

Part 1: National News & Governance

Q1. Which state became the first in India to establish a completely dedicated, independent Senior Citizens' Welfare Department to protect the elderly from abuse and streamline social security?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Karnataka
- C) Kerala
- D) Maharashtra

Answer: C) Kerala

Detailed Explanation:

Kerala has scripted history by becoming the first state in India to launch a dedicated Senior Citizens' Welfare Department. Officially coming into structural existence, the newly carved department takes over all elderly welfare responsibilities from the erstwhile Social Justice Department. This institutional shift is backed by the statutory framework of the Kerala Elderly Commission Bill, establishing a state-level, quasi-judicial State Elderly Commission tasked with protecting senior citizens from societal neglect, financial exploitation, and physical abuse.

Q2. Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar inaugurated the 2nd National Conference of ECI Counsels 2026. What was the central focus of this national meet?

- A) Delimitation of assembly seats in the Northeast
- B) Strengthening legal frameworks, electoral roll management, and EVM protocols
- C) Drafting a model code for digital AI campaigns

D) Introducing compulsory remote voting for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)

Answer: B) Strengthening legal frameworks, electoral roll management, and EVM protocols

Detailed Explanation:

The Election Commission of India (ECI) organized the 2nd National Conference of ECI Counsels 2026 in New Delhi. Inaugurated by Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, the convention gathered the commission's panel of legal minds and counsels to analyze complex courtroom challenges, procedural reforms in electoral roll management, voter verification safeguards, and structural legal defenses surrounding Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). The CEC also lauded the massive voter turnouts recorded in the recent state assembly elections across West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Assam, Kerala, and Puducherry.

Q3. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB), through the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), launched the 'AIME Academy' in New Delhi. What is its primary educational objective?

- A) Archiving ancient Indian tribal languages via digital recordings
- B) Promoting responsible AI-driven media education and localized content modules
- C) Providing free satellite broadcasting training to rural youth
- D) Regulating copyright violations in over-the-top (OTT) entertainment platforms

Answer: B) Promoting responsible AI-driven media education and localized content modules

Detailed Explanation:

To address the disruptive shifts of generative artificial intelligence in public communication, the IIMC rolled out the AIME (Artificial



Intelligence in Media Education) Academy in New Delhi. Resting on five pillars—research, industrial innovation, policy curation, ethical journalism, and technical literacy—the academy focuses on building India-centric generative modules. This ensures the responsible, unbiased adoption of AI toolsets across mainstream newsrooms and media institutions.

Q4. The Chaliyar River, which recently remained in the news due to multi-agency rescue operations and debris tracking following localized disasters, originates from which mountain range?

- A) Western Ghats (Anamudi Hills)
- B) Nilgiri Mountains (Ilambaleri Hills)
- C) Cardamom Hills
- D) Baba Budangiri Range

Answer: B) Nilgiri Mountains (Ilambaleri Hills)

Detailed Explanation:

The Chaliyar River (historically known as the Beypore River) is one of the most vital, perennial, west-flowing river networks in Kerala. It originates from the Ilambaleri Hills of the Nilgiri Mountains, right along the border zone connecting Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The river snake-tracks through the districts of Wayanad, Malappuram, and Kozhikode before emptying directly into the Arabian Sea at Beypore. It recently witnessed massive search operations after localized landslide disasters carried debris downstream.

Q5. Under the provisions of the flagship PM SVANidhi (Prime Minister Street Vendor's Atmanirbhar Nidhi) scheme, which completed a major milestone, what is the maximum loan amount provided in the third tranche of micro-credit assistance?

- A) ₹10,000
- B) ₹20,000
- C) ₹50,000
- D) ₹1,00,000

Answer: C) ₹50,000

Detailed Explanation:

The PM SVANidhi scheme, administered by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), completed six successful years of operation since its launch during the pandemic. The scheme drives financial inclusion by offering collateral-free working capital loans to urban street vendors. It operates on a graduated ladder: a first loan of up to ₹10,000, a second tranche of up to ₹20,000 upon timely repayment, and a third tranche extending up to ₹50,000, packed with an interest subsidy of 7% per annum to incentivize formal digital transactions.

