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History, Art and Culture

Robert A. F. Thurman

Prime Minister has expressed deep sorrow over the passing of Mr. Robert A. F. Thurman.

• **Robert A. F. Thurman** - An acclaimed *American Buddhist scholar*.

• **Recognized as** - 1st Westerner ordained as a Tibetan Buddhist monk by 14th Dalai Lama.

• **Co-founded** - Tibet House US to protect and preserve endangered Tibetan civilization.

• **Major honours** -

- International Campaign for Tibet's Light of Truth Award (2003)

- **Padma Shri** - India's prestigious civilian honour (2020).

Government Policies & Interventions

Bharat Buildcon 2026

Recently, Bharat Buildcon 2026 exhibition is inaugurated.

• **Bharat Buildcon 2026** - India's premier *exhibition for the construction and building materials industry*.

• **Held at** - Yashobhoomi Convention Centre in New Delhi.

• **Inaugurated by** - Minister of State for Commerce & Industry and Electronics & Information Technology.

• **Participation** - Over 90 Countries and 100 Indian Cities.

- Showcasing Innovations across 24 Building Material Segments.

• **Significance** -

- To establish world's largest platform for building construction materials.

- To drive India's rise as a global infrastructure leader in line with the Viksit Bharat 2047 mission.

CAPEXIL

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CAPEXIL - Chemical & Allied Products Export Promotion Council

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Established by - Ministry of Commerce in 1958.

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Objective - To promote export of Chemical and Allied Products from India.

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Headquarter - Kolkata

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Focus - To provide export assistance to its member exporters.

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Functions -

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To send trade delegations to global & emerging markets.

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To showcase Indian exports via fairs worldwide.

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To connect importer needs with Indian exporters.

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Certification - To claim DGFT benefits, export incentives, and duty drawbacks, RCMC issued by CAPEXIL is must.

(Note: **RCMC** - Registration Cum Membership Certificate, and **DGFT** - Directorate General of Foreign Trade.)

Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

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Nodal ministry - Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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Headquartered - New Delhi.

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Responsible for -

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Formulating and implementing the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP).

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To promote and regulate India's exports and imports.

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Functions -

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Authorization - It manages the Export Management System to issue licenses for restricted goods.

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Certificate management - It oversees digital issuance of essential export certificates, including Certificate of Origin.

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Significance - It acts as restrictor, trade facilitator to boost growth and international business.

National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)

NIXI celebrated 23rd Foundation Day, Showcasing India's Growing Internet Ecosystem recently.

- **Established under** - *Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.*

- **Mandates** - To facilitate the peering of Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and content players.

- To route domestic internet traffic within India rather than sending it abroad.

- **Role** -

- To promote wider *adoption of '.IN' and '.[] [] []' domains*, strengthening internet resilience.

- To facilitate Internet Exchange services.

- To delegate IP addresses (IPv4/IPv6) through the Indian Registry for Internet Names and Numbers (IRINN).

- **Significance** - NIXI's initiatives *reduces latency and lowers international bandwidth costs.*

Economy

Price Support Scheme (PSS)

Centre Approves Large-Scale Procurement of Pulses and Oilseeds Under PSS recently.

- **PSS** - Central government agricultural procurement program.

- **Operates under** - Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) scheme.

- **Nodal ministry** - Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

- **Initiated only** - When the market price of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) produces falls below the declared MSP.

- **Beneficiaries & Eligibility**

- *Farmers must pre-register* with valid land records on state-approved portals.

- The produce *must meet FAQ parameters.*

- All payments are made *directly to the farmer's registered bank account.*

- Procurement operations last until market prices stabilize above the MSP or 90 days (whichever is earlier).

- **Objectives** -

- To protect farmers from economic losses during market crashes

- To keep essential commodities affordable for consumers.

PM-AASHA (Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan)

- **Nodal ministry** - Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

- **Objective** - To ensure remunerative Minimum Support Price (MSP) to farmers and stabilize food prices for consumers.

- **Sub-components** -

- **Price Support Scheme (PSS)** - Procures notified pulses, oilseeds, and copra *at MSP directly from pre-registered farmers.*

- **Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS)** - Compensates farmers for the difference if they sell notified oilseeds below the MSP in open markets.

- **Price Stabilization Fund (PSF)** - Maintains strategic buffer stocks of commodities (like pulses and onions).

- It regulates supply, discourage hoarding.

- **Features** -

- Procurement done directly via portals like NAFED's e-Samriddhi and NCCF's e-Samyukti.

- Mandatory biometric/facial authentication at centers to eliminate intermediaries.

- Payments directly to farmers' bank accounts.

Defence

Exercise Khaan Quest

The Indian Army contingent is set to depart recently to participate in *KHAAN QUEST*.

- It is an annual multilateral military exercise.

- **Co-hosted by** - Mongolia and United States Indo-Pacific Command.

- **Aim** - To enhance interoperability for UN peace support operations under Chapter VII of UN Charter.

- **Location** - Five Hills Training Area, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

- **Background** - Began in 2003 as a bilateral event between the USA and Mongolia, evolved into a multinational exercise.

- **Focus and Activities**

- Joint planning and tactical drills

- Establishing static and mobile checkpoints

- Cordon and search operations

- Evacuation of civilians from hostile areas

- **Significance** - It fosters professional ties, operational readiness, and camaraderie among military personnel from across the globe.

Science

Vivatech 2026 (10th Anniversary Edition).

Recently Prime minister has participated in Vivatech 2026.

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It is a Europe's largest startup and technology event.

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AI Country Partner - India

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Participation from India - Over 80 deep-tech companies and start-ups.

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Key Event Themes -

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Artificial Intelligence

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Productivity Reimagined

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Sovereignty & Ethics

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Energy, Greentech & Mobility

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Cybersecurity & Defence

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Highlights - India's vision for a human-centric AI and frontier technologies.

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Significance -It highlights India-France Year of Innovation 2026.

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It unites global tech ecosystem addressing world challenges through technology.

Health

Dengue

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Dengue is a mosquito-borne viral infection.

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Symptoms -

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High fever

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Severe headache and pain behind the eyes

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Muscle, joint, or bone pain

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Nausea and vomiting

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Transmission -

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Vector - Infected female Aedes mosquitoes (primarily Aedes aegypti and Aedes albopictus).

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These mosquitoes thrive in urban and semi-urban environments, breeding in standing water.

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Treatment - There is no specific treatment.

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Prevention - Avoiding mosquito bites and controlling mosquito populations.



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