	₹9
Operator	Nandi Sewa Sansthan
Target Group	Economically Weaker Sections

Community kitchens exemplify state welfare initiatives addressing poverty and hunger.

Prelims Pointers

- Social welfare program implementation
- Food security policy
- Poverty alleviation measures
- Public health nutrition initiatives

Punjab's Operation Parhar Anti-Gangster Initiative

Punjab Police launched 'Operation Parhar' to dismantle the gangster network in Punjab, making the state gangster-free. The operation represents a coordinated law enforcement effort to address organized crime and improve public safety.

News in Brief

- Comprehensive anti-organized crime operation
- Targeted dismantling of criminal networks
- Focus on state safety and law and order

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Organized Crime: Networks engaging in multiple criminal activities
- Law Enforcement Strategy: Intelligence-led policing
- Public Safety: Community cooperation importance

Prelims Connect

Operation	Details
Name	Operation Parhar
Focus	Gangster Networks
Agency	Punjab Police
Objective	Create gangster-free state

Anti-crime operations balance law enforcement with civil liberties and community rights.

Prelims Pointers

- Organized crime prevention
- Law enforcement strategies
- Public safety initiatives
- Inter-agency coordination

Rajasthan Electoral Roll Digitisation Achievement

Rajasthan completed 100 per cent digitisation of its electoral roll under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), becoming the first state in the country to do so. This milestone ensures accurate and comprehensive voter registration.

News in Brief

- First state to fully digitize electoral roll
- Completed under Special Intensive Revision
- Improves electoral administration efficiency

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Electoral Roll: Official register of eligible voters
- Special Intensive Revision: Periodic update process
- Digitisation: Move from manual to digital systems

Prelims Connect

Achievement	Details
State	Rajasthan
Digitisation	100% complete
Program	Special Intensive Revision
Category	First in India

Digital electoral systems enhance transparency and reduce administrative errors.

Prelims Pointers

- Electoral administration modernization
- Digital governance initiative
- Voter registration accuracy

- E-governance implementation

Delhi's Operation Milap Human Trafficking Prevention

Delhi Police's 'Operation Milap' successfully traced 1,303 missing individuals—434 minors and 869 adults—in the Southwest district during 2025. The initiative works with the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) to reunite missing persons with families.

News in Brief

- Rescued 1,303 missing individuals in 2025
- Focus on protecting vulnerable populations
- Integrated approach with anti-trafficking units

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Human Trafficking: Modern slavery affecting vulnerable groups
- Missing Persons: Often linked to trafficking networks
- Community Reintegration: Rehabilitation and family support

Prelims Connect

Category	Number Traced
Minors	434
Adults	869
Total	1,303
Location	Southwest Delhi District

Anti-trafficking operations address root causes including poverty, vulnerability, and organized crime.

Prelims Pointers

- Human trafficking prevention
- Missing persons recovery
- Child protection measures
- Community reintegration programs

EAST & NORTHEAST INDIA

West Bengal's Triple Elimination Initiative

West Bengal launched the 'Triple Elimination' initiative with WHO, aimed at eradicating mother-to-child transmission of HIV, syphilis, and Hepatitis B by 2026. The integrated approach improves maternal and child health outcomes simultaneously.

News in Brief

- Targets three diseases: HIV, syphilis, Hepatitis B
- Focus on mother-to-child transmission prevention
- WHO partnership strengthens implementation

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Mother-to-Child Transmission (MTCT): Prevention critical for public health
- HIV/AIDS: Requires antiretroviral therapy during pregnancy
- Hepatitis B: Vaccine prevents vertical transmission

Prelims Connect

Disease	Transmission Route
HIV	Vertical transmission (mother to child)
Syphilis	Congenital transmission
Hepatitis B	Perinatal exposure

Integrated disease elimination approach proves more efficient than single-disease targeting.

Prelims Pointers

- Maternal and child health programs
- Infectious disease prevention
- International health partnerships
- Public health policy implementation

Odisha's Ayushman Bharat Implementation

Odisha became the 34th state to implement the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) after signing an MoU with the National Health Authority. The scheme provides ₹5 lakh per family annually, with additional ₹5 lakh for women members.

