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History, Art and Culture

Mizoram's Natural History Museum

Mizoram's natural history museum has been notified as India's 21st designated repository.

- **Location –** Within the *Indo-Burma Biodiversity Hotspot*.
- **Recommended by –** *National Biodiversity Authority*.
- **Notified by** – Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- **Notified under** – *Biological Diversity Act, 2002.*
- **Purpose** – It maintains specimens of selected flora and fauna.

Polity & Governance

Mission 70 Lakh Plantation Campaign

Recently, union home minister has launched the Mission 70 Lakh Plantation campaign.

- It is an *initiative to plant over 70 lakh (7 million) saplings* Around National Capital Region (NCR).
- **Launched in** – New Delhi.
- **Part of** – Green Action Plan 2026-27.
- **Under** – "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" (Plant4Mother) initiative.
- **Objective** – To expand urban green cover, improve ecological balance, and combat air pollution.

Guwahati Declaration

BRICS nations adopt "Guwahati declaration" to combat drug trafficking recently.

- **Adopted by** – BRICS member nations.
- **Objective** – To drastically strengthen international cooperation against illicit drug trafficking and related organised crime.
- **Key pillars**
  - Intelligence sharing.
  - Tech-driven enforcement.
  - Targeting digital narcotic focuses.
- **India's proposal** – *Establishment of a BRICS Virtual Working Group* alongside enhanced cross-border training initiatives.

Economy

Kamarajar Port

Kamarajar Port Limited (KPL) has become India's 2nd major port after Visakhapatnam recently.

• **Location –** Ennore, Tamil Nadu (Coromandel Coast).
• **Operational draft** – *18 metres* (deep enough for large vessels to dock).
• **Operational capacity** – It handle bulk carriers and Capesize vessels with carrying capacities of 1,70,000 deadweight tonnes.
• **Significance** – This development is aligned with *Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047.*

Agriculture

Sirsa Kinnow

Sirsa Kinnow is recently received Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

• **Sirsa Kinnow** – High-yield hybrid citrus fruit.
• It is *Haryana's first fruit* to receive a GI tag.
• **Grown in** – Sirsa district, Haryana.
• **Physical features** –
  - *Larger, juicer, and sweeter* compared to kinnow varieties in other regions.
  - It features a *glossy, golden-orange skin*.
• **Resilience** – It can withstand *40°C during summer and 0°C during winter*.
• **Benefits** –
  - Packed with Vitamin C, calcium, and potassium.
  - It contains 0.2% to 0.3% pectin, offers anti-cancer properties.

Environment

Mission: Million Oak Trees by 2047

Recently, Mission: Million Oak Trees by 2047 has been launched.

• It is a state-wide ecological restoration initiative aimed *at reviving native Himalayan oak forests.*
• **Launched by** – Sikkim Government.
• **Seeks to** – Plant one million native oak trees by 2047.
• **Significance** – The initiative is estimated *to generate 10 to 50 billion litres of groundwater recharge*.

Security

Gaza Strip

Hamas has announced it will dissolve its government in the event of prolonged ongoing crisis with Israel.

• **Gaza Strip** is a narrow, flat coastal territory *situated on the eastern Mediterranean Sea.*

• **Boundaries –**
  - **Israel** (North and East), sharing land boundary.
  - **Egypt** (Southwest), sharing land boundary.
  - Bounded entirely by the *Mediterranean Sea (West*), featuring a coastline.

• **Major cities** – *Rafah, Khan Yunis, Jabalia and Beit Hanoun*.

Science

Mission Dristhi – Update

Bengaluru-based space startup GalaxEye has lost communication with Mission Drishti.

• **Update** – It was *struck by a severe geomagnetic solar storm* during the final stage of its Launch and Early Orbit Phase (LEOP).

NASA Swift Boost Mission

Recently, the NASA Swift boost mission successfully launched.

• **Built by** – Arizona-based katalyst space technologies.

• **Functions** –
  - It is a refrigerator-sized LINK (robotic servicing spacecraft) satellite *tasked with docking with the falling space telescope*.
  - Then bringing it back to a safe, stable altitude.

• **Objective** – To rescue the aging Neil Gehrels Swift Observatory.

Miscellaneous

Girish Bharadwaj – Bridge Man of India

Recently, the Bridge Man of India' Girish Bharadwaj passes away in Sullia.

• **Birth place** – Karnataka.
• **Known as –** "*Bridge Man of India" or Sethu Bandhu*.
• **Contribution** – He was renowned for *constructing over 140 low-cost suspension footbridges* across remote, inaccessible villages.
• **Awards** – Padma Shri (2017).

7th National Water Awards

• The Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR), Ministry of Jal Shakti has launched the 7th National Water Awards.
• Any State, District, Urban Local Body, Dam Own Agencies, & Industry who have done good work in the field of water conservation and management is eligible.
• Introduced in accomplishing the government's vision 'Jal Samridh Bharat'.
• It aims to sensitize the public about the importance of water and motivate them to adopt the best water usage practices.
• It is to encourage the stakeholders to adopt a holistic approach toward water resource management in the country as surface water and groundwater play a significant role in the water cycle.
• A major attraction of the 7th National Water Awards is the 'Dam Safety' theme for the Best Implemented Project in the Water Sector category.

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