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National

Sarai Kale Khan Chowk Renamed to Bhagwan Birsa Munda Chowk

Keywords: Sarai Kale Khan Chowk; renamed; Bhagwan Birsa Munda Chowk; Delhi; 150th birth anniversary; November 15; Janjatiya Gaurav Divas.

- Renaming Event: Sarai Kale Khan Chowk in Delhi has been renamed to Bhagwan Birsa Munda Chowk.
- Occasion: The renaming event was held on Bhagwan Birsa Munda's 150th birth anniversary.
- Janjatiya Gaurav Divas: November 15, Bhagwan Birsa Munda's birth anniversary, is declared as 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas'.

About Birsa Munda

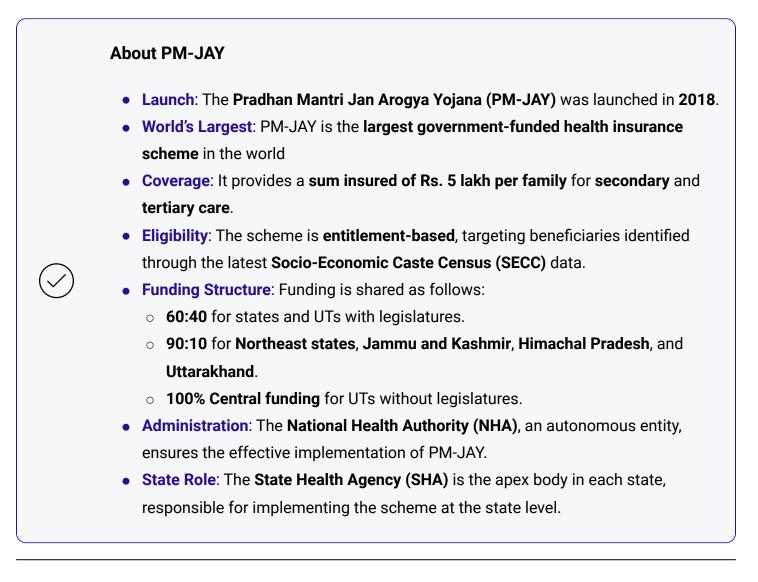
- Birth Details: Bhagwan Birsa Munda was born in 1875 in Ranchi.
- Tribal Affiliation: He belonged to the Munda tribe of Jharkhand.
- Munda Rebellion: The Munda Rebellion is one of the prominent **19th-century** tribal rebellions in India, led by Birsa Munda.
- Ulgulan: The Ulgulan, meaning 'Great Tumult,' aimed to establish Munda Raj and independence.
- Airport Naming: Ranchi Airport is named after him as Birsa Munda Airport.

Ayushman Vay Vandana Card: Healthcare Benefits for Senior Citizens

Keywords: Ayushman Vay Vandana Card; Ayushman Bharat; Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya; elderly citizens; free treatment; hospitals; 70 years and above; universal eligibility; PM-JAY; health insurance; Ayushman Bharat; government-funded; 2018; Rs. 5 lakh; SECC data; secondary care; tertiary care; NHA; SHA.

- Initiative: The Ayushman Vay Vandana Card is a key initiative under the Ayushman Bharat
 Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya scheme.
- Healthcare Benefits: The card provides comprehensive healthcare benefits, ensuring free treatment in hospitals across the nation.

- Age Eligibility: It is exclusively for individuals aged 70 years and above.
- Universal Access: The card offers universal eligibility with no income cap, benefiting the poor, middle class, and upper class alike.



K Sanjay Murthy Appointed as India's Next Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)

Keywords: K Sanjay Murthy; Comptroller and Auditor General; CAG; President of India; Article 148; six years; age 65; removal; Supreme Court judge; ninth precedence.

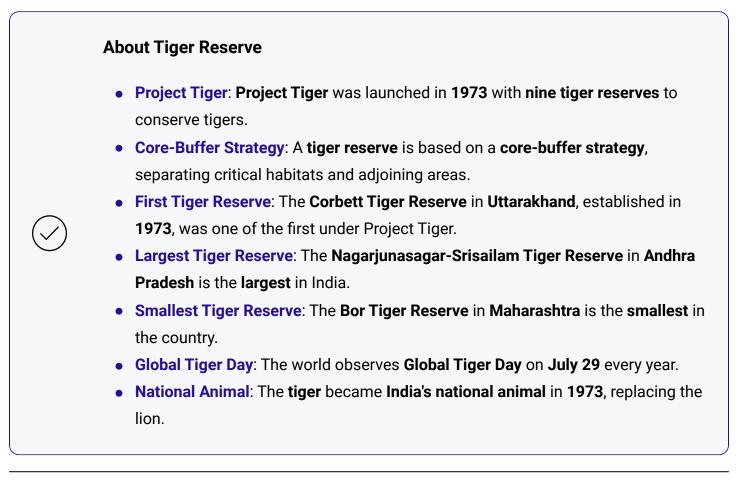
- New Appointment: K Sanjay Murthy has been appointed as the next Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India.
- Appointing Authority: The President of India appoints the CAG.

About CAG Role: The CAG audits the accounts of central and state governments, public sector enterprises, and other government-funded organizations. Constitutional Provision: Article 148 establishes the office of the CAG. Tenure: The CAG serves for a term of six years or until reaching the age of 65, whichever is earlier. Removal Process: The CAG can only be removed through a process similar to the impeachment of a Supreme Court judge. Precedence and Authority: The CAG is ranked ninth in terms of precedent and has the same authority as a sitting Supreme Court judge.

Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Declared India's 56th Tiger Reserve

Keywords: Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla; 56th Tiger Reserve; Chhattisgarh; third-largest; 4 tiger reserves; Project Tiger; national animal; core-buffer strategy; Corbett; Nagarjunasagar-Srisailam; Bor; Global Tiger Day.

- New Tiger Reserve: The Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh has been notified as India's 56th Tiger Reserve.
- Size Ranking: It is the third-largest tiger reserve in India.
- State Reserves: Chhattisgarh now has four tiger reserves.



Prasar Bharati Launches OTT Platform Waves at IFFI 2024

Keywords: Prasar Bharati; Waves; OTT platform; 55th International Film Festival of India; Doordarshan; All India Radio; 1997; Navneet Kumar Sehgal.

- OTT Platform Name: Prasar Bharati has launched its own OTT platform named Waves.
- Content Offered: Waves features a mix of classic and contemporary content in over 12 languages.
- Launch Venue: The platform was launched at the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI).



India Launches First AI Data Bank at ASSOCHAM AI Leadership Meet 2024

Keywords: India; AI Data Bank; ASSOCHAM AI Leadership Meet 2024; AI for India; high-quality datasets; scalable AI solutions.

- Initiative Launch: India's first AI Data Bank was launched at the ASSOCHAM AI Leadership Meet 2024.
- Event Theme: The theme of the event was "AI for India: Advancing India's AI Development Innovation, Ethics, and Governance".
- Objective: The initiative aims to provide high-quality datasets for researchers, startups, and developers to create scalable AI solutions.

