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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 1<sup>st</sup>).
- **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 11<sup>th</sup> 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** - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.