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History, Art and Culture

Swar Prerna Veethika

Swar Prerna Veethika is inaugurated recently as part of its 90-year celebrations of Akashvani.

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It is a new broadcasting house photo gallery.

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Location - New Delhi.

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Unveiled by - Akashvani (All India Radio).

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Objective - To honor eminent classical musicians and artists conferred with India's highest civilian honors.

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Significance - It serves as historical bond between India's premier public service broadcaster and the nation's music legends.

Akashvani (officially known as All India Radio or AIR)

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It is India's state-owned public radio broadcaster, operating as a division of Prasar Bharati.

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Nodal ministry - Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

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Coverage -

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With over 590 stations, Akashvani reaches over 99% of the Indian population.

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It covers 92% of India's geographical area.

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It offers services in 23 languages and 146 dialects.

Polity & Governance

Digital India Programme

- **Launched in** - 2015.
- **Coordinated by** - Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
- **Objective** - To transform the nation into a digitally empowered society and a knowledge-based economy.
- **Core vision areas** -
 - To ensure high-speed broadband highways, and a safe cyberspace.
 - To integrate cross-department services online in real-time, leveraging the cloud for citizen entitlements.
 - To enhance universal digital literacy.

International Relations and Issues

Foreign Secretary of India

Foreign secretary gets one-year extension in service by central government recently.

- **Foreign Secretary** - *Administrative head of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).*
- **Rank** - Equal to *Secretary to the Government of India.*
- **Appointed by** - Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) from the senior ranks of the IFS.
- **Tenure** - *2 years* (can be extended by the government).
- **Role** -
 - To act as primary advisor to
 - MEA
 - Prime Minister on foreign policy.
 - To manage the administration, budget, and personnel of
 - Indian Foreign Service (IFS).
 - Indian missions worldwide.
 - To represent India at major international forums.

Economy

4/6 lane Access-Controlled Kanpur-Kabrai section of NH-34

Recently, Cabinet approves the construction of 4/6 lane Access-Controlled Kanpur-Kabrai section of NH-34.

- **Implemented by** - National Highways Authority of India.

- **Designed for** - Operating speeds of 80-100 kmph.

- **Aligned with** - PM GatiShakti National Master Plan.

- **Objectives** -

- To establish high-speed transport between Kanpur and Kabrai.

- To strengthen onward links to Sagar, Bhopal, and Madhya Pradesh.

- To develop a modern, access-controlled route connecting the industrial and commercial hubs of Uttar Pradesh.

- **Significance** - It underscores *long-term economic, logistics and transport significance.*



Agriculture

Wheat

Wheat procurement rose 17% to over 35 million tonne (MT) in the 2026-27 rabi marketing season, surpassing target of 34.5 MT.

- Wheat is a primary global cereal grain and a staple food.

- **Type** - Rabi crop in India.

Optimum conditions -

- 16°C to 21°C during growth, 25°C for ripening.

- Moderate rainfall (750 mm to 1000 mm) and cool, dry winter.

- Thrives in well-drained, fertile loam to clay-loam soils.

Production -

- India is the world's second-largest wheat producer after China.

- **Uttar Pradesh** is largest producer in India.

Security

PinS Instrument

India achieves major milestone with approval of PinS instrument approach procedure for helicopter operations.

- It is an India's 1st Private Point-in-Space (PinS) Instrument Approach for helicopters at Undavalli Heliport.

- **Developed by** - Airports Authority of India (AAI).

- **Approved by** - Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

- **Aligned with** - International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Standards and recommended practices.

- **Technology** - Satellite-based navigation enables safe, precise approaches without conventional landing aids.

Impact

- To enhances flight safety, efficiency, and all-weather access.

- To supports emergency medical services, disaster relief, tourism, pilgrimage, offshore, and corporate aviation.

- To strengthens regional connectivity and reduces weather-related disruptions.

- **Significance** - It aligns with global practices through Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) and indigenous satellite technology.

Airports Authority of India (AAI)

- It is a *statutory government body* and is a Category-1 Public Sector Enterprise.

- **Formed in** -1995, by *Ministry of Civil Aviation*.