Ministry of Jal Shakti Launches "Bhu-Neer" Portal for Groundwater

Management

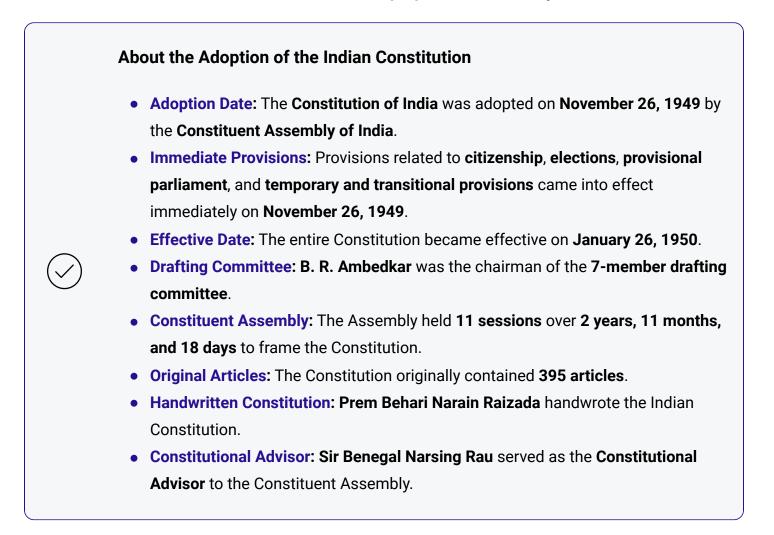
Keywords: Ministry of Jal Shakti; Bhu-Neer portal; CGWA; NIC; groundwater compliance; policies; regulations.

- Launch Event: The Ministry of Jal Shakti digitally launched the "Bhu-Neer" portal.
- **Development Collaboration:** The portal was developed by the **Central Ground Water Authority** (CGWA) in partnership with the **National Informatics Centre (NIC)**.
- Purpose: The portal provides information on groundwater compliance, policies, and regulations at both state and national levels.

India's First Constitution Museum Inaugurated in Sonipat

Keywords: Constitution Museum; O.P. Jindal Global University; Sonipat; Haryana; 75th anniversary; Constitution adoption.

- Inauguration: India's first Constitution Museum was inaugurated at O.P. Jindal Global University in Sonipat, Haryana.
- Anniversary Significance: The museum celebrates the **75th anniversary** of the **adoption of India's Constitution**.
- Educational Objective: The museum aims to democratize access to the Constitution, highlighting its evolution, historical debates, and role in shaping India's democracy.



State

Jauljibi Mela: A Heritage Trade Fair of Uttarakhand

Keywords: Jauljibi Mela; heritage trade fair; Uttarakhand; India; Nepal; Tibet; Gori River; Kali River; Kailash Mansarovar route.

- Event Name: Jauljibi Mela is a heritage trade fair of Uttarakhand.
- Historical Significance: The mela promotes harmony between India, Nepal, and Tibet.
- Location: Jauljibi is located at the confluence of the Gori and Kali rivers.
- Traditional Route: It lies on the traditional Kailash Mansarovar route.

24 Coastal Villages in Odisha Recognized as 'Tsunami Ready' by UNESCO

Keywords: Odisha; 24 villages; Tsunami Ready; IOC; UNESCO; 2nd Global Tsunami Symposium; Indonesia; Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme; preparedness measures.

- **Recognition: 24 coastal villages** from six districts of **Odisha** have been officially recognized as **'Tsunami Ready'** by the **Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)** of **UNESCO**.
- Event: This recognition was granted during the 2nd Global Tsunami Symposium in Indonesia.
- Tsunami Ready Programme: Under the Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme (TRRP), the 24 villages have implemented various preparedness measures.
- Preparedness Measures: These measures include training, awareness campaigns, and mock drills, among others.

Dhudmaras Village in Chhattisgarh Selected for UNWTO's Best Tourism Village Upgrade Programme

Keywords: Dhudmaras; Chhattisgarh; Bastar; UNWTO; Best Tourism Village Upgrade; Kanger Valley National Park; Dhurwa Tribe; Parji language; Bastar Dussehra.

 UNWTO Recognition: Dhudmaras village, located in Chhattisgarh's Bastar district, has been selected for the Best Tourism Village Upgrade Programme by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

- Tourism Potential: The programme emphasizes villages with potential for sustainable tourism development.
- Location: Dhudmaras is situated within the Kanger Valley National Park.
- National Award: Earlier this year, the Union Ministry of Tourism recognized Dhudmaras in the Adventure Tourism category at the Best Tourism Village competition.
- Local Community: The Dhurwa Tribe families are the village's local residents.

About Dhurwa Tribe

- **Tribal Identity**: The **Dhurwa or Dharua tribal group** is found in **Chhattisgarh** and **Odisha**, and in Chhattisgarh, they are classified under the **Gond tribe**.
- Language: The Parji language, a Dravidian language, is commonly spoken by the Dhurwa people in their home domain.
- **Cultural Heritage**: The Dhurwa Tribe celebrates **Bastar Dussehra**, a festival lasting up to **75 days**, making it one of the **longest festivals in the world**.

Telangana Unveils New Electric Vehicle Policy

Keywords: Telangana; Electric Vehicle Policy; 100% road tax exemption; registration fee exemption; December 31, 2026.

- Policy Announcement: The Telangana government unveiled its new Electric Vehicles (EV)
 Policy.
- Key Objectives: The policy aims to promote environmental sustainability, improve energy efficiency, and reduce air pollution.
- Tax and Fee Exemptions: The policy offers 100% exemptions on road tax and registration fees for all EVs for a period of two years, valid till December 31, 2026.

Bihar to Host Khelo India Games in 2025

Keywords: Bihar; Khelo India Youth Games; Khelo India Para Games; 2025; Women's Asian Champions Trophy; Rajgir; Khelo India Programme; 2018; grassroots sports; young talent.

- Event Hosting: Bihar will host the Khelo India Youth Games and the Khelo India Para Games in 2025.
- Recent Success: Bihar recently hosted the Women's Asian Champions Trophy in Rajgir.

- **Programme Launch:** The **Khelo India programme** was launched in **2018** by the **Government of India**.
- **Objective:** The programme aims to **promote grassroots sports** and identify **young talent** across India.

Economy

SBI Celebrates Centenary of Horniman Circle Branch in Mumbai

Keywords: Gabon; referendum; new constitution; 91% approval; dynastic rule; democratic government; Brice Oligui Nguema; August 2023; Central Africa; Libreville; French; Central African CFA Franc; Commonwealth; Togo.

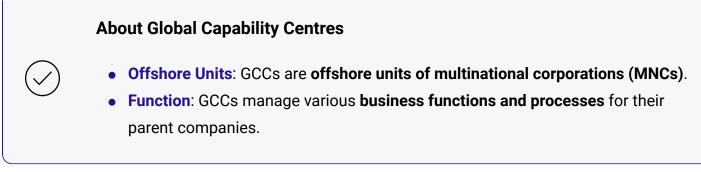
Keywords: SBI; Horniman Circle Branch; Mumbai; centenary; Heritage Branch; Bank of Calcutta; 1806; C.S. Setty.

- Branch Milestone: The Horniman Circle Branch in Mumbai, a Heritage Branch of the State Bank of India (SBI), marked its centenary.
- Bank's Legacy: SBI, the oldest commercial bank in India, was originally established as the Bank of Calcutta in 1806.
- SBI Chairman: The current Chairman of SBI is C.S. Setty.

Karnataka to Establish Three Global Innovation Districts

Keywords: Karnataka; Bengaluru; Mysuru; Belagavi; Global Innovation Districts; Global Capability Centres; GCCs; Nipuna Karnataka; skilling; multinational corporations.

- Planned Locations: Karnataka will set up three Global Innovation Districts in Bengaluru, Mysuru, and Belagavi.
- **Objective**: The districts aim to **attract and support Global Capability Centres (GCCs)**.
- Skill Development Initiative: The project is supported by the state's 'Nipuna Karnataka' scheme, which aims to skill one lakh individuals.



Sagarmanthan: South Asia's Largest Maritime Leadership Event Inaugurated

Keywords: Sagarmanthan; inaugural edition; New Delhi; South Asia; maritime thought leadership; Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways; MoPSW; Observer Research Foundation; ORF; global leaders; marine sector.

