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History, Art and Culture

Mian Tansen

Renowned North Indian classical musician and celebrated singer in Emperor Akbar's court, Mian Tansen, has passed away in Gwalior on 6th may 1589.

Tansen: A Musical Legend

• **Dhrupad Master & Raga Innovator -** Widely remembered for exceptional Dhrupad compositions and creating numerous new ragas.
• **Author of Musical Texts:** - His contributions include the classic books "Sri Ganesh Stotra" and "Sangita Sara."
• **Pivotal Figure -** A legendary and pivotal figure in Hindustani classical music.
• **Enduring Legacy -** His work continues to inspire generations of musicians and enthusiasts.

Digha Jagannath Temple & Puri's Nabakalebara

The inauguration of the Digha Jagannath Temple in West Bengal is facing controversy due to its "Jagannath Dham" designation and accusations of using leftover sacred wood from Puri's Nabakalebara ritual for idol construction.

Nabakalebara: The Sacred Ritual

• **Meaning -** "New Body," a significant ritual for Lord Jagannath's idols in Puri, Odisha.
• **Process -** Replacement of the wooden idols of Jagannath, Balabhadra, Subhadra, and Sudarshana with new ones.
• **Timing** - Conducted every 12 or 19 years, based on the lunar calendar's occurrence of two Asadha months.
• **Digha Jagannath Temple** - Is a recently inaugurated Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Jagannath, located in the coastal town of Digha, in the Purba Medinipur district of West Bengal.
• **Deities-** The temple enshrines Lord Jagannath, a form of Vishnu, along with his siblings Balabhadra and Subhadra.
• **Inauguration -** It was inaugurated on **April 30, 2025**, following a *prana pratishtha* (consecration) ceremony.
• **Replica -** The temple is designed as a replica of the famous 12th-century Jagannath Temple in Puri, Odisha.

Geography

Baglihar Hydroelectric Power Project Dam & Salal Dam

India has reportedly closed the gates of the Baglihar Hydroelectric Power Project Dam and the Salal Dam on the Chenab River.

• **Baglihar Dam** - Is a run-of-the-river power project built on the Chenab River in the Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir, India.
• **Located** - Ramban Town, Jammu and Kashmir.
• **Salal Dam** - Is a run-of-the-river hydropower project constructed on the Chenab River in the Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir, India.
• It was the first hydropower project built by India in Jammu and Kashmir under the framework of the **Indus Waters Treaty**.

Climbing Everest to Be Limited: Nepal's New Law

Citing climber safety, environmental concerns, and overcrowding, Nepal's government will implement stricter rules for Mount Everest expeditions. Only climbers with prior ascents of peaks over 7,000 meters will be permitted to attempt the summit.

• **Aim is** - To reduce inexperienced Everest climbers and improve expedition safety while mitigating environmental damage from overcrowding and waste.

• **Mount Everest** - Also known as Sagarmatha in Nepali and Chomolungma in Tibetan, is the **world's highest mountain above sea level.**

• **Location -** Situated in the Mahalangur Himal sub-range of the Himalayas, its summit ridge forms part of the border between Nepal and the Tibet Autonomous Region of China.

• **First Ascent -** The first documented successful ascent was on May 29, 1953, by Sir Edmund Hillary from New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay Sherpa of Nepal.

• **Not the Tallest from Base to Peak -** While Everest is the highest above sea level, Mauna Kea in Hawaii is the tallest mountain when measured from its base on the ocean floor to its summit.

Polity & Governance

Andhra Pradesh Launches 'Creator Land'

Initiative - Andhra Pradesh's CM Naidu unveiled 'Creator Land', India's first transmedia entertainment city, at the WAVES Summit.

• **Investment & Job Creation** - The 10,000 crore project aims to create 25,000 direct jobs within six years.

• **Strategic Goals** - To establish Amaravati as a global hub for digital media, gaming, AI content, and virtual production.

• **Key Features** - Infrastructure for storytelling, filmmaking, music, and AI-driven content creation will be developed.

