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History, Art and Culture

Chetana Ganashram

Vice President lays foundation stone of Chetana Ganashram.

- **Chetana Ganashram** - It is a cultural and musical campus for spiritual awakening for people of all religions.
- **Located in** - Thrissur, Kerala.
- **Project of** - Kuriakose Elias Service Society (KESS) and an initiative of CMI Devamatha Public School, Thrissur.
- **Aim** - To promote spiritual energy, social harmony, and unity in diversity.

International Relations and Issues

6th India-UK Home Affairs Dialogue

- **Focus on** - Strengthening cooperation in counter-terrorism, organized crime, pro-Khalistani extremism, anti-India groups in UK, drug trafficking, migration, cyber security, criminal justice, and law enforcement.
- **India's Concerns** - Emphasized security breaches affecting Indian dignitaries and diplomatic missions in the UK.
- **Outcome** - Both sides expressed satisfaction with current cooperation.
- Agreed to deepen bilateral engagement to enhance security collaboration.

Durand Line

Pakistan Declares "Open War" After Strikes on Kabul, Kandahar, and Paktia Following Afghan Border Attacks.

WHAT IS THE DURAND LINE?

The Durand Line stretches **2,600 kilometres**, marking the border between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

It was drawn in **1893** after an agreement between **Sir Henry Mortimer Durand**, representing British India, and Emir Abdur Rahman Khan of Afghanistan.



Why did the British draw the Durand Line?

The British sought a buffer zone to protect their Indian empire from Russian expansion. Afghanistan, weakened after earlier wars with the British, agreed to the demarcation under pressure. **The line divided spheres of influence**, but its long-term political consequences were largely ignored at the time. ✨

Economy

Three-Day PM Vishwakarma Exhibition-cum-Fair

- **Held in** - New Delhi.
- **Organized by** - Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises - Development and Facilitation Office, Okhla.
- **Objective** - To provide a dedicated platform to PM Vishwakarma artisans to showcase their products, demonstrate their craftsmanship, and explore enhanced marketing linkages.

Agriculture

International Conference on ANVESH-2026

- **ANVESH** - “Advanced Next Generation Vision for Emerging & Sustainable Healthy Foods”.
- **Organized by** - NIFTEM, Kundli.
- **Objectives** - To bridge the gap between innovation and implementation, fostering dialogue across interdisciplinary domains.
- To accelerate the transformation of food systems that are smart, safe, sustainable, healthy, and socially inclusive.

NIFTEM, Kundli

- **NIFTEM** - National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management, Kundli.
- **Nodal ministry** - Ministry of Food Processing Industries.
- **Established in** - 2012.
- **Objective** -
 - To become a Global Centre of Excellence.
 - To drive transformation in India’s food ecosystem through cutting-edge research, industry-oriented education, and extension services.

Sikkim Organic Conclave-cum-International Buyer Seller Meet

- **Held in** - Gangtok.
- **Organized by** - APEDA, in collaboration with the Government of Sikkim and IFOAM-Asia.
- **Objectives** - To promote organic exports, expand market access, build capacity among FPOs and exporters.
- To position Sikkim as an important contributor to India’s growing organic export sector.
- **Note** -
 - **2016** - Sikkim became *India’s 1st fully organic state*, gaining recognition under APEDA’s export certification system.
 - **2018** - UN FAO honoured Sikkim with the *Future Policy Gold Award* for its leadership in organic agriculture.

Environment

World Wildlife Day

- **Observed annually on** - 3rd March.
- **Originated in** - 2013, by United Nations General Assembly.
- **Date commemorates** - The signing of CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species).
- **Theme** - “*Medicinal and Aromatic Plants: Conserving Health, Heritage and Livelihoods*”.
- **Objective** - To raise awareness of wildlife’s value and threats such as habitat loss, illegal trade, and climate change.

NIRANTAR Platform

- **NIRANTAR** - National Institute for Research & Application of Natural Resources to Transform, Adapt and Build Resilience.
- **Launched by** - Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC).
- **Objective** - To strengthen cooperation among existing institutes by leveraging facilities and manpower, without creating new institutions or expanding staff.

Science

BEE's 25th Foundation Day

- **Held at** - India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
- **Achievements** -
 - India reduced GDP emissions intensity by 36% (from 2005 levels).
 - Achieved 52% non-fossil fuel capacity ahead of 2030 targets.
- **Key initiatives** - RCO, PAT, Carbon Credit Trading Scheme, CAFE, ADEETIE for MSMEs, Standards & Labelling, ECSBC, and transport efficiency measures.
- **Launches** -
 - BEE@25 Logo symbolizing energy efficiency and sustainability.
 - RCO Portal for monitoring and compliance.
 - BEE Star Label Mobile App, to provide consumers with instant energy performance details of appliances.
- **Significance** - Energy efficiency positioned as India's "First Fuel," critical for Viksit Bharat @2047, with focus on emerging areas like AI and data centres.