- Event Name: The inaugural edition of Sagarmanthan was held in New Delhi.
- Significance: It is recognized as South Asia's largest maritime thought leadership event.
- Organizers: The event was organized by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) in partnership with the Observer Research Foundation (ORF).
- Objective: The platform fosters dialogue among global leaders, policymakers, and visionaries to shape the future of the marine sector.

IRDAI Launches Bima Sugam Platform for Transparent Insurance Services

Keywords: Bima Sugam; IRDAI; Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India; digital platform; insurance products; mis-selling; transparency; IRDAI Act 1999; Hyderabad; Telangana.

- Platform Name: Bima Sugam is a digital initiative launched by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
- Objective: The platform aims to provide a low-cost and effective distribution channel for insurance products.
- Purpose: It addresses concerns over mis-selling of insurance products by banks.
- Platform Features: Bima Sugam allows buying, selling, and claim servicing of insurance policies in a transparent manner.

About IRDAI

- About IRDAI: The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India is the regulatory body for the insurance industry in India.
- **Purpose:** It was created for the **overall supervision and development** of the insurance sector in India.
- Statutory Basis: IRDAI was established under the IRDAI Act 1999 for the supervision and development of the insurance sector.
- Headquarters: IRDAI is headquartered in Hyderabad, Telangana.

Keywords: Tata Power; ADB; \$4.25 billion; clean energy; MoU; floating solar power plant; Kayamkulam; Kerala.

- MoU Signed: Tata Power has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for \$4.25 billion to finance clean energy projects.
- Floating Solar Plant: Tata Power operates India's largest floating solar power plant located in Kayamkulam, Kerala.



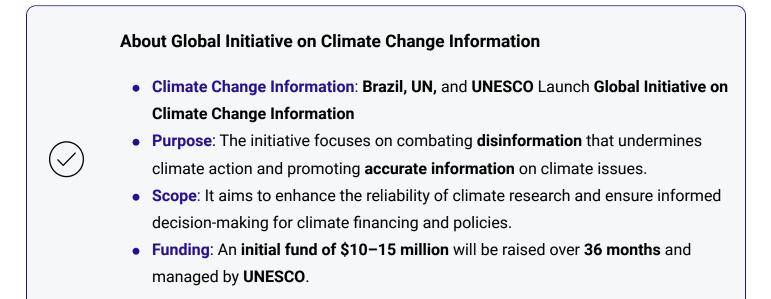
- Foundation & Headquarter: ADB, founded in 1966 and headquartered in Manila, Philippines.
- **Purpose:** It provides financial assistance for development projects across its **69 member countries**.
- Latest Member: Israel joined ADB as its 69th member and 20th non-regional member in 2024.
- Strategy 2030: ADB's Strategy 2030 guides its mission towards a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific.

Summits & Reports

Key Highlights of the 2024 G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro

Keywords: 2024 G20 Summit; Rio de Janeiro; Brazil; Social Summit; MDBs; Africa; Women's Empowerment; SDG 18; Hunger; COP30; Climate Financing; UNESCO; climate change disinformation.

- Event Overview: The 2024 G20 Summit was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Social Summit: Introduced the G20 Social Summit, focusing on social issues and cooperation among member nations.
- Development Banks: A roadmap for Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) reform was presented to improve global financial governance.
- Africa and Debt Relief: Initiatives were proposed to address African challenges and reduce external debt burdens.
- Women's Empowerment: Established the Women's Empowerment Working Group to promote gender equality and women's rights.
- **SDG 18**: Added a new Sustainable Development Goal focusing on **ethnic-racial equality**.
- Global Alliance: Highlighted the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty launched by Brazil.
- Support for COP30: Endorsed COP30, scheduled to be held in Belém, Brazil, in 2025.
- Climate Financing: Proposed a New Quantified Collective Objective for Climate Financing (NCQG) to enhance mechanisms.



Keywords: Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty; Brazil; Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva; G20 Summit; Rio de Janeiro; 2030; 82 nations; UN FAO.

- Launch Event: Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva launched the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty at the G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro.
- **Objective**: The alliance aims to **eradicate hunger and poverty globally by 2030**.
- Founding Members: A total of 82 nations, including Brazil, India, China, the US, and European countries, are founding members.
- Oversight Mechanism: Progress will be monitored through Regular Summits and a High-Level Champions Council.
- Support System: The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) will host a dedicated technical body to provide strategic support for the alliance.

South Africa Becomes First African Nation to Lead the G20

Keywords: Brazil; G20 Presidency; South Africa; first African nation; historic milestone; G20; 1999; financial crisis; East Asia; Southeast Asia; global financial stability; middle-income countries; 19 countries; European Union; African Union; India; G20 Summit 2023.

- G20 Presidency Transfer: Brazil officially transferred the G20 Presidency to South Africa.
- Historic Achievement: South Africa became the first African nation to lead the G20, marking a historic milestone.

About G20

- G20 Formation Year: The G20 was formed in 1999.
- Formation Context: The G20 was established in response to the financial crisis of the late 1990s, which impacted East Asia and Southeast Asia.
- **Purpose of G20:** The aim of the G20 is to secure **global financial stability** by involving **middle-income countries**.
- **G20 Composition:** The G20 consists of **19 countries** and the **European Union** and the **African Union**.
- India's Role: India hosted the G20 Leaders' Summit in 2023.

Keywords: India; 10th rank; Climate Change Performance Index; CCPI 2025; Denmark; Netherlands; UK; Germanwatch; Climate Action Network; New Climate Institute; climate policy; 63 countries; European Union.

- India's Rank: India secured the 10th rank in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2025, highlighting its efforts against climate change.
- Decline in Rank: India slipped two spots compared to last year's ranking.
- Top Rankings: The first three spots in the index remain empty, with Denmark (4th), the Netherlands (5th), and the UK (6th) leading the list.
- India's Emissions: India's per capita emissions are 2.9 tCO2e (tonnes of CO2 equivalent) significantly below the global average of 6.6 tCO2e.

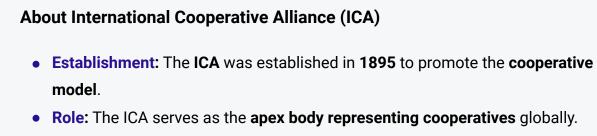
About Climate Change Performance Index 2025

- **Report Publishers:** The CCPI 2025 is published by Germanwatch, New Climate Institute, and Climate Action Network International.
- Number of Countries Assessed: The CCPI tracks the progress of 63 countries and the European Union.
- Assessment Criteria: The index evaluates countries based on emissions, renewables, and climate policy.

India to Host ICA Global Cooperative Conference for the First Time

Keywords: India; ICA Global Cooperative Conference; New Delhi; first in 130 years; Bhutan PM Dasho Tshering Tobgay; Fiji Deputy PM Manoa Kamikamica; Cooperatives Build Prosperity for All; 8 lakh cooperatives; ICA; Brussels; apex cooperative body; 2020-2030 Strategic Plan.

- Event Location: India will host the ICA Global Cooperative Conference in New Delhi for the first time in 130 years of ICA's history.
- Special Guests: Bhutan Prime Minister Dasho Tshering Tobgay and Fiji Deputy Prime Minister Manoa Kamikamica will attend the event.
- Theme: The theme of the event is "Cooperatives Build Prosperity for All".
- Indian Cooperatives: India has 25% of the world's cooperatives, with over 8 lakh cooperatives.



- Headquarters: The ICA is headquartered in Brussels, Belgium.
- Strategic Plan: The ICA's 2020-2030 Strategic Plan is titled "A People-Centred Path to a Second Cooperative Decade".

