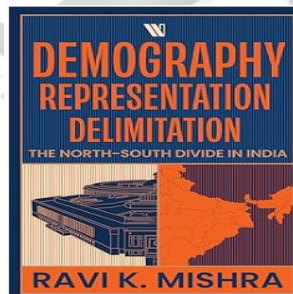


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### BOOKS & AUTHORS

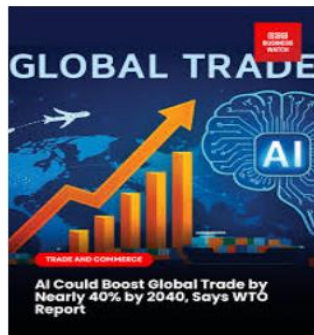
- **Demography, Representation, Delimitation**
- ✓ Ravi K Mishra's book, "Demography, Representation, Delimitation: The North–South Divide in India," delves into the delimitation debates and the complexities of redrawing Lok Sabha constituency boundaries.



- ✓ Mishra challenges the narrative that southern states controlled population growth, asserting they progressed earlier along the demographic transition timeline.

### REPORT

- **2025 World Trade Report**
- ✓ The 2025 World Trade Report by the World Trade Organization (WTO) outlines how artificial intelligence (AI) could transform global trade and economic growth by 2040.



- ✓ It predicts a near 40 per cent rise in cross-border trade value driven by productivity gains and reduced trade costs.
- ✓ AI can increase global trade by 34-37 per cent and boost global GDP by 12-13 per cent by 2040.

## RANKING

### ➤ **Global Innovation Index 2025**

- ✓ In the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025 by WIPO, India ranks #38 globally, showing steady improvement from #48 in 2020, and ranks #1 among lower-middle-income economies and in the Central and Southern Asia region.

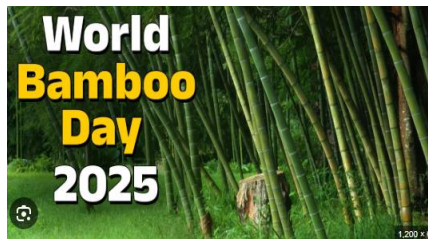


- ✓ Switzerland leads globally at #1, followed by Sweden (#2) and the United States (#3).
- ✓ China holds the #10 spot, outperforming in patent filings, R&D spending, and technology outputs.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### ➤ **World Bamboo Day – September 18**

- ✓ World Bamboo Day 2025, observed on 18 September, promotes awareness of bamboo as a sustainable, eco-friendly, and economically valuable resource.



- ✓ The theme, “Next Generation Bamboo: Solution, Innovation, and Design,” highlights bamboo’s role in climate action, green design, and youth-led innovation.
- ✓ India, a major bamboo producer, advances this through the National Bamboo Mission (NBM).

