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History, Art and Culture

Potti Sriramulu

Tributes paid to Potti Sriramulu on his birth anniversary.

• **Born on** – 16th March 1901, in Madras.
• **Freedom fighter** – Potti Sreeramulu was a freedom fighter known for his pivotal role in the creation of Andhra State.
• He sacrificed his life after undertaking a hunger strike for 56 days to form separate Andhra state.
• It was the ***1st*** step towards the formation of *States on linguistic basis* across the country.
• **Died on** – 15 december 1952.
• **Title** – *Amarajeevi*, for his supreme sacrifice for the cause of the people of Andhra.

Polity & Governance

Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC)

Recently, Bodoland Territorial Council chief calls for more funding for tribal languages.

• **Established in** – *2003,* under the 6th Schedule of the Constitution of India.
• It is an *autonomous region* in Kokrajhar district, Assam.
• **Aim** – To bring accelerated progress to one of the most backward region in the state of Assam with special focus on the development of the *Bodo people*.
• **Administration** – It administers the *Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR)*, comprising 4 districts
  - Kokrajhar, Chirang, Baksa, and Udalguri, located on the north bank of the Brahmaputra River.
• **Communities coverage –** Bodos , Assamese , Bengalis, Koch-Rajbongshis, Rabhas, Garos , Adivasis, Muslims and Nepalies, etc.

Promotion of Research and Innovation in the Pharma-MedTech Sector (PRIP) Scheme

Recently, an Industry dialogue organised on the PRIP Scheme in Mumbai.

• **Launched in –** *2023.*
• **Launched by** – Department of Pharmaceuticals.
• **Nodal Ministry** – Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
• **Goal** – To transform India into a *global powerhouse for Research & Development* (R&D) in the Pharma MedTech sector.
• **2 components:**
  - To establish Centres of Excellences (CoEs) at the 7 existing National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education & Research (NIPERs)
  - To accelerate investments in the R&D ecosystem within the sector.

Hyperloop Project

Union Minister of Railways visited the Hyperloop testing facility at IIT Madras.

• **Hyperloop** – It is a *high-speed train that runs in a vacuum* in a tube.
• **Hyperloop Project** – It is to be developed at the Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai.
• The Ministry has been provided financial funding and technical assistance to the project
• **Hyperloop test tube** – It is 410 meters long and is the *longest Hyperloop test facility in Asia*.
• It will soon be the world's longest tube.

National Consumer Helpline (NCH) 3.0

• **NCH** – It is a *hassle-free, speedy, and cost-effective* platform created to resolve consumer grievances.
• **NCH 3.0** – It is a technological transformation of NCH with Artificial Intelligence (AI) to resolve complaints in a shorter time.
• **Aim** – To reduce resolution time from *45 to 7 days*.
• It is a place where the consumer complaints to be *resolved at the pre-litigation stage* itself.

Bilateral Relations

India-New Zealand Ties

• India-New Zealand announced a launch of *Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations.*
• **Aim** – To achieve balanced outcomes that enhance supply chain integration and improve market access.
• It is a longstanding partnership founded on shared democratic values, strong people-to-people ties, and economic complementarities.

Environment

Indian Roller

• **Scientific name** – Coracias Benghalensis.
• It is a *non-migratory bird*, but it moves seasonally and formerly known as Neelkanth (in Hindi) and Blue Jay.
• **Distribution** – West Asia to the Indian Subcontinent.
• **State bird of** – Karnataka, Telangana, and Odisha.
• **Conservation status** – Least Concern.

Security

Bongosagar 2025

• It is an *India-Bangladesh Naval Exercise* going to be conducted in the Bay of Bengal.
• **Participation:**
  - INS Ranvir – Indian Navy.
  - BNS Abu Ubaidah – Bangladesh Navy.
• **Range of operations** – Surface firing, tactical manoeuvres, underway replenishment, Visit- Board-Search- Seizure (VBSS) cross boarding and communication drills.

Science

Resuscitation Academy in India

• **Established by** – Emergency Management and Research Institute Green Health Services (EMRI GHS), is a pioneer in ambulance service provider in India.
• It is the *India's 1st Resuscitation Academy*, Hyderabad.

Resuscitation *means to revive someone from apparent death or from unconsciousness.*

• **Objective** – To enhance cardiac arrest survival rates in India.
  - Telangana currently has one ambulance for every 64,500 people.
• **Goal** – To further improve this ratio to one ambulance per 50,000 people.

Miscellaneous

Gora Techno Hub

• It is an *interactive workshop*, engaging lectures and hands-on experiments the Techno Hub plans to ignite curiosity and passion in young minds.

• **Launched by** – Atheist Centre, Vijayawada.

• **Objective** – To promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education and scientific advancements for children.

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