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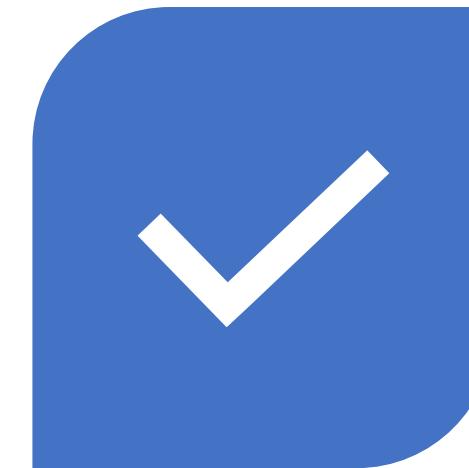Financial Express

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Trump calls off tariff threat to eight countries

LONDON

U.S. President Donald Trump called off his threat of tariffs on eight European countries announced to compel them to transfer the semi-autonomous Danish territory of Greenland to the U.S. He made the announcement after what he called a "very productive" meeting with NATO chief Mark Rutte in Davos. » PAGE 14

Nicobar tribals allege coercion to surrender land

NEW DELHI

With some sections of the ₹92,000-crore Great Nicobar Island mega infrastructure project "nearing approval", members of the Tribal Council in Little and Great Nicobar on Thursday alleged that they are being pressured by the officials of the district administration to "surrender our ancestral lands" to make way for the mega project. » PAGE 6

Net FDI remains negative for the fourth month

NEW DELHI

India's net foreign direct investments (FDI) remained negative for the fourth consecutive month in November 2025, with outflows exceeding inflows by $446 million that month, shows data from Reserve Bank of India. This is mainly due to relatively high repatriation and disinvestments by foreign firms, it shows. » PAGE 13

India, EU agree to ink new defence and security pact

LONDON

India and the European Union agreed on Wednesday to sign a new Security and Defence Partnership, the EU's highest ranking diplomat Kaja Kallas announced. It will be signed next week during the visit of European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and European Council President Antonio Costa to India. » PAGE 14

Blast at plant in Chhattisgarh leaves six dead

BALODABAZAR

Six workers were killed and five sustained burn injuries when hot ash fell on them following an explosion at a steel plant in Chhattisgarh's Balodabazar-Bhatapara district on Thursday morning, officials said. The incident occurred at Real Ispat and Power Ltd located in Bahutali village, District Collector Deepak Soni said. » PAGE 3

Tension rises in Manipur after Meitei man is abducted, killed

Rishikant Singh fatally shot in Churachandpur while visiting his Kuki-Zo wife; protests staged in Meitei-dominated Imphal Valley; residents in Kakching block the Indo-Myanmar Sugnu Road; Union govt. slammed for its failure to check violence

Vijaita Singh
Rahul Karmakar
NEW DELHI/GUWAHATI

A 29-year-old man was shot dead by unidentified assailants in Churachandpur district of Manipur on Wednesday night, security officials said. The killing was recorded on camera.

Mayanglambam Rishikant Singh, a resident of Kakching, belonged to the Meitei community. He was visiting his Kuki-Zo wife in Churachandpur district.

Fresh tension gripped the State after the killing as sit-in protests were organised in parts of the Meitei-dominated Imphal Valley, while people in Kakching district blocked the Indo-Myanmar Sugnu Road to demand justice for the family of the deceased.

Video of killing

Singh, who had been working in Nepal for the past two years, came to Chura-

chandpur on December 19. He stayed with his wife in Churachandpur since. "On Wednesday evening, unidentified people came to their house and took the couple away. While the wife was let off, the husband was taken a little further and shot dead. A video released by the assailants shows a terrified Singh, bent on his knees, pleading and crying for help," said a security official.

A joint action committee formed in the valley in connection with Singh's death demanded that the case be handed over to the National Investigation Agency.

The Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), the apex body of Imphal Valley-based organisations, condemned Singh's killing and said it showed the Centre's failure in controlling militants operating in the State.

