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NUMBER OF THE DAY

48 rural villages

The number of villages in Delhi being granted urban status.

CONNECT TO STATIC

Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957Governing act for municipal administration in Delhi. *In the news:* Delhi government to grant urban status to last 48 rural villages.

What to know, in 60 seconds each

5 of 5 notes · picked for exam value

GS1 · HISTORY & CULTURE P

PM Modi to present inaugural Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Award

Why in news: Himanta Biswa Sarma announced that PM Narendra Modi will present the inaugural Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Award to Usha Mangeshkar.

REMEMBER

- Bharat Mandapam — Venue for the award presentation in New Delhi
- Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Award — Includes a prize of ₹10 lakh
- Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev Award — Increased to ₹15 lakh by the Assam cabinet

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of cultural awards in preserving regional heritage and promoting national integration in India.

USE: Cultural Heritage National Integration Regional Identity Public Recognition

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/141105

GS1 · HISTORY & CULTURE P

Pavani Pasumarthi receives Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar

Why in news: Pavani Pasumarthi, a Carnatic music faculty member at Acharya Nagarjuna University, was honored with the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for her contributions to preserving India's classical performing arts.

REMEMBER

- Sangeet Natak Akademi — The national academy for music, dance, and theatre in India.
- Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar — Award recognizing excellence in classical performing arts.
- Pavani Pasumarthi — Carnatic music faculty member at Acharya Nagarjuna University.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the role of national academies and cultural institutions in preserving India's intangible heritage and promoting classical performing arts in the modern era.

USE: Intangible Heritage Cultural Preservation Classical Performing Arts Institutional Support

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/141077

GS2 · POLITY & CONSTITUTION P

Delhi government to grant urban status to last 48 rural villages

Why in news: The Rekha Gupta government announced the granting of urban status to Delhi's last 48 rural villages to facilitate infrastructure planning.

REMEMBER

- Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957: Governing act for municipal administration in Delhi.
- Master Plan for Delhi 2047: The planning framework guiding the urban status transition.
- 48 rural villages: The number of villages in Delhi being granted urban status.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the implications of converting rural areas into urban zones on infrastructure planning and the socio-economic fabric of peri-urban regions in the National Capital Territory.

USE: Urbanization Master Plan Infrastructure Planning Municipal Governance

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/141081

GS3 · ECONOMY P

Madhya Pradesh receives ₹15,400 crore investments including ₹6,415 crore CyTac RE data centre

Why in news: Chief Minister Mohan Yadav inaugurated the Madhya Pradesh Semiconductor Summit – 2026, announcing over ₹15,400 crore in investments for the state's industrial growth.

REMEMBER

- CyTac RE investment for data centre: ₹6,415 crore
- Total investment received at MP Semiconductor Summit – 2026: over ₹15,400 crore
- Projected jobs from letters of intent: 4,450

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of developing semiconductor and data centre ecosystems in landlocked states to achieve India's goal of becoming a global electronics manufacturing hub.

USE: Investment climate Semiconductor ecosystem Digital infrastructure Industrial diversification

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/141051

IMD warns of severe cyclonic storm hitting West Godavari and Srikakulam

Why in news: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) warned of a severe cyclonic storm expected to make landfall between West Godavari and Srikakulam on October 28.

REMEMBER

- West Godavari and Srikakulam: Districts in Andhra Pradesh identified as potential landfall zones.
- Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA): Issued red alerts for heavy rain across multiple districts.

MAINS ANGLE *Discuss the challenges in early warning systems and disaster management infrastructure for coastal regions prone to severe cyclonic storms in India.*

USE: cyclonic storm disaster management

early warning system climate resilience

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/141048

4 questions, 4 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

- 1** What is the prize amount associated with the Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Award?
- (a) ₹10 lakh (b) ₹5 lakh
(c) ₹50 lakh (d) ₹20 lakh
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- 2** Under which act is the granting of urban status to Delhi's rural villages executed?
- (a) Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957 (b) Delhi Urban Development Act
(c) Municipalities Act, 2001 (d) Delhi Land Reforms Act
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- 3** Which institution is the national academy for music, dance, and theatre in India?
- (a) Sahitya Akademi (b) Lalit Kala Akademi
(c) Sangeet Natak Akademi (d) National Gallery of Modern Art
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- 4** With reference to the cyclonic storm warning in Andhra Pradesh, consider the following statements:
1. The Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) issued green alerts for heavy rain.
 2. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) warned of a severe cyclonic storm expected to make landfall.
 3. The storm was expected to hit the districts of East Godavari and Vizag.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 2 only (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
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MAINS PRACTICE

Write one answer today

GS1 · HISTORY & CULTURE

Discuss the significance of cultural awards in preserving regional heritage and promoting national integration in India.

USE: Cultural Heritage National Integration Regional Identity Public Recognition Investment Policy

ANSWERS · 1 (a) 2 (a) 3 (c) 4 (a)



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