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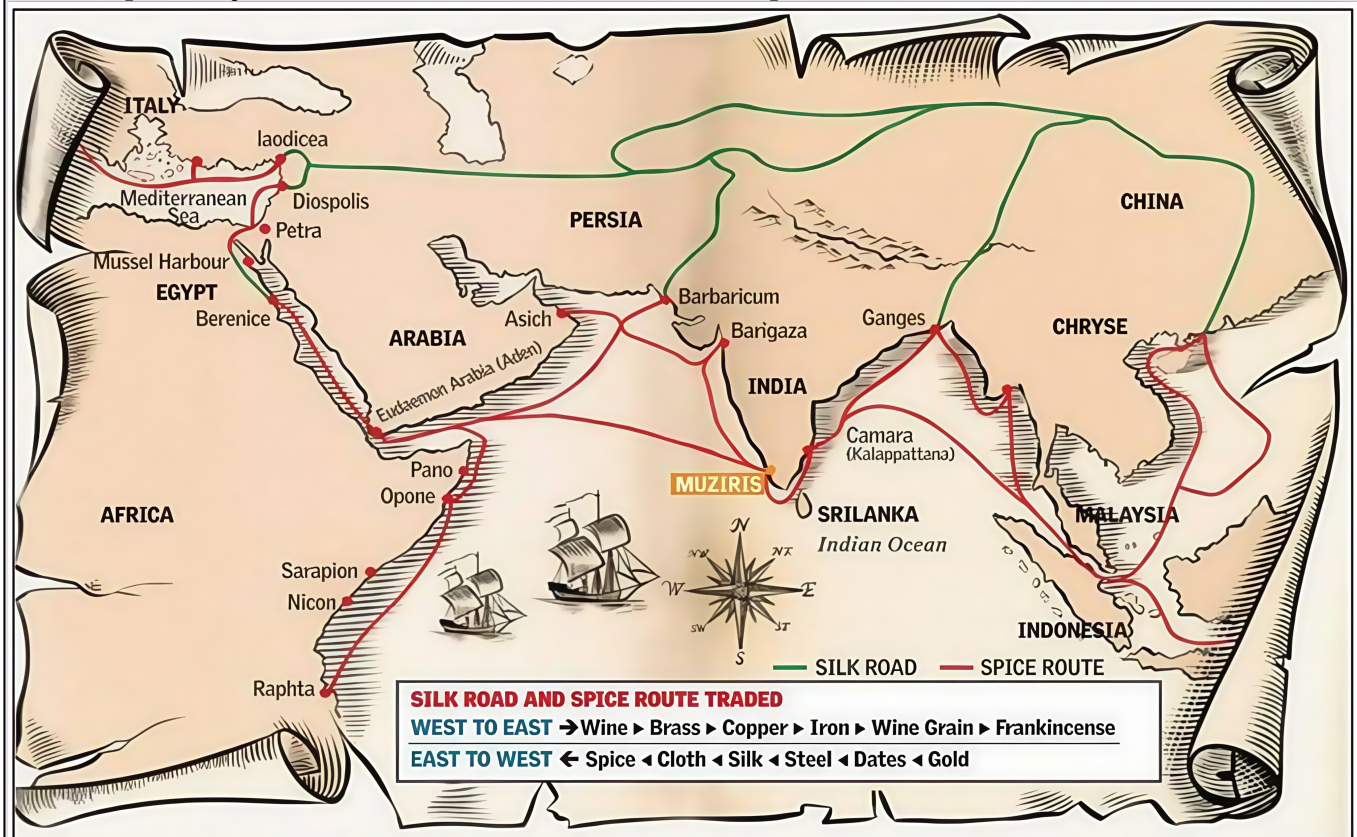| One Liners 03-01-2026 |
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| **Polity & Governance** |
| **Voice over WiFi (VoWiFi) Services** <br> *BSNL launches Voice over WiFi (VoWiFi) services nationwide across all circles.* <br> • **VoWiFi –** It is an IMS-based service that supports seamless handovers between Wi-Fi and mobile networks. <br> • Calls are made using the customer's *existing mobile number and phone dialer*, without the need for third-party applications. <br> • It enables customers to make and receive *voice calls and messages over a Wi-Fi network.* <br> • It ensures clear and reliable connectivity in areas with weak mobile signal, including homes, offices, basements, and remote locations. |
| **Social Media Regulation** <br> *The Ministry emphasized that adherence to the IT Act and the IT Rules, 2021, is mandatory.* <br> • **Notices issued by –** Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. <br> • **Issued to –** Social media platform X. <br> • **Concern –** Grok AI is being misused by users to create fake accounts to host, generate, publish or share obscene images or videos of women in a derogatory or vulgar manner. <br> • **Aim –** To prevent the hosting, generation, and sharing of obscene, nude, indecent, and explicit content through the misuse of AI-based services. <br> • **Regulatory provisions –** The Information Technology Act, 2000 and IT Rules, 2021. |
| **International Relations and Issues** |
| **Legacy of Khaleda Zia** <br> • Khaleda Zia was the 1st woman to serve as Prime Minister of Bangladesh. <br> • She was married to former President General Ziaur Rahman, the founder of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP). <br> • Her longstanding political rivalry with Sheikh Hasina of the Awami League significantly shaped Bangladeshi politics for an entire generation. |
| **Global Spice Routes Conclave** <br> • **Held in –** Kochi, Kerala. <br> • **Organized by –** Muziris Heritage Project in collaboration with Kerala Tourism. <br> • **Objective** <br>   - To highlight the shared maritime and cultural heritage among participating regions. <br>   - To promote and enhance cultural and heritage tourism among countries along the ancient Spice Route. <br>   - To establish Kerala as a dynamic intersection of global heritage and maritime civilization. <br> • **Themes/Sessions** <br>   - Governing and Sustaining Transnational Heritage Corridors, <br>   - Heritage Tourism,Re-imagining Spice Routes for Tourism, <br>   - Digital Spice Routes, Muziris Reimagined, Knowledge Tradition in the Region. |

