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Polity & Governance

IIIDEM (India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management)

Recently, IIIDEM celebrated its 15th Foundation Day.

- **Established in –** 2011, by ECI.
- **Headquartered at**– Dwarka, New Delhi.
- **Central coordinator for -** *International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) framework.*
- **Objectives**
  - To enhance electoral integrity.
  - To upgrade the professional competence of election personnel.
  - To reinforce democratic governance worldwide.

International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)

- It is an *intergovernmental organization*.
- **Founded in** – 1995.
- **Headquartered in** – Stockholm, Sweden,
- **Mandate –** To support sustainable democracy worldwide.
- **Note** – As of 2026, *India holds the Chairship* of International IDEA's Council of Member States.

Election Commission of India (ECI)

- It is a permanent constitutional body derived directly from ***Article 324***.
- **Established on** – January 25, 1950 (celebrated as National Voters' Day).
- **Composition** – Initially single member body, presently 3-member body (decided by the President of India).
- **Mandate** – To conduct elections to the
  - Parliament (Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha).
  - State Legislatures.
  - Offices of the President and Vice-President.
  - Enforces the Model Code of Conduct.
- **Note** – Panchayat and Municipal elections are handled by *State Election Commissions*, not by ECI.

Digilocker Family ID

Over 6 crore residents of Uttar Pradesh can now access their UP-Family ID on DigiLocker.

- **Advantage** – To fetch, store and share the household credential anytime from their phone.
- **Legally valid for** – Scholarships, pensions and Other State welfare schemes.
- **Accessibility in 4 steps**
  - Open the DigiLocker app or visit digilocker.gov.in and sign in.
  - Search for “Family ID Uttar Pradesh”.
  - Enter the required details and give consent.
  - Fetch the document — It is saved instantly to your DigiLocker account.

Digilocker

- **DigiLocker** – A secure, cloud-based platform that allows citizens *to store, share, and verify authentic digital documents.*
- **Launched under** – *Digital India initiative,* by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- **Legality** – DigiLocker documents are valid as originals under *IT Act 2000.*
- **Significance** – It promotes *paperless economy.*

International Relations and Issues

Bharat Innovates 2026

Recently, a three-day Bharat Innovates 2026 concluded in concluded.

- **Held from** – June 14 to 16, 2026 in *Nice, France.*
- **Inaugurated by** – Prime ministers of India and France.
- **Managed by** – Ministry of Education with India's Principal Scientific Adviser.
- **Objective** – To showcase India's booming deep-tech ecosystem.
- **Significance** – It highlights the *India-France Year of Innovation.*
- It acted as global accelerator linking Indian *Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)* innovations with investors.

Agriculture

Smart Warehousing System

The Union Minister is set to Launch Smart Warehousing System for Foodgrain Storage.

- **Launched by –** Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
- **Features** – It *incorporates advanced technologies including AI, IoT, automation.*
- It recognises warehouses that have demonstrated excellence *under* ***Depot Darpan*****.**
- **Objectives**
  - To improve operations & governance in warehouses.
  - To drive digital transformation across the foodgrain supply chain.
- **Significance** – It aligns with *Digital India, IndiaAI Mission, PM GatiShakti and Atmanirbhar Bharat.*

Depot Darpan

- It is a portal & mobile app to *uphold highest depot standards*.
- **Launched by** – Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.
- **Managed by –** Food Corporation of India (FCI),
  - The Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), and
  - Various state and private agencies.
- **Smart Tech Integration** – CCTV, IoT sensors (CO_2, phosphine, fire, humidity, entry, temperature), AI bag counting, ANPR, face recognition.
- **Process** – Depot managers upload geo-tagged data → automated ratings → supervisory validation & audits.
- **Assessment** –
  - ***Infrastructure –*** Safety, storage, environment, tech adoption, statutory norms.
  - ***Operations –*** Turnover, losses, space use, manpower, profitability.
- **Objectives** –
  - To ensure standards in quality, finance, & operations.
  - To enable real-time tracking of safety and storage conditions.
  - To eliminate blind spots with automated, data-driven assessments.
  - To modernize and optimize foodgrain storage infrastructure.

Miscellaneous

World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

- **Observed Annually on** –June 17 (started in 1995).
- **Global host –** Kenya.
- **Theme** – "*Rangelands: Recognize. Respect. Restore.”*
- **Objectives** –
  - **Recognize** – To acknowledge the immense value of rangelands.
  - **Respect** – To honour Indigenous knowledge and stewardship.
  - **Restore** – To invest in sustainable land and water management.
- **Significance** –
  - It focuses on *global rangeland restoration*.
  - It protects *Indigenous and pastoralist communities.*

Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) 2026

The 19th edition of the Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) 2026 is running from June 15 to June 21, 2026.

- **Organised by** – National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.
- **Participated by –** 46 countries across its competitive and non-competitive categories.
- **Prize Pool** – Rs.45–55 lakh across 18 categories.
  - ***Golden Conch Award*** for Best International Documentary (Rs.10 lakh prize).
- **Significance** – It is *South Asia’s oldest, largest biennial festival* for non-feature cinema (documentaries).

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