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Rajasthan



Person in News

Vasudev Devnani

- ❑ The Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani participated in the 67th Commonwealth Parliamentary Union Conference.
- ❑ This conference was organized from 3 to 8 November.
- ❑ Venue - Sydney, Australia
- ❑ He presented his views on topics such as the use of artificial intelligence in parliamentary processes and traditions, standards for adopting best practices for strengthening parliamentary institutions and law making against gender-based violence.
- ❑ He visited Indonesia, Singapore and Japan under the post-conference study tour of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Union.



Ruma Devi

- ❑ Attended the gala event organised by Smile Foundation in Houston (USA) as the Guest of Honour.
- ❑ Dr Ruma Devi shared her experience on Indian handicrafts, women's economic upliftment, skill development and efforts made for social change.



Suresh Sharma

- ❑ Professor Suresh Sharma of AIIMS Jodhpur joined the American Academy of Nursing as a Fellow.
- ❑ He is the first Indian to be inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN).
- ❑ The FAAN title is one of the highest honours in the nursing profession.

Neeraj Chaudhary

- ❑ Jaipur mountaineer Neeraj Chaudhary became the first Indian to reach Greenland from the west coast to the east coast without any assistance through skiing.

- ❑ He started “Project Sahas” under which he crossed Greenland covering a distance of 600 km in 29 days.
- ❑ Greenland is the world’s second largest ice sheet where the temperature is around -35°C.

Apara Kuchhal

- ❑ Jaipur’s Apara Kuchhal represented India in the International Alumni Gathering of 'Fortune US Department of State Global Women’s Mentoring Partnership' held in Guatemala.
- ❑ Best practices of entrepreneurship and leadership were shared in this program.

Lata Sarda

- ❑ Rajasthan High Court advocate Lata Sarda participated in the Palais des Nations ceremony in Geneva.
- ❑ She was selected as the international representative in the session of the Business and Human Rights Forum held in Geneva.

Seema Kulshreshtha

- ❑ Jaipur’s Dr. Seema Kulshreshtha presented her research paper in the International Salt Lake Research Conference held in Turkey.
- ❑ She had an important discussion on the biodiversity of Sambhar lake of Rajasthan.

Manjari Bhargava

- ❑ Manjari Bhargava, a swimmer and diver from Ajmer, Rajasthan, died at the age of 68.
- ❑ National champion in diving at the age of 12.
- ❑ Honoured with Arjuna Award in the year 1974.

Schemes/Programmes in News

Hindu Refugee Student Welfare Scholarship Scheme

- ❑ This scheme has been started by the Education Department.
- ❑ Beneficiary - Children of Hindu refugees studying in class 6 to 12 in government or state government recognized schools.

Provision

- ❑ Hindu Refugee Pre-Matric Scholarship - Rs 4000 per annum to students studying in class 6 to 10.
- ❑ Hindu Refugee Post Matric Scholarship - Rs 5000 per annum to students studying in class 11 to 12.
- ❑ The application form will be applied by school on the Shala Darpan portal.
- ❑ The scholarship amount will be transferred to the school's bank account and then the institution head will pay it to the students.

Panch Gaurav Programme

- ❑ The state government started the Panch Gaurav programme on the first anniversary of its tenure to promote Panchmukhi development in all the districts of the state.
- ❑ One crop, one botanical species, one product, one tourist spot and one sport in each district will be reconcognized as Panch Gaurav.
- ❑ Nodal Department at State Level-
 - One District-One Product ⇒ Agriculture Department
 - One District-One Botanical Species ⇒ Forest Department
 - One District-One Product ⇒ Industries Department
 - One District-One Tourist Destination ⇒ Tourism Department
 - One District-One Sport ⇒ Sports Department

Grants under PM Suryaghar Muft Bijalee Yojana

- ❑ Grant Classification-

Average Monthly Electricity Consumption (Units)	The capacity of rooftop solar plants	Grant Amount
0 to 150	1-2 kW	Rs. 30,000 to 60,000
150 to 300	2-3 kW	Rs. 60,000 to 78,000
More than 300	More than 3 kw	Rs. 78,000

- ❑ Solar panels have been installed in 16,572 houses in the state till November 12.

PM Suryaghar Muft Bijalee Yojana

- Launched - 15 February, 2024
- Objective - To promote the use of solar energy by providing free electricity to households.
- Goal - To reduce or make the electricity bill expenses of 1 crore homes zero by installing rooftop solar panels.
- Through this scheme, domestic consumers will get free electricity up to 300 units per month.

Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya JanAushadhi Kendra

- The Prime Minister inaugurated Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya JanAushadhi Kendra at Durgapura (Jaipur), Barmer and Falna railway stations in Rajasthan.
- Objective - To provide affordable medicines to incoming and outgoing passengers at railway stations.

Critical Care Blocks

- The foundation stone of 8 new critical care blocks were laid in the state under PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission.
- These will be built in Bharatpur, Karauli, Chittorgarh, Churu, Hanumangarh, Bundi, Sirohi and Dholpur.
- Critical Care Blocks - Blocks established in district hospitals and medical colleges which provide emergency and intensive health care.
- PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission is a centrally sponsored scheme to strengthen healthcare infrastructure.

Jal Utsav

- NITI Aayog organized a 15-day 'Jal Utsav' from 6 November in collaboration with National Jal Jeevan Mission, Ministry of Jal Shakti.

- Objective - To create awareness, sensitivity towards water management, conservation and sustainability and to promote community participation to conserve water resources.
- It was organized in 20 aspiring districts/blocks of 20 states.
- Under this, Sangaria block of Hanumangarh was selected from Rajasthan.
- The event started with a symbolic "Jal Bandhan" where eminent personalities and local leaders tied a sacred thread on water sources to show their commitment towards water conservation.
- The festival organised 'Jal Utsav Oath', 'Jal Utsav Run', 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' and skill development programme for Nal Jal Mitra.

Changes in Mid Day Meal

- The state government has changed the mid-day meal menu for students studying in government schools.
- Under this, the school management will be able to feed food of their choice to the children once a week.

Mukhyamantri Shahri Rojgar Guarantee Yojana

- The changed name of Indira Gandhi Shahri Rojgar Guarantee Yojana.
- Under this scheme, 125 days of employment is provided to urban people between the age of 18 and 60 years.
- This scheme is being run by the local Self Government Department.

Project Kayakalp

- The Education Commissionerate has started Project Kayakalp.
- Under this, the buildings of colleges will be painted in orange colour.
- Objective - To create a positive, clean and peaceful environment in colleges.
- In the first phase of the project, 20 (2 from each division) government colleges were selected.

Swasth Nari Chetna Abhiyan

- ❑ By the Medical and Health Department.
- ❑ Started - On the occasion of National Cancer Awareness Day on 7 November.
- ❑ The campaign will create awareness among women about breast and cervical cancer along with screening and treatment.

PM SVANidhi Pakhwada

- ❑ 'SVANidhi Bhi Swabhiman Bhi' was organized from 18 November to 2 December.
- ❑ Objective - To provide the benefits of PM SVANidhi (Street Vendors Atmanirbhar Nidhi) scheme to maximum number of street vendors.
- ❑ This pakhwada was organized in all urban bodies and banks.
- ❑ Under this, problems related to loan applications were resolved.

Nawadi Yugdhara Praneta Samagam

- ❑ On the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas (15 November), Nawadi Yugdhara Praneta Samagam program was organized in Banswara.
- ❑ The Chief Minister announced 'Govind Guru Janjati Kshetriya Vikas Yojana' for the welfare of tribes living in forest areas.

Rajasthan Roadways Parcel Service

- ❑ Rajasthan State Road Transport Corporation started parcel service from Kota depot.
- ❑ The corporation has contracted with a private company for three months.
- ❑ The fee will be fixed according to the weight of the parcel and the minimum fee will be Rs 100.

Motivational class in government schools

- ❑ Initiative of Directorate of Secondary Education
- ❑ Objective - Motivation, self-confidence and all-round development of students.
- ❑ Students will be inspired through biography, illustrations and videos.
- ❑ The Chief District Education Officer was appointed as the District Nodal Officer for conducting it.

Samyojanam 2024

- ❑ National Ayurveda Youth Conclave 'Samyojanam 2024' was organized to empower the youth through Ayurveda.
- ❑ It was organized from 15 to 17 November at the National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur.
- ❑ Organizer -
 - Vishwa Ayurveda Parishad
 - National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur
 - Ayurveda University, Jodhpur.
- ❑ About 3 thousand Ayurveda scholars, researchers and doctors from all over the country participated in this programme.

Award
National Gopal Ratna Awards (NGRA) 2024

- ❑ The Award were presented on the occasion of National Milk Day celebrations on 26 November 2024 in New Delhi.
- ❑ The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) announced the winners of the National Gopal Ratna Awards for the year 2024.

Awardees -

Category	Winners/Ranks
1. Best Dairy Farmer rearing Indigenous Cow/Buffalo Breeds	1 st Rank - Renu (Haryana) - Rs 5 lakh
2. Best Dairy Cooperative Society/Milk Producer Company/Dairy Farmer Producer Organization	1 st Rank - Milk Producers Co-operative Society Ltd (Gujarat) - Rs 5 lakh 2 nd Rank - Pratappura Milk Producer Co-operative Society Ltd, Bhilwara (Rajasthan) - Rs 3 lakh
3. Best Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT)	1 st Rank - Bhaskar Pradhan, Subarnapur (Odisha), Rajendra Kumar, Hanumangarh (Rajasthan) - Rs. 5 Lakh 2 nd Rank - Virendra Kumar Saini, Hanumangarh, Rajasthan - Rs. 3 Lakh

Conde Nast Traveller Readers Travel Awards

- ❑ Rajasthan tourism was awarded in 2 prestigious categories.

- ❑ Rajasthan got the 'Favourite Indian State for Road Trips' award.
- ❑ Udaipur got the 'Favorite Leisure Destination in India' runner-up award.

Union Home Minister Efficiency Medal

- ❑ Honoured by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- ❑ Two Rajasthan Police officers Vimal Singh and Narendra Kumar got medals in the field of investigation.
- ❑ Dr. Rajesh Singh of Jaipur Forensic Science Lab (FSL) got medal in the field of forensic science.

Best Extra Mural Institute Award

- ❑ All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Jodhpur got it.
- ❑ This award was given at the DHR-ICMR Health Research Excellence Summit 2024 organized by the Department of Health Research (DHR) and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).
- ❑ AIIMS Jodhpur was given this honor for research collaboration and development of leading health solutions and training new generation of medical experts.

Global Responsible Tourism Award

- ❑ 'Rajasthan Studio' was awarded the Global Responsible Tourism Award in the Cultural Diversity category.
- ❑ This award was given by the International Center for Responsible Tourism (ICRT).
- ❑ Rajasthan Studios was given this award for preserving and promoting the artistic heritage of India.

National Kalidas Academy Award 2024

- ❑ Udaipur painter Dr. Shankar Sharma was given this award for the painting 'Devi Nandini' in Pichwai style.
- ❑ He was honoured by the National Kalidas Sanskrit Academy with one lakh rupees and a citation.
- ❑ The painting 'Devi Nandini' depicts Maharaja Dilip, the ancestor of Shri Ram and his chief

queen Sudakshina taking blessing of 'Devi Nandini', the daughter of 'Devi Kamdhenu', for getting a son.

Raja Ravi Varma Chitrakar Samman

- ❑ Jaiprakash Lakhiwal of Rajasthan was awarded the 7th Raja Ravi Varma Chitrakar Samman.
- ❑ He was given this award for miniature art.
- ❑ Samples of his art are displayed in many buildings including Rashtrapati Bhavan, PMO, old and new Parliament House.
- ❑ He has also been awarded the Padma Shri award in the past.

Justice D.S. Tewatia Smriti National Award

- ❑ Dr. Kriti Bharti, a rehabilitation psychologist from Jodhpur, was awarded this award.
- ❑ This award was given for the courageous campaign to invalidate and prevent child marriage.
- ❑ This award is given in memory of the former Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana for the remarkable contribution in nation building by the "Organic India Mission".

Dynamic Achievers Award

- ❑ Dr. Preeti Bakshi of Jaipur was honoured with the Dynamic Achievers Award.
- ❑ This award was given by Friendship Forum in the Economic Development and National Integration Seminar 2024.
- ❑ This award is given for remarkable contribution, services and achievements in the field of educational excellence.

Bhupen Hazarika Award

- ❑ To Draupadi Kumari of Jaipur.
- ❑ During the national level Samarpan Samaj Gaurav-2024 award ceremony of Samarpan Sanstha, Jaipur.
- ❑ This award was given to her in the field of art.

Sahitya Shiromani National Award

- ❑ This award was given to Dr. Padmaja Sharma of Jodhpur during the Sahitya Akademi program held at Ravindra Bhavan in Delhi.

- ❑ This honour was given for special contribution to literature and writing in various genres of literature.

Living Legend in Oncology Award

- ❑ To Jaipur's senior cancer specialist Dr. Naresh Somani
- ❑ For his contribution in cancer research and medical field.
- ❑ By Indian Society of Medical and Pediatric Oncology.

Sirmaur Panchayat Award 2024

- ❑ 79 Sarpanches of the state were honored with Sirmaur Panchayat Award 2024 by Dainik Bhaskar.
- ❑ This award has been given to those Panchayats and related persons who have made a significant contribution in the overall development, administrative reform and social harmony of the rural area.

Miscellaneous**Rajasthan By-election-2024**

- ❑ By-elections on seven assembly seats - Khinwsar, Jhunjhunu, Deoli-Uniyara, Salumber, Chaurasi, Ramgarh and Dausa.
- ❑ On all the seats, the average voting was 69.29%, with the highest voting in Khinwsar (about 75.66%) and the lowest voting in Dausa (about 62.3%).
- ❑ Except Khinwsar, the voting percentage was less in all other seats as compared to the Assembly Elections-2023.
- ❑ 3193 voters had applied for home voting out of which 3127 cast their votes (97.93%)
- ❑ Home voting in Lok Sabha elections 2024 - 98.39%

Results

- ❑ Rajendra Bhambu (Jhunjhunu), Rewantram Danga (Khinwsar), Rajendra Gurjar (Deoli-

Uniyara), Sukhwant Singh (Ramgarh) and Shanta Meena (Salumber) of the Bharatiya Janata Party won.

- ❑ Deendayal Bairwa of the Congress won from Dausa.
- ❑ Anil Katara of the Bharatiya Adivasi Party (BAP) won from Chaurasi.

Major Mineral Block Auction

- ❑ Rajasthan secured first position in the country in successful auction of major mineral blocks.
- ❑ In the 419 major mineral blocks auctioned across the country so far, Rajasthan has the highest number of 86 blocks and Madhya Pradesh has 75 blocks.
- ❑ In the current financial year, 32 blocks have been auctioned in Rajasthan.

Operation Laadli

- ❑ This campaign was run by Rajasthan Police from 11 to 16 November across the state.
- ❑ Objective - To stop child marriage on Abujh Sawa.
- ❑ During this campaign, people were counselled at village level by the police and immediate action was taken on information of child marriage.

Rasta Kholo Abhiyan

- ❑ By Jaipur District Administration.
- ❑ Under this campaign, roads which were closed for many years were opened for the convenience of the general public.

Kalika Patrolling Unit

- ❑ The state government formed a separate police team named 'Kalika Patrolling Unit' in all districts for the safety of women and girls.
- ❑ 216 teams were formed in the first phase.
- ❑ The formation of 500 Kalika Patrolling Units was announced by the government in Budget 2024.
- ❑ These teams will effectively prevent incidents of harassment of women in schools, colleges, markets, parks, religious places and other public places.

Defect Liability Period

- ❑ The Urban Development and Housing Department issued uniform standards for defect liability period on the roads of urban bodies.
- ❑ Till now every urban body had made its own rules.
- ❑ According to this, the contracted firm will be responsible for rectifying that work.

Innofest India-2024

- ❑ A three-day startup megafest from 7 November to 9 November.
- ❑ Venue - Jaipur
- ❑ Organised by - Poddhar Group of Institutions and Federation of Unicorn Startups and Industry jointly.
- ❑ Inaugurated by Governor Haribhau Bagde.
- ❑ Objective - to promote startups and increase employment opportunities in the state.

Commemorative coin of Rs 60

- ❑ A commemorative coin of Rs 60 has been released on the diamond jubilee of Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) Pilani.
- ❑ A gazette notification has been issued by the Union Finance Ministry.
- ❑ BITS Pilani was established in 1964.

Coaching Student Unique ID (CSUID)

- ❑ Unique ID of coaching students will be generated by Kota district administration from the new session.
- ❑ Special form will be filled by the district administration from all coaching students at the time of admission in which the necessary information will be filled by the student. Objective - To create student friendly mechanism and environment.

GI Tagging Project

- ❑ GI Tagging Project was started to obtain GI tag for Mathania chilli of Jodhpur.
- ❑ This project has been started by Agriculture University, Jodhpur.
- ❑ A special team of 10 senior scientists of Agriculture University has taken samples of

chilli and is studying its colour, spiciness and taste in various aspects.

- ❑ Earlier, a delegation from France met the farmers and discussed about Mathania chilli.

Special Wheel Chair Control Device

- ❑ Ashish from Jodhpur has made a special wheelchair control device for people suffering from diseases like paralysis and muscular atrophy.
- ❑ This device is a pair of glasses which can be worn by the patient to operate the wheelchair by moving his head.
- ❑ Apart from this, the wheelchair also has an extra robotic arm which will help the patient to hold an object or drink water.

Orthopedic Walkathon

- ❑ Organized in Jodhpur
- ❑ Organizers: Under the joint aegis of Badan Kanwar Medical Trust, Jodhpur, Polo & Equestrian Institute and Moonot Healthcare Foundation.
- ❑ Objective: To increase awareness about bone and joint diseases.

Digital Rajasthan Yatra

- ❑ This Yatra is a joint initiative of the Department of Information Technology and Inc 42 (Startup Media and Information Platform) which was operated by iStart.
- ❑ Objective: To highlight the impact of internet and technology on the lives of common people and local businesses in Rajasthan.
- ❑ This journey passed through Jaipur, Ajmer, Jodhpur, Kota, Udaipur, Bikaner and Bharatpur.
- ❑ Under this journey, a 5-member dedicated team of Inc 42 visited urban and rural areas and learned the importance of local innovation on people's lives.

Professor Kailash Sodani Committee

- ❑ A committee was formed by the Education Department under the chairmanship of

Professor Kailash Sodani to review the school curriculum.

- ❑ Hanuman Singh Rathore was made the vice-president and Satish Kumar Gupta the member secretary in the committee.