- **Responsibilities** -

- Infrastructure Management.

- Air Navigation Services (ANS).

- Safety & Navigation Support.

Science

Neil Gehrels Swift Observatory Telescope

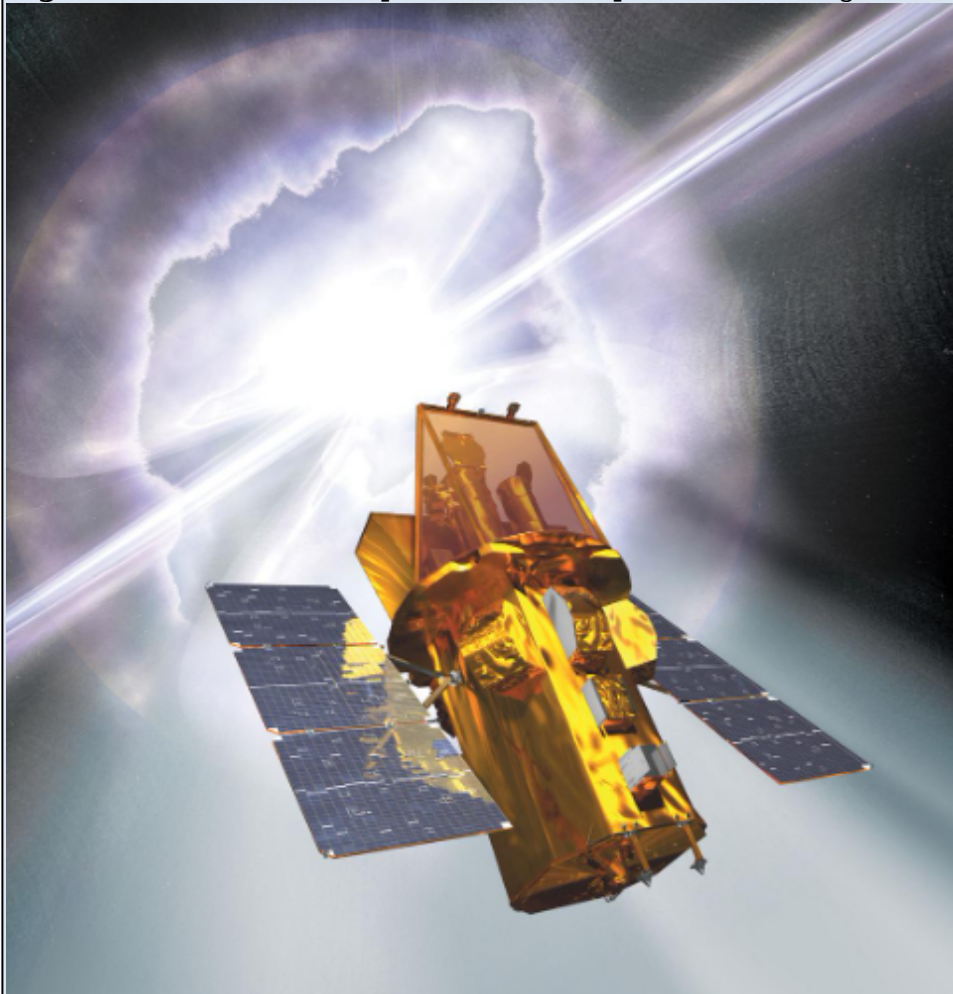
NASA is set to launch a daring robotic rescue mission for its aging Swift observatory telescope.

- **Launched in** - 2004

- **Location** - Placed at 600 kilometers in *low Earth orbit*.

- **Objective** - To deploy instruments designed for gamma-ray burst studies, X-ray astronomy, and ultraviolet observations.

- **Significance** - It unveils possibilities in spacecraft management.



Miscellaneous

National Doctors' Day

- **Celebrated annually on** - July 1 (1st celebrated in 1991).
- **Instituted by** - Indian Medical Association.
- **Commemoration of** - Birth and death anniversary of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy.
- He was a legendary physician, freedom fighter, and former West Bengal Chief Minister.
- **Significance** - It recognizes the immense value and tireless service of doctors in improving public health.

