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#### Social Issues

##### National Youth Festival 2026

- **Conducted by** - Ministry of Education.

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**Objective** - To serve as a vibrant platform to showcase key education and skill-development initiatives which is aligned with National Education Policy 2020.

- **Significance** - It reinforces India's commitment to inclusive, technology-driven, and future-ready education for its youth and helping to realize the goals of NEP-2020.

##### Highlight of NYF 2026

- **Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya** - It provides youth with access to a rich digital repository of books and learning resources.
- **DIKSHA, along with Virtual Labs and Augmented Reality (AR) solutions** - It demonstrates immersive, technology-enabled learning experiences that enhance conceptual understanding and practical skills.
- **PM eVidya initiative** - It showcases as an integrated digital education platform that ensures equitable access to quality learning through online/on-air, digital, and broadcast modes.
- **My Career Advisor app** - Career readiness and skill development are being promoted through these digital initiatives, which guides youth towards informed career choices and employability.

##### Vidyanjali

- It is the online school volunteer initiative.
- **Launched by** - Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education.
- **Objectives** - To showcase as a key platform for youth, school alumni, professionals, institutions, and the community to actively participate as volunteers and contribute to enhancing learning in government schools.
- To enables volunteers to connect to government schools and share their skills, knowledge, and resources in strengthening school education through community participation, CSR involvement, and mentorship.

#### Agriculture

##### 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives" (IYC)

- **Recognised by** - United Nations.
- **Announced in** - 2024.
- **Theme** - "Cooperatives Build a Better World".
- **Significance** - It addresses contemporary global challenges and advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

#### Security

## INS SAGARDHWANI

*INS Sagardhwani, India's oceanographic research, was flagged off for the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Sagar Maitri (SM-5) initiative.*

- INS Sagardhwani is a specialised marine acoustic research vessel.
- **Designed by** - NPOL and built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE).
- **Commissioned in** - July 1994.
- **Aim** - To serve as a key platform for ocean observations and marine research for more than 3 decades, contributing significantly to India's maritime scientific capabilities.

## Sagar Maitri V

- Sagar Maitri is a flagship collaborative initiative of the Indian Navy and DRDO.
- Under this programme, INS Sagardhwani will retrace the historic routes of INS Kistna, which participated in the International Indian Ocean Expedition during 1962-65.
- **Aim** - To promote closer cooperation in socio-economic aspects and greater scientific interaction, especially in ocean research, among IOR countries.
- **Significance** - It aligned with the Indian government's vision of 'Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions (MAHASAGAR)'.

## Naval Physical & Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL)

- **Situated in** - Kochi, is a laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- **Objective** - To engage in the development of Sound Navigation And Ranging (SONAR) and allied technologies.
- **Areas of R&D** - Signal processing, electronics, engineering systems, transducers, materials, and oceanography.

## **Science**

### National Workshop on Standardization in Ayurveda

- **Organized by** - Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
- **Collaboration with** - Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) through its Division of Ayurveda, Centre for Integrative Medicine and Research.
- **Theme** - Inspired by BIS's guiding motto "Manakah Patha Pradarshaka".
- **Significance** - It highlighted the critical role of standards in harmonizing classical Ayurvedic wisdom with modern scientific and regulatory frameworks.

## **Miscellaneous**

### Clean Toilet Picture Challenge

*NHAI Extends 'Clean Toilet Picture Challenge' till June 2026.*

- **Launched by** - NHAI, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.
- **Open to** - All National Highway commuters.
- **Participate by** - Uploading clear, geo-tagged, and time-stamped photographs of unclean toilets through the latest version of the Rajmargyatra mobile application.
- **Reward** - Rs.1,000 (Rupees One Thousand only) in the form of a FASTag recharge credited to the linked vehicle registration number (VRN).
- **Objective** - To encourage National Highway users to actively report unclean toilet facilities at the toll plazas along National Highways.

### National Youth Day

- **Observed annually on** - January 12.
- **Commemoration to** - The birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.
- **Aim** - To encourages young people to realize their potential, aligning personal goals with societal responsibility for a developed India, creating a platform for self-reflection and active participation.



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