Gyan Shakti

- ❑ A think tank established by the Jaipur-based South Western Command of the Indian Army.
- ❑ Objective - To provide a platform for discussions and dialogue between the armed forces, industry, state government and subject experts on matters related to defence and security at the regional and national level.
- ❑ “Self-reliance in Defence Manufacturing: Opportunities in Rajasthan” - Inaugural session of Gyan Shakti Think Tank in the form of a seminar on November 11 at Jaipur by South Western Command of Indian Army and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

22nd All India Science Fair 2024-25

- ❑ Event - From 13 to 16 November at Jaipur
- ❑ Organizer - All India Vidya Bharati Shikshan Sansthan.
- ❑ Objective - To make the students aware of the ancient achievements in the field of science and develop action based study, observation, exploration and synthesis nature in them.

International Art Festival

- ❑ Venue - Tonk
- ❑ Organizer - Jointly by Kala and Shiksha Kalyan Society, Tonk and Rajasthan Lalit Kala Academy.
- ❑ Senior artist Sunish Maru of Jaipur was awarded the State Kala Ratna Award.
- ❑ Dr. Deepak Salvi was honoured with the State Yuva Kala Ratna Award.
- ❑ On this occasion, artists from countries like Nepal, Bhutan, Russia and various states of India displayed their art.

38th National Congress on “Teaching of French Language: Tradition, Transition, Adaptation”

- ❑ Venue - Jaipur
- ❑ Organiser - Under the joint aegis of the Department of European Languages, Literature and Cultural Studies of Rajasthan University and the Indian Association of Teachers of French (IATF).
- ❑ Theme - “Teaching of French Language: Tradition, Transition, Adaptation”
- ❑ On this occasion, the study-teaching of French language in the Indian context, career prospects and future challenges were discussed.

Indian Knowledge Tradition Research Center

- ❑ Under the Education Policy - 2020, 'Indian Knowledge Tradition Research Center' will be established in Rajasthan University, Jaipur.
- ❑ This center will provide new opportunities to research students related to literature, philosophy and science subjects from the perspective of Indian knowledge tradition.

AMUCON Workshop

- ❑ 3-day workshop organized by SMS Hospital Jaipur.
- ❑ Venue - Rajasthan International Center (RIC), Jaipur
- ❑ Objective - To make students and faculty aware of the latest technology and machines in the medical diagnostic sector.

Constitution Gallery

- ❑ 'Constitution Gallery' was inaugurated in Rajasthan Legislative Assembly.
- ❑ In this gallery, the artworks shown at the beginning of the parts of the original Constitution will be displayed.

Wildlife Forensic DNA Unit

- ❑ Establishment - In Jaipur under the supervision of State Forensic Science Laboratory.
- ❑ Objective - To solve the mysteries of crimes related to wildlife including tiger, panther, peacock, deer, great Indian bustard and cheetah.

Advanced Mechanized Waste Transfer Station

- ❑ It is located at Jhalana in Jaipur.
- ❑ This station has the capacity to segregate 100 tonnes of waste per day.
- ❑ After segregation, the reusable waste is separated and the remaining waste is sent to the dumping yard.

THINQ-2024

- ❑ Quiz organised by Indian Navy.
- ❑ Venue - Naval Academy Ezhimala (Kerala).
- ❑ Winner - Jaysree Periwai High School, Jaipur.
- ❑ Runner-up - BV Bhavan Vidyashram, Chennai.

Tansen Utsav

- ❑ The main function of the centenary year of Tansen Utsav of Gwalior will be organized in Gwalior from 14 to 19 December.
- ❑ It was started from Jaipur on 22 November.
- ❑ The Madhya Pradesh government started this festival in collaboration with Jawahar Kala Kendra.
- ❑ Under the "Aagaz Series" under Tansen Samaroh Centenary Year 2024, singing and instrumental performances were given by senior artists.

Cultural Diaries

- ❑ This initiative was started by the Tourism Department to provide support to folk artists by providing them a platform.
- ❑ Cultural Diaries is a fortnightly cultural series under which cultural evenings will be organized twice a month on Friday and Saturday.
- ❑ Venue - Albert Hall, Jaipur.
- ❑ The first edition was organized from 15 to 16 November.

Girls Military Academy

- ❑ The Education Department announced the opening of a military academy for girls in Jaimalsar village of Bikaner.
- ❑ A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Ramnarayan Rathi Trust and

the state government for the establishment of the Girls Military Academy.

Pink Bus Toilet

- ❑ Pink bus toilet facility has been started for women in Bikaner.
- ❑ Bikaner became the first district in the state to start this facility.
- ❑ The buses have facilities of baby feeding room, baby diaper changing table, sanitary vending machine, western and Indian toilet.
- ❑ These buses have been installed in the busiest market and crowded places of the city.

Cloth bag vending machine

- ❑ In Bikaner, the Municipal Corporation installed cloth bag vending machine in collaboration with Rotary Club.
- ❑ Objective - To stop the use of polythene bags.
- ❑ It is also called ATM with cloth bag.
- ❑ The bag comes out when a 10 rupee coin is inserted in the machine.

Indigenous DNA chip

- ❑ Developed by National Equine Research Center, Bikaner in collaboration with scientists of National Animal Resources Bureau, Karnal.
- ❑ Through this chip, indigenous breed of horses will be studied in depth and their strength and history will be known.

Panchayat Nursery

- ❑ Initiative by Hanumangarh District Administration as per the instructions of the State Government.
- ❑ Objective - To make the Gram Panchayats self-reliant for plantation.
- ❑ Apart from this, sports grounds will be developed in 45 gram panchayats through which the concept of 'Nasha Mukta Hanumangarh' will be achieved through sports activities.

Camel Rescue Research Center

- ❑ The country's first camel rescue research center will be opened in Degrai Oran of Jaisalmer.

- ❑ The state government will establish a modern camel rescue research center with the help of Taco Organization, a subsidiary of Vedanta Group.
- ❑ Through this centre, vaccination will be done to protect camels from the disease of scabies and itching, distribution of nutritious food and providing sanctuary to camels, as well as for the welfare of their dedicated owners.

Robotic Dog

- ❑ Robotic Multi Utility Legged Equipment (MULE) exercised with the Battle Axe Division of the Indian Army.
- ❑ This exercise was conducted from 14 to 21 November at Pokhran Firing Range.
- ❑ The robotic dog is capable of crossing every obstacle in snow, desert, rough terrain and mountainous areas.
- ❑ The robotic dog is helpful in supplying essential goods to the army and finding the hidden enemy.

Banful Janjati Design Studio

- ❑ Establishment - Manikyalal Verma Tribal Research and Training Institute, Udaipur
- ❑ Objective - For the preservation and promotion of tribal art.
- ❑ This studio will help in designing contemporary clothing, household items and objects inspired by traditional tribal art.

Other Important Facts

- ❑ ***Khilliram Meena*** - Khilliram Meena, a native of Rajasthan, has been appointed as the Chief Secretary of Mizoram.
- ❑ ***Pushkar cattle fair organised*** - 9 to 15 November in Pushkar.
- ❑ ***Chandrabhaga cattle fair*** - 14 to 16 November in Jhalawar.
- ❑ ***Bundi Mahotsav*** - Colourful tourism festival of Hadauti region, from 18 to 20 November.
- ❑ ***Matsya Utsav*** - 25 to 27 November under the joint aegis of Alwar district administration and tourism department.



National



Person in News

K. Sanjay Murthy

- ❑ Appointed as 15th Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India.
- ❑ Replaced Girish Chandra Murmu.
- ❑ First Comptroller and Auditor General - V Narhari Rao.



Sharda Sinha

- ❑ Famous folk singer (Maithili and Bhojpuri) Sharda Sinha passed away at the age of 72.
- ❑ Known as Bihar Kokila.
- ❑ Awards - Padma Shri (1991), Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2000) and Padma Bhushan (2018)



Schemes/Programmes in News

Digital India Common Service Centre (DICSC) Project

- ❑ Concerned Ministry - Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity), Government of India.
- ❑ Started from - Pilibhit and Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh.
- ❑ Duration - Six months (extendable upto 9 months).
- ❑ Implementation - CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd.
- ❑ Objective - To reduce digital divide in rural India and ensure access to digital services to all citizens.
- ❑ A total of 4740 DICSC centres established in 10 districts of the country.
 - Highest number of centres - Gorakhpur (U.P.)
 - Highest number of centres in Rajasthan - Jodhpur

Third Nationwide Digital Life Certificate Campaign

- ❑ By the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Government of India.
- ❑ From 1 to 30 November in 800 cities of the country.
- ❑ Objective - To promote face authentication technology and reach all pensioners in remote areas of the country.

PM Vidyalakshmi Yojana

- ❑ Central Government approves Central Sector Scheme PM Vidyalakshmi.
- ❑ Concerned Ministry - Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- ❑ Objective - To provide financial assistance to meritorious students for quality higher education.

Provisions -

- ❑ Collateral and guarantor free loan from banks and financial institutions.
- ❑ This scheme will be applicable to students taking admission in the country's top quality higher education institutions (QHEIs) as determined by NIRF rankings.
- ❑ The list of the above institutions will be updated annually using the latest NIRF ranking.
- ❑ Eligibility - Students whose annual family income is up to Rs 8 lakh and who are not beneficiaries under other government scholarship or interest subsidy schemes will be provided 3% interest subsidy on loans up to Rs 10 lakh.

Scheme for strengthening medical devices industry

- ❑ Launched - 8 November 2024
- ❑ Ministry - Union Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
- ❑ Five sub-schemes-
 - (i) General facilities for medical devices clusters.
 - (ii) Marginal investment scheme to reduce import dependence.
 - (iii) Capacity building and skill development for medical devices.

(iv) Medical Devices Clinical Study Support Scheme.

(v) Medical Devices Promotion Scheme.

National MSME Cluster Outreach Programme

- ❑ Launched - 9th November at Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ❑ Organisers - Ministry of Finance, Government of India and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).
- ❑ Objective - To ensure access to financial services and promote the growth of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

One Nation One Subscription

- ❑ Recently approved by the Central Government.
- ❑ A Central Sector Scheme to provide nationwide access to research articles and journal publications of scholars.
- ❑ Ministry - Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- ❑ Budget - Around Rs 6000 crore for 3 calendar years 2025, 2026 and 2027.
- ❑ About 13000 e-journals of 30 leading international journal publishers will be available to more than 6300 central and state higher education institutions.
- ❑ The benefits of this scheme will be provided through a national subscription.
- ❑ About 1.8 crore students, teachers and researchers will be benefited.
- ❑ Integrated Portal - One Nation One Subscription.

National Mission for Natural Farming (NMNF)

- ❑ Approved by Central Government.
- ❑ A Centrally Sponsored Scheme under Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers welfare, Government of India.
- ❑ Total Outlay - Rs. 2481 Crore
- ❑ Objective - To promote natural farming in Mission Mode across the country.
- ❑ Key Points -
 - 1. To be implemented in 15000 clusters of willing Gram Panchayats in next two years.

2. Reaching one crore farmers (Priority - Farmers practicing natural farming, areas with presence of SRLM/PACS/FPO)
3. Introduction of natural farming in 7.5 lakh hectare area.
4. Establishment of 10,000 need based Bio Input Resource Centres (BRCs) to provide easy availability and access to ready to use natural agricultural inputs to farmers.
5. Establishment of about 2000 model demonstration farms at Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), Agricultural Universities and farmers fields.
6. Preparation of inputs like Jeevamrit, Beejamrit etc. by 18.75 lakh trained willing farmers using their own animals or procured from BRCs.
7. Deployment of 30,000 Krishi Sakhis/CRPs to create awareness and help farmers.

PAN 2.0

- ❑ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) headed by Narendra Modi has approved the PAN 2.0 project of the Income Tax Department on 25 November.
- ❑ Financial Outlay - Rs 1435 crore.
- ❑ The PAN 2.0 project will enable technology based transformation in taxpayer registration services.

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) 2.0

- ❑ On November 25, the Central Government approved Atal Innovation Mission 2.0, a flagship initiative of Niti Aayog.
- ❑ Term - Till March 31, 2028.
- ❑ Budget - Rs 2750 crore.
- ❑ Objective - To expand, strengthen and deepen India's existing vibrant innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem.
- ❑ AIM 2.0 is designed to strengthen India's innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem in three ways-
 - (i) Bringing more innovators and entrepreneurs

to the forefront by increasing inputs.

- (ii) Helping more startups succeed by improving success rate or throughput.
- (iii) Creating better jobs, products and services by improving the quality of outputs.

NAWO-DHAN Initiative

- ❑ NAWO-DHAN - New Agriculture Wealth Opportunities-Driving Horticulture Agribusiness Networking
- ❑ A pilot project of Department of Agriculture, Government of Kerala.
- ❑ Objective - To promote plantation agriculture development.
- ❑ Goal - To increase food crop production by utilizing barren or unused land in Kerala.

Central Government approves two hydropower projects in Shiomi district of Arunachal Pradesh**TATO-1 Hydropower Project**

- ❑ Investment - Rs. 1750 crore.
- ❑ Installed power capacity - 186 MW (3x62 MW)
- ❑ Power generation - 802 million units.
- ❑ Implementation - By a joint venture company of North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO) and Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

Heo Hydropower Project-

- ❑ Investment - Rs. 1939 crore.
- ❑ Installed Capacity - 240 MW (3x80 MW)
- ❑ Energy Generation - 1000 million units.

World's highest altitude (3650 m MSL) Green Hydrogen Mobility Project

- ❑ Set up by National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) in Leh.
 1. Under this, a 1.7 MW solar plant will be installed.
 2. Apart from this, Green Hydrogen Intra City Buses with a capacity of 80 kg/day will also be operated.
- ❑ Impact - Reduction in carbon emissions of about

350 metric tons per year and contribution of 230 metric tons of pure oxygen in the atmosphere per year (equivalent to planting about 13000 trees)

Nai Chetana 3.0 - Pahal Badlav Ki

- ❑ Event - National campaign organized from 25 November to 23 December (1 month).
- ❑ Organised by - Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission under the aegis of Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.
- ❑ Objective - To raise awareness and take informed action against gender based violence through grassroots initiatives.
- ❑ Slogan - Together, One Voice Against Violence.
- ❑ Participation of 9 Ministries/Departments.
- ❑ 25 November - International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

'Ab Koi Bahana Nahi' - Campaign of Union Ministry of Women and Child Development (Based on UN global campaign NoExcuse)

Award

2024 OPCW The Hague Prize

- ❑ Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)
- ❑ The award was presented to the Indian Chemical Council during the 29th session of the OPCW Conference of States Parties (CSP).

- *The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) came into force in 1997. Currently, 193 countries are involved.*
- *The OPCW Hague Award was established in 2014 by the OPCW in collaboration with the Hague Municipality.*

FIPI Oil & Gas Awards

- ❑ GAIL (India) Limited was awarded the title of "Company of the Year for Promoting Hydrogen Initiative".

- ❑ Awarded by – Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India.

Veteran Achievers Award

- ❑ The award distribution was done by Indian Army General Upendra Dwivedi at the Southern Command Headquarters.
- ❑ The following two retired army personnel were awarded for their outstanding contribution after retirement-
 - (i) Colonel Shashikant G. Dalvi
 - * Notable work in the field of rain water conservation and environmental sustainability through his organization 'Parjanya'.
 - (ii) Subedar Clerk Suneet S.
 - * For work in the field of welfare of retired army personnel, bravehearts and widows.
 - * Important work in SPARSH documentation.

- *SPARSH (System for Pension Administration - RAKSHA) is a processing system for providing pensionary awards to the defense forces in electronic mode.*

President's Colour Award presented to four army battalions

- ❑ By Army General Upendra Dwivedi.
- ❑ The President's Colour Award is the highest decoration given to any unit of the Indian Army for distinguished national service in peace or war.

Miscellaneous

Amrit Parampara

- ❑ A special festival series organised by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India in Delhi.
- ❑ A celebration of uniting India through art and culture (dance, music, folk and traditional art forms).
- ❑ Cauvery Meets Ganga -
 - First event under Amrit Parampara Series

Antriksha Abhyas

- ❑ Organised - From 11th to 13th November in New Delhi by Defence Space Agency of India.
- ❑ India's first table top space exercise.
- ❑ Objective - To enhance the strategic readiness of Indian Armed Forces in the field of space warfare.
- ❑ Defence Space Agency is an integrated tri-service agency of the Indian Armed Forces established in the year 2018 headquartered in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)

- ❑ The Reserve Bank of India has retained the following 3 banks in the list of Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) for the year 2024 -
 1. State Bank of India (SBI)
 2. HDFC Bank
 3. ICICI Bank
- ❑ The Domestic Systemically Important Banks are considered as banks which are "too big to fail" and their continued operation is critical for the uninterrupted availability of banking services essential to the economy.

K-Rail/Silver Line Project

- ❑ The semi high-speed rail project of the Government of Kerala.
- ❑ The Ministry of Railways, Government of India has given conditional approval.
- ❑ The total distance - 530 km - (from Thiruvananthapuram to Kasaragod)

The first all-women battalion of CISF

- ❑ Recently approved by the Union Home Ministry.
- ❑ Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) currently has 1.77 lakh women personnel (7%).
- ❑ CISF was established in the year 1969 under the Central Industrial Security Force Act 1968.

Comics Commandos

- ❑ A team of 30 youth formed to fight child marriage and child labour in Assam.
- ❑ Set up by Microfinance and Livelihood Centre in Baliyan block of Goalpara district of Western Assam.
- ❑ Objective - To create awareness on serious issues like child marriage and child labour through humorous comics.

Project Shaurya Gatha

- ❑ Launched - 8 November 2024, New Delhi (during Indian Military Heritage Festival).
- ❑ An initiative of the Department of Military Affairs, Government of India and United Service Institution (USI).
- ❑ Objective - To preserve and promote India's military heritage through education and tourism.

83rd Annual Session of Indian Road Congress

- ❑ Organised - From 8 to 11 November at Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- ❑ Inaugurated by - Nitin Gadkari (Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways).
- ❑ Objective - Creation and maintenance of sustainable road infrastructure.

Tier-III Data Centre of Project Digital Coast Guard (DCG)

- ❑ The foundation stone of a state-of-the-art data centre was laid at Mahipalpur, New Delhi under Project Digital Coast Guard by the Ministry of Defence and Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL).
- ❑ Project Digital Coast Guard (DCG) is an initiative of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).
- ❑ Other initiatives under Project DCG -
 - Disaster Recovery Data Centre at Mangalore, Karnataka
 - Expansion of connectivity between ICG sites including ships.
 - Implementation of Enterprise Resource Planning Application

- ❑ Project DCG implemented by Tele Communications Consultants India Ltd.

3rd India Space Conference

- ❑ Organised - 5th to 7th November at New Delhi.
- ❑ Organiser - Indian Space Association (non-profit industry body).
- ❑ Objective - To create an integrated platform for organisations and stakeholders dedicated to enhancing India's space capabilities and plans.

Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas 2024

- ❑ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Bhagwan Birsa Munda on the fourth Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas on November 15 from Jamui in Bihar.
- ❑ A commemorative coin and postage stamp was released in honour of Bhagwan Birsa Munda.
- ❑ The following institutions were inaugurated by the Prime Minister-
 - Tribal Freedom Fighter Museum - at Chhindwara and Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh.
 - Tribal Research Institute - at Srinagar (Jammu Kashmir) and Gangtok (Sikkim).
- ❑ Unveiling of the statue of Birsa Munda at Bansera Park in New Delhi.
- ❑ Sarai Kale Khan Chowk in New Delhi renamed as Bhagwan Birsa Munda Chowk.

- *Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas was introduced by the Government of India in the year 2021 to honour the sacrifices of tribal freedom fighters.*

Pyre Film

- ❑ The only Indian entry selected in the Official Competition category at the 28th Tallinn Black Nights International Film Festival held in Estonia.
- ❑ Producer - Vinod Kapri.
- ❑ Subject - Love story of an elderly couple in the 80s.

India's efforts and achievements towards TB elimination

- ❑ 17.7% decline in TB cases from 2015 to 2023 (double the global average decline of 8.3%)
- ❑ National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) targets TB elimination by 2025 (5 years ahead of UN SDG target of 2030).
- ❑ Financial assistance of about Rs 2781 crore to one crore beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) under Nikshay Poshan Yojana.
- ❑ The nutrition support under Nikshay Poshan Yojana by Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been increased from Rs 500/month/patient to Rs 1000/month/patient for the entire duration of treatment.

26th National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan Meeting (NOSDCP)

- ❑ Organised - 5 November 2024, New Delhi.
- ❑ Organiser - Indian Coast Guard (ICG).
- ❑ Chairman - Director General of ICG Parmesh Sivamani.
- ❑ Objective - To evaluate the preparedness for effective response to oil spill disaster in Indian waters.

Mahasagar

- ❑ Third Edition
- ❑ Organised - 5 November 2024 (by Indian Navy)
- ❑ Organiser - Virtual interaction with Naval Chiefs of the coastal countries of the Indian Ocean Region.
- ❑ Theme - "Training cooperation to mitigate common maritime security challenges in IOR".
- ❑ Held biannually by Indian Navy from the year 2023.
- ❑ Participating Countries - India, Bangladesh, Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique Seychelles, Sri Lanka and Tanzania.
- ❑ Previous edition - April 2024

Mahakumbh Mela 2025

- ❑ To be Organised - From 13 January (Paush Purnima) to 26 February 2025 in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.

- ❑ Mahakumbh is organized once in 12 years in four places in India - Haridwar, Ujjain, Nashik and Prayagraj in turn.
- ❑ Kumbh Mela is the largest fair in the world.

Dhudmaras

- ❑ Dhudmaras village in Bastar district of Chhattisgarh was selected for the Best Tourism Village Upgradation Programme by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).
- ❑ A total of 20 villages of the world are included in this program.
- ❑ Dhudmaras is located on the banks of the Kangor River in the middle of the Kangor Valley National Park.
- ❑ Dhudmaras was awarded in the Adventure Tourism category of the Best Tourism Village Competition by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.

Sun Flowers Were The First Ones To Know

- ❑ Film by Chidanand S Naik, a student of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII).
- ❑ Qualified for Oscars 2025 (97th Academy Awards) in the Live Action Short Film category.
- ❑ Winner of La Cinéfe Award at the 77th Cannes Film Festival.

Angara

- ❑ Mascot of the 50th (Golden Jubilee) Foundation Day of Coal India Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Coal, Government of India.
- ❑ Inspired by the Royal Bengal Tiger.

32nd Meeting of the Central Hindi Committee

- ❑ Organized - 4 November in New Delhi.
- ❑ Chaired by - Union Home Minister and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah.
- ❑ The Central Hindi Committee is the highest body (Chairman - Prime Minister) to provide guidelines for the promotion and progressive use of Hindi.

Ganga Utsav 2024

- ❑ Edition - Eighth.
- ❑ Organised - 4th November at Chandi Ghat, Haridwar (Anniversary of Ganga declared as National River).
- ❑ Organiser - National Mission for Clean Ganga.
- ❑ Inaugurated by - Union Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil.
- ❑ Ganga Utsav 2024 first event to be held on river bank (celebrated in 139 districts).

Major Events

- ❑ Mahila Rafting Abhiyaan - From Chandi Ghat, Haridwar to Ganga Sagar (through 9 major cities/towns in 50 days)
- ❑ Ganga Pustak Parikrama - Circumambulation of 10 major cities of 5 states located along the banks of Ganga River Basin onboard bus provided by National Book Trust (NBT) along with literature of Ganga River.
- ❑ Theme - "Ganga through the Ages: A Literary Bioscope"

Shilp Samagam Mela 2024

- ❑ Organised - 5th November at Delhi Haat, New Delhi.
- ❑ Organised by - The following corporations under the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment -
 - National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC)
 - National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC)
 - National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC).
- ❑ Launch of Tulip Brand (Traditional Artisans Upliftment Livelihood Program) -
 - Aim - To empower marginalized artisans by providing them a platform for global recognition and sale of their products through e-marketing.
 - Under the Tulip brand, a platform will be provided to Scheduled Castes (SC), Other

Backward Classes (OBC), Safai Karamcharis and Persons with Disabilities.

India Mobility Global Expo 2025

- ❑ Organised - 17 to 22 January 2025.
- ❑ Venue - New Delhi.
- ❑ Theme - Beyond Borders: Co-creating the Future of Automotive Value Chain.
- ❑ Objective – To promote collaboration, knowledge sharing and networking.
- ❑ Industry driven and Government supported initiative which is being coordinated by Engineering Export Promotion Council India (EEPC India) in joint collaboration with various industry bodies and partner organizations.

Adoption Awareness Month 2024

- ❑ November month every year.
- ❑ By Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA).
- ❑ To promote legal adoption.
- ❑ Theme – Rehabilitation of older children through foster care and foster adoption.

Mysore Sangeetha Sugandh

- ❑ Organised - 8th to 10th November at Karnataka State Open University, Mysore.
- ❑ Organisers - Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Textiles and Department of Karnataka Tourism and Sangeet Natak Akademi, Government of India.
- ❑ Celebration of Karnataka's rich heritage in Carnatic Music, Kannada Culture, Dasa Parampara (Purandara Das- Father of Carnatic Music).

Roundtable on ICANN Applicant Assistance Programme

- ❑ Organised - 6th November at New Delhi.
- ❑ Organiser - Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India in collaboration with National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) and Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN).
- ❑ Objective - To provide financial and other assistance to organisations (particularly from

underprivileged regions) applying for new generic top level domains.

Loan Agreement between Government of India and Asian Development Bank (ADB)

- ❑ For a loan of \$200 million for Uttarakhand Livelihood Improvement Project.
- ❑ European Investment Bank is co-financing the project with an amount of \$191 million.

Commemorative postage stamp on Vadatal Dham Bicentenary Celebrations

- ❑ Swaminarayan sect temple located in Kheda district of Gujarat.
- ❑ Commemorative stamp designed - by Jayaraj TG
- ❑ The temple is shaped like a lotus and has nine golden domes.

Re-PREX-24

- ❑ Organised - A regional level pollution response exercise held at Paradip (Odisha) from 12 to 14 November.
- ❑ Organised by - Indian Coast Guard District Headquarters No. 7 (Odisha)

58th Executive Committee Meeting of NMGC

- ❑ National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)
- ❑ Important Decisions-
 - Approval of the project titled “Upgrading Rescue System for Conservation of Stranded Gangetic Dolphins”.
 - Development of Special Rescue Vehicle “Dolphin Ambulance”.
 - Approval of the project with an estimated budget of Rs. 11 crore for assessing the environmental flow of Chambal, Son, Damodar and Tons rivers.
 - Conservation of endangered turtles in Ganga Basin in Uttar Pradesh.
 - Approval of the travelogue series titled “Rag Rag Mein Ganga – Ek Jeevan Dhara” (Cost Rs. 6.25 crore, telecast on Doordarshan).

Third Regional Programme of Hamara Samvidhan-Hamara Samman Abhiyaan

- ❑ Organised - 19th November at IIT Guwahati, Assam.
- ❑ Organisers – Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India.
- ❑ Objective – To promote understanding of the Constitution and raise awareness about legal rights.
 - 1st Regional Programme - 9th March in Bikaner, Rajasthan.
 - 2nd Regional Programme - 16th July in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❑ The 'Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Samman' campaign was launched by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on 24th January at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.

Online Hindi Course on Constitution of India

- Launched by the Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India in collaboration with NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad.
- Commemorative coin and postage stamp dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of India.
- Release of the Constitution of India in Sanskrit and Maithili.
- Release of a booklet dedicated to the art of the Indian Constitution.
- Release of the books "Bharat Ke Samvidhan Ka Nirmaan Ek Jhalak" and "Bharat Ke Samvidhan Ka Nirmaan Aur Iski Gauravshali Yatra".

DSIR-CRTDH Conclave-2024

- ❑ Department of Scientific and Industrial Research-Common Research and Technology Development Hub (DSIR-CRTDH)
- ❑ 13-14 November at Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

ASSET Platform

- ❑ ASSET - "Accelerating Sustainable State Energy Transition"
- ❑ Initiative of NITI Aayog, Union Ministry of Power and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
- ❑ Objective - To assist States accelerate Green Transition.

Sea Vigil-24

- ❑ Edition - 4th
- ❑ Organised - 20th-21st November.
- ❑ Pan India Coastal Defence Exercise of Indian Navy
- ❑ 6 Ministries and 21 Organisations/Agencies (including Indian Army and Air Force) participated.

First Bodoland Mahotsav

- ❑ Organised - 15th-16th November at SAI Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, New Delhi.
- ❑ Inaugurated by - Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ❑ Theme - Peace and Harmony for a Prosperous India.

Renewable energy capacity of India

- ❑ The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India has released the latest data on growth in the renewable energy sector from October 2023 to October 2024-

	October 2024	Growth
Total installed renewable energy capacity	203.18 GW	24.2 GW (13.5%)
Solar energy capacity	92.12 GW	20.1 GW (27.9%)
Wind energy capacity	47.72 GW	3.43 GW (7.8%)

- ❑ Energy capacity of large hydropower projects till October 2024 - 46.93 GW
- ❑ Nuclear energy capacity - 8.18 GW
- ❑ Total non-fossil fuel capacity including nuclear energy in October 2024 - 211.36 GW
- ❑ Leading states in renewable energy capacity-

- (i) Rajasthan - 29.98 GW
- (ii) Gujarat - 29.52 GW
- (iii) Tamil Nadu - 23.70 GW

International Conference on Communication and Dissemination of Traditional Knowledge (CDTK) 2024

- ❑ 2nd edition
- ❑ Organised - 13th-14th November at Gurugram, Haryana.
- ❑ Organisers - CSIR - National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIR-NISCP) and Gurugram University.

- *The CDTK conference is organised every two years under the SVASTIK initiative.*
- *The SVASTIK (Scientifically Validated Societal Traditional Knowledge) initiative was launched by CSIR-NISCP in August 2021.*

Delhi Defence Dialogue (DDD)

- ❑ Organised - 12th-13th November at MP-IDSA New Delhi.
- ❑ Theme - 'Adaptive Defence : Navigating the Changing Landscape of Modern Warfare'.
- ❑ The Delhi Defence Dialogue is a premier platform established by the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA) to address the multi-faceted challenges of defence and security in India.

Adaptive Defence Doctrine

- *Adaptive Defence is a strategic approach in which a country's military and defence systems continually evolve to effectively counter emerging threats.*
- *The Government of India is moving towards adopting the Adaptive Defence Doctrine.*

66th All India Kalidas Festival

- ❑ Organised - Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❑ Inaugurated by - Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar.

- ❑ Kalidas Alankaran Samman for the year 2022-2023
 - Classical Vocal - Pt. Uday Bhawalkar, Pune (2022)
 - Pt. Arvind Parekh, Mumbai (2023)
 - Classical Dance - Dr. Sandhya Purecha, Mumbai (2022)
 - Guru Kalavati Devi, Manipur (2023)
 - Art and Craft - PR Daroch, Delhi (2022)
 - Raghupati Bhatt, Mysore (2023)
 - Drama - Bhanu Bharti, Rajasthan (2022)
 - Rudraprasad Sengupta, Kolkata (2023)

Maharashtra and Jharkhand Assembly Election 2024

- ❑ Maharashtra Assembly Election
 - BJP - 132 seats
 - Shiv Sena - 57 seats
 - NCP - 41 seats
- ❑ Jharkhand Assembly Election
 - Jharkhand Mukti Morcha - 34 seats
 - BJP - 21 seats
 - INC - 16 Seats
- ❑ Chief Minister - Hemant Soren (Jharkhand Mukti Morcha) took oath as the Chief Minister of Jharkhand for the fourth time.

Durgesh Aranya Zoological Park

- ❑ It will be the first zoo in India to receive certification from the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC).
 - For sustainable and eco-friendly infrastructure.
- ❑ To be constructed in Bankhandi area of Kangra, Himachal Pradesh

Eastern Prahar

- ❑ Joint tri-service exercise of Indian Army, Navy and Air Force.
- ❑ Organised - 10th to 18th November at Arunachal Pradesh.

EV as a Service Programme

- ❑ Organised - 10th November at New Delhi.
- ❑ Event of Convergence Energy Services Limited

(CESL), a subsidiary of Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL).

- ❑ Objective - To promote e-mobility in government offices and deploy 5000 e-cars in government departments in the next two years.

Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEL) Executive Capacity Building Programme

- ❑ For senior officials of national human rights institutions.
- ❑ Organised - 11th to 16th November at New Delhi.
- ❑ Organisers - Ministry of External Affairs and National Human Rights Commission, Government of India.
- ❑ Participation of participants from NHRIs from eight countries- Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Jordan.

5th National (Eklavya Model Residential School) Cultural & Literary Festival and Art Festival

- ❑ Organised - 12th to 15th November at Shiksha 'O' Anusandhan Sansthan, Khandagiri, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- ❑ To be organised by – National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS)
- ❑ To be hosted by – Odisha Model Tribal Education Society (OMTES).
- ❑ Theme – “A Tribute to Bhagwan Birsa Munda and Tribal Freedom Fighters”.

Digital Population Clock

- ❑ Inauguration - 8 November 2024 at Institute of Social and Economic Change (ISEC) in Bengaluru (Karnataka).
- ❑ A joint project of ISEC and Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- ❑ The Digital Population Clock will update the estimated population of Karnataka in every one minute 10 seconds and the population of the country in every two seconds.



Know Your Medicine (KYM) App

- ❑ By National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).
- ❑ Objective - Launched to make athletes, coaches and sports professionals aware about inadvertent doping and to develop a fair and transparent sports culture.

Award to Reward Initiative

- ❑ Partnership between Niti Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) and Urban Company
- ❑ Objective - To help women MSMEs to pursue business in the beauty and health sector.
- ❑ Under this project, women entrepreneurs will be provided training in six different fields.

Second Panchayat Sammelan

- ❑ Organized - 19 November in Agra, Uttar Pradesh.
- ❑ Organiser - Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India.
- ❑ Theme - Ease of Living: Enhancing Service Delivery at Grassroots.
- ❑ Representatives from eight States - Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Nagaland, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

Yoga Break at Workplace (Y Break)

- ❑ Y Break was awarded the Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding performance on the iGOT Karmayogi Bharat platform.
- ❑ The award was given during the National Education Week (Karmayogi Week) organized at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi.

- ❑ Y Break is a five-minute yoga program under which employees are encouraged to do yoga in a five-minute break at the workplace.

Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics (BAHS) 2024

- ❑ Annual publication of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
- ❑ Annual estimate of production of milk, eggs, meat and wool in the country for the year 2023-24.
- ❑ Top milk producing states-
 - (i) Uttar Pradesh (16.21%)
 - (ii) Rajasthan (14.51%)**
 - (iii) Madhya Pradesh (8.91%)
- ❑ Top egg producing states-
 - (i) Andhra Pradesh (17.85%)
 - (ii) Tamil Nadu (15.64%)
 - (iii) Telangana (12.88%)
- ❑ Top meat producing states-
 - (i) West Bengal (12.62%)
 - (ii) Uttar Pradesh (12.29%)
 - (iii) Maharashtra (11.28%)
- ❑ Top wool producing states-
 - (i) Rajasthan (47.53%)**
 - (ii) Jammu & Kashmir (23.06%)
 - (iii) Gujarat (6.18%)
- ❑ India ranks first in milk production and second in egg production at global level.

Grievance Redressal Assessment and Index (GRAI) 2023

- ❑ Issued by - Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Government of India.
- ❑ Second Edition (First Edition - on 21 June 2023)
- ❑ Assessment of 89 Central Ministries and Departments.
- ❑ This index is based on 4 indicators and 11 dimensions.
 - 4 indicators -
 - (i) Efficiency (ii) Feedback
 - (iii) Domain (iv) Organizational Commitment

- ❑ As per GRAI, ministries and departments are divided into three groups-

Group	Registered Complaints	Top positions in overall ranking
A	> 10,000	Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
B	2000 to 9999	Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India
C	< 2000	Department of Investment and Public Asset Management

India National Cyber Security Exercise (Bharat NCX) 2024

- ❑ Organised - 18 to 29 November in New Delhi.
- ❑ Organisers - National Security Council Secretariat and National Defence University.

Developed India Young Leaders Dialogue

- ❑ National Youth Festival 2025 will be celebrated as Developed India Young Leaders Dialogue.
- ❑ To be held on 162nd birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda on 11-12 January 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- ❑ Objectives -
 - To bring new young leaders into politics.
 - To ensure meaningful contribution of youth to developed India through transparent, democratic and merit based selection system.

Project Veer Gatha 4.0

- ❑ An initiative of the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- ❑ Objective - To disseminate inspiring stories of valor, selfless sacrifice and courage of gallantry award winners of the Armed Forces among students.
- ❑ Project Veer Gatha was launched in the year 2021.

Sanyukt Vimochan 2024

- ❑ Multi-agency annual Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise of the Indian Army.

- ❑ Organized - From 18 to 19 November at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- ❑ Participation of Indian Armed Forces, National Disaster Management Authority, Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority, Meteorological Department and FICCI.

Bhu-Neer Portal

- ❑ Developed by Central Ground Water Authority under Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India in collaboration with National Informatics Centre.
- ❑ One stop platform for management and regulation of groundwater resources in the country.
- ❑ Objective - To ensure transparency, efficiency and sustainability in groundwater use.

7th Global AI Leadership Meet 2024

- ❑ Organised - 20 November at New Delhi.
- ❑ Organiser - Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM).
- ❑ Theme - "AI for India: Advancing India's AI development – Innovation, Ethics and Governance"
- ❑ India's first AI data bank launched by Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India.

