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#### History, Art and Culture

##### Mizoram's Natural History Museum

*Mizoram's natural history museum has been notified as India's 21<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Dristhi](#).*

- **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).

## **7<sup>th</sup> National Water Awards**

- The Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR), Ministry of Jal Shakti has launched the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> National Water Awards is the 'Dam Safety' theme for the Best Implemented Project in the Water Sector category.