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MISSION SENEHJORI



[Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia launches Mission "Senehjori" for Assam Muga Silk](#)

Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia launches Mission "Senehjori" for Assam Muga Silk. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of an...



Why in News

- The **Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER)** and the Assam Government recently launched **Mission Senehjori** for the promotion of Assam's Muga silk sector.

Sectoral Transformation

- Mission Senehjori is a cluster-based initiative to develop the **Muga silk industry** into a globally competitive luxury textile ecosystem.
- It aims to strengthen the entire value chain from host-plant cultivation to branding and exports.
- The mission focuses on digital traceability, tourism integration and market expansion.

Key Facts

- **Muga Silk** is produced by **Antheraea assamensis**.
- It is **endemic to Assam** and possesses a **Geographical Indication (GI) Tag**.

Economic and Institutional Support

- The project involves an estimated investment of **₹396–411 crore** over three years.
- It promotes **Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)** and **Common Facility Centres (CFCs)**.
- Modern reeling infrastructure and silkworm seed production systems will be strengthened.

Branding and Market Access

- The mission promotes **GI authentication** for Muga silk products.
- A unified global brand identity named **"Senehjori"** will be developed.
- Export promotion measures will enhance international market penetration.

PRIME MINISTER RESEARCH CHAIR (PMRC) SCHEME 2026



[Centre Launches Prime Minister Research Chair Scheme 2026 to Attract Global Indian Talent](#)

The Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education has launched applications for the Prime Minister Research Chair (PMRC)...



Why in News

- The **Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education** has invited applications under the **PMRC Scheme 2026**.

Objective and Governance Framework

- The scheme seeks to attract accomplished Indian-origin researchers from leading global institutions.
- It aims to connect global talent with Indian higher educational institutions and research laboratories.
- The programme is overseen by an **Empowered Committee chaired by the Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA)**.

Institutional Architecture

- The scheme operates through **Lead Institutions, Host Institutions and PMRC Fellows**.
- Host institutions include top-ranked institutions under **NIRF** and national research laboratories.
- Lead institutions include **IIT Delhi, IIT Bombay, IIT Madras, IIT Kanpur, IIT Hyderabad, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad and IISc Bengaluru**.

Priority Research Areas

- The scheme covers **13 priority sectors**, including **Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Computing, Semiconductors, Cybersecurity, Biotechnology, Healthcare, Space & Defence, Blue Economy, Climate Change and Atomic Energy**.
- Research projects are aligned with national development priorities.

Categories and Eligibility

- The scheme provides **Young Research Fellow, Senior Research Fellow and Research Chair** categories.
- Eligible candidates include **Indian Nationals abroad, OCI Cardholders and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs)**.

YELLOW-THROATED MARTEN

TH The Hindu

[Kaziranga records first yellow-throated marten](#)

Kaziranga National Park records its first sighting of the yellow-throated marten, highlighting Assam's conservation success.



Why in News

- **Kaziranga National Park** recorded its first sighting of the Yellow-Throated Marten.

Taxonomy and Distribution

- Scientific Name: **Martes flavigula**.
- It belongs to the **Mustelidae** family, which includes otters, badgers and ferrets.

- Its range extends from the **Himalayas to Indonesia**, the **Korean Peninsula** and the **China–Russia border**.

Habitat Diversity

- It inhabits coniferous, broad-leaved and montane forests.
- It is also found in tropical forests, shrublands, swamps and treeless mountains.

Distinctive Features

- It is the largest of the Old World martens.
- It possesses a bright yellow or golden throat and chest.
- It is known for its fearless behaviour and strong body structure.

Conservation Status

- **IUCN Red List: Least Concern (LC).**

HALMA TRADITION

 Down To Earth

[In Madhya Pradesh, resurgence of Halma shows the strength of tribal tradition](#)

Discover how the Bhil community in Borpada, Madhya Pradesh, revived the traditional practice of halma to restore a neglected village well,...



Why in News

- Residents of Borpada village in **Jhabua district, Madhya Pradesh**, revived the Halma tradition to restore a public well.

Community-Based Governance

- Halma is an age-old tradition of the **Bhil tribe**.
- It is based on voluntary collective labour without wages or contractual obligations.
- Participation is driven by mutual trust, ethical commitment and social reciprocity.

