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Economy

Committee for Strategic Asset Allocation and Risk Governance (SAARG)

• **Constituted by –** Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority.
• **Objectives –** To strengthen the investment architecture of NPS to support long-term retirement wealth creation.
• To enhance diversification, improve risk management practices and expand subscriber choice.
• **Scope –**
- Examination of strategic asset allocation frameworks,
- Introduction and review of asset classes,
- Performance measurement and accountability mechanisms,
- ALM practices, valuation standards for alternative investments,
- Portfolio stability and liquidity optimisation measures,
- governance and intermediary architecture, and integration of sustainability considerations in investment decision-making.

Environment

Samvad Samaroh and Recognition Programme for WaSH Warriors

• **Organized by –** Ministry of Jal Shakti.
• **Objective –** To honour individuals who have demonstrated leadership in water conservation and sanitation at the grassroots level.
• **National recognition –** 58 WaSH (WAter, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Warriors nominated by States and Union Territories under *Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)* participated in the programme.

Green Penalty Funds - Usage Rules Notified

The Union Environment Ministry notified usage rules for the Environment Protection Fund (EPF).
• **Penalties from –** Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986; Air Act, 1981; the Water Act, 1974.
• **Funds transferred to –** Consolidated Fund of India (CFI), then the Public Account.
• **Fund composition –**
- Administrative expenses capped at ≤5% annually, subject to Centre/State approval.
- 75% of funds allocated to a dedicated Environmental Fund, reserved exclusively for environmental purposes.
- 25% allocated to Public Account, with Centre retaining flexible usage authority.

Security

Wings India 2026

• Asia's largest civil aviation event.
• **Launched by –** Ministry of Civil Aviation.
• **Theme –** *"Indian Aviation: Paving the Future – From Design to Deployment, Manufacturing to Maintenance, Inclusivity to Innovation and Safety to Sustainability".*
• **Objectives –** To showcase India's aviation ascent as the world's fastest-growing civil aviation market.
• To emerge as a key hub for manufacturing, services, innovation and sustainable aviation solutions.

Science

Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)

C-DOT has been conferred the "SKOCH Award-2025" for its Cell Broadcast Solution (CBS).
• C-DOT is a premier research and development centre, under the aegis of Department of Telecommunications, for telecommunication technologies.
• It has been instrumental in developing indigenous technologies supporting government initiatives like *Digital India and Make in India.*
• Currently working on – Futuristic technologies like *5G, 6G, Quantum, Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity.*

C-DOT's Cell Broadcast Solution

• It is an *indigenous disaster and emergency alert platform* designed to enable near real-time dissemination of life-saving information to citizens in affected areas through cellular networks.
• It is a disaster and emergency platform which brings disaster alert generation agencies-
- India Meteorological Department (IMD) for weather,
- Central Water Commission (CWC) for floods,
- Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) for tsunamis/oceanic events,
- Defence Geo-informatics Research Establishment (DGRE) for landslides, and
- Forest Survey of India (FSI) for forest fires;
- All mobile operators for delivery of broadcast message; SDMAs and NDMAs for approving the alerts & disaster management, on a single integrated unified platform.
• This indigenous, cost effective and fully automated system has enabled geo-targeted, multi-hazard alerting with *multi lingual (21 languages) support.*

SKOCH Award-2025

• **Held as part of –** 104th SKOCH Summit.
• **Theme –** "Resourcing Viksit Bharat".
• **Award to –** Individuals, projects, and institutions both government and & private, across India for outstanding work in improving governance and development.
• **Objective –** To recognize excellence in sectors like finance, tech, health, education, and grassroots work.

Miscellaneous

Online Promotion of Ayush Products

• **MoU between –** Ayush Export Promotion Council (AYUSHEXCIL) and Zepto Limited.
• **Aim –** To build a structured digital framework for promoting authentic AYUSH medicines and wellness products through verified online channels.
• **Key features –**
- Creation of a dedicated AYUSH store front on Zepto, enabling consumers to access verified AYUSH products easily.
- Promotion of AYUSH Quality Mark (AQM) compliance to ensure adherence to certified standards and authenticity.
- Identification of eligible AYUSH manufacturers by AYUSHEXCIL, especially among MSMEs, for digital onboarding.
- Joint consumer awareness initiatives focusing on authentic information and responsible usage of AYUSH products.
- Collaboration on credible educational content about AYUSH systems, validated by AYUSHEXCIL and hosted on Zepto's platform.

International Data Privacy Day

• **Observed annually on –** 28th January.
• **Designated in –** 2006 by the Council of Europe.
• **Commemoration to –** The signing of Convention 108, *the world's first legally binding international treaty on data protection.*
• **Aim –** To raise awareness about the importance of protecting personal data and privacy in the digital age.

Key Takeaways of Data Privacy Day

• It highlights the shared responsibility of the government, digital platforms, and citizens in building a secure and trusted digital ecosystem.
• India is the world's *3rd-largest digitalised economy*, with digital platforms embedded in daily economic and social life.
• **Legal basis –** The *DPDP Act, 2023 and DPDP Rules, 2025* provide a citizen centric framework balancing data privacy, innovation, and public interest.
• **Budget 2025-26 –** Rs.782 crore allocated in for cybersecurity to safeguard digital public infrastructure.

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