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## NATIONAL NEWS

### Zero Coal Leakage Plan



- ❖ Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation directed the adoption of a “Zero Coal Leakage Plan”.
- ❖ It aims to ensure a comprehensive and time-bound response to illegal mining and unauthorized transportation of coal.
- ❖ The officials of CISF and Coal India Limited had been authorized to take action under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.
- ❖ The Home Minister also directed the Ministry of Home Affairs to include the coal sector in the priority list for CISF deployment.

### 75th anniversary of India-Japan diplomatic ties 2027

- ❖ 16th India-Japan annual summit was held at New Delhi.
- ❖ India and Japan will celebrate 2027 as the 'India-Japan Year of Shared Horizons'.
- ❖ IMAGE-75 will be launched to support people-to-people exchanges and promote co-creation in such areas.
- ❖ RASA-75 will be launched as a year-long India-Japan arts and culture journey.
- ❖ SPORT-75 will be launched to promote human exchanges and cooperation between India and Japan in the field of sports.
- ❖ Both sides will launch 'Cricket Kizuna-75'.

- ❖ India-Japan relations were elevated to Global Partnership in 2000, Strategic and Global Partnership in 2006, and Special Strategic and Global Partnership in 2014.
- ❖ After World War-II, India did not attend the San Francisco Conference but decided to conclude a separate Peace Treaty with Japan on 28 April 1952.



### Cooperative Insurance Company

## COOPERATIVE LIFE INSURANCE & BHARAT TAXI

### REACHING 500 CITIES ACROSS INDIA

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- ❖ Union Home and Cooperation Minister announced a plan to establish a cooperative life insurance company.

- ❖ He was speaking on the 5th Foundation Day of the Ministry of Cooperation (July 06).
- ❖ Bharat Taxi is a co-operative-based ride hailing platform.
- ❖ India has around 8.5 lakh cooperatives with more than 30 crore members.
- ❖ The government is establishing the 'Tribhuvan' Sahkari University at Anand in Gujarat.
- ❖ The Ministry of Cooperation was created in 2021.
- ❖ Amit Shah assumed charge as the first Minister of Cooperation and continued in office.
- ❖ White Revolution 2.0 is among the 151 initiatives taken by the Ministry since its creation.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### UN Global Dialogue on AI Governance



- ❖ India is participating in the inaugural United Nations Global Dialogue on AI Governance in Geneva, Switzerland.
- ❖ It covers four clusters of issues related to artificial intelligence.
- ❖ These clusters are AI's social and economic implications, bridging the global AI divide, promoting safe and trustworthy AI, and safeguarding human rights in the context of AI.
- ❖ A second session of this will follow in New York in May 2027
- ❖ The Global Dialogue on AI Governance is a universal, multi-stakeholder UN forum established under General Assembly Resolution 79/325.

- ❖ It is the first universal, multi-stakeholder forum on AI governance under the United Nations system.
- ❖ It is following the Global Digital Compact adopted as part of the Pact of the Future in September 2024.
- ❖ It will receive the annual report of the Independent International Scientific Panel on AI (IISPA).
- ❖ IISPA provides first independent scientific assessment of the capabilities, emerging opportunities and risks of AI.