Q6. Vice President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated a major dedicated rural artisanal and industrial livelihood park, driven under the 'Vocal for Local' mandate, in which region?

- A) Dakshina Kannada (Karnataka)
- B) Thrissur (Kerala)
- C) Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu)
- D) Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)

Answer: A) Dakshina Kannada (Karnataka)

Detailed Explanation:

Vice President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan opened a state-of-the-art industrial livelihood park in the Dakshina Kannada district of Karnataka. Spearheaded under the guidance of Dr. Veerendra Heggade, this extensive rural enterprise center supports the livelihood operations of over 13,000 local village

artisans—the vast majority of whom are women. It provides human-centric amenities, including transit hostels, training centers, and childcare facilities, to boost indigenous regional supply chains.

Part 2: Economics, Banking & Rules Enforcement

Q7. Effective June 1, 2026, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) introduced a major security overhaul for Unified Payments Interface (UPI) high-value transactions. What is this new requirement?

- A) A mandatory 24-hour cooling-off period for transfers exceeding ₹10,000
- B) Compulsory biometric verification (FaceID/Fingerprint) or third-party two-factor authentication
- C) A hard ban on peer-to-peer (P2P) transfers during night hours
- D) Requiring a physical token generator linked to the user's baseline savings account

Answer: B) Compulsory biometric verification (FaceID/Fingerprint) or third-party two-factor authentication

Detailed Explanation:

To tackle the rising volume of digital financial engineering scams, mule account routings, and phishing credential thefts, major UPI applications (including Google Pay, PhonePe, and Paytm) are legally prohibited from relying solely on standard four- or six-digit PIN inputs for processing high-value transfers. Starting June 1, 2026, all such transactions strictly require device-level biometric authentication (such as fingerprint scans or FaceID recognition) or third-party two-factor digital verification to establish absolute user identity.

Q8. According to the revised UPI operational guidelines enforced from June 1, 2026, how will cardless cash withdrawal transactions at automated teller machines (ATMs) be treated by commercial banks?

- A) They are completely exempt from monthly tracking limits
- B) They will now be counted as part of the user's monthly free withdrawal quota, attracting standard fees beyond the cap
- C) They are capped at a maximum of two transactions per year per individual
- D) They will only be authorized if processed via a Credit Card ledger

Answer: B) They will now be counted as part of the user's monthly free withdrawal quota, attracting standard fees beyond the cap

Detailed Explanation:

Under the updated retail banking directives, UPI-driven cardless cash withdrawals at automated teller machines will no longer enjoy an open-ended, non-tracked status. Commercial banks will count these cardless transactions directly as part of the customer's standardized monthly free ATM withdrawal limits. Exceeding this designated transaction cap will automatically trigger regulatory processing fees, bringing parity with standard physical debit card usage rules.

Q9. Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have revised the mandatory gap required between ordering consecutive Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) domestic cooking cylinders. What are the newly enforced lock-in timelines?

- A) 15 days for urban areas and 30 days for rural areas
- B) 25 days for urban areas and 45 days for rural areas

C) 30 days uniformly across all geographical zones in India

D) 10 days for urban areas and 20 days for rural areas

Answer: B) 25 days for urban areas and 45 days for rural areas

Detailed Explanation:

To prevent the hoarding of subsidized domestic fuels and to streamline the transition toward Piped Natural Gas (PNG) networks, OMCs have enforced a strict "Refill Lock-in Extension." Urban consumers must observe a minimum gap of 25 days between consecutive cylinder bookings, while the limit is extended to 45 days for rural households. Additionally, individuals holding an active PNG pipeline grid link are banned from booking or purchasing standard LPG cylinders under the "One House, One Connection" rule.

