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#### History, Art and Culture

##### Engineer's Day

- Celebrated annually on - 15<sup>th</sup> September
- Commemorates to - The birth anniversary of Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya.
- Aim - To acknowledge engineer's contributions in shaping the nation's infrastructure and leading knowledge-driven innovation.

##### Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya

- He was India's greatest engineers who is renowned for his pioneering contributions.

• Birth - 1861.

##### Contributions

##### Innovative Flood Management Systems

- Reservoirs like Osman Sagar and Himayat Sagar.
- Took measures to protect Visakhapatnam port from sea erosion.

##### Pioneering Dam Construction and Irrigation

- Built the Krishna Raja Sagara (KRS) Dam in 1932,
- His automatic sluice gates improved water regulation at multiple dams.

##### Awards

- Knight Commander of the Order of the Indian Empire (KCIE) by King George V in 1915.
- Bharat Ratna in 1955.

#### Polity & Governance

## Aadhaar

Supreme Court(SC) clarifies that Aadhaar is a statutory document, and can be used by voters.

- **Statutory Basis** - Representation of the People Act, 1950.

- **Section 23(4) RPA, 1950** - Permits Election Commission (EC) officials to use Aadhaar to authenticate entries on electoral rolls.

- **12<sup>th</sup> Document** - SC had previously declared Aadhaar as the "12<sup>th</sup> document" for voters to attach in claims/objections for voter list inclusion/exclusion.

## Economy

### Public Financial Asset Management (PFAM) Program

EPFO Officer Selected for Prestigious PFAM Program 2025-26.

- **PFAM** - It is a globally recognised leadership initiative.

- **Organised by** - World Bank and the Milken Institute.

- **Collaboration with** - Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security (PDUNASS).

- **Aim** - To equipping senior professionals with cutting-edge expertise in capital markets, governance frameworks, and strategic asset management.

### Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security (PDUNASS)

- It is a premier institution involved in training, research and consultancy in social security sector.

- **Set up in** - 1990.

- **Administrative control over** - 4 Zonal Training Institutes & 1 Sub-Zonal Training Institute.

### Switch Facility Option

- **Executed under** - Central Civil Services (Unified Pension Scheme under National Pension Scheme) Rules 2025.

- **Features** - UPS can switch to NPS only once, and cannot switch back to UPS.

- Exercised at least one year before superannuation or three months before VRS.

- It will not be allowed in case of removal, dismissal or compulsory retirement.

- Not opt for the switch within the stipulated time will continue under UPS.

- Subscriber on opting NPS will get NPS benefits and differential 4% contribution amount.

## Agriculture

### Rabi Abhiyan 2025

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It is a 2-days national agriculture conference.

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**Organised by** - Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.

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**Theme** - 'One Nation, One Agriculture, One Team'

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**Aim** - To provide an opportunity for policymakers, scientists, and state representatives to deliberate on preparations, production targets, and strategies for the Rabi 2025-26 season.

### National Makhana Board

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**Announced in** - Budget 2025.

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**Nodal ministry** - Ministry of commerce.

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**Objectives** - To promote production and new technology development, strengthen post-harvest management.

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To promote value addition and processing and facilitate market, export and brand development in Makhana.

### Makhana

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It is a type of dried edible seed of the prickly water lily (*Euryale ferox*).

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It is also known as a *gorgon nut or fox nut*, '*Black Diamond*' due to its small, round black/brown seeds, which turn white when processed.

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**Native** - *Southeast Asia and China* but distributed to almost every part of the world.

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**GI tag** - 'Mithila Makhana' in 2022.

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**Grown in** - stagnant perennial water bodies like ponds, oxbow lakes, swamps and ditches in tropical and subtropical climates.

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**Temperature** - 20-35 degrees Celsius

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**Annual rainfall** - 100-250 cm

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**Relative humidity** - 50%-90%

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**Soil type** - Smooth loamy soil.

### Security

### **INS TRIKAND**

INS Trikand will participate in the maiden bilateral maritime exercise between India and Greece.

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It is a Talwar-class guided-missile frigate of the Indian Navy.

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**Built by** - Yantar shipyard in Kaliningrad, Russia.

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**Part of** - Indian Navy's Western Fleet.

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**Operates under** - Western Naval Command, Mumbai.

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#### **Features**

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**Combat Management System** - 'Trebovanie-M', which enables the ship to simultaneously neutralise multiple surface, sub-surface, and air threats.

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**Powered by** - 4 gas turbines.



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