

SHORT NEWS

1. Bima Sakhi Yojana

- **Launched under** the “Insurance for All by 2047” mission.
- **Implemented by** Ministry of Rural Development + LIC.
- Part of the **National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM)**.
- **Target group:** Women (18–70 years), mostly SHG members in rural areas.
- **Minimum qualification:** Class 10 pass.
- **Aim:** Create 2 crore *Lakhpati Didis* by 15th August 2025.
- **Training:** Bima Sakhis trained at Gram Panchayat level.
- **Stipend:** ₹7,000 (Year 1), ₹6,000 (Year 2), ₹5,000 (Year 3).
- Post-training: Eligible to become LIC agents and Development Officers.
- **Benefits:** Promotes women’s employment, financial inclusion, disaster resilience.
- Supports **Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Digital India, and SDG 5 (Gender Equality)**.

2. Exercise Bold Kurukshetra 2025

- **14th edition** of the exercise between **India and Singapore**.
- Held in **Jodhpur**, Rajasthan.
- **Participants:**
 - India’s Mechanised Infantry Regiment.
 - Singapore’s 42 Armoured Regiment of 4 Armoured Brigade.
- **Objective:** Enhance interoperability and defence cooperation.
- **Format:**
 - Table Top Exercise (TTX).
 - Computer-Based Wargame (CBW).
- Conducted under **UN Mandate** scenario.
- Ends with **Indian Army’s equipment display**.