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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 (CO₂, 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).