1. **AB-PMJAY:** The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the implementation of the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) was recently signed by the Delhi government.
   - **About PM-JAY:** Launched as per National Health Policy 2017 to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC).
   - **Ministry:** Centrally Sponsored Scheme under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
   - **Benefit:** Cashless Rs. 5 lakh/family/year for secondary & tertiary care in public & private empanelled hospitals.
   - **Coverage:** 12 crore families (~55 crore beneficiaries).
   - **Hospitalization:** Covers 3 days pre-hospitalization & 15 days post-hospitalization (diagnostics & medicine).
   - **Recent Expansion:** Now covers **all senior citizens aged 70+**.
   - **Achievements:** Ayushman Cards Issued approx. 35 crore beneficiaries.
     - Operational In: 33 States & UTs.
     - Gender Equity: 49% of Ayushman cards issued to women.
     - Hospital Network: 30,529 empanelled hospitals (17,063 public + 13,466 private).
2. **Meitei & Thadou Tribe:** Leaders of diaspora Meitei community and select Thadou leaders met to establish a "community understanding" for peaceful coexistence in Manipur.
   - **About Thadou Tribe:** Reside in hills adjacent to the Imphal Valley, Manipur.
     - **Other Names:** Chillya, Kuki, Kukihin, Teizang, Theruvan.
     - **Language:** Speak Chin and Thado, belonging to the Tibeto-Burman family of Sino-Tibetan languages.
     - **Village Structure:** Village chief's house is the largest dwelling. A platform outside serves as a meeting place for discussions and dispute resolution.
     - **Economy:** Predominantly Jhum (slash-and-burn) agriculture.
     - **Subsistence activities:** Domestication, cultivation, hunting, fishing.



- **Religious Beliefs:** Believe in Pathen, the creator and ruler of the universe. Sacrifices offered to Pathen for health and assistance.
- **Festival: Hun-Thadou cultural** festival marks the arrival of the New Year.

- **About Meitei Community:** It is an ethnic group, also called Manipuri people, dominant community of Manipur.
  - **Language:** Speak Meitei (Manipuri), one of India's 22 official languages, and sole official language of Manipur.
  - **Distribution:** Primarily settled in Imphal Valley, Manipur, also found in Assam, Tripura, Nagaland, Meghalaya, and Mizoram. Notable presence in **Myanmar & Bangladesh**.
  - **Population:** Represent 53% of Manipur's total population.
  - **Clans:** Strict clan system with no intermarriage among clan members.
  - **Economy:** Rice cultivation on irrigated fields is the economic base.
  - **Religion:** Majority follow Hinduism. Over 8% are Muslims.

3. Insider Trading: Nestle India received a warning from SEBI for a breach of insider trading regulations by a designated person of the company.

- **About Insider Trading (Insider Dealing):** Buying, selling, or trading of shares, bonds, or stock options of a listed company using unpublished price-sensitive information (UPSI).
- **Definition of Insider (as per SEBI):** Any person with access to price-sensitive information about a company's shares or securities.
  - Association with the company in any capacity during the six months preceding the trade.
  - Includes employees, directors, relatives, bankers, legal counsel, stock exchange officials, trustees, and AMC employees associated with the company.
- **About Unpublished Price-Sensitive Information (UPSI):** It refers to exclusive information related to a company's stock prices, quarterly results, acquisition deals, mergers, or other sensitive activities that are not yet public.
  - Insiders with access to UPSI may engage in illegal trading for personal gains.
- **Regulation in India:** Insider trades are regulated by SEBI under the Insider Trading Regulations, 2015. SEBI can impose fines and ban individuals or entities from trading in the capital market for violations.

4. **Vanuatu Island:** Former IPL chief Lalit Modi has applied to surrender his Indian passport and acquired Vanuatu citizenship, confirmed by the Ministry of External Affairs.
   - **About:** Vanuatu offers a **Citizenship by Investment (CBI) program**, allowing wealthy individuals to **purchase citizenship**.
   - **Advantages of Vanuatu Citizenship:** Ranked 51st in the **Henley Passport Index**.
   - **Golden Passport" Program:** Allows individuals to purchase Vanuatu citizenship through financial contributions.
     - Stronger than Saudi Arabia (57), China (59), and Indonesia (64) & India ranks 80th.
   - **About Vanuatu Island:** It is located in the South Pacific Ocean, east of Australia, west of Fiji, and southeast of the Solomon Islands.



     - **Capital:** Port Vila, located on the island of Efate.
     - **Geographic Features:** Comprises 13 principal volcanic islands and many smaller islands.
     - Home to **active volcanoes** like **Yasur, Manaro, and Garet**.
     - **Colonization:** Originally inhabited by **Melanesians**, became a joint Anglo-French colony (New Hebrides). Achieved independence in 1980.
     - **Climate Change Vulnerability:** Faces rising sea levels at twice the global average.
     - Ranked as the most at-risk country globally under the **UN's World Risk Index**.

