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Geography

Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

- It is the **2nd largest country in African continent**.
- **Capital** - Kinshasa.
- **Situated** - Astride the equator, West-Central Africa.
- **Coastline** - 25-mile (40-km) on the Atlantic Ocean.
- **Border countries:**
 - **North** - Central African Republic and South Sudan.
 - **East** - Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, and Tanzania.
 - **Southeast** - Zambia Angola.
- **M23 rebellion** - It is an *armed conflict in DRC's North Kivu*.
- Rwanda-backed M23 rebels has recently captured eastern DRC's 2nd largest city, Bukavu.



Medvedev-Sponheuer-Karnik scale

- It is a *macro seismic intensity scale* used to determine the intensity of the earthquake.
- **Intensity of earthquake** - A value that represents the degree of oscillation of the Earth's surface during an earthquake.
- It is *greater* when the earthquake *closer to the surface* of the earth.
- **Intensity depends on:**
 - Degree of destruction of standard buildings.
 - Witnesses sensations.
 - Changes in topography of the earth's surface.
 - Depth and magnitude of the earthquake source.
- It is known as the *MSK or MSK-64*.

Polity & Governance

Directorate of Plant Protection Quarantine & Storage (DPPQS)

India has the **2nd largest arable land** of 156.06 million ha. and **ranks 2nd worldwide in farm output**.

- **DPPQS** - It act as an *apex organization* for advising on all the matters related to *plant protection*.
- **Established in** - *1946*, on the recommendation of Woodhead Commission.
- **Headed by** - Plant Protection adviser.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- **Objectives** - Effective implementation of integrated pest management, plant quarantine and locust control & research, etc.

Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)

- **Established in** - *1952*.
- **A statutory body** - Under the provisions of Cinematograph Act 1952.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai.
- **Objective** - To *regulate the public exhibition of films* after certified by the Central Board of Film Certification in India.
- **Certification process** - Is in accordance with *Cinematograph (certification) Rules, 1983*, and guidelines issued by the central government.

World Food India (WFI)

- 1st edition of World Food India was held in *2017*.
- **Launched by** - Ministry of Food Processing Industries.
- **Objective** - To introduce the world to rich Indian food culture as well as promote investments in the country's diverse food processing sector.

Economy

National Stock Exchange (NSE)

- According to 2024, Burgundy Private Hurun India 500 report, NSE has claimed the top spot as the most valuable unlisted company in India.
 - **NSE** - It has surged by an impressive 201% in value, reaching an estimated worth of Rs 4,70,250 crore.
 - **Unlisted companies** - Comprise 22% of the 2024 list, a 4% decline from last year.
- An **unlisted company** is a business whose shares are not traded on a stock exchange.

Rank	Company	Value (INR Cr)	Value Change (%)	Headquarter	Key Leader
1↑	National Stock Exchange of India	4,70,250	201%	Mumbai	Ashishkumar Chauhan
2↓	Serum Institute of India	2,11,610	10%	Pune	Cyrus Poonawalla
3↑	Zoho Corporation	1,03,760	58%	Chennai	Sridhar Vembu
4↑	Zerodha	87,750	50%	Bengaluru	Nithin Kamath
5↓	Megha Engineering & Infrastructures	77,860	15%	Hyderabad	P.V. Krishna Reddy
6↑	Parle Products	68,640	16%	Mumbai	Vijay Kantilal Chauhan
7↓	Intas Pharmaceuticals	68,150	10%	Ahmedabad	Nimish Chudgar
8↓	Dream11	67,860	13%	Mumbai	Harsh Jain
9↑	Razorpay	63,620	11%	Bengaluru	Harshil Mathur
10*	Amalgamations	56,660	68%	Chennai	Ram Venkataramani

International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)

- **Established in** - 2020, under the International Financial Services Centres Authority Act, 2019.
- **Headquarters** - Gujarat.
- **IFSCA** - It is a unified authority for the development and regulation of financial products, financial services and financial institutions in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in India.
- **Objectives:**
 - To develop a strong global connect
 - Focus on the needs of the Indian economy
 - To serve as an international financial platform for the entire region and the global economy as a whole.

Agriculture

BIOFACH 2025

- **BIOFACH** - It is the *world's leading trade fair for organic food*.
- **17th edition, 2025** - It will be the meeting point for the entire organic, natural and millets industry.
- **Held at** - Messezentrum in Nuremberg, Germany.
- **Letter of Intent (LoI)** - Between Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and Nuremberg Messe to make *India the Partner Country of the Year* at BIOFACH 2026.
- **Co-located with** - Natural Expo India and Millets India.

Environment

Bankapur Wolf Sanctuary

A female Indian grey wolf (*Canis lupus*) has given birth to 8 pups at the Bankapura wolf sanctuary.

- It is the **1st ever wolf sanctuary** in Karnataka.
- **Established in** - 2021.
- **Located in** - Bankapur, Koppal district.
- **Habitat for wolves** - Its open fields and hills, naturally supports wolf populations, including *those outside the sanctuary's* boundaries.
- **Characteristics** - Vast shrub forests and rocky terrains.
- **Other fauna** - It provides conservation of striped hyena, Indian fox, golden jackal and others.

Miscellaneous

Open-Air Art Wall Museum

India's 1st "Open-Air Art Wall Museum" at Mausam Bhawan ([India Meteorological Department](#)).

- It is a **unique open-air art museum** depicting to celebrate the 150 years of milestone journey of India Meteorological Department (IMD).
- **Collaboration with** - Delhi Street Art.
- **Showcase** - 38 Murals Depicting IMD's meteorological legacy and impact.