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History, Art and Culture

Birth Anniversary of Mahamana Malaviya

Vice President releases final series of 'The Collected Works of Madan Mohan Malaviya' on the birth anniversary of Mahamana Malaviya.

- He was an Indian educationist and freedom fighter, and served 3 terms as president of the Indian National Congress.
- **Born on** - 25th December 1861 in Prayagraj and died on 12th November 1946.
- **Honoured as** - 'Mahamana' by Mahatma Gandhi.
- **Founded** - Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in Varanasi in 1916.
- Hindu Mahasabha, formed in India in 1915, was co-founded by Madan Mohan Malaviya.
- **Established** - The English-language newspaper "The Leader" and Hindi Newspaper "Maryada" (1910).
- **Awards** - Posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna in 2014.

'Veer Baal Diwas'

- **Observed annually on** - 26th December.
- **Started in** - 2022, by Prime Minister.
- **Objective** - To Commemorate the martyrdom of Sahibzadas Baba Zorawar Singh Ji and Baba Fateh Singh Ji, the sons of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, whose unparalleled sacrifice continues to inspire generations.

Polity & Governance

Next-Generation Quality Reforms

- It is a comprehensive set of next-generation system-wide quality reforms, announced on the eve of Sushasan Divas 2025.
- **Announced by** - Quality Council of India (QCI).
- **Objectives** - To power the quality ecosystem include the unveiling of the Q Mark - Desh ka Haq, a QR-coded Mark of Quality to enable citizens to know their laboratory, hospital and MSME, ensuring full disclosure and eliminating fake certificates.
- To have a transformative impact across sectors such as healthcare, laboratories, MSMEs and manufacturing.
- **Significance** - It strengthens India's quality ecosystem and advance the national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Security

'Anti-Terror Conference'

- A platform for brainstorming India's next-generation strategies to counter emerging threats.
- **Organized by** - National Investigation Agency, Ministry of Home Affairs.
- **Objectives** -
• To share experiences and good practices across law enforcement agencies in addressing counter-terrorism (CT) issues and lessons from terror investigations.
- To focus on developing synergies among various stake holders by establishing formal and informal channels for coordinated action against the menace of terrorism.

Samudra Pratap (Yard 1267)

- It is the 1st indigenously designed and built Pollution Control Vessel of the Indian Coast Guard.
- It is the largest ship in the ICG fleet, significantly enhancing the Coast Guard's operational reach and capability.
- **Features -**
 - Equipped with state-of-the-art technology, including a 30mm CRN-91 gun, two 12.7mm stabilised remote-controlled guns with integrated fire control systems.
 - An indigenously developed Integrated Bridge System.
 - Integrated Platform Management System.
 - Automated Power Management System, and a high-capacity external firefighting system.
 - 1st ICG ship to be equipped with Dynamic Positioning capability (DP-1), with FiFi-2 / FFV-2 notation certificate.
 - Advanced systems to detect oil spills viz Oil finger printing machine.
 - Gyro stabilized Standoff Active Chemical Detector and PC lab equipment enabling comprehensive pollution response operations within the Exclusive Economic Zone and beyond.
 - It is capable of high precision operations, recover pollutants from viscous oil, analyse contaminants, and separate oil from contaminated water.

Science

Nationwide Sample Collection and Testing

- **MoU signed between** - National Test House (NTH), Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, and Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications.
- **Aim** - To facilitate nationwide collection of samples and their safe, reliable, and timely delivery to NTH laboratories for testing.
- **Significance** - This strategic collaboration will significantly enhance the accessibility, affordability, and efficiency of NTH's testing services by addressing logistical challenges and reducing turnaround time.

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Good Governance Day

- **Observed annually on** - 25th December.
- **Objective** - To commemorate the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, whose leadership emphasised accountability, transparency, and inclusive growth.
- **Note** - According to the United Nations, "Good governance is *participatory, consensus oriented, accountable, transparent, responsive, effective and efficient, equitable and inclusive, and follows the rule of law*".

Good Governance Week

- It has emerged as a nationwide initiative.
- **Observed annually from** - December 19 to 25.
- **Aim** - To improve service delivery, strengthen grievance redressal mechanisms and promote citizen-centric administration.

Good Governance Index (GGI)

- It is a composite assessment of governance performance across states and union territories, translating policy intent into measurable, citizen-centric outcomes.
- It identifies 10 key sectors.



Miscellaneous

Sansad Khel Mahotsav

- It is a national-level sports festival.
- **Organized in** - Agra from December 21 to 25, by Parliament of India.
- **Aim** - To promote youth participation, discipline, teamwork, and holistic development.
- **Key focus On** -
 - **Sports Awareness** - To emphasized sports as a tool to build discipline, teamwork, character, and physical fitness.
 - **Drug Awareness** - To avoid drugs and adopt healthy lifestyle choices by adopting "No to drugs and Yes to sports" spirit.
 - **Government Initiatives** - To highlight programs like Khelo India, Fit India Movement, and support for indigenous sports.
 - **Women in Sports** - To underline importance of women's participation, referencing initiatives like ASMITA Women's League.

