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## Thewa Art

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### [PM Modi's Slovakia gift puts Rajasthan's 400-year-old Thewa art in global spotlight](#)

The centuries-old Thewa art of Rajasthan's Pratapgarh found a place on the global stage during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit...



## Why in News

- During his visit to Slovakia, the Prime Minister of India presented Thewa motif cufflinks to the Slovak President, highlighting India's traditional craftsmanship.

## Historical and Cultural Heritage

- Thewa Art is a unique handcrafted jewellery-making tradition originating from Pratapgarh district, Rajasthan.
- It is a 400-year-old craft believed to have been first developed by Nathu Lal Sonewal in the 18th century.
- The word "Thewa" means "setting" in the local dialect.
- The craft received the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag in 2014.



## Craftsmanship and Technique

- The art involves permanently fusing 23-carat gold foil onto coloured glass without glue or solder.
- The gold sheet, called "Thewa Ki Patti," is fixed using heated lac-resin.
- Intricate designs are created by manually piercing the gold sheet before thermal bonding.
- The secret thermal fusion technique distinguishes Thewa from other jewellery traditions.

## Artistic Significance

- Popular themes include **royal processions, hunting scenes, mythology, peacocks, flowers** and **royal weddings**.
- The craft represents India's rich heritage in **metal and glass fusion artistry**.
- Thewa supports traditional artisans and strengthens India's cultural economy.

## Index of Services Production (ISP)

News On AIR

### MoSPI prepares to launch Index of Services Production in July

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) is preparing to launch Index of Services Production (ISP) next month to...



## Why in News

- The **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)** is set to launch the **Index of Services Production (ISP)** in **July 2026**.

## Purpose and Coverage

- **ISP** is a short-term economic indicator measuring changes in the **real output** of the services sector.
- It tracks production trends relative to the **base year 2024-25**.
- Sectoral weights are derived from **Gross Value Added (GVA)** estimates under **National Accounts Statistics**.



## Data Sources

- The index will primarily rely on **GST data** for measuring formal sector activity.
- Administrative datasets from **Railways, Air Transport, Banking and Insurance** will also be used.
- Annual Survey of Incorporated Services Sector Enterprises (ASISSE) data for **Health** and **Education** will be integrated later.

## Economic Significance

- The index will strengthen high-frequency monitoring of India's services economy.
- It will improve evidence-based policy formulation and macroeconomic assessment.
- Since it relies on **GST-registered enterprises**, it mainly reflects the **formal services sector**.

## Chital (Spotted Deer)

### Why in News

- Forest officials recently arrested two persons for allegedly hunting a **Chital** inside the **Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve**.



### Species Profile

- **Scientific Name:** **Axis axis**.
- It is commonly known as the **Spotted Deer** or **Axis Deer**.
- The species is native to the **Indian subcontinent**.
- It occurs in **India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh** and **Sri Lanka**.

### Physical Characteristics

- The body is **reddish-brown** with permanent **white spots**.
- Only males possess **three-pronged antlers**, which are shed annually.
- The species exhibits marked **sexual dimorphism**, with males being larger.
- Average lifespan ranges between **20 and 30 years**.



### Habitat and Conservation

- Chital inhabits **grasslands** and **tropical forests**.
- It lives in herds generally comprising **10–50 individuals**.

- It is classified as **Least Concern (LC)** under the IUCN Red List.
- Chital forms an important prey base for large carnivores, including the Tiger.

## BHARATI Programme

News On AIR

### APEDA Successfully Concludes First Cohort of flagship export acceleration programme BHARATI

The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has successfully concluded the first cohort of its...



### Why in News

- The **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** successfully concluded the first cohort of the **BHARATI Programme**.

### Programme Overview

- **BHARATI (Bharat's Hub for Agritech, Resilience, Advancement and Incubation for Export Innovation)** is APEDA's flagship initiative to promote innovation-led growth in India's agri-food export sector.
- It aims to support **100 agri-food startups** and achieve **USD 50 billion** exports in **APEDA-scheduled products** by **2030**.
- The programme aligns with **Atmanirbhar Bharat, Start-up India, Digital India** and **Vocal for Local**.

### Key Features

- It focuses on **GI-tagged products, Organic Foods, Superfoods, AYUSH Products** and value-added agri-products.
- It promotes **Artificial Intelligence (AI), Blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT)** and **Agri-FinTech** to improve export competitiveness.
- It addresses export challenges related to **quality assurance, packaging, perishability, logistics** and regulatory compliance.

## Implementation Framework

- Selected startups undergo a three-month acceleration programme covering product development, export readiness, regulatory compliance and market access.
- The initiative creates collaboration among startups, technology providers and SPS-TBT (Sanitary and Phytosanitary–Technical Barriers to Trade) solution providers to strengthen India's agri-food exports.

