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Geography

Demographic dividend of India

• **Below 35 years of age** – 65% of population
• **Below 25 years of age** – 50% of population

Social Issues

Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao movement

• **Launched in** – 2015, at Panipat in Haryana.
• **Objectives** - To prevent gender biased sex selective elimination
  - To ensure survival and protection of the girl child
  - To ensure education and participation of the girl child
  - To increase girl's participation in the fields of sports.
• **Tri-ministerial effort of**
  - Ministry of Women and Child Development
  - Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
  - Ministry of Human Resource Development

Polity & Governance

National Voters' Day (NVD) – 25th January

• **Commemoration of** – The *foundation day of the Election Commission of India (ECI)*.
• It is observed *since 2011,* it is 15th National Voters' Day in 2025.
• **Aim** – To underline the centrality of the voter.
• To raise electoral awareness among citizens and to promote the enrolment of new voters.
• **2025 theme** - Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure.
• President will present the *Best Electoral Practices Awards* to state and district officials who demonstrated exemplary performance in ensuring the smooth conduct of elections.
• **ECI** – It was established on January 25, 1950, a day before India became a Republic.

Electoral rolls in India

• **Electoral Roll** – A list of people who've enrolled to vote.
• **Preparation by** – Election Commission.
• **Current electoral database** – It now *stands at 99.1 crore* and counting.
• **Trends** – A 6-point increase in Electoral Gender Ratio from 948 in 2024 to 954 in 2025.
• It bear a youthful and gender balanced look
  - 18-29 age group – 21.7 crores.

International Relations and Issues

World Economic Forum (WEF)

• **WEF** – A forum for various *stakeholders to meet and discuss* global and regional socio-economic issues.
• **Founded in** – 1971, by *Klaus Schwab*, a german professor.
• It was earlier known as *European Management Forum*.
• **Members** – Innovators, disruptors, niche market leaders and regional champions.
• It was the 1st non-governmental institution to initiate a partnership with China's economic development commissions in 1979.

World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2025

• **Theme** – Collaboration for the Intelligent Age.
• **Held in** – Davos, Switzerland.
• **Period** – It hold its Annual Meeting at the end of January.
- **Discussion about** – Inclusive growth, investment in social, physical & digital infrastructure and democratising technology.

Environment

India's Non-Fossil Fuel Capacity

India targeted to achieve 500 gigawatts of non-fossil fuel-based energy capacity by 2030.
• India is emerging as a *global leader in clean energy*.
• **Solar Energy** – 24.5 gigawatts, is the dominant contributor to the India's renewable energy growth.
• It accounts for 47% of the total installed renewable energy.
• **Wind energy** – 3.4 gigawatts.

Miscellaneous

Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar

• **Annual award** – To recognize and honour the invaluable contribution and selfless service rendered by individuals and organizations in India *in the field of disaster management.*
• It is announced every year on 23rd January, the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.
• **Award for institution** - A cash prize of Rs. 51 lakh and a certificate.
• **Award for individual** - A cash prize of Rs. 51 lakh and a certificate
• **2025 award for Institution** - Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS).

INCOIS

• **Established in** – *1999*, at Hyderabad, Telangana.
• It is integral to India's disaster management strategy, specializing in early alerts for ocean-related hazards.
• **Activities** – It provides tsunami alerts, high-wave, cyclone, and storm surge forecasts, helping to safeguard coastal areas and maritime operations.
• It assisted during the 2013 Phailin and 2014 Hudhud cyclone
• **Recognized by** – *UNESCO* as a top Tsunami Service Provider.
• **Awards** – It received the *Geospatial World Excellence in Maritime Services Award in 2024* and the Disaster Risk Reduction Excellence Award in 2021.

Developments of INCOIS

• **Indian Tsunami Early Warning Centre (ITEWC)** – It provides *tsunami alerts within 10 minutes*, serving India and 28 Indian Ocean countries.
• **Search and Rescue Aided Tool (SARAT)** – To assist the Indian Coast Guard, Navy and Coastal Security Police, in *locating individuals or objects lost at sea.*
• **SynOPS visualization platform** – It integrates real-time data to strengthen response coordination during extreme events.



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