News in Brief

- ₹5 lakh annual family health coverage
- Additional ₹5 lakh for women members
- Integrated with state health schemes

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Ayushman Bharat: Universal health coverage initiative
- PM-JAY: Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana scheme
- Health Insurance: Cashless treatment access

Prelims Connect

Coverage	Amount
Per Family	₹5 lakh/annum
Women Members	+₹5 lakh
States Implementing	34
Focus	Hospitalization costs

Universal health coverage reduces catastrophic health expenditure in lower-income households.

Prelims Pointers

- Universal health coverage implementation
- Health insurance for poor populations
- Cashless treatment access
- State health scheme integration

Assam's Lakhpati Baideo Women Entrepreneurship Programme

Assam government launched 'Lakhpati Baideo' programme to empower women entrepreneurs. The initiative targets 40 lakh women self-help group members, providing ₹35,000 financial assistance for 3 years to enhance financial independence and promote rural entrepreneurship.

News in Brief

- Direct financial assistance: ₹35,000 for 3 years
- Targets 40 lakh SHG women members
- Promotes rural entrepreneurship and women empowerment

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Self-Help Groups (SHGs): Community-based financial inclusion
- Women Entrepreneurship: Economic independence and livelihood
- Rural Development: Agriculture and non-farm activities

Prelims Connect

Feature	Details
Target Group	Women SHG members
Assistance	₹35,000/3 years
Expected Beneficiaries	40 lakh
Purpose	Entrepreneurship support

Women entrepreneur schemes strengthen community economies and household incomes.

Prelims Pointers

- Women empowerment initiatives
- Rural entrepreneurship support
- Financial inclusion programs
- Self-help group strengthening

Bihar's Power Museum at Karbigahiya

Bihar is establishing India's first power museum at the decommissioned Karbigahiya Thermal Power Station in Patna, developed by Bihar State Power Holding Company Limited and Bihar Museum. It will be the fourth power-focused museum worldwide.

News in Brief

- First dedicated power museum in India

- Preserves Bihar's energy heritage
- Acts as tourism and educational research centre

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Thermal Power: Coal-based electricity generation
- Industrial Heritage: Preservation of defunct facilities
- Museum Function: Education, research, and tourism

Prelims Connect

Museum Feature	Description
Location	Karbigahiya, Patna
Focus	Energy/Power Heritage
Global Rank	4th power museum
Purpose	Education and Tourism

Industrial heritage museums preserve economic and technological history for educational value.

Prelims Pointers

- Heritage preservation initiative
- Industrial tourism development
- Historical documentation and research
- Educational institution establishment

Assam's World Jhumur Dance Performance

Assam hosted the world's largest Jhumur dance performance on February 24, 2025 at Sarusajai Stadium in Guwahati. Jhumur is a traditional folk dance form celebrating cultural heritage and artistic expression.

News in Brief

- World's largest Jhumur dance performance
- Celebrated on cultural heritage day
- Involved state artists and performers

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Jhumur Dance: Traditional Assamese/Northeast folk art
- Cultural Heritage: Preservation of indigenous art forms
- Festival Function: Cultural promotion and tourism

Prelims Connect

Event	Details
Dance Form	Jhumur
Location	Sarusajai Stadium, Guwahati
Date	February 24, 2025

Scale	World's Largest
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Cultural performances preserve indigenous traditions and strengthen community identity.

Prelims Pointers

- Cultural heritage preservation
- Traditional art form promotion
- State cultural festivals
- Tourism and cultural exchange

WEST INDIA

Maharashtra AI University Initiative

Maharashtra is establishing the first Artificial Intelligence (AI) university in India. A task force has been formed for planning and implementation, chaired by the Information Technology department's principal secretary.

News in Brief

- India's first dedicated AI university
- Task force established for project planning
- Aims to create AI expertise and innovation ecosystem

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Artificial Intelligence: Machine learning and computational intelligence
- Higher Education: University-level specialized training
- Technology Policy: State-led AI ecosystem development

Prelims Connect

Initiative	Details
University Type	First AI-dedicated
Location	Maharashtra
Leadership	IT Department Principal Secretary
Focus	AI research and education

Specialized AI universities address skill gap and foster innovation in emerging technologies.

Prelims Pointers

- Higher education innovation
- AI skill development
- Technology sector growth
- Research and innovation ecosystem

Maharashtra's Solar Agricultural Pumps Guinness Record

Maharashtra set a Guinness World Record by installing 45,911 solar agricultural pumps in just one month. Led by the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (MSEDCL) under PM-KUSUM and other schemes, it achieved 2nd place globally behind China.