'Centre's failure'

"The killing has taken place at a time when civil society groups and various sections of the public are making continuous efforts to restore peace and normal life in Manipur," COCOMI convenor Y.K. Dhiren said.

"It is deplorable that the presence of more than 60,000 security personnel in Manipur to deal with the unrest has not helped stop the activities of armed militants," he said.

Earlier, Singh's body was recovered and sent for post-mortem. His wife has told the police that four

men came in a black SUV looking for her husband. "All of them were masked. While two stayed in the car, the other two entered the house. One of them was carrying a weapon," the official said, adding the victim's wife was not able to recognise them yet.

She told the police that no one except the village chief knew about the arrival of her husband.

Ethnic violence erupted in Manipur on May 3, 2023 between the Meitei and the Kuki-Zo people, claiming the lives of more than 280 people so far.

The State has been under President's Rule since February 13, 2025.

Meanwhile, the Coordination Committee, an umbrella body of a banned organisations catering primarily to Meitei sub-nationalism, called for an 18-hour shutdown from 12 noon on Sunday and urged people to boycott Republic Day celebrations.

Hard loss: Grief-stricken relatives of the victim mourn at Kakching in Manipur on Thursday. PTI

Assam Rifles came to know of the murder through their sources as there was no call made to the police. Around 9.30 p.m., a video of the killing, titled, "No peace no popular government", was shared on WhatsApp from an IP address based in Guwahati, the official said.

Divine form

Cultural outreach: An artist performs Theyyam, a ritual art form of northern Kerala, during an event in Bengaluru on Thursday. PTI

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah greets Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot ahead of the legislature session on Thursday. BHANWARA JAIN

Governor walks out after 2-line speech to Karnataka legislature

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

In a fresh confrontation between the Lok Bhavan and the Congress-led government in Karnataka, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot on Thursday refused to read the customary address prepared by the government and made a two-line address before walking out on the first day of the State legislature session.

The address to the joint session of the legislature ran into 132 paragraphs across 43 pages. However, the Governor had objected to certain paragraphs critical of the BJP-led Union government.

Mr. Gehlot left without waiting for the national anthem to be played following which the State government accused him of insulting the anthem.

The abrupt exit led to chaos in the House, with Congress members raising slogans and attempting to gherao the Governor. Marshals intervened and escorted him out amid pandemonium.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah criticised the Governor's action, accusing him of violating constitutional conventions and acting at the behest of the Centre.

Unconstitutional: CM

"It is the Governor's duty to address the first Assembly session of the year. The Cabinet approved the contents of the speech. Instead of reading the Cabinet-approved text, the Governor delivered a speech prepared by himself,

which is unconstitutional," the Chief Minister said.

He alleged that the Governor was functioning as a "puppet of the Central government" and said the State government was examining the option of approaching the Supreme Court. The Governor's office has not issued any formal statement on the walkout so far.

Not a first

This is not without precedent. Mr. Gehlot's walkout comes just two days after Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi left the Assembly without delivering his address. Similarly, Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar addressed the Assembly after making changes to the government-drafted speech.

In 2011, then Governor of Karnataka H.R. Bhardwaj had walked out of the House when the BJP was in power in the State, following protests by the Congress.

It is understood that Mr. Gehlot declined to read the full address as it contained 10 paragraphs critical of the Narendra Modi-led government, accusing the Centre of meting out "injustice" to Karnataka in tax devolution and Centrally sponsored schemes.

The speech sought repeal of the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission-Gramin Act and restoration of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. The special session was convened to pass a resolution opposing the new job scheme.

Is SIR process about illegal immigration, asks top court

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday questioned whether the Election Commission (EC) had "clearly and eloquently" cited illegal, cross-border immigration as a reason for holding the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and verifying citizenship of registered voters. It said the EC had listed only "frequent migration" as one of the reasons for holding the SIR. About 6.5 crore names were removed from draft rolls in nine States and three Union Territories.

