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Economy

Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit (C-PACE)

- **Established in -** 2023, by Ministry of Corporate Affairs(MCA).
- Administrative supervision Director General of Corporate Affairs.
- **Aim** To reduce the stress on the MCA registry along with availability of more meaningful data to the companies.
- **Benefit** To provide a hassle-free filing, timely and process-bound striking off their company's names from MCA register.

Standard & Poor's (S&P) Global Ratings

India improved in long-term sovereign credit rating to 'BBB' from 'BBB-' and its short-term rating to 'A-2' from 'A-3', with a Stable Outlook.

- S&P global rating It is one of the major credit rating agencies.
- **Objective** To indicate their degree of investment risk in companies, countries and the debt instruments by assigning letter grades on a scale of AAA to D.
- **Analysis** To evaluate a wide range of industries, benchmarks, asset classes, and geographies.
- To examine various financial, economic, and industry-specific factors.
- To assess the likelihood of default or inability to pay debts in a timely manner.

Agriculture

National Gopal Ratna Awards 2025

- It is a national honour in the livestock and dairy sector.
- Launched under Rashtriya Gokul Mission in 2021.
- Presented on National Milk Day, celebrated on November 26, annually.
- **Nodal ministry** Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairving.
- **Objectives** To encourage excellence among milk-producing farmers & institutes.
- To focus on promoting indigenous cattle and buffalo breeds.
- Special category award For North Eastern Region (NER) and Himalayan states.

Science

Veterinary Diagnostic Tools

- **Developed by -** National Institute of Animal Biotechnology.
- **Aim** To protect animal health and safeguard farmer livelihoods.
- 5 technologies
 - **BruDIVA** Rapid detection of <u>Brucellosis</u>, a field-deployable.
 - **Udder Care** Mastitis detection technology.
- **CureCheck** Antimicrobial sensitivity testing device, a portable tool providing results within 2 hours to promote responsible antibiotic use.
- **Toxo Antibody Rapid Test -** Toxoplasmosis detection kit for toxoplasma gondii infection in animals and humans.
 - RapiChex JE NS1 Test Japanese Encephalitis detection kit.
- Significance Aligns with 'One Health' approach.

Mastitis in Animals

- It is *breast inflammation* that can lead to infection.
- **Causal agents** Often by *bacterial infection (Staphylococcus aureus)* can also be linked to fungi, Mycoplasma, or even viruses.
- **Symptoms** Red, swollen, painful breast and flu-like indications.

Toxoplasmosis

- It is a *zoonotic infection* caused by Toxoplasma gondii, an obligate intracellular *parasitic protozoan*.
- It can infect all warm-blooded vertebrates, including humans.
- **Symptoms** Fever, fatigue, headaches, and swollen lymph nodes.

Miscellaneous

Pangong Tso region

Recently, joint expedition team from 3 premier national mountaineering institutes successfully summit highest peaks in Pangong Tso region.

- Location Eastern Ladakh along the border with Tibet.
- **Highest peaks** Mt Merag-III (6,480m) & Mt kangju Kangri (6710m).
- **Altitude** It is situated at a height of 14,270ft above sea level.
- **Biodiversity** Bar-headed geese, Brahminy ducks, black necked cranes and seagulls are commonly spotted here.
- **Saltwater lake** It has one of the highest brackish water lakes in the world.
- It changes color appearing blue, grey-green, and red at varied points in time.

Sri Aurobindo

- He was a yogi, philosopher, poet, and Indian nationalist.
- Birth 1872.
- Founded Sri Aurobindo Ashram in Puducherry.
- **Newspaper** Bande Mataram, 1st political leader to openly put forward the <u>idea of</u> <u>complete independence</u> in his newspaper.
- **Literary works** The Life Divine, The Synthesis of Yoga, Essays on the Gita, The Synthesis of Yoga, The Human Cycle, The Ideal of Human Unity, Savitri A Legend and a Symbol, and On the Veda (1956).

FASTag Annual Pass

NHAI has implemented the 'FASTag annual pass' facility at 1,150 toll plazas on national highways and expressways.

- **Nodal ministry** Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.
- **Applicable for -** All non-commercial vehicles.
- Fee Onetime payment of Rs. 3,000.
- Validity 1 year or 200 toll plaza crossings.

Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY)

- It is an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Ayush.
- **Established in -** 1998 by upgrading the erstwhile Central Research Institute for Yoga (CRIY), 1976.
- Registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- **Aim** To promote deeper understanding of yoga philosophy & practices based on ancient yoga traditions.

