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History, Art and Culture

Rani Lakshmibai

Prime Minister pays tributes to Rani Lakshmibai on her birth anniversary.

- **Original name** - Manikarnika Tombe.
- **Born on** - 19th November 1828 in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- **Married to** - The Maharaja of Jhansi, Gangadhar Rao, after she was called Laxmibai.
- Her son Damodar Rao was born in 1851. But he died after 4 months.
- **Adopted son** - Gangadhar Rao died in 1853. Before his death, he adopted his cousin's son Anand Rao, who was renamed Damodar Rao.
- The British East India Company refused to accept their adopted son as legal heir through Doctrine of Lapse and annex Jhansi by Dalhousie in 1853.
- **Revolt of 1857** - It broke out in Meerut, and the Rani was ruling over Jhansi as regent for her minor son.
- Along with Tantia Tope and other rebel soldiers, the Rani captured the fort of Gwalior.
- **Death** - She dies while fighting in Gwalior on 18th June 1858.
- The Indian National Army started its 1st female unit in 1943 and named it after Rani Laxmibai.

Doctrine of Lapse

- **Formulated in** - 1847, by Lord Dalhousie, governor-general of India (1848-56).
- **According to Hindu law** - An individual or a ruler without natural heirs could adopt a person who would then have all the personal and political rights of a son.
- **Doctrine of Lapse** - If an Indian princely state had no male heir or a dispute over succession, the British would take control of it.
- The British, as the supreme authority, claimed the right to approve or reject adopted heirs of Indian rulers, justifying this policy as a means to ensure effective governance in poorly managed states.
- **Annexation of Princely States** - Satara (1848); Jaipur and Sambalpur (1849); Baghat (1850); Udaipur (1852); Jhansi (1853); Nagpur (1854).

Polity & Governance

PENCIL Online Portal

- **PENCIL** - Platform for Effective Enforcement for No Child Labour.
- **Launched by** - Ministry of Labour & Employment.
- **Focus on** - All child workers below the age of 14 years in the identified target area.
- Adolescent workers below the age of 18 years in the target area engaged in hazardous occupations / processes.
- Families of Child workers in the identified target area.

International Relations and Issues

Codex Alimentarius

- It is a collection of *internationally adopted food standards and related texts* presented in a uniform manner.
- **Function under** - FAO and WHO.
- **Aim** - To protecting consumers' health and ensuring fair practices in the food trade.

Codex Executive Committee

India re-elected to codex executive committee secures unanimous mandate for collaborative global food governance.

- **Re-election of India to** - The Executive Committee (CCEXEC) for the *Asia region*.
- This unanimous decision by the global membership confirms India's collaborative leadership role until the *end of CAC50 (2027)*.
- **Significance** - It ensures the technical and trade priorities of the Asian continent are represented at the highest level.

Agriculture

'Sons of the Soil Emerging Achievers Award'

Recently, 5 distinguished personalities of Assam receive lifetime achievement recognition.

- **Instituted in** - 2016.
- **Organised by** - Care Luit.
- **Aim** - To celebrate individuals and organisations whose dedication, innovation and service reflect the *pride and heritage of Assam*.

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Report on "Water Budgeting in Aspirational Blocks"

- **Released by** - NITI Aayog with GIZ India.
- **Varuni** - A web-based platform used for water budgeting exercise.
- **Objective** - To help in localising water budget preparation, identify hot spots in water consumption.
 - To plan for efficient water, use before critical levels are reached for equitable distribution and ensuring resilience.
- **Highlights**
 - To adopt customised strategies across *18 Aspirational Blocks*.
 - These blocks, spread across *8 agro-climatic zones in 11 States* offered a window into the heterogeneity of water resources challenges.

Varuni

- A web-based diagnostic platform, developed by *NITI Aayog and GIZ India*.
- **Aim** - To estimates the gap between water demand and supply by integrating multiple official datasets.
- **Quantifies demand across 4 sectors** —
 - Human Consumption
 - Livestock,
 - Agriculture
 - Industry.
- And maps supply from surface runoff, surface water bodies, groundwater (IN-GRES), and water transfers from irrigation and drinking water schemes.
- **IN-GRES** - "INDIA-Groundwater Resource Estimation System.

Miscellaneous

4th National Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) Sports Meet 2025

- **Hosted by** - Odisha Model Tribal Education Society (OMTES) under the ST & SC Development, Minorities and Backward Classes Welfare Department, Government of Odisha.
- **Organised by** - National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- **Coincides with** - Nationwide celebration of *Bhagwan Birsa Munda Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas*.
- **Aim** - To pay tribute to the valour and sacrifice of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and celebrated the rich legacy of India's tribal freedom movement.

Cambridge Dictionary's Word of the Year

- **Parasocial** - It is defined as a relationship felt by someone between themselves and a famous person they do not know.
- **Word combines** - The term 'social' with the Greek-derived prefix 'para', which means "closely resembling" or "almost".
- **Interaction** - It is characterised as "one-sided", is illusory, where the "fan comes to believe that he 'knows' the persona more intimately and profoundly than others do".