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India absent as Trump rolls out Board of Peace with 19 nations attending

Associated Press
Press Trust of India
DAVOS

U.S. President Donald Trump on Thursday inaugurated his Board of Peace to lead efforts at maintaining a ceasefire in Israel's war against Hamas, insisting that "everyone wants to be a part" of the body that could eventually rival the United Nations — despite many U.S. allies opting not to participate.

India was among the countries not present at the ceremony. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was among the numerous global leaders invited by Mr. Trump to join the Board.

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New accord: U.S. President Donald Trump holds the founding charter of the Board of Peace in Davos on Thursday. REUTERS

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onto the board, representatives of only 19 countries and the U.S. were present at the event at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

"You're the most powerful people in the world," Mr. Trump told the group, ranging from Azerbaijan to Paraguay to Hungary.

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Scepticism among allies

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- **World Economic Forum (WEF)** is a **non-government, non-profit** foundation; it hosts the **Davos** annual meeting to discuss global economic & political issues.

  WEF एक **गैर-सरकारी, गैर-लाभकारी** संस्था है; **दावोस** बैठक में वैश्विक अर्थव्यवस्था-राजनीति पर चर्चा होती है।

- **UN vs non-UN peace platforms**: UN peacekeeping/mediation works through **Security Council mandates / UN agencies**, while ad-hoc "boards/coalitions" often face **mandate legitimacy** questions.

  यूएन बनाम गैर-यूएन मंच: यूएन की शांति व्यवस्था **सुरक्षा परिषद के जनादेश/यूएन एजेंसियों** से चलती है; नए "बोर्ड/गठबंधन" पर **वैधता/जनादेश** का सवाल उठता है।

- **India's default West Asia approach**: strategic autonomy + ties with Israel + support for Palestine + humanitarian assistance + diaspora/energy interests.

  भारत का डिफ़ॉल्ट वेस्ट एशिया दृष्टिकोण: रणनीतिक स्वायत्तता + इज़राइल से संबंध + फ़िलिस्तीन समर्थन + मानवीय सहायता + प्रवासी/ऊर्जा हित।

- **Rafah crossing (Gaza–Egypt)** is often discussed in news because it affects **humanitarian aid flow, evacuation, and border control**.

  रफ़ाह क्रॉसिंग इसलिए महत्वपूर्ण है क्योंकि यह **मानवीय स ↓ ता, निकासी और सीमा-नियंत्रण** को प्रभावित करता है।

Theme (repeat-asked)	What examiners ask	Key answer points
UN Security Council mandate	Who can authorize peacekeeping / binding nature	UNSC resolutions can be binding; peacekeeping typically needs UNSC mandate + host consent
UN Peacekeeping	Principles, funding, command	Consent of parties, impartiality, non-use of force except self-defence/mandate
India–Palestine–Israel	India's stance	Two-state solution support + humanitarian aid + balanced ties
International organizations at Davos	WEF nature & HQ	Non-government; HQ: Geneva, Switzerland (Davos is the meeting place)

Exam	Year	Exact question (as asked)	Answer
UPSC Prelims	2014	**With reference to 'World Economic Forum', consider the following statements:** 1) It is an international organization committed to improving the state of the world by engaging business, political, academic and other leaders of society. 2) It is a subsidiary agency of the United Nations. **Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**	**1 only**

- Consider the following statements:

- A peace platform announced at Davos under a national leader's control may face questions about **mandate legitimacy** when compared to UN-mandated mechanisms.

- India's decision to join such a platform can intersect with its principle of **strategic autonomy** and sensitivities around **third-party involvement in bilateral disputes**.

- The World Economic Forum is a subsidiary agency of the United Nations.

- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
A) 1 and 2 only
B) 2 and 3 only
C) 1 and 3 only
D) 1, 2 and 3

Statehood Day of Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura

- Manipur, Tripura, and Meghalaya celebrated their Statehood Day on 21st January.
- On this day in 1972, all three became full-fledged states under the North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971.

