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#### History, Art and Culture

##### Ramayana

*Recently, 233-Year-Old Valmiki Ramayana gifted to Ram Katha Museum.*

- **Authored by** - Adi Kavi Valmiki with a classical commentary (Tattvadipikaṭika) by Maheshvara Tirtha, is written in Sanskrit (Devanagari script).
- **Dating back to** - Vikrama Samvat 1849 (1792 CE) and represents a rare preserved textual tradition of the Ramayana.
- **5 principal kaṇḍas of the epic** - Balakanda, Araṇyakanda, Kiṣkindhakanda, Sundarakanda, and Yuddhakanda reflecting the narrative and philosophical depth of the Itihasa.

#### Polity & Governance

##### Karnataka's Bhoomi Project: Digital Land Records

*Karnataka's Bhoomi project, celebrating 25 years, exemplifies successful administrative reform through digital land records.*

- **Launched in** - 2000.
- **Aim** - To provide citizens with secure, accurate, and easily accessible Record of Rights, Tenancy, and Crops (RTC) while addressing long-standing issues in land administration.
- **Key Achievements**
  - Computerized land records (RTCs), making them accessible.
  - Legal recognition of computerized RTCs, abolition of hand written records.
  - Integrated with Kaveri registration system, reducing fraud.
  - Automated mutation process.
  - Mojini (Survey) software for digital land measurement.
  - 11E Sketch for accurate land boundaries.
  - Integration with welfare services (crop compensation, PM-Kisan, FRUITS, Aadhaar).

#### International Relations and Issues

# Key announcements



### Defence and security cooperation

- Roadmap for enhancing defence industrial cooperation
- Establishment of Track 1.5 foreign policy and security dialogue between the two countries
- New bilateral dialogue mechanism on the Indo-Pacific



### Mobility and education

- Visa-free transit for Indian passport holders travelling through Germany
- Creation of Indo-German roadmap on higher education



### Technology and trade

- Work Plan of India-Germany Digital Dialogue (2025-2027)
- Declaration of Intent on strengthening bilateral economic cooperation through the German-Indian CEO Forum



### Renewable energy

- €1.24 billion (₹13,000 crore) in funding under the Green and Sustainable Development Partnership (GSDP)
- Establishment of battery storage working group under renewable energy investment platform
- Offtake agreement for Green Ammonia signed between Indian firm AM Green and Germany's Uniper Global Commodities



### Diplomatic initiatives

- Scaling up of triangular development cooperation scaled up in Ghana, Cameroon and Malawi
- Honorary consulate of Germany opened in Ahmedabad



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz in Ahmedabad on Monday.

## Pax Silica Initiative

India is set to be invited to the "Pax Silica" initiative.

• It is a multilateral arrangement for cooperation on semiconductors, critical minerals, and AI.

• **Led by** - United States

• **Objectives** -

- To reduce coercive dependencies.
- To secure global tech supply chains, address AI supply chain opportunities and vulnerabilities, and explore joint investment with partners.
- To protect sensitive technologies and build trusted digital infrastructure.

• **Signatories** - Australia, Greece, Israel, Japan, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Singapore, United Arab Emirates and United Kingdom.

• **Non-signatory Participants** - Canada, European Union, Netherlands, Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development and Taiwan.

## **Monroe Doctrine of 1823**

*Recently, Trump administration invoked the Monroe Doctrine to justify intervention in Venezuela.*

- **Declared in** - 1823 by President James Monroe to US Congress.
- **4 basic points** -
  - United States would not interfere in the internal affairs of or the wars between European powers.
  - United States recognized and would not interfere with existing colonies and dependencies in the Western Hemisphere.
  - Western Hemisphere was closed to future colonization.
  - Any attempt by a European power to oppress or control any nation in the Western Hemisphere would be viewed as a hostile act against the United States.

## **Economy**

### **Chain-Based Index of Industrial Production (IIP)**

*Release of Discussion Paper 2.0: Adoption of Chain-Based Index of Industrial Production (IIP).*

- **Base revision exercise of IIP is undertaken by** - Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- **Traditional methodology** - IIP has been compiled using a fixed-base Laspeyres framework, in which sectoral and industry weights remain unchanged until a base-year revision.
- However, shifts in demand, technology, and policy cause some industries to grow, others to decline, and new ones to emerge.
- Therefore, fixed weights become progressively less relevant and thus affects the efficacy of the indices.
- **New methodology** - The chain-based method of compilation of IIP offers better accuracy by capturing these changes by allowing the increase and decrease in weights annually to correctly reflect a more recent production structure.

## **Agriculture**

### **Rajasthan's 1<sup>st</sup> Fully Organic Panchayat**

*Bamanwas Kankar panchayat in Rajasthan has become the 1<sup>st</sup> in the state to be certified as fully organic.*

- **Located in** - Bamanwas Kankar panchayat, Kotputli-Behror district, Rajasthan.
- **Transition support by** - Cofarmin Federation of Organic Societies and Producer Companies (COFED).
- **Key benefits** - Access to premium markets, reduced input costs, increased biodiversity, better animal health, safer dairy products.
- **Model** - Community-driven movement, not bureaucratic.
- **Aim** - To convert 300 panchayats by year-end.
- **Key features** -
  - All farming practices are free of chemical pesticides and synthetic fertilizers.
  - Animal husbandry is carried out according to ecological principles.
  - Agriculture, livestock, and the environment are managed through an integrated approach.

## **Science**



## **Bharat Electricity Summit 2026**

- A global conference-cum-exhibition for the power and electricity sector.
- **To be held from** - 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 at New Delhi.
- **Theme** - “Electrifying Growth. Empowering Sustainability. Connecting Globally”.
- **Objectives** - To deliberate on the future of electricity and sustainable energy systems, facilitate cross-sector dialogue.
- To strengthen global cooperation, foster strategic partnerships.

## **Index**

### **Responsible Nations Index (RNI)**

- **RNI** - It introduces a comprehensive global framework for assessing nations on parameters such as *ethical governance, social well-being, environmental stewardship, and global responsibility*, going beyond conventional indicators of power and economic prosperity.
- **Launched by** - World Intellectual Foundation (WIF).
- **Collaboration with** - Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Indian Institute of Management Mumbai (IIM Mumbai), and the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC).

### **Top 3 Ranks**

Countries	Overall Score
Singapore	0.61945
Switzerland	0.58692
Denmark	0.58372

- **India's Ranking** - 16<sup>th</sup> (overall score - 0.551513)

### **India's Energy Shift**

*India saw year-on-year decline in coal-fired generation (2025), first time in 50 years; driven by rapid renewable expansion.*

#### **Key Data**

- **Coal generation** - Output fell from 1,322 billion units in 2024 to 1,283 billion units in 2025, a 3% drop.
- **Renewable capacity** - 41 GW was added in the first 11 months of 2025, compared to a 15% increase in 2023.
- **Overall trend** - Coal output is steady in absolute numbers but its share of total energy is shrinking.

#### **Renewable Energy Growth**

- **Renewable generation** - Production rose from 221 billion units in 2024 to 270 billion units in 2025, marking 22% growth.
- **Large hydroelectric** - Generation increased by 15%, reaching 151 billion units.
- **Future target** - India aims to meet electricity demand by 2030 without expanding coal capacity.