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New GI-Tagged Tribal Crops of Madhya Pradesh

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[Four tribal crops of Madhya Pradesh receive GI Tag](#)

Madhya Pradesh gets GI tags for four tribal crops—Sitahi Kutki, Nagdaman Kutki, Baigani Arhar (Dindori) and Mahakoshal Chhatriya Chawal...



Why in News

- Four traditional tribal crops of **Madhya Pradesh** have recently received **Geographical Indication (GI) Tags**.

Traditional Heritage and Communities

- The recognised crops are **Sitahi Kutki**, **Nagdaman Kutki**, **Baigani Arhar**, and **Chhatriya Dhan**.
- These crops have been preserved for generations by the **Baiga tribe** of **Dindori district**.



Agricultural and Nutritional Value

- **Sitahi Kutki** and **Nagdaman Kutki** are climate-resilient minor millets rich in fibre, minerals and antioxidants.
- **Baigani Arhar** is an organically cultivated pigeon pea variety known for higher protein content and sweet taste.
- **Chhatriya Dhan** retains its bran layer, making it rich in Vitamin B1 (Thiamine) and essential minerals.

Geographical Focus

- **Baigani Arhar** is closely associated with the Baiga tribal region of Madhya Pradesh.
- **Chhatriya Dhan** is cultivated mainly in the wetlands of **Jabalpur** and **Katni** districts.

- The GI tags promote conservation of indigenous crop diversity and tribal agricultural knowledge.

GI Tag Framework

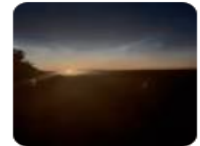
- GI registration is granted under the **Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999**.
- GI status protects products possessing unique qualities linked to a specific geographical origin.

FP-5 Flamingo Missile

TOI The Times of India

[Watch: Ukraine strikes Russian weapons plant with FP-5 Flamingo missiles. What are these 3,000-km strike](#)

International News: Ukraine on Saturday claimed that its domestically developed FP-5 Flamingo long-range missiles struck a key Russian...



Why in News

- Ukraine claimed that its **FP-5 Flamingo** missile struck a Russian defence facility in the **Volgograd region**.

Strategic Features

- It is a **long-range ground-launched cruise missile** developed by Ukrainian company **Fire Point**.
- The missile entered service in **2025**.
- It is designed for precision strikes against fixed ground targets.

Technical Specifications

- It has a range of up to **3,000 km** and can carry a payload of **1,150 kg**.
- The missile achieves a maximum speed of **950 km/h** with a cruising speed of **650–700 km/h**.
- It is capable of low-altitude flight to reduce radar detection.

Operational Significance

- It can operate effectively under conditions of electronic interference.
- Reusable launchers reduce deployment costs and improve operational efficiency.
- The system strengthens Ukraine's indigenous long-range strike capability.

Bharat Taxi

THE Hindu

Bharat Taxi launched to end exploitation by cab aggregators: Amit Shah

Bharat Taxi launched by Amit Shah aims to protect drivers' interests and provide fair competition against traditional cab aggregators.



Why in News

- The Union Home Minister recently launched Bharat Taxi, a cooperative-based ride-hailing platform, in **Gujarat**.

Institutional Framework

- It is India's first **cooperative-led and driver-owned** ride-hailing platform.
- It is registered under the **Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002**.
- The initiative is supported by the **Ministry of Cooperation** and **National e-Governance Division (NeGD)**.



Cooperative Governance Model

- Drivers are recognised as **Sarathis** and can become shareholders in the cooperative.
- The platform is operated by **Sahkar Taxi Cooperative Limited**.
- It is supported by institutions such as **NCDC, Amul (GCMMF), NDDB, NAFED, IFFCO, KRIBHCO, NABARD** and **NCEL**.

Digital and Economic Features

- The platform follows a **zero-commission** model, transferring the full fare to drivers.
- It offers **transparent pricing** without surge charges.
- It integrates with **DigiLocker, UMANG** and **API Setu**.
- Sarathis receive support through **loans, insurance** and **business expansion opportunities**.

Dal Lake

Reuters Connect

[Licensable picture: Kashmir's Iconic Dal Lake Battles Pollution And Algae Amid Ongoing Restoration Efforts](#)

Labourers from the Jammu and Kashmir Lakes and Waterways Development Authority (LAWDA) remove weeds from the waters of Dal Lake in Srinagar,...