International

Global Energy Efficiency Alliance Announced at COP29

Keywords: Global Energy Efficiency Alliance; COP29; Baku, Azerbaijan; energy efficiency; Africa; UAE Consensus; net zero; fossil fuels; 2050.

- Global Initiative: The Global Energy Efficiency Alliance has been announced by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) during COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- **Objective:** The initiative seeks to **double global energy efficiency rates annually** by **2030**.
- Focus on Africa: A special focus will be on African nations, providing customized financing and technological solutions for energy efficiency.
- UAE Policies Alignment: This initiative builds on the 'UAE Consensus', a document introduced during COP28 to advocate for a transition from fossil fuels to achieve net zero by 2050.

PM Modi Conferred Nigeria's 2nd Highest National Award and Key to Abuja

Keywords: Narendra Modi; Nigeria; Grand Commander of the Order of Niger; Queen Elizabeth; Key to the City of Abuja; West Africa; Abuja; Nigerian Naira; Giant of Africa; most populous country.

- Award: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was conferred with Nigeria's 2nd highest national award, the "Grand Commander of the Order of Niger".
- Foreign Leader Recognition: PM Modi became the second foreign leader after Queen Elizabeth (1969) to receive this honor.
- Key to the City: PM Modi received the "Key to the City of Abuja" as a symbol of trust and honor.

About Nigeria

- Nigeria Location: Nigeria is a country in West Africa and is the most populous country in Africa.
- Capital: The capital of Nigeria is Abuja.
- Currency: The Nigerian Naira is the currency of Nigeria.
- Nickname: Nigeria is referred to as the "Giant of Africa" because of its large population.

Gabon Approves New Constitution to End Dynastic Rule in Landmark Referendum

Keywords: Gabon; referendum; new constitution; 91% approval; dynastic rule; democratic government; Brice Oligui Nguema; August 2023; Central Africa; Libreville; French; Central African CFA Franc; Commonwealth; Togo.

- Event: Gabon held a landmark referendum where 91% of voters approved a new constitution.
- Objective: The new constitution aims to end 55 years of dynastic rule and reintroduce a democratic civilian government.
- Organizer: Transitional President Brice Oligui Nguema organized the referendum.
- Referendum Definition: A referendum is an event where citizens vote on a specific political question.

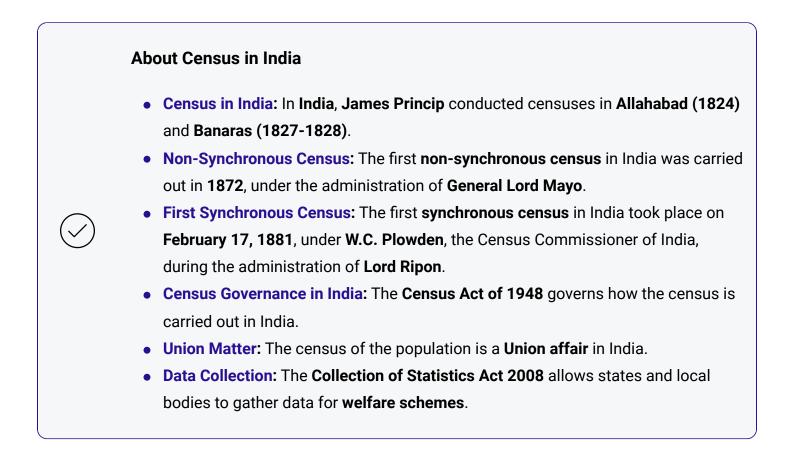
About Gabon

- Geographical Details: Gabon is located on the Atlantic coast of Central Africa.
- Official Language: The official language of Gabon is French.
- Capital: The capital city of Gabon is Libreville.
- Currency: Gabon uses the Central African CFA Franc as its currency.
- **Commonwealth Membership**: Gabon, along with **Togo**, joined the **Commonwealth** in **2022**, becoming its **55th and 56th members**.

Iraq Conducts First Nationwide Census in 40 Years

Keywords: Iraq; first nationwide census; 40 years; 1987; de jure method; exclusion; India; James Princip; Allahabad; Banaras; non-synchronous census; 1872; synchronous census; 1881; Census Act 1948; Union affair; Collection of Statistics Act 2008.

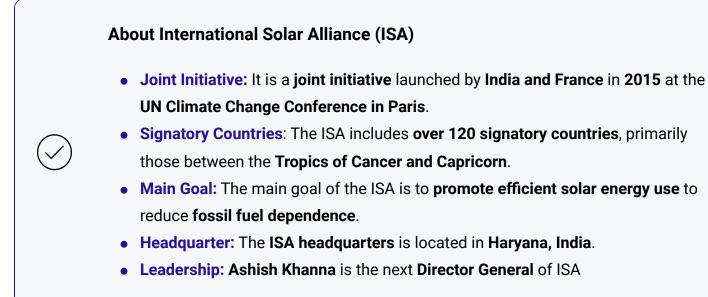
- Iraq Census: Iraq is conducting its first nationwide census in 40 years, the first since 1987.
- **Census Method:** The census will use the **"de jure" method**, counting people based on their **current areas of residence**.
- Exclusion Criteria: Iraqis living abroad or those displaced to other countries will not be counted.



Armenia Joins International Solar Alliance as its 104th Member

Keywords: Armenia; 104th member; International Solar Alliance (ISA); India-France initiative; UN Climate Change Conference; 2015; solar energy; Haryana; Ashish Khanna; Director General.

• Membership: Armenia has become the 104th full member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA).



Defense

India Successfully Tests Long-Range Hypersonic Missile

Keywords: India; long-range hypersonic missile; DRDO; Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island; Odisha; Mach 5; Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Missile Complex; Hyderabad.

- Successful Test: India has successfully conducted a flight trial of its first long-range hypersonic missile.
- Test Location: The test was carried out at Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha.
- Missile Speed: Hypersonic missiles travel at speeds of Mach 5 (five times the speed of sound) or more.
- Development Agency: The missile was developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- Development Center: The missile was primarily designed at the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Missile Complex, Hyderabad.

"Sanyukt Vimochan 2024" HADR Exercise Conducted in Gujarat

Keywords: Sanyukt Vimochan 2024; Indian Army; multi-agency; Ahmedabad; Porbandar; Gujarat; Cyclone; Konark Corps; Southern Command; HADR.

- Exercise Name: The annual "Sanyukt Vimochan" is a multi-agency Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise by the Indian Army.
- 2024 Edition: The 2024 edition was successfully conducted in Ahmedabad and Porbandar, Gujarat.
- Theme: The theme for 2024 was "Cyclone in Coastal Region of Gujarat".
- Organizers: The exercise was organized by the Konark Corps of the Indian Army's Southern Command.

General Upendra Dwivedi Conferred Honorary General Title by Nepal Army

Keywords: General Upendra Dwivedi; Chief of Army Staff; Indian Army; Honorary General; Nepal Army; every three years; mutual respect; India-Nepal.

- Honorary Title: General Upendra Dwivedi, the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) of the Indian Army, has been conferred the title of Honorary General of the Nepal Army.
- Tradition: The Chiefs of the Indian and Nepali Armies exchange the title of Honorary General every three years.
- **Significance:** This practice symbolizes **mutual respect**, **solidarity**, and the **enduring friendship** between **India and Nepal**.

National Integration Day: Honoring Indira Gandhi's Legacy

Keywords: National Integration Day; Indira Gandhi; birth anniversary; November 19; first woman Prime Minister; Bal Charkha Sangh; Emergency; Bangladesh; Operation Blue Star; Bharat Ratna; Bangladesh Freedom Honour.