Child Marriage Free India Campaign

- ❑ To be launched on - 27 November by Union Minister for Women and Child Development Annapurna Devi from Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.
- ❑ Child Marriage Free Portal launched.
- ❑ Through this portal, complaints related to child marriage can be lodged.

National Landslide Risk Mitigation Project

- ❑ Recently approved by the Central Government.
- ❑ 15 states included - 8 northeastern states and Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal.
- ❑ Total cost - Rs 1000 crore.

The Teacher App

- ❑ Inaugurated by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan in New Delhi.

- ❑ A digital platform to equip teachers with future ready skills.
- ❑ Developed by Bharti Airtel Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises.

National Consumer Helpline (NCH)

- ❑ Ministry - Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
- ❑ Consumer toll free number - 1915
- ❑ Partnership with 1009 companies under the Convergence Programme for fast resolution of complaints.
- ❑ The Department of Consumer Affairs launched AI based speech recognition and multilingual chatbot on National Consumer Day (24 December).

11th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX 2024)

- ❑ Organized - 28 November 2024 Kochi (India)
- ❑ Two-day exercise organized by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).
- ❑ Under this, 'National Search and Rescue Awards' were given-
 - Merchant Ship Category - MV Singapore Bulker
 - Fishing Boat Category - Parmita S, Geeta and Bahubali
 - SAR Unit Category - ICG Air Squadron 835
 - Coastal Unit Category - Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services

Eklavya

- ❑ Launched by the Ministry of Defence under the 'Decade of Transformation' (2023-2032) initiative.
- ❑ Online learning platform for Indian Army
- ❑ Creation - Bhaskaracharya National Institute of Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG-N), Gandhinagar and Directorate General of Information Systems
- ❑ Three types of courses have been hosted under the platform-

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- Category I - 'Pre Course Preparatory Capsule'
- Category II - 'Appointment or Specific Assignment'
- Category III - 'Professional Development Suite'
- ❑ Knowledge Highway - Eklavya platform has searchable study points to access journals, research papers, essays etc.

EdelGive-Hurun India Philanthropy List 2024

- ❑ HCL Technology founder Shiv Nadar is India's most generous philanthropist (Total donation - Rs 2153 crore)
- ❑ Rohini Neelikani - Generous philanthropist woman.
- ❑ Nikhil Kamadh (Zerodha) - Youngest philanthropist.

Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF)

- ❑ Agreement signed by Punjab National Bank.
- ❑ PCAF is a global partnership of financial institutions working to develop and implement a coordinated approach to assessing and disclosing greenhouse gas emissions associated with loans and investments.

DHR-ICMR Health Research Excellence Summit

- ❑ Organised - 14th November 2024, Sushma Swaraj Bhawan New Delhi.
- ❑ On the 113th Foundation Day of ICMR.

e-Daakhil Portal

- ❑ Online portal for filing consumer complaints.
- ❑ Ministry - Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India.
- ❑ Launched - 7th September 2020 by National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission.
- ❑ All India coverage completed after it was launched in Ladakh on 22nd November 2024.

National Science Symposium 2024

- ❑ Organised - 26th November at Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai.

Springboard Academy

- ❑ Organiser - National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), Ministry of Culture, Government of India.
- ❑ Theme - "Artificial Intelligence: Potentials and Concerns".
- ❑ Objective - To explore the potential and concerns of AI.

Defence Datathon

- ❑ 2nd Edition
- ❑ Tri-Service Data Analysis Competition
- ❑ Organised - 27th November at College of Defence Management, Secunderabad.

Yuva Sangam (Phase V)

- ❑ An initiative of the Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- ❑ Objective - To strengthen the relationship between the youth of different states and union territories.

Operation Dronagiri

- ❑ Pilot project under National Geospatial Policy 2022.
- ❑ Launched by Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.
- ❑ Objective - To demonstrate geospatial technology applications.
- ❑ Implementation in Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Assam, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra in the first phase.

Other Important Facts

- ❑ **Rajesh Kumar Singh** has been appointed as the new Defence Secretary of the Government of India.
- ❑ Public Sector Undertakings NTPC Limited and ONGC Limited have announced the formation of a 50:50 **Joint Venture Company (JVC)** through their subsidiaries NTPC Green Energy Limited and ONGC Green Energy for renewable and new energy generation.

- ❑ Economist **Bibek Debroy**, Chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, passed away at the age of 69 (Former Member of NITI Aayog).
- ❑ **Harsh Vardhan Agarwal** elected as President of Federation of India Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) for the year 2023-24.
- ❑ Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) and IIT Roorkee signed agreement for **5G rural connectivity wave transceiver**.
- ❑ Odisha Government launches **Gramodaya program** to ensure access of welfare schemes in 583 villages affected by Left Wing Extremism.
- ❑ **Bharat Gaurav Week** was celebrated by the Government of Assam from 3 to 9 November.
 - To celebrate the Grant of classical language status to Assamese and the rich linguistic heritage of Assam.
- ❑ Guru Ghasidas Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh notified as the **56th Tiger Reserve** of the country.
- ❑ **Agreement for establishment of Joint Venture Company in Odisha for titanium slag production in India** - between Indian Rare Earths Limited and Ust-Kamenogorsk Titanium and Magnesium Plant JSC, Kazakhstan.
- ❑ **Aashish Khan**, Sarod player of Senia Maihar Gharana passed away at the age of 84. Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in the year 2004.
- ❑ **Anti-Terrorism Conference-2024** organized by National Investigation Agency (NIA) in New Delhi from 7 to 8 November.
- ❑ **India's first Constitution Museum** OP Jindal Global University, Sonapat (Haryana).
- ❑ The Andhra Pradesh government has passed the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat and Municipal Amendment Bill 2024, removing the ban on people having more than two children contesting local body elections.
- ❑ **Tuna Cluster** - Notified areas in Andaman and Nicobar Islands under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana
- ❑ **Justice D. Krishnakumar** - Appointed as Chief Justice of Manipur High Court.
- ❑ Construction of **first Fleet Support Ship** for Indian Navy - by Hindustan Shipyard Limited Visakhapatnam.
- ❑ **The 35th Tri-Service Commanders Conference** was held on 13 November at Southern Naval Command, Kochi (Kerala).
- ❑ **The Finance Commission Conference** was organized by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (Government of India) at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on 14 November.
- ❑ **Centenary celebration of Bose-Einstein Statistics** held virtually at Kolkata, West Bengal.
- ❑ **27th Energy Technology Summit** organized from 12th to 14th November at Bengaluru, Karnataka by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (Govt. of India).
- ❑ **Meluri** - officially declared as 17th district of Nagaland inhabited by Naga tribe (Pochuri).
- ❑ **Odd-even traffic rule** implemented to tackle traffic jams in Gangtok Municipal Corporation area, Sikkim.
- ❑ **Special Gram Sabha cum Orientation/ Training Programme** - 15th November by Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj in collaboration with Ministry of Tribal Affairs in more than 450 tribal dominated districts, 2400 blocks, 29000 Gram Panchayats and about 51000 villages of 27 States and Union Territories.
- ❑ Tamil Nadu Government officially declared **heatwave as a State Specific Disaster**.
 - Announcement - An ex-gratia of Rs 4 lakh has been announced for the families of persons who died due to heatwave.
- ❑ Ladakh's first Polo Stadium unveiled by Ladakh's Lieutenant Governor Brig BD Mishra at Goshan Drass.
- ❑ Inauguration of Immigration Check Post at Indo-Bhutan Border - at Darranga, Assam for entry/exit of third country nationals.

- ❑ Madhya Pradesh Government has **increased reservation for women** in State Government services from 33% to 35%.
- ❑ **Fast Track Visa (Student Direct Stream) programme** for foreign students in Canada has been suspended.
- ❑ **Hindalco Industries Limited** ranked as World's most sustainable aluminium company in S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) Rankings 2024.
- ❑ **Indian Institute of Creative Technology's Regional Centre** to be set up in Hyderabad.
- ❑ **16th India Game Developers Conference** - in Hyderabad.
- ❑ The Indian aviation sector achieved a significant milestone by flying 505412 domestic passengers across the country in a single day on November 17. This is the first time that the number of domestic passengers has crossed the 5 lakh mark.
- ❑ The 25th anniversary of the **Dragon Palace Temple**, built in collaboration with the Ogawa Society of Japan, was celebrated at Kamptee in Nagpur.
- ❑ The Competition Commission of India has imposed a fine of Rs **213.14 crore on Meta for anti-competitive** practices in relation to WhatsApp's Privacy Policy 2021.
- ❑ **The 50th All India Police Science Conference** was held from 19 to 20 November in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ❑ **Hamara Shauchalya, Hamara Samman** - Nationwide Campaign of Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India (from 19 November to 10 December)
- ❑ The 4th edition of **Lokmanthan 2024** was inaugurated by President Draupadi Murmu in Hyderabad from 21 to 24 November.
- ❑ **India's first modern, self-sufficient Gaushala** with state-of-the-art Compressed Biogas Plant - Laltipara, Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh).
- ❑ **GI & Beyond-2024** was organized by the Office of Handloom Development Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India and Handloom Export Promotion Council in New Delhi on 25 November.
- ❑ **2nd All Science and Technology Cluster Meet** was organized by "Bhubaneswar City Knowledge and Innovation Cluster Foundation" in Bhubaneswar from 25 to 26 November.
- ❑ **MoU between Military College of Telecommunication Engineering (MCTE) and Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)** to accelerate research and development in cutting edge technologies.
- ❑ **Odisha Parv 2024** was organised by Odia Samaj Trust from 22nd to 24th November at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi.
- ❑ **Annual Naval Education Society (NES) Conference 2024** held - 22nd to 24th November at Goa Naval Area, Vasco-da-Gama (Goa).
- ❑ Announcement of **Electronic Toy Hackathon e-Toycathon** - by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity), Government of India.
- ❑ Scientists at Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences, Lucknow in India have discovered pollen based Quaternary paleoclimate signals. This will help in better understanding the historical climate dynamics.
- ❑ Arvinder Singh Sahni appointed as Chairman of Indian Oil.
- ❑ India's first green hydrogen fuel station opened in Leh Ladakh. (By NTPC and Amara Raja Infra).
- ❑ **Third Rohini Nayyar Award** - Anil Pradhan (Social Activist from Odisha).
 - For his outstanding contribution to rural development.
 - The award was instituted by the Rohini Nayar Foundation in memory of renowned economist Rohini Nayar, carries a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh, a citation and a trophy.
 - Anil Pradhan was the chief designer of VSLV, Asia's first Asian university rocket team.

International



Person in News

Duma Boko

- ❑ Declared as the sixth President of Botswana.
- ❑ The presidential candidate of the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC) party.
- ❑ Earlier, Mokgweetsi Masisi was serving as the President of Botswana.



V.D. Chafekar

- ❑ Chafekar has been appointed as the seventh Executive Director of the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships in Asia Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP ISSC), Singapore. (1 April 2025 - 31 March 2028)
- ❑ Former Additional Director General (ADG) of the Indian Coast Guard



Navin Ramgoolam

- ❑ Was elected as the Prime Minister of Mauritius.
- ❑ He is the candidate of the Labour Party.



Dr. Jay Bhattacharya

- ❑ Was appointed as the head of the National Institute of Health (NIH) of America by Donald Trump.
- ❑ He is an American scientist of Indian origin.



Tulsi Gabbard

- ❑ Was appointed as the National Intelligence Director (NIA) in America.
- ❑ She was formerly a Lieutenant Colonel in the USA Army Reserve.



Miss Universe 2024

- ❑ Victoria Kjaer (Denmark) won the title.



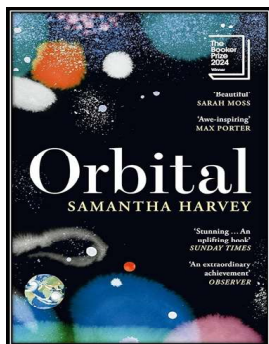
- ❑ 73rd edition
- ❑ Organised - November 16, 2024 Mexico City.

Dinesh Bhatia

- ❑ Appointed as Ambassador of India to Brazil
- ❑ Earlier, he was Consul General of India in Toronto and Ambassador to Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea and Liberia.

Award**Booker Prize 2024**

- ❑ The book was awarded to Samantha Harvey (British author) for her book 'Orbital'.
- ❑ 'Orbital' is the first space-based book to win this award.

**Dominica Award of Honour**

- ❑ Dominica has announced the highest national honour (Dominica) to India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ❑ The honour was given to the Prime Minister for his contribution to Dominica during the COVID-19 pandemic and for strengthening the partnership between the two countries.
- ❑ The award was presented by the Dominica President during the India-CARICOM summit held in Georgetown, Guyana from 19-21 November.

Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger (GCON)

- ❑ Nigeria honoured India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi with its national honour Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger (GCON).
- ❑ The honour was given to the Prime Minister of India by the President of Nigeria during his visit to Nigeria.
- ❑ The Indian Prime Minister is the second person to receive this honor after Queen Elizabeth in 1969.

Green World Environment Awards 2024

- ❑ It was given to Coal India Limited in the CSR category (Corporate Social Responsibility category).
- ❑ This award was given to Coal India for its exemplary work in the field of Thalassemia Bal Seva Yojana.
- ❑ This award was given by "The Green Organization" in London.

The Order of Excellence

- ❑ Prime Minister Narendra Modi was honoured with Guyana's Excellence Award by the President of Guyana.
- ❑ This award was given for his commitment to strengthen India-Guyana relations.
- ❑ Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the fourth foreign leader to be honoured with this highest national award.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Global Peace Award

- ❑ Prime Minister Narendra Modi was honoured by Washington Adventist University and Association of Indian American Minorities.
- ❑ This award was given for promoting the upliftment and equality of minority communities.

Miscellaneous**Sakura Science High School Programme 2024**

- ❑ Organized - 10 to 16 November
- ❑ Organized by - Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST).
- ❑ Students invited from 5 countries (Indonesia, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Palau and Peru) including India.
- ❑ It is being Organized by JST since 2014 to develop scientific exploration among young learners.

Vajra Prahar Exercise

- ❑ 15th edition of India-US Joint Special Forces Exercise.

Current Affairs**Springboard Academy**

- ❑ Organise - 21 November to 22 November 2024.
- ❑ Place - Ordnance Combat Training Center, Idaho (USA)
- ❑ Objective - Military cooperation operations between India-US.
- ❑ Past event - Umroi, Meghalaya in the year 2023.

Garuda Shakti Exercise

- ❑ 9th edition of India-Indonesia joint special forces exercise.
- ❑ Organised - 1 November to 12 November 2024.
- ❑ Place - Sijantung, Jakarta (Indonesia)
- ❑ Objective - To enhance mutual cooperation between India-Indonesia armies.
- ❑ Past event - Karawang (Indonesia) 2022.

VINBAX - 2024

- ❑ Vietnam-India joint military exercise.
- ❑ Organise - 4 November to 23 November 2024
- ❑ Place - Ambala and Chandimandir (Haryana)
- ❑ Army and Air Force personnel from both countries Participated.
- ❑ Objective - To enhance joint military capabilities as part of the United Nations contingent in peacekeeping operations.
- ❑ VINBAX - 2023 was held in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Austra Hind Joint Military Exercise

- ❑ Third edition held between India-Australia
- ❑ Organise - 8 to 21 November 2024
- ❑ Place - Overseas Training Node, Pune (Maharashtra)
- ❑ The Austra Hind is an annual event held alternately between the two countries.
 - 1st edition - 2022, Mahajan Field Firing Range, Bikaner (Rajasthan)
 - 2nd edition - 2023 (Australia)

G-20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group Meeting

- ❑ Third meeting
- ❑ Organise - 30 October to 1 November, Belém, Brazil

- ❑ Under this, a ministerial declaration was accepted which focused on taking major steps for the rapid implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.
- ❑ The first Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group was established on India's initiative in the G-20 of the year 2023.

First Asian Buddhist Summit

- ❑ Organise - 5 to 6 November 2024, New Delhi
- ❑ Organiser - Ministry of Culture (Government of India) and International Buddhist Confederation (IBC)
- ❑ Theme - "The role of Buddha Dhamma in strengthening Asia".
- ❑ Objective - To assure the comprehensive welfare of humanity while contributing to a more compassionate, sustainable and peaceful world.

International Tuberculosis Organization Governing Body Meeting

- ❑ Organise - 28 October to 7 November, Geneva (Switzerland)
- ❑ Under this meeting, the Indian delegation highlighted India's positive experience in poverty alleviation, employment and social security.

25th South Asian Telecom Regulatory Council Meeting (SATRC-25)

- ❑ Organise - 11-13 November, New Delhi
- ❑ Organiser - Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in collaboration with Asia-Pacific Telecommunication Community (APT)
- ❑ President - Anil Kumar Lahoti
- ❑ Member Countries - Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
- ❑ Objective - To promote digital transformation for economic and social prosperity.

International Conference on Quality Control Circles (ICQCC-2024)

- ❑ In hybrid mode (in person and online).
- ❑ Organise - 11-14 November, Colombo (Sri Lanka)

- ❑ Organiser - Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Quality and Productivity (SLAAQP)
- ❑ 3 Lean Quality Circle (LQC) teams of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant won 'Gold Awards' in the conference-
 - ARMOR
 - TARANGINI
 - SADHANA

4th Antimicrobial Resistance (MAR) Ministerial Meeting

- ❑ Organise - 15-16 November 2024, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- ❑ Theme - "From Declaration to Implementation"
- ❑ Objective - Accelerating action through multi-sectoral partnerships to prevent AMR.
- ❑ Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Anupriya Singh Patel addressed the conference from India.
- ❑ World AMR Awareness Week was observed from 18-24 November.
 - Theme - "Educate, Advocate, Act Now"

SagarManthan-The Great Oceans Dialogue

- ❑ South Asia's largest maritime thought leadership summit.
- ❑ Organise - 18-19 November, New Delhi.
- ❑ Organisers - Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) & Observer Research Foundation (ORF)
- ❑ Objective - To promote knowledge on maritime sector and provide a global platform for global leaders, luminaries and visionaries to shape maritime future.
- ❑ A total of 61 countries participated in the event.

CDTK 2024

- ❑ International Conference on Communication and Dissemination of Traditional Knowledge (CDTK)
- ❑ Organise - 13 to 14 November, 2024 Gurugram
- ❑ Organisers - National Institute of Science

Communication and Policy Research (NISCPR) & Gurugram University.

- ❑ Objective - To disseminate traditional knowledge globally.

11th ADMM-Plus

- ❑ ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus)
- ❑ Organise - 20 November 2024 Vientiane (Lao PDR)
- ❑ Objective - To exchange views on regional and international security issues.
- ❑ India was represented by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in this meeting.

