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History, Art and Culture

Sree Narayana Guru

Recently, PM Modi paid tribute to Sree Narayana Guru a revered Saint & Spiritual reformer from Kerala on his birth anniversary.

• **Advocate of Equality -** Fought against caste discrimination and promoted the idea of "**One Caste, One Religion, One God for Mankind."**

• **Message of Equality -** He championed social justice, advocating for equality across caste and community lines.

• **Education as Empowerment -** Guru's focus on education as a tool for empowerment.

• His teachings promoted peace, compassion, and non-violence, earning him followers across religious and caste lines.

Geography

A 102-Year-Old Summits Mount Fuji

Kokichi Akuzawa, a 102-year-old mountaineer, has become the oldest man to summit Mount Fuji, Japan's highest peak.

• **Certified by Guinness World Records** - His remarkable ascent on August 5, 2025 to the summit of mount fuji.

• **Features of Mount Fuji** - Tallest mountain in Japan, it is an Active stratovolcano type.

• **A Three-Volcano Structure** - mountain is composed of three successive volcanoes: Komitake, Ko Fuji ("Old Fuji"), and Shin Fuji ("New Fuji").

• **Exercise Dharma Guardian -** A joint Military exercise was hosted between India and Japan.

International Relations and Issues

International Literacy Day 2025

On September 8, the world celebrates International Literacy Day (ILD) to highlight the fundamental importance of literacy for a just and peaceful society.

• **First celebrated** - In 1967, following its declaration by UNESCO in 1966.

• **Theme for 2025 -** To **"Promoting Literacy in the Digital Era."**

• **Venue** - **UNESCO HQ** , Paris

• **Aims** – To addresses how digital tools are changing learning and work, also highlighting the need to bridge the "digital divide."

• **Literacy** - Is essential for human empowerment, allowing individuals to exercise their rights, gain new skills, and foster a more tolerant and equitable society.

Economy

Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA)

Recently, **IEPFA** have taken initiatives to make it easier for investors to reclaim their money by simplifying documentation for low-value claims.

• **Established in** - 2016, under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs to manage funds and protect investor interests.

• **New Initiative Aims -** To reduce documentation and timelines, making it easier for people to claim their funds.

• **High-Powered Committee –** Formed With representatives from Ministry of Corporate Affairs and SEBI.

• **Specific Claim Limits -** The new rules would apply to claims for **physical securities** valued up to Rs 5 lakh, **demat securities** up to Rs 15 lakh, and **dividends** up to Rs 10,000.

Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) Rules Notified

Recently, Government of India has officially notified the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) rules under the National Pension System (NPS), a key step-in public-sector pension reforms**.**

• **UPS was -** First approved in August 2024 and became operational on April 1, 2025.

• **Guidelines issued by -** Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on March 19, 2025.

• **Features -** The rules cover a wide range of topics, including enrolment options, contribution structures, and compensation for delays.

• **Retirement Flexibility -** Employees can now retire after 20 years of service, a reduction from the previous 25-year requirement.

Environment

National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC)

Bhupender Gupta has been named the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of NHPC Limited, a leading hydropower company in India.

• **Appointed by** - Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).

• **NHPC** - Established in 1975, started with the Baira Suil Power Station in Himachal Pradesh.

• **Nodal agency** - Ministry of Power

• **Company Status** - Navratna

• **Type** - Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE)

• **Role of NHPC** - Is crucial to India's energy infrastructure.

• **Expansion-** Historically focused on hydropower, it is now actively diversifying into other green energy sources.

• This includes establishing **solar parks** in various states and initiating **pilot projects for both wind and tidal energy**.

Security

INS KADMATT TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The Indian Navy Band aboard INS *Kadmatt* joined Papua New Guinea's 50th Independence Day celebrations in Port Moresby.

• **Grand Military Tattoo** - Bands from various nations united in a vibrant Military Tattoo, symbolizing global harmony through music.

• **Strengthening Maritime Ties**

The performance reaffirmed India's enduring maritime ties with Pacific nations.

• **Tribute at Bomana War Cemetery**

The crew paid homage to WWII heroes, including many Indian soldiers.

Science

BioE3@1 Celebration

Recently, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), New Delhi hosted BioE3@1, marking one year of the BioE3 Policy that integrates biotechnology with the Economy, Environment, and Employment.

• **Themed** - "Institute–Industry Interaction for Climate Resilient Agriculture and Clean Energy,"

• **Exhibition -** An exhibition on the sidelines showcasing innovations in agri-biotech, sustainable energy, and animal health.

• **Policy's Goal -** The BioE3 Policy aims to help India reach its Net Zero carbon emissions goal by 2070 and boost the country's bioeconomy.

Miscellaneous

Indian Hockey Team Wins Asia Cup 2025

Recently, PM Modi has congratulated the Indian Men's Hockey Team on their victory.

• **Venue -** Held in Rajgir, Bihar.

• **A Special Victory -** The win is particularly significant because the team defeated the reigning champions, South Korea.

• **Significance of the Win -** This victory marks India's **4th Asia Cup title**, putting them second on the all-time list, just behind South Korea's five titles.

• India has secured an automatic qualification for the **2026 FIH Hockey World Cup**, which will be jointly hosted by the Netherlands and Belgium.

PM's Tribute to Bhupen Hazarika

PM Modi has penned a tribute, reflecting on his life, music, and the profound impact he had on millions.

• **Bhupen Hazarika** - A Musical Visionary, His works resonated with themes of social justice, unity, and belonging.

• **Connected to Roots** - Despite global travel, he remained deeply connected to his **Assamese roots.**

• **Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'** - His works united people across linguistic and regional boundaries also championed the aspirations of the poor, laborers, and farmers.

• **Posthumous Honors -** Awarded with Bharat Ratna, and the **Dhola-Sadiya bridge (Tinsukia district of Assam)** was named after him.

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