• Date: National Integration Day is observed annually on November 19 to mark the birth anniversary of Indira Gandhi.

About Indira Gandhi

- Birth: Indira Priyadarshini Nehru was born on 19th November 1917 to Jawaharlal Nehru and Kamla Nehru.
- First Female PM: She was the first and only female Prime Minister of India.
- Early Contribution: She founded the 'Bal Charkha Sangh' in 1930 to teach children spinning and weaving.
- Tenure as PM: She served as Prime Minister of India from 1966–1977 and 1980– 1984.
- Longest Tenure: She was the second-longest-serving Indian PM, after her father, Jawaharlal Nehru.
- **Bangladesh Creation**: During her tenure, **East Pakistan** became **Bangladesh** after its separation from **West Pakistan**.
- Emergency Period: She imposed the infamous Emergency from 1975 to 1977.
- Assassination: She was assassinated on **31 October 1984** by her own bodyguards after ordering military action during **Operation Blue Star**.
- Awards: She received the Bharat Ratna in 1971 and the Bangladesh Freedom Honour in 2011.

Awaas Diwas 2024: Celebrating 8 Years of PMAY-G (November 20)

Keywords: Awaas Diwas 2024; November 20; Ministry of Rural Development; 8th anniversary; Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin; PMAY-G; Housing for All; pucca houses; SECC 2011; Awaas+ 2018; Gram Sabha; SC/ST; differently-abled; disaster-affected families; ₹15,000 income; Awaas+ 2024 App; Aadhaar; 3D house designs.

- Event Details: Awaas Diwas 2024 was commemorated by the Ministry of Rural Development.
- Date of Event: The celebration took place on November 20, marking the 8th anniversary of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G).

About Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin

- Vision of PMAY-G: The scheme aims to achieve "Housing for All" by providing pucca houses with basic amenities.
- Target: The goal is to construct 5 crore houses by March 2029.
- Beneficiary Selection: Beneficiaries are identified based on SECC 2011 and Awaas+ 2018 surveys, and the data is verified by Gram Sabhas.
- Special Focus Groups: The allocation includes 60% houses for SC/ST families and 5% for differently-abled and disaster-affected families.
- Income Threshold: The monthly income threshold for eligibility has been raised to ₹15,000.
- Innovations: The Awaas+ 2024 App introduces Aadhaar-based face authentication and 3D house designs for improved implementation.

Japan & Wales Announced as Partner Countries for 25th Hornbill Festival

Keywords: Japan; Wales; official partner country; 25th Hornbill Festival; Kisama; Nagaland; Festival of Festivals.

- Partner Countries: Japan and Wales have been announced as the official partner countries for the 25th Hornbill Festival.
- Event Location: The festival will take place in Kisama, Nagaland.
- Significance of the Festival: The Hornbill Festival, referred to as the "Festival of Festivals," is Nagaland's premier cultural event.

Science & Tech

Climate TRACE Database Highlights Global Greenhouse Gas Emission Hotspots

Keywords: Climate TRACE; greenhouse gas emissions; Shanghai; Tokyo; New York; Permian Basin; Texas; 2024 UN Climate Change Conference; Baku; Azerbaijan; Al Gore.

- Database Findings: A global database by Climate TRACE identified the largest contributors to greenhouse gas emissions.
- Top Polluting Cities: Shanghai ranks as the most polluting city, followed by Tokyo and New York.
- Worst Polluting Site: The Permian Basin in Texas is the world's worst individual polluting site.
- Event Context: The data was released during the 2024 UN Climate Change Conference in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- Consortium Co-Founder: Climate TRACE was co-founded by former USA vice president Al Gore.

New Flowering Plant Species Crinum Andhricum Discovered in Eastern Ghat

Keywords: Crinum andhricum; flowering plant; Eastern Ghats; Andhra Pradesh; Sapparla Hills; Amaryllidaceae; waxy white flowers; April to June; IUCN; Data Deficient.

- Species Name: Botanists have identified a new flowering plant species named Crinum andhricum.
- **Discovery Location:** This species was discovered in the **Sapparla Hills** of the **Eastern Ghats** in **Andhra Pradesh**.
- Plant Family: Crinum andhricum belongs to the Amaryllidaceae family.
- Flower Description: It has waxy white flowers that bloom from April to June, with each cluster producing 12 to 38 flowers.
- IUCN Status: The species has been given a preliminary 'Data Deficient' status by the IUCN.

World Antimicrobial Resistance Week 2024: Educate, Advocate, Act Now

Keywords: World Antimicrobial Resistance Week; WAAW; 18-24 November; drug-resistant infections; Antimicrobial Resistance; AMR; bacteria; viruses; fungi; antibiotics; antivirals.

- Observance Dates: World Antimicrobial Resistance Week (WAAW) is observed annually from 18-24 November.
- Objective: The campaign aims to raise awareness and promote best practices to reduce the spread of drug-resistant infections.
- 2024 Theme: The theme for 2024 is "Educate. Advocate. Act Now."

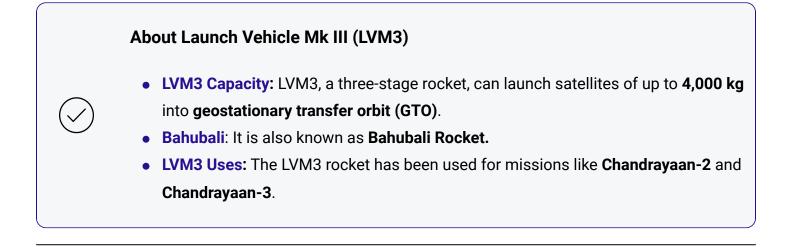
About Antimicrobial Resistance

• **Definition: AMR** occurs when **bacteria**, **viruses**, **fungi**, **and parasites** adapt over time, making **antimicrobial agents** like antibiotics and antivirals **ineffective**.

India's GSAT-20 Satellite to Launch via SpaceX Falcon-9

Keywords: India; GSAT-20; SpaceX; Falcon-9; ISRO; Cape Canaveral; communication services; remote areas; LVM3; Bahubali; Chandrayaan.

- Launch Vehicle: India's GSAT-20 satellite will be launched by SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket from Cape Canaveral, USA.
- Satellite Purpose: GSAT-20, developed by ISRO, will provide critical communication services, including internet connectivity to remote areas.
- Satellite Weight: GSAT-20 weighs 4,700 kg, making it too heavy for ISRO's LVM3 (Bahubali) rocket.



Super Typhoon Man-yi Hits the Philippines

Keywords: Super Typhoon Man-yi; Pepito; Philippines; second landfall; wind strength; category 4; category 5; hurricane.

- Typhoon Name: The typhoon is internationally called Man-yi and locally referred to as Pepito.
- Landfall: Super Typhoon Man-yi has made a second landfall in the Philippines.
- Super Typhoon: A super typhoon is defined as a typhoon with sustained surface winds of 240 km/h (150 miles/h) or more.

Hurricanes, Cyclones and Typhoons

- **Tropical Cyclone**: They are all **forms of tropical cyclones**, which are the same weather phenomenon.
- Typhoons: Typhoons form in the Northwest Pacific Ocean.
- Impact Areas: These impact areas like Japan, China, and the Philippines.
- Hurricaness: Hurricanes form in the North Atlantic, central North Pacific and eastern North Pacific Oceans.
- Cyclones: Cyclones form in the South Pacific and Indian Ocean.

NASA and Microsoft Launch Earth Copilot AI Tool for Simplified Access to Geospatial Data

Keywords: NASA; Microsoft; Earth Copilot; Al-powered chatbot; geospatial data; Azure cloud; Earth Science insights; plain-language queries.