News in Brief

- 45,911 solar agricultural pumps in one month
- Guinness World Record achievement
- 2nd fastest globally after China

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Renewable Energy: Solar-powered sustainable agriculture
- PM-KUSUM: Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Scheme
- Agricultural Sustainability: Water conservation and clean energy

Prelims Connect

Record	Details
Pumps Installed	45,911
Time Period	One month
Global Rank	2nd (after China)
Scheme	PM-KUSUM

Large-scale renewable energy adoption in agriculture reduces operational costs and environmental impact.

Prelims Pointers

- Renewable energy adoption in agriculture
- Water conservation initiatives
- Sustainable farming practices
- Clean energy transition

Gujarat's Coastal and Wader Birds Census

Gujarat conducted India's first-ever census of coastal and wader birds at the Marine National Park and Sanctuary in Jamnagar from January 3-5. Organized jointly by state forest department and Bird Conservation Society of Gujarat, it documented rare species including Shankhlo and Moto Kichadiyo.

News in Brief

- First comprehensive coastal and wader birds census
- Located at Jamnagar Marine National Park
- Documented rare species populations

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Marine National Park: India's first designated marine protected area
- Wader Birds: Migratory shorebirds with ecological importance
- Biodiversity Census: Monitoring wildlife populations and health

Prelims Connect

Census Details	Information
Location	Jamnagar Marine NP
Duration	January 3-5
Focus	Coastal and wader birds
Rare species	Shankhlo, Moto Kichadiyo

Bird population surveys assess ecosystem health and conservation priorities.

Prelims Pointers

- Biodiversity monitoring and conservation
- Marine protected areas management
- Migratory species protection
- Wildlife census methodologies

Goa's Bird Atlas and Avian Diversity Documentation

Goa became the 2nd state to publish a comprehensive bird atlas documenting detailed distribution and abundance data for numerous bird species. Kerala was the first state to achieve this milestone in avian documentation.

News in Brief

- Comprehensive bird atlas publication
- 2nd state after Kerala to achieve this
- Documents species distribution patterns

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Avian Biodiversity: Bird species richness and distribution
- Biogeography: Species distribution mapping
- Wildlife Documentation: Baseline data for conservation

Prelims Connect

Atlas Feature	Details
Publication	Comprehensive bird atlas
State Rank	2nd (after Kerala)
Focus	Species distribution and abundance
Purpose	Avian conservation baseline

Species atlases provide crucial baseline data for conservation planning and monitoring.

Prelims Pointers

- Biodiversity documentation
- Avian species conservation

- Baseline wildlife data collection
- State-level conservation planning

Gujarat's Smart Blue Harbours Initiative

Gujarat launched 'Smart Blue Harbours' in partnership with FAO to boost fisheries, enhance food security, and strengthen India's coastal economy. Blue Harbours are being piloted at Jakhau (Gujarat), Vanakbara (Diu), and Karaikal (Puducherry).

News in Brief

- Smart fishing harbour development
- FAO partnership for best practices
- Enhances fisheries competitiveness

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Fisheries Sector: Coastal food security and employment
- Smart Harbours: Technology-integrated fishing infrastructure
- FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization support

Prelims Connect

Harbour	Location
Jakhau	Gujarat
Vanakbara	Diu
Karaikal	Puducherry
Partnership	FAO

Smart harbour infrastructure improves fishing efficiency, safety, and market linkages.

Prelims Pointers

- Fisheries infrastructure development
- Food security enhancement
- Coastal economy strengthening
- Technology integration in fishing

CENTRAL INDIA & HILL STATES

Uttarakhand's Uniform Civil Code Implementation

Uttarakhand became the first state to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) after independence through the Uniform Civil Code Act, 2024. The UCC applies to marriage, divorce, inheritance, and adoption, replacing personal laws with common legislation.

News in Brief

- First state to implement UCC after independence
- Applies to marriage, divorce, inheritance, adoption

- Common laws for all citizens irrespective of religion

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Uniform Civil Code: Common legal framework for all citizens
- Personal Law: Religion-based family law systems
- Constitutional Goals: Article 44 of Indian Constitution

Prelims Connect

Subject	Coverage
Marriage	Uniform regulation
Divorce	Common procedures
Inheritance	Equal succession rights
Adoption	Standardized process

UCC implementation reflects tension between constitutional secularism and religious personal laws.

