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History, Art and Culture

'Natyashastra – Synthesis of Theory and Praxis'

• **Academic programme held –** During the *20th 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 –** 8th to 14th 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 RecharlaRudra, 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

4th 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 CO_2 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 –** 13th 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 *2nd 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.

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