- Collaboration: NASA and Microsoft have teamed up to create Earth Copilot, an AI-powered chatbot.
- **Purpose**: The tool simplifies access to **NASA's complex geospatial data**.
- **Technology**: Using **Microsoft's Azure cloud**, the tool allows users to retrieve **Earth Science insights** through **plain-language queries**.

'One Day One Genome' Initiative Launched by DBT and BRIC

Keywords: Department of Biotechnology; DBT; Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council; BRIC; One Day One Genome; initiative; genome sequencing; bacterial species; India; genomeencoded enzymes; antimicrobial resistance; bioactive compounds.

- Initiative Launch: The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and the Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council (BRIC) launched the 'One Day One Genome' initiative.
- Main Objective: The primary objective of the initiative is the genome sequencing of unique bacterial species found in India.
- Core Research Focus: The core research focus includes identifying genome-encoded enzymes, antimicrobial resistance, and bioactive compounds.

Understanding the Genome

- **Definition of Genome:** A **genome** is essentially the blueprint of an organism's **genetic information**.
- **Composition of Genome:** The **genome** of almost all living organisms is composed of **DNA**.
- Origin of the Term 'Genome': The term 'Genome' was first introduced by Hans Winkler.
- Human Genome: The human genome consists of 23 pairs of chromosomes and a total of 3 billion DNA base pairs.
- **DNA Functionality:** The **genome** holds all the **necessary genetic instructions** for the growth, development, and functioning of an organism.

Sports

Indian Tennis Star Prajnesh Gunneswaran Retires from Professional Tennis

Keywords: Prajnesh Gunneswaran; Indian tennis star; retirement; bronze medal; 2018 Jakarta Asian Games.

- Retirement Announcement: Prajnesh Gunneswaran, the Indian tennis star, announced his retirement from professional tennis.
- Achievement: He won a bronze medal in singles at the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games.

FIFA Unveils NASA-Inspired Trophy for Expanded 32-Team Club World Cup

Keywords: FIFA; NASA-inspired; golden trophy; 32-team; Club World Cup; Voyager missions; periodic table; celestial journeys; 2025; United States; Manchester City; defending champion.

- Trophy Design: FIFA has unveiled a NASA-inspired golden trophy for the expanded 32-team Club World Cup.
- **Design Inspiration**: The design is inspired by **NASA's 1970s Voyager missions**, the **periodic table**, and the mapping of **celestial journeys**, linking football to exploration and global unity.
- Tournament Schedule: The trophy will be awarded at the first-ever 32-team tournament in 2025.



West Bengal Wins 4th National Finswimming Championship 2024

Keywords: 4th National Finswimming Championship 2024; Syama Prasad Mookerjee Swimming Pool Complex; New Delhi; West Bengal; finswimming; underwater sport; fins.

- Event Location: The 4th National Finswimming Championship 2024 was held at the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Swimming Pool Complex, New Delhi.
- Team Champions: West Bengal was crowned team champions, winning 151 medals.
- **Sport Details**: **Finswimming** is an **underwater sport** involving swimming with the use of **fins**.

Jyothi Surekha Vennam Wins Gold, Abhishek Verma Bags Silver at GT Open 2024

Keywords: GT Open 2024; Luxembourg; Jyothi Surekha Vennam; gold medal; women's compound archery; Abhishek Verma; silver medal; men's competition; indoor archery; Strassen.

- Event: The GT Open 2024 is an indoor archery competition held in Strassen, Luxembourg.
- Women's Champion: Jyothi Surekha Vennam from India secured the gold medal in women's compound archery.
- Men's Runner-up: Abhishek Verma won the silver medal in the men's competition.

Odisha Wins 14th Hockey India Senior National Championship

Keywords: Odisha; 14th Hockey India Senior National Championship; SDAT-Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium; Chennai.

- Event: The 14th Hockey India Senior National Championship was held in Chennai.
- Venue: The final took place at the SDAT-Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium.
- Winner: Odisha emerged victorious in the tournament.

Magnus Carlsen and Kateryna Lagno Shine at Tata Steel Chess India Tournament

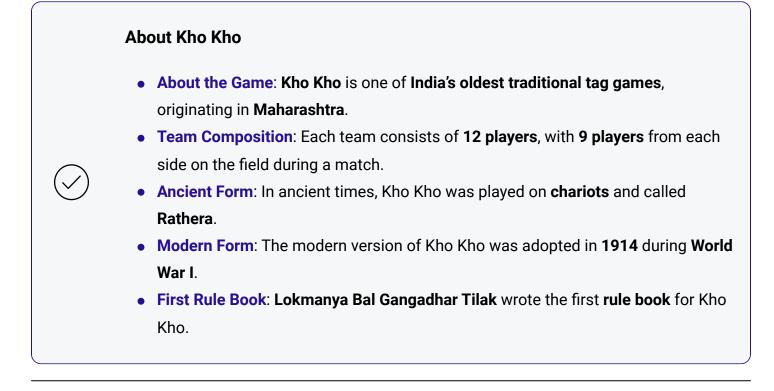
Keywords: Magnus Carlsen; Kateryna Lagno; Tata Steel Chess India; blitz title; rapid event; Kolkata; women's blitz title; speed chess; fast time control.

- Men's Blitz Champion: Norwegian Chess Grandmaster Magnus Carlsen won the blitz title at the Tata Steel Chess India tournament.
- Rapid Winner: Magnus Carlsen also claimed victory in the rapid event.
- Event Location: The tournament was held in Kolkata.
- Women's Blitz Champion: Kateryna Lagno from Russia secured the women's blitz title.
- Blitz Chess: Blitz chess, also known as speed chess, involves games with a fast time control.

India to Host the Inaugural Kho Kho World Cup 2025 in New Delhi

Keywords: Kho Kho World Cup 2025; India; New Delhi; Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium; Indian Olympic Association; Kho Kho Federation of India; PT Usha; 24 teams; six continents; Maharashtra; Rathera; 1914; Bal Gangadhar Tilak.

- Event: India will host the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup in 2025.
- Venue: The tournament will take place at the Indira Gandhi Indoor (IGI) Stadium in New Delhi.
- Organizers: The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has partnered with the Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI) for the event.
- IOA President: PT Usha is the President of the Indian Olympic Association.
- Participation: A total of 24 teams from six continents will compete in the tournament.



India Retains Title at Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024

Keywords: India; Women's Hockey Team; Women's Asian Champions Trophy; China; Rajgir Sports Complex; Bihar; Deepika Kumari; Player of the Tournament.

- Title Defense: India's Women's Hockey Team retained their title at the Women's Asian Champions Trophy.
- Final Match: India defeated China at the Rajgir Sports Complex in Bihar.
- Player of the Tournament: Deepika Kumari from India was named the Player of the Tournament.

Italy Wins Fifth Billie Jean King Cup Title

Keywords: Italy; fifth title; Billie Jean King Cup; Slovakia; final; 2024; Málaga; Spain; women's team tennis; Davis Cup.

- Victory: Italy won its fifth Billie Jean King Cup title by defeating Slovakia in the final.
- Host City: The 2024 edition of the tournament was held in Málaga, Spain.
- Tournament Description: The Billie Jean King Cup is an international women's team tennis competition, equivalent to the Davis Cup for men.

Eden Gardens to Honour Jhulan Goswami with Stand

Keywords: Jhulan Goswami; Eden Gardens; Cricket Association of Bengal; Chakda Express; women's ODIs.

