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History, Art and Culture

Hul Diwas

• **Observed annually on** – June 30, at Jharkhand.
• **Commemoration of** – Santhal Rebellion, 1855 (led by brothers Sidho and Kanhu Murmu)
• **Leaders –** *Sidho and Kanhu, brothers Chand and Bhairav*, as well as *sisters Phulo and Jhano are prominent.*
• **Significance** – It marked a fierce uprising *against British colonial rule and the oppressive zamindari system.*

Polity & Governance

Yuva Sangam programme

Recently, the Phase VI of the Yuva Sangam programme concluded successfully.
• It is a *youth exchange and cultural immersion program*.
• **Organised by** – *Ministry of Education.*
• **Initiative under** – *Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) programme.*
• **5 foundational pillars** —
  - Paryatan (Tourism),
  - Parampara (Traditions),
  - Pragati (Development),
  - Prodyogiki (Technology),
  - Paraspar Sampark (People-to-People Connect).
• **Objective** – To foster national integration, cultural exchange and experiential learning among the youth of the country.

Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) programme

• It is a *flagship cultural and national integration initiative*.
• **Announced in** – 2015.
• **Integrated into** – *National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.*
• **Activities –**
  - **Promotion of bilingualism** – It teaches basic vocabulary, *100 common sentences of paired state's language*.
  - *MyGov Campaign Portal & Bhasha Sangam app for learning 22 official Indian languages.*
• **Objective** – To celebrate the country's *rich diversity and foster a stronger sense of shared identity.*
• **Significance** – It establishes active cultural partnerships between different Indian states and UTs.

Bhasha Sangam App

• **Initiative of** – *Ministry of Education* in collaboration with MyGov India.
• **Developed by** – Start up Multibhashi.
• **Features** –
  - Basic communication in 22 scheduled languages.
  - Contains over 100 sentences of day-to-day use
  - Audio files accompany the text to help pronunciation.
• **Available in** – *Both **ios** and **android***
• **Objective** – To help people learn Indian languages online.

India Skills Competition 2026–27

Union minister launched India Skills Competition 2026–27 to discover india's next generation of skill champions recently.

• It is the *country's premier vocational skills competition*.
• **Launched by** – *Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.*
• **Skill categories** – 63 industry ranging from *digital, creative, industrial etc.*
• **Phased programme** – Event held in successive tiers – District -> State -> Zonal -> Regional -> National Level.
• **Registration** – (Must) Digitally through *Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) portal*.
• **Objective** – To identify, nurture, and showcase the brightest talented youth across India.

Economy

Mansi–Saharsa Doubling Project

Indian Ministry of Railways has officially approved the Rs.499 crore Mansi–Saharsa Doubling Project recently.

• **Project specifications**
  - **Location –** *Bihar.*
  - **Section length –** 44.40 kilometers.
  - **Route under** – *East Central Railway (ECR) zone*.
• **Advantages** –
  - To reduce operational bottlenecks.
  - To improve train punctuality.
  - To ensure safety for passenger travel.
• **Significance –** It helps *augment track capacity and ease severe route congestion.*

Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)

Recently, Centre extended CBDT Chairman's tenure by six months.

• It is the *statutory apex body responsible for administering direct tax laws in India.*
• **Constituted under –** *Central Boards of Revenue Act, 1963.*
• **Operating under** – Department of Revenue, *Ministry of Finance.*
• **Role** –
  - To provides policy and planning inputs to government.
  - To recommend modifications to direct tax structures.
  - To manage rigorous investigative frameworks to prevent tax fraud.

Net Remittances from West Asia to India

Despite the West Asia crisis, net remittances from the region to India rose to $16 billion in April 2026.

• **Growth rate –** 70% increase compared to April 2025.

• **Reason for resilience –** Remittances are tied to *employment and wage levels in host economies*, not financial market volatility.

• **Comparison –** Unlike FDI, portfolio flows, or debt flows, remittances remain *acyclical and stable.*

• **Note** – *Remittances recorded under* ***Current Account*** of a country's Balance of Payments as "invisibles".

Science

Electronic Interlocking (EI) project

Recently, Indian Railways has sanctioned a project for the replacement of relay-based interlocking with EI.

• It is a modernized, *computer-based railway signaling system.*

• **Objectives** –
  - To ensure control of train movements, track switching, and signal management via a digital interface.
  - To *replace outdated relay-based installations* with software-controlled networks,
  - To allow station operators to change tracks and lower signals with the click of a mouse.

• **Safety feature** – *EI integrate easily with* advanced train protection systems—such as the
  - Indigenous Kavach system.
  - Automatic Block Signalling (ABS).
  - Centralised Traffic Control (CTC).

• **Significance** – *Improves system reliability and fault diagnosis.*

Infrastructure

Delegation of Financial Powers to DRDO (DFP-2026)

Recently, the Delegation of Financial Powers to DRDO (DFP-2026 is released.

• **Released by** – *Ministry of Defence*.

• **Designed to** – Enhance efficiency, accountability, and the decentralized execution of strategic research.

• **Objectives** –
  - To expand financial autonomy at multiple tiers.
  - To eliminate bureaucratic bottlenecks.
  - To shorten development timelines.

• **Significance** – This framework *will reinforce Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision & strengthen defence preparedness.*

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