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→ 1. Deported Foreigners ✓✓



✓ In News:

Between April 1, 2023, and March 31, 2024, a total of **2,331 foreigners** were deported from India by the **Foreigners Regional Registration Officers (FRROs)**. → **[MHA]**

Top Countries of Origin for Deportees:

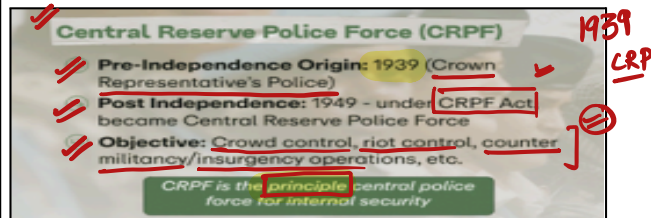
- **Nigeria**: 1,470 deportations
- **Bangladesh**: 411 deportations
- **Uganda**: 78 deportations

✓ Foreign Visitors to India (2023-24):

- Total Visitors: 98 lakh foreigners visited India during this period.
- Top Countries of Origin for Visitors:

- **Bangladesh**: **21,08,734** visitors
- **United States**: 17,37,549 visitors
- **United Kingdom**: 9,86,954 visitors

✓ 2. DG CRPF



- **New Appointment**: **Gyanendra Pratap Singh** appointed as **Director General (D-G)** of the **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)**, replacing **Vitul Kumar**.
- **Approval**: Appointment cleared by the **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet**.



3. Scorpion Class (Project 75)

Project 75 (1) (Indigenous)



In News:

- Indian Navy is set to commission three major platforms:
 - Vagsheer – Sixth and last Scorpene-class submarine.
 - Surat – Fourth and last Project-15B stealth destroyer.
 - Nilgiri – Lead ship of the Project-17A stealth frigates.

This commissioning marks a **historic milestone** in India's naval capability. It showcases **rapid progress** in indigenous warship design and construction. Reinforces **India's position as a global leader in defense manufacturing**.

Project 75 (P-75)

(Made in India)

- One of two submarine construction lines under India's 1999 plan for **indigenous submarine building**; the other line is **P-75I**.
- Involves **technology transfer** from French company **Naval Group** (formerly DCNS) to **Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL)**.
- Aimed at building advanced submarines in India with overseas expertise.

Submarines under P-75:

- Commissioned:** INS Kalvari, INS Khanderi, INS Karanj, INS Vela, INS Vagir.
- Vagsheer:** Sixth and last submarine of the P-75 series.
 - Named after **sand fish** a deep-sea predator of the Indian Ocean.

Features of Vagsheer:

- Type:** Diesel-electric attack submarine.
- Role:** Sea denial and access denial warfare against adversaries.

- Equipped with a C303 **anti-torpedo countermeasure system**.
- **Armament:**
 - Up to **18 torpedoes** or **Exocet anti-ship missiles**.
 - Option to carry **30 mines** in place of torpedoes.
- **Stealth capabilities:**
 - Advanced acoustic absorption techniques.
 - Low radiated noise levels.
 - Hydro-dynamically optimized shape.
 - Can launch **precision-guided weapons** for crippling attacks **underwater or on surface**.

4. **Nitrate Contamination**



In News:

Excessive Nitrate in Groundwater (India, 2023):

- **440 districts** report excessive nitrate levels in groundwater (**↑ from 359 districts in 2017**).
- **Health Hazard:** Particularly dangerous for **young children**; contributes to **environmental toxicity**.
- **Extent:** **56% of India's districts** have nitrate levels exceeding **45 mg/liter** (safe limit).
- **Regions:** **Rajasthan, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu** reported the highest levels of nitrate contamination, with 49%, 48%, and 37%, respectively, of their samples exceeding safe limits.

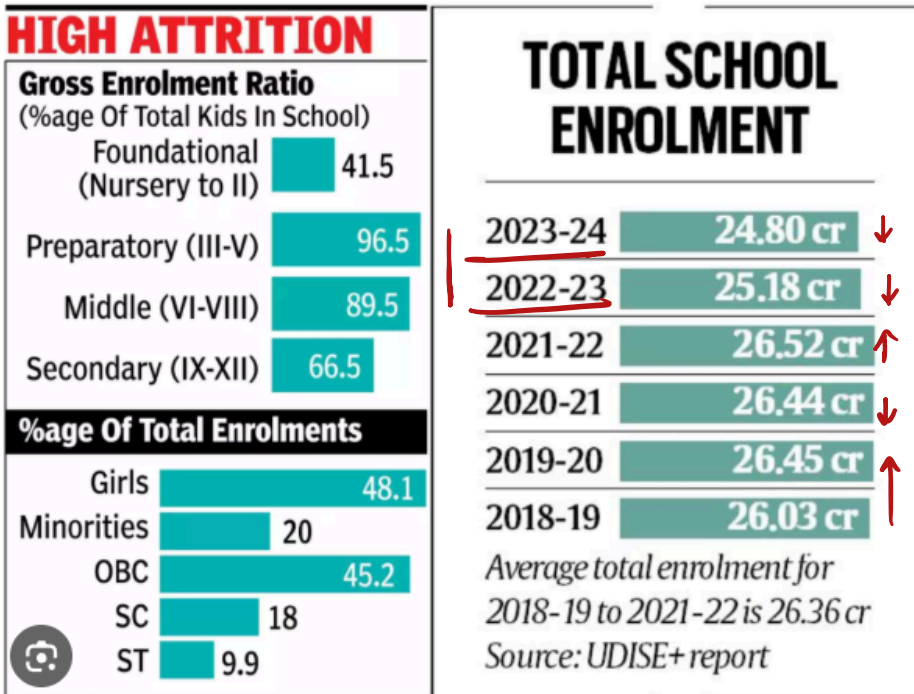
- **Influence of Monsoon on Nitrate(NO_3^-) Levels:** Monsoon rain **increases** nitrate levels in groundwater, with 30.77% of samples being contaminated before the monsoon and 32.66% after the rainy season.

- **Concern:** High nitrate levels in drinking water are associated with **methemoglobinemia** or **"blue baby syndrome"**, a condition that affects the ability of blood to carry oxygen.

Hb → Blue

5. UDISE+ Report

Education



5 Year

In News:

- **Total Student Enrollment (2023-24):** 24.8 crore.
- **Change from 2018-19:** Decrease of 1.22 crore students (**6% decline**) (both boys & Girls)
- States like **Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra** saw significant drops in enrollment:
- **Source:** Unified District Information System for Education Plus (**UDISE+**) report by the **Ministry of Education**.
- **System Coverage:** Records data from **60+ fields** for each student.
- **Aadhaar Numbers:** Collected **voluntarily** for identification purposes.