- Stand Renaming: The Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) announced that a stand at Eden Gardens will be renamed to honor Jhulan Goswami.
- **Historic First:** Jhulan will be the **first woman cricketer** to have a stand named after her at the iconic **Eden Gardens**, Kolkata.
- **Record Holder:** Jhulan Goswami tops the list of **all-time wicket-takers** in women's ODIs.
- Chakda Express: She is popularly known as the "Chakda Express", reflecting her roots in Chakdaha, West Bengal.

Awards

GHIAL Wins Global Recognition at Saudi Airport Exhibition 2024

Keywords: GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited; Airport Excellence Awards; Saudi Airport Exhibition 2024; Digital Twin; Innovation and Technology; Facility Management; Smart Shopping Trolley; Airport Revenue Management.

- Award Recognition: GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL) received global recognition at the 'Airport Excellence Awards' during the Saudi Airport Exhibition 2024.
- Winning Technology: GHIAL's 'Digital Twin' technology won awards in the categories of Innovation and Technology and Facility Management.
- Additional Recognition: GHIAL's 'Smart Shopping Trolley' was recognized as the runner-up in the Airport Revenue Management category.

About Digital Twin Technology

- Virtual Replica: The Digital Twin creates a virtual replica of the airport
- **Real-time Integration**: It integrates **real-time data** to improve **operational efficiency** and **passenger experience**.

Manoj Bajpayee's Film 'The Fable' Wins Best Film at Leeds International Film Festival

Keywords: Manoj Bajpayee; The Fable; Best Film; 38th Leeds International Film Festival; Raam Reddy; Constellation Feature Film Competition; groundbreaking cinema.

- Award: Manoj Bajpayee's film The Fable won the Best Film award at the 38th Leeds International Film Festival.
- Competition Category: The award was clinched in the Constellation Feature Film Competition, which honors groundbreaking cinema worldwide.
- **Director:** The film was directed by **Raam Reddy**.
- Achievement: No Indian film had previously received this prestigious honor at the festival.

Keywords: Indira Gandhi Prize 2023; Daniel Barenboim; Ali Abu Awwad; peace; disarmament; development; Roots organization; Palestinians; Israelis; Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust.

- Awardees: The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development for 2023 was awarded to Daniel Barenboim and Ali Abu Awwad.
- Daniel Barenboim's Contribution: He was honored for uniting people through music.
- Ali Abu Awwad's Contribution: He was recognized for his peace efforts via Roots, a group promoting dialogue between Palestinians and Israelis.
- About the Prize: The Indira Gandhi Prize is a prestigious annual award, established in 1986 by the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust.

Coal India Limited Wins Green World Environment Award 2024

Keywords: Coal India Limited; Green World Environment Award 2024; Green World Ambassador; CSR; Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojna; Bone Marrow Transplant; The Green Organization; Kensington Palace.

- Award Received: Coal India Limited (CIL) received the Green World Environment Award 2024 in the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) category.
- Additional Honor: CIL was also recognized as a Green World Ambassador for its efforts.
- CSR Initiative Highlighted: CIL's Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojna provides permanent curative treatment for Thalassemia patients through Bone Marrow Transplants (BMT).
- Award Organization: The award is presented by The Green Organization, which recognizes global excellence in environmental and CSR practices.

PM Modi Honored with Prestigious Awards by Guyana and Dominica

Keywords: PM Modi; The Order of Excellence; Guyana; Dominica Award of Honour; President Irfaan Ali; President Sylvanie Burton; AstraZeneca vaccines; COVID-19; Georgetown; Kaieteur Falls; English-speaking; South America.

 Award Name and Country: PM Modi was awarded 'The Order of Excellence', the highest honor of Guyana, by President Irfaan Ali.

- Second Award: PM Modi was also conferred the 'Dominica Award of Honour' by President Sylvanie Burton of Dominica.
- Reason for Awards: These awards recognized PM Modi's leadership and India's support during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- COVID-19 Contribution: India provided 70,000 AstraZeneca vaccines to Dominica during the pandemic.

About Guyana

- Guyana's Location: Guyana is located on the northern coast of South America.
- Capital of Guyana: The capital city of Guyana is Georgetown.
- Famous Natural Feature: The famous Kaieteur Falls is located in Guyana.
- Language in Guyana: Guyana is the only English-speaking country in South America.

About Dominica

- Location: Dominica is an island country in the Caribbean.
- Nickname: Dominica is often called the "Nature Island of the Caribbean" due to its rich natural environment.
- Unique Wildlife: The Sisserou parrot, or Imperial amazon, is a critically endangered species found only in Dominica.
- Capital City: The capital of Dominica is Roseau.
- Currency: Dominica uses the East Caribbean Dollar (XCD) as its currency.

Appointments

Valdecy Urquiza Elected as Secretary General of Interpol at 92nd General Assembly

Keywords: Valdecy Urquiza; Secretary General; Interpol; 92nd General Assembly; Glasgow; ICPO-INTERPOL; police cooperation; Lyon headquarters; 1923; Vienna; India; CBI.

- New Secretary General: Valdecy Urquiza has been elected as the new Secretary General of Interpol.
- Election Venue: The election took place during Interpol's 92nd General Assembly held in Glasgow, Scotland.

About Interpol

- Organization Name: Interpol is officially known as the International Criminal Police Organization (ICPO-INTERPOL).
- **Purpose:** It is an **international organization** that facilitates **worldwide police cooperation** and **crime control**.
- Global Standing: Interpol is the world's largest international police organization.
- Headquarters: The organization is headquartered in Lyon, France.
- Founding: Interpol was founded in 1923 during the International Police Congress in Vienna as the International Criminal Police Commission (ICPC).
- India's Membership: India became a member of Interpol in 1949.
- National Bureau: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) acts as India's National Central Bureau for Interpol.

Harbhajan Singh and Sania Mirza Appointed as Sports Ambassadors of Dubai

Keywords: Dubai Sports Council; Harbhajan Singh; Sania Mirza; Sports Ambassadors; global sports destination; Dubai; ; UAE; Burj Khalifa; paperless government.

• **Appointment:** Former Indian cricketer **Harbhajan Singh** and tennis player **Sania Mirza** have been appointed as **Sports Ambassadors** by the **Dubai Sports Council**.

• **Purpose:** This initiative aims to enhance **Dubai's reputation** as a **global sports destination**.

About Dubai

- City in UAE: Dubai is the most populous city in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- Landmark: It is home to the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa.
- Digital Achievement: Dubai is the first government in the world to become 100% paperless.

Nandan Kumar Jha Elected President of International Mind Sports Association

Keywords: Nandan Kumar Jha; International Mind Sports Association; IMSA; president; Sao Paulo; Brazil; chess; esports; bridge; IOC; Lausanne; Switzerland.

- Election: Nandan Kumar Jha from India has been elected as the president of the International Mind Sports Association (IMSA).
- Election Venue: The election took place during IMSA's annual general assembly in Sao Paulo, Brazil.
- Governed Sports: IMSA oversees mind sports such as chess, esports, and bridge.
- **Global Membership:** IMSA has a network of **over 200 member countries** and collaborates with the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)**.
- Headquarters: IMSA is headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Important Days

World Day of Remembrance Observed on Third Sunday of November

Keywords: World Day of Remembrance; Road Traffic Victims; third Sunday of November; road accidents; India; second-largest road network; National Highways; State Highways; Major District Roads; Rural Roads; twenty-year road plan; 1961; NH-44; Srinagar; Kanyakumari.

- Observation Date: The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (WDR) is observed on the third Sunday of November each year.
- Purpose: It is a global event dedicated to honoring the millions of lives lost or severely affected by road traffic accidents.

