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#### History, Art and Culture

##### Bodhipath Film Festival

- **Organized by** - International Buddhist Confederation (IBC).
- **To be held at** - India International Centre, New Delhi.
- **Aim** - To celebrate and showcase the rich spiritual, cultural, and philosophical traditions of Buddha Dhamma through the motion picture medium.

#### Geography

##### Silvassa

- It is a town, administrative headquarters of union territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli district.
- **Economic centre** - It is primarily agricultural and produces rice, pulses (legumes), and fruit crops.
- **Damanganga River** - It flows through Maharashtra, Gujarat and U.Ts of Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu.



#### Economy

##### DPIIT & Mercedes-Benz India Sign MoU

- **DPIIT** - Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.
- **Aim** - To support startups, innovators, and entrepreneurs in achieving technological excellence and fostering societal development.
- To advance India's manufacturing ecosystem, road safety, and environmental sustainability.

#### Agriculture

## World Spice Organisation

- **Objective** - To facilitate the spice industry in dealing with issues of “Food Safety & Sustainability”.
- It is a *not-for-profit organization*.
- **Headquarters** - *Kochi*, the spice capital of India.
- **Registered under** - Travancore Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Act, 1956.

## Environment

### Lesser-Known Species

#### Eurasian Otter

- It is a *keystone species*, which is shy and nocturnal creature.
- **Habitat** - Tamirabharani River and Pothigai hills of Western Ghats.
- **India** - It is home to 3 otter species.
- **IUCN status** - *Near Threatened*.

### Large Soft-Shell Freshwater Species

Species	Scientific Name	Habitat	IUCN Status
Cantor's Giant Soft-shell	Pelochelys Cantorii	Native to Southeast Asia.	Critically endangered
Leith's Soft-shell Turtle	Nilssonina Leithii	Endemic to Peninsular India.	Critically endangered
Indian flapshell turtle	Lissemys Punctata	Cauvery region.	Vulnerable

### Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary

- **Located in** - Kollam district, *Kerala*.
- **Part of** - Agsthyamali Biosphere Reserve.
- It is a valley of green splendour acclaimed for its rich biodiversity.
- It is home to a variety of animal species, including several endangered and endemic species.

## Security

### Shaurya Vedanam Utsava

- It is a 2 day *Armed Forces Display* conducted by *Indian Army*.
- **Held at** - Motihari, Bihar.
- **Feature** - It displayed a military equipment, martial arts, mass performance by military bands, combat demonstration by Special Forces, motorcycle dog show and more.

## Miscellaneous

### Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados Award

- **Awarded to** - Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- **Awarded for** - In recognition of his *strategic leadership* and *valuable assistance* during the Covid pandemic.
- **Received by** - Minister of State for External Affairs on behalf of Modi.

### International Women's Day 2025

- **Celebrated on** - *March 8*, annually.
- **Theme for 2025** - Accelerate Action.
- **Aim** - To educate society on the remarkable women's rights movement while celebrating the cultural, political, and socio-economic achievements of women and girls.

### **Global Road Infratech Summit & Expo (GRIS)**

- **Organized by** - International Road Federation-India Chapter (IRF-IC).
- **Theme** - Vision Zero: Sustainable Infratech and Policy for Safer Roads.
- **Reason for road accidents** - Due to poor civil engineering practices in road design, construction, management and improper road signages and marking systems.
- **India's aim** - To reduce accident rates by *50% in 2030*.
- Accidents contribute to an *economic loss of 3 % to GDP*.