UDISE+ System Enhancements::

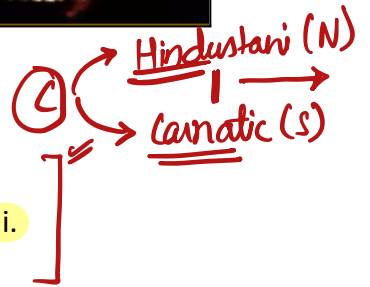
- **Unique Educational ID (EID)** Created for every student to track and verify student and teacher credentials.
- **Purpose:**
 - Prevent duplicate or **ghost entries**.
 - Ensure accurate identification for **government benefit transfers**.

6. Sangita Kalanidhi Award



In News:

- Award: **T.M. Krishna** conferred the title 'Sangita Kalanidhi 2024'.
- Event: 98th Conference and Concerts — Sadas of The Music Academy, Chennai.
- Recognition: Honored for attracting younger audiences to **Carnatic music.**



7. Khel Ratna Awards:



In News:

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2024 – Recipients:

- Manu Bhaker – Double Olympic medallist shooter.
- D. Gukesh – World Chess Champion.
- Harmanpreet Singh – Captain, Indian Men's Hockey Team.
- Praveen Kumar – Paralympic Gold Medallist.

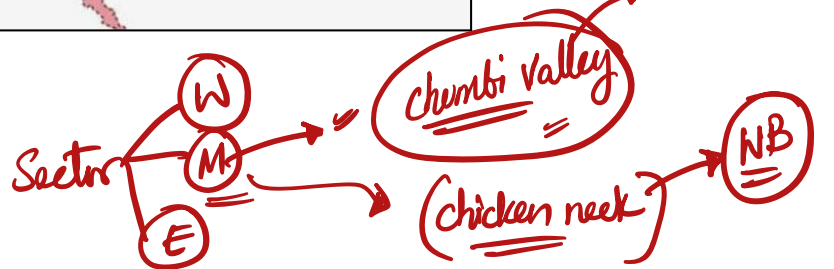
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Usually Khel Ratna conferred upon only one sportsperson in a year a few exceptions have been made (1993–1994, 2002, 2009, 2012, 2016–2021 and 2024) when multiple recipients were awarded in a year.

Other Awards:

- Arjuna Award 2024: 32 athletes selected, including 16 Paralympians.
- Dronacharya Award (Coaching Excellence): Recipients – Deepali Deshpande, Sandeep Sangwan, Subhash Rana.
- Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy:
 - Winner: Chandigarh University (Best University).
 - Runners-up: Lovely Professional University and Guru Nanak Dev University.

8. New Counties



In News:

- **China's Move:** Declared formation of **two new counties** – **He'an County** and **Hekang County** – in Hotan prefecture, Xinjiang, which includes parts of **Aksai Chin**.
- **India's Stand:** Considers **Aksai Chin** as its territory, **illegally occupied by China**.
- **Diplomatic Response:** India lodged a "**solemn protest**" with China through diplomatic channels.
- **Reaffirmation:** India reiterated its **sovereignty over the area**.

1. Aksai Chin Dispute (Ladakh)

- **Location:** Northern part of **Ladakh**, **northwestern India**.
- **India's Claim:** Part of Jammu & Kashmir (now split into Union Territories of **Jammu & Kashmir** and **Ladakh**).
- **Chinese Control:** Under China's control since the **1962 Sino-Indian War**. China considers it part of its Xinjiang region.
- **Strategic Importance:** Provides China a land link between **Tibet** and **Xinjiang**.
- **Dispute Origin:**
 - Boundaries between British India and China were **not clearly demarcated** in the early 20th century.
 - **McMahon Line** recognized by India, does not extend into Aksai Chin, leading to conflicting claims.