### **BRICS Anti-Drugs Meeting 2026**



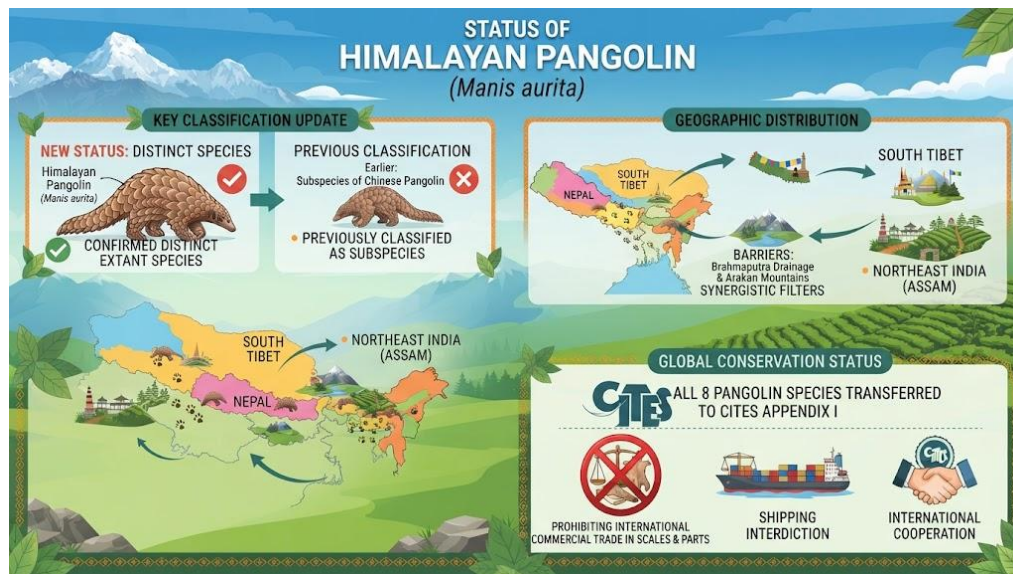
- ❖ Representatives of member countries converged in Guwahati in Assam for the two-day BRICS Heads of Anti-Drug Agencies' Meeting 2026.
- ❖ India is hosting the heads of anti-drug agencies from the BRICS nations for the first time.
- ❖ BRICS initially comprised Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.
- ❖ It expanded to include Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Indonesia.
- ❖ These countries represent almost half the global population, and more than 40% of the world's Gross Domestic Product.

## **ENVIRONMENT NEWS**

### **Status of Himalayan pangolin**

- ❖ Himalayan pangolin was confirmed as a distinct species.
- ❖ It was earlier classified as subspecies of Chinese pangolin.

- ❖ Himalayan pangolin (*Manis aurita*) is a distinct extant species, separate from the Chinese pangolin (*Manis pentadactyla*).
- ❖ The species' distribution is restricted to the southern Himalayan foothills, with confirmed populations in Nepal, South Tibet, and Northeast India, including the state of Assam.
- ❖ The major landscape features, such as the Brahmaputra drainage and the Arakan Mountains, acted as “synergistic filters”.
- ❖ All eight currently recognized pangolin species were transferred to CITES Appendix I.
- ❖ Thereby it is prohibiting international commercial trade in those named taxa and their parts under the Convention.