## Doctrine of Constructive Res Judicata

Live Law

### [LiveLaw Explainer| Key Principles Of Constructive Res Judicata](#)

The Supreme Court has reiterated that the doctrine of constructive res judicata, embodied in Explanation IV to Section 11 of the Code of...



## Why in News

- The Supreme Court recently reiterated that the doctrine of Constructive Res Judicata prevents parties from litigating disputes in instalments.

## Legal Foundation

- Res Judicata literally means "the thing has been judged."
- The doctrine is codified under Section 11 of the Code of Civil Procedure (CPC), 1908.
- Constructive Res Judicata derives from Explanation IV of Section 11 read with Order II Rule 2 of the CPC.
- It evolved from the English Common Law principle of claim preclusion.

## Core Principles

- It bars issues that might or ought to have been raised in an earlier suit.

- It prevents repeated litigation arising from the **same cause of action**.
- It promotes **finality of judicial decisions** and judicial discipline.
- The doctrine applies to both **civil and criminal proceedings** in appropriate contexts.

### Conditions for Application

- The parties in both proceedings must be **identical**.
- The subject matter must substantially relate to the **same dispute**.
- The earlier case must have been decided **finally on merits**.
- The omitted issue should have reasonably been raised in the previous litigation.

### Governance Significance

- It reduces unnecessary judicial burden and multiplicity of proceedings.
- It strengthens legal certainty and efficient administration of justice.

## Mahadev Koli Tribe

The Better India

### [How India's Mahadev Koli Tribe Tracks Climate Change Using Traditional Forest Knowledge](#)

The Mahadev Koli tribe of Maharashtra's Western Ghats uses 51 native tree species, seasonal observations, and traditional ecological...



### Why in News

- The traditional ecological knowledge of the **Mahadev Koli Tribe** has gained attention for its role in **climate adaptation** and **forest conservation**.

### Tribal Profile

- The **Mahadev Koli** are a **Scheduled Tribe (ST)** mainly found in **Maharashtra** and parts of **Goa**.

- They derive their name from their deity **Mahadev** and are concentrated in **Pune, Nashik** and **Ahmednagar** districts.
- They speak **Marathi** and use the **Devanagari script**.

### Socio-economic and Ecological Features

- Traditionally **hunter-gatherers and warriors**, they are now primarily engaged in **agriculture**, livestock rearing and dairy farming.
- Major crops include **rice, finger millet, barnyard millet** and **wheat**.
- The community possesses knowledge of **51 native tree species** belonging to **41 genera** and **25 plant families**, widely used in traditional medicine and sustainable forest management.

### Cultural Significance

- They primarily follow **Folk Hinduism**, with **24 exogamous clans**, each worshipping its own deity.
- **Tanaji Malusare**, the renowned general of **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj**, belonged to this community and is remembered for his valour in the Battle of Sinhagad.

## Supreme Court Recognises Right to Walk as a Fundamental Right

### Why in News

- The **Supreme Court** held that the **right to walk safely on demarcated footpaths** is a **Fundamental Right**, giving pedestrian rights priority over motor vehicles.

Down To Earth

[Daily Court Digest: Major environment orders \(June 19, 2026\)](#)

Daily Court Digest for June 18, 2026: Supreme Court declares the fundamental right to walk on demarcated footpaths, NGT reviews Andhra...



### Constitutional Basis

- The Court held that the right to walk is part of the **freedom of movement under Article 19(1)(d)**.
- It is read with **Articles 19(1)(a), 19(1)(b), 19(1)(c)** and **Article 21**, reinforcing the right to life and personal liberty.
- Governments have a constitutional duty to provide **safe and well-maintained footpaths**.

## Key Observations

- Pedestrian rights take precedence over the movement of motorised vehicles.
- The ruling arose from the death of a **five-year-old child** on a road without pedestrian infrastructure.
- The Court enhanced compensation to **₹11.44 lakh** and ordered payment within two months.

## Governance Significance

- Citizens can seek **constitutional remedies** and compensation independent of the **Motor Vehicles Act, 1988**.
- The judgment promotes **pedestrian-centric urban planning** and safer public infrastructure.

## Other Important News of the day

Places in News

### Berijam Lake

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[Plea to conduct scientific census, recommend Berijam lake area in Kodaikanal for notification as Tiger Reserve posted before Forest Bench](#)




Madurai Court hears plea for scientific census at Berijam lake to recommend it as a Tiger Reserve for conservation.



### Why in News

- A **Public Interest Litigation (PIL)** before the **Madras High Court** sought scientific assessment of the **Berijam Lake** region for possible **Tiger Reserve** notification.

### Geographical Profile

- **Berijam Lake** is an **artificial freshwater lake** located in **Kodaikanal, Dindigul district, Tamil Nadu**.
- It lies in the **Upper Palani Hills** of the **Western Ghats**.
- The lake spreads across nearly **59 acres**.
- It was formed in **1867** after construction of a dam with sluice outlets.

