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History, Art and Culture

Sri Nadaprabhu Kempegowda

Vice-President pays tributes to Nadaprabhu Sri Kempegowda on his 517th Birth Anniversary in Bengaluru,

• He is Known as Kempe Gowda, (1510-1569), ruler under the Vijayanagara Empire.

• Remembered as a visionary leader and reformer.

Contributions

• **Founder of Bengaluru** - Founded in 1537, creating a lasting legacy for the city.

• Built Bengaluru Fort and Bengaluru Pete (market town), shaping the city's enduring foundation.

• **Social Reforms** - Abolished the custom of amputating two fingers of unmarried women during Bandi Devaru.

• **Sustainable Vision** - Designed interconnected lakes, water channels, and tree plantations to create a sustainable legacy.

Chardham Yatra



1. TRADITIONAL YATRA



COVERS FOUR HIMALAYAN SHRINES:
YAMUNOTRI, GANGOTRI,
KEDARNATH, BADRINATH.



MODE OF TRAVEL

Travel by road and trekking through high-altitude terrain.



EXPERIENCE

Spiritually enriching journey with diverse landscapes and local experiences.



CHALLENGES

Long hours of travel, unpredictable weather, physical strain.



DURATION

Usually 9-12 days (Depending on itinerary and weather)



COST

More economical. Road travel, basic accommodation.



IDEAL FOR

Adventure seekers, devotees who prefer traditional pilgrimage experience.

2. HELICOPTER YATRA



PREMIUM OPTION REDUCING TRAVEL TIME AND EFFORT.



MODE OF TRAVEL

By helicopter between shrines with ground transfers.



EXPERIENCE

Comfortable, convenient and time-saving whilst ensuring a divine experience.



BENEFITS

Reduces physical strain, safe, reliable and suitable for all age groups.



DURATION

Usually 4-6 days (Complete circuit)



COST

Premium package. Includes flights, hotels, meals & services.



IDEAL FOR

Elderly pilgrims, busy professionals, international travelers.

Geography

Suji River

A landslide in Arunachal blocked the Siji river, forming an artificial lake and prompting flash-flood alerts downstream in Assam.

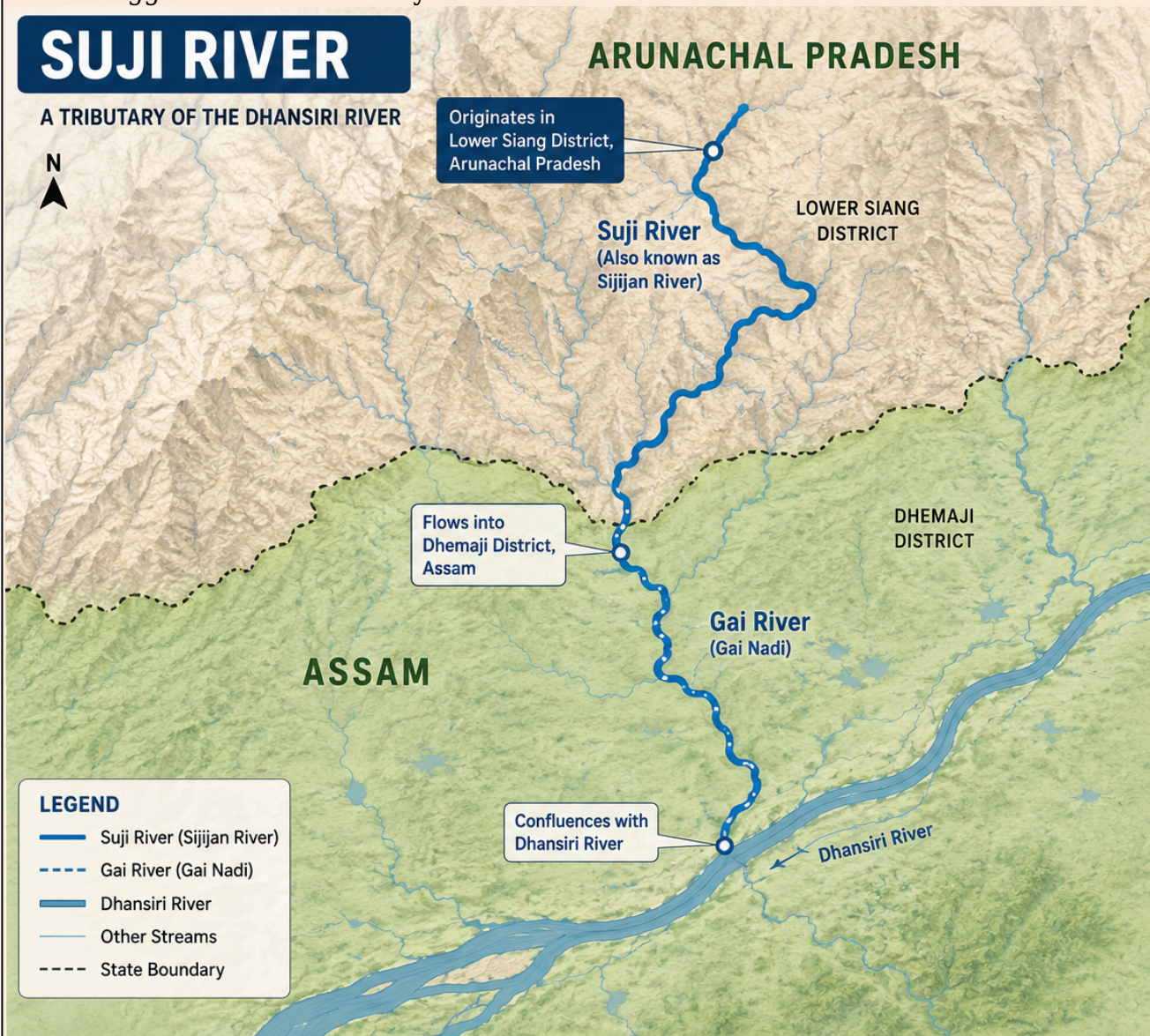
• **Location** - It is a tributary of the Dhansiri River in Assam.

