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#### Polity & Governance

##### Zero Coal Leakage Plan

Recently, Zero Coal Leakage Plan initiative is announced by government.

- **Objective** - To eliminate illegal coal mining, coal theft, and unauthorized transportation.
- **Primary Target** - Dhanbad, Jharkhand.
- **Under** - Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.
- **Provisions** -
  - Nationwide crackdown on illegal coal mining and coal leakage.
  - Deployment of CISF and Quick Response Teams (QRTs) to secure coal mines.
  - Using of Integrated Command & Control Centres.
  - Verification of e-way bills and stronger enforcement.

#### International Relations and Issues

##### BRICS Anti-Drugs Meeting 2026

BRICS anti-drug meeting held in Guwahati recently.

- **Hosted by** - India.
- **Held in** - Guwahati, Assam.
- **Organized by** - Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Home Affairs.
- **Participation** - BRICS member countries.
- **Agenda** -
  - It targeted the Proliferation of synthetic drugs, New Psychoactive Substances (NPS), and darknet-enabled drug trafficking.
  - To strengthen intelligence sharing and operational coordination.
  - To enhance capacity building and institutional cooperation among BRICS drug control agencies.

#### Economy

## **GI Registrations - Statistics**

*States located in eastern India recorded a high number of registrations of GI tag in last 1 year.*

- Over 125 GI registrations recorded during April 2025 to March 2026.
- **Highlight** - Highest registrations Madhya Pradesh (26), followed by West Bengal (24).
- **GI tag statistics in India**
  - *Number of GI registered in the country stands at **822**.*
  - *Out of 822, handicrafts comprise 53%, agricultural products 31%.*
- **Statewide GI tags** -
  - Uttar Pradesh (74) has the highest registration,
  - Tamil Nadu (69)
  - West Bengal.

## **Geographical Indication or GI tag**

- It is a sign used on products of specific *geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation.*
- A GI tag *cannot be transferred, licensed, pledged.*
- **Valid for** - 10 years (Can be renewed).
- **Governed by** - Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act of 1999.
- **Administered by** - *GI Registry, Chennai*, under the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks.
- **Protected under** - *TRIPS Agreement* (Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) of WTO.

## TRIPS Agreement (Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights)

- It sets minimum standards for the protection, regulation, of intellectual property (IP) across all member nations.
- **Established in** - 1995.
- **Administered by** - World Trade Organization (WTO).
- **Includes** - Patents, copyrights, trademarks, Geographical Indications, Industrial Designs, Trade Secrets and Data Layout Designs.
- **Objectives** -
  - **Global Standardization** - To establish uniform, baseline rules for intellectual property globally.
  - **Resolution** - To integrates IP disputes into the broader WTO framework.
  - To allow for retaliatory trade sanctions if a country fails to enforce IP laws.

## Agriculture

## Sea Buckthorn

Recently, Sea buckthorn received GI tag in Himachal Pradesh.

- Sea buckthorn is a *hardy, thorny deciduous temperate shrub*.



- **Scientific name** - Hippophae rhamnoides.
- **Common names** - "Himalayan Berry", 'Wonder Plant', 'Ladakh Gold', 'Golden Bush', or 'Gold Mine' of cold deserts.
- **Indian names** - Leh Berry (Ladakh), *Chharma (Himachal Pradesh)*, Ames (Uttarakhand), and Brahmaphal (in Hindi).
- **Habitat** - *High-altitude cold deserts* of the Himalayan region, such as Ladakh and Spiti.
- **Features** -
  - Bright orange colour in appearance.
  - **Rich in** - Vitamins C, A, E, K, and B-complex, Omega fatty acids.
- **Usage** -
  - Oil for skincare.
  - Juices, Teas and Powders for consumption.
- **Health benefits** -
  - Skin Regeneration.
  - Cardiovascular Support.
  - Eye care etc.

## Security

### **INS Mahendragiri (F38)**

*The INS Mahendragiri (F38) set to be commissioned into Indian navy.*

• It is the 6<sup>th</sup> advanced indigenous stealth frigate of the Indian Navy's Project 17A (Nilgiri-class) program.

• **Type** - Warship under Eastern Naval Command.

• **Built by** - Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited.

• **Powered by** - Combined Diesel or Gas (CODOG) propulsion system.

• **Significance** - Over 75% indigenous content, exemplifies Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

### **Miscellaneous**

#### **International Day of Cooperatives 2026**

• **Celebrated on** - July 04 (1<sup>st</sup> observed in 1923).

• **Theme** - "Cooperatives for a peaceful world!"

• **Announced by** - International Cooperative Alliance.

• **Officially observed by** - United Nations since 1995.

• **Objective** - To affirm the contribution of cooperative enterprises to social justice, inclusion and solidarity.

#### **World Zoonoses Day**

• **Observed Annually on** - 6<sup>th</sup> July (Commemorates 6 July 1885, administering first rabies vaccine to a human).

• **Theme** - "One World, One Health: Prevent Zoonoses".

• **Recognizes** - Close connection between human, animal, and environmental health.

• **Promoted by** -

- World Health Organization

- World Organisation for Animal Health

- International Society for Infectious Diseases.

• **Objective** - To raise awareness about zoonotic diseases that can spread between animals and humans.

## **World Rural Development Day 2026**

- **Observed on** - July 6 (1<sup>st</sup> in 2025).
- **Theme** - "Financing the First Mile of Food Systems".
- **Established by** - United Nations General Assembly.
  - **In partnership with** - International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and CIRDAP.
- **Objective** - To highlight bridging the urban-rural divide for family farmers, women, and youth.