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History, Art and Culture

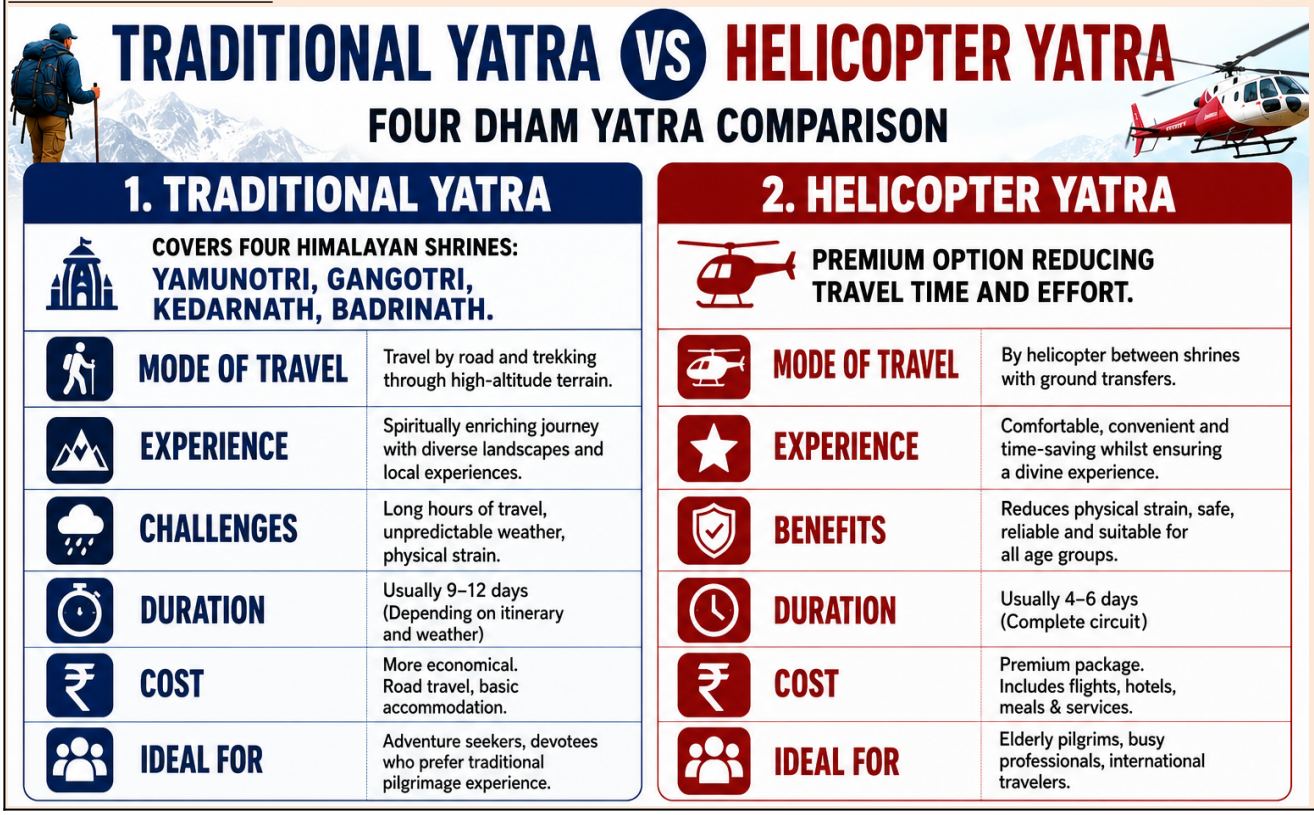
Sri Nadaprabhu Kempegowda

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

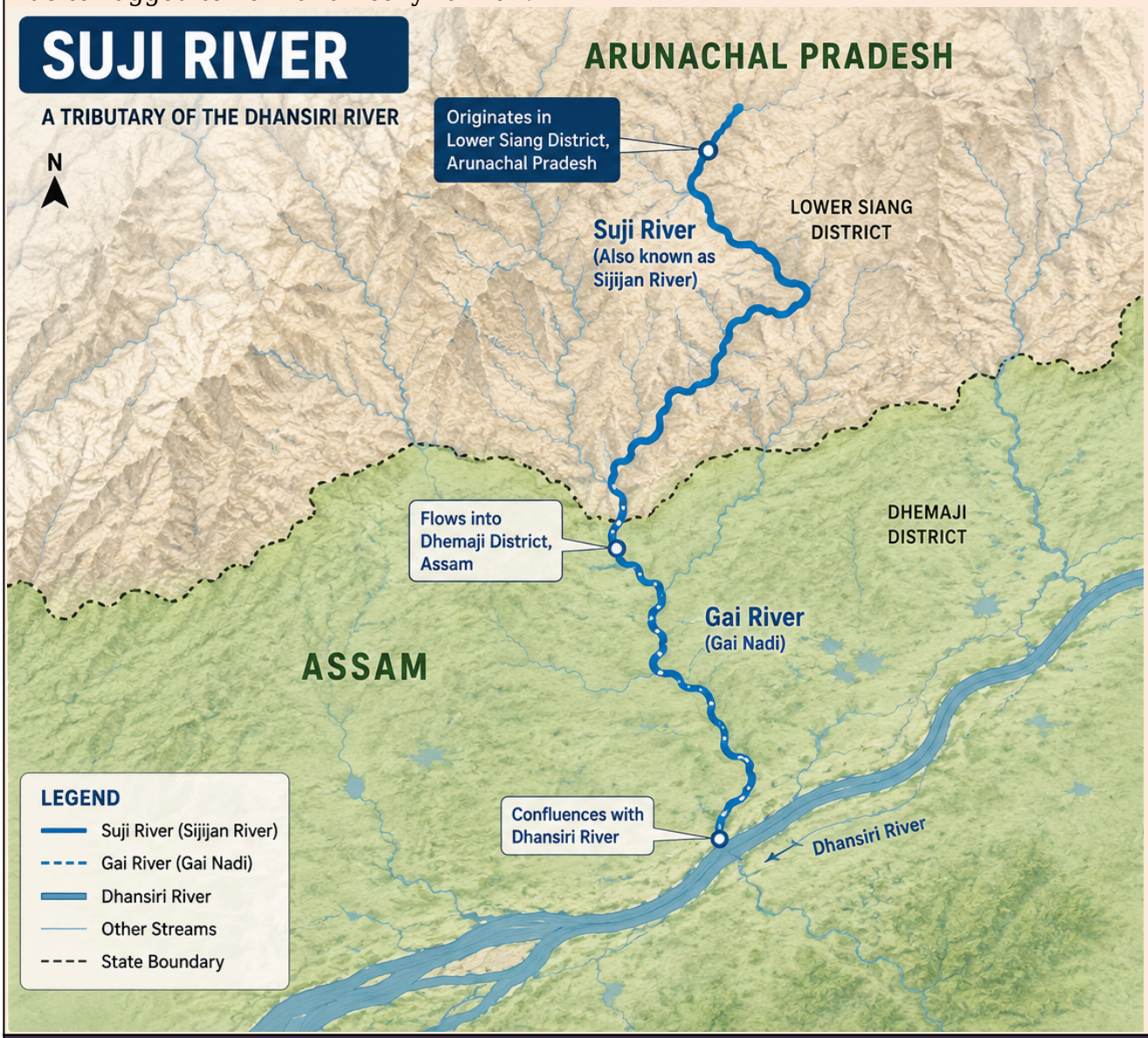


Geography

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 *Sijijan 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**
- As of June 19, 2026, total reserves amounted to $672.59 billion.
- The reserves increased by $963 million over the past week.
- **Breakdown of Reserve Components**
  - **Gold reserves –** Increased by $4.11 billion, serving as the *primary contributor to the overall rise.*
  - **Foreign currency assets (FCA) –** Declined by $3.07 billion.
  - **Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) –** Decreased by $52 million to a total of $18.65 billion.
  - **International Monetary Fund (IMF) reserve position –** Decreased by $22 million, reaching $4.79 billion.
- **Causes**
  - An increase in gold prices contributed to a higher valuation of India's foreign exchange reserves.
  - Foreign Currency Assets (FCA) declined as a result of fluctuations in the currency market and interventions by the RBI.
  - Despite minor decreases in SDR and IMF holdings, the overall reserves remain robust.

Kaushal Mahotsav – Warangal 2026

- **Held at –** Kakatiya Institute of Technology & Science (KITS), Warangal.
- **Organised by –** Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
- **Collaborated with –** Government of Telangana and the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).
- **Objective –** To connect skilled youth with industry through on-the-spot interviews, recruitment, apprenticeship opportunities and career guidance.

Security

ICGS Akshay

- It is a type of *New-generation Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV).*
- **Name –** *Akshay* "meaning" *Indestructible*.
- **Designed & built by –** Goa Shipyard Limited.
- **Role –** To Symbolizes resilience and Coast Guard's commitment to safeguarding India's maritime interests.
- **Operational Capabilities**
  - Maritime Law Enforcement
  - Coastal Security
  - Search & Rescue
  - Marine Environmental Protection
  - Assistance to Mariners in Distress
- **Significance –**
- It reflects Aatmanirbhar Bharat in shipbuilding.
- It strengthens India's domestic maritime ecosystem and operational readiness.

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