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History, Art and Culture

Herath Poshte

- **Festival celebrated on** - Shiva Ratri by Kashmiri Pandit.
- **Calendar followed** - *Hindu lunar*.
- **Ritual** - Vatuk Pooja, a decorated vessel filled with water and walnuts.
- **Gathering place** - *Shankaracharya Temple, Srinagar*.

Vinayak Damodar Savarkar

- **Born on** - May 28, 1883, Nashik.
- **Death** - 26 Feb, 1966, Mumbai.
- **Ideology** - Hindutva.
- **Member of** - *Hindu Mahasabha*.
- **Work** - *Writings & activism* aimed to inspire and mobilize Indians against British colonial rule.
- **Notable:**
 - Indian War of Independence, 1857.
 - Founded Abhinav Bharat Society (later Known as Mitra mela), & Free India Society.
 - Role in Independence movement.

Jhumoir Dance

- It is the *largest-ever* Jhumoir dance performance at *Guwahati, Assam*.
- **Emerged in** - Assam's tea gardens in the early 1800s.
- **Aims** - To offer workers a joyful outlet after long days of labor.
- **Cultural Expression** - It reflects the unity and cultural heritage of tea garden workers and *Adivasi communities*.
- **Artistic Elements** - Vibrant costumes and synchronized movements characterize the dance.
- **Traditional instruments** - Dhol, madal, and flutes.

Geography

Earthquake recorded in Bay of Bengal (BOB)

- **Epicenter at** - Near *Puri, Odisha*, in BOB.
- **Occurred at** - Depth of *91 km*.
- **Tremor recorded areas** - Across Odisha, including, Paradip, Puri & Berhampur.
 - **Paradip** - *Natural & Deep-water Port*, highest cargo-handling major port in financial year 2023-24.
 - **Puri Known for** - Jagannath Temple.
 - **Berhampur Known as** - Silk City of India.

Polity & Governance

Digital Audit Enhancement

- **MOU between** - CAG & IIT Madras.
- **Aims** - Sharing digital technology, build capacity for *auditing digital data* and remotely assessing institutions.
- **Area of Focus** - Developing protocols for digital audits, ensuring job effectiveness & addresses cybersecurity & updating manuals for auditing entities with digital data.
 - Data security, digital infrastructure, and joint R&D.

International Relations and Issues

Vietnam Defines Gulf of Tonkin Baseline

- **Vietnam Baseline Alignment** - Extended's from Quang Ninh to Quang Tri, adheres to UNCLOS 1982.
- It is aligned with the 2000 Vietnam-China Gulf of Tonkin *Delimitation Agreement*.
 - **Gulf of Tonkin** - Located in the northwestern South China Sea.
 - **Bordered by** - Vietnam and China.
 - **River** - Red River (Vietnam) is the gulf's *largest river inflow*.
- **Territorial Disputes** - China's 2023 *baseline publication* caused diplomatic tensions with Vietnam.
- **Vietnam** - Emphasizes international law compliance and *maritime rights* enforcement.

International Finance Corporation (IFC)

IFC declined against investing in a proposed \$40 million loan for waste-to-energy (WTE) incineration projects in Gujarat.

- **Established in** - 1956.
- **Headquarters** - Washington D.C, USA.
- **Mission** - Fostering economic development.
- **IFC** - It operates as the *private sector lending arm* of the World Bank Group.
- **President** - World Bank President also serves as its President.
- **Function** - Financing private enterprise investments in developing nations.

Environment

Mangrove Bio-Shields

- **Protective Vegetation** - Coastal mangroves act as crucial bio-shields, *mitigating tsunami and flood impacts*.
- **Root System** - It possess complex root systems, thriving in *saline coastal areas*.
- **Impact** - These sturdy structures dissipate wave energy, minimizing storm damage.
- It lessen the impact of debris on coastal infrastructure and buildings.

Security

Crew Deployment for Tamal Commissioning

- **Build by** - *Russia for India* at Yantar Shipyard, Kaliningrad, Russia.
- **Type** - Tushil class frigates follow the Talwar class and are part of Project 1135. 6.
- **Tamal** - It is the *last imported warship*.
- **Indian Shipbuilding Progress** - It is transitioning to domestic warship construction, with over 60 ships, marking a shift to a "builder's navy."

INS Guldar: From Warship to Reef

- The Indian Navy transferred the decommissioned INS Guldar to Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation Limited.
- **Aims** - To create an *underwater museum and artificial reef*.
- **INS Guldar** - Built in Poland, served the Indian Navy for 39 years.
- **Area of Operation** - Eastern Naval Command and the Andaman and Nicobar Command.
- **Operational Service** - Op Aman and Op Pawan.



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