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Polity & Governance

'Catch the Rain 2026' campaign

- It is a nationwide water conservation initiative.
- **Objective** - To drive nationwide action for water conservation, decentralized rainwater harvesting, and the replenishment of groundwater levels.
- **Nodal ministry** - Ministry of Jal Shakti in convergence with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
- **Tagline** - "Catch the rain, where it falls, when it falls"
- **2026 Theme** - "Peoples' Action for Water Conservation - Towards Intensified Community Connect".
- It is advanced across urban India under the AMRUT 2.0 (Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation) scheme.

National Innovation Challenge for Drone Application and Research (NIDAR 2.0)

- **Launched by** - Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Drone Federation India (DFI).
- **Duration** - 2026-27.
- **Under** - SwaYaan initiative.
- It emphasizes developing indigenous drone electronics and autonomous systems using India's homegrown VEGA processor.
- **Focus on** -
 - Autonomous swarm drones for disaster response (Track 1).
 - Developing indigenous flight controllers/autopilots based on the VEGA processor (Track 2).

SwaYaan initiative

- It is a national capacity-building program designed to boost the Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)/Drone sector.
- **Launched in** - 2022.
- **Initiative of** - Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- It is a 5-year project aims to train over 40,000 personnel to help make India a global drone hub by 2030.

Economy

Jodhpuri Mojari Craft

Jodhpuri Mojari craft got GI tag recently.



- The Jodhpuri Mojari is a 200-year-old traditional, handcrafted leather footwear from Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
- It is crafted by members of a caste called **Jinagar**, who were traditionally saddle makers.
- Due to their tradition of making jeen (saddle), they were recognized as Jingars (makers of jeen).

Environment

Heat Waves Pushing Tropical Forests Beyond Photosynthesis Threshold Limits

- Plants have a safety margin of about 15 degrees Celsius where they can perform photosynthesis.
- The droughts and global warming narrow down plants safety margins drastically.
- When leaves become too hot, the proteins that drive photosynthesis begin to break down.
 - As a result, trees absorb less carbon dioxide and grow less efficiently.
- Treetop temperatures above the average critical threshold increased from 43 million hectares (mh) to 57 mh, over 20 years.
- As capacity to absorb CO₂ declines, tropical forests will release less water vapour into the atmosphere, further increase extreme events worldwide.

Rising CO₂ is Weakening Populations of Large Bees

Research reveals that rising global CO₂ levels threaten large-bodied bees, whose populations are smaller and less genetically diverse in high-CO₂ areas.

- Elevated CO₂ levels can affect –
 - Pollinators by reducing how much protein is in flower pollen.
 - It also change the chemical make-up of nectar.
- Pollinators respond to variations in CO₂ in different ways –
 - Smaller pollinators may actually do better in higher-CO₂ environments.
 - Larger-bodied pollinators were less abundant in areas with more CO₂.
- **Big bees** –
 - Large bees are among most effective pollinators.
 - Big bees tend to retain more heat and don't cope as well in dry conditions.
 - They also have higher metabolic demands meaning they need more resources to keep their bodies functioning.
 - They fly longer distances, meaning they can transport seeds and pollen to help plants reproduce their genes to new places.

Science

Integrated Main parachute Airdrop Test (IMAT)

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully conducts IMAT - 05 for Gaganyaan Programme.

- It is a critical series of safety tests to ensure the safe landing of astronauts for Gaganyaan human spaceflight mission.
- **Conducted in** – Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment (ADRDE) drop zone in Sheopur, Madhya Pradesh.
- **Objective** – To qualify the main parachute for its design margins under maximum expected load conditions.
- **Procedure** – The test was done by dropping a dummy mass with one main parachute from 2.5 km altitude using an IAF IL 76 aircraft to mimic the mission's descent sequence.

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Beyond the Breaking Point - Report

A new *UN Women report* finds aid cuts strain global women's organizations

- **Crisis** - Aid cuts and conflicts left 1 million women unsupported, among 120M in need.
- **Official Development Assistance (ODA) Crunch** - 33 Development Assistance Committee nations slashed funds.
 - 95.7% drop from 5 major donors - Germany, UK, US (cutting 56.9%), France, and Japan.
- **Civil Society Strain** - 40% of these organizations expect to shut down temporarily or permanently within the year particularly in neglected geographies like *Afghanistan, the DRC, and Haiti*.
- **Security Fallout** - 86% rise in Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and a 62% decline in available safe spaces.
- **Governance Erosion** - 1/5th halted leadership programs, weakening women's role in community decisions.

Miscellaneous

Wimbledon Championship

- It is the oldest and most prestigious *tennis tournament* in the world.
- **Founded in** - 1877.
- It is one of the 4 major Grand Slam tennis tournaments, alongside the Australian Open, the French Open, and the US Open.
- It *held annually* over two weeks *in late June and early July* at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in London.
- **Main events contested**
 - **Singles** - Men's (gentlemen's) and women's (ladies) individual draws.
 - **Doubles** - Men's, women's, and mixed pair events.
 - **Junior & wheelchair** - Specialized brackets for youth competitors and wheelchair athletes.

Wimbledon Winners List 2026

Main draw categories

- **Men's singles** - Jannik Sinner (Italy).
- **Women's singles** - Linda Noskova (Czech Republic).
- **Men's doubles** - Henry Patten (Great Britain).
- **Women's doubles** - Guo Hanyu (China).
- **Mixed doubles** - Marcelo Arevalo (El Salvador) & Jelena Ostapenko (Latvia).

Wheelchair categories

- **Wheelchair men's singles** - Tokito Oda (Japan)
- **Wheelchair women's singles** - Yui Kamiji (Japan)
- **Wheelchair quad singles** - Niels Vink (Netherlands)
- **Wheelchair men's doubles** - Alfie Hewett & Gordon Reid (Great Britain)
- **Wheelchair women's doubles** - Yui Kamiji (Japan) & Zhu Zhenzhen (China)
- **Wheelchair quad doubles** - Guy Sasson (Israel) & Niels Vink (Netherlands)



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