• **Name** - It also Known as Sijjan River in Arunachal; becomes Gai River (Gai Nadi) in Assam.

• **Originates in** - Lower Siang district, Arunachal Pradesh, flows into Dhemaji district, Assam.

• **Vulnerability** - Prone to flash floods, landslides, and debris blockages during monsoon.

Due to rugged terrain and heavy rainfall.



Polity & Governance

Supreme Court Collegium

Justice P. S. Narasimha is set to become a member of the Supreme Court Collegium following Justice J. K. Maheshwari's retirement.

- **Established in** - 1993, through a Supreme Court judgment.

- **Comprise of** - 5 senior-most judges of the apex court.

- **Objective** - To recommend appointments, transfers, and elevations of judges to the Supreme Court and 25 High Courts.

- **Approval** - Government may return recommendations, but if reiterated by the Collegium, they are usually accepted.

International Relations and Issues

Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) Advisory Update

- **Restrictions Lifted** - Indian ships and seafarers can now operate in the Strait of Hormuz and Gulf region.

- It previously restricted after the June 13 incidents.

- **Security Advisory** - Masters and crew must

- Maintain vigilance,

- Follow navigational warnings, and

- Comply with Coastal State protocols.

- **Embassy Guidance** - Stakeholders are asked to follow advisories issued by the Indian Embassy in Tehran.

Operation Amistad

Recently, Operation Amistad launched to offer humanitarian assistance to quake-hit Venezuela.

- **Launched by** - India.

- **Mission Type** - Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief (HADR).

Deployment

- Two IAF C-17 Globemaster aircraft.

- 41-member Indian Army team (60 Para Field Hospital) including 9 medical officers.

- **Relief consignment** - 30 tons of supplies, 6 tons of medicines, medical equipment, and two BHISHM cube portable hospitals.

Objectives

- To support search & rescue operations.

- To provide emergency medical care and humanitarian relief.

Significance

- It reflects India's commitment to global humanitarian efforts.

- It strengthens diplomatic relations between India and Venezuela.

Seychelles' 50th Independence Day Celebrations

An Indian Army contingent will march in Seychelles' 50th Independence Day celebrations.

- **Occasion** - Golden Jubilee of Seychelles' Independence, observed on June 29, 2026.

- **Guest of Honour** - Prime Minister of India.

India Participation

- **Army Contingent** - 32 personnel from the Assam Regiment.

- **Navy Contingent** - Indian Navy marching unit accompanied by a military band.

Significance

- It encompasses defence cooperation, maritime security, development assistance, cultural exchange, and trade.

- It underscores India's role as a reliable partner in the Indian Ocean Region.

Economy

India's Forex Reserves

• **Total Reserves**

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As of June 19, 2026, total reserves amounted to \$672.59 billion.

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The reserves increased by \$963 million over the past week.

• **Breakdown of Reserve Components**

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Gold reserves - Increased by \$4.11 billion, serving as the *primary contributor to the overall rise*.

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Foreign currency assets (FCA) - Declined by \$3.07 billion.

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Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) - Decreased by \$52 million to a total of \$18.65 billion.

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International Monetary Fund (IMF) reserve position - Decreased by \$22 million, reaching \$4.79 billion.

• **Causes**

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An increase in gold prices contributed to a higher valuation of India's foreign exchange reserves.

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Foreign Currency Assets (FCA) declined as a result of fluctuations in the currency market and interventions by the RBI.

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Despite minor decreases in SDR and IMF holdings, the overall reserves remain robust.

Kaushal Mahotsav - Warangal 2026

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Held at - Kakatiya Institute of Technology & Science (KITS), Warangal.

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Organised by - Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).

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Collaborated with - Government of Telangana and the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).

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Objective - To connect skilled youth with industry through on-the-spot interviews, recruitment, apprenticeship opportunities and career guidance.

Security

ICGS Akshay

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It is a type of *New-generation Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV)*.

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Name - Akshay “meaning” *Indestructible*.

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Designed & built by - Goa Shipyard Limited.

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Role - To Symbolizes resilience and Coast Guard’s commitment to safeguarding India’s maritime interests.

Operational Capabilities

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Maritime Law Enforcement

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Coastal Security

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Search & Rescue

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Marine Environmental Protection

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Assistance to Mariners in Distress

Significance -

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It reflects Aatmanirbhar Bharat in shipbuilding.

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It strengthens India’s domestic maritime ecosystem and operational readiness.