Why in News

- Workers of the Jammu and Kashmir Lakes and Waterways Development Authority (LAWDA) recently undertook weed removal operations in Dal Lake.

Geographical Profile

- Dal Lake is an urban freshwater lake located in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir.
- It is surrounded by the Pir Panjal Range.
- It covers approximately 18 sq km and is the second-largest lake in Jammu & Kashmir after Wular Lake.



Hydrological Features

- The lake receives water mainly from the Telbal Stream.
- During severe winters, temperatures may reach -11°C , causing parts of the lake to freeze.
- It is divided into Gagribal, Lokut Dal, Bod Dal and Nagin basins.

Ecological and Cultural Importance

- Floating gardens called Rad are used for vegetable and flower cultivation.
- Lotus blooms cover the lake during July–August.
- The lake hosts a famous floating market operated through traditional Shikaras.
- It is popularly known as the “Jewel in the Crown of Kashmir.”

Nasha Mukt Bharat Saptah 2026

DD News

Over 1.31 crore citizens join 'Nasha Mukt Bharat Saptah' 2026; Centre strengthens anti

More than 1.31 crore citizens participated in the nationwide 'Nasha Mukt Bharat Saptah' 2026, as the Union Ministry of Social Justice and...



Why in News

- **Nasha Mukt Bharat Saptah 2026** was observed from 17–26 June 2026 under the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**.

About the Campaign

- Conducted under **Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA)**, launched in 2020 for drug demand reduction.
- Focus areas include awareness, counselling, community mobilisation and outreach programmes.



Key Activities

- Awareness rallies, pledge drives, health camps, counselling sessions, yoga and social media campaigns were organised.
- Special emphasis was placed on **youth and women participation**.

Important Facts

- Inaugurated by **Dr. Virendra Kumar** on 17 June 2026.
- Concluding event held at **Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar** on 26 June 2026.
- Over 1.31 crore people participated nationwide.
- 26 June is observed as the **International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**.
- **UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime)** is the key UN agency for global drug control.

Arabithittu Wildlife Sanctuary

 The Times of India

Leopard killed in vehicle hit near Arabithittu sanctuary

Four-year-old leopard killed in hit-and-run near Arabithittu Wildlife Sanctuary, Hunsur; forest department recovers carcass, registers case,...

Why in News

- A leopard was recently killed in a road accident near **Arabithittu Wildlife Sanctuary** in Karnataka.

Location and Status

- It is located in **Mysuru district, Karnataka**.
- It was a game reserve before being declared a wildlife sanctuary in **1985**.
- The sanctuary covers about **13.5 sq km**.

Habitat Characteristics

- The area consists mainly of tropical dry deciduous forests and scrublands.
- Large plantations of **eucalyptus** and **sandalwood** are present within the sanctuary.
- Entry is highly restricted due to nearby **DRDO installations**.

Biodiversity Profile

- Major mammals include leopard, fox, spotted deer, wild pig, porcupine and mongoose.
- More than **250 bird species** have been recorded in the sanctuary.

Other Important News of the day

Persons in News

OpenAI Appoints Prabhjeet Singh as India MD

Why in News

- **OpenAI** appointed **Prabhjeet Singh** as its Managing Director for India on **26 June 2026**; he will assume office in **September 2026**.

Leadership Role

- He will be OpenAI's senior-most executive in India and report to **Kiran Mani (APAC MD)**.
- Responsibilities include consumer growth, enterprise adoption, partnerships, regulatory engagement and operations.



Professional Background

- Former **President, Uber India & South Asia** for nearly 11 years.
- Led Uber's mobility business across **India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh**.

India's AI Significance

- OpenAI considers India its **second-largest market** after the **USA**.
- The company opened its **New Delhi office in 2025** and plans offices in Mumbai and **Bengaluru**.
- He will strengthen partnerships across India's AI ecosystem involving government, businesses and institutions.

Colombia

Why in News

- India's Prime Minister recently congratulated **Abelardo de la Espriella** on his victory in Colombia's presidential election.

Strategic Location

- Colombia is located in the northwestern part of **South America**.
- It is known as the “**Gateway of South America**” due to its strategic position.
- It has coastlines along both the **Caribbean Sea** and the **Pacific Ocean**.



Political and Economic Profile

- Capital city: Bogotá.
- Colombia became a member of the **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)** in **2020**.
- Important natural resources include petroleum, natural gas, coal and gold.