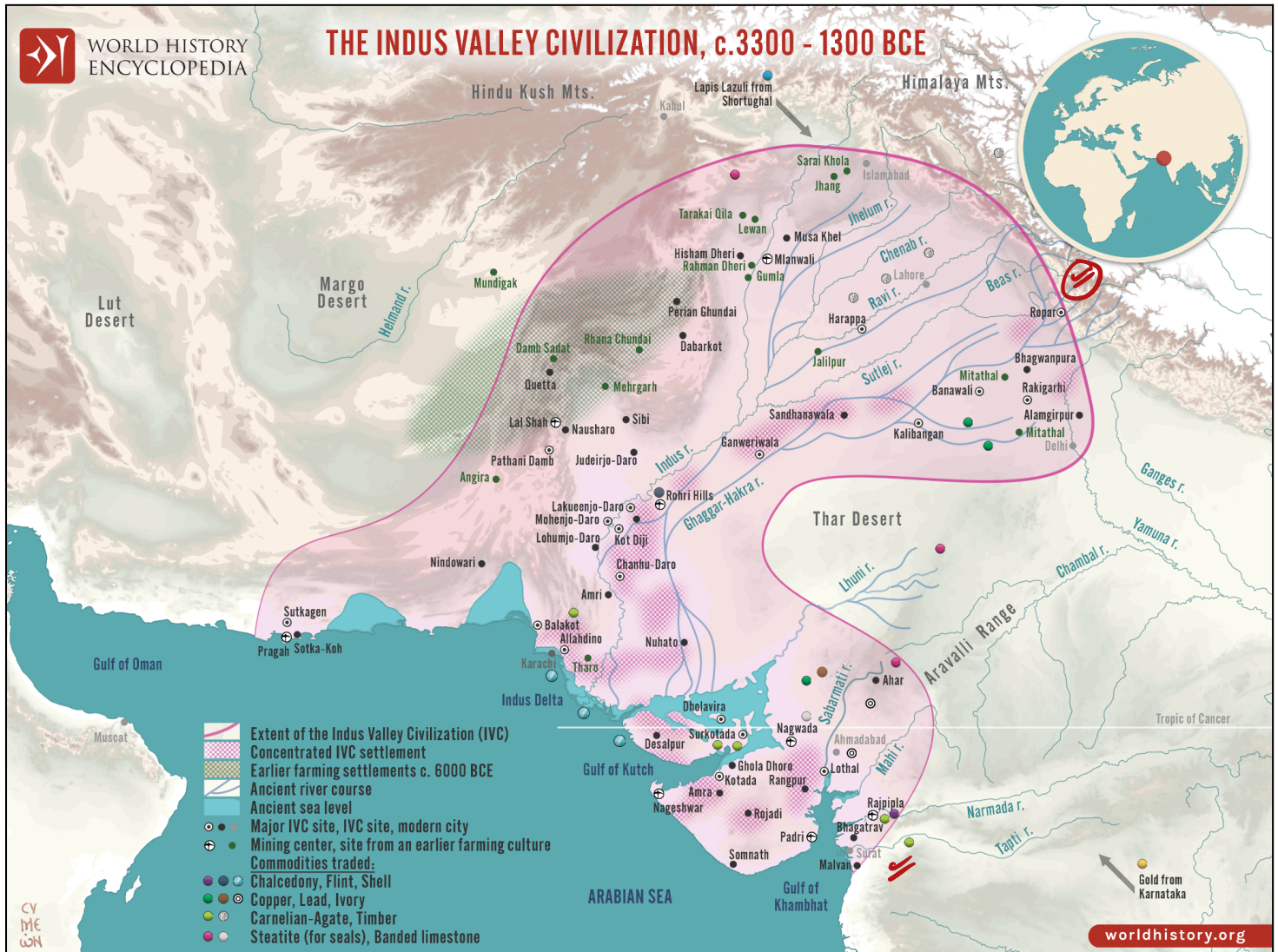
9. Appointment DGCA Chief



In News:

- **Faiz Ahmed Kidwai** (IAS, 1996 batch, MP cadre) appointed **Director-General of DGCA**, replacing **Vikram Dev Dutt**.
- Tasked with addressing airline–pilot disputes over new 2024 rules: **weekly rest increased from 36 to 48 hours** and **night flying restrictions** to tackle pilot fatigue.]

10. Indus Valley Civilization



In News:

- **Announcement:** Tamil Nadu **CM M.K. Stalin** declared a **\$1-million prize** for experts or organizations that can successfully **decipher the Indus Valley Civilization scripts**.
- **Occasion:** Made during an event in **Chennai** marking the **centenary** of the Indus Valley Civilization's discovery by **Sir John Marshall**.

Key Features of the Indus Valley Civilization

- **Urban Planning:** Cities like Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro had a grid layout, advanced **drainage systems** and **public baths**.
- **Architecture:** Standardized **baked bricks** uniform **weights and measures** aided construction and trade.
- **Economy:** Agriculture-based (**wheat, barley, cotton**); evidence of **long-distance trade** with Mesopotamia and other regions. *Iraq*
- **Craftsmanship:** Skilled artisans produced **jewelry, pottery, and steatite seals**.
- **Writing System:** Script remains **undeciphered** inscriptions mainly found on seals.
- **Religion:** **Polytheistic beliefs** with fertility symbols and possible **proto-Shiva worship**.

Archaeological Sites: Some of the prominent archaeological sites include

- Harappa - Punjab (Pakistan)
- Mohenjo - Daro - Sindh (Pakistan)
- Dholavira - Gujarat, India
- Lothal - Gujarat, India
- Chandraketugarh - West Bengal, India
- Rakhigarhi - Haryana, India
- Kot Diji - Sindh (Pakistan)
- **KaliBanga - Rajasthan, India**
- Alamgirpur - U.P., India
- Nageshwar - Gujarat, India

11. Cowpea seeds



In News:

Cowpea seeds sent into orbit by an ISRO mission have successfully **germinated and produced their first leaves.**

- The achievement was made through **VSSC's CROPS** (Compact Research Module for Orbital Plant Studies) aboard the **PSLV-C60 POEM-4 mission.**
- It originated and domesticated in **southern Africa** and was later translocated to eastern and western Africa and Asia.
- It is also known as **black-eyed pea**, southern pea, etc.
- In the Indian context, it is a minor pulse grown mainly in the **arid and semi-arid regions** of Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, and West UP, along with significant areas in Rajasthan, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamilnadu, Maharashtra, and Gujarat.

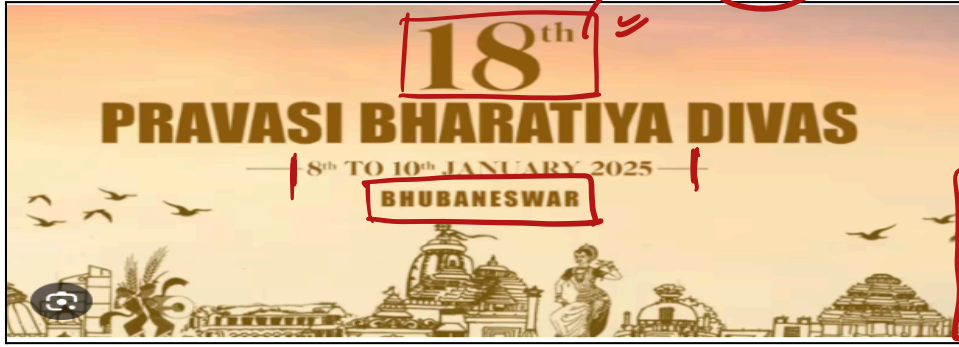
12. **Bharatpol portal**



In News:

- ✓ **Launch:** Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** launched the **Bharatpol portal.**
- ✓ **Purpose:** To provide Indian police and security agencies with **seamless connectivity to Interpol** for tracking **international criminals.**
- ✓ **Developer:** **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).** → "Praveen Sood" ✓

13. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas



9th Jan 1915 → [M. Gandhi ji] → S. Africa → [Hind Swaraj, Satyagrah in S. Africa]

In News:

- Event: 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) being held in **Odisha**.
- Participation: Over **3,000 delegates** from **70 countries** attending.
- Duration: Three-day event.
- Theme: **"Diaspora's contribution to a Viksit Bharat"**.

Key Personalities and Guests – 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

- Inauguration: Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** to inaugurate the event on its **second day**.
- Chief Guest: **Christine Carla Kangeloo** President of Trinidad and Tobago, to address the convention virtually.
- Guest of Honor (Youth PBD – Jan 8): **Dr. Dev Prasad**, CEO and co-owner of *Newsweek*.
- Sessions: Union Ministers will chair **plenary sessions**; eminent Indians will **moderate** the discussions.

14. GEAPP - Battery

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In News:

- **Launch:** India's first commercial utility-scale **Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)** to go live in **Delhi** by March 2025.
- **Location:** **BSES Rajdhani Power** sub-station, **Kilokri village**, South Delhi.
- **Funding:** Primarily supported by the **Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP)**.

Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP)

- About: GEAPP is an alliance of philanthropy, governments, technology, policy, and financing partners.

