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Polity & Governance

Default Bail

Supreme Court recently said that accused persons cannot claim default bail for non-filing of additional copies of the charge sheet.

- **Default bail** – It is also known as *statutory or compulsive bail*.
  - **Indefeasible right** – It arises if the charge sheet is not filed within the statutory period.
  - **Statutory Deadline –** It applies only if the charge sheet is not filed *within 60 or 90 days of investigation.*
  - Once the charge sheet is filed, the right to default bail ends.
- **Provisions –**
  - *Section 187(3) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS).*
  - Constitutional rights under *Article 21.*

Bharat Tex 2026

- India's largest global textile trade fair.
- **Venue** – New Delhi.
- **Organized by** – Bharat Tex Trade Federation (BTTF) in collaboration with the Ministry of Textiles.
- **Inspired by** – *5F Vision - Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign.*
- **Objectives –**
  - To focus on circular textiles and ESG compliance standards.
  - To showcase Industry 5.0, smart manufacturing, and R&D solutions.
- **Significance –** It serves as a unified mega-platform showcasing India's entire textile value chain.

Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojana (KSVY)

Government of India has officially invited applications for the Grant Year 2026–27.

- **Type –** Central Sector Scheme.
- **Nodal ministry** – Ministry of Culture.
- **Objectives** –
- To provide crucial financial assistance directly to artists, NGOs, researchers, and cultural organisations.
- To preserve and promote the rich cultural heritage of India.

International Relations and Issues

Sri Lanka – Upper-middle-income economy

World Bank has upgraded Sri Lanka's status to an upper-middle-income economy recently.

- **Reason of recovery** –
  - Revival in tourism.
  - Stronger worker remittances.
  - Improving external sector performance.

World Bank's Income Classifications

- **Classification –** Based on Gross National Income (GNI) per capita estimates of previous year.
- **4 categories –**
  - Low income ($1,035),
  - Lower-middle income ($1,036 - $4,045),
  - Upper-middle income ($4,046 - $12,535) and
  - High income (>$12,535).
- **Significance** – It marks of the nation's economic rebound following its recent financial crisis.

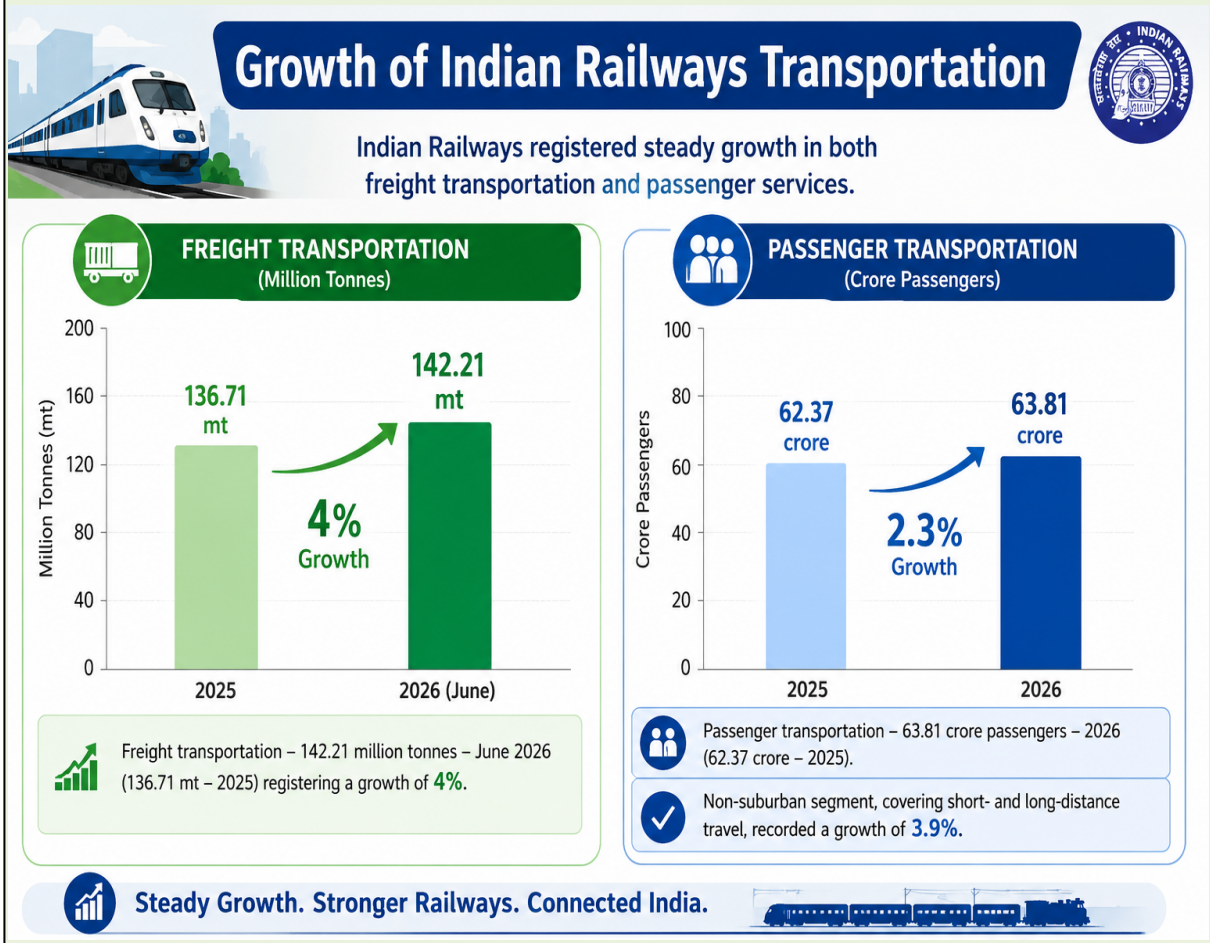
World Bank Group (WBG)

