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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.

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