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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 promote awareness of mathematics' role in science, technology, and solving global challenges.