Prelims Pointers

- Constitutional law implementation
- Personal law reform
- Gender equality in family law
- Secularization of legal systems

Uttarakhand Mahabharata Vatika Ecological Garden

Uttarakhand Forest Department established the Mahabharata Vatika in Haldwani, featuring 37 plant species mentioned in the Mahabharata epic. The garden highlights ecological wisdom of the epic and connects religious traditions with environmental conservation.

News in Brief

- 37 plant species from Mahabharata referenced
- Located in Haldwani, Uttarakhand
- Integrates cultural and environmental values

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Mahabharata: Ancient Indian epic with environmental references
- Traditional Ecological Knowledge: Indigenous conservation practices
- Sacred Groves: Religious-cultural biodiversity preservation

Prelims Connect

Feature	Details
Location	Haldwani, Uttarakhand
Plant Species	37
Source	Mahabharata references

Purpose	Cultural-environmental integration
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Integration of cultural texts with ecological knowledge preserves traditional conservation practices.

Prelims Pointers

- Traditional ecological knowledge
- Sacred grove conservation
- Cultural heritage and environment
- Biodiversity preservation

Himachal Pradesh's Padhai with AI Learning Initiative

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched the 'Padhai with AI' initiative to provide AI-powered, digital learning to students across the state. The program aims to enhance educational access and quality.

News in Brief

- AI-powered digital learning platform
- State-wide educational initiative
- Enhances learning access and quality

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Digital Learning: Technology-enabled education
- Artificial Intelligence in Education: Adaptive learning systems
- Educational Equity: Access to quality education

Prelims Connect

Program	Details
Name	Padhai with AI
State	Himachal Pradesh
Focus	Digital learning
Technology	Artificial Intelligence

AI-enabled education can personalize learning and improve outcomes in resource-constrained regions.

Prelims Pointers

- Digital education initiatives
- AI application in schools
- Educational technology adoption
- Learning enhancement programs

Kashmir's Geographic Indications for Traditional Products

Jammu and Kashmir's Bhaderwah Rajma and Ramban Sulai Honey were granted Geographic Indication (GI) tags. Bhaderwah Rajma is renowned for its smaller size and distinct sweet/nutty flavor, while Ramban Sulai Honey is produced from Sulai flower nectar.

News in Brief

- Two J&K products receive GI protection
- Recognizes traditional agricultural products
- Supports local farmers and producers

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Geographic Indication: Quality mark for regional products
- Traditional Agriculture: Cultivated local crop varieties
- Rajma/Kidney Beans: Important legume crop

Prelims Connect

Product	Features
Bhaderwah Rajma	Small size, sweet/nutty flavor
Ramban Honey	Sulai flower-derived
Protection	Geographic Indication
Benefit	Market value and authentication

GI tags protect traditional products from exploitation and ensure producer benefits.

Prelims Pointers

- Intellectual property protection
- Traditional product authentication
- Agricultural heritage preservation
- Rural livelihood support

Meghalaya's Scientific Coal Mining Transition

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma inaugurated the state's first scientific coal mining block 'Saryngkham-A' in East Jaintia Hills, marking a shift from rat-hole mining banned by NGT in 2014 due to safety and environmental concerns.

News in Brief

- First scientific coal mining block in Meghalaya
- Replaces banned rat-hole mining practices
- Improves safety and environmental standards

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Rat-hole Mining: Unregulated underground excavation
- Environmental Damage: Ecosystem disruption from illegal mining
- Scientific Mining: Regulated, environmentally-compliant extraction

Prelims Connect

Mining Type	Safety/Environmental Status
Rat-hole	Banned (NGT 2014)
Scientific	Regulated and compliant
Location	East Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya
Block Name	Saryngkham-A

Transition from illegal to regulated mining improves community safety and ecosystem protection.

Prelims Pointers

- Mineral resource management
- Environmental protection in mining
- Regulatory compliance enforcement
- Sustainable extraction practices

STATE GOVERNANCE & POLICY INNOVATIONS

Madhya Pradesh Global Capability Centre Policy

Madhya Pradesh announced the first dedicated Global Capability Centre (GCC) policy to position the state as a hub for global innovation and collaboration. The policy combines incentives for capital expenditure, payroll, upskilling, and R&D, targeting Tier-2 cities like Indore, Bhopal, and Jabalpur.