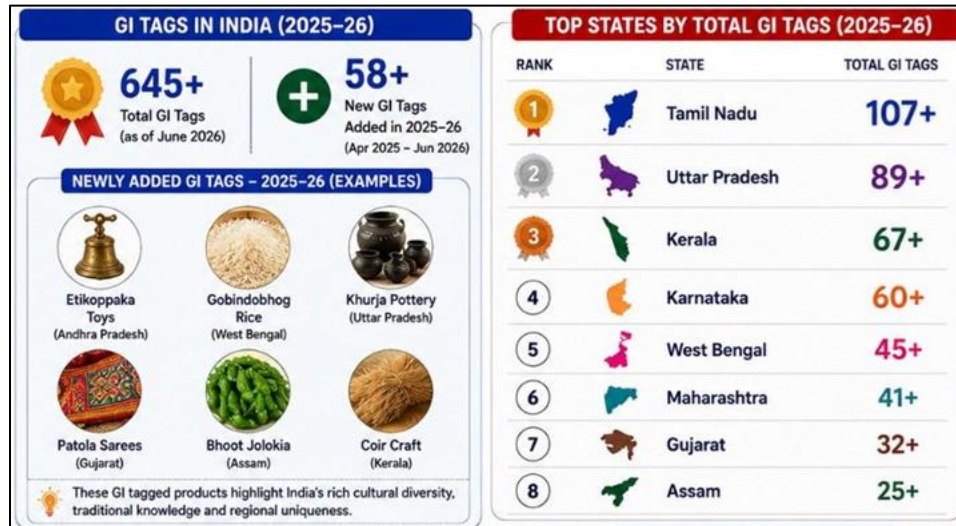


## STATE NEWS

### 125 new Geographical Indications (GI) in 2025-26

- ❖ States located in eastern India recorded a high number of registrations of Geographical Identification (GI) between April 2025 to March 2026.
- ❖ 125 GIs were registered in India during that period and Madhya Pradesh recorded 26 GI.
- ❖ This was followed by West Bengal with 24.
- ❖ The total number of GI in West Bengal have reached 59
- ❖ The handicraft products from Madhya Pradesh that have been granted GI tags include, Khajuraho Stone Craft, Betul Bharewa Metal Craft, Gwalior Paper Mache Craft and Gwalior Stone Craft Handicraft.

- ❖ The other interesting GI additions to Madhya Pradesh are four additional tribal crops Sitahi Kutki, Nagdaman Kutki, Baigani Arhar, and Mahakoshal Chhatriya Chawal (Chhatriya Paddy).
- ❖ Sitahi Kutki and Nagdaman Kutki are staple foods of the Baiga and Gond tribes.
- ❖ In West Bengal, the key products which have been given GI status include 'Jalbhara' Sandesh from Chandernagore, 'Monohara' from Janai, Santiniketan Batik and Santiniketan Ektara from Birbhum, 'mecha' Sandesh from Beliatare in Bankura, Banglar 'Nolen Gur', Kanakchur popped rice, clay doll of Krishnanagar, sitalpati of Cooch Behar, Bengal singing bowl from Bikrampur, Balagarh boat from Hooghly, Kolkatti jewellery from Kolkata.
- ❖ Jharkhand, has also registered 11 GIs over the past one year and most of which are handicrafts and textiles.
- ❖ The products from Jharkhand that has received GI tags include Tussar Silk Sarees.



- ❖ Some of the products that were granted GI from Jharkhand include - Tribal Jewellery of Jharkhand, and Bamboo Crafts of Jharkhand, along with Jharkhand Dokra Craft, Kuchai Silk Sarees and Fabrics, Bhagaiya Sarees and Fabrics, Dumka Chadar Badoni Puppets, Jharkhand Panchi Parhan Sarees and Fabrics, Kesharia Kalakand, Jharkhand Benam, and Jharkhand Jadupatia Paintings.
- ❖ Himachal Pradesh is another State which recorded high number of GI registrations, with 13 registrations.
- ❖ Gujarat and Ladakh (UT) have recorded seven each and six products from Assam have got GI.
- ❖ Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Goa have registered five GI each.
- ❖ The number of GI registered in the country stands at 822.

- ❖ In India, Geographical Indications registration is administered by the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act of 1999.
- ❖ A geographical indication or GI is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin.
- ❖ Geographical Indications are part of the intellectual property rights that come under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property.
- ❖ Of the 822 registered, handicrafts comprise more than half about 53% of GI,
- ❖ It is followed by agricultural products at about 31% of all the GI registered in the country.
- ❖ In terms of Statewide GI registered, Uttar Pradesh (79) has the highest registration, followed by Tamil Nadu (74) and West Bengal (59).

### **Dree Festival 2026**

- ❖ It is the major agricultural festival of the Apatani tribe in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ It will be cantering on the iconic Ziro Valley.
- ❖ The festival is dedicated to praying to deities (like Tamu, Harniang, Metii, and Danyi) for a bountiful harvest and protecting crops from pests and disease.



### **Pradhan Mantri Cha Shramik Protsahan Yojana**

- ❖ The West Bengal government announced implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Cha Shramik Protsahan Yojana.

- ❖ It aims to improve healthcare, education and basic amenities for tea garden workers and their families across North Bengal.
- ❖ The Central scheme aims to provide more than 10 lakh tea garden workers in Assam and West Bengal access to better healthcare, education, and resting facilities.