Q10. The Ministry of Finance issued a statutory notification regarding the levying of export duties on which critical fuel segments?

A) Green Hydrogen and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)

B) Petrol, Diesel, and Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF)

C) Bio-ethanol and compressed biogas

D) Coking coal and crude petroleum imports

Answer: B) Petrol, Diesel, and Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF)

Detailed Explanation:

To ensure stable domestic fuel inventory reserves amid volatile global crude markets and geopolitical stress, the Ministry of Finance notified the recalibration of export levies on the outbound shipments of Petrol, Diesel, and Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF). This mechanism

acts to regulate windfall profits earned by domestic private refineries on overseas exports, prioritizing domestic fuel availability.

Part 3: International Relations & Global Affairs

Q11. Which world leader arrived in Gaya on a high-profile five-day state visit to India, marking his first official bilateral trip to the country since assuming presidential office in April?

A) President of Sri Lanka, Anura Kumara Dissanayake

B) President of Myanmar, U Min Aung Hlaing

C) Prime Minister of Nepal, KP Sharma Oli

D) President of Bangladesh, Mohammed Shahabuddin

Answer: B) President of Myanmar, U Min Aung Hlaing

Detailed Explanation:

The President of Myanmar, U Min Aung Hlaing, arrived in Gaya, Bihar, to commence an intensive five-day official state visit to India. After offering sacred prayers at the UNESCO World Heritage Site Mahabodhi Temple, the head of state moved to New Delhi to hold structural bilateral talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The diplomatic itinerary also features a high-level business forum and meetings with major industrial houses in Mumbai to boost neighborhood trade and security coordination.

Q12. In a major political development, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian submitted his official resignation letter to the Supreme Leader. Which state organization did he accuse of executing a quiet coup d'état?

A) The Artesh Regular Army

- B) The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)
- C) The Basij Paramilitary Network
- D) The Supreme National Security Council

Answer: B) The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)

Detailed Explanation:

Iran's internal governance faced a significant shift following a leaked disclosure revealing that civilian President Masoud Pezeshkian submitted his official resignation to Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. In his final executive letter, Pezeshkian declared that his civilian administration had been stripped of structural governance powers due to a quiet, deep-seated military coup d'état by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). He openly criticized the IRGC's recent unauthorized regional missile launches as "madness" before stepping down.

Q13. The Prime Minister of India held high-level delegation talks at Hyderabad House in New Delhi with Mr. Nikos Christodoulides. He is the serving President of which European nation?

- A) Slovenia
- B) Republic of Cyprus
- C) Malta
- D) Greece

Answer: B) Republic of Cyprus

Detailed Explanation:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi received the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Mr. Nikos Christodoulides, at Hyderabad House in New Delhi. The bilateral exchange centered on deepening strategic Mediterranean maritime security, fast-tracking dual-enrollment academic programs, expanding defense

technology cooperation, and coordinating votes for upcoming international leadership platforms within the United Nations.

Part 4: Defence & Space-Tech Developments

Q14. India's Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh confirmed the official conclusion of a major international defense contract to export indigenous BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles to which ASEAN nation?

- A) Philippines
- B) Vietnam
- C) Indonesia
- D) Thailand

Answer: B) Vietnam

Detailed Explanation:

In a major milestone for India's domestic defense manufacturing sector and Act East policy, Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh confirmed that Vietnam officially finalized a procurement contract to buy the Indo-Russian BrahMos supersonic cruise missile system. Concurrently, the Ministry of Defence noted that negotiations with Indonesia are in the final stages of completion, building upon India's initial \$375 million BrahMos export contract executed with the Philippines.

Q15. Admiral Krishna Swaminathan officially assumed office as the new Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) of the Indian Navy. Which rank sequence does he hold in the historical lineage of naval chiefs?