15. MoFarah



In News:

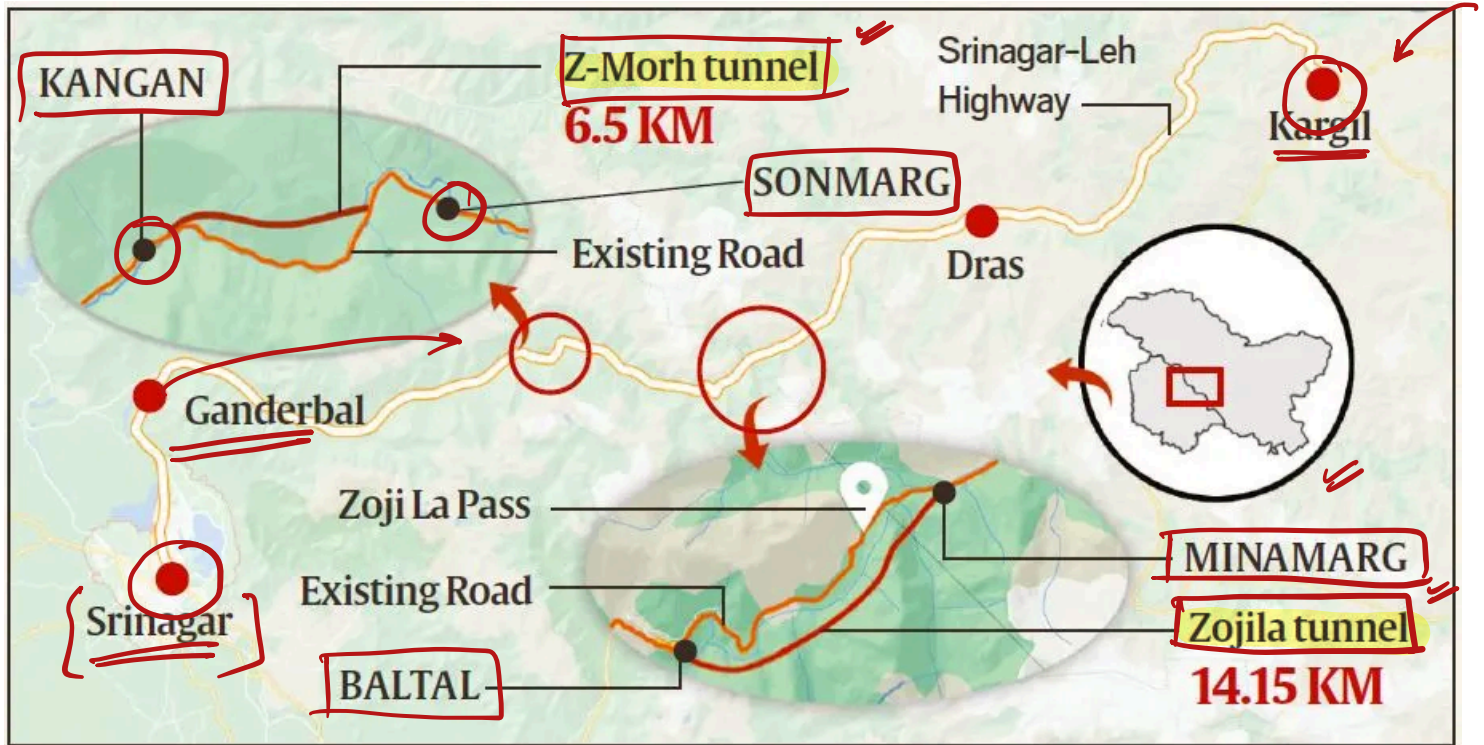
- **Appointment:** Mo Farah named **International Event Ambassador** for the **20th Tata Mumbai Marathon**.

About Mo Farah: Somalia-born British athlete; winner of **10 global championship gold medals**, including **four Olympic golds** (5,000m & 10,000m).

Event: Marathon to be flagged off at **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus**.

16. Z-Morh tunnel

In News – Z-Morh Tunnel



- **Inauguration:** Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** to inaugurate the Z-Morh Tunnel on January 13.
- **Purpose:** Part of a year-round strategic corridor connecting Kashmir and Ladakh.

Location & Strategic Importance:

- Situated in Ganderbal district, Jammu & Kashmir.
- Ensures **all-weather access** to the tourist destination **Sonamarg**.
- Prevents disruptions from **snowfall** and **avalanches** during winter.

17. 106th Amendment

In News:

- **Case:** Supreme Court dismissed petitions (filed in 2023) challenging provisions of the **Women's Reservation Law**.
- **Law's Provision:** Mandates **33% reservation** for women in the **Lok Sabha**, **State Legislatures**, and **Delhi Legislative Assembly**.

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Harivansh Narayan Singh

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- **Reason for Dismissal:** Petitions deemed **infructuous** as the **Women's Reservation Bill** was already enacted under the **Constitution (106th Amendment) Act** in **September 2023**.

18. NBWL



In News:

Red ← IUCN (Endangered) [Hoolack Gibbon] → Ape only in India NE

- **Approval:** The **Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL)** cleared **Vedanta Group's Cairn Oil and Gas** proposal for oil and gas exploration.
- **Location:** Near **Hoolongapar Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary**, Jorhat district, **Assam**.
- **Recommendation:** Clearance supported by Assam's **Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife)** and **Chief Wildlife Warden**, citing **"national interest."**

Basics:

The **National Board for Wildlife (NBWL)** is a **statutory body** in India that advises the government on wildlife conservation and protection efforts under the **Wildlife Protection Act, 1972**.

Composition:

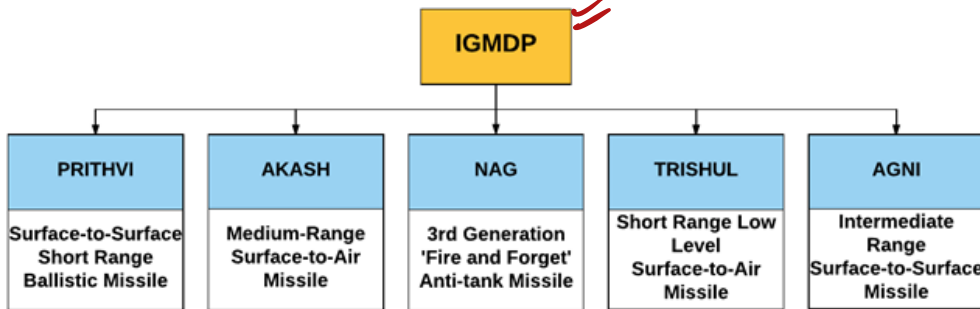
Prime Minister: Chairperson.

