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History, Art and Culture

World Sanskrit Day 2025

Observed annually on - *Shravan Purnima*, which usually falls in August, according to the Hindu lunar calendar.

Date coincides with - Festivals like *Raksha Bandhan and Upakarma*.

Aim - To promote its learning, preserve its cultural heritage, and highlight its relevance in modern times.

Polity & Governance

Section 152 - Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita

Aim - To protect national security and prevent activities that could harm the country's integrity or encourage disunity.

Offence - Act *endangering sovereignty, unity and integrity* of India.

It is a *cognizable & non-bailable*.

Coverage - Secession, armed rebellion & subversive activities.

Punishment - Imprisonment for life, or imprisonment for 7 years and fine.

Health

Soil Transmitted Worms

It is *parasitic worm infections*.

Transmitted by - Eggs present in human faeces, which contaminate the soil.

Impact - Infected children are nutritionally and physically impaired, iron deficiency, fatigue, & poor academic performance.

Mitigation - Periodical deworming to eliminate infecting worms, and improved sanitation to reduce soil contamination.

National Deworming Day or Campaign

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Launched in - 2015 by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Conducted bi-annually on - 10th February & 10th August.

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Aim - To deworm all preschool and school-age children (enrolled and non-enrolled) between the ages of 1-19 years.

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Conducted through - Schools and Anganwadi Centres by providing chewable Albendazole tablet.

Albendazole

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Albendazole is an *anthelmintic medication* used to treat various parasitic worm infections.

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Functions - To prevent the worms from absorbing sugar (glucose), which causes them to lose energy and die.

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Diagnosis - Pork tapeworm, dog tapeworm, roundworms, hookworms, threadworms, whipworms, pinworms, flukes, and other parasites.

Security

RAN SAMWAD-2025

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It is a first-of-its-kind *Tri-service seminar* on war, warfare & warfighting, at Army War College in MP.

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Aim - To enhance interaction, communication and cooperation among military communities *on issues critical to warfighting*.

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Themes - Information Warfare and Grey Zone Threats to Integrated Operations and Future Combat Technologies.

Operation "Rainbow"

9 kg cocaine, hashish and MDMA worth around Rs. 40 crores seized in Delhi.

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Conducted by - Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI).

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Aim - To curb the smuggling of various narcotic drugs.

Science

Integrated Air Drop Test (IADT-1)

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It is a trial to ensure the reliability of the parachute system's performance in real-world conditions.

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Developed by - Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

• Aim

Aim - To accomplish end-to-end demonstration of <u>parachute-based deceleration system</u> for <u>Gaganyaan missions</u>.

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Demonstrated with - A dummy crew capsule (5 tonnes) was lifted up through the air before being dropped by a Chinook helicopter.

OpenAI

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It is an *American-based Artificial Intelligence (AI) research organization*.

Founded in - 2015.

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Consist of 2 entities -

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OpenAI Inc., a non-profit research segment.

OpenAI Global LLC, a for-profit & commercialization of its AI applications.

Aim - To Develop Artificial General Intelligence (AGI).

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Launched Products - ChatGPT, Codex, whisper and DELL-E.

Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS)

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IVRS - It is an <u>automated telephone system technology</u> that enables callers to receive, provide information or make requests by using <u>voice or menu inputs</u>.

Powered by - A prerecorded messaging or text-to-speech technology with a <u>dual-tone</u> multifrequency (DTMF) interface.