- **Manipur:** Before Independence, Manipur was an **independent princely** state that acceded to **India in 1947 through the Instrument of Accession**, retaining internal autonomy.

  - It conducted **India's first election based on universal adult franchise in 1948**, becoming a constitutional monarchy.

  - In 1949, the Maharaja signed the **Merger Agreement** without consulting the elected Assembly, which was subsequently dissolved.

  - Manipur was administered as a **Part-C State (1949–56), became a Union Territory in 1956,** and finally attained full statehood in 1972 under the North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971, with special safeguards for hill areas under **Article 371C.**

- **Tripura:** Tripura was a princely state ruled by the **Manikya dynasty and merged with the Indian Union in 1949** under the regency of Queen Kanchan Prabha Devi.

  - Initially administered as a **Part-C State, it became a Union Territory in 1956.**

  - In recognition of regional aspirations and administrative needs, Tripura was granted full statehood in 1972 through the North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971, while ensuring tribal self-governance through the **Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council under the Sixth Schedule.**

- **Meghalaya:** Meghalaya's statehood emerged from demands for autonomy by the **Khasi, Jaintia, and Garo Hills** to protect their distinct cultural and linguistic identity, particularly in response to Assam's language policy.

  - It was first created as an **Autonomous State within Assam under the 22nd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1969.**

  - Subsequently, the North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971, granted Meghalaya full statehood in 1972, making it the 21st state of India, with the entire **state governed under the Sixth Schedule through autonomous district councils.**

REORGANISATION OF STATES IN INDIA

The States Reorganisation Commission set up in 1956 suggested the formation of 14 States and 6 UTs. At present, India comprises 28 states and 8 UTs.

1950

States classified into **4 categories** - **Part A, B, C and D** (1st Schedule)

○ **Part A** - Ruled by **Governor** with **elected State Legislature**
  ○ **Andhra Pradesh** (first state on linguistic lines) - 1953

○ **Part B** - Former **Princely States**

○ **Part C** - Former **Chief Commissioners' Provinces**, some **Princely states**

○ **Part D** - Andaman and Nicobar Islands

7th Constitutional Amendment (1956) -

■ Distinction between Part-A and Part-B states done away
■ Part-C states were abolished
  Made total no. of (erstwhile) states - 14 and UTs - 6

Reorganisation/Creation of States/UTs after 1956

States Carved Out of Other States

➲ **Gujarat** and **Maharashtra** from Bombay (Bombay Reorganisation Act, 1960)

➲ **Nagaland** from Assam (State of Nagaland Act, 1962)

➲ **Haryana** from Punjab (Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966)

➲ **Meghalaya** from Assam (North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971)

➲ **Chhattisgarh** from MP (Madhya Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000)

➲ **Uttarakhand** from UP (Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000)

➲ **Jharkhand** from Bihar (Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000)

➲ **Telangana** from Andhra Pradesh (Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014)

States Formed by Granting Statehood

➲ **Himachal Pradesh** (State of Himachal Pradesh Act, 1970)

➲ **Manipur** and **Tripura** (North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971)

➲ **Sikkim** (36th Constitutional Amendment (1975))

➲ **Mizoram** (State of Mizoram Act, 1986)

➲ **Arunachal Pradesh** (State of Arunachal Pradesh Act, 1986)

➲ **Goa** (Goa, Daman, and Diu Reorganisation Act, 1987)