• **Creator Land Academy** - A dedicated academy will train youth in digital skills and content creation.

• **Economic Impact** - The initiative is expected to boost Andhra Pradesh's digital economy and foster global collaborations.

Member of the UPSC

Veteran IAS officer Ms. Sujata Chaturvedi has been appointed as a Member of the UPSC, India's top civil services recruitment organization**.**

• **UPSC is** – A constitutional body established under Article 315 of the Constitution of India as a permanent body. Articles 315 to 323 outline its functions, powers, and independence.

• **Article 316 -** Outlines the appointment and term of office of UPSC members.
- It states that the Chairman and other members of the UPSC are appointed by the President of India.

• **Term of Office -** A UPSC member holds office for a term of six years from the date they enter office, or until they reach the age of 65, whichever is earlier.

• **Eligibility** - There are certain provisions regarding the eligibility of UPSC members, including that a proportion of the members should have held office for a certain period under the Government of India or a state government**.**

International Relations and Issues

World Asthma Day: Global Awareness Initiative

Annual Observance - Celebrated every year on May 6th to increase understanding of asthma.

• **Theme 2025** : **"**Make inhaled treatments accessible for all.

• **Organizer & Support** - The Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) organizes it, with support from the WHO.

• **Understanding Asthma** - A chronic respiratory illness marked by airway inflammation, narrowing, excess mucus, and breathing difficulties.

• **Incurable Yet Manageable** - While there's no cure, proper treatment helps manage the condition.

• **Global Impact** - Over 250 million people have asthma, causing 455,000 deaths in 2019.

• **Disparities** -Low-and middle-income countries face a higher burden due to limited access to care.

World Press Freedom Day 2025

World Press Freedom Day is being observed globally on May 3, with renewed calls to protect journalists from increasing threats and reaffirm the importance of independent journalism amid rising disinformation and digital surveillance.

• **Historical Roots -** Established by the UN in 1993, inspired by the 1991 Windhoek Declaration (Namibia).

• **Global Organizer** - Annually organized by UNESCO to promote press freedom worldwide.

• **Annual Observance** - Celebrated on May 3rd each year to highlight the importance of a free press.

• **2025 Theme** - Focuses on journalistic safety, access to accurate information, and countering misinformation.

• **Key Objectives** - To defend press freedom, honor journalists in danger, raise awareness of threats, and encourage ethical journalism.

Environment

Chhattisgarh's Tendu Leaf Smuggling Concerns

Chhattisgarh has raised concerns over tendu leaf smuggling from adjoining states due to its highest procurement price of 5,500 per standard bag, which has incentivized illegal trade during the peak collection season.

• **Tendu Leaves -** Green Gold" NTFP (Diospyros melanoxylon) primarily used for beedi wrapping.

• **Regional Production -** Predominantly found in central India, with significant growth in MP, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, and Maharashtra.

• **Key Characteristics -** Grows as a shrub with broad leaves; standard bag contains 50,000 leaves; best quality from southern Chhattisgarh.

• **Uses & Economic Impact -** Main use in beedi-making, supporting rural economies and generating substantial tribal employment.

• **Challenges -** Smuggling due to price differences, low collector wages, and declining demand for beedis.

Security

INS Tamal: Stealth Frigate for Indian Navy

To receive INS Tamal, its second advanced Krivak-III class stealth frigate from Russia.

• **Vessel Overview:** A 3,900-tonne stealth frigate, sister ship to INS Tushil, part of a 2016 India-Russia deal.

• **Built in Russia:** Constructed at Yantar Shipyard, Kaliningrad, under India-Russia defense collaboration.

• **Key Capabilities:** Features stealth technology, BrahMos and Shtil missiles, anti-submarine weapons, 30+ knots speed, and Kamov helicopter capacity.

• **Strategic Importance:** Enhances blue-water capabilities, crucial amid maritime tensions in the Arabian Sea and Indo-Pacific.

• **Predecessor & Local Production:** Follows INS Tushil; two more frigates being built in Goa with technology transfer.

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