- **Union Environment Minister:** Vice-Chairperson.
- **Ex-Officio Members:** Includes senior officials from government ministries, states, and union territories.

- **Non-Official Members** Includes wildlife experts, ecologists, environmentalists, and representatives from NGOs.

19. Integrated Guided Missile Development Program

IGMDP



In News:

- **Developer:** Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- **Weapon:** Nag Mk-2 – indigenously developed, third-generation fire-and-forget anti-tank guided missile.
- **Trials:** Recently conducted at Pokhran Field Range.
- **Result:** Successfully destroyed all targets with precision at both maximum and minimum ranges.
- **Status:** Ready for induction into the Indian Army.

The 5 missiles (P-A-T-N-A) developed under this program are:

- **Prithvi:** Short range surface to surface ballistic missile.
- **Agni:** Ballistic missiles with different ranges, i.e. Agni (1,2,3,4,5)
- **Trishul:** Short range low level surface to air missile.
- **Nag:** 3rd generation anti-tank missile.
- **Akash:** Medium range surface to air missile.

20. SpaDex (PIB & TH)



In News:

- ✓ **ISRO Achievement:** Successfully conducted a satellite docking experiment on Thursday.
- ✓ **Global Ranking:** India became the **fourth country** to achieve this milestone, after the U.S., Russia, and China.
- ✓ **Satellites Involved:** SDX01 (Chaser) and SDX02 (Target).
- ✓ **Launch Details:** Both satellites were launched by **PSLV C60** on **December 30**.
- ✓ **Post-Docking Control:** ISRO operated the two docked satellites as a **single object**.

Key Information:

- ✓ **Future Readiness:** The docking experiment showcases ISRO's preparation for upcoming projects, especially the **Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS)** planned for later this decade.
- ✓ **Technological Significance:** Docking technology supports **cost-effective** and **modular** space exploration, aligning with global trends.
- ✓ **Leadership:** Under new chairman **V. Narayanan**, ISRO is focusing on a coherent vision, particularly for BAS.
- ✓ **Need for Clarity:** BAS's specific role and utility should be clearly defined to match **global space** exploration goals.

21. Bharat Ranbhoomi Darshan app



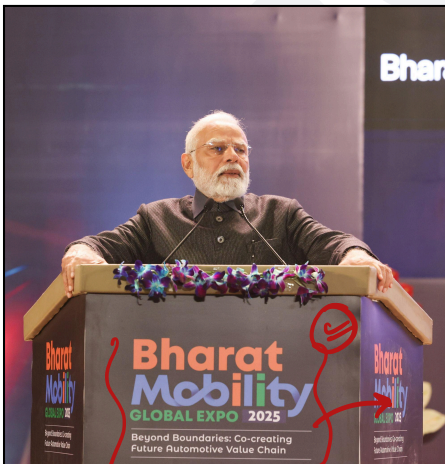
In News:

- **App Launch:** Bharat Ranbhoomi Darshan app introduced to let **civilians visit battlefield** locations along India's borders.
- **Launch Date & Occasion:** Released on **January 15** by Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** during **Army Day** celebrations.
- **Historic Sites Covered:** Battlefields from the **1962, 1971, and 1999 (Kargil)** wars.
- **Special Access:** Includes **Siachen Base Camp** and the **Galwan clash site (2020)** for tourists.

Indian Army

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22. Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 (PIB)



In News:

- **Event:** Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 held in New Delhi, India.
- **PM's Message:** Narendra Modi stressed 'Make in India, Make for the World' for the automobile industry.
- **Vision:** Highlighted Asia and India as the **future of mobility**.

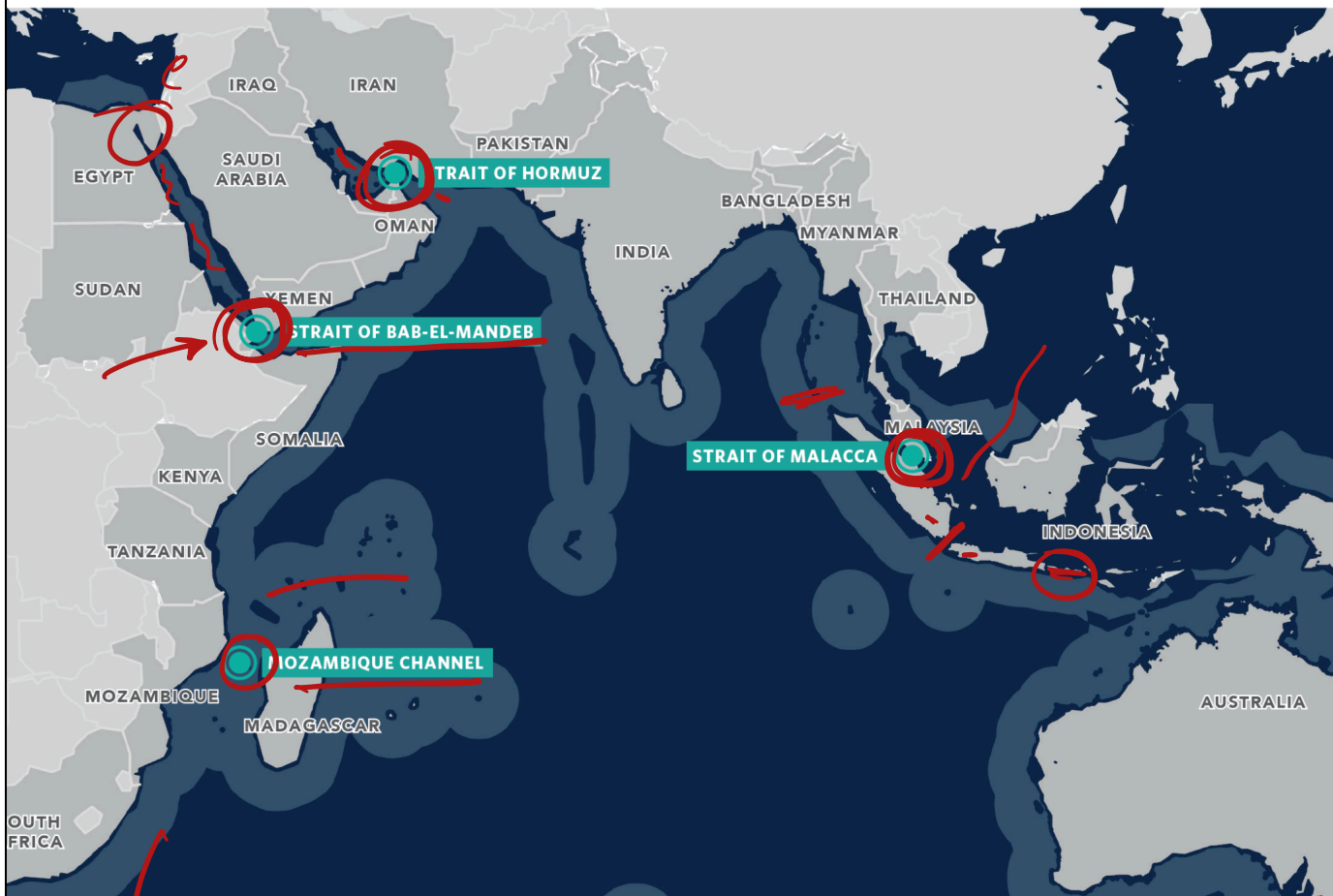
Key Government Initiatives:

