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Social Issues

Drug Trafficking and National Security Conference

• **Conducted in** – New Delhi
• **Organized by** – Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)
• **Aim** – To address the growing concern of drug trafficking and its impact on national security, with a *special focus on 8 states* and *Union Territories* of northern India.

Anti-Narcotics Measures in India

• Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is implementing a 3-pronged strategy to achieve a *drug-free India by 2047*.
• **MANAS portal** - National Narcotics Helpline.
• **ANTF** - Anti-Narcotics Task Force of States and Union Territories.
• **NCORD** - Narcotics Coordination Mechanism.
• **PIT-NDPS Act** - Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.
• **Special NDPS courts** – For speedy trial of drug-related cases.
• **Policy** - Zero Tolerance Policy against drug trafficking.

Polity & Governance

National Financial Reporting Authority

• **Constituted in** - *2018* under Companies Act, 2013.
• **Functions and Duties** - Recommend accounting and auditing policies & standards to be adopted by companies for approval by the Central Government.
• Monitor and enforce compliance with auditing & accounting standards.

Environment

Cleanliness Measures at Mahakumbh 2025

• Under – Namami Gange mission.
• Over 28,000 toilets
  - *Fiber Reinforced Plastic (FRP) toilets*.
  - *Prefabricated steel toilets with soak pits*
• 20,000 community urinals.
• 37.75 lakh liner bags – For waste collection and disposal.

Miscellaneous

18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention

• **Pravasi Bharatiya Divas** – It is also known as *Non-Resident Indian (NRI) Day,* is celebrated *on January 9.*
• **Commemorates** – Of the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India in 1915.
• **1st celebrated in** – 2003.
• **Revised in** – 2015, to celebrate the event once every 2 years.
• **Importance** – To mark the contribution of overseas Indian Community towards the development of India.

Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards

• **Award** – It is the *highest honour conferred on overseas Indians.*
• **2025 awardees** - It include, among others,
- President of Trinidad & Tobago
- Christine Carla Kangaloo in public affairs
- Baroness Usha Kumari Prashar from the UK in politics
- Dr Sharmila Ford from the U.S. in community service.

National Youth Day (12th January)

• **Commemoration** – On the *birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.*
• **Declared in** – 1984
• Since 1985 the event is celebrated in India every year.

Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue

• Indian PM to interact with 3000 young leaders selected through a merit-based, multi-level selection process from over 30 lakh participants.
• **Aligns with** – Indian PM's Independence Day call to engage 1 lakh youth in politics without political affiliations.
• **Importance** – It provides them a national platform to make their ideas for Viksit Bharat, a reality.

World Hindi Day 2025

• **Day** – It is celebrated every year on *January 10.*
• It is an important day that celebrates the promotion of the Hindi language at a global level.
• **2025 theme** – A Global Voice of Unity and Cultural Pride.

Khelo India ASMITA Women's League

• **Conducted by** – *Sports Authority of India (SAI),* in collaboration with National Sports Federations (NSFs).
• **Objectives** - To increase the participation of women in sports by organising leagues in various disciplines.
• To provide competition exposure to women athletes of different age categories across the country.
• **Event** – ASMITA Khelo India Women's Yogasana League 2024-25 sees over 7000 participations.

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