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History, Art and Culture

Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom Day

He was the ninth of the ten Sikh Gurus and the youngest son of the sixth Guru, Guru Hargobind.

- **Born** - on April 1, 1621, in Amritsar, Punjab.
- **Martyrdom** - He was executed on November 11, 1675 under the orders of Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb for defending the religious freedom of Kashmiri Pandits and non-Muslims against forced conversion.
 - But **Guru Tegh Bahadur's Martyrdom Day**, is widely commemorated on **November 24**.
 - His sacrifice earned him the title "**Hind ki Chadar**" (Shield of India).
- **Teachings** - His 115 hymns (**Salokas**) are included in the **Guru Granth Sahib**. His philosophy championed justice, equality, spiritual devotion, and service to humanity.
- **Founder of Anandpur Sahib** - He founded the city of Anandpur **Sahib** in Punjab, which later became the pivotal center where his son, Guru Gobind Singh, established the Khalsa Panth.
- **Succession** - He was the father of the tenth and final human Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh.

Lachit Divas 2025

Lachit Divas 2025 was celebrated every year on **November 24, 2025**.

Significance - Commemorates the birth anniversary of Lachit Borphukan, a legendary general of the Ahom Kingdom.

- **Born on** - **November 24, 1622**.
- **Who Lachit Borphukan**- He was the Borphukan (a senior military and administrative post) of the Ahom Kingdom.
- **His greatest achievement** - He is celebrated for his valiant leadership in the **Battle of Saraighat in 1671**, where the Ahom forces decisively defeated the much larger Mughal army on the Brahmaputra river.
- This victory effectively halted the Mughal expansion into Assam.
- **Legacy**: The day honors his courage, strategic brilliance, and unwavering patriotism, making him a symbol of Assamese pride and resistance.

Geography

Arunachal Dao Secures Geographical Indication (GI) Tag

The traditional **Arunachal Pradesh dao**, a hand-forged blade vital to tribal life, has received the **GI** tag.

- **Cultural Recognition** - The GI status formally acknowledges the dao's distinctive cultural product linked to its origin and inherited blacksmithing skills.
- **Preservation Goal** - This protects the identity of tribal artisans and preserves **traditional forging practices**.
- **Economic Boost** - The tag is expected to strengthen market access, enhance branding, and provide better income stability for rural craft clusters.
- **Growing GI Roster** - The dao joins about **20 GI-tagged items** from the state, including Wakro Orange and Yak churpi.
- **Policy Vision** - Authorities plan to expand the portfolio to 50 recognised items by 2030, linking the GI certification to rural development.

Polity & Governance

New Chief Justice (CJI) Takes Office

Justice Surya Kant assumes office today as **India's 53rd CJI**, beginning a **14-month tenure**. President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath.

- **Judicial Progression** - He was elevated to the Punjab and Haryana High Court in 2004. He served as the Chief Justice of the **Himachal Pradesh High Court** before his elevation to the Supreme Court in May 2019.
- **Top Priority** - The CJI's primary focus is reducing the staggering **5.29 crore pending cases** nationwide and strengthening judicial efficiency.
- **Future Plans** - Justice Kant will form **Constitution Benches** (five, seven, and nine judges) to address long-pending and crucial constitutional matters immediately.

India's Insurance Reform Bill

This bill is set for the upcoming Parliament session to reshape India's insurance sector.

- **Higher FDI Limit** - The bill proposes raising the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) ceiling in insurance from 74% to 100% to attract overseas capital.
- **Key Acts Amended** - It amends the Insurance Act 1928, the Life Insurance Corporation Act 1956, and the IRDAI Act 1999 to improve accessibility and streamline procedures.
- **Composite Licences** - A major proposal is the introduction of **composite licences**, allowing a single insurer to offer life, health, and general insurance.
- **Sector Objectives** - These reforms aim for "Insurance for All by 2047," encouraging product diversification and market penetration.
- **Reduced Capital Needs** - The bill allows IRDAI to set entry capital as low as Rs50 crore for select segments and may reduce Net Owned Funds for foreign reinsurers to Rs1,000 crore.

