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History, Art and Culture

National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM)

- **Launched in** - 2017, by Ministry of culture.
- **Objectives** - To *document India's cultural* heritage and its potential to revitalize rural economics.
- To strengthen cultural identity and foster economic development.
- **Implemented by** - Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA).

Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar (MGMD) portal

- **Launched in** - 2023, by National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM) under Ministry of culture.
- **Aim** - To *document the cultural heritage of 6.5 lakh villages* of India.
- **Finance** - No financial assistance has been allocated/sanctioned for state wise implementation.
- **Progress** - Currently, *4.7 lakh villages are live on the portal* with their respective cultural portfolios.

Tribal Cultural Centres

- **Launched in** - 7th five-year plan by Ministry of culture.
- **Aim** - To *protect, promote & preserve various forms of folk art & culture* including tribal culture.
- **Dedicated infrastructures** - Auditorium, exhibition galleries, libraries and Shilpgram/ Kalagram facilities to host artists and craft displays.
- **7 Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs)** - Patiala (Punjab), Nagpur (Maharashtra), Udaipur (Rajasthan), Prayagraj (Uttar Pradesh), Kolkata (West Bengal), Dimapur (Nagaland) and Thanjavur (Tamil Nadu).

Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF)

- It is an *autonomous organisation under Ministry of culture*.
- **Located in** - Kolkata.
- **Aim** - To provide financial assistance for the development of public libraries through Matching and Non-Matching Schemes.

National Mission on Libraries (NML) Scheme

- **Launched in** - 2014, under Ministry of culture.
- **Funding** - Providing financial assistance for 'Setting up of NML Model Libraries'.
- **Support** - To one State Central Library and one District Library in each State/Union Territory, as recommended by the respective State Authorities.

Environment

World Nature Conservation Day

- **Celebrated on** - *July 28*, officially designated by UNGA.
- **Initiated by** - United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held in Stockholm, Sweden, 1972.
- **2025 Theme** - *"Connecting People and Plants: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation."*
- **Objectives** - To inspire individuals *to conserve energy, reduce carbon footprints, and adopt sustainable habits* that help protect natural resources.

First-Ever Grassland Bird Census

Recently, the Indian Prime Minister highlighted a "first-ever grassland bird census" in his Mann ki Baat radio programme.

- **Held in** - *Kaziranga National Park, Assam.*
- **Tools** - Recorders were then used to identify the birds based on the recordings *using spectrogram.*
- **Observations** - Recorded a total of 43 grassland bird species.
 - 1 Critically endangered - Bengal Florican.
 - 2 Endangered - Finn's Weaver, Swamp Grass Babbler.
 - 6 Vulnerable - Swamp Francolin, Jerdon's Babbler, Slender-billed Babbler, Black-breasted Parrotbill, Marsh Babbler, and Bristled Grassbird.
 - 1 Near threatened - Indian Grassbird.
- Grassland birds are "an indicator of good health" of an ecosystem.
- There are 10 species that are either globally threatened or endemic to the Brahmaputra floodplains.

Security

Exercise Drone Prahar

An advanced military drill was organised by the Infantry and supporting arms.

- **Objectives** - To enhance *command reach and situational awareness for tactical commanders* through layered surveillance and support for dynamic decision-making.
- To validate the integration of drone technology into tactical operations.
- **Exercise** - It showcased the effective deployment of drones for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR).
- It includes *battlefield drone integration* including airspace DE confliction, secure communications and coordination protocols across multiple arms and services.

Science

Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor

Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a MoU to establish a state-of-the-art testing facility in Mechanical & Material domain in Tiruchirappalli.

- **Launched under** - Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme (DTIS).
- **7 testing facilities** - *4 in Tamil Nadu* and 3 in Uttar Pradesh.
- **Finance** - Government funding up to 75% as 'Grant-in-Aid', with the remaining 25% funded by the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV).

Miscellaneous

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee

The Ministry of Heavy Industries organised a Special Lecture Session to commemorate the 125th Birth Anniversary.

- **Ideologies** - Supported & believed in "One Nation, One Constitution."
- **Literary works** - He started a Bengali journal called "Bang Wani", in 1922.
- **Political life** - He became the acting President of the Hindu Mahasabha in 1940.
- Founded the All India Bharatiya Jan Sangh in 1951, which later progressed into the Bharatiya Janata Party.
- He was a Member of the Constituent Assembly and Union Minister for Industry and Supply.
- He was known as the lion of parliament.
- **Educational works** - At the age of 33, he became the youngest Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University.



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