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History, Art and Culture

Herath Poshte

• **Festival celebrated on –** Shiva Ratri by Kashmiri Pandit.
• **Calendar followed –** *Hindu lunar*.
• **Ritual –** Vatuk Pooja, a decorated vessel filled with water and walnuts.
• **Gathering place –** *Shankaracharya Temple, Srinagar.*

Vinayak Damodar Savarkar

• **Born on** – May 28, 1883, Nashik.
• **Death –** 26 Feb, 1966, Mumbai.
• **Ideology** – Hindutva.
• **Member of** – *Hindu Mahasabha*.
• **Work** – *Writings & activism* aimed to inspire and mobilize Indians against British colonial rule.
• **Notable:**
  - Indian War of Independence, 1857.
  - Founded Abhinav Bharat Society (later Known as Mitra mela), & Free India Society.
  - Role in Independence movement.

Jhumoir Dance

• It is the *largest-ever* Jhumoir dance performance at *Guwahati, Assam.*
• **Emerged in** – Assam's tea gardens in the early 1800s.
• **Aims** – To offer workers a joyful outlet after long days of labor.
• **Cultural Expression –** It reflects the unity and cultural heritage of tea garden workers and *Adivasi communities*.
• **Artistic Elements –** Vibrant costumes and synchronized movements characterize the dance.
• **Traditional instruments –** Dhol, madal, and flutes.

Geography

Earthquake recorded in Bay of Bengal (BOB)

• **Epicenter at –** Near *Puri, Odisha*, in BOB.
• **Occurred at** – Depth of *91 km*.
• **Tremor recorded areas** – Across Odisha, including, Paradip, Puri & Berhampur.
  - **Paradip –** *Natural & Deep-water Port,* highest cargo-handling major port in financial year 2023-24.
  - **Puri Known for –** Jagannath Temple.
  - **Berhampur Known as** – Silk City of India.

Polity & Governance

Digital Audit Enhancement

• **MOU between** – CAG & IIT Madras.
• **Aims –** Sharing digital technology, build capacity for *auditing digital data* and remotely assessing institutions.
• **Area of Focus** – Developing protocols for digital audits, ensuring job effectiveness & addresses cybersecurity & updating manuals for auditing entities with digital data.
- Data security, digital infrastructure, and joint R&D.

International Relations and Issues

Vietnam Defines Gulf of Tonkin Baseline

• **Vietnam Baseline Alignment –** Extended's from Quang Ninh to Quang Tri, adheres to UNCLOS 1982.
• It is aligned with the 2000 Vietnam-China Gulf of Tonkin *Delimitation Agreement.*
- **Gulf of Tonkin -** Located in the northwestern South China Sea.
- **Bordered by** – Vietnam and China.
- **River –** Red River (Vietnam) is the gulf's *largest river inflow*.
• **Territorial Disputes -** China's 2023 *baseline publication* caused diplomatic tensions with Vietnam.
• **Vietnam** – Emphasizes international law compliance and *maritime rights* enforcement.

International Finance Corporation (IFC)

IFC declined against investing in a proposed $40 million loan for waste-to-energy (WTE) incineration projects in Gujarat.
• **Established in** – *1956*.
• **Headquarters –** Washington D.C, USA.
• **Mission –** Fostering economic development.
• **IFC** – It operates as the *private sector lending arm* of the World Bank Group.
• **President** – World Bank President also serves as its President.
• **Function** – Financing private enterprise investments in developing nations.

Environment

Mangrove Bio-Shields

• **Protective Vegetation** – Coastal mangroves act as crucial bio-shields, *mitigating tsunami and flood impacts*.
• **Root System –** It possess complex root systems, thriving in *saline coastal areas*.
• **Impact –** These sturdy structures dissipate wave energy, minimizing storm damage.
• It lessen the impact of debris on coastal infrastructure and buildings.

Security

Crew Deployment for Tamal Commissioning

• **Build by –** *Russia for India* at Yantar Shipyard, Kaliningrad, Russia.
• **Type –** Tushil class frigates follow the Talwar class and are part of Project 1135. 6.
• **Tamal** – It is the *last imported warship*.
• **Indian Shipbuilding Progress –** It is transitioning to domestic warship construction, with over 60 ships, marking a shift to a "builder's navy."

INS Guldar: From Warship to Reef

• The Indian Navy transferred the decommissioned INS Guldar to Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation Limited.
• **Aims** – To create an *underwater museum and artificial reef*.
• **INS Guldar** – Built in Poland, served the Indian Navy for 39 years.
• **Area of Operation –** Eastern Naval Command and the Andaman and Nicobar Command.
• **Operational Service –** Op Aman and Op Pawan.



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