- A) 25th Chief of the Naval Staff
- B) 27th Chief of the Naval Staff
- C) 30th Chief of the Naval Staff
- D) 22nd Chief of the Naval Staff

Answer: B) 27th Chief of the Naval Staff

Detailed Explanation:

Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, officially took over the command of the maritime forces, assuming office as the 27th Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) of the Indian Navy. Prior to taking the helm as CNS, Admiral Swaminathan served as the Vice Chief of the Naval Staff, steering critical structural modernization drives, carrier operations synergy, and indigenous blue-water defense readiness frameworks.

Q16. Following the elevation of the previous incumbent, who has been appointed as the 48th Vice Chief of Naval Staff (VCNS) of the Indian Navy?

- A) Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar
- B) Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti
- C) Vice Admiral Sanjay Bhalla
- D) Vice Admiral Gurcharan Singh

Answer: A) Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar

Detailed Explanation:

Following structural changes within the top ranks of the armed forces, Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar has been officially designated as the 48th Vice Chief of Naval Staff (VCNS) of the Indian Navy. Admiral Kochhar possesses extensive operational experience commanding frontline western fleet combat operations and heading premium naval training establishments.

Q17. Due to pressing administrative realignments, Union Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh has been assigned the additional charge of which apex scientific defense body?

- A) ISRO Chairman
- B) DRDO Chairman

C) Director General of India Meteorological Department (IMD)

D) Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (CIDS)

Answer: B) DRDO Chairman

Detailed Explanation:

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the assignment of additional charge of the post of Secretary, Department of Defence Research and Development and Chairman, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to Union Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh. This temporary administrative consolidation is aimed at fast-tracking high-priority indigenous missile development tracks and defense production rollouts.

Q18. An Indian Air Force (IAF) heavy-lift aircraft successfully airlifted the sacred Buddhist Relics of Arahant Sariputta and Arahant Mahamoggallana to Mongolia. Which specific aircraft executed this mission?

- A) C-17 Globemaster III
- B) C-130J Super Hercules
- C) IL-76 Gajraj
- D) An-32

Answer: C) IL-76 Gajraj

Detailed Explanation:

The Indian Air Force deployed its dependable IL-76 "Gajraj" heavy transport aircraft to carry the sacred Buddhist relics from New Delhi to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The relics belong to Arahant Sariputta and Arahant Mahamoggallana, the chief disciples of Gautama Buddha. This strategic spiritual mission highlights India's cultural diplomacy and deep civilizational ties with East Asian Buddhist countries.

Part 5: Science, Technology & Environment

Q19. What is the name of India's first indigenous Stratospheric Super Pressure Balloon, launched under 'Mission SANA' in Andhra Pradesh, to conduct high-altitude payload operations?

- A) MEGH-1
- B) VISTA
- C) GAGAN-AERO
- D) STRATO-BHARAT

Answer: B) VISTA

Detailed Explanation:

Red Balloon Aerospace Private Limited successfully launched India's first indigenous Stratospheric Super Pressure Balloon named VISTA under the broader mandate of Mission SANA. Taking flight from the Indira Gandhi Stadium in Andhra Pradesh, the platform reached an altitude of roughly 25 kilometers above the Earth's surface, carrying specialized scientific payloads from seven national and global research partners. This achievement positions India as one of only five nations globally possessing indigenous stratospheric super-pressure ballooning technology, alongside the USA, France, Japan, and China.

Q20. Researchers at the Institute of Nano Science and Technology (INST), Mohali, developed a novel light-driven nano-catalyst for energy-efficient chemical manufacturing. This catalyst combines gold and palladium nanoparticles with which light-absorbing molecule?