G-20 Rio Summit 2024

- ❑ Organise - 18 to 19 November 2024
- ❑ Venue - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- ❑ Host Country -
 - Brazil (2024)
 - South Africa (2025)
- ❑ 5 Key Issues
 - No breakthrough in climate
 - Ukraine war
 - Call for ceasefire in Lebanon, Gaza
 - Taxing the super rich
 - Coalition against hunger
- ❑ Outcome -
 - Accelerating economic cooperation, connectivity, space, energy transition and defence cooperation between India-Italy.
 - UK announces resumption of India-UK free trade talks.
 - Strengthening trade strategic partnership during 2nd India-Australia Annual Summit.
 - G-20 Troika (India, Brazil, South Africa) issues Joint Declaration on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and Artificial Intelligence.

2nd India-CARICOM Summit

- ❑ Organise - 20 November, Georgetown (Guyana)
- ❑ Chaired by - Prime Ministers of India and Grenada

- ❑ Important announcements were made by India for CARICOM (Caribbean Community - CARICOM) countries-
 - Announcement of 1000 ITEC slots for capacity building. (ITEC - Indian Technical and Economic Co-operation)
 - Announcement of training 11 young women cricketers from each country of CARICOM in India.
 - Providing generic medicines through Jan Aushadhi Kendras.
 - The next India-CARICOM summit will be held in India.
- ❑ The first India-CARICOM summit was held in New York in the year 2019.

Global Soil Conference 2024

- ❑ Organise - 19 to 22 November 2024, Pusa, New Delhi
- ❑ Organizer - International Soil Science Association, Italy Indian Soil Science Society (ISSC), New Delhi Indian Council of Agricultural Research and National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, New Delhi.
- ❑ Theme - Caring for the soil beyond food security: climate change mitigation and ecosystem services.

18th NCB International Conference

- ❑ Organizer - National Council of Cement and Building Materials (NCB)
- ❑ Organise - 27th to 29th November 2024
- ❑ Venue - Yashobhoomi, India International Convention & Expo Centre, New Delhi.
- ❑ Theme 2024 - "Strengthening Net Zero Future."
- ❑ Objective - To lead the industry towards a greener future.
- ❑ Major Publications -
 - Cement Industry-India 2024 Compendium
 - On Alternative Fuels and Raw Materials
 - Short Film on Completion of 200 Years of Cement Industry
- ❑ Agreements -

- Promotion of research in the field of decarbonisation.
- Thermal Plasma Torch Technology Application in Cement Production.

11th Asian Fire Safety Inspection Council (AFIC) Meeting

- ❑ Organise - 21 to 23 November, 2024 New Delhi.
- ❑ Organisers - Centre for Fire Explosive and Environmental Safety (CFEES), DRDO and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- ❑ Objective - To innovate, advance capacity building and strengthen national security.
- ❑ AFIC is the fire safety organization of 11 Asian countries.
- ❑ 21 delegates from 6 Asian countries participated in the conference/meeting.

CoP 29

- ❑ 29th Conference of the Parties (CoP 29)
- ❑ Organise - 11 November to 22 November 2024
- ❑ Venue - Baku, Azerbaijan
- ❑ Organizer - United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- ❑ Theme - "Investing in a Livable Home for All".
- ❑ Objective - Reach agreements to address critical global climate challenges with a focus on finance, carbon markets and inclusiveness.
- ❑ Key findings -
 - \$300 billion in climate finance for developing countries by 2035. (Amount sought - \$1.3 trillion)
 - Agreement on rules governing carbon markets
- ❑ Low finance amount opposed by India and other developing countries.
- ❑ **India Participation - Organising Side Events**
 - Integrating Disaster Resilient Infrastructure into Adaptation Strategies - by Government of India and Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure.
 - LeadIT Members Meeting - Government of India, Government of Sweden and Leadership

Group for LEAD IT 2024 Conference Members Industries Transition (LEAD IT)

- India-Sweden Industry Transition Partnership - Road to Belém - Government of India, Government of Sweden.
- Unlocking investments for climate resilient and sustainable infrastructure in small island development.
- Unlocking the role of solar energy for the Global South - Government of India and International Solar Alliance (ISA)
- Connecting communities to solar energy through women-led climate action (Government of India, International Solar Alliance and National Research Development Corporation)

Global Cooperative Conference-2024

- ❑ Organized - 25 November to 30 November, Bharat Mandapam New Delhi.
- ❑ Organizers - Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO), International Cooperative Alliance (ICA), AMUL and Krishak Bhartiya Cooperative (KRIBHCO)
- ❑ Theme - "Cooperation creates prosperity for all."
- ❑ During this conference, the United Nations International Year of Cooperatives 2025 was launched.
- ❑ The ICA Global Conference is being organized in India for the first time in its 130-year history.

- *ICA is a non-governmental organization established in London, England in the year 1895, which started its regional office in New Delhi (India) in the year 1960.*
- *The International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) has more than 306 member organizations in 105 countries.*

WUF 12

- ❑ World Urban Forum's 12th Global Conference on Sustainable Urbanization.

- ❑ Organise - Cairo (Egypt)

- ❑ Objective - Review of rapid urbanization and its impact on communities, cities, economies, climate change and policies.

INTRACOM 2024

- ❑ 10th International Traditional and Complementary Medicine Conference
- ❑ Organise - 27 to 28 November 2024 Selangor (Malaysia)
- ❑ India introduced ICD-11 TM 2 module in the conference which will enable standardized documentation of disorders, patterns and services in the traditional medicine sector.

7th Annual High Level Meeting

- ❑ Organise - 11 November 2024, Colombo (Sri Lanka)
- ❑ Organiser - Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Sri Lanka Coast Guard (SCCG)
- ❑ Objective - To combat international maritime crime and promote regional cooperation.
- ❑ 8th edition - By ICG in the year 2025.

ADIPEC 2024

- ❑ Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference (ADIPEC)
- ❑ Four day event (to commemorate 40th anniversary)
- ❑ Organise - 4 November, Abu Dhabi (UAE)
- ❑ Theme - "Connecting Minds Transforming Energy"
- ❑ Organiser - Federation of Indian Petroleum Industries.
- ❑ Various oil and gas companies showcased their technical capabilities and facilities at India Pavilion, Abu Dhabi.

21st India-US Military Group Meeting

- ❑ Organise - 5 to 6 November, 2024 Manekshaw Centre New Delhi.
- ❑ Objective - To enhance defence cooperation.

News 9 Global Summit

- ❑ Organise - 21 to 23 November, Stuttgart (Germany)
- ❑ Organiser - TV9 News Network, ZT Stuttgart and Baden-Württemberg
- ❑ Theme - “India-Germany: A Roadmap for Sustainable Development”
- ❑ Objective - To strengthen India-Germany trade and investment strategic partnership.

Fourth Consulate Inauguration

- ❑ External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar inaugurated India's new Consulate General in Brisbane (Australia).

International Solar Alliance (ISA) - 7th Session

- ❑ Organise - 3 to 6 November 2024, New Delhi
- ❑ Chaired by - India
- ❑ Co-Chaired by - France
- ❑ Ashish Khanna elected as the third Director General of the ISA.
 - First Director General - Upendra Tripathi
 - Second Director General - Dr. Ajay Mathur
- ❑ Armenia included as the 104th country.
- ❑ During the conference, four reports were presented in the third edition of the World Solar Report series-
 - World Solar Market Report
 - World Investment Report
 - Technology Report
 - Green Hydrogen Readiness Assessment for African Countries
- ❑ The conference was attended by 120 member and signatory countries, partner organizations of potential countries and other private sector stakeholders.

India-Kazakh Agreement

- ❑ Agreement signed for setting up of Indo-Kazakh Joint Venture Company (JVC): IREUK Titanium Limited in Odisha.
- ❑ Between Indian Rare Earths Limited (IREL), Ust Kamenogorsk Titanium and Magnesium Plant JSC.

- ❑ Objective - To pave the way for self-reliance in the field of titanium slag production in the country.

India-Japan Agreement

- ❑ For co-development of “Unicorn Mast” for installation on Indian Naval ships.
- ❑ Memorandum signed at the Indian Embassy in Tokyo on November 15, 2024.

- *Unicorn Mast - Unified Complex Radio Antenna (Mast with Communication Systems)*
- *Mast is a structure installed on large ships.*

India-Algeria Defence Cooperation Agreement

- ❑ MoU on bilateral defence cooperation was signed by India-Algeria.

India-Guyana Agreement

- ❑ 10 Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) were signed between India and Guyana.
- ❑ Important Agreements-
 - On cooperation in hydrocarbon sector
 - On agriculture and allied sector cooperation
 - On Indian Pharmacopoeia Regulation
 - On UPI system
 - In defence sector

SECI-H2 Global Stifting Agreement

- ❑ On 19 November 2024 between Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) and H2 Global Stifting.
- ❑ Objective - To enhance cooperation among countries for global advancement of green hydrogen economy.

Second India-Japan Joint Services Staff Talks (JSST)

- ❑ Between Headquarters, Integrated Defence Staff and Japan Self Defence Force (JSDF).
- ❑ Organise - 19 to 20 November 2024, New Delhi
- ❑ JSST is a platform to advance defence cooperation between India and Japan.

Water Innovation Challenge 4.0

- ❑ 4th Edition
- ❑ Organise - Copenhagen, Denmark (during 2024 Next Generation Digital Action)
- ❑ Key Partners -
 - Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)
 - Innovation Centre Denmark (ICDK)
 - Niti Aayog
 - Technical University of Denmark (DTU) Next Generation Programme
- ❑ Objective - To promote impactful innovation between India-Denmark.

Euronaval 2024

- ❑ Organise - 4 to 7 November, Paris
- ❑ World's largest naval defence trade show
- ❑ Indian Navy delegation included along with participants from 104 countries.
- ❑ Objective - To provide an important platform for new technological development, international cooperation and defence sovereignty.

8th International Ancient Arts Festival

- ❑ Organise - 8 to 10 November 2024
- ❑ Venue - Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Ministry of Culture
- ❑ Organiser - Rays of Wisdom Society and Ministry of Culture (Government of India)
- ❑ The event included an exhibition titled 'Spiritual, Symbolic and Healing Themes in Visual Arts'.
- ❑ Objective - Enriching dialogue on spirituality, art and healing.

43rd Sharjah International Book Fair 2024

- ❑ Organise - 6th to 17th November, Sharjah (UAE)
- ❑ Theme - 'It Starts with a Book'
- ❑ The exhibition will showcase a replica of the original handwritten Indian Constitution manuscript by the National Book Trust (NBT).

International Tourism Mart

- ❑ 12th Edition
- ❑ Organise - 26th to 29th November, 2024, Kaziranga (Assam)

- ❑ Organiser - Ministry of Tourism, Government of India
- ❑ Objective - To highlight the tourism potential of the Northeast region to domestic and international audiences.

Brands of India

- ❑ 2nd Edition
- ❑ Organise - 12th to 14th November, 2024, Dubai World Trade Centre
- ❑ Organiser - 'The Clothing Manufacturers Association of India (CMAI)
- ❑ Objective - To promote trade growth and partnerships in the Middle East and North Africa region.
- ❑ More than 150 Indian apparel brand manufacturers participated.

43rd India International Trade Fair (IITF)

- ❑ Organise - 14 to 27 November 2024, Bharat Mandapam New Delhi.
- ❑ Organiser - India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO)
- ❑ Theme - "Developed India @ 2047"
- ❑ Objective - To provide a platform for various businesses and individuals to explore opportunities and promote collaboration.
- ❑ In this fair, a stall of products manufactured by Kalyani Self Help Group of Pal village, Jodhpur was set up.
- ❑ Saras Aajeevika Mela was organized by the Ministry of Rural Development during IITF.
 - Theme - "Tradition, Art, Craft and Culture.

World Travel Market (WTM) London

- ❑ Organise - 5 to 7 November 2024 London
- ❑ The 'Chalo India Abhiyan' was launched in this event by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.
- ❑ The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India participated.
- ❑ Main focus areas of Indian Pavilion at WTM-2024 - MICE, Maha Kumbh and Wedding Tourism.

- *'Chalo India' is a first of its kind initiative to bring more foreign tourists to India wherein the government has allowed 'Mittrains' of diaspora members to get visa free of cost. (1 lakh visas offered)*

Global Freight Summit 2024

- Organise - 18-20 November, Dubai (UAE)
- Organiser - DP World (Logistics Company)
- Theme - "Acting today to reach tomorrow's opportunities."
- Objective - It aims to promote strategic partnerships among business leaders globally.
- More than 5000 industry representatives from 155 countries participated including leading industry leaders from India.

World Intellectual Property Indicators (WIPI) Report 2024

- Issued by: World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- India has been ranked among the top countries in patents, trademarks and industrial designs.
- India ranks globally
 - Patents - 6th
 - Trademarks - 4th
 - Industrial Design - 11th
- WIPO is a specialized agency of the United Nations that serves the world's innovators and creators, ensuring that their ideas reach the market safely and improve the conditions in each region.

QS World University Rankings: Asia (2025)

- 7 Indian institutions ranked in the top 100 list.
- Top 50 -
 - IIT Delhi (44th)
 - IIT Bombay (48th)
- Top - 100
 - IIT Madras (56)
 - IIT Kharagpur (60)
 - Indian Institute of Science (62)

- IIT Kanpur (67)
- University of Delhi (81)

Global City Index 2024

- Issuer - 'Brand Finance'
- Global Ranking -
 - 1st - London
 - 77th - New Delhi

- *The Global City Index (Oxford Economics) ranks the world's top cities based on five categories- economics, human capital, quality of life, environment, governance.*

Climate Enforcement Performance Index 2025

- Issuer - German Watch, New Climate Institute and CAN International.
- Objective - To assess efforts to tackle climate change.
- The results of this index are compiled with the help of 450 national experts.
- India is ranked 10th among 63 countries.
- The CCPI is being published annually since 2005.

Food Outlook Report 2024

- Semi-annual report on global food markets
- Issuer - Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- Under this report, the increase and decrease in various commodities is shown.

WEP 2025 Global Outlook Report

- Issuer - United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)
- This report highlights WFP's value proposition and key solutions to hunger.
- Key Statistics -
 - Acute hunger affects 343 million people in 74 countries.
 - 1.9 million people on the brink of famine (Gaza, Sudan, Haiti, Mali)

Jobs at Your Doorstep Report

- ❑ launched by Union Minister of Education and Minister of Labour and Employment.
- ❑ Title - “Jobs at Your Doorstep: A Jobs Diagnostics for Young People”
- ❑ Objective - This report serves as a diagnostic and roadmap to provide a strategic link between India’s education and jobs agenda.
- ❑ The detailed report was prepared by the World Bank team.
- ❑ 6 states included (in STARS programme) - Himachal, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha and Rajasthan.

Network Readiness Index 2024

- ❑ India has secured 49th position.
- ❑ Issuer - Portulans Institute, Washington DC
- ❑ India has secured this position out of 133 economies in the report.

Global Nature Conservation Index

- ❑ India has secured 176th position out of 180 countries.
- ❑ Issuer - 'Goldman Sonnenfeld School of Sustainability and Climate Change'
 - 'Ben Gurion University'
 - 'BioDB.com'
- ❑ India's low ranking is due to inefficient land management and increasing biodiversity threats.

3 Zero Club

- ❑ “Pope Francis Yunus 3 Zero Club” was launched in Rome.
- ❑ Launched by Bangladesh Chief Advisor Muhammad Yunus and Pope Francis.
- ❑ Objective - To jointly usher in a transformative and inclusive future for humanity.
- ❑ 3 Zero means
 - Zero poverty
 - Zero unemployment
 - Zeronetzero carbon emissions.

Visa free entry

- ❑ Indians allowed indefinite visa free entry to Thailand for up to 60 days.

- ❑ Thailand visa policy was set to expire on 11 November 2024.
- ❑ The initial visa free entry policy for Indians was introduced in November 2023.

Vishwa Crafts Forum 2024

- ❑ Organise - 21 to 24 November 2024, New Delhi and 25 to 27 November 2024, Sri Ganganagar
- ❑ Organiser - World Craft Council in collaboration with Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.
- ❑ Objective - To position India as a leader in shaping the future of crafts.
- ❑ A special showcase ‘My Craft My Pride’ was presented by the Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI).

Vigilance Awareness Week 2024

- ❑ 28 October to 3 November 2024
- ❑ Organiser - Central Vigilance Commission
- ❑ Theme - ‘Prosperity of the nation through a culture of integrity’
- ❑ Objective - To develop a transparent and accountable system.

WADA Global Learning and Development Framework (GLDF)

- ❑ Organise - 19 to 22 November, New Delhi.
- ❑ Organiser -
 - National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) in collaboration with WADA
 - Japan Sports Agency
 - Japan Anti-Doping Agency
- ❑ Objective - To underline India’s commitment to strengthen the global anti-doping ecosystem.
- ❑ Anti-doping professionals and experts from more than 10 countries participated.

Riyadh Design Law Treaty

- ❑ Riyadh Design Law Treaty of WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) has been signed by India.
- ❑ Objective - To harmonize industrial design protection procedures at the global level.

'Know India' Quiz

- ❑ 5th Edition
- ❑ Organise - 11 November to 10 December
- ❑ Hosted by - Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India
- ❑ Objective of the initiative - To encourage Indian diaspora and global participants to connect with India's rich heritage, culture.
- ❑ Under the quiz, prizes have been fixed for the quiz winners.

India Global Forum Middle East and Africa

- ❑ 4th Edition
- ❑ Organise - 25-26 November 2024, Dubai
- ❑ Theme - "Limitless Horizons"
- ❑ Objective - To strengthen partnerships in key areas including technology, finance, sustainability and innovation.

55th International Film Festival of India

- ❑ Organise - 20-28 November 2024, Goa
- ❑ Organiser - National Film Development Corporation, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India
- ❑ Theme - "Young Filmmakers - The Future is Now"
- ❑ More than 200 films from 75 countries were screened during the festival.
- ❑ Winners -
 - Golden Peacock (Best Film) - 'Toxic'
 - Indian Film Personality of the Year - 'Vikrant Massey'
 - ICFT - UNESCO Gandhi Medal - 'Crossing'
 - Debutant Indian Feature Film Director - 'Navjyot Bandivadekar' (Gharat Ganapati)
 - Best Web Series - 'Lampan' (Marathi Language)

American Presidential Election 2024

- ❑ Republican Party candidate Donald Trump will be sworn in as the 47th President on 20 January 2025.
 - Vice President - JD Vance

- ❑ Before the oath taking ceremony, a formal election will be held by the Electoral College (538 electors) in the month of December.
- ❑ Probable Electoral Votes
 - Donald Trump (312)
 - Kamala Harris (226)
- ❑ Donald Trump has also been the 45th President of the USA.

International Week of Science and Peace (IWOSP)

- ❑ Organise - 9 November to 15 November (every year)
- ❑ Started in - 1986
- ❑ Objective - To promote science and peace.