News in Brief

- First state-dedicated GCC policy
- Incentives for multinational corporations
- Focus on Tier-2 cities development

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Global Capability Centres: Multinational service delivery hubs
- Tier-2 Cities: Secondary metropolitan centres
- Innovation Ecosystems: Support for startups and R&D

Prelims Connect

Policy Element	Focus
Capital Expenditure	Infrastructure incentives
Payroll Support	Employment incentives
Upskilling	Workforce development
R&D	Innovation support

GCC policies attract knowledge-intensive businesses and generate quality employment.

Prelims Pointers

- Economic policy innovation
- Tier-2 city development
- Foreign direct investment attraction
- Innovation ecosystem building

Andhra Pradesh WhatsApp Governance Platform

Andhra Pradesh launched WhatsApp Governance titled 'Mana Mitra,' providing 161 services from various government departments online. This initiative leverages popular messaging platforms for citizen-centric governance.

News in Brief

- 161 government services on WhatsApp
- Citizen-friendly delivery mechanism
- Mobile-first governance approach

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Digital Governance: Technology-enabled service delivery
- Mobile Services: WhatsApp's widespread adoption
- Public Service Delivery: Efficient, accessible administration

Prelims Connect

Platform	Details
Channel	WhatsApp
Services	161 government services
Name	Mana Mitra
Access	Mobile phone required

Mobile-first governance improves service accessibility, especially in rural areas.

Prelims Pointers

- Digital governance innovation
- Citizen service accessibility
- Mobile technology adoption
- Administrative efficiency

Maharashtra MahaCrimeOS-AI Cybercrime Platform

Maharashtra became the first Indian state to launch MahaCrimeOS-AI, an AI-powered platform for enhanced cybercrime investigation, predictive policing, and digital safety. Developed with CyberEye and Microsoft India Development Center, MARVEL oversees implementation.

News in Brief

- First Indian state AI-powered cybercrime platform
- Integrates predictive policing capabilities
- Strengthens digital safety infrastructure

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Cybercrime: Digital crime requiring specialized investigation
- Predictive Policing: AI for crime prevention
- Artificial Intelligence: Machine learning in law enforcement

Prelims Connect

Component	Purpose
MahaCrimeOS-AI	Cybercrime investigation
Predictive Policing	Crime prevention
Digital Safety	Citizen protection
Developer	CyberEye, Microsoft IDC

AI-powered policing raises effectiveness but requires oversight on privacy and bias issues.

Prelims Pointers

- Cybercrime prevention initiatives
- AI in law enforcement
- Digital safety enhancement
- Predictive policing technology

Odisha Chronic Kidney Disease Registry Implementation

Odisha is implementing India's first comprehensive Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) registry by March 31, 2026. The initiative systematically collects patient data, tracks demographics, and maps disease hotspots for better policy intervention.

News in Brief

- First comprehensive CKD registry in India
- Systematic disease tracking and data collection
- Maps disease hotspots for interventions

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Chronic Kidney Disease: Non-communicable disease burden
- Disease Registry: Systematic disease surveillance
- Public Health Data: Evidence for policy making

Prelims Connect

Registry Feature	Details
Disease	Chronic Kidney Disease
State	Odisha
Timeline	By March 31, 2026

Function	Data collection and hotspot mapping
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Disease registries enable epidemiological surveillance and targeted public health interventions.

Prelims Pointers

- Non-communicable disease monitoring
- Disease surveillance systems
- Public health data management
- Evidence-based policy formulation

Madhya Pradesh Three-Year Rolling Budget System

Madhya Pradesh is set to become India's first state to implement a three-year rolling budget system starting with the 2026-27 financial year. This modernized budgeting approach improves financial planning and resource allocation.

News in Brief

- First state to adopt rolling budget system
- Implementation starts 2026-27
- Enhances long-term financial planning

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Rolling Budget: Multi-year flexible budgeting approach
- Budget Cycle: Annual versus multi-year planning
- Public Finance: Resource allocation and expenditure management

Prelims Connect

Innovation	Details
System	Three-year rolling budget
State	Madhya Pradesh
Start Year	2026-27
Benefit	Improved planning and flexibility

Rolling budgets enable flexible resource allocation and long-term financial planning.

Prelims Pointers

- Budget reform and innovation
- Financial management modernization
- Public resource allocation
- Administrative efficiency

STATE INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT

Delhi's Water-Positive Airport Achievement

Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) became India's first water-positive airport, replenishing more freshwater than it consumes. This achievement was recognized at the Water Innovation Summit 2025 under the NITI Aayog-CII framework.

