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### History, Art and Culture

#### National Workshop on 'Project Mausam'

- Title "Islands at the Crossroads of Maritime Networks within Indian Ocean Region,".
- Held at Humayun's Tomb World Heritage Site Museum.
- **Hosted by -** Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
- **Aim** To bring together superintending archaeologists and regional directors from ASI's coastal circles, fostering a nationwide collaborative framework.

#### GI Tag - Ambaji Marble

Marble from Ambaji, Gujarat's prominent pilgrimage site and Shaktipeeth, has been awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag for its high-quality white stone.

- Tag name Ambaji Marbles Quarry and Factory Association in Banaskantha district.
- **Recognised for -** Its pure white marble sourced from the sacred land of Ambaji.
- **Temples** Ambaji's marble mines date back 1,200-1,500 years, around the time the *Dilwara Jain Temple in Mount Abu* was constructed.
- Temple construction abroad, including in <u>Miami, Los Angeles, Boston, New Zealand and</u> England.
- Composition Silicon oxide and calcium oxide.

## Geography

## **GSI's International Seminar**

Union Minister of Coal & Mines, to Inaugurate GSI's International Seminar in Jaipur.

- **Held in -** Jaipur.
- Theme "Unearthing the Past, Shaping the Future: 175 Years of GSI"
- **Aim** To bring together experts from India and abroad to deliberate on emerging challenges, technological advancements, and the future trajectory of geosciences.

## 175 Years of Geological Survey of India (GSI)

- Established in 1851.
- Nodal ministry Ministry of Mines.
- **Achievement / contribution -** It played a foundational role in geological mapping, mineral exploration, identification of critical and strategic minerals, geohazard studies, and advancing geoscientific research for national development.

#### **Economy**

#### NFRA's Webinar Series 2025-26

- Launched by National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA).
- **Aim** To enhance overall quality of financial reporting ecosystem in India comparable to global benchmarks.
- **Types of outreach programmes** Such as Audit Workshops, Audit Practice Toolkits, Auditor-Audit Committee Interaction series.

### National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA).

- Constituted in 2018, under Sub Section (1) of section 132 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- **Nodal ministry** Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA).
- Functions and Duties
- Recommend accounting and auditing policies and standards to be adopted by companies for approval by the Central Government;
  - Monitor and enforce compliance with accounting standards and auditing standards;
- Oversee the quality of service of the professions associated with ensuring compliance with such standards and suggest measures for improvement in the quality of service;
- Perform such other functions and duties as may be necessary or incidental to the aforesaid functions and duties.

#### Environment

#### Greater Flamingo Sanctuary in Dhanushkodi

A proposal to establish a wind farm in Dhanushkodi has drawn concern over possible ecological impacts on the fragile coastal ecosystem and the nearby Greater Flamingo Sanctuary.

- **Proposed by -** National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE) under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy,
- **Aim** To set up 4 wind turbines with associated facilities and a jetty for logistics and research.
- **Area Classified under -** Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) categories IB, II, and IVA, has been identified as a test location for offshore wind energy research under <u>India's 2015</u> Offshore Wind Energy Policy.
- Threat & ecological impact -
  - It may harm sea life and disrupt fishing jobs.
- The nearby wind farm could harm birds at the Greater Flamingo Sanctuary by causing collisions and disturbing their habitat.
- The project site overlaps with fish breeding areas and turtle nesting grounds and lies close to wetlands frequented by migratory birds such as flamingos between December and March.

#### Security

#### National Seminar on "Defence Quality Assurance"

- **Conducted by -** Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA) and Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM).
- Theme "Advancing Defence Excellence through Quality Assurance".
- **Aim -** To strengthen industry- quality assurance collaboration to accelerate delivery of quality defence stores.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Indian Military Heritage Festival

- Held in New Delhi.
- **Hosted by** United Service Institution of India (USI).
- **Aim** To showcase India's military heritage, engage on contemporary strategic & security issues and highlight emerging ideas shaping the country's defence ecosystem.

#### Miscellaneous

## 8<sup>th</sup> Naturopathy Day

- Organised by National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN).
- **Objectives** To promote the message of holistic health and harmony with nature.
- To create awareness to adopt a balanced diet, exercise, positive thinking, and disciplined living enables the body to heal itself.
- Mahatma Gandhi "Naturopathy is not merely a system of treatment; it is a way of life that establishes harmony between humans and nature".

