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History, Art and Culture

Acharya Vinoba Bhave – 1st Individual Satyagrahi

• He was *non-violence freedom activist, social reformer and spiritual teacher.*
• **Birth –** 1895, in Gagode, Bombay Presidency (Maharashtra).
• **Disciple of –** Mahatma Gandhi *(joined Gandhi's ashram in 1916 at Sabarmati, near Ahmadabad.)*
• **Vinoba –** "A traditional Marathi epithet signifying great respect" was conferred by *Mama Phadke.*
• **Founder of –** Bhoodan Yajna ("Land-Gift Movement").
• **Literary Work –** Swarajya Sastra, Geeta Pravachane, Teesri Shakti etc.
• **Awards**
- *1st* recipient of the *international Ramon Magsaysay Award* for Community Leadership in 1958.
- Bharat Ratna (India's highest civilian awards) posthumously in 1983.

International Conference on Gyan Bharatam

• **Launch –** *Gyan Bharatam Portal*, a digital platform to accelerate manuscript digitisation, preservation, and public access.
• **Theme –** "Reclaiming India's Knowledge Legacy through Manuscript Heritage".
• **Aim –** To revitalise India's unparalleled manuscript wealth.

1st World Parliament of Religions

• The 1st formal gathering of representatives from *Eastern and Western spiritual traditions* lasted for *17 days.*
• **Held on –** 11th September 1893, in Chicago as a part of the *World Columbian Exposition* on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Swami Vivekananda (1863-1902)

• *Narendranath Datta* was a Hindu monk, spiritual leader, preacher, and reformer in India.
• **Birth –** 1863, Calcutta.
• **Disciple and successor of –** Ramakrishna Paramahamsa.
• **Propagator of Vedanta philosophy –** In the United States and Britain.
• **Oration in -** World's Parliament of Religions, he introduced Hinduism to America and called for *religious tolerance and an end to fanaticism.*

Purple Fest 2025 – Celebration of Inclusion, Dignity & Empowerment

• **Organized by –** Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), with Amity University, UP (Noida).
• **Aim –** To envision a vibrant celebration of creativity, talent, and empowerment of Divyangjan.
• **Message –** Disability is not a weakness, Assistive Devices are not charity and Respect is not a favor—it is a Right.
• **Key highlights**
  - **Art & Craft Exhibition –** Showcasing products created by Divyangjan.
  - **Entrepreneurship Stalls –** Providing opportunities for Divyangjan entrepreneurs.
  - **Cultural Programmes & Sports Events –** Demonstrating diversity, creativity, and participation.
  - **Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) Programmes –** Strengthening professional knowledge with focus on Indian Sign Language (ISL).

Polity & Governance

Oath of Office of Vice President

CP Radhakrishnan to be sworn in as India's 15th Vice President of India.
• **Administered by –** President or some person appointed in that behalf by him.
• **Oath –**
  - To bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India.
  - To faithfully discharge the duties of his office.

1st Special Capacity Building Programme for the Mid-Career Civil Servants of Mauritius

• It is a 2 weeks long intensive training programme.
• **Held at –** Mussoorie and New Delhi.
• **Commenced by –** National Centre for Good Governance.
• **Aim –** To strengthen India’s partnership with Mauritius.
• **Covers –** Blue economy, digital healthcare, digital public infrastructure, all India services, Indian judiciary systems and structures, smart cities, decision making in governance and more.

National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG)

• An apex–level autonomous institution works as a think tank.
• **Set up in –** 2014, under Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
• **Aim –** To deal with a gamut of governance issues from local, state to national levels, across all sectors.

Security

INS Aravali Base

Indian navy to strengthen its maritime domain awareness capability with commissioning of INS Aravali at Gurugram.
• It is a pivotal addition to the Navy’s infrastructure.
• **Named after –** Aravali Mountain range.
• **Aim –** To strengthen India's and the Indian Navy's Command, Control, and Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA).
• **Motto –** ‘Maritime Security through Collaboration’.

Maritime Domain Awareness

• **MDA –** It refers to awareness of anything pertaining to the maritime aspects which has an influence on the security, safety and economic matters.
• **Implemented by –** Indian Navy with Bharat Electronics Ltd.
• **Aim –** To strengthen coastal and maritime security through an integrated approach to *data collation, analysis, and information* sharing among multiple maritime stakeholders.



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