Geographical Features

- It shares borders with **Panama, Venezuela, Brazil, Peru and Ecuador**.
- Its highest peak is **Pico Cristóbal Colón**.
- Major rivers include the **Magdalena, Amazon and Orinoco** rivers.

Amrabad Tiger Reserve

Deccan Chronicle

[Amrabad Tiger Reserve Shuts for Tourism from July 1](#)

Hyderabad: The Amrabad Tiger Reserve (ATR), which has become increasingly popular among visitors due to frequent tiger sightings,...

Why in News

- The **All India Tiger Estimation (AITE) 2026** reported a strong tiger presence in **Amrabad Tiger Reserve**.

Geographical Setting

- It is located in the **Nallamala Hills** of the **Eastern Ghats** in Telangana.
- It was carved out from the **Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve** after the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh in **2014**.

Hydrological Importance

- The **Krishna River** and its tributary streams flow through the reserve.
- These waters support major reservoirs such as **Srisailem Dam** and **Nagarjunasagar Dam**.

Community and Biodiversity

- The **Chenchu tribe** is the principal tribal community residing in the reserve.
- Major flora include teak, bamboo, acacia and dry deciduous forests.
- Key fauna include tiger, leopard, gaur, nilgai, sambar and chital.
- More than **303 bird species** have been recorded in the reserve.

ICGS Akshay

 News On AIR

[Indian Coast Guard commissions Fast Patrol Vessel ICGS Akshay in Goa](#)

Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Akshay, a new-generation Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV), was commissioned into the Bharatiya Tatrakshak Fleet at...



Why in News

- **Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Akshay** was recently commissioned into the **Bharatiya Tatrakshak Fleet** at Goa.

Platform Overview

- It is a new-generation **Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV)**.
- It is the fourth vessel of the **Adamy-class** series of eight FPVs.
- The vessel was designed and built by **Goa Shipyard Limited**.

Operational Capability

- It is deployed for maritime law enforcement, coastal security and search-and-rescue missions.
- It also undertakes marine environmental protection and assistance to distressed mariners.

Technical Features

- It is armed with a **30 mm CRN-91 gun** and two 12.7 mm remote-controlled guns.
- It uses **Controllable Pitch Propeller (CPP)** propulsion with two **3000 kW diesel engines**.
- The vessel is **52 metres** long and displaces **320 tonnes**.

Strategic Significance

- The vessel contains over **65% indigenous content**, supporting **Atmanirbhar Bharat** in defence manufacturing.

e-Sushrut@Clinic

The Hindu

[Govt. to launch affordable digital health management system for small clinics across India](#)

The Indian government launches eSushrut@Clinic, an affordable digital health management system for small outpatient clinics to streamline...



Why in News

- The **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** is set to launch e-Sushrut@Clinic for small outpatient clinics.

Digital Health Ecosystem

- It is a lightweight cloud-based **Hospital Management Information System (HMIS)**.
- It is designed for small and medium healthcare providers.
- The platform supports digitisation of patient records, prescriptions and billing.

Institutional Linkages


- It has been developed by **Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)**.
- It is a lighter version of the flagship **e-Sushrut HMIS** software.
- The initiative strengthens the **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)** ecosystem.

Operational Features

- The platform includes outpatient, pharmacy and nursing modules.
- Registration is enabled through **Health Facility Registry (HFR)** and **Health Professional Registry (HPR)**.
- It supports both online and offline functionality.
- It integrates **AIIMS Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDSS)** for hypertension and diabetes management.

Uttar Pradesh in News

Eye Care Academy in Chitrakoot

 The Times of India

[Eye care academy in Chitrakoot to train over 20k students in 3 yrs](#)

Jhansi: Shri Sadguru Seva Sangh Trust (SSSST) and Standard Chartered on Saturday jointly launched the Standard Chartered–Sadguru Eye Care...



Why in News

- An **Eye Care Academy** has been established in **Chitrakoot** with a target to train over 20,000 students in three years.

Capacity Building

- The academy will train ophthalmic and vision-care professionals to address the shortage of skilled eye-care personnel.
- It aims to strengthen healthcare services, particularly in rural and underserved areas.

Institutional Significance

- It is associated with **Sadguru Netra Chikitsalaya (SNC), Chitrakoot**, a leading eye-care institution known for affordable and high-volume services.
- The initiative will enhance professional training and healthcare employment opportunities.

Public Health Relevance

- It will support blindness prevention and improve access to quality eye-care services.
- The academy is expected to contribute significantly to India's eye-health workforce development.