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Polity & Governance

Desh Ka Prakriti Parikshan Abhiyan

• **Launched by –** Ministry of Ayush, Started on 9th Ayurveda Day.
• **Objective –** To raise awareness about Prakriti (Ayurvedic body constitution) and encourage citizens to assess their Prakriti for better health management.
• **Assessments conducted via –** A dedicated mobile app, developed with logic from CSIR–IGIB, based on Ayurveda principles.
• **Integrated with –** Ayushman Arogya Mandir.
• **Key Achievements**
- **Citizens Assessed –** Over 1.40 crore (14 million+) Indians aged 18+ have participated.
- **Volunteers –** Around 1.85 lakh volunteers including students, teachers, Ayurveda practitioners, and medical officers supported the campaign.

Ayushman Arogya Mandir

• **Operationalized by –** Ministry of Ayush under the National Ayush Mission (NAM).
• **Aim –** To provide a holistic wellness model based on Ayurveda, including Prakriti Parikshan.
• **Current status –** About 12,500 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs are functional across India.

e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP)

• **Implemented under –** Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA).
• **Aim –** To strengthen transparency, efficiency, and accountability in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) through digital tools.
• **Key Initiatives**
• **eGramSwaraj Portal & App** – Launched in 2020.
- Digital planning, accounting, monitoring, and online payments.
- It integrates with PFMS ensures real-time vendor payments and smooth fund flow.
- it enables online uploading of Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDPs).
• **Other Applications**
- **Meri Panchayat –** Citizen access to Panchayat plans and progress.
- **Panchayat NIRNAY –** Transparent Gram Sabha meeting management.
- **AuditOnline –** Online auditing of Panchayat accounts, especially for Finance Commission grants.
- **SabhaSaar –** AI-enabled transcription and summarisation of meetings.

Security

FraudPro

Shortlisted as a Top Finalist at the prestigious Global Mobile (Glomo) Awards.

• **Developed by –** C-DOT, India's premier telecom R&D center.
• **Objective –** To detect fraudulent mobile connections by using AI, ML, and facial deduplication.
• **Capabilities include**
  - Large-scale image deduplication.
  - Forged document detection.
  - Re-verification of identities.
• **Installation** – Deployed in India via the *Digital Intelligence Platform and Sancharsaathi portal.*
• **Award category –** Best Network Security and Fraud Prevention.

Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2026

• **MWC 2026 –** It is the world's largest gathering for the mobile and technology industry.
• **Held at –** Fira Barcelona Gran Via in Barcelona, Spain.
• **Organised by – Global System for Mobile Communications Association (**GSMA),
• **Theme –** "The IQ Era", highlighting the integration of artificial intelligence and connectivity to drive smarter networks, business innovation and societal impact.

Science

Gynandromorphy

A freshwater crab (Vela carli) in Silent Valley National Park, Kerala, was found exhibiting both male and female traits simultaneously.

• Gynandromorphy is a rare biological condition where a single organism displays *both male and female characteristics*, often split across different parts of its body.
• **Meaning –** From Greek gyne = woman, aner = man, morphe = form) refers to organisms that are part male and part female.
• **Commonly observed in –** Insects like *butterflies, bees, and fruit flies,* but has also been reported in crustaceans and other species.

Celebrating the Power of Vaccines

• **Key Highlights**
• **Historic Successes –** India has eradicated smallpox, polio, and maternal & neonatal tetanus through vaccination.
• **New Milestones (2026) –** Launched HPV vaccine and an indigenous Td vaccine, expanding protection further.
• **Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP)**
  - One of the largest in the world.
  - Reaches 2.9 crore pregnant women and 2.54 crore newborns annually, free of cost.
• **Coverage Growth –** Full immunisation coverage rose *from 62% in 2015 to 98.4% in Jan 2026.*
• **Zero-Dose Reduction –** Share of children with no vaccine doses *dropped from 0.11% in 2023 to 0.06% in 2024.*

Miscellaneous

Pi Day

• **Observed annually on –** 14th March, corresponding to 3/14, which represents the first three digits of π (3.14).
• **Objective –** To recognise the mathematical constant π (pi) and promote appreciation for mathematics.

What is Pi?

• Ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter.
• **Represented by –** Greek letter π.
• An irrational number used in formulas for *circles, spheres, and physics.*
• **History & Significance**
• Archimedes pioneered methods to approximate pi.
• Symbol π introduced by William Jones in 1706.
• **Pi Day –** 1st celebrated in 1988 by physicist Larry Shaw at the Exploratorium, San Francisco.
• Officially recognized in the U.S. in 2009.

International Mathematics Day

• **Observed annually on –** 14th March.
• **Declared in –** 2019 by UNESCO.
• **Theme for 2026 –** *"Mathematics and hope"* — highlighting math as a universal tool for progress, trust, and resilience.
• **Objective –** To promotes awareness of mathematics' role in science, technology, and solving global challenges.

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