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#### History, Art and Culture

##### National Seminar on Buddhism in Modern India

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**Organized by** - National Commission for Minorities (NCM).

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**Theme** - “Buddhism in Modern India: Navigating Cultural and Social Pathways”.

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**Objective** - To strengthen Buddhism’s cultural and social pathways in modern India.

#### Polity & Governance

##### Conference on Litigation Management

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**Organized by** - Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice.

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**Theme** - “Strengthening Institutional Litigation Governance for Viksit Bharat @2047”.

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**Key focus on** - Implement the Directive on Litigation Management, 2025.

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Minimize recurring cases.

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Strengthen institutional dispute resolution.

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Use digital tools (e.g., LIMBS) for monitoring and decisions.

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**Objectives** - To treat litigation as a core governance function with strong follow-up and review mechanisms.

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To build a robust administrative system to reduce pendency, cut costs, and ensure compliance with judicial decisions.

#### International Relations and Issues

## **India-Bhutan Cooperation on Rivers & Hydropower**

Secretary (DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti), led an Indian team to Bhutan.

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**Objective** - To strengthen cooperation on trans-boundary rivers, hydropower projects, and flood management.

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**Key discussions** -

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Enhancing flood forecasting and data-sharing mechanisms.

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Modernising hydro-meteorological networks.

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Collaboration on capacity building & technical exchanges.

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Addressing climate change challenges (GLOFs, extreme weather).

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**Site visits** - Punatsangchhu-I (under construction), Punatsangchhu-II (recently commissioned), NCHM facilities, and water treatment projects.

## **Economy**

### **Ahmedabad-Dholera Expressway (NE-8)**

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**Built under** - Bharatmala Pariyojana.

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**Connectivity Improvements**

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**Ahmedabad to Dholera** - Distance reduced from 100 km (2 hours 15 minutes) to 83 km (45 minutes).

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**Ahmedabad to Bhavnagar** - Distance reduced from 169 km (3 hours 15 minutes) to 141 km (1 hour 45 minutes).

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**Impact**

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Expected to increase investment in the *Dholera Special Investment Region (DSIR)* and promote regional economic growth.

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Saves 2-2.5 hrs per trip, improving family time and village-city integration.

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**Objective** - To redefine travel, reducing distances, fostering investment, and building a greener future.

### **NE-8's Build & Features**

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Reused 60 lakh MT waste, 22 lakh MT fly ash, planted 4.2 lakh+ trees.

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30m median for future 8-lane expansion.

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Direct link to Dholera International Airport.

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A parallel semi-high-speed rail corridor is planned alongside the expressway.

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Modern tolling, amenities, and extensive structures (ROBs, flyovers, underpasses).

### Indian Institute of Handloom Technology (IIHT)

Vice President of India, inaugurated the new academic building of the IIHT.

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**Inaugurated in** - Salem.

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**Objective** - To Strengthen handloom education, skill development, and research to empower weavers and align production with modern market demand.

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**Facilities** - Modern classrooms, digital library, seminar hall, labs, training spaces, and the Controller of Examinations office for all 11 IIHTs.

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**Significance** - It modernizes Tamil Nadu's textile ecosystem and advancing Atmanirbhar Bharat.

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**Note** - India now has 18 FTAs with 56 countries, expanding global market access for textiles and handlooms.

### Agriculture

#### Temporary Discontinuation of Rice Fortification

Government of India has temporarily halted rice fortification under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) and allied welfare schemes.

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**Rice varieties** - Fortified rice kernels (FRK) and fortified rice (FR).

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**Reason** -

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FRK and FR lose micronutrients during *prolonged storage* due to factors like moisture, temperature, humidity, and packaging.

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This reduces their effective *shelf life and limits nutritional benefits*.

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**Impact** - No change in foodgrain entitlements; PDS, ICDS, and Mid-Day Meal remain unaffected.

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**Transition** - States/UTs may distribute fortified or non-fortified rice for KMS 2025-26 and pending 2024-25 stocks.

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**Next Step** - Fortification will resume only after a stronger nutrient delivery system is developed.

### Security

#### Exercise 'VAYUSHAKTI-26'

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**Held at** - Pokhran Range, Jaisalmer.

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**Guided by** - "Achook, Abhedya aur Sateek" - reaffirming IAF's role as a multi-domain, integrated force and strategic deterrent.

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**Objective** - To demonstrate its formidable combat readiness, operational synergy and technological prowess across full spectrum of air operations.

### Science

### **PM-SETU Industry Leadership Conclave**

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**PM-SETU** - Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded it is.

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**Held in** - Bhopal.

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**Hosted by** - Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE).

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**Industry role** - Partners can co-create curricula, modernize equipment, restructure clusters, and embed global best practices.

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**Global collaborations**

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France - Centre of Excellence in Aeronautics (NSTI Kanpur).

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Germany - Renewable Energy (NSTI Hyderabad).

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Singapore - Advanced Manufacturing (NSTI Chennai).

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**Objectives** - To strengthen ITIs by placing industry at the center of governance.

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To ensure training aligns with real-time industrial demand.

### **National Arogya Fair 2026**

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**Held in** - Shegaon.

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**Nodal ministry** - Ministry of Ayush.

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**Objectives** - To strengthen preventive, promotive, and integrative healthcare through various Ayush systems of medicine.

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To Promote rural livelihoods by encouraging medicinal plant cultivation and value addition.

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**Significance** - It reinforces the Ministry's vision of holistic health, rural empowerment and global leadership in Ayush systems.