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History, Art and Culture

Pavilion of India

• **Participated in –** 61st International Art Exhibition of La Biennale di Venezia, in Venice, Italy.
• **Presented by –** Ministry of Culture
• **Returns to** – Venice for the 1st time since 2019, in partnership with the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre and Serendipity Arts Foundation.
• **Significance –** It reflects the cultural depth of the nation at a key moment on the world stage.

Polity & Governance

All-India Workshop of Trainers (AIWOT)

• **AIWOT –** It is a preparatory training programme prior to the launch of the field work of the survey on all India basis in digital mode.
• **Conducted for –** National Household Income Survey (NHIS) and Annual Survey of Incorporated Service Sector Enterprises (ASISSE).
• **Organised by –** National Statistics Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
• **Coverage of surveys –** It covers the whole of the Indian Union *except the villages in Andaman and Nicobar Islands* which remain difficult to access throughout the year.
• **Significance –** These two first-ever pan-India surveys mark a significant milestone in addressing long-standing data gaps.

National Household Income Survey (NHIS)

• **Conducted by –** National Statistical Office (NSO) Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation.
• **Conducted for –** A period of one year starting from April 2026.
• **Objectives –** To provide comprehensive information on *people's living conditions and income distribution.*
• To support analysis of the relationship between *income patterns, economic activity and returns to labour, capital and land*, as well as inform policy decisions on universal and targeted interventions for different socio-economic groups.
• To enable assessment of the impact of *income distribution on household well-being and access to essential goods and services.*

Annual Survey of Incorporated Service Sector Enterprises (ASISSE)

• **Conducted by –** National Statistical Office (NSO) Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation.
• **Conducted for –** A period of one year starting from April 2026.
• **Objective –** To develop a comprehensive database on the *corporate services sector* of the country.
• **Designed to –** Capture key economic characteristics such as *Gross Value Added (GVA), fixed capital, capital formation, employment, and emoluments*, with estimates at the State and industry levels.
• **Exclusive coverage of –** The corporate segment of the service sector and follows an enterprise-based approach using the GSTN framework.

Economy

Bharat Parv 2026

• It is a six-day national cultural and tourism festival.
• **Held from –** 26th to 31st January 2026 at Red Fort, New Delhi, as part of the Republic Day celebrations.
• **Organised by** – Ministry of Tourism.
• **Objectives –** To highlight India's diverse cultural heritage, encourage domestic tourism.
• To provide a platform for artisans and States/UTs, promote tourism awareness.
• To strengthen national integration through cultural participation.
• **Significance –** It aligns with the national initiatives *"Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" and "Dekho Apna Desh."*

Matabari Tourism Circuit

Union Minister lays foundation stone of Rs.450 crore 'Matabari Tourism Circuit'.
• **Located at –** Narkel Kunja, Dumbur Lake.
• **Integration of –** *Tripura Sundari Temple, Chabimura and Dumbur Lake*, positioning Tripura prominently on the global map of spiritual and eco-tourism.
• It includes *floating jetties, eco-friendly resorts, modern tourist facilities* and immersive experiences rooted in local culture.
• **Opportunities –** It expected to generate 4,000–5,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities, with nearly 30% participation by women.
• **Significance –** It aligns with the vision of *'Developed Northeast', 'Local to Global' and the 'Act East Policy',* Tripura is being developed as a gateway to Southeast Asia.

Miniratna Category-I status to Yantra India Limited (YIL)

Defence Ministry has approved the grant of Miniratna Category-I status to Yantra India Limited (YIL).
• **YIL –** It manufactures key defence products including *carbon fibre and glass composites, aluminium alloys, and assembly products for ammunition, armoured vehicles, artillery guns and main battle tanks.*
• **Growth Catalyst –** With Miniratna-I status, the YIL Board can now incur capital expenditure up to 500 crore rupees without government approval, enabling faster modernisation and growth.

Miniratna Status

• **Eligibility –** Granted to CPSEs with consistent profitability, financial stability, and operational efficiency.
• **Empowerment –** It provides enhanced decision-making authority within defined limits.
• **Autonomy –** It allows greater operational independence while staying within specified thresholds.
• **2 sub-categories –**
• **Miniratna-I**
- CPSEs with profits for 3 consecutive years.
- At least one year showing *pre-tax profit above Rs.30 crore.*
- Must maintain a positive net worth.
- Reflects strong financial performance and capable management.

• **Miniratna-II**
- CPSEs with continuous profits for the last 3 years.
- Must maintain a positive net worth.
- Highlights financial resilience and operational excellence.

• **Additional Requirements –**
- No defaults on loans or interest payments to the government.
- Operate without government guarantees or budgetary support.

Security

Operation Sahyadri Checkmate

• **Operation launched by –** Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI).
• **Objective –** To dismantle a clandestine mobile mephedrone manufacturing laboratory in the remote hinterland of the Sahyadri ranges.

Mephedrone (4-methylmethcathinone)

• Mephedrone is a *New Psychoactive Substance (NPS)*, a drug that has been designed to produce effects similar to those of established illicit drugs.
• **Classified under –** Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.
• Despite its ban in India, recent investigations highlight its continued production and distribution.
• **Effects –**
- It is an *empathogen-stimulant drug*, which means it speeds up the messages travelling between the brain and body.
- It increases an individual's feeling of empathy and kindness and enhances feelings of being socially accepted and connected to others.

Rescue and Road Restoration Operation under Project Sampark

• **Held at –** *Chatergala Pass* situated at an altitude of 10,500 ft. in the Bhaderwah–Chatergala axis in Jammu region of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.
• **Carried out by –** Border Roads Organisation (BRO).
• **Causes –** Disrupted due to heavy snow fall.
• **Significance –** It reaffirms the motto – *'Shramena Sarvam Sadhyam'.*

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