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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 entirety, demonstrate its application in decentralised power generation systems and transportation applications.

