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History, Art and Culture

Amarnath Yatra

Over 12,000 devotees offered prayers at the Amarnath shrine on the first day of the yatra, allowed from July 3 to August 28, 2026.

- It is a sacred annual *Hindu pilgrimage* to the Amarnath Cave in the *Himalayas of Jammu and Kashmir*.

Key routes -

- **Baltal Route** - 14 km trek, begins from the *Baltal base camp (near Sonamarg)*, about 95 km from Srinagar.

- **Pahalgam Route** - 132 km long, begins from the *Nunwan base camp (near Pahalgam)*, about 90 km from Srinagar.

- **Permit** - Pilgrims must obtain a *Compulsory Health Certificate (CHC)* from authorized doctors/hospitals before applying.

Polity & Governance

National Water Awards (NWA)

Recently launched 7th National Water Awards currently accepting online applications.

- **Instituted in** - 2018.

- **Organized by** - *Ministry of Jal Shakti*.

- **Application Portal** - Rashtriya Puraskar Portal.

- **Eligible beneficiaries** - Any State, District, Urban Local Body, Dam Own Agencies, & Industry.

Objectives -

- To recognize *classic work in water conservation and management across India*.

- To advance the government's *vision of a 'Jal Samridh Bharat' (Water Prosperous India)*.

- To encourage the stakeholders to adopt a holistic approach toward water resource management.

MANAS - National Narcotics Helpline portal

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Nodal ministry - *Ministry of Home Affairs.*

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Objectives -

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To establish a user-friendly platform to conveniently report drug-related matters 24x7.

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To raise awareness and establish a comprehensive platform for seeking assistance.

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Significance - It stands as a beacon for citizens to come forward, contributing collectively to curb drug-related activities.

Agriculture

Matcha tea

Assam tea estate recently sold India's first commercially-produced matcha tea.



- A premium green tea powder traditionally produced in Japan, China, and Vietnam.

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Distinctive traits - Vibrant green colour and rich flavour.

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Nutritional benefits - It provides higher levels of antioxidants, amino acids, and natural caffeine, compared to conventional tea.

- **Production Process**

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Shade-grown *Camellia sinensis* leaves (Covered for 3-4 weeks before harvest).

- Shading boosts chlorophyll and amino acid content.

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Method - Whole tea leaves are finely ground into powder.

- **Significance** - India has expanded its tea portfolio beyond traditional exports.

- India is well-positioned to capitalise on the growing global demand for matcha.

Totapuri mango

Recently a high level has been formed to address challenges faced by Totapuri mango farmers in Andhra Pradesh.



- **Scientific name** - Mangifera indica.

- It is an *indigenous variety* cultivated in *South India*.

- It extensively cultivated in *Andhra Pradesh*.

- **Native names** -

- Ginimoothi (parrot face) in Kannada.

- Kili Mooku in Tamil.

- **Recognized for** - Distinct, *elongated shape with a prominent, pointed tip*.

- **Features** - *Mild sweetness layered with a sharp, tangy flavor*.

- **Importance** - It serves as a vital commercial workhorse for India's fruit processing sector.

Pashujanya Yudh Abhyas (PYA)

Pashujanya Yudh Abhyas (PYA) drill is successfully conducted recently.

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It is the 3rd national-level mock drill under the National One Health Mission.

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Organized by - Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD)

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Nodal ministry - Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying.

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Mimicking - Influenza A (H1N1) outbreak.

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Mechanisms - It assessed the entire response framework, including

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Field surveillance.

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Rapid lab diagnosis.

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Biosecurity containment.

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Movement control.

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Risk communication.

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Objective - *To test and strengthen emergency response capabilities against animal-origin (zoonotic) disease outbreaks.*

Environment

Banyan Tree

Oldest accurately dated Banyan found in Munger, Bihar recently.



- The Banyan Tree is the *national tree of India*.

- It is one of the largest trees in the world by canopy coverage.

- **Scientific name** - "Ficus benghalensis".

- **Belonging to** - Fig and mulberry family (Moraceae).

- **Features** -

- Massive canopy

- **Aerial prop roots** - upper branches that hang down to the ground.

- **Usage** - Its bark, leaves, and milky latex, are utilized in Ayurvedic medicine

Science

Exosomes

Advanced imaging technology unlocks exosome potential for disease diagnosis.

- **Exosomes** - It is nano-sized, membrane-bound extracellular vesicles.

- **Size** - *30 to 150 nanometres* in diameter

- **Type** - *Naturally secreted* by almost all types of eukaryotic cells.

- **New observation** - Once considered cellular waste, they are *now recognized as key cellular messengers*.

- **Functions** -

- Cell-to-cell communication.

- Immune response modulation.

- Transfer of genetic materials.

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Strategic Roadmap for Making Ayurveda Global

A report titled "Strategic Roadmap for Making Ayurveda Global" is recently released.

- **Released by** - *NITI Aayog* in collaboration with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC).

- **3 core pillars** -

- **Availability** - Globalized workforce, trade, and education.

- **Acceptability** - Global collaboration, localization.

- **Propagation** - Global branding, visibility, medical travel.

- **Objective** - To elevate Ayurveda from a "wellness product" into evidence-based global healthcare system.

- **Significance** - The roadmap *outlines a phased strategy extending to 2047, aligned with Viksit Bharat*.

Miscellaneous

Foundation Day of Organiser (Weekly Magazine)

Recently, vice president has addressed "80th Foundation Day of Organiser Weekly".

• It is India's *oldest nationalist English weekly*, acting as a voice for the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).

• **Launched on** - 3rd July 1947 by the *Bharat Prakashan Trust*.

• **Focuses on** -

- Traditional Indian civilization.

- Coverage of public policy.

- National security.

• **Historical significance** - *1st magazine banned during the 1975 Emergency.*

