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History, Art and Culture

Babri Masjid in Ayodhya

33rd anniversary of the mosque demolition.

- **Built in** - 1529, by Mir Baqi, Mughal Emperor Babar's commander.
- Along with the mosques at *Sambhal and Panipat*, it was one of three mosques said to have been constructed in the 16th century upon Babur's orders.
- **Demolition of Babri Masjid held in** - 6th December 1992.
- **Supreme Court verdict in** - 2019, handed over 2.77 acres of land, which was at the centre of a long legal scrutiny, to a trust for the construction of a Ram temple at the site.
- Allotted 5 acres of land at a "prominent site" in Ayodhya for the mosque.

Social Issues

Update on National Tele Mental Health Programme

- **Tele-MANAS Mobile Application** - Expanded to *10 additional regional languages* like Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu, Odia, and Punjabi — along with the previously available languages, English and Hindi.
- **Currently operational in** - *36 States/UTs with 53 Tele-MANAS cells* across the country.
- **Video consultation facility** - It launched to strengthen tele-mental health support services.

Dedicated Tele-MANAS cell

- **Established at** - Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC) Pune.
- **Aim** - To provide tele-mental health support to armed forces personnel and dependents.

Defence

Navy Day 2025

The Navy Day is being celebrated with a spectacular Operational Demonstration at Shangumugham beach in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

- **Observed annually on** - 4th December.
- **Commemoration to** - The *Operation Trident in 1971*, in which the Indian Navy sank 4 Pakistani vessels, including PNS Khaibar.
- **Aim** - To recognise the achievements and role of the Indian Navy.
- **Significance** - It resolve as the '*Preferred Security Partner*' in the Indian Ocean Region, guided by MAHASAGAR initiative.

Economy

Unified Payment Interface (UPI) Global Expansion

India is in talks with approximately 8 more countries, including those in East Asia.

- **Currently accepted in 8 countries** - Bhutan, Singapore, Qatar, Mauritius, Nepal, UAE, Sri Lanka, and France.
- **Advantages** -
 - It permits Indian tourists to make UPI payments for transactions abroad, enhancing convenience.
 - It fosters a digital payments ecosystem and promotes financial inclusion globally.
 - It enables easier trade and remittances, potentially reducing transaction costs.

Science

National Conference on Use of AI And ML Technologies in Power Distribution Sector

- **Conducted under** - Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS).
- **Organised by** - Ministry of Power.
- **Theme** - “Harnessing AI/ML for Smart, Efficient and Sustainable Power Distribution”.
- **Objectives** - To promote adoption of advanced technologies like Blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT), and smart home automation for enhanced power distribution management.
- To facilitate knowledge sharing and best practices towards achieving operational efficiency, grid reliability, and sustainability goals.

Renewal of ‘Engagement Strategy’

- **Signed between** - Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) and Department of Biotechnology (DBT) with Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).
- **Aim** - To encompass research and development for allied technologies, such as monoclonal antibodies.
- To enable timely and effective response to emerging health threats, contributing to the broader goals of good health and well-being
- **Significance** - It aligns with national development priorities and Sustainable Development Goals.

Earlier Engagement Strategy

- **Executed in** - October 2019 for a period of 5 years.
- **Key achievements** -
 - Early-stage development of vaccine candidates for Chikungunya, Coronavirus and Monkey pox.
 - Creation of shared infrastructure such as bioassay laboratory and animal facility.

NMDC Signs MoU with IIT Kanpur

- **Aim** - To facilitate new initiatives in the areas of cybersecurity and promote the adoption of modern digital technologies, including Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML), across NMDC’s operations.
- **Key areas** -
 - Cybersecurity risk assessments;
 - Policy, governance and compliance support;
 - Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) integration and advancement;
 - Security operations and incident response;
 - Capacity building and knowledge sharing; and
 - Joint research and innovation.
- **Significance** - It strengthen our digital defences, improve operational intelligence, and build a secure and future-ready technological foundation for NMDC.”

National Mineral Development Corporation

- It is an India's largest iron ore producer.
- **Incorporated in** - 1958 as a Government of India public enterprise.
- **Nodal ministry** - Ministry of Steel.
- **Exploration of minerals** - It includes copper, rock phosphate, limestone, magnesite, diamond, tungsten and beach sands amongst others in some of the most remote corners of the country.
- **Objectives** -
 - To expand the operations in the areas of Mining and Mineral Processing to meet the growing demands from domestic and international Markets.
 - Achieve international standards in per capita productivity, value addition and cost effectiveness.

