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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'.