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History, Art and Culture

Potti Sriramulu

Tributes paid to Potti Sriramulu on his birth anniversary.

- **Born on** - 16th March 1901, in Madras.
- **Freedom fighter** - Potti Sreeramulu was a freedom fighter known for his pivotal role in the creation of Andhra State.
- He sacrificed his life after undertaking a hunger strike for 56 days to form separate Andhra state.
- It was the **1st** step towards the formation of *States on linguistic basis* across the country.
- **Died on** - 15 december 1952.
- **Title** - *Amarajeevi*, for his supreme sacrifice for the cause of the people of Andhra.

Polity & Governance

Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC)

Recently, Bodoland Territorial Council chief calls for more funding for tribal languages.

- **Established in** - *2003*, under the 6th Schedule of the Constitution of India.
- It is an *autonomous region* in Kokrajhar district, Assam.
- **Aim** - To bring accelerated progress to one of the most backward region in the state of Assam with special focus on the development of the *Bodo people*.
- **Administration** - It administers the *Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR)*, comprising 4 districts
 - Kokrajhar, Chirang, Baksa, and Udalguri, located on the north bank of the Brahmaputra River.
- **Communities coverage** - Bodos , Assamese , Bengalis, Koch-Rajbongshis, Rabhas, Garos , Adivasis, Muslims and Nepalies, etc.

Promotion of Research and Innovation in the Pharma-MedTech Sector (PRIP) Scheme

Recently, an Industry dialogue organised on the PRIP Scheme in Mumbai.

- **Launched in** - *2023*.
- **Launched by** - Department of Pharmaceuticals.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
- **Goal** - To transform India into a *global powerhouse for Research & Development (R&D)* in the Pharma MedTech sector.
- **2 components:**
 - To establish Centres of Excellences (CoEs) at the 7 existing National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education & Research (NIPERs)
 - To accelerate investments in the R&D ecosystem within the sector.

Hyperloop Project

Union Minister of Railways visited the Hyperloop testing facility at IIT Madras.

- **Hyperloop** - It is a *high-speed train that runs in a vacuum* in a tube.
- **Hyperloop Project** - It is to be developed at the Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai.
- The Ministry has been provided financial funding and technical assistance to the project
- **Hyperloop test tube** - It is 410 meters long and is the *longest Hyperloop test facility in Asia*.
- It will soon be the world's longest tube.

National Consumer Helpline (NCH) 3.0

- **NCH** - It is a *hassle-free, speedy, and cost-effective* platform created to resolve consumer grievances.
- **NCH 3.0** - It is a technological transformation of NCH with Artificial Intelligence (AI) to resolve complaints in a shorter time.
- **Aim** - To reduce resolution time from *45 to 7 days*.
- It is a place where the consumer complaints to be *resolved at the pre-litigation stage* itself.

Bilateral Relations

India-New Zealand Ties

- India-New Zealand announced a launch of *Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations*.
- **Aim** - To achieve balanced outcomes that enhance supply chain integration and improve market access.
- It is a longstanding partnership founded on shared democratic values, strong people-to-people ties, and economic complementarities.

Environment

Indian Roller

- **Scientific name** - Coracias Benghalensis.
- It is a *non-migratory bird*, but it moves seasonally and formerly known as Neelkanth (in Hindi) and Blue Jay.
- **Distribution** - West Asia to the Indian Subcontinent.
- **State bird of** - Karnataka, Telangana, and Odisha.
- **Conservation status** - Least Concern.

Security

Bongosagar 2025

- It is an *India-Bangladesh Naval Exercise* going to be conducted in the Bay of Bengal.
- **Participation:**
 - INS Ranvir - Indian Navy.
 - BNS Abu Ubaidah - Bangladesh Navy.
- **Range of operations** - Surface firing, tactical manoeuvres, underway replenishment, Visit- Board-Search- Seizure (VBSS) cross boarding and communication drills.

Science

Resuscitation Academy in India

- **Established by** - Emergency Management and Research Institute Green Health Services (EMRI GHS), is a pioneer in ambulance service provider in India.
- It is the *India's 1st Resuscitation Academy*, Hyderabad.
- **Resuscitation** means to revive someone from apparent death or from unconsciousness.
- **Objective** - To enhance cardiac arrest survival rates in India.
 - Telangana currently has one ambulance for every 64,500 people.
- **Goal** - To further improve this ratio to one ambulance per 50,000 people.

Miscellaneous

Gora Techno Hub

- It is an *interactive workshop*, engaging lectures and hands-on experiments the Techno Hub plans to ignite curiosity and passion in young minds.
- **Launched by** - Atheist Centre, Vijayawada.
- **Objective** - To promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education and scientific advancements for children.