Formation of UTs

➲ Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Delhi, Lakshadweep - 1956

➲ Puducherry - 1962

➲ Chandigarh - 1966

➲ J&K and Ladakh - 2019

➲ Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu - 2020

Sunita Williams

Williams in 2018

Born	Sunita Lyn Pandya September 19, 1965 (age 60) Euclid, Ohio, U.S.
Other names	Sonika, Sončka, Suni, Sunita Pandya Williams
Education	United States Naval Academy (BS) Florida Institute of Technology (MS)
Spouse	Michael J. Williams
Father	Deepak Pandya
Space career	
NASA astronaut	
Rank	Captain, U.S. Navy
Time in space	608 days, 19 minutes
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Selection	NASA Group 17 (1998)
Total EVAs	9
Total EVA time	62 hours, 6 minutes
Missions	STS-116/117 (Expedition 14/15) Soyuz TMA-05M (Expedition 32/33) Boeing Crew Flight Test/SpaceX Crew-9 (Expedition 71/72)
Mission insignia	
Retirement	December 27, 2025

- NASA की अंतरिक्ष यात्री **Sunita Williams** ने **27 साल** के स्पेसफ्लाइट करियर के बाद **रिटायरमेंट** की घोषणा की।
  NASA astronaut **Sunita Williams** has announced retirement after a **27-year** spaceflight career.

- खबर के अनुसार रिटायरमेंट **27 Dec 2025** से प्रभावी बताया गया है।
  As per the news, retirement is effective **27 Dec 2025**.

हालिया मिशन का संदर्भ

- यह निर्णय **International Space Station (ISS)** पर लगभग **9 महीने** के ऐतिहासिक मिशन के बाद आया बताया गया है।
  It follows a historic **~nine-month mission** aboard the **ISS**.

NASA का बयान/महत्त्व

- NASA नेतृत्व ने उन्हें **trailblazer** कहा और ISS पर उनके नेतृत्व/कार्य को भविष्य के मिशनों के लिए महत्वपूर्ण बताया।
  NASA described her as a **trailblazer**, highlighting her leadership and work on the ISS.

- खबर में उल्लेख है कि उनका कार्य **Artemis programme** और भविष्य के **Mars missions** के लिए उपयोगी विज्ञान/तकनीक को आगे बढ़ाने में सहायक रहा।
  Her work advanced science & technology considered critical to **Artemis** and future **Mars** missions.

	English + गार्बल्ड टेक्स्ट
ISS	Low Earth Orbit में **multinational space laboratory**; microgravity research के लिए प्रमुख प्लेटफॉर्म
Artemis programme	NASA का programme: **Moon return** + deep-space capability build / मानव चंद्र मिशन और गहरे अंतरिक्ष क्षमता
Long-duration mission	Human body पर microgravity effects, life-support reliability, deep-space readiness / मानव शरीर पर सूक्ष्म-गुरुत्व प्रभाव, जीवन समर्थन, गहरे अंतरिक्ष तैयारी
Sunita Williams (static facts)	NASA astronaut; भारतीय मूल (father's side) widely noted; ISS पर missions में प्रसिद्ध / NASA astronaut; भारतीय मूल; ISS मिशन में प्रसिद्ध
Spacewalks/EVAs (safe phrasing)	विभिन्न **spacewalks (EVAs)** में ~50+ hours total historical record-zone) / विभिन्न **spacewalks** में कुल लगभग 50+ घंटे का ऐतिहासिक रिकॉर्ड क्षेत्र
Why news matters	India-origin/global Indian in STEM, space cooperation narratives / भारतीय मूल के वैश्विक, STEM प्रेरणा, अंतरिक्ष सहयोग के आख्यान

- [illegible Devanagari text]
- International Space Station (ISS) [illegible] low-earth-orbit [illegible]
- Artemis programme [illegible] **Mars landing** [illegible] Moon [illegible]
- [illegible] ISS [illegible] life-support systems [illegible]
- [illegible]:

A) [illegible] 1 [illegible] 3
B) [illegible] 1 [illegible] 2
C) [illegible] 2 [illegible] 3
D) 1, 2 [illegible] 3

GI-ब्रैंड
"ड़ चक्रन्हह/ड़ चक्रव्ह
(Kaladi)

The Centre has pushed **scientific upscaling** of the **GI-tagged "Kaladi"** from Jammu & Kashmir.