International Relations and Issues

International Response to India's Labour Codes

International Labour Organization (ILO) and the **International Social Security Association (ISSA)** welcomed the Indian government's decision on to implement the **4 Labour Codes**.

- **Significance of the Reform** - These organizations view the codes as a major step contributing to the global movement for social protection and inclusive growth.
- **ILO's Specific Highlights** - ILO Director-General noted the codes' focus on enhancing social protection and establishing minimum wages.
- The ILO emphasized the necessity of social dialogue (among government, employers, and workers) during implementation.
- **ISSA's Perspective** - The ISSA stated that the codes add momentum to global efforts for stronger, more inclusive social security systems.
- **Acknowledged Outcomes** - The international statements acknowledge India's progress toward achieving fair wages, expanding social security coverage, and promoting workforce formalization.

Miscellaneous

Japan's IFFI Focus Films Highlighted

Japan, the Country Focus at the 56th IFFI, featured press interactions for the teams behind the films "**Tiger**" and "**Seaside Serendipity**," sharing creative insights.

- **"Tiger": Addressing LGBTQ+ Issues** - The film is about a 35-year-old masseuse and a property dispute that explores escalating conflict and the **LGBTQ+ community's** challenges with identity and acceptance.
- **Bridging Generations** - The film's core vision is to **bridge the generational gap** between children and adults, fostering mutual understanding.
- **Narrative Themes** - "**Seaside Serendipity**," centered on middle-schooler Sosuke, is set in a seaside town, showcasing children's determination and adults' search for meaning through touching vignettes that celebrate **love and connection**.

India Wins Historic Blind Women's T20 World Cup

India clinched the inaugural Blind Women's T20 World Cup, held in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

- **Governing Body** - World Blind Cricket Council (WBCC).
- **Venue** - The historic final took place on **November 2025**, at the iconic **P Sara Oval, Colombo, Sri Lanka**.
- **Final Match Result** - India secured a commanding seven-wicket victory over Nepal.
- **Historic Significance** - The win establishes India as the **first-ever champion** of this format, boosting global visibility for inclusive and para-sports.
- **Global Governing Body**: Blind cricket is internationally governed by the World Blind Cricket Council (WBCC), using a ball with ball bearings for auditory tracking.
- **Blind Women's T20 World Cup** - is a groundbreaking international cricket tournament for women with visual impairments, marking a major step forward for inclusive sports globally.

National Cashew Day

Celebrated on **November 23rd**, National Cashew Day honors the cashew, often grouped with nuts but technically a **seed**.

- **Origin** - Native to Brazil, the tropical **cashew tree** was spread globally by the Portuguese. It produces a unique fruit, the cashew apple, with the seed encased below it.
- **Seed, Not Nut** - Cashews are seeds because they don't form a hard outer shell like true nuts. They must be **roasted or steamed** before eating to remove a caustic fluid.
- **Health & Culinary** - Cashews are rich in **antioxidants, healthy fats, and minerals** like copper and magnesium. They are a versatile ingredient in cooking, milk substitutes, and oils.

Indian School of Business (ISB) Research Catalyst Award

The ISB presented the Research Catalyst Award to Azim Premji, Founder Chairman of Wipro, at the Insights Forum held in its Mohali campus.

- **Recipient Recognition** - The award recognizes Premji's substantial, long-standing contribution to strengthening India's research and knowledge ecosystem.
- **Advancing Research** - He was honored for promoting evidence-based inquiry, data-driven problem-solving, and offering philanthropic support for research institutions.
- **Insights Forum** - The annual Forum, bringing together academia, industry, government, and philanthropy, focuses on building actionable research agendas.
- **Knowledge Ecosystem** - Speakers emphasized Premji's vital role in cultivating a robust knowledge infrastructure through programs supporting rigorous scholarship and innovation.
- **Focus on Linkages** - A key theme was the growing need for collaborations to translate academic insights into practical solutions and strengthen India's innovation capacity.