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#### History, Art and Culture

##### Ravi Shankar Vyas

- **Born** - Feb 25, 1884, in Gujarat.
- **Role** - 1921 Participated in Indian National Movement demonstrating his commitment by relinquishing his rights to his ancestral property.
- **Associated** - With Mahatma Gandhi & Sardar Patel.
- **Participated in** - Quit India Movement in 1942.

##### Adopt a Heritage 2.0 Programme.

- **Initiated by** - Biseri International & Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)
- **Focus** - On core objective is water conservation at historical sites.
- **Alignment** - This project is in line with India's broader goals for environmental restoration and sustainability.
- **Initial Phase** - Will concentrate on reviving four historically significant water bodies
  - Chand Baori (Abhaneri, Rajasthan)
  - Baori at Neemrana (Rajasthan)
  - Padma and Rani Talabs at Ranthambore Fort (Rajasthan)
  - Budha Budhi Pond at Kalinjar Fort (Uttar Pradesh)

#### Geography

##### Dukono Eruption

- **Located in** - Halmahera Island in North Maluku, Indonesia.
- **Nature of Volcano** - Active
- **Indonesia** - Has 130 active volcanoes, Situated on the Ring of Fire, faces frequent eruptions & earthquakes.
- **Active volcanoes** - Mount Merapi and Kelut, both located on Java Island of Indonesia.
- **Pacific Ring of Fire** - This 40,000km zone, with tectonic plate interactions, causes 90% of global earthquakes.

##### Zagros Mountains

- **Located In** - Iraq was pulled into the Earth.
- **Highest Peak** - Mount Dena.
- **Ancient city** - Susa.
- **Formation of Mountain** - Tectonic in Origin formed during Miocene and Pliocene orogenic episodes.
- This resulted in Arabian Plate's subduction under the Eurasian Plate, creating a 1,500km natural barrier.
- **Geographic Extension** - Stretching from Turkey to Iran, ending at the Strait of Hormuz.

#### Polity & Governance

##### Principal Secretary (PS) to the PM

*Shaktikanta Das recently appointed as Principal Secretary to the PM.*

- **Former post** - Governor of RBI.
- **PS Administrative head of** - Prime Minister's Office (PMO).
- **Functions** - Briefing notes for discussions with foreign dignitaries, ensuring inter-ministerial coordination, and managing key communications for the PM.
- **Advisory Role** - Assisting the Prime Minister on various domestic and foreign policy matters.

#### International Relations and Issues

### India to Host 12<sup>th</sup> Regional 3R & Circular Economy Conference in Jaipur.

- **Nodal Agency**- Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
- **Launched by** - United Nations Centre for Regional Development in 2009.
- **Theme**- Realizing Circular Societies Towards Achieving Sustainable Development Goals & Carbon Neutrality in Asia-Pacific”.
- **Aim** - Provide strategic policy inputs to Asia-Pacific governments for 3R and circularity, while sharing best practices.
- **Features** - India's achievements in the 3R and circular economy, featuring exhibitions from key ministries and missions.
- The conference will include an international '3R trade and technology exhibition' with participants from Indian and Japanese businesses.
- The event will conclude with the 'Jaipur Declaration,' aimed at promoting a resource efficient circular economy in the Asia-Pacific region.

### **Economy**

#### Compendium of Datasets and Registries in India 2024

- **Nodal Ministry**- Ministry of Statistics
- **Data Centralization** - Consolidation of 270 datasets from 40 Ministries.
- **Objective** - Offering a single access point for diverse sectors like agriculture, health, and education, aiding informed decisions.
- **Metadata Standardization**- Detailing with collection methods, update frequency & sharing policies, ensures data reliability and user trust.
- **Legal and Regulatory Framework**- Each dataset has a legal and regulatory framework.
- Outlines rules for data collection and dissemination.
- Crucial for stakeholders to understand regulations for responsible data use.

### **Environment**

#### Soliga Tribe-Guardians of the BRT Tiger Reserve

- **Soliga meaning** - "Children of bamboo”.
- **Reside** - In Karnataka's Biligiri Rangana & Male Mahadeshwara Hills.
- **Population Found** - Karnataka & Tamil Nadu.
- **Language spoken**- Sholaga, Kannada & Tamil.
- **Unique Rights & Habitat** - They are the India's 1st tribe granted official rights within a tiger reserve to Own, manage, and use forest resources.
- **Role** - Conservation of Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple Tiger Reserve.
- **Livelihood** - Engage in shifting cultivation and forest product collection, with honey being a vital food source.

#### Prakriti 2025

- **Inauguration** - Union Minister for Power, Shri Manohar Lal.
- **Location** - New Delhi.
- **Focus** - Carbon markets and transformational climate initiatives.
- **Goal** - Promoting resilience, awareness, knowledge, and resources.

### **Security**

#### Sagar Kavach' security exercise

- **Location**- West Bengal coastline.**Objective** - Exercise aimed to improve Standard Operating Procedures and enhance inter-agency coordination for India's eastern maritime border.
- **Functions** - Scenarios involving hijacked fishing boats and barges.
- Tested response to illegal transportation of goods along the coastline.
- Focused on detection and disposal of improvised explosive devices on critical infrastructure.



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