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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.



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.

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