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History, Art and Culture

Savitribai Phule

- She is a *dalit woman from the Mali community.*
- **Born in –** Naigaon village, Maharashtra.
- **Contributions –**
  - *1st Indian woman teacher*.
  - Started *country's 1st girls' school* along with her husband Jyotirao Phule in Pune, 1848.
  - Founded the *Balhatya Pratibandhak Griha (*India's 1st shelter home *to prevent female infanticide*)
- **Literary works** – Kavya Phule ('Poetry's Blossoms')
- **Tribute** – January 3 is observed as *Women's Education Day*, in honour of Savitribai Phule.

Geography

Periyar River

Recently, Kerala High Court has stressed the need to monitor the cleanliness of the Periyar river.

- It is *longest river in **Kerala*** (244 kilometers).
- **Origin** – *Sivagiri Hills, Western Ghats* (at 1830m. elevation).
- **Mouth** – *Arabian Sea* (mostly empties into Vembanad Lake).
- **Flows through** – Periyar Tiger Reserve.
- **Splits into** – Two major branches i.e, Mangalapuzha and the Marthandavarma *at Aluva*.
- **Tributaries –**
  - Muthirapuzha River
  - Mullayar River
  - Cheruthoni River

Polity & Governance

Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)

Recently IWAI celebrated the International Day of Yoga on the Brahmaputra River across different locations in Assam.

- **Established in –** 1986, under *Inland Waterways Authority of India Act, 1985.*
- **Nodal ministry** – Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
- **Headquarters –** Noida, *Uttar Pradesh*.
- **Supervision –** Construction of terminals,
  - Cargo-handling systems,
  - Night navigation assistance,
  - Dredging to safeguard the Least Available Depth (LAD) required for large vessels.
- **Objective** – To development, maintenance, and regulation of National Waterways.

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)

- KVIC is a *statutory body,* to establish separate organizations to carry out its related activities.
- **Founded in** – April 1957.
- **Headquarters** – Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- **Nodal ministry** – *Ministry of MSME*.
- **Objectives –**
  - To generate employment opportunities and self-reliance.
  - To produce high-quality, marketable goods through non-farming village industries.
  - To provide training, infrastructure, and financial assistance to rural entrepreneurs.

Yoga Sangam 2026

Recently, Indian Coast Guard (ICG) participated yoga day celebrations through Yoga Sangam 2026.

- It is the flagship digital and participatory initiative.
- **Launched by** – *Ministry of Ayush.*
- **Objective** – To arrange synchronized mass yoga demonstrations across India.
- **Theme** – "*Yoga for Healthy Ageing*".
- **Highlights** –
  - Over 1.7 lakh local organisers have registered.
  - Decentralised participation across the country.
  - Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) followed to maintain nationwide synchronicity.

Economy

Drunix platform

Recently, NPCI unveils Drunix to support blockchain and tokenisation ecosystems.

- **Launched by** – National Payments Corporation of India.
- **Built as** – Re-engineered fork of the *Linux Foundation's popular Hyperledger Fabric ecosystem.*
- **Objectives –** It helps organizations to build and scale
  - Private tokenization platforms.
  - Digital asset ecosystems.
  - Complex multi-institution networks.
  - Parallel transaction processing.
- **Significance** – Provides strict governance, data privacy, and permissioned identity management

Security

INS Dunagiri

INS Dunagiri recently commissioned into Indian navy.

- **INS Dunagiri** – Indigenously built *Project 17A Nilgiri-class stealth guided-missile frigate*.
- **Commissioned on** – June 21, 2026, into Indian Navy.
- **Named after** – Mountain peak in the Himalayas.
- **Constructed by** – Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers.
- **Anti-Ship Weaponry –** 8 BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles (Vertical Launch).
- **Feature** – Radar-absorbent hull geometry that reduces its radar cross-section.

INS *Agray*

INS Agray recently commissioned into Indian navy.

- **INS Agray** – Fourth of the Arnala-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft.
- **Commissioned in** – June 2026, into Indian Navy.
- **Constructed by** – Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers.
- **Powered by** – *3 marine diesel engines* utilizing advanced waterjet/pump-jet propulsion.
- **Speed** – 25 knots (46 km/h)
- **Equipped with** –
  - Lightweight torpedoes.
  - Indigenous rocket launchers.
  - Shallow-water sonar systems (detect and engage underwater threats in littoral waters).

INS Sanshodhak

INS Sanshodhak recently commissioned into Indian navy.

- **Classification** – 4th, final ship of the *Survey Vessel (Large) class*.
- **Commissioned in** – June 2026, into Indian Navy.
- **Constructed by** – Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers.
- **Role** – Mapping the ocean floor.
  - Gathering strategic intelligence.
- **Weaponry** – Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs)
  - Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) for Deep-water surveys.

(Note – *Over 75% local content involving 200+ MSMEs* used in INS Agray, INS Dunagiri and INS Sanshodhak ships construction.)

Sports

FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup

The Indian women's hockey team has recently won the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup.

- **Host** – Auckland, New Zealand.
- **Highlights** –
  - **Champions** – India.
  - **Runners-Up** – New Zealand.
  - **Final Score** – India 2 - 0 New Zealand.
  - **Goalscorers** – Navneet Kaur and Sunelita Toppo.
- **Significance** – India secured direct promotion to the upcoming *FIH Hockey Women's Pro League.*

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