- **Infrastructure Spending:** ₹11 lakh crore allocated in the previous budget.
- **Connectivity:** PM Gati Shakti program for multi-modal connectivity.
- **Logistics:** National Logistics Policy aimed at reducing global logistics costs.
- **Clean Mobility:** Initiatives for **electric mobility**, **hydrogen fuel**, and **biofuels** under the **National Electric Mobility Mission** and **Green Hydrogen Mission**.
- **Battery Storage Incentives:** ₹18,000 crore in production-linked incentives (PLI) for advanced chemistry cell battery storage.

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23. Locations in Indian Ocean Regions

Figure 5. Choke Points in the Indian Ocean



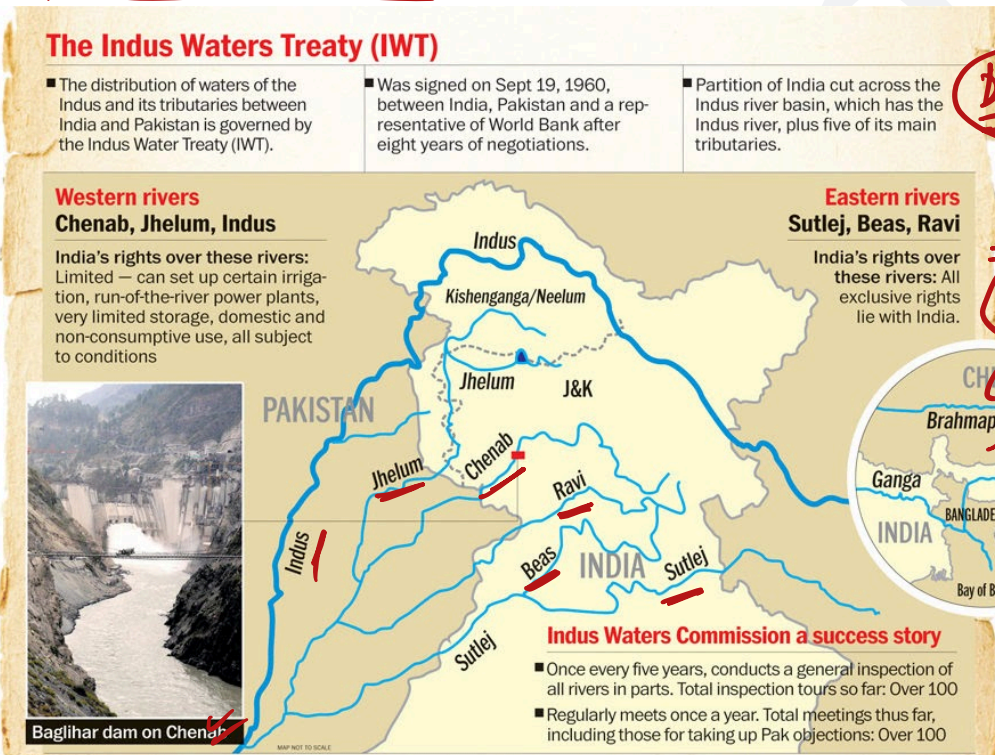
In News:

- ✓ **Threat Areas:** Rising security threats in the Gulf of Aden, Red Sea, and waters near **East African nations**.
- ✓ **Economic Link:** India's prosperity depends on **maritime security**, including protecting territorial waters, ensuring **freedom of navigation**, and keeping **maritime highways safe**.
- ✓ **Recognition:** 2024 marked as the 'Year of Naval Civilians' to honor their vital support for Navy operations.

Key Connectors:

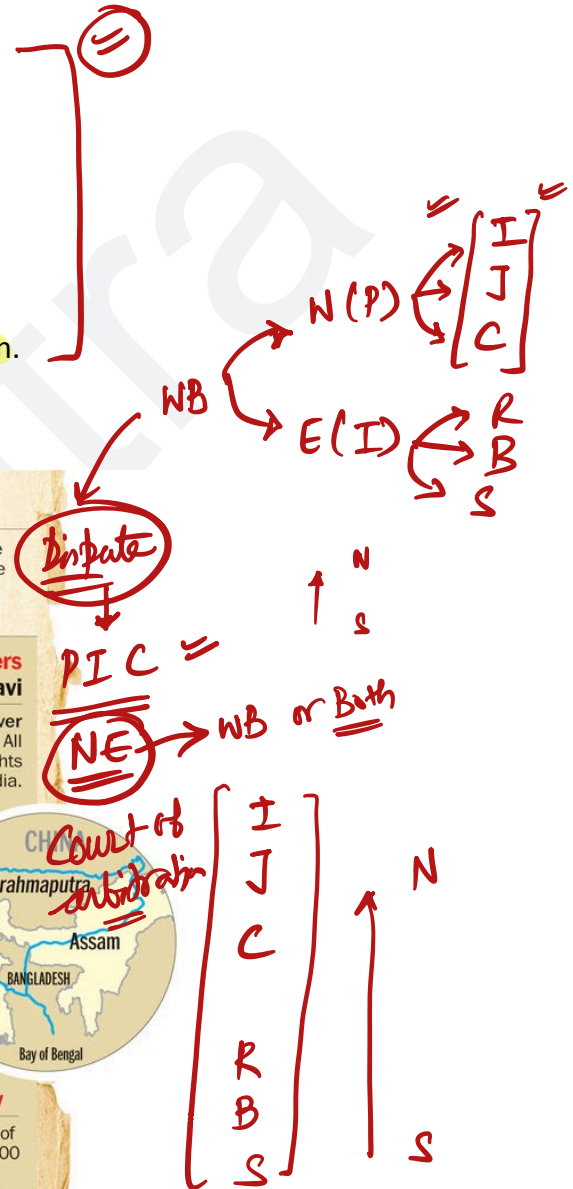
- **Suez Canal** = Mediterranean Sea + Red Sea
- **Bab al Mandab Strait** = Red sea + Gulf of Aden
- **Strait of Hormuz** = Persian Gulf + Gulf of Oman
- **Strait of Malacca** = Andaman sea + South China Sea
- **Sunda Strait** = Jawav + Sumatra
- **Lombok Strait** = Indian Ocean + Bali sea
- **Mozambique Channel** = Indian Ocean + Southern Atlantic Ocean.

