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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".

IMPLICATIONS FOR INDIA



1. CURRENCY STABILITY

Remittances help anchor the rupee against external shocks.



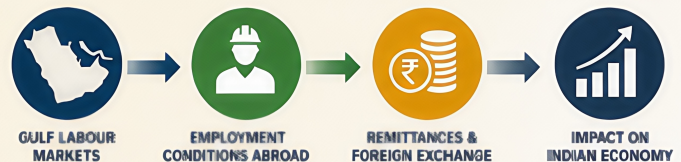
2. EXTERNAL FINANCING

They remain one of the most stable sources of foreign exchange, cushioning India's economy during crises.



3. POLICY TAKEAWAY

India's dependence on Gulf labour markets makes employment conditions abroad a critical economic variable.



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.