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Science and Technology

ITRA Jamnagar Hosts Ayu-Tech Navonmesh 2026 Conference

ITRA Jamnagar hosted the national conference Ayu-Tech Navonmesh 2026 on its 6th Foundation Day, focusing on the integration of Ayurveda and artificial intelligence.

Why it matters: Which institute hosted the Ayu-Tech Navonmesh 2026 conference on Ayurveda and AI?

Source: PIB

IMD Launches WebGIS-Based Decision Support System for Cyclones

The India Meteorological Department launched an interactive WebGIS-based Decision Support System to enhance cyclone preparedness and risk visualisation.

Why it matters: Which organization launched the interactive WebGIS-based Decision Support System for cyclones?

Source: PIB

NASA Perseverance Rover Sets New Martian Driving Record

NASA's Perseverance rover surpassed the Opportunity rover's off-Earth driving record by completing 45.22 km on Mars in Jezero Crater.

Why it matters: Which NASA rover set a new Martian driving record by traveling 45.22 km?

Source: NASA

Defence and Security

Indian Coast Guard Inducts Indigenous ALH MK-III Helicopter

The Indian Coast Guard inducted its first indigenous ALH MK-III helicopter, named CG 875, under Coast Guard Region (West) in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra.

Why it matters: Which helicopter was recently inducted by the Indian Coast Guard in Maharashtra?

Environment

CAQM Expands PTZ Camera Remote Monitoring in NCR

CAQM mandated the installation of PTZ cameras for remote monitoring across all industries under Direction No. 98 in the NCR by November 30, 2026.

Why it matters: By which date must industries under Direction No. 98 in NCR install PTZ cameras as per CAQM?

Source: PIB

Sukhna Wetland and Sauj Lake Designated as Ramsar Sites

Sukhna Wetland in Chandigarh and Sauj Lake in Uttar Pradesh have been designated as Ramsar sites, taking India's total to 103.

Why it matters: Sauj Lake, newly designated as a Ramsar site, is located in which state?

Source: PIB

Schemes and Policies

PM-AJAY Drives Inclusive Development With Adarsh Grams

The PM-AJAY scheme has declared 18,093 villages as Adarsh Grams, released about Rs 1,730 crore directly to states, and completed 785 student hostels.

Why it matters: How many villages have been declared Adarsh Grams under the PM-AJAY scheme?

Source: PIB

Indian Army Launches 'Bharat Rice' with FCI Partnership

The Indian Army launched 'Bharat Rice' for defence personnel and signed a five-year MoU with FCI to improve ration quality and logistics.

Why it matters: With which organization did the Indian Army sign a five-year MoU to supply Bharat Rice?

Source: PIB

Today's quiz

1. In 2026, which institution hosted the national conference 'Ayu-Tech Navonmesh' on its 6th Foundation Day, focusing on the integration of Ayurveda and artificial intelligence?

A. AIIMS New Delhi
B. ITRA Jamnagar
C. Banaras Hindu University
D. National Institute of Ayurveda Jaipur

2. Which organization launched an interactive WebGIS-based Decision Support System in 2026 to enhance cyclone preparedness and risk visualisation?

A. National Disaster Management Authority
B. Indian Space Research Organisation
C. India Meteorological Department
D. Central Water Commission

3. Consider the following statements regarding recent environmental and developmental updates in 2026:
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Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

4. Consider the following statements regarding defence and space achievements in 2026:
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Answers: 1. B 2. C 3. C 4. C

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