कौन और क्यों

- विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी तथा पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) **जितेंद्र सिंह** ने निर्देश दिया कि कलाड़ी को बड़े स्तर पर विकसित किया जाए।
  Union MoS (IC) **Jitendra Singh** directed that Kaladi be scaled up scientifically.
- कलाड़ी **उधमपुर ज़िले (J&K)** का पारंपरिक डेयरी उत्पाद है; लक्ष्य है कि **स्वाद, टेक्सचर और पोषण पहचान** बनी रहे।
  Kaladi is a traditional dairy product of **Udhampur (J&K)**; scaling should preserve **flavour, texture, and nutritional identity**.

क्या हासिल करना है

- व्यापक **food applications** (अलग-अलग व्यंजनों/उपयोग) के लिए मानकीकरण और विस्तार।
  Standardisation and expansion for wider **food applications**.
- राष्ट्रीय व अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाज़ार तक पहुँच बढ़ाना, **One District One Product (ODOP)** फ्रेमवर्क के तहत।
  Enable access to **national & international markets** under the **ODOP** framework.

मुख्य चुनौती: Shelf life

- मंत्री के अनुसार, **सीमित shelf life** सबसे बड़ा bottleneck है जो स्थानीय बाज़ार से बाहर विस्तार रोकता है।
  Limited shelf life is the biggest constraint for expansion beyond local markets.

- समाधान: **validated processing + packaging + storage solutions** ताकि गुणवत्ता/स्वाद/खिंचने वाला टेक्सचर/
  पोषण प्रभावित न हो।
  Focus on **validated processing, packaging and storage** without compromising quality, "stretchable texture", and nutrition.

परिणाम/दिशा

- "परंपरा + आधुनिक food technology" का संतुलन बनाकर **marketability और export potential** बढ़ाना।
  Improve **marketability and export potential** by balancing tradition with modern food technology.

ब्रॅंड	English + श्रांत द्रव रक्ष
GI Tag इव रान्च	इस इवर्षह ण्यद्रव णLegal recognition of **origin-linked uniqueness**
GI श्रु ङ्क्षचल्व प्य	णAgricultural, food, handicrafts & manufactured goods tied to a region
GI इव ॉव्ग्व्र	Imitations णPrevents misuse, boosts branding, pricing & exports
"Scientific upscaling" (food context)	**Standardisation, quality control, hygiene, shelf-life extension, cold-chain** / रक्काइहड घर , श्र अंत्व श्रग्रूर , sल्व, shelf-life प्रव्व, इवाष्घत्कु
Shelf-life प्रव्व्ड्ड ल्घहड्ड जगeneric)	**Cold chain, moisture control, MAP/vacuum packaging, microbial safety testing** / इवाष्घत्कु , ण्रह श्र ग्रूर , MAP/श्र ्रख ह्क , रक्स्ड्घमागच ह्कि ह्कृ
ODOP linkage	श्र चक्मात्कृ ह्दृव इव value-addition, branding, market access /श्रचक्मात्कृ ह्दृव इव णाव्ष्ट ष , म्कंन-ण, व्ध्व ह्क्रक्

- GI ... "scientific upscaling" ... **shelf-life enhancement** ... validated processing, packaging ... storage ...

- GI ... quality/standardisation ...

- ... :
A) ... 1 ... 2
B) ... 2 ... 3
C) ... 1 ... 3
D) 1, 2 ... 3

Zero Fresh Waste Dump City

- **लखनऊ (UP की राजधानी)** को उत्तर प्रदेश का **पहला "Zero Fresh Waste Dump City"** बताया गया है।
  Lucknow (capital of Uttar Pradesh) is reported as UP's **first "Zero Fresh Waste Dump City."**

- नगर निकाय (Lucknow Municipal Corporation) ने **multi-pronged scientific waste management** अपनाया— **resource recovery, environmental protection, public health** पर फोकस।
  LMC adopted a **multi-pronged scientific approach** focusing on **resource recovery, environment and public health**.

