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History, Art and Culture

Bodhipath Film Festival

• **Organized by** – International Buddhist Confederation (IBC).
• **To be held at** – India International Centre, New Delhi.
• **Aim** – To celebrate and showcase the rich spiritual, cultural, and philosophical traditions of Buddha Dhamma through the motion picture medium.

Geography

Silvassa

• It is a town, administrative headquarters of union territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli district.
• **Economic centre** – It is primarily agricultural and produces rice, pulses (legumes), and fruit crops.
• **Damanganga River** – It flows through Maharashtra, Gujarat and U.Ts of Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu.



Economy

DPIIT & Mercedes-Benz India Sign MoU

• **DPIIT** – Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.
• **Aim** – To support startups, innovators, and entrepreneurs in achieving technological excellence and fostering societal development.
• To advance India's manufacturing ecosystem, road safety, and environmental sustainability.

Agriculture

World Spice Organisation

• **Objective** – To facilitate the spice industry in dealing with issues of "Food Safety & Sustainability".
• It is a *not-for-profit organization.*
• **Headquarters** – *Kochi*, the spice capital of India.
• **Registered under** – Travancore Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Act, 1956.

Environment

Lesser-Known Species

Eurasian Otter

• It is a *keystone species*, which is shy and nocturnal creature.
• **Habitat** – Tamirabharani River and Pothigai hills of Western Ghats.
• **India** – It is home to 3 otter species.
• **IUCN status** – *Near Threatened*.

Large Soft-Shell Freshwater Species

Species	Scientific Name	Habitat	IUCN Status
Cantor's Giant Soft-shell	Pelochelys Cantorii	Native to Southeast Asia.	Critically endangered
Leith's Soft-shell Turtle	Nilssonia Leithii	Endemic to Peninsular India.	Critically endangered
Indian flapshell turtle	Lissemys Punctata	Cauvery region.	Vulnerable

Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary

• **Located in** – Kollam district, *Kerala*.
• **Part of** – Agsthyamali Biosphere Reserve.
• It is a valley of green splendour acclaimed for its rich biodiversity.
• It is home to a variety of animal species, including several endangered and endemic species.

Security

Shaurya Vedanam Utsava

• It is a 2 day *Armed Forces Display* conducted by *Indian Army*.
• **Held at** – Motihari, Bihar.
• **Feature** – It displayed a military equipment, martial arts, mass performance by military bands, combat demonstration by Special Forces, motorcycle dog show and more.

Miscellaneous

Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados Award

• **Awarded to** – Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
• **Awarded for** – In recognition of his *strategic leadership* and *valuable assistance* during the Covid pandemic.
• **Received by** – Minister of State for External Affairs on behalf of Modi.

International Women's Day 2025

• **Celebrated on** – *March 8*, annually.
• **Theme for 2025** – Accelerate Action.
• **Aim** – To educate society on the remarkable women's rights movement while celebrating the cultural, political, and socio-economic achievements of women and girls.

Global Road Infratech Summit & Expo (GRIS)

• **Organized by** – International Road Federation-India Chapter (IRF-IC).
• **Theme** – Vision Zero: Sustainable Infratech and Policy for Safer Roads.
• **Reason for road accidents** – Due to poor civil engineering practices in road design, construction, management and improper road signages and marking systems.
• **India's aim** – To reduce accident rates by *50% in 2030*.
• Accidents contribute to an *economic loss of 3 % to GDP*.

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