News in Brief

- India's first water-positive airport
- Consumes less water than it replenishes
- Major sustainability achievement

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Water-Positive Infrastructure: Net positive water management
- Sustainable Development: Environmental responsibility
- Airport Operations: High water consumption facilities

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Aspect	Details
Airport	Indira Gandhi International (IGI)
Achievement	Water-positive status
City	Delhi
Recognition	Water Innovation Summit 2025

Water-positive infrastructure demonstrates feasibility of sustainable operations in resource-intensive facilities.

Prelims Pointers

- Sustainable infrastructure development
- Water conservation and management
- Environmental sustainability
- Green airport operations

Karnataka's e-Swathu 2.0 Digital Land Records Platform

Karnataka unveiled e-Swathu 2.0, a revamped digital platform designed to digitize rural property records, simplify e-khata services, and regularize 95 lakh properties. This initiative aims to boost state revenue by up to ₹2,000 crore.

News in Brief

- Digitalizes 95 lakh rural properties
- Expected revenue boost: up to ₹2,000 crore
- Simplifies land records management

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Land Records Digitization: Database of property ownership
- Rural Property: Agricultural and non-agricultural land
- Revenue Administration: Land tax and income generation

Prelims Connect

Feature	Details
Platform	e-Swathu 2.0
Properties Digitized	95 lakh
Expected Revenue	₹2,000 crore
Service	Land records management

Digital land records reduce disputes, facilitate transactions, and improve revenue collection.

Prelims Pointers

- Digital infrastructure development
- Land administration modernization
- Property rights formalization
- Revenue enhancement

Tamil Nadu's VOC Port Anti-Drone Security System

Tamil Nadu's V.O. Chidambaranar (VOC) Port Authority became India's first major port to initiate an advanced anti-drone security system. Partnering with Central Electronics Limited, the port installed a 360-degree radar-based detection and jamming system.

News in Brief

- India's first major port anti-drone system
- 360-degree radar detection
- 5 km range jamming capability

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Port Security: Critical infrastructure protection
- Drone Technology: Unmanned aerial vehicles and threats
- Cybersecurity: Infrastructure vulnerability management

Prelims Connect

System Feature	Specification
Detection	360-degree radar
Range	5 km
Port	V.O. Chidambaranar, Tamil Nadu
Capability	Detection and jamming

Critical infrastructure requires multi-layered security including counter-drone capabilities.

Prelims Pointers

- Port security infrastructure

- Counter-drone technology
- Critical infrastructure protection
- Security system modernization

Guwahati's Nature-Themed Airport Terminal

Guwahati's Lokapriya Gopinath Bardoloi International Airport's new terminal building, inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi, is India's first 'nature-themed' airport designed to handle 13.1 million passengers per year.

News in Brief

- India's first nature-themed airport design
- Capacity: 13.1 million passengers/year
- Inaugurated by PM Modi

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Sustainable Airport Design: Environmental integration
- Terminal Architecture: Passenger facility design
- Regional Connectivity: Northeast India air infrastructure

Prelims Connect

Airport Detail	Information
Name	Lokapriya Gopinath Bardoloi International
City	Guwahati, Assam
Design	Nature-themed
Capacity	13.1 million passengers/year

Nature-integrated airport design improves passenger experience while reducing environmental impact.

Prelims Pointers

- Airport infrastructure development
- Sustainable terminal design
- Regional air connectivity
- Northeast India development

Lucknow's Zero Fresh Waste Dump Status

Lucknow became Uttar Pradesh's first city to achieve 100% scientific processing of municipal solid waste, earning the title of a 'zero fresh waste dump' city. This achievement in waste management represents significant environmental progress.

News in Brief

- First UP city with 100% scientific waste processing
- Achieved 'zero fresh waste dump' status
- Comprehensive waste management system

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Municipal Solid Waste: Urban waste management challenges
- Scientific Waste Processing: Mechanized and environmentally-sound methods
- Landfill Diversion: Reducing direct dumping

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Achievement	Details
City	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
Processing	100% scientific
Status	Zero fresh waste dump
Method	Scientific waste processing

Complete waste processing eliminates open dumping and reduces environmental and health impacts.