World Fisheries Day 2024

- ❑ Event - 21 November 2024, New Delhi.
- ❑ Organiser - Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India.
- ❑ Theme - "India's Blue Transformation: Strengthening Small and Sustainable Fisheries".
- ❑ Key Technical Sessions
 - Session 1 - "South-South and Triangular Cooperation: Food Security and Safety through Sustainable Fisheries and Aquatics Action Plan".
 - Session 2 - "Climate Change: Challenges and Way Forward in Fisheries".

Projects and Initiatives Launched

- ❑ 5th Marine Fisheries Census
- ❑ National Action Plan on Sharks
- ❑ India's Support to Regional Action Plan on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing
- ❑ International Maritime Organization-Food and Agriculture Organization GLOFITER Partnership Project

- *World Fisheries Day is celebrated every year on 21 November since 1997.*
- *This day has been established by the 'World Fisheries Forum' in New Delhi.*

Other Important Facts

- ❑ First Miss World (1951) **Kiki Hakansson** passed away at the age of 95.
- ❑ India gifted 2 Water **Jet Propelled Fast Interceptor Crafts** to Mozambique.
- ❑ International Energy Agency signed MoU with Ministry of Mines, Government of India for cooperation in the field of critical minerals.
- ❑ India's Symbiosis International University opened its **first overseas campus** in Dubai.
- ❑ India's **Nyrika Holkar (Godrej Group)** was ranked among 20 outstanding women in the industry in Forbes Asia Power Business Women list.
- ❑ India will host the **IIAS-DARPG India Conference 2025**. It will be organized at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- ❑ Young MP Hana-Rawhiti Mapi Clark protested against the bill in the New Zealand Parliament by Haka dance.
 - The Haka dance is the traditional dance of the Maori tribe of New Zealand.
- ❑ The 3rd India-Tanzania Joint Defence Cooperation Committee meeting was held on 26 November 2024 in Goa.
- ❑ The 6th ASEAN-India Goods Trade Agreement meeting was held in New Delhi from 15 to 22 November 2024.
- ❑ The 22nd India-Russia Working Group Meeting was held on 22 November 2024 in New Delhi for military and military technical cooperation.
- ❑ The 14th India France CEO Forum was held in New Delhi from 27 to 29 November.
- ❑ The UN-GGIM Asia Regional Conference was held from 26 to 29 November at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- ❑ Australia has become the first country in the world to pass a law banning social media for children under the age of 16.
- ❑ Indian government signed a project implementation agreement with International Solar Alliance to roll out a \$2 million solar project in Fiji, Comoros, Madagascar and Seychelles.
- ❑ Singapore world's most powerful passport in Henley Passport Index.
- ❑ Authenticity seal for Jammu and Kashmir crafts launched by World Crafts Council (WCC).
- ❑ Global matchmaking platform launched at CoP 29.
- ❑ Bhutan will develop Gelephu Mindfulness City (spread over 2500 km) in collaboration with India. Its goal is to achieve zero carbon.
- ❑ Global Plastic Treaty event was organized in Busan (South Korea) from 25 November to 1 December.
- ❑ Boston Consulting Group report ranks India second globally for AI experts among 73 countries.
- ❑ Mexico is the country to impose the most expensive passport fee in the world.
- ❑ **Dongfeng** - Supersonic cruise missile developed by China.
- ❑ 'Hyderabad Airport' was awarded the Airport Excellence Awards during the Saudi Airport Exhibition 2024.

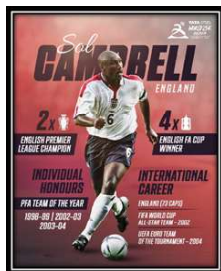


Sports



Sol Campbell

- ❑ Former English Premier League footballer Sol Campbell has been announced as the International Event Ambassador of the Tata Steel World 25K.
- ❑ The Tata Steel World 25K is the world's first World Athletic Gold Label Race.



Aneesh Sarkar

- ❑ Indian chess player Anish Sarkar has become the world's youngest (3 years 8 months 9 days) FIDE rated player (FIDE rating 1555).



FIH Star Awards 2024

- ❑ The FIH Star Awards 2024 were presented at the 49th Statutory Congress of the International Hockey Federation held in Muscat, Oman.

- ❑ Player of the Year (Men) - Harmanpreet Singh (India)
- ❑ Player of the Year (Women) - Yibby Jansen (Netherlands)
- ❑ Goalkeeper of the Year (Men) - P R Sreejesh (India)
- ❑ Goalkeeper of the Year (Women) - Xiao Yi (China)

World Para Athletics Championships 2025

- ❑ Agreement between the Indian Paralympic Committee and the International Paralympic Committee for organizing the World Para Athletics Championships 2025.
- ❑ Venue - Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi in the year 2025.
- ❑ In the World Para Athletics Championships 2024 held in Kobe, Japan, India won a total of 17 medals and secured sixth position.

Asia Pickleball Games

- ❑ Venue - Taiwan.
- ❑ India won a total of 14 medals (5 gold, 4 silver, 5 bronze).

Mandeep Jangra

- ❑ Indian professional boxer Mandeep Jangra has won the World Boxing Federation super featherweight world title by defeating Britain's Conor McIntosh in the Cayman Islands.


WTT Feeder Series Caracas Table Tennis Tournament Venezuela

- ❑ Men's singles winner - Harmeet Desai (India)
- ❑ Runner-up - Jo Seyfried (France)
- ❑ Mixed doubles winner - Harmeet Desai and Kritika Roy (India)
- ❑ Runner-up - Jorge Campos and Daniela Fonseca Carrazana (Cuba)

16th World Bridge Games

- ❑ India's senior team won silver medal.
 - Indian team - Kamal Mukherjee, Vibhas Todi, Badal Das, Pranav Bardhan, Arun Bapat, Ravi Goenka and Girish Bijoor (non-playing captain).
- ❑ Venue - Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- ❑ Gold Medal - USA.

Nelly Korda

- ❑ American female golfer
- ❑ Won the "Player of the Year" award for the season 2024.


IBSF World Billiards Championship 2024

- ❑ Indian cueist Pankaj Advani won the title by defeating Robert Hall of England.
- ❑ Pankaj Advani's 28th world title.
- ❑ Event - Doha, Qatar.

Under-19 World Boxing Championship 2024

- ❑ Edition - 1st
- ❑ Held by - World Boxing Association in Colorado, USA.
- ❑ India won a total of 17 medals (4 gold, 8 silver and 5 bronze).

- ❑ Gold Medalist -
 - (i) Krisha Verma (F 75 kg)
 - (ii) Parthavi Grewal (F 65 kg) (Rajasthan)
 - (iii) Vanshika Goswami (F 80 kg)
 - (iv) Hemant Sangwan (M 90 kg)
- ❑ India finished second in the medal tally in the women's category.

Chennai Grand Masters Chess Tournament

- ❑ Arvind Chidambaram won the Masters title by defeating Levon Aronian of the USA by 2-0 in the blitz tie-break in the second edition of the Chennai Grandmasters Classical Chess Tournament.
- ❑ V. Pranav topped the Challengers section of the tournament.

Mohammad Shams Alam Sheikh

- ❑ India's paraplegic swimmer
- ❑ He created a world record (2:03:13 hours) by completing the National Takshila Open Water Swimming (13 km) held in Patna.
- ❑ He became the first Indian swimmer suffering from paraplegia to cover the longest distance in open water swimming.
- ❑ Earlier, Alam Sheikh had won gold in 200 m individual medley (SMS category), silver in 100 m freestyle and bronze in 100 m butterfly in the 24th National Para Swimming Championship held in Goa.


Run for Inclusion Marathon

- ❑ Organized by Special Olympics Bharat (SOB) in New Delhi.
- ❑ Special Olympics Bharat is the national sports federation promoting sports for athletes with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

Prajnesh Gunneswaran

- ❑ Indian tennis player Prajnesh Gunneswaran retired from professional tennis.



- ❑ Men's singles bronze medalist at the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games.

Anshul Kamboj (Haryana)

- ❑ Third cricketer to take all ten wickets in an innings in Ranji Trophy (against Kerala)
 - 1st - Premangsu Chatterjee of West Bengal
 - 2nd - Pradeep Sundaram of Rajasthan

GT Open World Indoor Archery Series 2024

- ❑ To be held - 15 to 17 November at Strassen (Luxembourg)
- ❑ Indian Gold Medallists -
 - Vennam Jyothi Surekha (Women's Compound Event)
- ❑ Indian Silver Medallists -
 - Abhishek Verma (Men's Compound Event)

TATA Steel Chess India Rapid & Blitz Open Tournament 2024

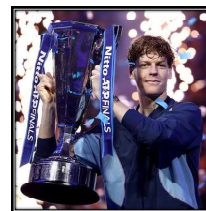
- ❑ To be held - 13 to 17 November at Kolkata.
- ❑ Open Section -
 - Winner
 - ◆ Open Rapid & Blitz Title - Magnus Carlsen (Norway)
 - Runner-up
 - ◆ Open Rapid - Praggnanandhaa Ramesh Babu (India)
 - ◆ Blitz Title - Wesley So (USA)
- ❑ Women's Section -
 - Winner
 - ◆ Women's Rapid - Alexandra Goryachkina (Russia)
 - ◆ Blitz - Katerina Lagano (Russia)
 - Runners-up -
 - ◆ Women's Rapid - Nana Dzagnidze (Georgia)
 - ◆ Blitz - Valentina Gunina (Russia)

World Pickleball Championship 2024

- ❑ Organised - From 12 to 17 November in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ❑ Indian team won the title by winning a total of 28 medals including 11 gold.

Janick Sinner

- ❑ Italian tennis player Janick Sinner has won the ATP Finals 2024 title by defeating Taylor Fritz of the United States.
- ❑ Venue - At Inalpi Arena in Italy.
- ❑ The top eight players of the year participate in the ATP Finals.



14th Hockey India Senior Men's National Championship

- ❑ Organised - From 4 to 16 November at Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium in Chennai (Tamil Nadu).
- ❑ Winner - Odisha (defeated Haryana 5-1) - For the first time
- ❑ Hat-trick by Shilanand Lakra of Odisha.
- ❑ Third Place - Uttar Pradesh.

Billie Jean King Cup

- ❑ World Cup of Tennis.
- ❑ Held - Malaga, Spain.
- ❑ Winner - Italy (fifth time)
- ❑ Runner-up - Slovakia

Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy 2024

- ❑ Winner - India (1-0, only goal - Deepika) for the second time in a row.
- ❑ Runner-up - China.
- ❑ Third Place - Japan
- ❑ Best Player of the Tournament - Deepika (11 goals).
- ❑ Held - Rajgir Hockey Stadium, Bihar.
- ❑ Most number of times winning team of Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy - India and South Korea (3 times).

Under-8 World Cadet Chess Championship 2024

- ❑ Winners -
 - Gold Medal - Divith Reddy (India)
 - Silver Medal - Satvik Swain (India)
 - Bronze Medal - Jiming Guo (China)
- ❑ Venue - Monte Silvano, Italy.

Special Olympics Asia Pacific Bocce and Bowling Competition 2024

- ❑ Venue - 19 to 22 November at Thyagaraj Sports Complex New Delhi.
- ❑ Held for the first time.
- ❑ India has won a total of 25 medals (5 gold, 10 silver, 10 bronze) in the competition.

○ *The Special Olympics Asia Pacific Bocce and Bowling Competition is the first global event to be held in India which focuses on athletes with intellectual and developmental disabilities aged 22 years and above.*

Governor's Gold Cup/Sikkim Gold Cup

- ❑ 40th edition
- ❑ Northeast United Football Club defeated Gangtok Himalayan Sporting Club in penalty shootout (4-3).
- ❑ Stadium - Paljor Stadium (Gangtok)

National Rifle Pistol Shooting Championship

- ❑ Venue - Pune
- ❑ Shristi Arora of Rajasthan won the silver medal in the 10m Air Pistol Women SH-1 category.
- ❑ Shristi Arora also won the silver medal in the team event along with Nisha Kanwar and Rita Jat.

U23 World Wrestling Championship 2024

- ❑ Venue - Tirana (Albania)
- ❑ India won a total of 9 medals (1 gold, 2 silver, 7 bronze).
- ❑ Chirag Chikara won gold medal in 57 kg category.
- ❑ Monika of Hanumangarh won bronze medal in 68 kg category.

National Track Cycling Championship

- ❑ Venue - Chennai
- ❑ Rajasthan topped the list with 27 medals.
- ❑ Andaman & Nicobar Islands stood second with 11 medals.

29th Rajasthan State Sub Junior Handball Championship

- ❑ Held - 14 to 17 November at Jalore.
- ❑ Winners -
 - Boys Category - Sriganganagar (defeated Jaipur)
 - Girls Category - Jaipur (defeated Hanumangarh)

Parul Chaudhary

- ❑ Badminton player from Rajasthan.
- ❑ Under-17 Girls Singles Champion in All India Sub Junior (Under-15 and Under-17) National Ranking Badminton Tournament held at SMS Indoor Stadium, Jaipur.

Rajshree Rathore

- ❑ Won Gold Medal in India Open Shooting Championship. He won this medal in 50 meter rifle prone shooting.
- ❑ Venue - Bhopal

Sushil Kumar Meena

- ❑ Sushil Kumar Meena of Jaipur has won the silver medal in the trap event of the 5th North Zone National Para Shooting Championship 2024 held in Pune, Maharashtra.


Tanishq Patwa

- ❑ Tanishq Patwa of Udaipur won the bronze medal in the Dragonboat World Cup.
- ❑ Venue - China
- ❑ Tanishq won the medal by participating in the 2 kilometer event.

Manini Kaushik

- ❑ Manini Kaushik of Jaipur won two medals in FISU University Championship Shooting.

Current Affairs

- ❑ Gold medal - in 10m air rifle.
- ❑ Silver medal - in 50m rifle 3 position.
- ❑ Venue - Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range, New Delhi.

Yashasvi Rathore

- ❑ Won bronze medal in shot gun in both individual and team categories in the FISU University Shooting Championship.

Mahipal Lomror

- ❑ Scored tripple century against Uttarakhand in Ranji Trophy.
- ❑ Became the third batsman from Rajasthan to do so.
- ❑ Earlier, Akash Chopra (2010) and Gagan Khoda (2000) have achieved this feat.

Vaibhav Suryavanshi

- ❑ Became the youngest cricketer (13 years) to be bought in IPL auction.

Springboard Academy

- ❑ Will play for Rajasthan Royals in IPL 2025.

Sahil Kumar

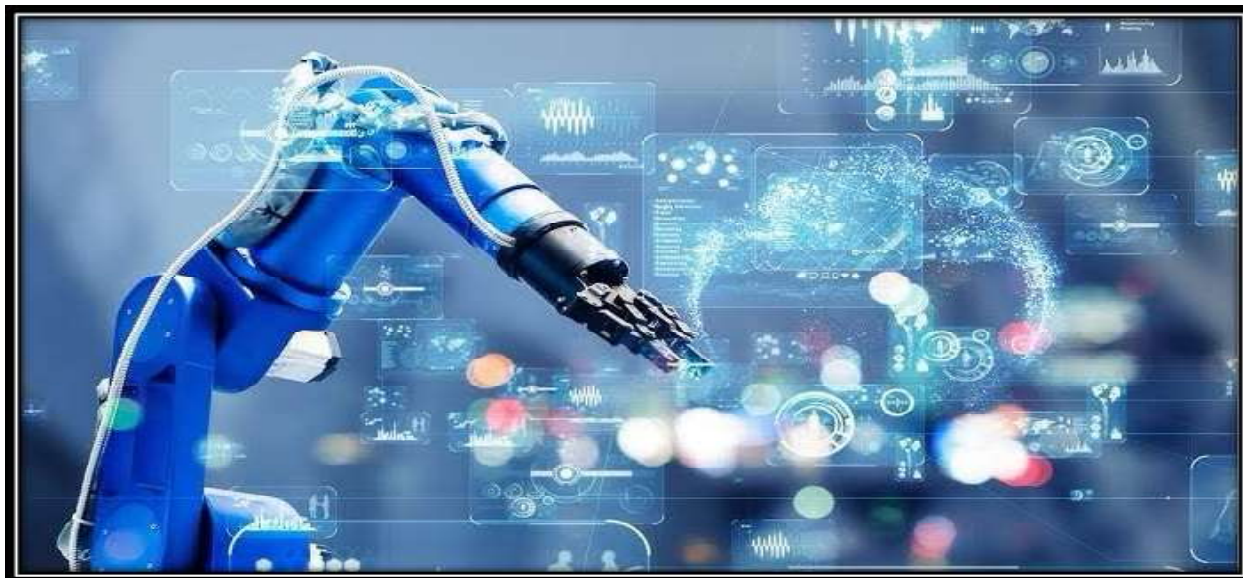
- ❑ Sahil Kumar of Jaipur won the silver medal in the WRPF World Powerlifting Championship 2024.
- ❑ He won this medal in the 75 kg category.
- ❑ Venue - Moscow, Russia

Other Important Facts

- ❑ Indian squash player **Anahat Singh** has won the women's singles title of the Costa North Coast Open 2024 held in Australia.
- ❑ **Tanushree Pandey** - India's Tanushree Pandey has won the silver medal in the Under-21 women's singles at the World Soft Tennis Championship held in Jingshan, China.
- ❑ Bihar will host the **Khelo India Youth Games of the year 2025**.



Science and Technology



Guided Pinaka Weapon System

- ❑ The flight tests were successfully completed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) at Pokhran (Jaisalmer).
- ❑ Manufactured by - Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE).
- ❑ Capability - Capable of launching 12 rockets in 44 seconds.
- ❑ Range - Capable of hitting the target in 7-90 km.
- ❑ 3 Variants -
 - MK-1 (45 km)
 - MK-2 (90 km)
 - MK-3 (under development)
- ❑ The Pinaka is a multi barrel rocket launcher named after Lord Shiva's bow 'Pinaka'.



Sagarmala Parikrama

- ❑ The Sagarmala Parikrama was a 1500 km journey from Mumbai to Tuticorin (Thoothukudi), Tamil Nadu, in collaboration with the Indian Navy.

- ❑ Vessel involved - Autonomous Surface Vessel (built by Sagar Defence Engineering)

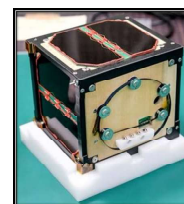
- *The Sagarmala Parikrama Yatra was flagged off by Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on October 29 during NIIO's annual event Swavalamban.*

First in the World Challenge Initiative

- ❑ An initiative of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).
- ❑ Objective - To promote new, novel, futuristic ideas, new knowledge creation, discovery and development of critical health technologies (vaccines, drugs, diagnostics) to tackle health issues.

