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History, Art and Culture

25th Edition of Bharat Rang Mahotsav (BRM) 2026

- **BRM** - It is the world's largest international theatre festival.
- **Held at** - National School of Drama (NSD), New Delhi.
- **Inaugurated by** - Ministry of Culture.
- **Key highlights** - Launch of the *NSD App-based Radio Station "Rang Akash"* and the *NSD OTT platform "Naatyam"*.
- **Objectives** - To connects India's diverse cultural traditions, stories, and artistic expressions with audiences across the world.
- To enable a deeper understanding of the nation's rich cultural heritage on an international stage.

Mauni Amavasya

Indian railways run 244 special trains during Mauni Amavasya.

- **Observed on** - New Moon Day in the month of Magha, according to Hindu calendar.
- **Significant day** - To honour to our ancestors and forefathers.
- Devotees take baths in holy rivers such as the *Saraswati, Yamuna, or Ganges etc.*
- **Astrological importance** - Five planets are aligning in the same zodiac sign.

Polity & Governance

New Aadhaar App

New Aadhaar App dedicated to the nation.

- **Developed by** - Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).
- **Objective** - To provide Aadhaar Number Holders (ANH) with a secure, convenient and privacy-first way to carry, share, show and verify their digital identity.
- **Features & functionalities** -
 - Face verification for proof of presence.
 - Biometric lock/unlock in a single click.
 - Viewing of authentication history.
 - QR-based contact card for easy sharing of contact details.
 - It allows management of up to 5 Aadhaar profiles on a single device, enabling the concept of *"One Family - One App."*

Economy

Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train project

Installation of overhead electrification masts is progressing well on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train project.

- India's 1st high-speed rail system.
- **Execution under** - 'Make in India' initiative.
- **Advantage** - To benefit passengers, local economies, and Indian industry through job creation and strengthened manufacturing.

Postal Channel Enabled with Export Benefits

- **Operationalised by** - Department of Posts (DoP), Ministry of Communications.
- **Extension of export benefits** -
 - Duty Drawback.
 - Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP).
 - Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL)—for exports made through the postal channel.
- **Facilitated through** - Dak Ghar Niryat Kendras (DNKs).
- **Objectives** - To simplify and broaden access to exports, especially for MSMEs, artisans, start-ups and small exporters, who largely depend on the postal network for low- and medium-value international consignments.
- **Significance** - It align with the objectives of the *Foreign Trade Policy 2023* and the Government's focus on *Ease of Doing Business* and promotion of *cross-border e-commerce*.

Dak Ghar Niryat Kendras (DNKs)

- **Joint initiative of** - Department of Posts and Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- It provides end-to-end export facilitation under one roof.
- At present, 1,013 DNKs are operational across the country.
- **Objective** - To enable exporters from even remote and underserved regions to access global markets through booking, digital documentation, and seamless customs clearance.

International Tracked Packet Service (ITPS)

- **ITPS** - It is a competitive service for transmission and delivery of packets.
- **Service offered by** - Indian post.
- **Available in** - 135 countries.
- **Features** - A single-window, end-to-end export solution, including pick-up, documentation, online payments, faceless customs clearance, and real-time tracking.
- **Objectives** -
 - To meet the cross-border shipping requirements of e-commerce exporter including MSMEs, small businesses, merchants, etc.
 - To promote exports of their products using local post offices.

Agriculture

Progress of Area Coverage under Rabi Crops

Rabi sowing records robust growth.

- **Total area coverage** - Increases by 20.88 lakh hectare over last year.
- **Pulses** - Area rises by 3.82 lakh hectare.
- **Gram** - Records significant increase of 4.66 lakh hectare.
- **Overall rabi crop coverage** - Reaches 652.33 lakh hectare reflecting steady progress of the season.

Organic Conclave-cum-Buyer Seller Meet

- **Organised by** - Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce and Industry with the Government of Assam.
- **Objective** - To strengthen Agri-export linkages and improving market access for Assam's agricultural and processed food products.

Science

Internet Governance Internship & Capacity Building Scheme (IGICBS)

NIXI marks one year of IGICBS scheme.

- **Initiative by** - National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI).
- **Objective** - To strengthen *youth engagement and institutional capacity* in the dynamic of Internet Governance ecosystem and digital infrastructure.
- **Key highlights** -
 - The *IGICBS portal was launched*, along with the release of the *IGICBS Impact Report*.
 - Successfully trained *10,000+ participants*.
- **Significance** - It aligns with broader vision of fostering a secure, inclusive, and resilient digital ecosystem through knowledge-led initiatives.

