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#### Polity & Governance

##### The draft Content Syndication Policy, 2025

- **Drafted by** - Prasar Bharati, the government-owned national broadcaster.
- **Objectives** -
  - To *monetise content* produced by
    - Doordarshan and Akashvani;
    - Archived national and regional content;
    - Digital-first content published on Prasar Bharati's OTT platform; and
    - Live coverage of government events, festivals, and sports, among others.
    - The content could be commissioned, co-produced, licensed, or owned by Prasar Bharati.
  - To make "*strategic collaborations*" with domestic and international platforms to expand the reach of Prasar Bharati's content, and strengthen India's cultural presence globally.
  - To provide for flexible licensing models, including a flat fee, revenue share, and minimum guarantee with revenue share.

##### Cooperatives University - "Tribhuvan" Sahkari University (TSU)

- It is a national-level university in the cooperative sector, "Tribhuvan" Sahkari University (TSU), by converting the *Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA)*.
- **Established by** - Ministry of Cooperation.
- **Institution of national importance through** - "Tribhuvan" Sahkari University Bill, 2025 by the Act of Parliament.
- **Launched 3 new MBA programmes in** —
  - Cooperative Management,
  - Cooperative Banking & Finance and
  - Agribusiness Management —from the current academic year.

#### International Relations and Issues

##### ICAR-INTA Work Plan 2025-27

- **Signed between** - Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and National Institute of Agricultural Technology (INTA), Argentina.
- **Objectives** -
  - To strengthen bilateral cooperation in agricultural research, capacity building, and technology exchange.
  - To strengthen cooperation in sustainable agronomy, digital agriculture, and biotechnology through new work plan.
    - Work Plan includes *germplasm exchange*, expert engagements, and training in cutting-edge agricultural technologies.
  - To focus on natural resource management, micro-irrigation, livestock improvement, and crop biotechnology.
  - To deepen partnerships on oilseeds, pulses, mechanisation, and plant-animal health.

#### Economy

## Rising North East Investors Summit, 2025

- **Organized by** - Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.
- **Objective** - To catalyse trade and investment in the North Eastern Region.
- **Investment harvested** - Rs 4.48 lakh crore through Memoranda of Understanding (MoU), letters of intent, and qualified leads from private investors, public sector undertakings, and major industrial conglomerates.
- **Investment Areas** - Tourism and Hospitality; Agro-Food Processing & allied sectors; Textiles, Handloom and Handicrafts; Healthcare; Education and Skill Development; IT/ITeS; Entertainment & Sports; Infrastructure and Logistics; and Energy.

## **Agriculture**

### Potato Supply Chain

- **MoU signed between** - Banas Dairy and BSSSL.
- **Objectives** -
  - To establish a comprehensive “seed-to-market” potato value chain that facilitates the production of certified.
  - Disease-free seed potatoes while promoting scientific cultivation methods.
  - Contract farming arrangements and efficient market linkages.
- **MoU includes mechanisms to ensure** -
  - Production and supply of certified and disease-free seed potatoes,
  - Equitable supply at competitive prices,
  - Quality control and traceability,
  - Farmer market linkage through Banas Dairy’s processing and marketing network,
  - Buy-back arrangements wherever feasible, and
  - Capacity building through training and extension services.
- BSSSL will use *Banas Dairy’s tissue culture and aeroponic facilities* while Banas Dairy will provide technical and market support.
- **Significance** - It aligns with the Government’s Sahakar Se Samridhi vision by
  - Fostering cooperative-to-cooperative collaboration,
  - Improving farmer incomes,
  - Strengthening market linkages, and
  - Advancing modern agricultural practices, including certified seed production.

### Organic Wheat and Tur Dal Cultivation

- **National Cooperative Organics Limited (NCOL)** - Through its Bharat Organics brand, is ensuring that organic wheat and tur dal farmers get better prices, assured procurement, reduced input costs, stronger certification support, and nationwide market access.
- **Measures taken** -
  - Direct Procurement by Bharat Organics.
    - Transparent pricing
    - On-time payments
    - Reduction of post-harvest losses
    - No exploitation by middlemen
  - MSP-plus Pricing.
  - Assured Market Linkage.
  - Cluster-Based Organic Farming Model.
  - Certification & Traceability Support.
  - Brand-Led Value Addition.
  - Training & Capacity Building.