Prelims Pointers

- Waste management and sanitation
- Municipal waste processing
- Environmental management
- Urban cleanliness initiatives

STATES – ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE

Kerala's Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary Designation

Kerala government officially renamed the 55-sq km Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary to Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary, making it India's first dedicated butterfly sanctuary. The park supports numerous species including the state butterfly, the Malabar Banded Peacock.

News in Brief

- India's first dedicated butterfly sanctuary
- 55 sq km protected area
- Home to state butterfly species

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Butterfly Diversity: Important pollinator species
- Lepidoptera: Butterfly and moth orders
- Wildlife Sanctuary: Protected ecosystem management

Prelims Connect

Sanctuary Feature	Details
Name	Aralam Butterfly Sanctuary
Area	55 sq km
State	Kerala

Status	First dedicated butterfly sanctuary
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Butterfly sanctuaries highlight pollinator conservation importance and ecosystem health.

Prelims Pointers

- Butterfly and pollinator conservation
- Biodiversity hotspot protection
- Lepidoptera species monitoring
- Ecosystem service preservation

Chhattisgarh's Green GDP Initiative

Chhattisgarh became the first Indian state to adopt the Green Gross Domestic Product (Green GDP), integrating ecological services of forests into its economic framework. This initiative links environmental conservation with economic measurement.

News in Brief

- First state to adopt Green GDP
- Integrates forest ecological services
- Links environment with economic metrics

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Green GDP: Environmental cost-adjusted economic measurement
- Ecological Services: Ecosystem benefits including carbon sequestration
- Forest Economics: Valuing natural capital

Prelims Connect

Concept	Description
Green GDP	Environment-adjusted GDP
State	Chhattisgarh
Integration	Forest ecological services
Focus	Natural capital valuation

Green GDP accounting reveals true economic cost of environmental degradation and sustainability.

Tamil Nadu GI Tag Products Portfolio Expansion

Tamil Nadu added five new GI Tag products in 2025: Woraiyur cotton sari, Kavindapadi jaggery powder, Namakkal soapstone cookware, Thooyamalli rice, and Ambasamudram wooden toys, bringing its total to 74 Geographical Indication tags.

News in Brief

- Added 5 new GI-tagged products
- Total GI tags: 74 (largest portfolio)
- Covers traditional crafts and agriculture

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Geographic Indication: Quality mark for regional products
- Traditional Crafts: Indigenous skill-based products
- Agricultural Products: Locally-specific crop varieties

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Product	Category
Woraiyur cotton sari	Textiles
Kavindapadi jaggery	Agricultural
Namakkal cookware	Crafts
Thooyamalli rice	Agricultural

GI portfolio protects traditional knowledge and supports artisan and farmer livelihoods.

Prelims Pointers

- Intellectual property protection
- Traditional knowledge documentation
- Artisan livelihood support
- Regional product authentication

Odisha's Konark and Chandrabhaga Beach Festivals

Odisha inaugurated the 36th Konark Festival and 15th International Sand Art Festival held near the iconic Konark Sun Temple and Chandrabhaga Beach. These events promote Odisha's rich cultural heritage and attract national and international visitors.

News in Brief

- 36th Konark cultural festival
- 15th International Sand Art Festival
- 5-day dual festival event

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Konark Sun Temple: UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Cultural Festivals: Heritage promotion and tourism
- Sand Art: Contemporary artistic expression

Prelims Connect

Festival	Details
Konark Festival	36th edition
Sand Art Festival	15th edition
Location	Konark Sun Temple and Chandrabhaga Beach

Duration	5 days
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Cultural festivals balance heritage preservation with tourism revenue and community engagement.

Arunachal Pradesh's Bio-Happy District Initiative

Arunachal Pradesh's Keyi Panyor is set to become India's first 'Bio-Happy' district by implementing a sustainability framework linking biodiversity conservation with human well-being, nutrition, and livelihood enhancement, undertaken by M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation.

News in Brief

- First 'Bio-Happy' district in India
- Links biodiversity with human welfare
- MSSRF implementation partner

Static Background – Concepts & Terms

- Biodiversity-Livelihood Nexus: Conservation supporting livelihoods
- Bio-Happy Concept: Integration of ecology and human development
- Sustainable Development: Meeting present needs without compromising future

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District Initiative	Components
Location	Keyi Panyor, Arunachal Pradesh
Framework	Bio-Happy district
Focus	Biodiversity-Livelihood Integration
Partner	M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation

Bio-Happy approach integrates conservation with poverty reduction and livelihood security.