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#### History, Art and Culture

##### 'Natyashastra - Synthesis of Theory and Praxis'

- **Academic programme held** - During the *20<sup>th</sup> Session of UNESCO's Intergovernmental Committee* for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage at the iconic Red Fort, Delhi.
- **Organised by** - Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA).
- **Aim** - To deliberate on the 'Natyashastra' as a living knowledge system that continues to integrate theory and practice within India's performing arts traditions.

##### Perumbidugu Mutharaiyar Stamp

A commemorative postage stamp in honour of the king Perumbidugu Mutharaiyar II was released by Vice President C P Radhakrishnan.

- **Perumbidugu Mutharaiyar (705 AD-745 AD)** - He also known as *Suvaran Maran*, was a ruler of the *Mutharaiyar lineage, feudatories of the Pallavas*.
- He fought bravely in several battles alongside the *Pallava king Nandivarman*, and is remembered as a great administrator.
- **Ruled over areas including** - Thanjavur, Pudukkottai, Perambalur, Tiruchirappalli, and others near the Cauvery River.
- **Religions** - The Pallava reign saw a religious *revivalism of Hinduism amid the dominance of Jainism and Buddhism*.
  - As their feudatories, the Mutharaiyars were *great temple builders*.
  - Suvaran Maran was also known as *Shatrubhayankar*.
  - He seems to have patronised *Shaivya* and other scholars, as a *Jain monk Vimalachandra* is mentioned as visiting his court to debate them.

##### National Handicrafts Week

- **Observed annually from** - 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December.
- **Conducted by** - Ministry of Textiles with India Handmade digital platform.
- **Objectives** -
  - Careful restoration of heritage craft pieces.
  - Strengthening structural integrity and visual detailing.
  - Preserving indigenous craft techniques embedded in each artefact.
  - Ensuring longevity of culturally significant museum items.
  - Showcasing Northeast India's craft heritage with renewed clarity.
- **Significance** - It aligns with the national vision of Vocal for Local and Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India).

### **Ramalingeswara Temple**

*Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to UNESCO reviews conservation works at Ramappa Temple.*

- It is popularly known as Ramappa Temple & Rudreswara Temple.
- **Name “Ramappa”** - Because of its chief sculptor Ramappa, probably the only temple in India that is named after the architect.
- **Presiding deity** - Ramalingeswara Swamy.
- **Located in** - Palampet village in Mulug Taluk, Telangana.
- **Constructed in** - 1213 AD during the reign of the Kakatiya Empire by Recharla Rudra, a general of Kakatiya king Ganapati Deva.
- **Building technique** -
  - 6 feet high star-shaped platform with walls, pillars and ceilings adorned with intricate carvings.
  - Earthquake-proof technique has made the temple light, meaning, in case of a natural event like an earthquake, the probability of it collapsing would be very low.
  - Sandbox technique acts as a cushion in case of earthquakes.
- **Recognition** - In 2021, the temple was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site as “Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple, Telangana”.

### **Geography**

#### **Inland Port Facility in Rajasthan**

- **Deendayal Port Authority** - It provides one of the cheapest transport facilities for export sector and it offers one of the lowest Cargo and Vessel related Charges amongst all Major Ports in the country.
- **Available through** - 12 notified Inland Container Depots (ICDs) by Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), which support the movement of export-import cargo.
- These ICDs can be utilized for customs clearance and related logistics services, for the trade.
- **List of ICDs** -
  - Bhilwara, Bhiwadi, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Kota, Udaipur & Ravatha Road, Kota.
  - Mandavariya - Kishangarh (District Ajmer) & Hindaun City (District Karauli),
  - Kathuwas and Mandhan Village (District Alwar), Dhanakya and Kishangarh.

### **Social Issues**

#### **Navya Vocational Training**

- **NAVYA** - Nurturing Aspirations through Vocational training for Young Adolescent Girls.
- **Launched in** - June 2025, by Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD).
- **Aim** - To empower adolescent girls (AGs) aged 16-18 years in aspirational districts by equipping them with relevant skills for socio-economic independence.
- **Objectives** -
  - Provide demand-driven vocational training aligned with traditional and non-traditional sectors.
  - Facilitate holistic development through modules on health, nutrition, hygiene, financial literacy, life skills and legal awareness.
  - Promote employability, self-employment and forward linkages such as internships, apprenticeships and job opportunities.
  - Strengthen gender-inclusive skilling and create a safe, supportive training environment.
  - Bridge the gap between education and livelihood, particularly for girls in underserved and remote areas.

### **Economy**

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Cooperative Mela 2025

- **Inaugurated in** - Assam.
- **Organised by** - Cooperation Department, Assam, under the guidance of the Ministry of Cooperation.
- **Aim** - To showcase the strength, diversity, and potential of the cooperative movement in Assam.
- **Significance** - It aligns with national vision of "*Sahkar Se Samriddhi*" (Prosperity through Cooperation) is transforming into a vibrant reality.
- It highlighted the establishment of the Ministry of Cooperation in 2021 as a historic step, providing the necessary institutional impetus and a clear blueprint for an all-round, world-class cooperative system in India by 2047.

#### Environment

##### Green Hydrogen Pilot Project at Chidambaranar Port

- **Objective** -
  - To create a bunkering facility for Green Hydrogen or its derivatives to support the phased development of Green Fuel utilization by demonstrating it in the shipping sector.
  - It supports vessels operating on international and domestic sea routes by providing refuelling facilities for green fuels.
  - The expected outcomes of this project include a substantial reduction in CO2 emissions and creation of numerous direct and indirect job opportunities in manufacturing and storage of green fuel and related services.

#### Security

##### Indian Parliament Attack 2001

- **Date** - 13<sup>th</sup> December 2001.
- **Site** - Parliament House, New Delhi.
- **Attack type** - Mass shooting using AK-47s, grenades, and explosive vests.
- **Offenders** - 5 Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorists, all neutralized on site.
- **Victims** - 14 killed including 9 security staff; 18 injured.
- **Security breach by** - Forged Home Ministry and Parliament vehicle labels.
- **Immediate linkage with** - Earlier October 2001 Srinagar Assembly attack.

##### INAS 335 (OSPREYS)

- It is 2<sup>nd</sup> *MH 60R helicopter squadron*, INAS 335 (Ospreys) at INS Hansa, Goa.
- **Commissioned by** - Indian Navy.
- **Features** - The advanced weapons, sensors and avionics suite make the helicopter a versatile and capable asset for the Indian Navy, offering enhanced capabilities to address conventional as well as asymmetric threats.
- Fully integrated with fleet operations and has proven its worth on numerous occasions.
- **Significance** - It marks a pivotal moment in the Indian Navy's continued efforts towards modernisation and capability enhancement.

