

ST ANNE'S SR. SEC. SCHOOL, JODHPUR
CLASS- VIII
GK UPDATES FOR HALF- YEARLY EXAMINATIONS

1. **Madhubani / Mithila Painting (Bihar):** Characterized by double borders, vibrant natural colors, and intricate geometric patterns filling every space. Traditionally drawn on walls by women depicting nature and religious folklore.
2. **Warli Art (Maharashtra):** Minimalist tribal art using simple geometric shapes (circles, triangles, lines) made from rice paste on red clay walls to depict social life, dancing, and nature.
3. **Gond Painting (Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh):** Created by the Gond tribe, recognized by its distinct pattern of dots, dashes, and fine lines forming trees, animals, and mythological figures.
4. **Kalamkari (Andhra Pradesh & Telangana):** "Pen-work" art using natural dyes on cotton or silk textiles depicting epic stories from the *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata*.
5. **Pattachitra (Odisha & West Bengal):** Detailed cloth or palm-leaf scroll paintings featuring rich colors, bold outlines, and religious themes like Jagannath and Krishna lore.
6. **Pichwai (Rajasthan):** Intricate cloth paintings placed behind the idol of Shreenathji (Krishna), featuring lotus motifs, cows, and devotional stories.
7. **Phad Painting (Rajasthan):** Long narrative scroll paintings executed on cloth, illustrating local folk deities like Pabuji and Devnarayan.
8. **Kalighat Painting (West Bengal):** Originating near the Kalighat temple in Kolkata, known for bold outlines, sweeping brushstrokes, and satirical depictions of everyday society.
9. **Thangka Art (Sikkim, Ladakh, Arunachal Pradesh):** Buddhist scroll paintings on cotton/silk brocade depicting the life of Buddha, deities, and mandalas used for meditation.
10. **Bhil Painting (Madhya Pradesh & Gujarat):** Created by the Bhil tribe using colorful dots to map out community life, festivals, and sacred symbols.
11. **Saura Painting (Odisha):** Wall paintings similar to Warli art, but larger with elongated figures built around a central "Tree of Life" motif.
12. **Cheriyal Scroll Painting (Telangana):** Narrative scroll paintings created in a comic-strip format depicting local legends and epics.

CURRENT AFFAIRS-

1. **The Field's Medal 2026**, one of the most prestigious awards in mathematics, has been awarded to Yu Deng, John Pardon, Jacob Tsimerman and Hong Wang for their exceptional contributions to mathematical research.
2. The Pacific island nation formerly known as Nauru has adopted its indigenous name, **the Republic of Naoero**, to reaffirm its cultural identity, linguistic heritage and national pride.
3. **Astrophysicist Annapurni Subramaniam**, has been awarded the COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai medal- 2026.
4. Union Minister **Prahlad Joshi**, assumed additional charge as India's 10th Union minister of Education on July 25, 2026.
5. The Union Minister of Road Transport and Highway conferred the **Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak** on 12 rat miners in recognition of their exceptional courage and selfless service during the Silkyara Tunnel Rescue Operation .

6. Developed under the Ministry of Earth Sciences' deep Ocean Mission, the ICAR- Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) launched the **DeepDATA app** in Kochi to support deep-sea fish documentation and research.
7. The Defence Research and Development organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted the maiden flight test of **the Kusha Long- Range Surface- to- Air-Missile (LR- SAM)** from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha .
8. For the first time in Indian cinema history, a Santhali-language film titled **Angen (Indivisible)** won Best Debut Film of a Director at the 72nd National Film Awards.