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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** -

- Brihadeeswara temple, Thanjavur.

- Brihadeeswara temple, Gangaikonda Cholapuram.

- Airavateswarar temple, Darasuram.

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Legal basis -

- Jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

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

- 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.
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- Established in** - 2025.
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- Registered under** - Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002.
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- Implementation** - It aims to expand to all States and cities across the country within the next two years.
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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

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- Joint Special Forces Exercise between** - India and Kyrgyzstan.
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- Commenced in** - Missamari, Assam.
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- Last edition conducted in** - Kyrgyzstan in 2025.
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- Objectives** - To exchange best practices and experiences in Counter Terrorism and Special Forces Operations in urban and mountainous terrain.
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- To focus on developing advanced Special Forces skills of sniping, complex building intervention and mountain craft.
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- Significance** - It reaffirms the commitment of India and Kyrgyzstan towards fostering peace, stability and security in the region.