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History, Art and Culture

Swatantryaveer Vinayak Damodar Savarkar (1883-1966)
A freedom fighter, revolutionary, writer, lawyer, social reformer.
• **History –** Born 28 May 1883, Nashik
• **Organisations –** Founded Mitra Mela (1899)**;** Abhinav Bharat Society (1904); established Free India Society (London, 1906).
• **Writings –***Hindutva: Who is a Hindu?* (1923) and *The History of the First War of Indian Independence* wrote under pen-name *Mahratta*.
• **Social Reform –** Advocated civil liberties, caste abolition, inter-caste marriages, Dalit temple entry (Patit-Pavan Mandir) and reconversion to Hinduism.
• **Legacy –**Port Blair Airport renamed Veer Savarkar International Airport (2002).

Polity & Governance

Nirbhay Raho Initiative
• **Nodal Ministry –** Ministry of Panchayati Raj in collaboration with Ministry of Women & Child Development
• **Aim -** Improving women's safety and strengthening gender-sensitive governance in rural India.
• **Launched on –** March 2026 under the Nirbhaya Fund.
• **Key Components**
  - **Nirbhay Netri** – Capacity building & legal awareness for elected women representatives.
  - **Nirbhay Chetna** – Sensitisation of male representatives on gender equality.
  - **Nirbhay Drishti** – Installation of CCTV cameras at strategic rural locations.

Security

Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team (Indian Air Force)
• Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT) is an elite 9 aircraft demonstration squadron of the Indian Air Force (IAF) celeberated as *Ambassadors of the Sky.*
• **Origin** – Formed in *1996* with HAL HJT-16 Kiran Mk.II trainers.
• **First display –** 8 October 1996 (IAF Day, Palam).
• **Aircraft** – Currently flies *9 BAe Hawk Mk132 (subsonic)* jets from *Bidar Air Base.*
• **Motto –** Sadaiva Sarvottama (Always the Best)
• **History** – Successor to the **Thunderbolts** (1982, Hawker Hunter F.56A).
• **Significance** – Only 9 aircraft display team in Asia, Aircraft color – Red and White

Miscellaneous

SAIL-EdCIL MoU
• **MoU –** Establish Smart Digital Classrooms in schools around SAIL's operational areas under CSR initiative.
• **SAIL –** Steel Authority of India Limited, Maharatna, Public Sector Undertaking, under Ministry of Steel.
• **EdCIL –** Educational Consultants India Limited Ltd., Miniratna, Public Sector Undertaking, under Ministry of Education.
• **Policy Linkage –** Aligns with National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
• **SDG Linkage –** Advances SDG-4 (Quality Education), inclusive, equitable, quality learning opportunities for all.

Polity & Governance

Chintan Shivir – Purvottar

A platform for leadership development, technological modernization, and institutional strengthening.

• **Held in –** Shillong, Meghalaya.
• **Organised by** – Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports in collaboration with *MY Bharat.*
• **Area of Focus** - Transformational leadership, strategic planning of Annual Action Plans, digital youth engagement via MY Bharat Portal, NSS strengthening, thematic discussions, and initiatives like Fit India, PM Internship Scheme, and youth mobilisation strategies.
• **Aims to** - generate action-oriented recommendations aligned with *Vision 2047***.**

Nasha Mukt Yuva

It is a conclave focusing on the challenge of *substance abuse among youth*, particularly in Northeast India, through awareness generation, collaborative action and youth-led community engagement.

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• **Key Highlights** – Presentations on the *MY Bharat Portal* and the *Nasha Mukt Yuva Abhiyan*, thematic sessions on substance abuse prevention and rehabilitation models, best practices from de-addiction organisations, and a collective *Nasha Mukti Pledge* Ceremony.
• **Significance** – Aims to sensitise on the adverse impacts of substance abuse, mobilise youth as ambassadors of a *drug-free India*, aligned with the vision of *Viksit Bharat @2047.*

Agriculture

Protection of Regulatory Data (PRD) Framework

It is a policy mechanism proposed by CropLife India to protect the proprietary data they generate when introducing new chemical molecules or new uses for existing ones.

• **Proposed under** – Draft Pesticides Management Bill, 2026.
• **Suggested by** – CropLife India (industry body of pesticide manufacturers).
• **Objective** – Provide a *time-bound (5 years) exclusivity* for safety, efficacy, residue, and environmental data of new molecules/uses.
• **Significance** – Incentivizes innovation, ensures faster farmer access to safer crop protection technologies, and aligns with global residue norms.

Miscellaneous

Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD)

• **Observed annually on –** Third Thursday of May.
• **Declared in –** 2012.
• **Objective –** Raise awareness on digital access and inclusion for over one billion people with disabilities.
• **Core Purpose –** Promotes accessible design in websites, apps, software, and digital documents, ensuring independent use by all.
• **Focus Areas –**
• **Visual –** Screen readers, alt text, high contrast.
• **Hearing –** Closed captions, visual alternatives.
• **Motor/Physical –** Keyboard navigation, adaptive hardware.
• **Cognitive –** Simple layouts, predictable navigation, plain language.

International Classification of Health Interventions (ICHI)

It is a common WHO tool for clinical recording, reporting and analysing health interventions for clinical and statistical purposes.

• **Coverage –** Includes interventions across the full scope of health systems – Diagnostic, medical, surgical, mental health, primary care, allied health, rehabilitation, functioning support, traditional medicine and public health.

• **Structure –** Built around 3 axes –
  - Target (entity acted upon)
  - Action (deed done)
  - Means (process/method used).

• **Open licensing framework –** ICHI is freely available under WHO licensing, permitted for use across all WHO Member States, including lawful training of AI systems for intervention coding.

• **India Linkage –** *Ministry of Ayush and WHO-ICHI are collaborating* to develop a standardized, scientifically robust coding vocabulary for clinical interventions in Ayurveda, Siddha, and Unani (ASU) and establish *National Health Intervention Codes (NHIC).*

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