Ligno SAT

- ❑ World's first wood-paneled satellite.
- ❑ Wooden satellite launched into space by Japanese researchers (by SpaceX Dragon cargo capsule)
- ❑ Manufactured by - Kyoto University, Japan and homebuilder Sumitomo Forestry.



- ❑ Objective - To test the durability of wood in extreme temperatures of space and reduce the use of metals in spacecraft.

○ *The panels of Lignosat are made from the wood of Magnolia tree and they are joined using traditional Japanese craft technique without glue.*

Hypersonic Missile Test

- ❑ India's first long range missile tested from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.
- ❑ By Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- ❑ Capable of carrying various payloads over a distance of more than 1500 km.

○ *The speed of hypersonic missile is more than 5 times the speed of sound (Mach 5).*

○ *With the successful test of hypersonic missile, India has joined the elite club of countries (United States, China and Russia) having hypersonic missile technology.*

Yard 3037 and 3038

- ❑ First and second Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV).
- ❑ Design and built by - M/s Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineering Ltd (GRSE) Kolkata (indigenously)
- ❑ Function - Coastal defence and surveillance, search and rescue operations, protection of offshore assets and anti-piracy operations.

GSAT N2 (GSAT-20)

- ❑ India's GSAT-N2 (GSAT-20) communication satellite was launched on November 19 by SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket.
- ❑ Launch site - Cape Canaveral Space Force Station (United States)
- ❑ Objective - To enhance broadband services and in-flight connectivity in the Indian region.

PROBA-3

- ❑ Third satellite of European Union to be launched by India (First Proba 1, Second Proba 2).
- ❑ Objective - To observe artificial solar eclipse and corona of the sun.
- ❑ Under this, the world's first parallel satellite pair will be launched.
 - Which will be launched by PSLV rocket.

IL-35 Mediated Immunotherapy

- ❑ A new treatment for type 1 and autoimmune diabetes mellitus.
- ❑ Manufactured by - Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST) Guwahati (Assam)

Indian Council of Agricultural Research- National Research Centre on Equines (ICAR-NRC Equine), Hisar

- ❑ Designated as World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) Reference Laboratory for Equine Piroplasmosis.
- ❑ Fourth laboratory in India to receive the status of WOAH Reference Laboratory in Animal Husbandry sector.
- ❑ The other three WOAH reference laboratories are-
 - ICAR - National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (Bhopal) - Avian Influenza
 - Veterinary College, Karnataka Veterinary Animal and Fisheries Sciences University (Bangalore) - Rabies
 - ICAR - National Institute for Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics (Bangalore) - PPR and Leptospirosis.

○ *Equine Piroplasmosis - A disease of horses, mules, donkeys and zebras caused by tick-borne protozoan parasites Babesia caballi and Theileria equi.*

The first flight test of Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM)

- ❑ Conducted on November 12 by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) from a mobile articulated launcher from Integrated Test Range (ITR) Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.
- ❑ Development and Production
 - Developed by Aeronautical Development Establishment Bengaluru with contributions from other DRDO laboratories and Indian industries.
 - Development Co-production Partners - Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad and Bharat Electronics Limited, Bengaluru.

C-295 Full Motion Simulator

- ❑ Inauguration - November 11 at Air Force Station Agra.
- ❑ Objective - To train pilots for missions such as tactical airlift, para-dropping, medical evacuation and disaster relief.

P-7 Parachute System

- ❑ The P-7 Parachute System was handed over by Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment (ADRDE) Agra, a DRDO laboratory, to Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA).
- ❑ ADRDE has successfully designed, developed and qualified the P-7 Parachute System.
- ❑ Manufactured by - Gliders India Limited (Ordnance Parachute Factory) and GIL Kanpur.



- *P-7 parachute system is capable of safely dropping a payload of up to 9.5 tonnes from an IL-76 aircraft at an altitude of four km.*
- *Indian Army can rapidly deploy its light field guns and jeeps in border and conflict areas by air dropping with this system.*

Aasmi Machine Pistol

- ❑ Indigenously developed by DRDO and Colonel Prasad Bansod.
- ❑ 550 Aasmi Machine Pistols inducted into Indian Army.



RNA Editing

- ❑ Wave Lifesciences, based in Massachusetts in the US, has become the world's first company to treat a genetic disease by editing RNA at a clinical level.
- ❑ Wave Life Sciences used RNA editing (WVE-006 therapy) to treat the genetic disorder α -1 (alpha-1) antitrypsin deficiency (AATD).

Decliptera polymorpha

- ❑ A new fire ant, a flowering species with unusual double blooming pattern, discovered from Talegaon-Dabhade in the Western Ghats.
- ❑ Discovery - By botanists from Agharkar Research Institute, Pune, an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.

Centre of Excellence for Research in Fluid and Thermal Sciences

- ❑ Established by IIT Madras and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- ❑ A nodal centre for thermal management research activities related to spacecraft and launch vehicles of ISRO.

Pantsir S-1

- ❑ Automated Air Defence Missile Gun System.
- ❑ MoU signed between Russia's Rosoboron Export and Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL). (During 5th India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission meeting in Goa)



- ❑ The Pantsir S-1 air defence system is a mobile, short-range air based combination missile and gun. It has a short reaction time.
- ❑ It is used to attack moving aerial targets.

Yuvan

- ❑ Delivery of fourth 25T BP Tug (for berthing, unberthing and turning of naval ships and submarines in confined waters) begins (to Indian Navy).
- ❑ Construction - M/s Titagarh Rail Systems Ltd, Kolkata.
- ❑ Fifth and sixth tugs Ojas and Sabal will be delivered to the Navy in 2025.

One Day One Genome Initiative

- ❑ Launched - By Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council (BRIC), New Delhi on 9 November (on BRIC first Foundation Day).
- ❑ Initiative of Department of Biotechnology and Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council, Government of India.
- ❑ Coordination - BRIC-National Institute of Biomedical Genomics (BRIC-NIBMG).
- ❑ Objective - To make fully annotated bacterial genomes isolated in the country freely available to the public.

○ *The One Day One Genome initiative will highlight the unique bacterial species found in our country and emphasize their important role in environment, agriculture and human health.*

Naphithromycin

- ❑ India's first indigenous antibiotic to combat drug resistance.
- ❑ Developed in collaboration with Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council

(BIRAC), a unit of the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India.

- ❑ Commercially produced by pharma company Volcards under the name 'Micnaph'.
- ❑ Developed for the treatment of community acquired bacterial pneumonia.
- ❑ First new antibiotic of its class to be developed globally in over 30 years.

GQ Topology-Targeted Reliable Conformational Polymorphism Platform (GQ-RCP)

- ❑ By scientists at Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research.
- ❑ New diagnostic technology developed for detecting the Bacterial genome.

Surface Hydrokinetic Turbine (SHKT) Technology

- ❑ Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has recognized SHKT technology under the Hydro category for achieving Net Zero emission targets.
- ❑ SHKT technology practically harnesses the kinetic energy of flowing water for generation of electrical energy.
- ❑ This technology will enable sustainable energy generation from water infrastructure like canals, hydro channels etc.

First scientific result of Aditya L-1 mission

- ❑ The Visible Emission Line Coronagraph (VELC) of Aditya L-1, India's first scientific mission dedicated to the study of the Sun, accurately predicted the start time of the coronal mass ejection that erupted on the Sun on July 16.
- ❑ The Aditya L-1 mission was launched by ISRO on 2 September 2023 by PSLV C57 launch vehicle from Satish Dhawan Space Center, Sriharikota.



Important Days

Date	Day	Theme	Special
7 November	National Cancer Awareness Day	'Hope, Love and Strength : Our Weapons against Cancer'	- Objective - Improve access to cancer prevention, early detection and treatment. - World Cancer Day - 4 February
9 November	National Legal Service Day	-	- Objective - To spread awareness among citizens to ensure fair justice. - Started in - Year 1995 (by Supreme Court)
10 November	World Immunization Day	-	Objective: To enhance the role of vaccines in preventing infectious diseases and protecting people's health.
11 November	National Education Day	-	- It is celebrated on the occasion of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's birth anniversary. - Started - Year 2008
14 November	World Diabetes Day	"Breaking Barriers, Bridging Gaps"	- Established - In the year 1991 by International Diabetes Federation and WHO. - Recognition - By UN in the year 2006.
16 November	National Press Day	"Changing Nature of the Press"	- Established - In the year 1966 by the Press Council of India - Objective - To emphasize on the importance of independent, unbiased and responsible journalism.

26 November	National Milk Day	-	• To commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, the father of white revolution. • First celebrated in the year 2014 by the Indian Dairy Association.
	Constitution Day of India		• To commemorate the adoption of the Indian Constitution by the Constituent Assembly.

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Questions

Chapter-11 Sustainable Development Goals

1. Match the categories of the Global India Index set by Niti Aayog-

Category	Score				
A. Performer	1. Less than 50				
B. Achiever	2. 65-99				
C. Frontrunner	3. 50-64				
D. Aspirant	4. 100				
A B C D	A B C D				
[a] 3 1 4 2	[b] 3 4 1 2				
[c] 3 4 2 1	[d] 1 3 4 2				

- The SDG India Index is released by Niti Aayog.

2. Match the Sustainable Development Goals with the respective goal numbers-

Goal	Goal Number				
A. Climate Action	1. Goal-6				
B. Clean Water and Sanitation	2. Goal-4				
C. Quality Education	3. Goal-13				
D. Reducing Inequalities	4. Goal-10				
A B C D	A B C D				
[a] 4 3 2 1	[b] 3 1 2 4				
[c] 1 2 3 4	[d] 3 2 1 4				

- A total of 17 goals have been set under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which are to be achieved by 2030.

3. The correct pair of districts ranked first and last in Rajasthan ACL Index 2024 is-

- (a) Jhunjhunu-Jaisalmer
(b) Sikar-Barmer
(c) Nagaur-Jaisalmer
(d) Jaisalmer-Jhunjhunu

District wise index as per Rajasthan SDG Index 2024-

- Best
1. Jhunjhunu - 66.44
 2. Nagaur
 3. Sikar
- Low-
- Jaisalmer - 50.63

4. In which category did Jhunjhunu district remain in Rajasthan SDG Index-

- (a) Performer (b) Achiever
(c) Frontrunner (d) Aspirant

5. Which of the following statements regarding Rajasthan SDG Index 2024 is false-

1. 03 districts of Rajasthan remained in the Aspirant category.
2. Apart from Jhunjhunu, all the districts remained in the Frontrunner category.
3. Nagaur district is at third place.
4. Rajasthan remained in the Performer category with a score of 59.11.

- (a) Only 1, 2 and 4
(b) Only 1 and 3
(c) Only 2 and 3
(d) Only 4

- Only Junjhunu district was in the Frontrunner category, all other districts were in the Performer category. No district of Rajasthan was in the Aspirant category.
- Nagaur district was in the second place.

6. **Rajasthan Food and Nutrition Security Analysis Report (F.N.S.A.)-2023 is measured by which of the following pillars-**

1. Food availability
2. Access to food
3. Nutritious food
4. Food utility
5. Food stability

- (a) Only 1, 2, 4 and 5
(b) Only 1, 3, 4 and 5
(c) Only 2, 3, 4 and 5
(d) Only 1, 2, 3 and 4

- The 04 measurement pillars of FNSA 2023 are as follows-
- (i) Food availability
 - (ii) Access to food
 - (iii) Food utility
 - (iv) Food stability

7. **According to Rajasthan Food and Nutrition Security Analysis Report (FNSA) - 2023, the district ranked first is -**

- (a) Ganganagar (b) Jhunjhunu
(c) Kota (d) **Hanumangarh**

- According to Rajasthan FNSA 2023 report, Hanumangarh (58.55) stood first and Jaisalmer (22.50) stood last.

8. **In the SDG summit held in September 2019, the remaining 10 years were declared as-**

- (a) Target Decade
(b) **Action Decade**
(c) Effective Decade
(d) Sustainable Decade

- The objective of Sustainable Development Goals - "Leave no one behind"

9. 1. For monitoring SDGs, National Indicator Framework (NIF) has been prepared by NITI Aayog.

2. At present, NIF includes 284 indicators.

The false statements among the above are-

- (a) Both 1 and 2 (b) Only 1
(c) Only 2 (d) **None**

10. **Who chairs the State Level SDG Implementation Committee of Rajasthan?**

- (a) Chief Minister (b) Joint Secretary
(c) Finance Minister (d) **Chief Secretary**

- Nodal Department - Planning Department
○ State Level SDG Implementation Committee is chaired by - Chief Secretary
○ District Level Implementation Committee is chaired by - District Collector

11. **The correct statement regarding the efforts made by Rajasthan to achieve SDGs is-**

1. District Indicator Framework (DIF) has 262 indicators.
2. State Indicator Framework (SIF) has 330 indicators.

- (a) Only 1 (b) **Only 2**
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None

The efforts made by Rajasthan to achieve SDGs are as follows-

- SDG Implementation Centre
○ Mapping of departments and schemes
○ District Level Implementation and Monitoring Committee
○ Mapping with budget provisions
○ State Level Implementation and Monitoring Committee
○ Orientation Workshops Training
○ Status Reports
○ District Indicator Framework (DIF) - 226 indicators
○ State Indicator Framework (SIF) - 330 indicators

12. **In the context of sustainable development, SDG India Index is released by-**

- (a) **NITI Aayog**
(b) Planning Department
(c) Finance Department
(d) UN

States are given scores from 0-100 and divided into 04 categories-

- Achiever - 100 ○ Frontrunner - 65-99
- Performer - 50-64 ○ Aspirant - less than 50

13. Where was the National Conference on "Accelerating Progress on Sustainable Development Goals" held on 4-5 March 2024-

- (a) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- (b) Rajasthan International Centre (RIC) Jaipur**
- (c) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- (d) JECC Jaipur

- It was organized in collaboration with NITI Aayog. The Food and Nutrition Security Analysis (FNSA) dashboard was launched here.

14. The three main elements of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) do not include-

- (a) Social stability
- (b) Cultural stability**
- (c) Environmental stability
- (d) Economic stability

15. When did Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) come into effect-

- (a) 1 July, 2016
- (b) 1 January, 2015
- (c) 1 January, 2016**
- (d) 1 July, 2015

- There are 17 development goals in SDG.
- The target has been set to achieve these goals by 2030.

16. Which of the following statements is incorrect with reference to the Global Index 4.0 (2024) released by NITI Aayog-

- 1. India's score for 2024 was 71.
- 2. India performed best in goal number 7 - affordable and clean energy (96).
- 3. India performed worst in Goal No. 5 - gender equality (49).
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2 and 3
- (c) Only 3 **(d) None**

17. Which of the following is a true statement with reference to the SDG Index 4.0 (2024) released by NITI Aayog?

- 1. Uttarakhand (79) and Kerala (79) performed best among the states and Delhi (77) among the Union Territories.
- 2. Rajasthan's score was 57.
- 3. Rajasthan's best performance was in Goal No. 7 - Affordable and Clean Energy (100).
- 4. Rajasthan's worst performance was in Goal No. 10 - Reducing Inequalities (49).
- (a) Only 3 and 4** (b) Only 1 and 2
- (c) Only 1 (d) None of these

- Chandigarh (77) performed best among the Union Territories.
- Rajasthan's score was (67).

18. Under fiscal management, the state's own taxes do not include the following in revenue receipts:

- (a) SGST (b) Vehicle tax
- (c) Income tax** (d) Sales tax

- Revenue Receipt Tax
- Own Tax
- * SGST
- * Sales Tax
- * State Excise
- * Tax on Vehicle

19. Which sector has received the highest item allocation in the outlay for the year 2023-24 under Rajasthan Scheme-wise Budget?

- (a) Rural Development
- (b) Energy Sector
- (c) Social and Community Services**
- (d) Agriculture and Allied Services

- Scheme-wise Budget -
- Social and Community Services - 52.65%
- Energy - 13.67%
- Rural Development - 10.79% etc.

20. Consider the following statements-

1. In the year 2023-24, the share of Central Government debt in total fiscal liabilities has been Rs 39000 crore.
2. The total primary deficit has been Rs 20427 crore.

Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?

- (a) Only 2 (b) Both 1 and 2
(c) Only 1 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

21. Which of the following pairs is not correctly matched-

- (a) Rajasthan State Highway Development Programme II is a project funded by the World Bank.
- (b) Rajasthan State Highway Investment Project (Tranche IV) is funded by Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- (c) Rajasthan Urban Area Development Programme is a project funded by Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- (d) Rajasthan Water Sector Livelihood Improvement Project is funded by Asian Development Bank (ADB).

- Rajasthan Water Sector Livelihood Improvement Project is funded by Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA).

22. Consider the following statements with reference to the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project-

1. This project will be operational from the year 2021 to 2030.
2. This project is being jointly financed by the World Bank and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

Choose the correct statements-

- (a) Only 1 (b) Both 1 and 2
(c) Neither 1 nor 2 (d) Only 2

- The Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project will be operational from October 2021 to March 2027.

23. Consider the statements related to India Infrastructure Project Development Fund (IIPDF)-

1. The total outlay under the IIPDF scheme has been kept at Rs 105 crore.
2. Under this scheme, an amount of more than Rs 5 crore can be incurred through a single proposal.
3. The duration of this scheme is fixed for 3 years.