Social and Environmental Relevance

- The tradition is used for constructing homes and repairing agricultural infrastructure.
- It supports restoration of water bodies and biodiversity conservation.
- It promotes rainwater harvesting through contour trench construction.

Cultural Significance

- The practice reflects indigenous community-led resource management.
- It demonstrates traditional models of cooperative governance and sustainability.

KARNALA FORT

TOI The Times of India

[150-acre private forest destroyed near Karnala Fort & Sanctuary area](#)

150-acre private forest near Karnala Fort and Bird Sanctuary deforested after 2024 SDO exemption order, raising questions over lack of...



Why in News

- Illegal deforestation near **Karnala Fort** in Maharashtra recently drew attention.

Geographical Importance

- Karnala Fort is located in **Raigad district, Maharashtra**.
- It lies within the **Karnala Bird Sanctuary** in the Sahyadri range.
- The fort overlooks the historic **Bor Pass** trade route linking Konkan and inland Maharashtra.

Historical Legacy

- The fort is believed to have been built during the **Devagiri Yadava** and **Tughlaq** periods.
- It was successively controlled by the Gujarat Sultanate, Nizam Shahis, Portuguese, Marathas, Mughals and British.
- It served as an important outpost under **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj**.

Architectural Features

- The fort comprises an upper and a lower fortification.
- It contains a **125-foot basalt pillar** called **Pandu's Tower**.
- A temple dedicated to **Goddess Bhavani** is situated at its base.

EUROZONE

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[Eurozone Inflation Climbs Further, Paving Way for ECB Rate Hike](#)

Higher energy costs and a pickup in services prices drove inflation in the eurozone further beyond the European Central Bank's target in May...



Why in News

- Eurozone inflation recently rose to **3.2%** due to energy and services price pressures.

Composition and Membership

- The Eurozone comprises **21 European Union countries** using the **Euro (€)** as their currency.

- **Bulgaria** became the latest member in **2026**.
- Countries such as **Denmark, Sweden, Poland, Hungary, Romania and the Czech Republic** have not adopted the euro.

Institutional Framework

- The **European Central Bank (ECB)** formulates monetary policy for the Eurozone.
- The ECB controls euro currency issuance and interest-rate decisions.
- The institution is led by a President and the governors of participating central banks.

Economic Stabilisation Mechanism

- The **European Stability Mechanism (ESM)** provides financial assistance during economic crises.
- Support is provided through conditional rescue loans.

Maastricht Criteria

- Entry into the Eurozone requires compliance with **price stability, sound public finances, exchange-rate stability and durable convergence**.
- These criteria were established under the **Maastricht Treaty (1992)**.

OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE DAY

Environment

AGASTHYAMALAI BIOSPHERE RESERVE

Deccan Chronicle

[Remove all encroachments from Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve, says SC](#)

SC directed that disciplinary and legal action be initiated against 118 serving and retired government servants who are found to be...



Why in News

- The **Supreme Court** ordered the removal of encroachments from the Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve.

Geographical Profile

- The reserve is located in the southern **Western Ghats** across **Kerala and Tamil Nadu**.
- It was designated a Biosphere Reserve in **2001**.
- It joined the **UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves** in **2016**.

Protected Area Network

- It includes **Shendurney, Peppara and Neyyar Wildlife Sanctuaries**.
- It also includes the **Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve**.

Biodiversity Significance

- The reserve contains tropical evergreen, moist deciduous and shola forests.
- It supports around **2,254 higher plant species**, including nearly **400 endemic species**.
- Important fauna include the **Asian Elephant, Tiger, Nilgiri Tahr** and **Great Indian Hornbill**.

Tribal Presence

- It is home to the **Kanikaran tribe**, one of the oldest tribal communities of the region.

Science and Technology

ISOBUTANOL

Why in News

- India is considering a mandate for blending **isobutanol with diesel**.

Hindustan Times

[After ethanol push with E20 petrol, now diesel-isobutanol blend mandate likely this year. Here's what that means | India News](#)



The Indian government is likely to introduce a mandate permitting blending isobutanol with diesel by the end of this year, secretary of the...