- A) Chlorophyll-A
- B) BODIPY
- C) Anthracene

D) Graphene Oxide

Answer: B) BODIPY

Detailed Explanation:

Scientists at INST Mohali (an autonomous research body functioning under the Department of Science and Technology) engineered an advanced light-driven nano-catalyst designed to make industrial chemical manufacturing more energy-efficient. By binding gold and palladium nanoparticles directly with the light-absorbing organic molecule BODIPY, the catalyst harvests green light energy to accelerate industrial chemical transformations. This significantly reduces the need for high operating temperatures, high pressures, and toxic chemical solvents.

Q21. Under the newly implemented 'Mission Mausam', India launched its first 'SkyCast System'. What is the immediate practical utility of this meteorological facility?

- A) Predicting micro-level flash floods in desert terrains
- B) Hyperlocal real-time tracking of fog and visibility up to 3 km to prevent transit delays
- C) Measuring the rate of Himalayan glacial retreat
- D) Detecting underground tectonic shifts along seismic fault lines

Answer: B) Hyperlocal real-time tracking of fog and visibility up to 3 km to prevent transit delays

Detailed Explanation:

The Ministry of Earth Sciences, executing mandates under 'Mission Mausam', rolled out India's first SkyCast System. This localized weather radar and computational framework tracks fog formation, particulate densities, and micro-visibility scales up to a 3 km perimeter. It

is aimed at cutting down weather-induced delays in aviation hubs, with the next integrated facility scheduled for deployment at the upcoming Noida International Airport in Jewar.

Part 6: Sports, Appointments & Awards

Q22. French football club Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) retained its prestigious European club football crown by defeating which team in the UEFA Champions League (UCL) final in Budapest?

- A) Real Madrid
- B) Arsenal
- C) Manchester City
- D) Barcelona

Answer: B) Arsenal

Detailed Explanation:

Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) successfully defended its European club football crown by outlasting Arsenal in a penalty shootout (4-3) during the UEFA Champions League grand finale at the Puskás Aréna in Budapest. The intense match had ended in a 1-1 deadlock at the conclusion of standard regular play and extra injury time, before penalty shootouts determined the title winner.

Q23. In endurance athletics, the Indian ultra-running contingent put on an exceptional performance to officially retain its team title at which international sporting event held in Japan?

- A) World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships
- B) IAU Asia-Oceania 24-Hour Championship
- C) Tokyo Ultra Marathon Elite Cup
- D) Asian Trail Running Masters

Answer: B) IAU Asia-Oceania 24-Hour Championship

Explanation:

The Indian ultra-running athletic contingent demonstrated remarkable endurance to successfully retain the team championship title at the International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) Asia-Oceania 24-Hour Championship staged in Japan. The sport requires athletes to cover the maximum possible physical running distance within a continuous 24-hour window.

Q24. President Droupadi Murmu hosted the Civil Investiture Ceremony-I at Rashtrapati Bhavan to present the Padma Awards 2026. Which of the following statements is historically correct regarding the structural hierarchy of these civilian awards?

- A) Padma Bhushan is higher in rank than Padma Vibhushan
- B) Padma Vibhushan is the second-highest civilian award in India, positioned below Bharat Ratna
- C) Padma Shri is positioned higher than the Padma Bhushan
- D) The Padma Awards can only be conferred upon individuals born inside India

Answer: B) Padma Vibhushan is the second-highest civilian award in India, positioned below Bharat Ratna

Detailed Explanation:

The Padma Awards are among the highest civilian honors in India, announced annually on the eve of Republic Day. They are given in three distinct categories: Padma Vibhushan (for exceptional and distinguished service), Padma Bhushan (distinguished service of high order), and Padma Shri (distinguished service in any field). The structural hierarchy ranks Bharat

Ratna as the apex civilian honor, followed sequentially by Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri. Non-citizens are also eligible if their contribution to India is exceptional.

Part 7: Important Days, Festivals & Anniversaries

Q25. Every year, June 1 is celebrated globally as World Milk Day. Which international body institutionalized this day to recognize the importance of milk as a global food?