## Muziris Heritage Project
• **Initiated by –** The Government of Kerala.
• **Aim –** To conserve and showcase the historical and cultural significance of Muziris, an ancient port city in Kerala, which was a hub of the Spice Route.



**SILK ROAD AND SPICE ROUTE TRADED**
WEST TO EAST ➜ Wine ▸ Brass ▸ Copper ▸ Iron ▸ Wine Grain ▸ Frankincense
EAST TO WEST ⬅ Spice ◂ Cloth ◂ Silk ◂ Steel ◂ Dates ◂ Gold

— SILK ROAD  — SPICE ROUTE

## Economy

### Concerns of Apple Growers in Himachal Pradesh
• **Background –** The proposed reduction in import duty on apples imported from New Zealand, from 50% to 25% under a trade agreement, has raised significant concerns.
• **Key Concerns**
  - **Threat to Livelihoods –** The proposed policy is expected to severely impact the livelihoods of apple growers, particularly small and marginal farmers.
  - **Loss of Market Share –** Indian apple producers are likely to experience a substantial reduction in market share.
  - **Decline in Prices –** The anticipated decrease in apple prices may result in economic distress for domestic growers.
  - **Existing Challenges** – Apple growers are already contending with climate change, increasing input costs, labor shortages, and diminishing profit margins.

### Significance of the Apple Industry in Himachal Pradesh
• **Economic Contribution –** It generates approximately ₹5,500 crore in annual revenue.
• **Employment –** It provides livelihoods for more than 150,000 families.
• **Production –** Himachal Pradesh produces approximately 25 percent of India's total apple output, amounting to around 650,000 tonnes annually.
• **Limited Diversification –** The region's hilly terrain restricts opportunities for cultivating alternative crops.

## Security

## VPN Ban in Kashmir
• **Location –** Enforced in 4 districts of Jammu and Kashmir such as Shopian, Kulgam, Budgam, and Srinagar.
• **Concern –** Security threats arising from increased militant activity.
• **Authority –** District administrations exercised magisterial powers to enforce the ban.
• **Government's Rationale –** To counter the use of VPNs by militants for communication, coordination, and evading surveillance.

## VPN – Virtual Private Network
• It is a type of online service that allows you to hide your browsing activity, identity, and location while browsing the internet.
• Typically, in order to access the internet, your computer creates a public connection to your internet service provider, or ISP.
• A VPN creates a private connection between your computer and a remote server, owned by the VPN provider.
• **Privacy –** This digital connection, or tunnel, encrypts your data so that no one else can see it.
  - It also masks your IP address so that no one else can trace you.

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## National Drug Use Survey (NDUS)
• **NDUS –** It is projected to be the largest of its kind in India.
• **Key Details**
  - **Survey Period –** Through 2026.
  - **Coverage –** Nearly 20 lakh individuals across India.
  - **New Focus –** Documentation of indigenous forms of substance use, such as _local alcoholic beverages, opium, and cannabis that have social sanction._
  - **Specific Populations –** Detailed analysis for prison inmates, school students and college students.
  - **Funding –** Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
  - **Conducted by –** National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (AIIMS).
  - **Methodology –** The survey will utilize household sampling (4.4 lakh households, 17.6 lakh individuals) and respondent-driven sampling targeting 2.1 lakh drug-dependent individuals.