- शहर का स्केल/दबाव: लगभग **40 लाख निवासी** और करीब **7.5 लाख establishments** का संदर्भ दिया गया है।
  Scale noted: about **40 lakh residents** and **~7.5 lakh establishments**.

"Third Waste Processing Plant" (मुख्य कारण)

- लखनऊ ने **Shivri Plant** पर अपनी **तीसरी fresh waste processing facility** शुरू की।
  Lucknow commissioned its **third fresh waste processing facility** at **Shivri**.

- नई यूनिट की क्षमता **700 TPD (metric tonnes/day)**; दो पुराने प्लांट मिलाकर कुल वैज्ञानिक प्रोसेसिंग क्षमता **> 2,100 TPD** बताई गई है।
  New plant capacity is **700 TPD**; with two existing facilities, total **> 2,100 TPD** scientific processing capacity is reported.

- इससे शहर को **100% scientific processing of municipal solid waste** हासिल होने का दावा—और **open dumping** की जरूरत घटती/खत्म होती है।
  This enables **100% scientific processing of MSW**, reducing/eliminating **open dumping**.

[illegible]

"Scientific processing" [illegible]

SWM Rules 2016 (segregation)

[illegible]100[illegible] processing [illegible]

Resource recovery

Health angle

[illegible] English + [illegible]

Source segregation → MRF/Sorting → Compost/Bio-methanation → RDF/WtE → Scientific landfill (rejects/inerts) / [illegible] → [illegible] → [illegible] → RDF/WtE → [illegible]

[illegible] **Biodegradable (wet), Non-biodegradable (dry), Domestic hazardous** [illegible] [India Code](#))

Mixed waste = [illegible] recycling, [illegible] landfill, [illegible] methane/leachate / [illegible], [illegible], [illegible]

Compost, recyclables, RDF/energy = landfill load [illegible], [illegible], RDF/[illegible] [illegible]

Open dumping [illegible] **vector-borne diseases, fires, air pollution** / [illegible]

निम्न कथनों पर विचार कीजिए:

1. लखनऊ ने **Shivri** में तीसरा fresh waste processing plant शुरू करके **100% scientific processing of MSW** का लक्ष्य हासिल करने का दावा किया है।

2. नए प्लांट की क्षमता **700 TPD** है और कुल वैज्ञानिक प्रोसेसिंग क्षमता **2,100 TPD से अधिक** बताई गई है।

3. Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 के अनुसार कचरा जनरेटर को कचरा **पाँच श्रेणियों** में segregate करना अनिवार्य है।

सही कूट चुनिए:

A) केवल 1 और 2

B) केवल 2 और 3

C) केवल 1 और 3

D) 1, 2 और 3

Asia Manufacturing Index

- **Asia Manufacturing Index (AMI) 2026** में भारत की रैंक **6वीं** बताई गई है (कुल **11** एशियाई अर्थव्यवस्थाओं में)।

  India is ranked **6th** among **11** Asian economies in the **Asia Manufacturing Index (AMI) 2026**.

- यह रैंकिंग एशिया में बढ़ती प्रतिस्पर्धा के बीच **manufacturing competitiveness** मजबूत करने की जरूरत को दिखाती है।

  The ranking highlights the need to strengthen **manufacturing competitiveness** amid intensifying regional competition.

- इंडेक्स एशिया के प्रमुख manufacturing hubs के **relative performance** को **multi-dimensional framework** से मापता है।

  The index evaluates the **relative performance** of major Asian manufacturing hubs using a **multi-dimensional framework**.

इंडेक्स किसने जारी किया / संरचना

- यह इंडेक्स अपने **तीसरे वर्ष** में है और इसे **Dezan Shira & Associates** (Hong Kong headquartered) जारी करता है।

  In its **third year**, the index is released by **Dezan Shira & Associates** (headquartered in Hong Kong).

