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#### History, Art and Culture

##### Harit Yoga Initiative

Recently, the Minister of State for Ayush launched Harit Yoga.

- **Part of** - 10 Signature Events of International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2025.
- **Objective** - To encourage individuals to plant trees as a symbolic act of nurturing both personal and planetary health.
- More than 5000 medicinal plants were distributed amongst the Yoga enthusiasts.
- It integrates yoga with environmental consciousness.

**International Day of Yoga 2025** will be celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025, with a theme of 'Yoga for One Earth One Health'.

#### Social Issues

##### Antar Drishti

Recently, Antar Drishti was inaugurated in New Delhi.

- It is a unique sensory dark room specially designed to experience sensory space.
- **Launched by** - National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD) and National Association for the Blind (NAB).
- **Aims** - To raise awareness and sensitize society towards the challenges faced by persons with visual impairments.
- To foster empathy, understanding, and inclusion by bridging the gap between perception and lived reality.
- **Feature** - In this dark room, individuals experience complete darkness and engage in activities that help simulate the everyday experiences of persons who are blind or have low vision.

##### Enable Inclusion App

The National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD) will implement the Enable Inclusion App.

- It is a digital platform for early identification, intervention, and tracking of children with developmental disabilities.
- **Developed by** - Amar Seva Sangam.
- **Role** - It is expected to revolutionize early intervention, tele-counseling, tracking and rehabilitation planning.
- It is setting a benchmark for inclusive practices across India and beyond.
- It has been successfully used across various communities to support intellectual and developmental needs.

#### Economy

### **Quick Commerce (Q-Commerce)**

Recently, Competition Commission of India has sought additional information on a complaint against quick commerce companies.

- **Q-Commerce** - It refers to ultra-fast delivery services, typically within 10-30 minutes.
- It is facilitated by an elaborate network of dark stores and/or distribution centres.
- It focusses on small, high-demand FMCG (Fast Moving Consumer Goods) products like groceries, snacks, and daily essentials.
- **For example** - Zepto, Swiggy Instamart, Blinkit among others.

**Dark stores** refer to warehouses used by the platforms solely to fulfil online orders, with no in-person shopping.

### **Ready Reckoner (RR) Rates**

The Maharashtra government recently increased the ready reckoner (RR) rates across the state.

- It is the minimum value at which a property must be registered during a transaction.
- **Determined by** - State government.
- **Features** - It serves as a reference for calculating stamp duty and registration charges.
- It ensures uniformity and transparency in property transactions, and acts as a safeguard against underreporting.
- It is also known as the Circle Rate or Guidance Value in some states.

### **Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED)**

Recently, the Union government raises SAED on petrol and diesel by ₹2 per litre each after a gap of 34 months.

- **Excise duty** - It is a tax on the manufacture or production of goods within the country.
- **Special Additional Excise Duty** - It is an additional tax imposed on top of the basic excise duty.
- It is levied to shore up government revenue.
- Thus, the net effective excise duty will increase to Rs.13 per litre for petrol and Rs.10 per litre for diesel.

## **Environment**

### **New Species of Trapdoor Spiders**

A team of scientists from the University of Western Australia recently discovered 2 new species of trapdoor spiders.

- **Discovered in** - Kimberley region, marking the 1<sup>st</sup> recorded discovery of this spider group in northern Australia.
- **2 new species** - Kwonkan fluctellus and Kwonkan nemoralis.
- **Unique features** - Highly specialized burrow construction, which creates elaborate burrow entrances.
- **Burrows constructed by Kwonkan nemoralis** - It had a little collapsible silken collar around the entrance, which had grains of sand embedded in it.
- When it was disturbed, the collar around the burrow's entrance collapses & seals the entrance, which blends with the surrounding landscape, making it virtually invisible to predators.

## **Security**

### **Mi-17 V5 helicopters**

Recently, the Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with Bharat Electronics Limited for acquisition & installation of Electronic Warfare (EW) suites and aircraft modification kits on Mi-17 V5 helicopters.

- It is a Russian made aircraft purchased for the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- **Role** - It is designed to carry personnel, cargo and equipment inside the cargo cabin or on an external sling.
- **Features** - Night vision technology, on-board weather radar, a new PKV-8 autopilot system, and a KNEI-8 avionics suite which helps reduce pilot workload.
- **Top speed** - 250 kilometers per hour.

### **Science**

#### **Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures' Campaign**

Recently, 'Healthy beginnings, hopeful futures' campaign was launched as a part of World Health Day (April 7, 2025).

- It is a year-long campaign on maternal and newborn health.
- **Launched by** - World Health Organization (WHO).
- **Objective** - To urge the governments and the larger medical community to ramp up efforts to end preventable maternal and newborn deaths.
- To prioritise women's longer-term health and well-being.

#### **Y2K Bug Crisis**

Recently, the Minister of Commerce & Industry recalled how Indian IT sector leveraged the Y2K bug crisis of late 1990s, to mark IT sectors emergence on the global stage.

- **Y2K bug** - It was a computer flaw, or bug emerged due to the erstwhile practice followed in computer to store the dates in two-digit format.
  - For instance, to refer 1970, the number "19" was left out and only the number '70' was used.
- Engineers shortened the date because data storage in computers was costly and took up a lot of space.
- **Issue** - As the year 2000 approached, computer programmers realized that computers might not interpret 00 as 2000, but as 1900.
- Y2K stands for Year 2000, where letter 'k' is commonly used to represent the number 1,000.
- It is also known as the Millennium Bug.



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