Chemical Profile

- Isobutanol (Isobutyl Alcohol) has the chemical formula **C₄H₁₀O**.
- It is one of the four structural isomers of butanol.
- It is a colourless and highly flammable liquid.

Industrial Applications

- It is used in pharmaceutical, flavour, fragrance and pesticide industries.
- It serves as a component in paints, lacquers and paint strippers.
- It is also approved as a food additive.

Biofuel Potential

- Isobutanol can be produced through fermentation from plant-based feedstocks.
- It is less corrosive and less hygroscopic than ethanol.
- Existing fuel infrastructure can transport it without major modifications.

Defence

RUDRAM-II MISSILE

F. Firstpost

[India Tests RudraM-II: Indigenous Missile Hits Target With Pinpoint Accuracy | Firstpost Live | 4K](#)

India has successfully tested the indigenous Rudram-II air-to-surface missile, marking a major milestone in its defence modernisation...



Why in News

- **DRDO** and the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** successfully conducted flight tests of the RudraM-II missile.

Missile Profile

- RudraM-II is an indigenously developed **solid-propelled air-launched air-to-surface missile**.
- It has been developed by **Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad**, under DRDO.

Operational Capabilities

- It can achieve speeds up to **Mach 5.5**.
- It has a strike range of approximately **300 km**.
- It can carry a **200 kg warhead**.
- It can be launched from aircraft operating at altitudes between **3–15 km**.

Navigation and Targeting

- The missile uses an **Inertial Navigation System (INS)** and **GPS**.
- A **Passive Homing Head** detects radio-frequency emissions across a wide spectrum.
- It is designed to neutralise enemy radar and communication systems.

Anti-Radiation Missile

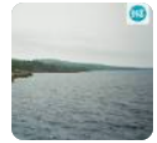
- Anti-radiation missiles are designed to detect and destroy enemy radar installations.
- They play a critical role in suppressing adversary air-defence networks.

Space

BOLIDE

Hindustan Times

[Boston meteor explosion: Where did bolide blast today? New Cape Cod Bay visuals emerge | Hindustan Times](#)



A loud boom that rattled homes across Massachusetts, Rhode Island and parts of New Hampshire on Saturday.

Why in News

- Loud explosions reported near Boston were linked to a possible **bolide** entering Earth’s atmosphere.

Astronomical Significance

- A bolide is an exceptionally bright meteor that often explodes in the upper atmosphere.
- It may generate intense flashes and sonic booms.
- Some fragments may survive atmospheric entry and reach the ground.



Meteor–Meteoroid–Meteorite Sequence

- A space rock in outer space is called a **meteoroid**.
- When it enters Earth’s atmosphere and produces a fireball, it is called a **meteor**.
- If fragments reach the Earth’s surface, they are known as **meteorites**.

Scientific Importance

- Bolides provide information about the composition and structure of meteoroids.
- They help scientists understand atmospheric-entry processes.

UTTAR PRADESH IN NEWS

FAZIL NAGAR RENAMED AS PAWAGARH

The Hindu

[Fazil Nagar town to be renamed as Pawagarh says U.P. CM Yogi Adityanath](#)



U.P. CM Yogi Adityanath announces renaming Fazil Nagar to Pawagarh, honoring Jain Tirthankar Lord Mahavir and cultural heritage.

Why in News

- The Uttar Pradesh government has announced the renaming of **Fazil Nagar** in **Kushinagar district** as **Pawagarh (Pava Nagari)**.

Historical and Religious Significance

- Pawagarh is associated with **Lord Mahavira**, the **24th Jain Tirthankara**, who is believed to have delivered his final teachings here.
- The region was part of the ancient **Malla Republic**, one of the **16 Mahajanapadas**.
- The renaming aims to restore the area's historical and spiritual identity.

Buddhist Connection

- The region is linked to **Gautama Buddha's** final journey before **Mahaparinirvana** at **Kushinagar**.
- Archaeological evidence indicates the presence of ancient Buddhist settlements.

Governance Dimensions

- The proposal was sent by the **Kushinagar district administration** and approved by the state government.
- It follows earlier renaming initiatives such as **Prayagraj** and **Ayodhya**.