

8. Short News

1. Kolleru Lake & Black Dried Fish (Karelu)

Black dried fish from Kolleru Lake is gaining global recognition, with 90 tonnes exported annually.

The Delicacy- It is a nutrient-rich traditional food from Andhra Pradesh. Known for high protein, omega-3 fatty acids, and long shelf life.

Process- Fresh fish are cleaned, salted, and sun-dried using natural methods (salt, turmeric, chillies) without chemicals.

Kolleru Lake- One of India's largest freshwater lakes located between the Krishna and Godavari river deltas (Andhra Pradesh).

Significance- It is a designated Ramsar Site (Wetland of International Importance). Acts as a natural flood-balancing reservoir and supports rich biodiversity (90 fish species).

2. Pralay Missile & Salvo Test

DRDO successfully conducted a "Salvo launch" of two Pralay missiles off the Odisha coast.

Pralay Missile

Type- Indigenously developed, short-range, quasi-ballistic surface-to-surface missile.

Range- 150–500 km.

Key Features- Solid propellant, mobile launch capability, and high accuracy (CEP < 10 meters).

Maneuverability- Can change trajectory mid-air to evade enemy defenses.

Salvo Test- Firing multiple missiles in rapid succession from the same launcher.

Purpose- To simulate combat conditions and prove the ability to overwhelm enemy air defense systems.

3. Ban on Nimesulide (Painkiller)

The Health Ministry has banned the manufacture and sale of oral Nimesulide formulations above 100 mg.

Reason for Ban

Health Risk- High doses pose risks to human health, specifically liver toxicity.

Alternatives- Safer painkillers are readily available.

Scope- Applies only to immediate-release oral doses above 100 mg. Formulations of 100 mg or less are not banned.

4. "Justice Mission 2025" (China-Taiwan Drill)

China (PLA) conducted large-scale live-fire military drills named "Justice Mission 2025" around Taiwan.

Objectives- To deter Taiwan's independence assertions. To warn the US and allies against supporting Taiwan. To demonstrate the capability to blockade and isolate Taiwan.

Impact- Raises regional tensions, intensifies US-China rivalry, and alarms neighboring nations like Japan.

5. Copper Market & Production

Copper prices hit record highs in late 2025 due to demand and supply issues.

Reasons for Price Hike

Demand- Growth in EVs, renewable energy, and AI data centers.

Supply- Mine outages in Chile and Indonesia.

Policy- US rate cuts and tariff anticipations.

About Copper- Essential for infrastructure and electronics due to high conductivity.

Top Global Producer- Chile.

Top Indian Producer- Madhya Pradesh (Malanjkhand mine), followed by Rajasthan and Jharkhand.

6. Rajasthan AI-ML Policy-2026

Rajasthan Cabinet approved a new policy to mainstream Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Objectives- Enhance e-governance and public service delivery. Ensure ethical use of AI (transparency, fairness, data privacy). Establish a "State AI Centre of Excellence."

Significance- Aligns with the national "AI for All" vision and aims to make the state a tech hub.

7. Delhi HC Ruling on Child Maintenance

The Delhi High Court ruled on the responsibilities of non-custodial parents.

Key Observations- A mother's earning capacity does not absolve the father of his financial responsibilities. Child maintenance is a right of the child, not a favor. Expenses include hobbies, social interactions, and school needs, not just basic survival.

Custody in India- Governed by the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890, with the child's welfare being the supreme consideration.

8. Legalizing Cannabis in Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh is finalizing a policy to regulate cannabis cultivation.

Purpose- To allow cultivation strictly for medicinal and industrial use.

Legal Status- Generally prohibited under the NDPS Act, 1985.

Exception- The Act allows states to permit cultivation for scientific/medicinal purposes under strict rules.

9. Hanimaadhoo International Airport (Maldives)

Maldives requested Indian assistance to manage this recently upgraded airport.

Details- Located in northern Maldives (approx. 300 km from Malé). Upgraded using an \$800 million Line of Credit from India (EXIM Bank). Now capable of handling larger aircraft (Airbus A320).

10. New Green Corridor in Maharashtra

Cabinet approved a 6-lane greenfield corridor connecting Nashik, Solapur, and Akkalkot.

Model- To be built on a Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) toll mode.

Significance- Part of the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan. Aims to improve logistics efficiency and inter-state connectivity