About Roads in India

- India's Road Network: India has the second-largest road network in the world, after the United States.
- Road Classification: Roads in India are classified into 4 types for construction and maintenance purposes: National Highways (NH), State Highways (SH), Major District Roads. and Rural Roads.
- Post-Independence Development: The twenty-year road plan was introduced in 1961 to improve road conditions in India.
- **Road Capacity Classification:** Roads in India are divided into **6 classes** based on capacity, with **Class 1** being the highest and **Class 6** the lowest.
- Longest National Highway: NH-44 is the longest national highway in India, running from Srinagar in the north to Kanyakumari in the south.

International Day for Tolerance: Promoting Understanding and Cultural Harmony

Keywords: International Day for Tolerance; November 16; mutual understanding; UNESCO; Declaration of Principles on Tolerance; 1995; Mahatma Gandhi; United Nations Year for Tolerance; UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize; UNESCO; every two years; 1996; tolerance; non-violence

• **Observation Date:** The **International Day for Tolerance** is observed annually on **November 16**.

- Objective: It aims to promote mutual understanding among cultures and encourage tolerance among individuals.
- Foundation: It is based on the Declaration of Principles on Tolerance adopted by UNESCO in 1995.
- UN Year for Tolerance: The UNGA proclaimed 1995 as the United Nations Year for Tolerance, with UNESCO as the lead organization.

UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize

- Award Frequency: The UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize is awarded every two years by UNESCO.
- Inception: The prize was inaugurated in 1996, following the 1995 United Nations Year for Tolerance.
- **Purpose:** The prize aims to **honor and reward extraordinary creative** achievements in promoting tolerance and non-violence.

National Press Day Observed on November 16

Keywords: National Press Day; November 16; Press Council of India; PCI; 1966; World Press Freedom Day; UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize; Gaza; India rank; 2024 World Press Freedom Index; Reporters Without Borders; Norway.

- Date of Observation: National Press Day is observed every year on November 16.
- Commemoration: The day commemorates the establishment of the Press Council of India (PCI) in 1966.
- Purpose of PCI: The Press Council of India was formed in 1966 as a statutory and quasi-judicial body to protect freedom of the press and regulate its ethical standards.
- World Press Freedom Day: World Press Freedom Day will be celebrated on May 3, 2024.
- 2024 Press Freedom Prize: Palestinian journalists covering Gaza have been named as laureates of the 2024 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize.

World Press Freedom Index

- India's Press Freedom Rank: India ranks 159th out of 180 countries in the 2024
 World Press Freedom Index.
- Index Release Organization: The World Press Freedom Index is released by Reporters Without Borders (RSF), a French non-governmental organization.
- Top Ranking Country: Norway ranks 1st in the World Press Freedom Index.

November 19 International Men's Day 2024: Celebrating Positive Male Role Models

Keywords: International Men's Day; November 19; 2024 theme; Positive Male Role Models; origins; Dr. Jerome Teelucksingh; 1992.

- Date: International Men's Day is celebrated annually on November 19.
- 2024 Theme: The theme for 2024 is "Positive Male Role Models".
- Origins: The day was first proposed in 1992 by Dr. Jerome Teelucksingh.

20 November World Children's Day: Celebrating Children's Rights and Welfare

Keywords: World Children's Day; November 20; children's welfare; children's rights; theme 2024; Listen to the Future; Declaration of the Rights of the Child; Convention on the Rights of the Child; 1959; 1989.

- Date of Celebration: World Children's Day is celebrated annually on November 20.
- **Purpose:** The day is dedicated to promoting **children's welfare** and safeguarding their **rights**.
- Theme for 2024: The theme for World Children's Day 2024 is "Listen to the Future".
- Historical Significance: The day began commemorating the anniversaries of both the Declaration of the Rights of the Child (1959) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989).

World Fisheries Day 2024: Celebrating Sustainable Fisheries (November 21)

Keywords: World Fisheries Day; November 21; 1997; World Forum of Fish Harvesters & Fish Workers; New Delhi; Blue Transformation; sunrise sector; inland fisheries; Andhra Pradesh; Blue Revolution; 7th Five-Year Plan; 1985-1990; 3rd largest fish producer; 2nd largest aquaculture nation; largest shrimp producer.

- Celebration Date: World Fisheries Day is celebrated globally every year on November 21.
- Historical Origin: The celebration began in 1997 with the establishment of the World Forum of Fish Harvesters & Fish Workers in New Delhi, India.
- Theme for 2024: This year's theme is "India's Blue Transformation: Strengthening Small-Scale and Sustainable Fisheries."

About Fisheries in India

- Fisheries Sector in India: India's fisheries sector is recognized as a "sunrise sector", with 70% of fisheries coming from inland fisheries.
- Largest Fish Producing State: Andhra Pradesh is the largest fish-producing state in India.
- Blue Revolution: The Blue Revolution associated with fish production was launched in India during the 7th Five-Year Plan (1985-1990).
- Global Rankings:
 - India is the **3rd largest fish producer** in the world.
 - India is the **2nd largest aquaculture nation** globally.
 - India is the largest shrimp producer in the world.

Personalities

Former Supreme Court Judge Harjit Singh Bedi Passes Away

Keywords: Harjit Singh Bedi; former Supreme Court judge; ex-Chief Justice; Bombay High Court; passed away; fake encounter cases; Gujarat.

- Judicial Career: Harjit Singh Bedi, a former Supreme Court judge and ex-Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court, has passed away.
- Notable Contribution: He is remembered for his significant role in reviewing fake encounter cases in Gujarat.

British Olympic Champion Alistair Brownlee Retires from Triathlon

Keywords: Alistair Brownlee; retirement; triathlon; 36; Olympic champion; endurance sport; swimming; cycling; running.

- **Retirement Announcement: Alistair Brownlee**, British Olympic champion, retired from **triathlon** at the age of **36**.
- Triathlon Description: A triathlon is an endurance multisport race comprising swimming, cycling, and running across various distances.

Dr. S. Jaishankar Launches New Book 'Why Bharat Matters'

Keywords: External Affairs Minister; Dr. S. Jaishankar; book launch; Why Bharat Matters.

 Book Title: External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar launched his new book titled "Why Bharat Matters".

US Returns 1,400 Looted Artifacts to India

Keywords: United States; 1,400 artifacts; \$10 million; looted artifacts; India; repatriation; Cultural Property Agreement; South Asia; Southeast Asia; July.

- Repatriation of Artifacts: The United States has returned over 1,400 looted artifacts to India, valued at \$10 million.
- **Ongoing Initiative:** This repatriation is part of a broader effort to **return stolen cultural items** from **South and Southeast Asia**.
- Cultural Property Agreement: In July 2024, India and the US signed their first Cultural Property
 Agreement to combat the illicit trafficking of antiquities.

All Living Things Environmental Film Festival (ALT EFF) 2024 to Be Held in Mumbai

Keywords: ALT EFF; Mumbai; 2020; environmental awareness; films; Jackie Shroff; brand ambassador.

- Event Name: The All Living Things Environmental Film Festival (ALT EFF) will take place in Mumbai.
- Launch Year: The festival was launched in 2020 to promote environmental awareness through films.
- Brand Ambassador: Bollywood actor Jackie Shroff serves as the brand ambassador for the festival.

PM Modi Gifts 'Silofar Panchamrit Kalash' to Nigerian President

Keywords: Narendra Modi; Bola Ahmed Tinubu; Silofar Panchamrit Kalash; silver pot; Kolhapur; Maharashtra; traditional craftsmanship.

- **Gift to Nigerian President:** Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** presented Nigerian President **Bola Ahmed Tinubu** with a 'Silofar Panchamrit Kalash'.
- **Cultural Significance:** The silver **Kalash** is a stunning example of **traditional metal craftsmanship** from **Kolhapur**, **Maharashtra**.