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History, Art and Culture

Birth Anniversary of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

- **Born on** - 15th October 1931, at Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu.
- **Contribution** - India's 1st indigenous Satellite Launch Vehicle (SLV-III) in July 1980
 - Evolution of ISRO's launch vehicle programme, particularly the PSLV configuration.
 - Developing Indigenous Guided Missiles at Defence Research and Development Organisation as the Chief Executive of Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP).
 - Development and operationalisation of AGNI and PRITHVI Missiles.
 - Pokhran-II nuclear tests in collaboration with Department of Atomic Energy.
- **Literary works** - "Wings of Fire", "India 2020 - A Vision for the New Millennium", "My journey" and "Ignited Minds - Unleashing the power within India".
- **Awards** - Honorary doctorates from 30 universities and institutions.
- Padma Bhushan (1981), Padma Vibhushan (1990) and Bharat Ratna (1997).

Social Issues

"Live Cases" dashboard

- **Inaugurated by** - Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice.
- **Established under** - Legal Information Management and Briefing System (LIMBS).
- **Objectives** - To provide real-time data visualisation of court cases.
- To offer an overview of upcoming hearings to enable proactive decision-making and better inter-ministerial coordination.

Polity & Governance

Competition Commission of India

CCI approves acquisition of Jaiprakash Associates Limited by Vedanta Limited.

- **Noal ministry** - Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- **Legal basis** - Competition Act, 2002, as amended by the Competition (Amendment) Act, 2007, follows the philosophy of modern competition laws.
- **Aim** - To eliminate practices having adverse effect on competition, promote and sustain competition, protect the interests of consumers and ensure freedom of trade in the markets of India.

International Relations and Issues

16th WHO-IRCH Annual Meeting

- **Held in** - Jakarta, Indonesia.
- **Released proceedings of** -
 - WHO-IRCH Workshop on "Safety and Regulation of Herbal Medicines".
 - "Efficacy and Intended Use of Herbal Medicines".
- **Objectives** - To strengthen global cooperation on herbal medicine regulation.
- To deliberate on the harmonisation of regulatory frameworks and to promote international cooperation in the areas of safety, quality, and efficacy of herbal medicines.

Bilateral meeting

- **Held between** - Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, and Ministry of Industry and Minerals, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- **Aim** - To focus on enhancing bilateral cooperation, promoting investments, and exploring new areas of collaboration in the Chemicals and Petrochemicals sector.

Economy

8th Session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs

- **Began in** - Guwahati, Assam.
- **Organised by** - Spices Board under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- **Participants** - It brought together *81 delegates from 27 countries* to discuss harmonised international standards for spices and culinary herbs.
- **Aim** - To elevate quality standards through collaborative deliberations and strengthen the foundation of a food system that is safe, sustainable, and beneficial for all.

Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs

- **Established in** - 2013 at India's initiative.
- **Functions under** - Codex Alimentarius Commission of the FAO and WHO.
- **Secretariat** - India's Spices Board.
- **Finalised standards for** - 16 spices, including pepper, turmeric, cumin, nutmeg, cardamom, and saffron.
- The ongoing session will focus on developing new standards for large *cardamom, sweet marjoram, cinnamon, and dried coriander seeds*.

Security

Joint Military Exercise

- **Exercise between** - Indian Air Force (IAF) and United Kingdom's Carrier Strike Group (CSG) over the Indian Ocean Region.
- **Drill featured** - IAF Sukhoi-30 MKIs, Jaguars, AWACS, and AEW&C aircraft operating alongside Royal Navy F-35B fighter jets from HMS Prince of Wales.
- **Aim** - To enhance interoperability, mutual trust, and operational coordination between the two forces, reaffirming their shared commitment to regional security and stability.

Indian Naval Ship Sahyadri

INS Sahyadri, as part of ongoing operational deployment to the South China Sea and Indo-Pacific made a port call at Busan Naval Harbour, to participate in the maiden Indian Navy (IN) - Republic of Korea Navy (RoKN) Bilateral Exercise.

- It is 3rd ship of the *Shivalik Class Guided Missile Stealth Frigates*, indigenously designed and constructed.
- **Commissioned in** - 2012.
- **Shining example of** - India's '*Aatmanirbhar Bharat*' vision.
- **Based at** - Visakhapatnam as part of the Eastern Fleet under the aegis of the Eastern Naval Command.

Science & Technology

Google AI Hub

- **Launched at** - Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- **Objectives** - To establish *India's 1st gigawatt-scale AI Data Centre*.
- To bring together advanced AI infrastructure, data center capacity, large-scale renewable energy sources, and an expanded fiber-optic network, all in one place.
- **Significance** - It will strengthen India's position as a global leader in technology while boosting the country's digital economy.



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