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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.

- It is a *new broadcasting house photo gallery.*
- **Location –** New Delhi.
- **Unveiled by** – Akashvani (All India Radio).
- **Objective** – To honor eminent classical musicians and artists conferred with India's highest civilian honors.
- **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)

- It is *India's state-owned public radio broadcaster*, operating as a division of Prasar Bharati.
- **Nodal ministry** – Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- **Coverage** –
  - With over 590 stations, *Akashvani* reaches over 99% of the Indian population.
  - It *covers 92% of India's geographical area.*
  - 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.

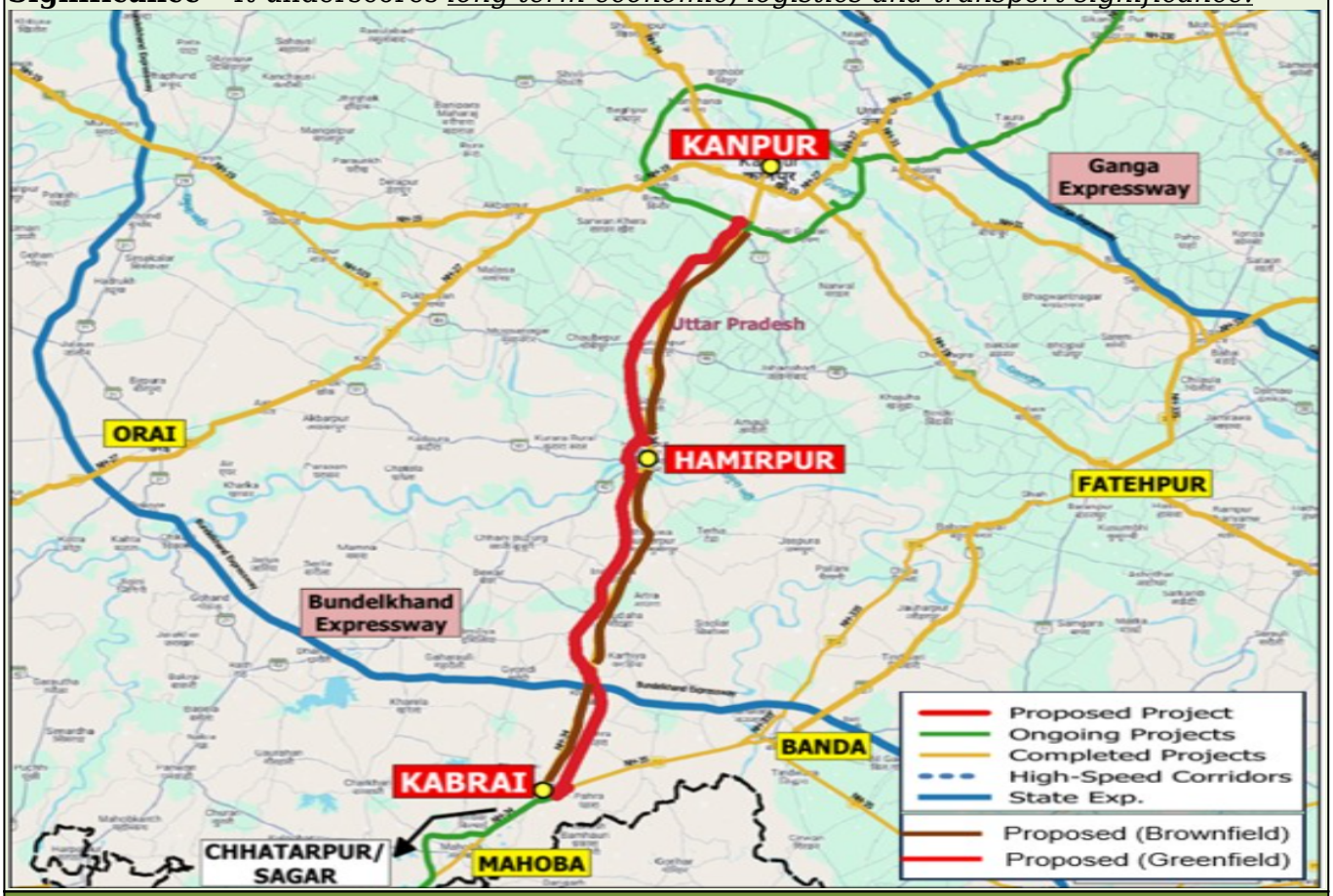
- **Foreign Secretary** – *Administrative head of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).*
- **Rank** – Equal to *Secretary to the Government of India.*
- **Appointed by** – Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) from the senior ranks of the IFS.
- **Tenure** – *2 years* (can be extended by the 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)

