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History, Art and Culture

Thiru Bharathiraja (1941-2026)

Prime Minister expresses sadness over the passing of Thiru Bharathiraja Ji.

• He was a legendary, award-winning Indian filmmaker, actor, and producer who revolutionized Tamil cinema.

• **Directorial debut** - 1977 film 16 Vayathinile

• Instead of studio sets, he captured the soul, emotions, and struggles of rural India with rare authenticity and sensitivity.

• **Masterpieces** - His acclaimed filmography includes classics like Kizhakke Pogum Rail, Alaigal Oivathillai, Mann Vasana, Mudhal Mariyadhai, and Kizhakku Cheemayile.

Polity & Governance

'One Station One Product' (OSOP) initiative

• Under - the Ministry of Railways,

• **launched in** - March 2022 to promote the 'Vocal for Local' vision.

• **Transforms** - Railway stations into promotional and sales hubs for local indigenous products

• **Supports** - artisans, weavers, and farmers by providing them with designated stalls.

International Relations and Issues

JORDAN

Jordan is currently in the news due to a significant escalation in regional conflict, as its air defenses successfully intercepted 20 missiles launched from Iran.



- It is a sovereign Arab country in the Southern Levant region of West Asia.
- **Bordered by** - 5 Nations (Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria, Israel, and Palestine)
- It is a constitutional monarchy.

Economy

Sitapur 250 MW Solar-BESS Project

- It is India's first utility-scale, large-scale solar-plus-storage energy initiative being built on vacant military land.
- **Location** - Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh
- **Primary Developer** - NTPC Renewable Energy Limited (a wholly-owned subsidiary of NTPC Green Energy)
- **Capacity** - 50 MW / 200 Megawatt-hour (MWh) Battery Energy Storage System.
- **Significant for** - merging national security with environmental sustainability.

Agriculture

Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra AI

- It is India's First Nationwide WhatsApp AI Advisory for Oilseed Farmers
- **Focus on** - boosting domestic oilseed production and reducing dependence on edible oil imports
- **Developed by** - **ICAR** - Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research (ICAR-IIOR), Hyderabad.
- **Underscoring** - ICAR's commitment to harnessing digital technology for the direct benefit of the farming community.

How to Access Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra

- **Step 1:** Save +91 4024598180 in your phone as 'Oilseeds Kisaan Mitra'
- **Step 2:** Open WhatsApp and send a message in your preferred Indian language
- **Step 3:** Receive instant, research-based advisory on your oilseed crop, free of cost, available 24x7.

Environment

Caustic soda

- It is a highly versatile and intensely alkaline (pH: 14) chemical.
- **Common Names** - Lye, Sodium Hydroxide.
- **Widely used** - in both heavy industry and households.
- **Uses** - incredibly effective at dissolving grease, fats, and organic matter, though it requires careful handling due to its corrosive nature.
- **Soap Making** - It acts as the crucial lye base used to turn oils and fats into homemade soap through the saponification process.

Science

Coal gasification

- It is the process of converting solid coal into a combustible synthetic gas, known as **syngas**, using carefully controlled heat, pressure, steam, and limited oxygen.
- This process doesn't burn the coal completely but rather breaks down its molecular structure.
- **Resulting mixture** — predominantly hydrogen (H_2) and carbon monoxide (CO), with trace amounts of methane, carbon dioxide, and water vapor—is the final syngas.

Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) 2026

Scientific Conclave on Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) 2026 Held in Haridwar recently.

- **Highlights** - Role of Pharmacopoeial Standards in Strengthening Pharmaceutical Quality.
- **Strengthens** - Industry Preparedness for IP 2026 Through Awareness and Capacity-Building Initiatives.
- **Encourages** - Wider Adoption of Pharmacopoeial Standards, Provides Handholding Support to Pharmaceutical Industry.
- **Advances** - Stakeholder Engagement to Foster Pharmaceutical Quality and Manufacture of Quality-Assured Medicines.

Health

Shigellosis

Recently, Kerala is experiencing a significant Shigellosis (bacterial diarrhea) outbreak, with over 30 confirmed cases and hundreds of people showing symptoms in June alone.

- It is a highly contagious ***bacterial infection***.
- **Spreads** - through contaminated food, water, and poor personal hygiene (often referred to as the 5 F's: food, feces, fingers, flies, and fomites).
- **Symptoms** - sudden-onset diarrhea (often bloody), severe abdominal cramps, fever, and nausea.
- **Vulnerable groups** - Children under 5 and the elderly are at the highest risk of severe illness and dangerous dehydration.
- **Treatment** - Most cases are self-limiting and resolve on their own with proper hydration.

Miscellaneous

World Day Against Child Labour

- **Observed** - annually on June 12 (First observed in 2002).
- **Theme** - "Red card to child labour: Fair play for children, decent work for adults."
- **Established by** - the International Labour Organization (ILO).
- **Highlight** - the plight of child laborers and advocate for the eradication of child exploitation worldwide.
- The campaign pushes for stronger legal enforcement, quality education, and expanded social protection for families at risk of poverty.



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