

Short News

1. Integrated Sohra Tourism Circuit (Meghalaya)

What it is - A new tourism project in Sohra (Cherrapunji), Meghalaya.

Scheme - It is funded under the PM-DevINE scheme (a Central scheme for developing the North East).

Goal - To turn Sohra into a world-class, sustainable tourist destination that creates local jobs.

Investment - Over ₹650 crore.

Key Features - A "Sohra Experience Centre" to showcase Meghalaya's tribal culture. Upgrading tourist spots like Nohkalikai Falls, Mawsmmai Eco Park, and Seven Sisters Falls.

Expected Impact - To create over 4,600 jobs and boost tourist spending.

2. Asian Youth Games 2025

What happened - India had its best-ever performance at the Asian Youth Games 2025.

Location - Manama, Bahrain.

India's Tally - A historic 48 medals (13 Gold, 18 Silver, 17 Bronze).

Previous Best - This is a huge improvement from 11 medals (2009) and 14 medals (2013).

About the Games - A major sports event for Asian athletes aged 14-17. This was the 3rd edition, held after a 12-year gap (the 2017 and 2021 games were cancelled).

Significance - Shows India's improving youth sports infrastructure (like Khelo India) and builds a talent pool for the Olympics.

3. Chabahar Port (Iran)

What happened - The U.S. gave India a six-month waiver from its sanctions to continue work at Iran's Chabahar Port.

Background - The U.S. had previously cancelled the waiver, forcing Indian companies to stop work. This new waiver allows them to resume.

About the Port - A strategic seaport in Iran, jointly developed by India. It is located in the Gulf of Oman.

Why it's important for India - It allows India to bypass Pakistan to access Afghanistan and Central Asia. It is a key part of the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC). It is used to send humanitarian aid, like wheat to Afghanistan.

The Catch - The waiver is seen as having "limited value" because it is for a short, six-month period.

4. Nuclear Submarine 'Khabarovsk' (Russia)

What it is - Russia's newest nuclear-powered submarine.

Key Feature - It is designed to carry and launch the "Poseidon" nuclear-powered underwater drone.

Poseidon Drone - This is a "doomsday missile," an intercontinental drone capable of delivering a massive nuclear payload.

Technology - The submarine runs on a nuclear reactor, allowing it to stay hidden underwater for very long periods.

Significance - This strengthens Russia's "second-strike" nuclear capability (the ability to strike back after a nuclear attack), which is a key part of its national defence strategy.

5. Exercise Trishul 2025

What it is - A major tri-service military exercise involving the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Who is leading - The Indian Navy's Western Naval Command.

Location - A vast area covering the Sir Creek region, the deserts of Rajasthan and Gujarat, and the northern Arabian Sea.

Goal - To improve jointness and interoperability (the ability of all three services to work together seamlessly) in a multi-domain war.

Key Activities - Amphibious landings (sea-to-land attacks), Aircraft carrier operations, Coordinated air and sea missions.

Focus - The exercise is testing high-tech skills like Electronic Warfare, Cyber Warfare, and using Indian-made (Aatmanirbhar Bharat) defence systems.