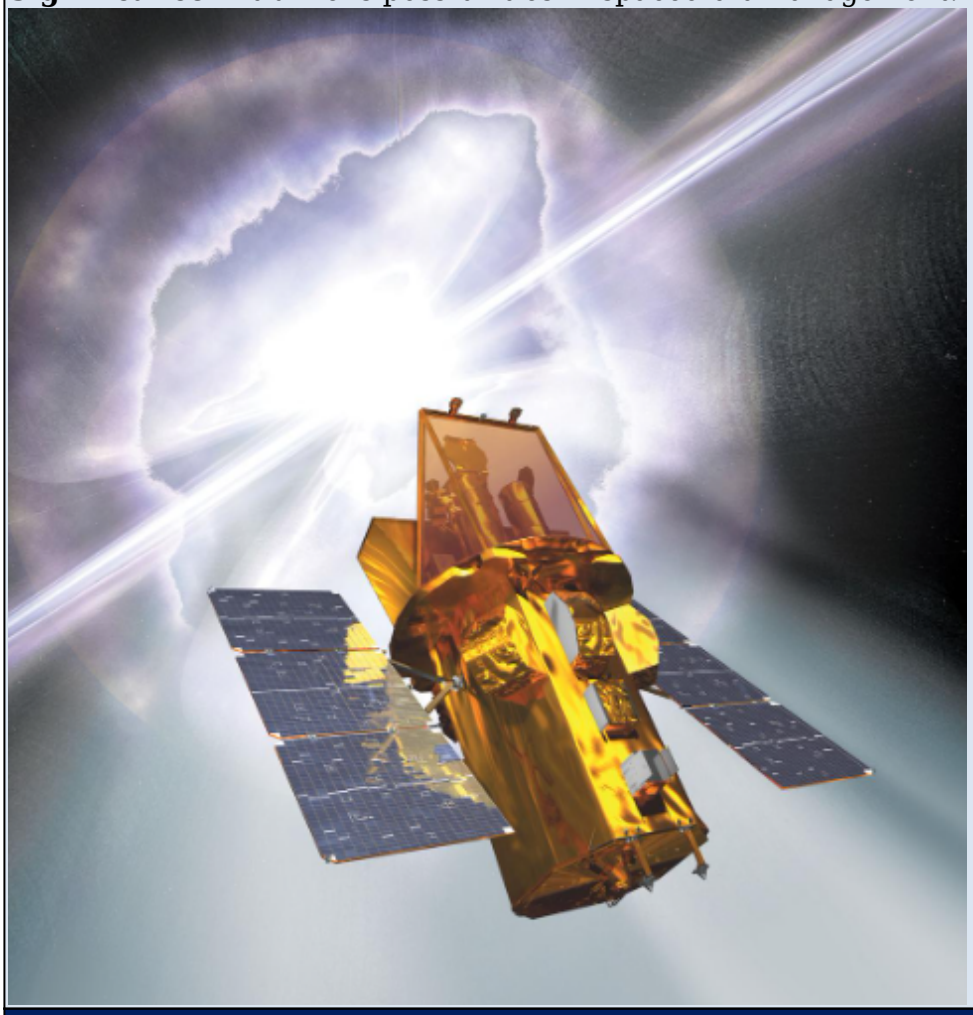
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It is a *statutory government body* and is a Category-1 Public Sector Enterprise.
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Formed in –1995, by *Ministry of Civil Aviation*.
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Responsibilities –
- 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.

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Launched in – 2004
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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.
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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.*
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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.