- A) World Health Organization (WHO)
- B) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- C) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- D) World Food Programme (WFP)

Answer: B) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Detailed Explanation:

World Milk Day is observed globally on June 1st every year to raise awareness about the nutritional value of milk and dairy products, alongside celebrating the vital economic contributions of the dairy farming sector. The day was established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in 2001. India currently stands as the largest producer of milk globally, contributing significantly to global dairy volumes through its cooperative dairy networks.

Q26. Coinciding with Global Day of Parents on June 1, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched a dedicated digital application called 'ToFEI'. What does this app monitor?

- A) Tracking infant vaccination defaults in rural sub-centers
- B) Monitoring tobacco-free educational institution compliance parameters

C) Registering pregnant women for nutritional cash benefits

D) Assisting senior citizens with digital healthcare appointments

Answer: B) Monitoring tobacco-free educational institution compliance parameters

Detailed Explanation:

Coinciding with World No Tobacco Day updates and the Global Day of Parents, Health Secretary Punya Srivastava rolled out the ToFEI (Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions) mobile application and an integrated sample collection Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). The application tracks and logs school compliance parameters across pilot states, including Rajasthan, Meghalaya, and Maharashtra, enforcing strict tobacco-free buffer perimeters around schools to protect youth from nicotine exposure.

Q27. The Ministry of Ayush announced the launch of a major National Yoga Conclave at the Kaivalyadhama Yoga Institute. In which state is this historic research institute located?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Karnataka
- D) Kerala

Answer: B) Maharashtra

Detailed Explanation:

Union Minister Prataprao Jadhav opened the National Yoga Conclave at the Kaivalyadhama Yoga Institute located in Lonavala, Maharashtra. Organized in coordination with the Indian Yoga Association, the conclave focused on bridging ancient traditional yoga lineages with modern scientific research, positioning preventive yoga

therapy as a pillar for public health management.

Q28. Consider the following statements regarding the 'CPGRAMS Samadhan Didi' service launched recently:

1. It is an AI-enabled voice chatbot built to register and process public grievances.
2. It has been developed by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG).

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

Answer: C) Both 1 and 2

Detailed Explanation: Both statements are correct. The Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) rolled out 'Samadhan Didi,' an advanced AI-enabled voice chatbot developed by DARPG. The application allows citizens, especially those in rural or semi-literate demographics, to state their public administrative grievances via voice inputs in multiple regional languages, automating the filing, classification, and tracking of public complaints.

Q29. The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) launched 'Operation Chakravyuh' to intercept illicit cross-border networks. Which illegal activity was this targeted against?

- A) Smuggling of historical antiquities and temple idols
- B) Major international maritime drug trafficking routes touching Kerala's coastline

C) Distribution of counterfeit high-security currency notes

D) Illegal trade of exotic wildlife parts in the Northeast

Answer: B) Major international maritime drug trafficking routes touching Kerala's coastline

Detailed Explanation: The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) executed 'Operation Chakravyuh,' a highly coordinated intelligence operation designed to dismantle international syndicate operations utilizing maritime shipping routes to smuggle high-purity contraband and narcotics into India. The operation led to major seizures along the coastline of Kerala, intercepting supply routes tracking from West Asian transshipment hubs.

Q30. June 1, 2026, marks the death anniversary of the iconic Maratha ruler Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's mother, who served as his foundational mentor and strategist. What is her name?

- A) Ahilyabai Holkar
- B) Rajmata Jijabai
- C) Rani Laxmibai
- D) Tarabai Bhosale

Answer: B) Rajmata Jijabai

Detailed Explanation: June 1 marks the death anniversary of Rajmata Jijabai (Jijau), the mother of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Born in 1598, her life was characterized by immense administrative, ethical, and strategic grit. She served as Shivaji Maharaj's foundational mentor, shaping his administrative focus on Swarajya (self-rule), social justice, and fortitude, leaving an indelible mark on Indian history.