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History, Art and Culture

Vishwakarma Jayanti

- It is a Hindu festival honouring Lord Vishwakarma, deity of creation, architecture, and mechanical work.
- **Observed between** - September 16 & 18, according to the Gregorian calendar, which is the last day of Bhado month.
- **Significance** - It is observed across India by craftsmen, architects, engineers, and mechanics etc.

Chhath Festival

India Seeks UNESCO Recognition for 'Chhath.'

- It is a major Hindu festival, dedicated to the Sun God (Surya) and Chhathi Maiya (ancient Vedic Goddess Usha).
- It is also known as Surya Shashti, a bathing festival followed by four days of abstinence and ritual purity.
- It is the only occasion where the setting sun is worshipped along with the rising sun.
- **Celebrated on** - 6th day of Kartik month.
- **Celebrated in** - Bihar and eastern Uttar Pradesh.

Social Issues

Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan

- It is the 16-day nationwide health camp for women and children along with the 8th Poshan Maah.
- **Jointly led by** - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD).
- **Organised at** - Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, Community Health centres, district hospitals and other government health facilities.
- **Health camps** - More than 1 lakh health camps will be organised, making this the largest ever health outreach for women and children in the country.
- **Covers** - Health check-ups and screening camps for non-communicable diseases such as cancers, anaemia, tuberculosis, and sickle cell disease.

Poshan Maah

- It is a nationwide celebration dedicated *to promoting nutrition awareness and driving action towards building a healthier India.*
- It is a part of the larger *Jan Andolan (people's movement)* to promote nutrition *literacy, healthy practices, and behaviour change.*
- **Launched in** - 2018
- **Conducted annually in** - September
- **Objectives**
 - To reduce in consumption of oil and sugar to reduce obesity,
 - Early childhood care and education,
 - Infant and young child feeding practices,
 - To involve men in nutrition and care of women and children across Anganwadi Centres nationwide,
 - To promote local diet and food systems, and convergent actions and digitization.

Genocide Convention

UN Commission alleges Israel is committing genocide in Gaza.

- An international treaty that defines genocide and obliges signatory states to prevent and punish it.
- **Legal basis** - Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, 1948.
- It lists *five acts* that constitute genocide when committed with *intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group.*

Polity & Governance

ECI's Revised Guidelines

ECI revises guidelines to make EVM Ballot Papers more readable.

- **Guidelines under** - *Rule 49B of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961*, for the design and printing of EVM Ballot Papers to enhance their clarity and readability.
- **Colour photographs** - It will be printed in colour on the EVM Ballot Paper.
- **Better visibility** - The candidate's face will occupy 3/4 of the photo space.

Right to Freedom of Religion

Recently, Supreme Court questioned who determines if a religious conversion is 'deceitful' while hearing pleas against stringent state anti-conversion laws.

- **Article 25** - All persons are equally entitled to freedom of conscience and the right freely to profess, practice, and propagate religion, subject to public order, morality, and health.
- **Judicial review** - The power of the judiciary to examine the constitutionality of legislative enactments and executive orders of both the Central and State governments.

Security

Delivery of DSC A20 (YARD 325)

- It is designed to undertake *diving operations in coastal waters* and is being fitted with state-of-the-art diving equipment.
- **Features** - It has a *catamaran hull*, with a displacement of approx 380 tons.
- **Indigenously designed & built under** - Naval Rules and Regulations of Indian Register of Shipping (IRS).
- **Delivered by** - M/s Titagarh Rail Systems Ltd (TRSL), Kolkata.

Miscellaneous

20th World Athletics Championships 2025

Sarvesh Kushare is the 1st Indian high jumper to reach World Championship finals.

- **Held in** - Tokyo, Japan.
- **Organised by** - World Athletics, the global governing body of the sport.
- **Motto** - Every Second Sugoi.
- **Sugoi** - it means "amazing," "awesome," "fantastic," or "incredible".
- **1st world Athletics championship in** - 1983 in Helsinki.
- **Conducted biennially** - Since 1991.
- **Conducted in odd years** - To avoid clashing with the Olympic Games, which take place on a quadrennial basis in even years.

World Patient Safety Day

- **Observed on** - 17th September.
- **Slogan 2025** - "Patient safety from the start!".
- **Aim** - To ensuring safe care for every newborn and child, with a special focus on those from birth to nine years old.
- **Significance** - It is a global effort to achieve *Sustainable Development Goal 3*.

