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History, Art and Culture

Dholavira

• It is a *UNESCO World Heritage Site*.
• **Location** – Arid island of Khadir in Kachchh district, *Gujarat*.
• **Features** – Advanced *town planning* skills with:
- Sophisticated water conservation system,
- Well-structured reservoirs and
- Urban settlements and so on.
• **Significance** – It is one of the most well-preserved archaeological sites in the subcontinent, showcasing architectural and engineering brilliance of the *Harappan people.*

Geography

Planetary Parade

• **About** – It is a rare alignment in which all seven other planets in our solar system will line up in the night sky.
• All *7 planets and Moon* will align on the same side of the Sun.
• **Planets visible to the naked eye** – Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.
• **Planets visible through telescope** – Uranus and Neptune.
• This rare cosmic event *won't happen again until 2040*.

Polity & Governance

Aadhaar Good Governance Portal

• **About** – It is a digital platform to *streamline approval process* for Aadhaar authentication requests.
• **Launched by** – Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).
• **Provision** – Under the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (**S**ocial **W**elfare, **I**nnovation, **K**nowledge) Rules, 2020.
• **SWIK ((Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules** – It were introduced as a facilitating provision to section 4(4) (b)(ii) of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016.

Baroda Kisan Pride Scheme

Bank of Baroda will shortly launch Baroda Kisan Pride scheme in Karnataka.
• **Aim & objectives** – To encourage farmers to adopt scientific practices in agriculture.
• To provide *adequate and timely cash credit facility to farmers* at competitive pricing.
• **Eligibility Criteria:**
- Corporate/Companies of individual farmers.
- Farmer's Producer Organizations/ Farmer's Producer Companies.
- Proprietorship/Partnership firms.
- Co-operatives of farmers/Joint borrowers
- Large individuals /Other individual farmers
- Lease cultivators
• **Loan amount** – Rs.5 lakh to 10 crore.

Sugamya Yatra

• **Aim** – To *break myths associated with wheel chair users*, promote accessibility and encourage inclusivity in society.
• **Organized on** – International Wheel chair Day, 2025 (March 1st).
• **Organized by:**
- Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD).
- Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE).
- Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD).

Economy

M-score Methodology

• **About** – It is a mathematical model that uses *financial ratios and 8 variables* to identify whether a company has manipulated its earnings.
• **Developed by** – Messod Beneish.
• **Uses** – To *uncover financial fraud*.

Gender Budget (GB)

• **Union Budget allocation, 2025** – A record of Rs.4, 49,028.68 crore was allocated to the Gender Budget (GB) in Budget 2025-56.
• **Rise in allocation** – *37.3%* increase from FY24 and accounting for 8.86% of total Budget.
• **Reason for rise in allocation** – It is primarily due to the inclusion of *PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana*, as it accounts for *24%* of General Budget.

Security

Exercise Desert Hunt 2025

• It is an integrated *Tri-Service Special Forces* exercise.
• **Conducted by** – Indian Air Force.
• **Elite Para (Special Forces)** – Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force.
• **Aim** – At enhancing *interoperability, coordination and synergy* among the 3 Special Forces units.
• To ensure swift and effective response towards emerging security challenges.

Miscellaneous

Tuhin Kanta Pandey

• He was appointed as *11th chairperson* of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
• **Appointment approval by** – Appointment Committee of the Cabinet.
• **Tenure** – *3 years*.

United Nations World Wildlife Day (WWD)

• **Celebrated on** – *3rd March*, every year.
• **Objective** – To celebrate *wild animals & plants*, recognize their unique roles and contributions of wildlife to people and the planet.
• **Theme, 2025** – Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet.
• **WWD, 2025** – Will serve as a platform for exchange and exploration of innovative financial solutions for *wildlife conservation.*