**GOOD NEWS FOR**  
**BENGAL'S**  
**TEA WORKERS!**

**₹314 CRORE SUPPORT**  
**FROM THE CENTRE**

- Mandatory committee constituted after nearly 2 years
- Nearly 10 lakh workers to benefit
- Support for healthcare, education and housing

**Strong Workers, Thriving Tea Industry,  
Prosperous Bengal!**

## SPORTS NEWS

### Women's T20 World Cup 2026

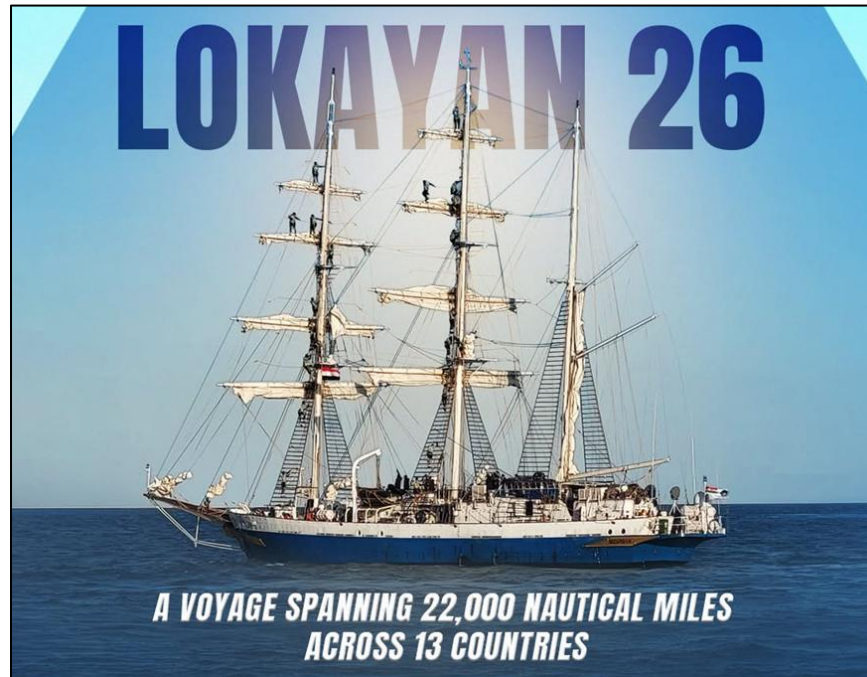


- ❖ Australia clinch 7th Women's T20 World Cup by thrashing of England
- ❖ The 2026 ICC Women's T20 World Cup was the tenth edition of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup.
- ❖ It was hosted by the England and Wales Cricket Board.
- ❖ New Zealand were the defending champions.

- ❖ It is a biennial world cup for women's cricket in Women's Twenty20 International (WT20I) format, organised by the International Cricket Council (ICC).

## MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

### Lokayan 2026



- ❖ It is a landmark 10-month transoceanic expedition.
- ❖ It is a 22,000-nautical-mile global expedition by the Indian Navy's sail training ship, INS Sudarshini.
- ❖ It departed from Kochi of Kerala.
- ❖ It is covering 18 ports across 13 countries to strengthen maritime cooperation and showcase India's rich seafaring heritage.
- ❖ INS Sudarshini joins New York Sail 4th 250 for US independence celebrations.
- ❖ Sail4th 250 celebrations are marking the 250th anniversary of the United States' independence.

### 9,909 Indian World War I Soldiers

- ❖ The Commonwealth War Graves Commission adds 9,909 overlooked Indian soldiers to First World War casualty records.
- ❖ It announced the largest single addition to its casualty records since the Second World War.

- ❖ One in six soldiers who fought for the British during the First World War came from pre-Partition India, with nearly half a million from Punjab, including Sikh, Muslim, Hindu and Christian servicemen.
- ❖ This milestone is the outcome of the Punjab Registers project, a five-year partnership between the CWGC, the UK Punjab Heritage Association (UKPHA) and the University of Greenwich.

**Between 1914 and 1918, over 1.4 million men from undivided India served in World War I. More than 320,000 came from Punjab alone. This year, 9,909 forgotten soldiers were finally recognised.**

