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#### Social Issues

##### Poshan Pakhwada 2025

Recently, the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of Poshan Pakhwada was started.

- It is annual event focuses on improving nutrition across India, especially for women and children.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- **2025 Theme** - Shuddh Jal aur Swachhta Se Swasth Bachpan (Clean Water and Sanitation for Healthy Childhood).
- **Aim** - To combat malnutrition through behaviour changes at individual, family, and community levels.
- **4 key areas**
  - Emphasis on the first 1000 days of human life.
  - Popularization of the Beneficiary Module in the [Poshan Tracker App](#).
  - Effective management of malnutrition through the CMAM module.
  - Promotion of healthy lifestyles to address childhood obesity.

**Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM)** is a training module that focuses on community-based approaches to managing acute malnutrition.

#### Polity & Governance

##### India Skills Accelerator

Recently, the India Skills Accelerator initiative was launched.

- **Launched by** - Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and World Economic Forum (WEF).
- **Aim** - To catalyze change across 3 critical levels
  - By improving awareness and shifting mindsets around future skills needs.
  - Increasing collaboration and knowledge sharing among stakeholders.
  - Committing to upgrade institutional structures and policy frameworks to support a more adaptive and responsive skilling ecosystem.
- **Governance structure** - It Includes key stakeholders from public and private sectors.
- It enables cross-sectoral efforts in unlocking innovative ideas and driving systemic progress on complex challenges that demand a multi-stakeholder approach.

### **AadharFaceRD App**

Recently, a new Aadhaar App was launched in testing phase at Aadhaar Samvaad event in Delhi by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

- It is a facial recognition tool for verifying Aadhaar-holders' identity for use-cases like verification during a Know-Your-Customer (KYC).
- **Developed by** - Unique Identification Authority of India.
- **Working** - Facial recognition is triggered only through a KYC request by scanning a QR code.
- Then, the user is prompted to show their face to their smartphone camera and blink, after which their details are verified.
- **Role** - It secures the Aadhaar data while sharing with hotels and other "requesting" entities without the need to share a hard copy.
- It is used as an ID proof, instead of simply scan a QR code.

### **Economy**

#### **Amalgamation of Regional Rural banks (RRBs)**

Recently, the Department of Financial Services (DFS) has notified the amalgamation of 26 RRBs.

- It is the 4<sup>th</sup> phase of amalgamation; 1<sup>st</sup> phase started in 2024.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Finance.
- **Principle of amalgamation** - One State One RRB.
- **Purpose** - This amalgamation of 26 RRBs in 10 States and 1 UT have been carried out with for improvement in scale efficiency and cost rationalization.
- At present, 43 RRBs are functioning in 26 States and 2 UTs.

#### **Multiples GIFT Fund**

Recently, the Competition Commission of India has approved the proposed acquisition of shareholding by Multiples Plenty Private Equity GIFT Fund.

- It is a newly incorporated trust, formed under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882.
  - It is registered with International Financial Services Centres Authority as a Restricted Scheme.
  - **Managed by** - Multiples Asset Management IFSC LLP.
- IFSC LLP**, a limited liability partnership incorporated under the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 and operating within an International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).

### **Security**

#### **iCAST-25 (Integrated Cyber Advanced Security Techniques)**

Recently, a two-day workshop iCAST-25 was organized at Shimla.

- It is a Cyber Security Workshop for state police leaders of the Himachal Pradesh Government.
- **Organized by** - Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
- **Aim** - To promote digital literacy, empower individuals, and bridge the digital divide across Himachal Pradesh.
- **Role** - It aligns with the Government of India's mission to create a cyber-resilient public sector, ensuring a robust digital infrastructure and resilient e-governance services across states.

### **Integrated Financial Advisors (IFA) System**

Recently, the Defence Secretary highlighted the role of integrated financial advisors in driving transparency.

- **Introduced in** - 1975, in various Ministries of Government of India  
- Department of Defence - 1983.
- **Objectives** - To provide *independent financial inputs* to the Competent Financial Authorities (CFAs) to enable *transparency, accountability and responsiveness* in defence financial system.
- To enhance *capital acquisition* outcomes, multifaceted challenges confronting in the Military Engineer Services.

### **Science**

#### **Himalayan High Altitude Atmospheric and Climate Research Centre**

Recently, the Himalayan High Altitude Atmospheric and Climate Research Centre was launched.

- It is the *1<sup>st</sup>-ever* High-Altitude Climate Research Station in India.
- **Objectives** - To understand the *cloud formation, weather patterns, and aerosol interactions*.
- **Joint initiative of** - Union Ministry of Earth Sciences, J&K Forest Department, Central University of Jammu and Swiss National Science Foundation.
- **Location** - Nathatop in *Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)*, at an altitude of 2,250 meters above sea level.
- This location was chosen for its clean air and minimal pollution.

#### **ICE-CRUNCH - Indo-Swiss Joint Research Project**

As of part of recent launch of the Himalayan High Altitude Atmospheric and Climate Research Centre, the ICE-CRUNCH project was flagged off.

- **ICE-CRUNCH** - Ice nucleating particles and cloud condensation nuclei properties in the North-Western Himalayas.
- It is a joint research initiative between *Indian scientist and ETH Zurich in Switzerland*.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- **Aim** - To explore the *properties of ice nucleating particles* and *cloud condensation nuclei* in the region.
- To understand the *role of aerosols in cloud microphysics* and their broader implications on climate systems and precipitation in the Himalayan region.

**Cloud condensation nuclei** are critical components in cloud formation and precipitation processes.

- **Role** - It will provide the 1<sup>st</sup> set of measurements for Himalayan High Altitude Atmospheric and Climate Research Centre.

### **Miscellaneous**

#### **World Homeopathy Day 2025 (April 10<sup>th</sup>)**

On the occasion of World Homeopathy Day 2025, Homeopathic convention is set to be hosted at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

- **2025 Theme** - *Education, Practice, and Research*.
- These are the 3 foundational pillars for the growth of Homoeopathy.
- **Aim** - To strengthen *global access to homeopathic research advancements*, its practical applications, and its growing impact in both healthcare and industry.
- **Homeopathic convention** - It is a 2-day grand convention, organized by the *Ministry of Ayush*.
- It is to be hosted by Central Council for Research in Homeopathy (CCRH), National Commission for Homeopathy (NCH), and National Institute of Homeopathy (NIH).



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