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#### Geography

##### Yamuna River

Recently, a review meeting on the issue of Yamuna revitalization has been held in New Delhi.

- **Yamuna** - The second-largest tributary of the Ganges and the longest tributary in India.

##### **Geographic Course & Basin**

- **Origin** - Rises at an elevation of about 4,500 meters from the Bandarpunch peaks in the Lower Himalayas.
- **Tributaries** - Major tributaries in the plains include the Hindon, Chambal, Sind, Betwa, and Ken.
- **Basin** - It drains an area of 366,223 square kilometers and creates the highly fertile alluvial Yamuna-Ganges Doab region.

#### Polity & Governance

##### Software Technology Parks of India (STPI)

Recently, the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) organised STPI Tech Summit 2026: India's Next Leap at New Delhi on its 35th Foundation Day

- **Under** - Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- **Mandated to** - Promote software exports, nurture startups, and implement STP/EHTP (Electronic Hardware Technology Park) schemes.
- **Encourages** - nurturing pan India start-up ecosystem through its initiatives like Centres of Entrepreneurship (CoEs) & Next Generation Incubation Scheme (NGIS).

##### Udyam Registration Portal

- **Launched by** - the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME),
- **Purpose** - to simplify the registration process for small businesses.

##### **Features**

- **100% Digital & Free** - A paperless, self-declaration-based portal with zero registration fees.
- **Official MSME Identity** - Mandatory to obtain the permanent 16-digit Udyam Registration Number (URN); replaced the old Udyog Aadhaar.
- **Auto-Data Sync** - Integrated with Income Tax (PAN) and GSTIN systems to automatically verify investment and turnover details.

#### International Relations and Issues

## Mindanao (Philippines)

Recently, a 7.8 - magnitude quake strikes the southern Philippines.

- The Philippines is an archipelagic nation in Southeast Asia composed of 7,641 islands.
- **Situated on** the Pacific Ring of Fire between the South China Sea and the Philippine Sea, its rugged, volcanic terrain spans roughly 300,000 square kilometers.
- It is divided into three primary island groups: Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.



- Boundaries - **West / South China Sea**(west).
- **Philippine Sea** (east).

## Sea of Azov

The Sea of Azov has become a focal point of geopolitical tension following targeted Ukrainian drone strikes on cargo vessels in Taganrog Bay.



- The Sea of Azov is a unique, semi-enclosed body of water that forms a northern extension of the Black Sea.
- It Connects to the Black Sea via the narrow and strategically vital Kerch Strait and bordered by Ukraine and Russia.

## Economy

### Kirthai-II Hydroelectric Project

The government has revived the long-stalled Kirthai Stage II Hydroelectric Project construction recently.

- **Capacity** - 930 MW (includes a 840 MW underground powerhouse and a 90 MW dam toe powerhouse).
- **River** - Chenab River
- **Location** - Kishtwar district, Jammu & Kashmir
- **Type** - Run-of-river project
- **Developer** - Chenab Valley Power Projects Limited (CVPPL)

## Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited)

Recently, the Vishakhapatnam steel plant accident claimed over 8 lives and leaves several others injured.

- It is a premier "**Navratna**" Public Sector Enterprise situated on the coast of the Bay of Bengal, in Andhra Pradesh state.
- **Under** - *Ministry of Steel*.
- **Significance** - India's first shore-based integrated steel plant.
- It plays a vital role in national infrastructure, supplying high-quality "long products" for bridges, metros, and nuclear complexes.
- **Shore-Based Advantage** - Its location drastically reduces logistical costs for importing raw materials (like coking coal) and exporting finished products.

## **Environment**

### Jhajjar-Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary

Rupnagar's newly renamed Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Wildlife Sanctuary is set for eco-tourism overhaul as Punjab's first dedicated wildlife viewing destination.

- **Location** - Rupnagar District, Punjab (near Anandpur Sahib and Nangal).
- **Area** - Spans roughly 289 acres.
- The Punjab government recently renamed it to honor the ninth Sikh Guru, Guru Tegh Bahadur.
- **Wildlife** - Leopards, sambar, barking deer, wild boars, jackals, and pangolins.
- **Reptiles & Birds** - Pythons, cobras, and diverse migratory birds.
- **Tourism & Safari Development** - It is projected to be the first destination in the state where visitors can safely experience leopards and other Shivalik wildlife up-close.

## **Science**

### Electric Traction System (ETS)

- The ETS uses electrical energy to propel vehicles like trains, trams, and trolleybuses.
- **Draws power** - from overhead lines or a third rail to feed high-torque electric motors,
- **Offers** - superior acceleration, higher energy efficiency, and *zero direct emissions compared to fossil fuel alternatives*.

## **Miscellaneous**

### Gallantry awards

During the Defence Investiture Ceremony, President conferred gallantry awards to personnel from the Armed Forces, State/UT police for their exceptional courage.

- Gallantry awards in India are prestigious honors presented by the Government of India *to recognize acts of bravery, courage, and self-sacrifice*.
- They are divided into two primary categories:
  1. **Wartime gallantry awards** (for bravery in the face of the enemy)
    - **Param Vir Chakra (PVC)** - India's highest military decoration, awarded for the most conspicuous bravery and pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice in the presence of the enemy.
    - **Maha Vir Chakra (MVC)** - The second-highest
    - **Vir Chakra** - The third highest
  2. **Peacetime Gallantry Awards** - given for acts of courage and sacrifice away from the battlefield.
    - - **Ashoka Chakra** - India's highest peacetime gallantry award, (equivalent to the Param Vir Chakra)
      - **Kirti Chakra** - The second-highest.
      - **Shaurya Chakra** - the third highest



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