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History, Art and Culture

Bharat Steel Awards

• **Introduced by –** Ministry of Steel.
• **7 categories-**
  - Efficiency Award (Company)
  - Export Award (Company)
  - Sustainability Award (Company)
  - Indigenization Award (Team)
  - Innovation through R&D (Team)
  - Safety Award (Company & Team)
  - Exceptional Contribution in Steel sector Award (Individual)
• **Aim –** To recognise exemplary performance and significant contributions across critical areas of the steel sector.

25th All India Major Port Cultural Meet

• **Begins at –** Paradip Port.
• **Organised by –** Paradip Port Authority under the aegis of the Major Ports Sports Control Board.
• **Participants –** More than 200 participants from nine major ports, including Chennai, Cochin, Deendayal, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority, Kolkata, Mumbai, Visakhapatnam, V.O. Chidambaranar and host Paradip Port, are taking part in the meet.
• **Objective –**
  - To encourage cultural exchange, participation, camaraderie, and the sharing of talents among port employees.
  - This helps build stronger social connections within the maritime sector.
  - To foster unity and harmony among port employees.

Social Issues

Winter Internship Programme

• **Conducted by –** National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).
• **Objectives –**
  - To broaden interns' thinking and encourage introspection to add worth to their lives as human beings.
  - To ignite curiosity and inspire a search for learning to find a purpose in life.

Smartphone Ban in Rajasthan

The caste panchayat in Jalore, Rajasthan, banned women from accessing smartphones, specifically camera phones.

• **Stated Rationale –** Women raised concerns about children's excessive screen time, while elders argued that women do not require smartphones for professional purposes.

• **Underlying Societal Issues –** The ban reflects attempts to control women's autonomy, concerns about maintaining perceived moral standards, and fears that social media may facilitate inter-community relationships and disrupt traditional marriage arrangements, such as the *satta-watta system.*

• **Retraction of the Ban –** The ban was rescinded following widespread public outrage, significant backlash on social media, and intervention by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

• **NHRC Response –** The NHRC took cognisance of the incident and issued a notice to the District Magistrate of Jalore, requesting a detailed report.

• **Gender-Based Digital Divide –** In rural India, there is a pronounced gender gap in mobile phone ownership, with 80.7% of men owning mobile phones compared to only 48.45% of women.

• **Impact on Education –** Girls frequently discontinue their education due to responsibilities such as household chores and agricultural work, as well as concerns about being perceived as 'too educated' relative to men.

• **Contrasting Approaches –** In contrast, digital detox initiatives in other villages, such as *Halaga and Mohityanche Vadgaon,* address screen time concerns for all community members rather than targeting specific groups.

Caste Panchayat

• An extra-constitutional body that enforces social norms within a specific caste.

Satta-watta Marriage

• A form of exchange marriage in which a brother-sister pair from one family marries a brother-sister pair from another family.

Environment

National Level Workshop on MISHTI

• **MISHTI –** Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats and Tangible Incomes.

• **Held in –** Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

• **Objective –** To promote mangrove restoration, enhance shoreline protection, conserve biodiversity, and generate tangible livelihood opportunities for coastal communities.

• **Significance -** It contributes to the objectives of the Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC), of which India became an active member during COP-27 of the UNFCCC.

Commission for Air Quality Management

CAQM issues Closure Directions to 16 Industrial Units in NCR over Gross Violations.

• **Objective in –** To curb air pollution and ensure strict compliance with statutory directions.

• **Environmental violations –**

- Establishment and operation without obtaining mandatory Consent to Establish (CTE) and Consent to Operate (CTO) as mandated under extant statutes;
- Non-installation or non-functioning of Air Pollution Control Devices (APCDs);
- Use of unapproved fuels;
- Operation of units during restricted periods under GRAP;
- Non-compliance of diesel generator (DG) sets with prescribed norms and visible smoke and emissions from industrial processes.

Security

Ground Test for Hypersonic Missile Programme

• **Conducted by –** Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL), the Hyderabad-based laboratory of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
• **Achievement –** An extensive long-duration ground test of its Actively Cooled Scramjet Full Scale Combustor, achieving a run time of over 12 minutes at its state-of-the-art Scramjet Connect Pipe Test (SCPT) Facility.

Miscellaneous

Creator's Corner

• A dedicated platform for showcasing content created by digital creators from across the country on DD News.
• **Launched by –** Prasar Bharati.
• **Themes –** News and Current Affairs, Culture, Travel, Cuisine, Art and Literature, Music and Dance, Health and Wellness, Education, Science and Technology, inspiring stories, Environment and Sustainable Development, and Entertainment.
• **Aim –** To promote the digital economy by encouraging the creation of quality content and expanding its reach through a partnership between Prasar Bharati and individual content creators.

Aadhaar Mascot

• A new resident-facing communication companion to simplify public understanding of Aadhaar services.
• **Name –** Udai, will be helpful in making Aadhaar-related information more relatable, and people-friendly.



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