24. Indus Water Treaty



In News:

- ✓ **Michel Lino**, appointed as the **Neutral Expert**
- ✓ (NE) under the Indus Water Treaty (IWT), decided that he is competent to address the differences between **India and Pakistan** regarding the design of hydroelectric projects on Indus Treaty rivers.



25. National Investigation Agency



In News:

The NIA raided multiple locations linked to the banned Babbar Khalsa International in connection with the **Chandigarh grenade attack case.**

National Investigation Agency (NIA):

- **Establishment:** Formed under the **NIA Act, 2008** after the **26/11 Mumbai attacks**. IB
- **Type:** Central counter-terrorism law enforcement agency.
- **Headquarters:** **New Delhi**
- **Zonal Offices:** **Guwahati** and **Jammu**.
- **Mandate:** Investigates offences affecting:
 - **Sovereignty, security, and integrity** of India. A.S.I. D.P.S.P
 - **Friendly relations** with foreign states.
 - Other offences specified in the **Schedule to the NIA Act, 2008.**

26. Anuja at OSCARs 2025



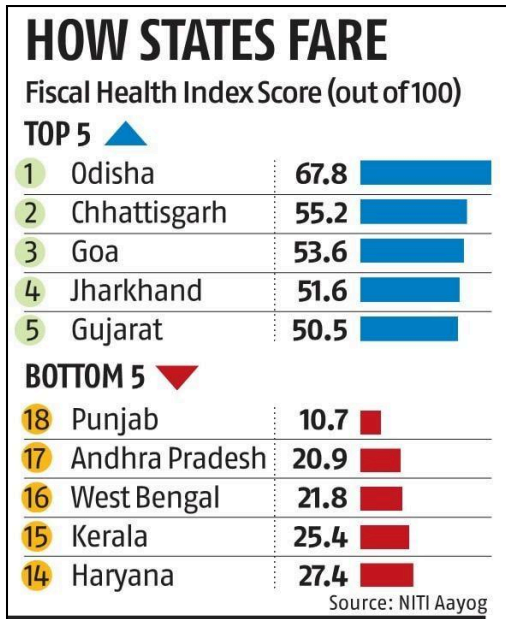
In News:

The short film **Anuja**, set in **New Delhi**, has been nominated in the **Live Action Short Film** category at the **97th Academy Awards**.

Anuja's Oscar Nomination:

- **Nomination:** *Anuja*, a short film set in **New Delhi**, nominated in the **Live Action Short Film** category at the **97th Academy Awards**.
- **Directors:** **Adam J. Graves** and **Suchitra Mattai**.
- **Competition:** Competing against films such as *A Lien* and *The Last Ranger*.
- **Storyline:** Follows **Anuja**, a gifted nine-year-old girl, who must choose between pursuing **education** or working in a **factory** with her sister — a decision shaping their futures.

27. NITI Fiscal Health Index



In News:

NITI Aayog – Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2025:

- **Top Performers:** **Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Goa, and Jharkhand.**
- **Worst Performers:** **Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, and Kerala** were Classified as “aspirational” states due to significant fiscal challenges.

Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2025 – Overview:

- **Scope:** Ranked **18 major States** in India based on:

- **GDP contribution**
- **Public expenditure**
- **Revenues**
- **Fiscal stability**

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Tata Elan

- **Coverage Period:** Fiscal year 2022–23.

Fiscal Health and Performance:

- **Top Achievers:** Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Jharkhand, and others — noted for:
 - High capital outlays (up to **4% of GSDP**)
 - Strong non-tax revenue mobilisation
 - Low interest payments (up to **7% of revenue receipts**)
- **Front-Runners:** Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, and Karnataka — recognised for:
 - High developmental expenditure
 - Steady tax revenue growth
 - Improved debt sustainability (**debt-to-GSDP ratio of 24%**)
- **Performers:** Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Rajasthan, and Haryana.

Data Source: Information compiled from the **Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)**.

28. Pralay



In News:

The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** will feature **Pralay**, an indigenous short-range

quasi-ballistic missile in the **Republic Day parade** in New Delhi. Designed for use by the **Army and Air Force**, Pralay is **India's first ballistic missile intended for conventional strikes.**

Key Features of Pralay:

- Range: **400 kilometers.**
- Adds to the existing missile systems like BrahMos and Parahar, providing India with options for **stand-off missile strikes** across the border.
- Designed for deployment along the **Line of Control (LoC)** and the **Line of Actual Control (LAC).**

Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) Approval:

Rajnath Singh (DM)

- In 2023, the **DAC approved** the procurement of Pralay missiles (range: 400 km) and Nirbhay long-range subsonic cruise missiles (range: 1,000 km).
- A few hundred missiles were approved for procurement, enhancing India's long-range conventional strike capability.

29. 26th January (Republic Day)



In News:

Celebration Highlights:

- **Focus:** 75 years of the Constitution's enactment and **Jan Bhagidari** (people's participation).
- **Theme:** **"Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas"** (Golden India: Heritage and Development).
- **Led by:** President Droupadi Murmu.
- **Chief Guest:** Indonesian President **Prabowo Subianto.**

Cultural and Historical Highlights:

- Tableaux marking:
 - **150 years** of tribal activist **Birsa Munda**.
 - **75 years** of the Constitution, highlighting **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar**.
- **Performance:** 300 cultural artists presented “*Sare Jahan Se Achha*” using traditional instruments such as **shehnai, nadaswaram, been, and ransingha**.

Military Display:

- ✓ Parade led by **Lieutenant-General Bhavnish Kumar**, General Officer Commanding, Delhi Area.
- Participation from regiments including:
 - **Brigade of the Guards**
 - **Jat Regiment**
 - **Garhwal Rifles**
 - **Mahar Regiment**
 - **Jammu and Kashmir Rifles Regiment**
 - **Corps of Signals**
- ✓ **Tri-services tableau**. First-ever display of jointness and integration, themed “***Shashakt aur Surakshit Bharat***”.

