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Polity & Governance

EPIC Number

• **EPIC –** Electors Photo Identification Card.
• **Issued by** – Election Commission of India (ECI).
• It is the voter ID card number, which serves as *identification proof for Indian citizens* over the age of 18.
• **Challenges** - Duplication in EPIC number, caused by use of identical alphanumeric series by 2 different States/UTs.
• Irrespective of the EPIC number, any elector can cast a *vote only at their designated polling station,* where they are enrolled in the electoral roll.

Sashakt Panchayat-Netri Abhiyan

• **Launched in** – *2025*, by Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
• **Aim** – To strengthen the capacity-building interventions for *women elected representatives of Panchayat* across the nation.
• **Focus** – Leadership, decision-making capabilities, and reinforcing women's role in grassroots governance.

Jan Aushadhi Diwas, 2025

• **Celebrated on** – *7th March*, every year.
• **Theme** – Jan Aushadhi - Virasat Ke Saath.
• **Objective** – To enhance awareness about the scheme and promote generic medicines.
• More than 500 Free Health Camps (Jan Arogya Mela) organized especially for *senior citizens*.

ITEC Capacity Building Programme on Human Rights

• **ITEC** – Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Executive (ITEC) provide an opportunity to share and exchange each other's rich cultural diversity and human rights values.
• **Organized by** – National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).
• **Beneficiaries** – National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) of Global South.
• 14 out of *37 global south* countries participated.
• **Focus** – Women rights, gender equality, protecting marginalized communities and safeguarding vulnerable populations.

DISHA Program

• **DISHA** – Developing Innovations, Successful Harnessing, and Adoption.
• It is a step towards *building a knowledge-based economy* where research-driven solutions transform industries.
• **Aim** – To *support faculty members and students* working on disruptive technologies across disciplines, ensuring that India remains at the forefront of global innovation.
• **Aligned with** – Anusandhan National Research Foundation (*ANRF*), which seeks to create a unified research ecosystem bridging science, humanities, and social sciences.

Bilateral Relations

India and Nepal Ties in WASH

• **WASH** – Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH).
• **India-Nepal Ties** – They signed MoUs to strengthen cooperation in WASH Sector, including waste management.
• It aids in ensuring better access to clean drinking water and sanitation for their populations.

Economy

Total Fertility Rate (TFR)

• **TFR** – It is the average number of children a woman would have during her reproductive years.
• **Key indicator in** – Population growth and change.
• **National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) 2019-21:**
- **India TFR at national level** – 2.0.
- **States with TFR >1.8** – Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.
- **States with average TFR 2.4** – Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan.

Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)

• **PMI Data** – It is prepared on the basis of *responses from purchasing executives* of 400 firms.
• **Performances** – India's *PMI in services slipped* to *56.5* in January, the lowest level since November 2022.
• Manufacturing sales and output PMI was also down.

Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)

• **Established in** – *1963*, as an autonomous body.
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
• **Aim** – To impart knowledge through research and training in *international business and trade*.
• **Recognition** – It got University status, deemed to be University in 2002.
• National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) recognized it as *Grade 'A'* Institution in 2005 & 2015.

Science

Centre for Fuel Cell Technology (CFCT)

• **Objective** – To develop Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Fuel Cells (*PEMFC*).
• **Nodal centre** – International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI).
• **PEMFC** – It is one of the *low temperature fuel cells*, in its entireness, demonstrate its application in decentralised power generation systems and transportation applications.

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