



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 30, 2025

### NATIONAL

#### ➤ India's Agriculture 2025

- ✓ The year 2025 marked a watershed moment for Indian agriculture, contributing nearly 16% to GDP and supporting 46% of livelihoods, while transitioning from subsistence to productivity and sustainability.
- ✓ India achieved a record foodgrain production of 357.73 million tonnes, driven by rice, wheat, pulses, oilseeds, maize and millets (Shree Anna).
- ✓ The MSP regime ensured 50% returns over cost, with procurement payments crossing ₹20 lakh crore, strengthening income security. PM-Kisan transfers touched ₹3.90 lakh crore, while agricultural credit exceeded ₹10 lakh crore, reflecting stronger policy continuity, public investment, and institutional reforms.

### INTERNATIONAL

#### ➤ Rare Earth Oxide (REO) reserves India Ranks 3<sup>rd</sup>

- ✓ India ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in Rare Earth reserves with 6.9 million tonnes (MT) of Rare Earth Oxide (REO) reserves, accounting for around 6 to 7% of global reserves.
- ✓ China ranked first with 44 MT of REO and Brazil (approximately 21 MT) secured second place.
- ✓ Rare earth elements are a group of 17 metallic elements with unique magnetic, optical, and chemical properties and are high-grade, economically extractable deposits.

- ✓ In 2024, India produced around 2,900 tonnes, which is less than 1% of global production, placing it 7th globally. China produced about 270,000 tonnes in 2024, securing first place.

➤ **'Soyuz-2.1b' Rocket**

- ✓ Russia successfully launched the 'Soyuz-2.1b' space rocket, carrying the Fregat upper stage with 52 satellites from Site 1S at the Vostochny Cosmodrome in the Amur Region, located at the Eastern part of Russia.
- ✓ The mission carried two Aist-2T Earth-observation satellites (Number-1 and Number-2) along with 50 small satellites developed by Russian universities under the Universat programme.

