

## SHORTNEWS:

### 1.WORLD BANK LAND CONFERENCE 2025

**NEWS:** India participated as a Country Champion at the World Bank Land Conference in Washington D.C., showcasing its rural land governance reforms.

#### About SVAMITVA Scheme (Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas)

- Launched by: Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India
- Objective: To provide rural landowners with legal ownership of their residential land through drone-based surveys and property cards.
- Implementation Of the Scheme:
  - MoU Signing: Implementation starts with a Memorandum of Understanding between Survey of India and State Governments.
  - CORS Network Setup: Continuously Operating Reference Stations enable high-accuracy geo-referencing using Real-Time Kinematic corrections.
  - Drone Survey & GIS Mapping: Drones map village abadi areas; Geographic Information System (GIS) maps at 1:500 scale are created through the Gram Manchitra platform.
  - Verification & Dispute Resolution: Ground teams verify maps, resolve objections, and finalize property boundaries.
  - Property Card Issuance: Legal Property Cards (Sampatti Patrak) are issued to villagers digitally or in print.

#### About World Bank Land Conference, 2025

- The World Bank Land Conference 2025, explores effective strategies for enhancing land tenure security and land administration worldwide
- 2025 Theme: 'Securing Land Tenure and Access for Climate Action'.
- This global forum brings together governments, development partners, civil society, academia, and the private sector to showcase policy-relevant research, discuss technical issues, and share best practices in the land sector.

## 2.AFRIKANER

**NEWS:** Recently a group of Afrikaners who are recognised as refugees by the Trump administration, arrived at the Dulles airport in Washington.

### About Afrikaner

- Identity: Afrikaners are white South African citizens who have descended from predominantly Dutch colonists who had first arrived in the mid-17th century.
- Language: They speak a language called Afrikaans.
- Economic Role: Today, Afrikaners in South Africa amount to 7% of the country's population, but own 70% of the country's land.
  - The vast majority of them are farmers.
- Reasons For Their Refugee Status by US: Trump granted refugee status to Afrikaners citing South Africa's land expropriation law, which allows land seizure without compensation.

### 3.MADHYA PRADESH: MISSION D-3

**NEWS:** Mission D3, launched by tribal youths in November 2024 across Alirajpur and Jhabua districts in Madhya Pradesh, is a social movement to promote simpler, debt-free celebrations of weddings.

#### What is Mission D3?

- A social movement to eliminate 3Ds from weddings: Dowry (Dahej), Liquor (Daroo), and DJ music.
- It focuses on tribal communities (Bhil and Bhilala tribes).

#### Bhil

- The Bhils (or Bheels) are one of the largest indigenous tribal groups in India.
- They mainly live in western and central India, especially in: Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Chhattisgarh.
- They hold Scheduled Tribe (ST) status in multiple states.

#### Bhilala

- The Bhilala tribe mainly lives in the Malwa and Nimar regions of Central India.

- The name Bhilala may have come from “Bhilwala”, meaning Rajputs ruling in Bhil territory.
- Social status: Bhilalas are mostly landowners and are called Mukhi, Darbar, or Thakur in local society.
- The Bhilala tribe, like the Bhil tribe, is recognized as a Scheduled Tribe (ST) in Madhya Pradesh, India.

#### 4. 'MY BHARAT' PORTAL

**NEWS:** Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports urged young people to join the 'My Bharat' portal to actively contribute to India's development by 2047.

- About 'My Bharat' Portal
- It is a technology-driven platform for youth empowerment aimed at: Youth development and Youth-led development.
- Objective: To empower youth and help them achieve their dreams while contributing to building a developed India (Viksit Bharat).
- Developed by: The Digital India Corporation.
- Key Features of MY Bharat
  - Experiential Learning Opportunities – Hands-on experience in various industries to improve practical skills.
  - Volunteer for Bharat – Encourages youth to participate in community service and contribute to society.
  - Resources & Mentorship – Offers guidance, industry connections, and expert advice for personal growth.
  - Available in 15 Indian languages for wider reach.
  - Uses a phygital (physical + digital) approach to connect youth with real-world opportunities.

#### 5. TREASURY BILL

**NEWS:** India has rolled over a \$50 million Treasury Bill to support the Maldivian economy.

- This is part of India's emergency financial assistance, renewed annually since 2019.

## About Treasury Bill (T-Bill)

- Definition: A short-term debt instrument issued by the government to meet funding needs.
- Characteristics: Zero-coupon securities issued at a discount and redeemed at face value upon maturity
- Tenure: Presently issued in three tenors, namely, 91 day, 182 day and 364 day.
- Issuer in India: Reserve Bank of India (on behalf of the Government of India).
  - *The auctions are held at RBI's electronic platform called E-Kuber.*
- Purpose: Used for short-term borrowing and cash flow management.
- Significance: Risk-free investment instrument; indicates sovereign commitment.

## About Government Securities (G-Secs)

- G-Sec are tradable debt instruments issued by the Central or State Governments to manage fiscal deficits.
- Types:
  - Short-term: Treasury bills (T-Bills) with maturities of less than one year.
  - Long-term: Government bonds or dated securities with maturity of one year or more.
- Issuance: The Central Government issues both T-bills and bonds.
  - *State Governments issue only bonds called State Development Loans (SDLs).*
- Risk Profile: Considered risk-free due to government backing (termed gilt-edged instruments).