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History, Art and Culture

Maritime Expedition in South East Asia

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Conquest by - *Rajendra Chola I (1014 to 1044 AD)*, son of Rajaraja Chola I.

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He was the 1st Indian ruler to wage overseas campaigns, expanding Chola power into South and Southeast Asia.

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Campaigns in - *Sri Lanka, the Maldives, Nicobar, Lakshadweep, Kedah, Tambralinga, and Burma*, marking the rise of one of India's first blue-water navies.

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Title - Kadaram Kondan ('Conqueror of Kedah') following his 1025 CE naval victory over the Srivijaya Empire in Southeast Asia."

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Inscription - *Tiruvalangadu copper plates* merely mentions kadaram conquest.

Conservation of Chola temples

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List of Temples -

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Brihadeeswara temple, Thanjavur.

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Brihadeeswara temple, Gangaikonda Cholapuram.

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Airavateswarar temple, Darasuram.

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Legal basis -

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Jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

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Requirement and availability of resources subject to the National Policy for Conservation, 2014.

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UNESCO guidelines.

Geography

National Mapping Data

- **Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS)** - A network of 1145 CORS, which is capable of providing real-time positioning service with centimetre level accuracy.

- It has been established in collaboration with Survey of India.

- High accuracy Geoid model for 10 states has been developed.

- **ABDB** - A single authoritative *Administrative Boundary Data Base (ABDB)* has been developed in collaboration with Survey of India and Office of the Registrar General of India and Census Commissioner.

- **Aligned with** - Internationally accepted standards, notified by *Bureau of India Standards (BIS)* and prescribed by *International Organization for Standardization (ISO)* and other global standard-setting bodies.

- **National Geospatial Mission** - Union Budget (2025-26) to develop foundational geospatial infrastructure and datasets.

Polity & Governance

PLASTINDIA 2026

- It is the 12th edition of this triennial event and among the world's largest plastics exhibitions.

- **Held in** - New Delhi, with the support of the **Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals (DCPC)**, Ministry of chemicals and fertilizers.

- **5 strategic pillars** - Trade, Technology, Talent, Tradition, and Tourism.

- **Theme** - "Bharat Next".

- **Active participation** - Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology (CIPET).

- **Significance** - It aligns with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of **Atmanirbhar Bharat** and **Viksit Bharat**.

Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology (CIPET)

- **Formerly known as** - Central Institute of Plastics Engineering & Technology (CIPET).

- **Established in** - 1968 by Government of India with the assistance of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) at Chennai.

- **Objective** - To set up of this specialized institute was to develop manpower in different disciplines of Plastics Engineering & Technology as no similar institute was in existence in the country.

- **Executing agency** - International Labour Organization (ILO).

- **Initial project** - Between 1968 and 1973, it met its goals and was hailed as one of UNDP's most successful global projects.

Economy

Credit-Linked Schemes

- **Implemented by** - Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, through National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC).

- **Eligibility** - A persons having an annual family income of up to Rs.5.00 lakh.

- **Objective** - To promote self-employment and income-generating activities among persons belonging to Scheduled Castes.

National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC)

- **Established in** - 1989, by Government of India with the name National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSCSTFDC).

- **Incorporated as** - A fully owned Government of India Company under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 (Previously Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956).

- **Bifurcation into** - 2 separate corporations (one each for SCs & STs).

- **Objective** - To promote prosperity among Scheduled Castes by improving flow of financial assistance and through skill development & other innovative initiatives.

- **Assistance through** - Micro Finance Scheme, Term Loan Scheme, Educational Loan Scheme, Aajeevika Microfinance Yojana, and Udyam Nidhi Yojana.

Bharat Taxi

- India's 1st cooperative-led ride-hailing platform.

- **Established in** - 2025.

- **Registered under** - Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002.

- **Implementation** - It aims to expand to all States and cities across the country within the next two years.

- **Features** -

- **Operates on** - A zero-commission and surge-free pricing model, with direct distribution of profits to drivers.

- **Indigenization** - Alternative to foreign investment-based aggregator platforms.

- **Social security** - For Sarathis through health insurance, accident insurance, retirement savings, and a dedicated driver support system.

- **Support centres** - Operated at seven key locations in Delhi.

- Rapid emergency assistance, verified ride data, and allows drivers the freedom to work on other platforms without any exclusivity clauses.

- **Implementation of Bike Didi** - Over 150 women drivers have joined, advancing women's empowerment.

Security

13th edition of Exercise Khanjar

- **Joint Special Forces Exercise between** - India and Kyrgyzstan.

- **Commenced in** - Missamari, Assam.

- **Last edition conducted in** - Kyrgyzstan in 2025.

- **Objectives** - To exchange best practices and experiences in Counter Terrorism and Special Forces Operations in urban and mountainous terrain.

- To focus on developing advanced Special Forces skills of sniping, complex building intervention and mountain craft.

- **Significance** - It reaffirms the commitment of India and Kyrgyzstan towards fostering peace, stability and security in the region.