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#### History, Art and Culture

##### National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM)

- **Launched in** - 2017, by Ministry of culture.
- **Objectives** - To *document India's cultural* heritage and its potential to revitalize rural economics.
- To strengthen cultural identity and foster economic development.
- **Implemented by** - Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA).

##### Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar (MGMD) portal

- **Launched in** - 2023, by National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM) under Ministry of culture.
- **Aim** - To *document the cultural heritage of 6.5 lakh villages* of India.
- **Finance** - No financial assistance has been allocated/sanctioned for state wise implementation.
- **Progress** - Currently, *4.7 lakh villages are live on the portal* with their respective cultural portfolios.

##### Tribal Cultural Centres

- **Launched in** - 7<sup>th</sup> five-year plan by Ministry of culture.
- **Aim** - To *protect, promote & preserve various forms of folk art & culture* including tribal culture.
- **Dedicated infrastructures** - Auditorium, exhibition galleries, libraries and Shilpgram/Kalagram facilities to host artists and craft displays.
- **7 Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs)** - Patiala (Punjab), Nagpur (Maharashtra), Udaipur (Rajasthan), Prayagraj (Uttar Pradesh), Kolkata (West Bengal), Dimapur (Nagaland) and Thanjavur (Tamil Nadu).

##### Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF)

- It is an *autonomous organisation under Ministry of culture*.
- **Located in** - Kolkata.
- **Aim** - To provide financial assistance for the development of public libraries through Matching and Non-Matching Schemes.

##### National Mission on Libraries (NML) Scheme

- **Launched in** - 2014, under Ministry of culture.
- **Funding** - Providing financial assistance for 'Setting up of NML Model Libraries'.
- **Support** - To one State Central Library and one District Library in each State/Union Territory, as recommended by the respective State Authorities.

#### Environment

## **World Nature Conservation Day**

- **Celebrated on** - *July 28*, officially designated by UNGA.
- **Initiated by** - United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held in Stockholm, Sweden, 1972.
- **2025 Theme** - *"Connecting People and Plants: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation."*
- **Objectives** - To inspire individuals *to conserve energy, reduce carbon footprints, and adopt sustainable habits* that help protect natural resources.

## **First-Ever Grassland Bird Census**

Recently, the Indian Prime Minister highlighted a "first-ever grassland bird census" in his Mann ki Baat radio programme.

- **Held in** - *Kaziranga National Park, Assam.*
- **Tools** - Recorders were then used to identify the birds based on the recordings *using spectrogram.*
- **Observations** - Recorded a total of 43 grassland bird species.
  - 1 Critically endangered - Bengal Florican.
  - 2 Endangered - Finn's Weaver, Swamp Grass Babbler.
  - 6 Vulnerable - Swamp Francolin, Jerdon's Babbler, Slender-billed Babbler, Black-breasted Parrotbill, Marsh Babbler, and Bristled Grassbird.
  - 1 Near threatened - Indian Grassbird.
- Grassland birds are "an indicator of good health" of an ecosystem.
- There are 10 species that are either globally threatened or endemic to the Brahmaputra floodplains.

## **Security**

### **Exercise Drone Prahar**

An advanced military drill was organised by the Infantry and supporting arms.

- **Objectives** - To enhance *command reach and situational awareness for tactical commanders* through layered surveillance and support for dynamic decision-making.
- To validate the integration of drone technology into tactical operations.
- **Exercise** - It showcased the effective deployment of drones for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR).
- It includes *battlefield drone integration* including airspace DE confliction, secure communications and coordination protocols across multiple arms and services.

## **Science**

### **Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor**

Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a MoU to establish a state-of-the-art testing facility in Mechanical & Material domain in Tiruchirappalli.

- **Launched under** - Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme (DTIS).
- **7 testing facilities** - *4 in Tamil Nadu* and 3 in Uttar Pradesh.
- **Finance** - Government funding up to 75% as 'Grant-in-Aid', with the remaining 25% funded by the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV).

## **Miscellaneous**

### **Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee**

*The Ministry of Heavy Industries organised a Special Lecture Session to commemorate the 125th Birth Anniversary.*

- **Ideologies** - Supported & believed in "One Nation, One Constitution."
- **Literary works** - He started a Bengali journal called "Bang Wani", in 1922.
- **Political life** - He became the acting President of the Hindu Mahasabha in 1940.
- Founded the All India Bharatiya Jan Sangh in 1951, which later progressed into the Bharatiya Janata Party.
- He was a Member of the Constituent Assembly and Union Minister for Industry and Supply.
- He was known as the lion of parliament.
- **Educational works** - At the age of 33, he became the youngest Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University.



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