

8. Short News

1. Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya

Prime Minister paid tributes on his death anniversary.

Role- Philosopher, politician, and ideological architect of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh (precursor to BJP).

Life & Career

1. Born in 1916 in Mathura.
2. Joined RSS in 1937 and started the monthly Rashtra Dharma.
3. Co-founded Bharatiya Jana Sangh in 1951.

Philosophy (Integral Humanism)- Drafted in 1965 as the official doctrine. Critiques both capitalism and communism; proposes an indigenous human-centric model.

Key Concepts

Antyodaya- Upliftment of the poorest.

Swadeshi- Self-reliance and decentralization.

Dharma-Centric- Society guided by moral order, not class conflict.

2. World Defence Show 2026

India showcased indigenous defence capabilities.

Location- Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Organiser- Saudi Arabia's General Authority for Military Industries (GAMI).

Theme- "The Future of Defence Integration".

India's Highlights- Inaugurated the first-ever India Pavilion. Focus on deepening India-Saudi defence cooperation and co-development.

India's Doctor-Population Ratio

India's ratio improved to 1-811 (2026), surpassing the WHO benchmark.

Key Statistics

1. Doctors- 13.88 lakh allopathic + 7.51 lakh AYUSH practitioners.
2. Nurses- 39.40 lakh registered personnel.

WHO Standard- Recommends a minimum ratio of 1-1000.

Support System- National Health Mission (NHM) provides financial and technical assistance to states to bridge gaps.

Significance- Strengthens Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and primary healthcare delivery.

4. BIOFACH 2026

India designated 'Country of the Year' at the event in Nuremberg, Germany.

About Event- World's premier trade fair for certified organic food.

India's Participation- Led by APEDA. India Pavilion features 67 co-exhibitors (exporters, FPOs, Boards).

Products Showcased- Organic spices, pulses, essential oils, and GI-tagged rice (Gobindbhog, Chak Hao).

Impact- Boosts organic exports, sustainable agriculture, and farmer incomes.

5. National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB)

NMPB to hold a 'Chintan Shivir' in New Delhi to discuss policy reforms and research.

About NMPB- Established in 2000 under the Ministry of AYUSH. Mandate- Conservation, cultivation, and marketing of medicinal plants.

Key Initiatives

National AYUSH Mission- Subsidies (30-75%) for prioritized species.

e-CHARAK Portal- Online buyer-seller platform.

Ayush Aapke Dwar- Distribution of medicinal saplings.

Raw Drug Repositories- For standardizing quality benchmarks.