

TOP NATIONAL NEWS

India Launches 'Jal Suraksha Abhiyan' to Strengthen Water Security



Why in News?

The Ministry of Jal Shakti launched the 'Jal Suraksha Abhiyan' to promote water conservation and sustainable water management across India.

- Focus on rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge and efficient water use.
- Campaign will run across 256 districts in water-stressed areas.
- Involves Panchayats, schools, and local communities.
- Supports India's goal of water security and climate resilience.

Union Cabinet Approves PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana for 100 Districts



- Aims to enhance productivity, crop diversification and sustainable agriculture.
- To be implemented in 100 low productivity districts.
- Convergence of 36 schemes to benefit 1.7 crore farmers.

NITI Aayog Releases SDG India Index 2025–26



- Kerala remains the top performer among States.
- Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu follow.
- Index tracks progress on Sustainable Development Goals across States and UTs.
- Focus on health, education, environment and governance.

ISRO's LVM3–M6 Mission Successfully Places 36 Satellites in Orbit



- Launch from SDSC–SHAR, Sriharikota.
- Carried 36 satellites including 2 from India and 34 from 5 countries.
- Strengthens India's position in commercial space launch services.

India Becomes 3rd Largest Startup Ecosystem in the World: DPIIT Report



- Over 1.8 lakh startups recognized.
- Fintech, Healthtech and Agritech lead the growth.
- Government support through Startup India and innovation initiatives.

Prelims Facts

- Jal Suraksha Abhiyan: Water conservation campaign.
- PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana: Launched for 100 districts.
- SDG India Index: Measures progress on Sustainable Development Goals.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The future depends on what you do today.”
— Mahatma Gandhi

TODAY IN HISTORY

22 July 1947

The Indian National Army (INA) flag was first hoisted on Indian territory at Moirang, Manipur.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

India–EU Launch Trade and Technology Council (TTC) 2.0



- Announced during India–EU Summit in Brussels.
- Focus areas: Trade, Green Transition, Digital Cooperation and Resilient Supply Chains.
- Strengthens strategic partnership and economic ties.

UPSC Link: International Organisations | India–European Union Relations | Bilateral Agreements

ECONOMY & BANKING

RBI Maintains Repo Rate at 6.00% for Fourth Consecutive Time



- MPC retains policy rate to support growth amid global uncertainties.
- FY 2026–27 GDP growth projected at 6.4%.
- Inflation projection eased to 4.1%.

UPSC Link: Monetary Policy | RBI Functions | Inflation and Growth

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

DRDO Successfully Tests Long-Range Hypersonic Glide Vehicle (LR-HGV)



- Test conducted from Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Island.
- Capable of traveling at more than 5 Mach speed.
- Strengthens India's strategic deterrence capability.

UPSC Link: Defence Technology | DRDO | Strategic Capability

ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

India Launches 'Blue Carbon Initiative' to Protect Coastal Ecosystems



- Aims to conserve and restore mangroves and seagrass meadows.
- Blue carbon ecosystems help in carbon sequestration and coastal protection.
- Part of India's climate action and Net Zero goals.

UPSC Link: Ecosystems | Climate Change | Conservation

POLITY & GOVERNANCE

Parliament Passes Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2026



- Operationalizes DPDP Act, 2023.
- Establishes Data Protection Board and grievance redressal mechanisms.
- Ensures rights of consent, correction and data portability.

UPSC Link: Fundamental Rights | Privacy | Digital Governance

PLACES IN NEWS

1. Reykjavik, Iceland

In News: Hosts India–Nordic Summit 2026.
Focus on green energy and arctic research.



2. Luanda, Angola

In News: India re-opens Embassy in Angola after over 30 years.



3. Kaziranga, Assam

In News: UNESCO experts visit Kaziranga for World Heritage Site review.



PRELIMS QUICK FACTS

- Jal Suraksha Abhiyan:** Nationwide water conservation campaign launched by Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana:** Approved for 100 low productivity districts.
- SDG India Index 2025–26:** Kerala ranks first.
- LVM3–M6:** ISRO mission launched 36 satellites.
- TTC 2.0:** India–EU Trade and Technology Council launched.
- Repo Rate:** RBI keeps rate unchanged at 6.00%.
- LR-HGV:** DRDO tests long-range hypersonic glide vehicle.
- Blue Carbon Initiative:** Launched to protect coastal ecosystems.
- DPDP Rules, 2026:** Parliament passes data protection rules.

MAP OF THE DAY

Reykjavik, Iceland



PRACTICE MCQ

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Jal Suraksha Abhiyan:

- It is a campaign launched by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- It aims to promote water conservation and sustainable water management.
- It is being implemented in water-stressed districts.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (A) 1 and 2 only (B) 1 and 3 only
(C) 1, 2 and 3 (D) 2 and 3 only

(Answer Tomorrow)

EDITORIAL INSIGHT

India's progress across water security, agriculture, space, technology and governance reflects a strong commitment to inclusive growth and sustainability. These initiatives strengthen India's resilience and reinforce its role as a responsible global leader in building a better future.



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