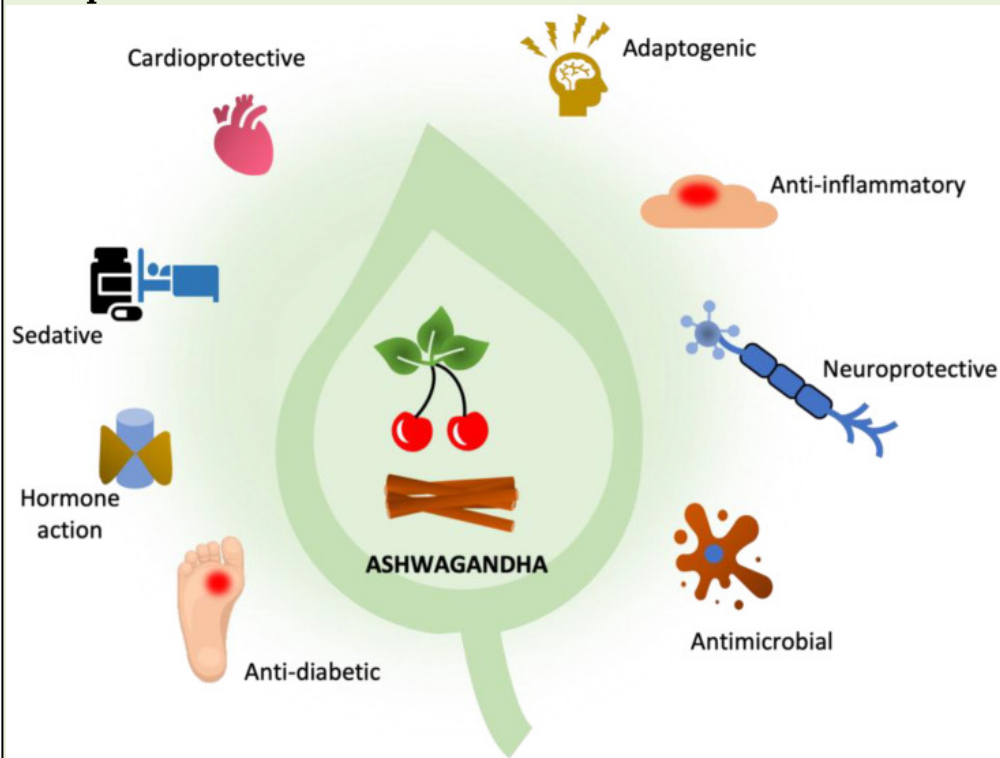
## **Environment**

## Ashwagandha (Withania somnifera)

Global experts chart the Future of Ashwagandha at WHO global traditional medicine summit.

• It is one of Ayurveda's most revered Rasayana herbs.

### • **Properties -**



## **Security**

### Desert Cyclone II

• **Joint Military Exercise between** - India-United Arab Emirates (U.A.E.).

• **Aim** - To enhance interoperability and further strengthen defence cooperation between the Indian Army and the U.A.E. Land Forces.

### • **Focus on** -

- Sub-conventional operations in an urban environment under a United Nations mandate,
- Enabling both forces to operate together in peacekeeping,
- Counter-terrorism and stability operations.

### • **Significance** -

- It reaffirms their shared commitment to regional peace, security and stability.
- It promotes mutual understanding of tactics, techniques and procedures and
- It contributes to the development of interoperable military capabilities.

### INAS 335 (OSPREYS)

• **INAS 335 'The Ospreys'** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Indian Naval Air Squadron to operate MH 60R helicopters, was commissioned at INS Hansa, Goa.

• **Commissioning of** - 1<sup>st</sup> MH 60R Naval Air Squadron in Kochi, Kerala, in March 2024.

• **MH 60R** - It is an all-weather, day and night capable helicopter.

• **Designed for** - Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), Anti-Surface Warfare (ASuW), Search and rescue (SAR), Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC) and Vertical Replenishment (VERTREP).

• **Significance** - It significantly augment the Indian Navy's integral aviation capabilities on the Western Seaboard.

## **Science**

### National Cooperative Database

- **Launched in** - 2024.
- **Developed by** - Ministry of Cooperation.
- **Objectives** -
  - To create a comprehensive repository of information on cooperative societies across country.
  - To provide a single-point access to information on over 8.4 lakh cooperatives across the country.

