

SHORTNEWS:

1.KER SANGRI

NEWS: Rajasthan's famous dish **Ker Sangri** has received a **Geographical Indication or GI tag**.

About Ker Sangri

- Ker Sangri is made using two desert plants- **the Ker and Sangri**.
 - The **Ker is a small berry, while Sangri is a bean** that grows on the Khejri tree. These ingredients grow naturally in the dry and sandy lands of the Thar Desert.
- **The Sangri bean** grows on the **Khejri tree**, which is sacred in Rajasthan.
 - In the past, people used them during times of drought when fresh vegetables were hard to find.
 - It is **high in fibre**, low in fat and rich in nutrients

2.BHARATIYA BHASHA ANUBHAG (BBA)

NEWS: Recently, the **Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag (BBA)**, or **Indian Languages Section** was launched.

About Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag (BBA)

- It is a **government initiative to promote Indian languages in administration and reduce the dominance of English**.
- **Objectives:**
 - **States have their own official languages, and BBA will help in the translation work.**
 - **Official Language Rules, 1976:** Under the Official Languages Rules, 1976, the **Centre communicates with Region C States (e.g. Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka) only in English**.
 - Provide an organised platform for all Indian languages.
 - Facilitate thinking, analysis, and decision-making in mother tongues.
 - Ensure linguistic inclusivity in governance and communication.
- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Home Affairs
- **Budgetary Support:** ₹56 crore allocated in the **Union Budget 2024–25**.

- Funds to be used for creating a **translation platform** between Hindi and other Indian languages.
- **Implementation Support:** Supported by **Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)**.

3. BRICS PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

NEWS: The **11th BRICS Parliamentary Forum in Brasilia, Brazil, condemned the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir.**

About BRICS Parliamentary Forum

- It is a **platform for dialogue among the parliaments of BRICS member countries** to facilitate inter-parliamentary discussions on global challenges and cooperation.
- **Establishment:** The first BRICS Parliamentary Forum was **held in 2015**, as a **parallel institution to the BRICS summits**.
- **Chairmanship:** It rotates **annually** among BRICS countries.
 - **India assumed the chairmanship of the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum** to be hosted **in 2026**.

Key Outcomes Of 11th BRICS Parliamentary Forum

- Reaffirmed commitment to the **2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.
- Urged donor countries to meet **Official Development Assistance (ODA) obligations**.
- Collective agreement among member nations to adopt a **zero-tolerance policy on terrorism**.

4. 800-YEAR-OLD TEMPLE OF LATER PANDYA

NEWS: Recently, a temple from the later Pandya period (around 800 years old) has **been discovered in Udampatti village, Melur taluk, Tamil Nadu.**

About the Temple

- It was dedicated to Lord Shiva.
- It dates back to **1217-1218 CE, during the reign of Maravarman Sundara Pandya.**
- **Inscriptions & Their Meaning**
 - Inscriptions show **the original name of Udampatti was Attur.**

- The temple was called **Thennavanisvaram (Thennavan was a title used by Pandya rulers)**.
- The inscriptions are about **a land and waterbody sale recorded** in ancient Tamil.
- A chieftain named **Alagaperumal** sold **Nagankudi waterbody and land for 64 kasu (coins)**.
- The tax from the land was given to **the temple for daily expenses**.

5.ASW-SWC ARNALA

NEWS: Indian Navy is set to commission **the first Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) named Arnala at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam.**

About Arnala

- It is the first **ship** in a series of **16 ASW-SWC class warships**.
- **Designed and built by :** Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata, in partnership with L&T Shipbuilders under a Public-Private Partnership model.
- **ship's motto:** Arnave Shauryam meaning Arnave Shauryam”.
- **Naming:** Named after **Arnala Fort in Maharashtra, highlighting India's maritime legacy**.

Key Features

- It **possesses Advanced Anti-Submarine Warfare Capabilities** which makes it useful in **rescue missions and low intensity operations**.
- It has **advanced subsurface surveillance** which helps threat detection underwater.
- It **contains a Modern Propulsion System** i.e. powered by a Diesel Engine-Waterjet combination, a first for an Indian Naval warship of this size.
- It is **built with 80% indigenous content**, boosting self-reliance in defence manufacturing.