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Geography

Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

• It is the ***2nd largest country in African continen***t.
• **Capital** – Kinshasa.
• **Situated** – Astride the equator, West-Central Africa.
• **Coastline** – 25-mile (40-km) on the Atlantic Ocean.
• **Border countries:**
  - **North** – Central African Republic and South Sudan.
  - **East** – Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, and Tanzania.
  - **Southeast** – Zambia Angola.
• **M23 rebellion** – It is an *armed conflict in DRC's North Kivu.*
• Rwanda-backed M23 rebels has recently captured eastern DRC's 2nd largest city, Bukavu.



Medvedev-Sponheuer-Karnik scale

• It is a *macro seismic intensity scale* used to determine the intensity of the earthquake.
• **Intensity of earthquake** – A value that represents the degree of oscillation of the Earth's surface during an earthquake.
• It is *greater* when the earthquake *closer to the surface* of the earth.
• **Intensity depends on:**
  - Degree of destruction of standard buildings.
  - Witnesses sensations.
  - Changes in topography of the earth's surface.
  - Depth and magnitude of the earthquake source.
• It is known as the *MSK or MSK-64*.

Polity & Governance

Directorate of Plant Protection Quarantine & Storage (DPPQS)

*India has the **2nd largest arable land** of 156.06 million ha. and **ranks 2nd worldwide in farm output.***

• **DPPQS** – It act as an *apex organization* for advising on all the matters related to *plant protection*.
• **Established in** – *1946*, on the recommendation of Woodhead Commission.
• **Headed by** – Plant Protection adviser.
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
• **Objectives –** Effective implementation of integrated pest management, plant quarantine and locust control & research, etc.

Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)

• **Established in** – *1952.*
• **A statutory body** – Under the provisions of Cinematograph Act 1952.
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
• **Headquarters** – Mumbai.
• **Objective –** To *regulate the public exhibition of films* after certified by the Central Board of Film Certification in India.
• **Certification process** – Is in accordance with *Cinematograph (certification) Rules, 1983*, and guidelines issued by the central government.

World Food India (WFI)

• 1st edition of World Food India was held in *2017*.
• **Launched by –** Ministry of Food Processing Industries.
• **Objective** – To introduce the world to rich Indian food culture as well as promote investments in the country's diverse food processing sector.

Economy

National Stock Exchange (NSE)

• According to 2024, Burgundy Private Hurun India 500 report, NSE has claimed the top spot as the most valuable unlisted company in India.
• **NSE** – It has surged by an impressive 201% in value, reaching an estimated worth of Rs 4,70,250 crore.
• **Unlisted companies** – Comprise 22% of the 2024 list, a 4% decline from last year.
*An **unlisted company** is a business whose shares are not traded on a stock exchange.*

Rank	Company	Value (INR Cr)	Value Change (%)	Headquarter	Key Leader
1↑	National Stock Exchange of India	4,70,250	201%	Mumbai	Ashishkumar Chauhan
2↓	Serum Institute of India	2,11,610	10%	Pune	Cyrus Poonawalla
3↑	Zoho Corporation	1,03,760	58%	Chennai	Sridhar Vembu
4↑	Zerodha	87,750	50%	Bengaluru	Nithin Kamath
5↓	Megha Engineering & Infrastructures	77,860	15%	Hyderabad	P.V. Krishna Reddy
6↑	Parle Products	68,640	16%	Mumbai	Vijay Kantilal Chauhan
7↓	Intas Pharmaceuticals	68,150	10%	Ahmedabad	Nimish Chudgar
8↓	Dream11	67,860	13%	Mumbai	Harsh Jain
9↑	Razorpay	63,620	11%	Bengaluru	Harshil Mathur
10*	Amalgamations	56,660	68%	Chennai	Ram Venkataramani

International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)

• **Established in** – *2020*, under the International Financial Services Centres Authority Act, 2019.
• **Headquarters** – Gujarat.
• **IFSCA** – It is a unified authority for the development and regulation of financial products, financial services and financial institutions in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in India.
• **Objectives:**
- To develop a strong global connect
- Focus on the needs of the Indian economy
- To serve as an international financial platform for the entire region and the global economy as a whole.

Agriculture

BIOFACH 2025

• **BIOFACH** – It is the *world's leading trade fair for organic food*.
• **17th edition, 2025** – It will be the meeting point for the entire organic, natural and millets industry.
• **Held at** – Messezentrum in Nuremberg, Germany.
• **Letter of Intent (LoI)** – Between Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and Nuremberg Messe to make *India the Partner Country of the Year* at BIOFACH 2026.
• **Co-located with** – Natural Expo India and Millets India.

Environment

Bankapur Wolf Sanctuary

A female Indian grey wolf (Canis lupus) has given birth to 8 pups at the Bankapura wolf sanctuary.

• It is the ***1st ever wolf sanctuary*** in Karnataka.
• **Established in** – *2021*.
• **Located in** – Bankapur, Koppal district.
• **Habitat for wolves** – Its open fields and hills, naturally supports wolf populations, including *those outside the sanctuary's* boundaries.
• **Characteristics** – Vast shrub forests and rocky terrains.
• **Other fauna** – It provides conservation of striped hyena, Indian fox, golden jackal and others.

Miscellaneous

Open-Air Art Wall Museum

India's 1st "Open-Air Art Wall Museum" at Mausam Bhawan (India Meteorological Department).

• It is a *unique open-air art museum* depicting to celebrate the 150 years of milestone journey of India Meteorological Department (IMD).
• **Collaboration with** – Delhi Street Art.
• **Showcase** – 38 Murals Depicting IMD's meteorological legacy and impact.

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