5. **Information Security Education and Awareness (ISEA) Project:** The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) spearheaded a nationwide awareness campaign on **Safer Internet Day** under the theme **'Together for a Better Internet'**.
   - Conducted under the **Information Security Education and Awareness (ISEA) program**, in collaboration with NIC, NIXI, C-DAC, NIELIT, MyGov, NeGD, and other partner institutions.
   - Aimed to **educate and sensitize** internet users about **cyber hygiene, online safety, and emerging cyber threats**.
   - **National Informatics Centre (NIC)** played a crucial role in outreach through its digital infrastructure.

- **About Information Security Education and Awareness (ISEA) Project:** Launched in 2005, currently in Phase-III (October 2023 onwards).
- **Key Verticals of ISEA:** Generating Highly Skilled Cybersecurity Professionals (CISOs, Deputy CISOs, aspirants).
  - Grooming Students towards cybersecurity product & solution development (Innovation & Ideation).
  - Strengthening Research & Education in emerging areas of information security.
  - Developing Cyber-Aware Digital Naagriks (Mass awareness initiatives).
  - Supported through ISEA Virtual Platform (IVP) for a unified stakeholder interface.
- **Implementation:** Hub-and-spoke model through 50 premier institutions, including: IITs, NITs, IIITs, C-DAC, NIELIT, and Technical Universities.

6. **Kanwar Lake (Kabartal):** Local reports have confirmed that the dying Kabartal — Asia's largest freshwater oxbow lake — needs urgent conservation efforts to be revived and made sustainable.
   - **About Kanwar Lake (Kabartal):** Asia's largest freshwater oxbow lake, located in Begusarai district, Bihar.
     - Also known as Kabartal Jheel, it is a rainfed lake.
     - Formed due to the meandering of the Gandak River, a tributary of the Ganga.
     - Covers a significant portion of the Indo-Gangetic plains in northern Bihar.
     - Declared a Ramsar site (2020) due to its ecological importance.
   - **Ecological Importance:** A crucial stopover along the Central Asian Flyway, supporting 58 migratory waterbird species.
     - Home to **five critically endangered species**, including: Red-headed vulture (Sarcogyps calvus), White-rumped vulture (Gyps bengalensis), Indian vulture (Gyps indicus), Sociable lapwing (Vanellus gregarius), and Baer's pochard (Aythya baeri)
   - **About Oxbow Lake:** A curved lake formed alongside a winding river due to erosion and sediment deposition.
     - Crescent-shaped, commonly found in floodplains.
     - Created when a river's meander is cut off, leaving a standing water body.

7. **Ladki Bahin Yojana:** According to the Economic Survey presented in the State Assembly, the Maharashtra government disbursed ₹17,500 crore to 2.38 crore women under the Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana by December 2024.
   - **About Ladki Bahin Yojana:** Introduced by the Maharashtra government in 2024.
   - **Objective:** Provides financial assistance to economically weaker women for rehabilitation, economic development, and empowerment.
   - **Eligibility:** Must be a permanent resident of Maharashtra.
   - **Age limit:** 21 to 65 years.
   - **Family income:** Should not exceed ₹2.5 lakh annually.
   - **Income tax criteria:** No family member should be an income taxpayer.
   - **Benefits:** Eligible women receive ₹1,500 per month through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).
   - **Disbursement:** By December 2024, ₹17,500 crore was distributed to 2.38 crore women, as per the Maharashtra Economic Survey.
8. **Vitiligo:** Recent research suggests that gut-friendly bacteria may **slow the progression of vitiligo**, offering hope for millions affected by this autoimmune disease.
   - **About Vitiligo:** It is a condition that causes patchy loss of skin color due to the destruction of pigment-producing cells (melanocytes).
     - **Affected Areas:** Can occur **anywhere on the body**, often starting on the **hands, forearms, feet, and face**.
     - **Progression:** Discolored patches **tend to enlarge over time** and may also affect **hair and the inside of the mouth**.
   - **Causes of Vitiligo**
     - **Autoimmune Response:** The immune system attacks melanocytes, leading to pigmentation loss.
     - **Genetic Factors:** Around 30% of cases have a genetic link.
     - **Universality:** Affects all races and genders equally but is more visible in darker skin tones.
     - **Global Prevalence:** Approximately 1% of the population is affected worldwide.
   - **Treatment & Management**
     - **Non-Life-Threatening:** The condition is **not contagious or life-threatening**.
     - **Treatment Options:** Some treatments can **restore skin color**, but they **do not stop ongoing pigmentation loss** or prevent recurrence.