- मूल्यांकन **8 pillars** और **43 sub-parameters** पर आधारित है—जैसे **infrastructure, labour, market access, regulatory environment, supply chain resilience** आदि।

  It assesses across **8 pillars** and **43 sub-parameters**, including **infrastructure, labour, market access, regulatory environment, supply chain resilience**, etc.

Regional comparison (जो स्क्रीनशॉट में दिख रहा है)

- भारत कई एशियाई प्रतिस्पर्धियों से पीछे **6वें स्थान** पर है।

  India placed **sixth**, trailing several Asian competitors.

- **Malaysia** ने बड़ा सुधार दिखाते हुए पहली बार **2nd place** हासिल किया और **Vietnam** को पीछे किया (आगे का हिस्सा स्क्रीनशॉट में cut है)।

  Malaysia moved up to **2nd place** for the first time, replacing **Vietnam** (rest is cut in the image).

ब्रूसड	प्र व ग्रक घट्ज English + श्रम्ह ह्रवल रक्ष
AMI 2026	India **6th / 11 economies**; competitiveness benchmarking / क्रव्हर 11 रक्ष6अब्ह ब्श्लज़ंक्राइव झ्ररक्ड्ल
Publisher	Dezan Shira & Associates; HQ: Hong Kong / Dezan Shira & Associates; रक्ष व्रच्रग्फ Hong Kong
Framework	**8 pillars, 43 sub-parameters / 8 ब्फ, 43 क्ह्यह्त्रक्रफ्घ**
Key pillars (examples)	Infrastructure, labour, market access, regulatory environment, supply chain resilience / स्क्रिवक्र घ, व्रव्र, व्रन्वघ ह्इक्ल, श्रग्ररव्ड्हग्र अक्रव्रघर , ढ़िक्ह्घट्ल च्रद्ह्चक्ष
Exam angle	"Index-based competitiveness", "Make in India/PLI", "logistics + regulations + supply chain" linkage / स्क्रल घ ष श्क्रफ्र ब्श्लज़ंश श्रभ्ररव्क्र ह्क्फ्रग्ल चूश्रम्बष घ्श्रष्ग्ररव्घ ढ़िक्ह दुक् श्रफ्ह

- अहः ड ल्झह घश्रद्तिघ ड़हश ड़:
- Asia Manufacturing Index (AMI) 2026 रक्रक्राघ ड़ह घक्ष **11 ड्श्टू गव्ह १ क्रा त्रिड़र्त रक्रत्रा** ल्न्र एह पक्ष
- AMI १ ह्ड़ **ल्हृद् घह्त्रक्षरक्रात्र** घ स्क्ष**Dezan Shira & Associates** न्त्रघड़ घल्त्रणक्ष
- AMI ड़त्र रक्राक्ष श ड़त्रच्र **GDP size** ड़ृष शच्रघ ह्घश्क्ष ग्त्र न्त्रल्त्रणक्ष स्द्रक्ष infrastructure ग्त्र supply chain न्त्रड़त्रक्राक्रघ ट्रक्षत्र ष्णह्श्क्षक्ष
- ढ्ण्ह ड़क्ष त्क्षह ड़:
A) ड़ड़क्रच्र 1 ड़ घ 2
B) ड़ड़क्रच्र 2 ड़ घ 3
C) ड़ड़क्रच्र 1 ड़ घ 3
D) 1, 2 ड़ घ 3

Word of the day

Quiddity:

an evasion of the point of an argument by raising irrelevant distinctions or objections; the essence that makes something the kind of thing it is and makes it different from any other

Synonyms: cavil, quibble, haecceity

Usage: *The quiddity of his leadership skills shined through yesterday at the meeting.*

Pronunciation:
newsth.live/quidditypro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈkwɪdɪti/

Word of the day

Anodyne:

unlikely to offend anyone or cause them to disagree

Synonyms: bland, neutral, harmless

Usage: *The minister issued an anodyne statement after the controversy.*

Pronunciation:
newsth.live/anodynepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ænədaɪn/

Thank you ☺