- It serves as one of the world's largest sources of funding and knowledge for developing nations.
- **Headquartered in** – Washington, D.C.
- **Global partnership –** 189 member countries
- **Objective –** It is dedicated to reducing poverty and building shared prosperity.
- **WBG is group of 5 institutions** –
  - **IBRD** (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development)
  - **IDA** (International Development Association)
  - **IFC** (International Finance Corporation)
  - **MIGA** (Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency)
  - **ICSID** (International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes) – *India is not a member of ICSID*
- **Note** – *IBRD and IDA together known officially as the* ***World Bank*****.**

Economy

Growth of Indian Railways Transportation

Indian Railways registered steady growth in both freight transportation and passenger services.



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Significance

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It strengthened financial health with increased revenue.

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It reflects Railways' focus on efficiency and passenger comfort.

Agriculture

Wild Rice Conservation Project

NRAA-Funded Wild Rice Conservation Project Secures Major Milestone in Assam recently.

- It is an agricultural initiative in India titled "*In-situ Conservation and Management of Wild Rice (Oryza rufipogon) in Sonitpur District of Assam".*
- **Funded by** – National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA).
- **Nodal ministry** – Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
- **Implementing bodies –**
  - ICAR–National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (ICAR-NBPGR).
  - Assam State Biodiversity Board.
- **Target species** – *Oryza rufipogon*, a wild ancestor of rice.
- **Highlight** – Borjuli wetland site in Assam was officially notified as a national biodiversity Heritage Site.

National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA)

- **Nodal ministry** – Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.
- **Constituted in** – 2006.
- **Headquartered in** – New Delhi.
- **Objectives** –
  - To provide necessary knowledge inputs, technical assistance.
  - To provide policy guidance for upgrading and rainfed agricultural systems.

Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS)

- BHS is a well-defined, ecologically fragile ecosystems that possess rich biodiversity, high endemism, and significant cultural or aesthetic value.
- **Notified by** – *State Governments* in consultation with local bodies.
- **Notified under** – *Section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.*
- **Features** –
  - Actively involves local communities.
  - Does not restrict their traditional livelihood practices.
- **Areas for selection**
  - Species Richness
  - High Endemism
  - Evolutionary Context
  - Genetic Value
  - Cultural Space

Science

Amending Drugs Rules, 1945

Central government has amended the Drugs Rules, 1945.

- **Objective –** To strengthen regulatory oversight of advanced and emerging medical technologies.
- To ensure uniform regulation across India through the *Centrally Licence Approving Authority (CLAA) framework*.
- **Expansion of Regulatory Scope**
  - **Stem cell-derived products** – It includes regenerative treatments and CAR-T cell therapies for leukaemias and lymphomas, are now included.
  - **Gene therapeutic products** – Such as gene replacement and gene-editing therapies for genetic disorders and cancers, are also covered.
  - **Xenografts –** A animal tissue-derived products such as heart valves used in cardiology and orthopaedics, fall within the expanded regulatory scope.
- **Legal basis**
  - **Governed by –** Drugs and Cosmetics Act.
  - Certain critical drugs are already subject to joint Centre and State regulation, including:
    - Vaccines.
    - Large volume parenterals (>100 ml IV solutions).
    - r-DNA-based medicines.
  - Amendment expands this list to include advanced cell and gene therapies.
- **Significance** – It *reinforces India's regulatory framework in line with global best practices in emerging technologies*.

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