Best Marching Contingents:

- ✓ **Army: &K Rifles Regiment** — Best marching contingent among the three services.
- ✓ **Central Armed Police & Auxiliary Forces: Delhi Police** — Best marching contingent.

Best Tableaux (States/UTs):

- ✓ 1st Place: **Uttar Pradesh** — ***Maha Kumbh*** tableau, theme “***Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas***”.
- 2nd Place: **Tripura** — Theme “*Eternal Reverence: the Worship of 14 Deities in Tripura – Kharchi Puja*”.
- 3rd Place: **Andhra Pradesh** — Theme “*Etikoppaka Bommalu – Eco-friendly Wooden Toys*”.

Best Tableau (Central Ministries/Departments):

- ✓ Winner: **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** — Theme “***Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh***”.

30. Uniform Civil Code (UCC)

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In News:

Uttarakhand – Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Implementation:

- **First in India:** Uttarakhand became the first state to implement the UCC after Independence.
- **Applicability:** Applies to all residents except:
 - Scheduled Tribes
 - Natives who have migrated out of the state
- **Banned Practices:** Prohibits halala, iddat, and talaq from Muslim Personal Law.
- **Women's Rights:** Grants equal property and inheritance rights to women. → (WE)
- **Registration Requirement:** Mandates online registration of marriages, divorces, and live-in relationships via the government portal ucc.uk.gov.in.

Deadlines for Registrations (Uttarakhand UCC):

- **Marriages since March 26, 2010:** Must be registered within 6 months.
- **Marriages post-UCC implementation:** Must be registered within 60 days.
- **Live-in relationships (past or present):** Must be registered within 1 month of UCC implementation.
- **Emergency Registrations:** Tatkal facility available with a nominal fee.

Live-in Relationship Provisions:

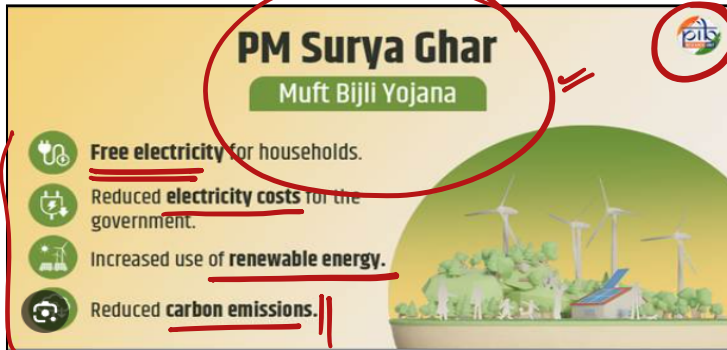
- Either partner can end the relationship online or offline.
- If only one partner applies, confirmation from the other is required.
- **Pregnancy Clause:** Government must be notified within 30 days of childbirth if pregnancy occurs during the live-in relationship.
- **Housing Rights:** Landlords cannot deny housing to registered live-in couples.

Uniform Civil Code (UCC) – Overview:

- **Definition:** A single set of laws governing personal matters — marriage, divorce, adoption, inheritance, and succession — for all citizens.

- **Constitutional Reference:** Mentioned in **Article 44** of the Indian Constitution as a **Directive Principle of State Policy**.
- **Nature:** **Not legally enforceable**; serves as a **guiding principle** for the state.

31. PM Surya Ghar – Muft Bijli Yojana:



In News:

- The union cabinet approved the Rs 75,000 crore PM Surya Ghar—Muft Bijli Yojana to benefit 1 crore families in February 2024.
- **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy** → (SDG-7)
- **Implementing Agency : National level (NPIA) and State level (SIAs)**

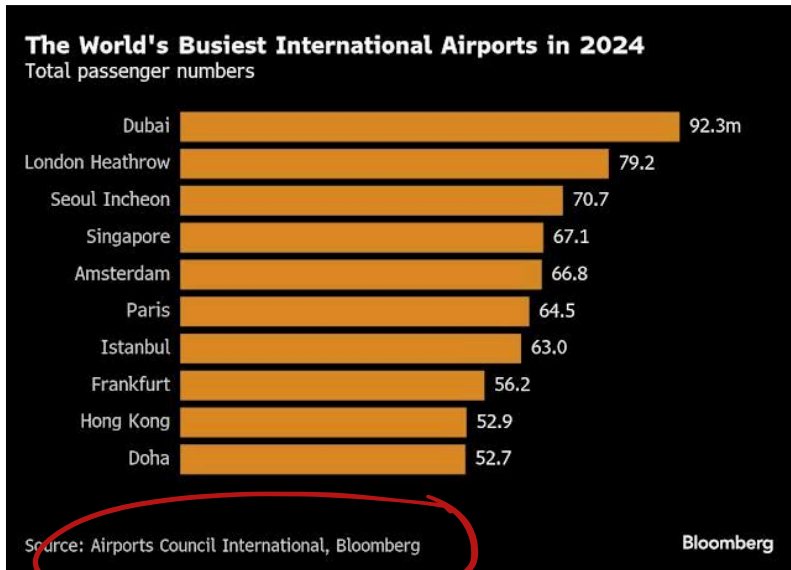
Two Models for Solar Installation:

- **RESCO (Renewable Energy Service Company) Model:**
 - Third-party investors install rooftop solar systems.
 - Consumers pay only for the electricity used, with no upfront cost.
 - Surplus power can be sold to DISCOMs.
- **Utility Led Aggregation (ULA) Model:**
 - DISCOMs or state-designated agencies set up rooftop solar systems for residential homes.

Subsidy Details:

- Up to 2 kW: 60% of the unit cost covered.
- 2–3 kW: 40% of the unit cost covered.
- **Capacity Cap:** Subsidy available for a maximum of 3 kW.
- **Subsidy Amounts:**
 - ₹30,000 for 1 kW systems
 - ₹60,000 for 2 kW systems
 - ₹78,000 for 3 kW or higher systems

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In News:

World's Busiest Airports (2024):

- **Dubai International Airport:**
 - Recorded 92.3 million passengers.
 - Ranked world's busiest for international travel.
- **Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport (ATL):**
 - Second place with 4.6 million seats.
- **Tokyo International Airport (HND):**
 - Third place with 4.2 million seats.

➔ Delhi Airport (DEL) recorded the largest capacity growth in February 2025 compared to February 2024, with seats rising 3.4% to 3.6 million.

✓ It climbed to eighth place globally — up one position from January 2025 and up two positions from February 2024.

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