	<p><b>Ecological Importance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The lake is a major <b>drinking water source</b> and lies within the <b>Western Ghats Biodiversity Hotspot</b>.</li> <li>• It supports rich fauna, including <b>Serpent Eagle, Rosefinch, Indian Elephant, Gaur, Nilgiri Langur and Deer</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Historical and Conservation Value</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located near the historic <b>Fort Hamilton</b>, the lake is part of a <b>micro-watershed development project</b>.</li> <li>• The surrounding forests promote <b>watershed conservation</b> and <b>wildlife habitat connectivity</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Environment</b></p>	<p><b>Hemiscyllium dudgeonae</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><small>BBC Wildlife Magazine</small></p> <p><a href="#">Researchers uncover new 'walking' species on a night dive in Papua New Guinea. But they're concerned</a></p> <p><small>A newly discovered species of walking shark has been found in Papua New Guinea – one of the most biodiverse regions on Earth.</small></p>  </div> <p><b>Why in News</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scientists recently identified a new species of <b>walking shark</b> named <b>Hemiscyllium dudgeonae</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Species Profile</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Scientific Name:</b> <b>Hemiscyllium dudgeonae</b>.</li> <li>• It was discovered in <b>Milne Bay</b> near the southeastern coast of <b>Papua New Guinea</b>.</li> <li>• Locally, it is called "<b>Kadedekedewa</b>" or "<b>Lazy Shark</b>."</li> </ul> <p><b>Unique Adaptations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It uses its <b>pectoral and pelvic fins</b> to move across the seabed.</li> <li>• It can crawl between shallow tide pools during low tide.</li> <li>• The adaptation enables survival in <b>low-oxygen coastal habitats</b>.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Walking Sharks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walking sharks belong to the genus <b>Hemiscyllium</b>.</li> <li>• They are distributed across Australia, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea.</li> <li>• Adults generally measure <b>70–80 cm</b> in length.</li> <li>• They inhabit shallow coastal waters usually <b>less than 10 metres deep</b>.</li> <li>• They lay <b>egg cases directly on the seafloor</b>, resulting in limited dispersal.</li> </ul>
<p>Science and Technology</p>	<div style="background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Youth Co:Lab</b></p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p> PIB</p> <p><b>Six Youth-Led Sustainability Startups Win Youth Co:Lab National Innovation Challenge 2026</b></p> <p>Six youth-led startups from across India have been recognized as winners of the 8th edition of the Youth Co:Lab National Innovation...</p> </div> <div style="flex: 0.5; text-align: right;">  </div> </div> </div> <p><b>Why in News</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six youth-led startups won the <b>8th Youth Co:Lab National Innovation Challenge 2026</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Institutional Framework</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Youth Co:Lab</b> is jointly led by <b>United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India</b> and the <b>Citi Foundation</b>.</li> <li>• In India, it is implemented in partnership with the <b>Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)</b>.</li> <li>• The programme is implemented by the <b>T-Hub Foundation</b>.</li> <li>• It was globally co-created in <b>2017</b>, while the Indian edition began in <b>2019</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Objectives and Scope</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is the <b>Asia-Pacific's largest youth innovation platform</b>.</li> </ul>

- It promotes youth leadership, social innovation and entrepreneurship for achieving the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

### About Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)

- **AIM** is a flagship initiative established by **NITI Aayog** in **2016**.
- It promotes innovation across schools, higher educational institutions, research organisations, industries and **MSMEs**.
- Major initiatives include Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs), Atal Incubation Centres (AICs), Atal New India Challenges (ANIC) and **Atal Grand Challenges (AGC)**.

## Uttar Pradesh in News

### 8th Central Pay Commission Begins Stakeholder Consultations

ET The Economic Times

#### [8th Pay Commission latest news: Can 8th CPC submit its report before Mid-2027 as Lucknow meetings begin?](#)

8th Pay Commission news: Central government employees are anticipating the 8th Pay Commission's report, with some associations suggesting an...



### Why in News

- The **8th Central Pay Commission (CPC)** began a **two-day stakeholder consultation** in **Lucknow** to gather inputs on salaries, pensions and service conditions.

### Commission Profile

- The Commission functions under the **Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance**.
- It is chaired by **Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai**, the **first woman** to head a Central Pay Commission.

- Other members include Prof. Pulak Ghosh and Member-Secretary Pankaj Jain.

### Key Features

- The recommendations will impact over 1.1 crore Central Government employees and pensioners.
- The Commission has 18 months to submit its report under the approved Terms of Reference (ToR).
- It aims to balance employee welfare with fiscal sustainability, with implementation expected from 1 January 2026.

### Institutional Significance

- Central Pay Commissions are generally constituted every 10 years to review pay, allowances and pensions.
- The recommendations influence public expenditure, government finances and future state pay revisions.