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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 0n 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 0n –**
- **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.*

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