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Social Issues

Draft Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) (2nd) Amendment Rules, 2025

- **Issued by -** Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.
- **Objectives** To make it mandatory for e-commerce platforms <u>to provide searchable and sortable filters based on the 'Country of Origin'</u> for packaged commodities sold online.
- To enhance consumer empowerment and transparency in online shopping.
- **Significance** The amendment directly supports the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Vocal for Local' initiatives by making 'Made in India' products easily discoverable.
- It ensures a level playing field for Indian manufacturers, helping domestic products gain equal visibility alongside imported goods and encouraging consumers to choose locally made alternatives.

Environment

9th Edition of Ganga Utsav

- A nationwide grand celebration of devotion, faith, and collective resolve.
- **Celebrated by -** National Mission for Clean Ganga under Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.
- **Publications** 'Status of Waterbirds in the Ganga River Basin' and 'Status of Island Nesting Report' —offering valuable insights into the region's ecological health.

Security

Exercise Malabar 2025

- Held at GUAM (U.S. Island territory in Micronesia) in the Western Pacific.
- **Aim** To reaffirm India's enduring partnership and its commitment to strengthening coordination, enhancing interoperability, and demonstrating a collective resolve to safeguard regional security.
- 2 phases -
- **Harbour Phase** It features operational planning and discussions, alignment on communication protocols, familiarisation visits between participating nations, and sports fixtures.
- **Sea Phase -** Wherein ships and aircraft will take part in naval drills, focusing on *joint* fleet operations, anti-submarine warfare, gunnery serials and flying operations.

15th India-Vietnam Defence Policy Dialogue

- Held in Hanoi.
- Aim To expand and further deepen cooperation in important emerging areas like cyber security, real-time exchange of information, military medicine and exchange of experts, etc.
- **Memorandum of Agreement** For Mutual Submarine Search, Rescue Support and Cooperation, establishing a framework for supporting and cooperating in submarine search and rescue operations.
- **Significance** Vietnam holds a key position in India's Act East Policy and is an important partner in India's Indo-Pacific vision.

23rd National Maritime Search and Rescue Board Meeting

- Held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Organised by Indian Coast Guard (ICG).
- **Representatives** Indian Navy, Indian Air Force, ISRO, INCOIS, Airports Authority of India and Directorate General of Shipping, among others.
- **Objectives** To enhance inter-agency coordination and collaboration among stakeholders to strengthen India's overall search and rescue (SAR) framework.
- To leverage technology and modern communication systems to improve operational efficiency and maritime safety standards.
- National SAR awards for 2023-24.
- **MV He Yuan Shun 89 -** A Panama-flagged vessel, received the award in the Merchant Vessel category
 - Indian Fishing Boat Kedarnath Bhole was awarded in the Fishing Boat category
 - ICG Ship Rajveer received the award for the Government-owned SAR Unit category
- **Vessel Traffic System (VTS),** Mumbai Port Authority and Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) were jointly felicitated in the Ashore Unit category.

11th Edition of Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2025

- Held at Foreign Training Node, Belagavi, Karnataka.
- Participant RAJPUT Regiment (India) and GAJABA Regiment (Sri Lanka).
- · Objectives -
- To jointly rehearse conduct of Sub Conventional Operations under Chapter VII of United Nations Mandate.
 - To synergise joint responses during counter-terrorist operations.
- Features -
- Both sides will practice tactical actions such as raid, search and destroy missions, heliborne operations, etc.
- Army Martial Arts Routine (AMAR), combat reflex shooting and Yoga will also form part of the exercise curriculum.

Science

India International Science Festival (IISF)

- **Held in -** Chandigarh.
- **Initiative by -** Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Earth Science with *Vijnana Bharati*.
- **Theme** "Vigyan Se Samruddhi: for Aatmanirbhar Bharat" is to celebrate and advance the spirit of science-led growth for a self-reliant and prosperous India.
- **Aim** To engage creative and imaginative minds in India and across the globe to celebrate science through various programs and activities connected to the 5 pillars of *Aazadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*.
- **Vision** Promotion of creativity in science, technology and innovation for prosperous India.

Miscellaneous

National Cancer Awareness Day 2025

- **Observed annually on -** 7th November.
- Launched in 2014, by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
- **Commemoration to** The birth anniversary of *Marie Curie, the Nobel laureate* whose research on radioactivity laid the foundational work for cancer therapy.
- ullet Aim To raise awareness about cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment in India.

ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal

- Instituted at 46th International Film Festival of India.
- **Collaboration with** International Council for Film, Television and Audiovisual Communication (ICFT) Paris under the aegis of UNESCO.
- **Aim** To celebrate films that embody the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi particularly non-violence, tolerance, and social harmony while promoting intercultural dialogue and peace.

10th Edition of the Global #MedSafetyWeek Campaign

The 2025 edition, marking its 10th anniversary, was the largest to date, with 130 organisations across 117 countries sharing messages in over 60 languages.

- ullet 1st launched in 2016, seeks to educate the public on why, how, and where to report suspected side effects
- **Core message** "Everyone has a role to play in medicines safety. By reporting suspected side effects, you and I can help make medicines safer for everyone."
- Important stakeholder <u>National Coordination Centre for the Pharmacovigilance</u> <u>Programme of India</u> (PvPI) including Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR) Monitoring Centres and Market Authorization Holders, also joined the effort to enhance awareness and encourage reporting of side effects through official channels.
- **Aim** To raise awareness among patients, families, and healthcare professionals about the importance of reporting suspected side effects of medicines.