Choose the wrong statement-

- (a) Only 1 and 2 (b) Only 2 and 3
(c) Only 2 (d) 1, 2 and 3

- Total outlay - Rs 150 crore
○ Funding - Single proposal up to Rs 5 crore
- More than Rs 5 crore to be borne by the Project Sponsoring Officer (PSA) himself.
○ Duration - From 2022-23 to 2024-25 (3 years)

24. What are the total revenue receipts as per budget estimates for the year 2023-24?

- (a) Rs 2,33,998 crore (b) Rs 2,58,889 crore
(c) Rs 2,37,398 crore (d) Rs 2,33,988 crore

- Budget Estimates for the year 2023-24
* Revenue Receipts – Rs 2,33,988 crore
* Revenue Expenditure – Rs 2,58,883 crore

25. Match the following pairs-
Joint Venture

- A. Solar Energy Company of Rajasthan Limited (SUCRL)
- B. Project Development Company of Rajasthan (PDCOR)
- C. Essel Solar Energy Company of Rajasthan (ESUCRL)
- D. Road Infrastructure Development Company of Rajasthan (RIDCOR)

Work

1. For solar energy projects in Jaisalmer, Jodhpur
2. For implementation of megahighway projects
3. For establishment of Bhadla (Jodhpur) solar park.
4. For infra projects

	A	B	C	D		A	B	C	D
[a]	4	1	2	3	[b]	3	2	1	4
[c]	3	4	1	2	[d]	1	4	3	2

Current Affairs Questions

1. Recently, which of the following countries has launched the world's first wooden satellite 'Lignosat'?
(a) India (b) Japan
(c) China (d) United States of America
2. India and United States' joint war exercise 'Vajra-Prahar-2024' is was organized in which of the following cities?
(a) Calgary, United States of America
(b) Idaho, United States of America
(c) Chennai, India
(d) New Delhi, India
3. Who among the following has won the title of 'World Billiards' Championship 2024?
(a) Pankaj Advani (b) Willie Mosconi
(c) Om Agarwal (d) Jeanette Lee
4. Which of the following Indian-origin person has been appointed as the head of America's 'Department of Government Efficiency'?
(a) Vivek Ramaswami (b) Sonia Agarwal
(c) Kiran Ahuja (d) Sam Arora
5. Where was the first Asian Buddhist Summit organized?
(a) New Delhi, India (b) Tokyo, Japan
(c) Beijing, China (d) Thimpu, Bhutan
6. Sarod player Ashish Khan, who passed away recently, belongs to which of the following gharanas?
(a) Senia Maihar (b) Khurja Gharana
(c) Gwalior Gharana (d) Atrauli Gharana
7. The birth anniversary of which of the following former Education Ministers is celebrated as 'National Education Day' on 11 November?
(a) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
(b) P.V. Narasimha
(c) S.R. Bommai
(d) Shri Arjun Singh
8. When is National Cancer Awareness Day celebrated?
(a) 7 November (b) 8 November
(c) 9 November (d) 11 November
9. Who among the following has been awarded the 'Satyajit Ray' Lifetime Achievement Award-2024?
(a) Michael Douglas
(b) Phillip Noyce
(c) Katherine Zeta Jones
(d) Martin Scorsese
10. Who among the following won the 'Coach of the Year' (Women) award in the Indian Sports Awards-2024?
(a) Suma Shirur (b) Usha Sharma
(c) P.T. Usha (d) Harmanpreet Kaur
11. Which of the following Indian players has been awarded the 'International Hockey Federation Goalkeeper of the Year Award for the year 2024'?
(a) P.R. Sreejesh (b) Harmanpreet Singh
(c) Jugraj Singh (d) Amit Rohidas
12. Which block of Rajasthan has been selected in the 15-day 'Water Festival-2024' organized by NITI Aayog?
(a) Sanwalia (b) Salumber
(c) Sangaria (d) Kotputli
13. Where has the 8th International Ancient Arts Festival-2024 been organized by the Ministry of Culture?
(a) New Delhi (b) Jaipur
(c) Bhopal (d) Gandhinagar
14. Recently, an agreement has been signed between India and which country for the Pantsir S-1 Air Defense System?
(a) Russia (b) France
(c) America (d) China
15. Haka dance is the traditional dance of the tribe of which of the following countries?
(a) New Zealand (b) South Africa
(c) Japan (d) Russia
16. When was Aviation Safety Awareness Week 2024 celebrated in India?
(a) 14 to 18 November (b) 10 to 14 November
(c) 20 to 25 November (d) 25 to 29 November
17. Which day is celebrated as Constitution Day in India?

- (a) 25 November (b) 20 November
(c) 26 November (d) 24 November
18. **On which day World Fisheries Day is celebrated on every year?**
(a) 21 November (b) 10 November
(c) 26 November (d) 22 November
19. **Who has been appointed as the 15th Comptroller and Auditor General of India?**
(a) Girish Chandra Murmu
(b) Rajiv Maharshi
(c) Shashi Kant Sharma
(d) K. Sanjay Murthy
20. **Who among the following has appointed as the Prime Minister of Mauritius?**
(a) Pravind Jugnauth (b) Navin Ramgoolam
(c) Paul Berenger (d) Prithviraj Singh Roopun
21. **Who among the following has been appointed as the Ambassador to Brazil by the Government of India?**
(a) Dinesh Bhatia (b) Ajit Gupte
(c) Suresh Reddy (d) Avtar Singh
22. **Which of the following states hosted the 12th edition of International Tourism Mart?**
(a) Tripura (b) Ladakh
(c) Assam (d) Arunachal Pradesh
23. **The 'Child Marriage Free India' campaign to make India free from child marriage is an initiative of which of the following ministry?**
(a) Home Ministry
(b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(c) Ministry of Women and Child Development
(d) Ministry of Science and Technology
24. **Which of the following countries has passed a new bill to ban children below 16 years of age from using social media platforms?**
(a) Australia (b) India
(c) China (d) Japan
25. **Hemant Soren took oath as the 14th Chief Minister of which state?**
(a) Bihar (b) Jharkhand
(c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Punjab
26. **On National Milk Day, the dairy of which district of Rajasthan has been awarded the Gopal Ratna Award for the best dairy cooperative society?**
(a) Ajmer (b) Jaipur
(c) Hanumangarh (d) Bhilwara
27. **What is the primary objective of One Nation: One Membership Scheme?**
(a) To provide nationwide access to only national educational content.
(b) To provide selective access to national scientific and educational content.
(c) To provide nationwide access to international scientific and educational content.
(d) Providing nationwide access to national and international scientific and educational content.
28. **The United Nations Climate Change Conference (CoP-29) was held in which of the following countries?**
(a) Baku, Azerbaijan
(b) Yerevan, Armenia
(c) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
(d) Tbilisi, Georgia
29. **The film "Sunflower Were the First Ones to Know" has qualified for the Oscar Award-2025 in which of the following categories?**
(a) Best Documentary Film
(b) Best Animated Film
(c) Best Comedy Film
(d) Best Live Action Film
30. **Who won the Booker Prize-2024 for the book "Orbital"?**
(a) Salman Rushdie (b) Susanna Arundhati Roy
(c) Samantha Harvey (d) Paulo Coelho
31. **Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi has been awarded the highest honour "The Order of Excellence" by which of the following countries?**
(a) Guyana (b) Venezuela
(c) Colombia (d) Bolivia
32. **Recently, which village of Chhattisgarh has been selected by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) for the Best Tourism Village Upgradation Programme?**
(a) Dhudmaras (b) Sargaon
(c) Pendri (d) Dagori
33. **In which of the following districts has the South-Western Command of the Indian Army established "Gyan Shakti Think Tank" to strengthen the defence industrial base of Rajasthan?**
(a) Jodhpur (b) Udaipur
(c) Jaipur (d) Barmer

34. **Donald Trump has been elected as the President of which country?**
 - (a) United States of America
 - (b) Russia
 - (c) Australia
 - (d) Japan
35. **Who among the following has been elected as the 11th President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)?**
 - (a) Masato Kanda
 - (b) Masatsugu Asakawa
 - (c) Tokehiko Nakao
 - (d) Fatima Yasmin
36. **Where was the 59th edition of the All India Conference of Directors General/Inspectors General of Police-2024 held?**
 - (a) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
 - (b) Hyderabad, Telangana
 - (c) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
 - (d) Jaipur, Rajasthan
37. **India's first green hydrogen fuel station has been set up in which city?**
 - (a) Leh
 - (b) Jammu and Kashmir
 - (c) Dehradun
 - (d) Shimla
38. **What is the name of the campaign recently launched by the Government of India to eliminate crime against women arising due to gender-based violence?**
 - (a) Nirbhaya Pahal
 - (b) Shakti Abhiyan
 - (c) Ab Koi Bahana Nahi
 - (d) Beti Bachao
39. **Which of the following statements is true with reference to Pinaka?**
 - (a) It is a type of battle tank.
 - (b) It is an advanced submarine.
 - (c) It is an indigenous drone system manufactured in India.
 - (d) It is a multi-barrel rocket system.
40. **Which of the following countries has participated as a partner country in the 25th Hornbill Festival organized in Nagaland?**
 - (a) Japan
 - (b) China
 - (c) Nepal
 - (d) Bhutan
41. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been awarded the "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. World Peace Award" for minority upliftment in which of the following countries?**
 - (a) Ukraine
 - (b) America
 - (c) Algeria
 - (d) Namibia
42. **Which of the following countries has recently been re-elected to the 'United Nations Peacebuilding Commission' for the year 2025-2026?**
 - (a) India
 - (b) Russia
 - (c) Mauritius
 - (d) Pakistan
43. **Jobs at Your Doorstep: A Job Diagnostics for Young People Report, which was launched by the Government of India, is a report of which of the following organizations?**
 - (a) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
 - (b) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
 - (c) World Bank (WB)
 - (d) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
44. **Who among the following has been appointed as the new National Security Advisor of America?**
 - (a) Mike Waltz
 - (b) Jake Sullivan
 - (c) Kash Patel
 - (d) Tulsi Gabbard
45. **Who among the following has been awarded the 'Justice D.S. Tewatia Smriti National Award with' for running a bold campaign to abolish and prevent child marriage?**
 - (a) Dr. Kriti Bharti
 - (b) Dr. Aditi Sharma
 - (c) Dr. Priya Rani
 - (d) Dr. Anushka Jangid
46. **Who among the following was awarded with the 'Union Home Minister Efficiency Medal' in the field of Forensic Science?**
 - (a) Virendra Kumar Saini
 - (b) Ramswaroop Meena
 - (c) Suresh Jangid
 - (d) Dr. Rajesh Singh
47. **Which of the following districts is not included in the new 8 critical care blocks to be established in the state of Rajasthan under PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission?**
 - (a) Alwar
 - (b) Karauli
 - (c) Churu
 - (d) Bundi
48. **Where was the World Pickleball Championship-2024 organized?**
 - (a) Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - (b) Jaipur, Rajasthan
 - (c) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
 - (d) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

49. Who among the following participated in the 67th Commonwealth Parliamentary Union Conference held recently in Sydney?

- (a) Vasudev Devnani (b) Bhajanlal Sharma
(c) Om Birla (d) Amit Shah

50. What is the primary objective of the Proba-3 mission operated by the European Space Agency?

- (a) Venus observation mission
(b) Earth observation mission
(c) Close observation of the Sun
(d) Observation of Earth's vegetation

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Topper's Talk



Shiva Joshi

Father	- Mr. Sudesh Joshi
Mother	- Mrs. Usha Joshi
Graduation	- Govt College of Eng. and Technology, Bikaner (76%)
12 th	- Tagore Children's Academy, Jhunjhunu (85%)
10 th	- General Raj's School, New Delhi (9.8 CGPA)

Question: Congratulations on your achievement in the Civil Services Exam!

Shiva Joshi : Thank you so much !

Question: Tell us about your family and educational background; what role did they play in your preparation?

Shiva Joshi : I have completed my B.Tech in Civil Engineering from Govt. College of Engineering, Bikaner in 2018. In my family, I have my parents, two brothers, my mother-in-law and my husband. My mother is a homemaker, my father is retired now but used to work in the private sector. My mother in law is a retired govt teacher and my husband runs his own business. My parents were the first ones to germinate this seed of becoming an administrative officer in me. My father was very serious about my education and ensured at every point of my life that I get the best possible education. He also used to support me and encourage me for co-curricular activities. He always believed in me and pushed me to do better in all spheres of life. He's my first inspiration and I'll always look up to him for what he's done for me and my siblings. My husband has been my pillar of strength throughout the journey. However critical the situation might have become, but he always had my back and always became a source of strength. There were times when I would become depressed or felt low, he used to listen to everything I had to say and made me feel motivated

and optimistic. Even in moments when sometimes I felt lack of self confidence, he would make me believe in myself. I can't express in words how grateful I feel to have a partner like him. My mother in law also supported me in all ways possible and created a warm, loving and encouraging environment which helped me in preparing for civil services examination. She made a lot of adjustments and compromises, so that I could solely concentrate on my preparation. My late father in law's blessing also guided me and made me feel that I was protected by a superior power. I'll always be thankful to God, my family and my teachers for everything. Without them this won't be possible.

Question: When did you start preparing for RAS exam and how much time do you think is sufficient to prepare for this exam?

Shiva Joshi : I started preparing for the exam in July 2018. Then due to Covid, there was lockdown for around two years which delayed the vacancy. I think, if one prepares dedicatedly and with sincerity for about a year or two, then it is sufficient as the syllabus is also quite vast, so a good amount of time is required to cover it precisely.

Question: Was it your aim from the very beginning to join the civil services and who was your source of inspiration for preparing for the civil services exam?

Shiva Joshi : My mother always wanted me to opt for civil services. As I was quite good in my studies, my teachers also encouraged me to opt civil services in the future. So, from a very young age, even at a time when I had no idea about what civil services were, I wanted to pursue it. As I grew up and got to know more about it, I too felt that it aligned with my interests and personality. My parents and teachers were the source of my inspiration and motivation.

Question: What is the role of coaching in the civil service examination? Can one succeed in this examination through self-study?

Shiva Joshi : For aspirants like me who are from technical backgrounds or are completely strangers to the syllabus, coaching is important. Because coaching provides much needed guidance to the aspirants coming from various fields and helps them in streamlining through and getting a grasp over the vast syllabus. Aspirants who are familiar with the subjects or have experience of preparing for similar exams can opt for self study. If one is serious and sincere enough and well acquainted with the syllabus then self study is a good option.

Question: What should be the criteria for selecting an institute for coaching? Have you prepared from any coaching institute?

Shiva Joshi : When choosing a coaching institute one should consider parameters like the institute's reputation i.e track record and success rates, qualifications and experience of the faculty, teaching methodology, testimonials and feedback from former students, availability of mentorship and emotional support from the faculty when needed and profiles of successful alumni. These factors help one in making informed decision based on one's needs and goals. I choose Springboard Academy for my preparation as it excelled in all these factors and met the expectations of an aspirant from an institute.

Question: What was your language/ medium in the exam? Tell us about the role of language medium in succeeding in civil services?

Shiva Joshi : My medium was English in the examination. It is important to choose one's medium

wisely as it ensures that you are able to express your knowledge effectively. It affects your ability to comprehend questions and articulate answers influencing the overall performance. One should choose their medium depending on one's comfort level which can impact one's study habits and preparation strategies.

Question: What suggestions would you give to improve writing style in mains exam?

Shiva Joshi : To improve answer writing, familiarise yourself with the syllabus and regularly practice to develop efficiency and speed. Use PYQs for practice. Use a clear structure: Introduction, body and Conclusion. Where applicable, use diagrams and flow charts to illustrate points and make the answer visually appealing. Practice writing within a time limit to improve efficiency and speed. Seek feedback from mentors or peers to identify areas for improvement. Keep abreast of current affairs and relevant topics as this can enrich the answers.

Question: What study material did you use during your preparation?

Shiva Joshi : During my preparation, I mostly relied on Springboard notes. I covered some of the topics from the NCERTs. I also regularly read the newspaper especially the editorial section and updated my notes regularly with the current national and international affairs.

Question: What is the role of short notes in the preliminary and mains examinations?

Shiva Joshi : Short notes can be quite helpful for quick and last minute revision. It is especially important for complex topics as it makes them easier to understand and remember.

Question: Tell us about the role of mock interview and how was your interview experience at Rajasthan Public Service Commission?

Shiva Joshi : Mock interviews play a vital role in preparation as they simulate the actual interview environment helping aspirants acclimate to the pressure and format. Feedback on body language and presentation is very helpful. It boosts confidence

and reduces anxiety. They enhance verbal communication and articulation essential for effectively conveying thoughts during the actual interview. We learn to navigate tricky or unexpected questions improving our adaptability and creativity thinking. My interview experienced at RPSC, now, as I can say was good ! When I had just given the interview, for days I thought of better answers which I could have given or ways which I could have adopted to make my interview better but now when I look back, I think I did the best of what I could at that point because we experience on of the highest pressure levels of our life in that moment. It's difficult to keep calm and hide our anxiety ! I was asked about my initial educational background which was I did from Delhi, questions were my hometown and a good number of questions were asked from civil engineering. Some questions from latest developments of national and international level were asked. The questions were of good level and most of the questions had already been asked in mock interviews, so I was prepared but a few questions were new which I handled well, as I now can say. Overall, it was a very good experience and is one of the crucial memories of my life.

Question: Tell us about the contribution of teachers in your success?

Shiva Joshi : Teachers played a pivotal role in my success in this examination which includes all my teachers i.e from school, college and coaching institute. They provided the much needed guidance, helped me in navigating the process, clarified the concepts, encouraged and motivated me whenever I needed at different stages, they analysed my strengths and weaknesses, offered tailored feedback which enhanced my answer writing and interview skills. Recommended valuable resources. Helped me in being well equipped for the exam. My teachers have significantly contributed to this success and I'll forever be grateful to them.

Question: What was the role of friends during the preparation?

Shiva Joshi : As we begin the process of preparation, our circle keeps becoming smaller and smaller. Ultimately we are left with just a few number of persons whom we can share our feelings and thoughts with and those people are truly what friends are! I was blessed with such very few friends of mine who provided me emotional support and helped in alleviating stress and anxiety. Sometimes, you may also have such friends with whom your studying pattern matches, so you both can study together but this happens very rarely. Having friends in the same preparation journey who are as dedicated as you, encourages accountability, motivating each other to stay disciplined and focused. Friends provide companionship, support and constructive engagement, making the preparation process more manageable and enjoyable. My husband also proved to be a great friend during the entire preparation!

Question: What challenges did you face while preparing away from home?

Shiva Joshi : The preparation journey is a long one, hence being away from family and friends can lead to feelings of loneliness and homesickness. Adapting to new places can be difficult. Being away from family may reduce immediate emotional and motivational support. Different living conditions may lead to health issues, sleep irregularities or stress. Addressing these issues through effective time management, self-care and maintaining connections with loved ones can help mitigate these challenges.

Question: What was the most difficult time during preparation?

Shiva Joshi : The preparation phase, examination of various stages and then the waiting period for the results is a very lengthy and tiring process. During this process a lot of things change in one's life in various aspects. A person witnesses quite a number of highs and lows. Managing all these things, the changes, the highs, the lows, the personal life dynamics and the preparation challenges, examination stress and result anxiety all at once, is in itself a struggle for an aspirant. I too had a difficult time managing all these changes and situations which sometimes became overwhelming.

Question: How did you keep yourself motivated to prepare continuously due to the long duration of the Civil Services Examination?

Shiva Joshi : To stay motivated during the entire preparation can be challenging. Some effective strategies can be : break down the preparation into achievable short term and long term goals, develop a structured study schedule balancing different subjects, keep your study materials and notes organised, acknowledge and celebrate small achievements to boost morale, engage with peers who are as dedicated and as serious as you, schedule regular breaks to prevent burnout, don't hesitate to reach out to mentors, friends or family whenever you feel lost or low and prioritise physical and mental well being through exercise, healthy eating and mindfulness practices. The most important strategy is to close your eyes and visualise your goals and the successful outcome of your hard work, the happiness it will give to your family, your parents, your partner and how proud they would feel. Once you visualise this moment, you'll start feeling motivated.

Question: What do you think about Plan B?

Shiva Joshi : Having a plan B or not, entirely depends on one's family conditions, financial circumstances and responsibilities that one has to deal with. For someone who has just graduated, does not have any major responsibilities on his/ her shoulders, then such aspirants should mainly focus on clearing the RAS examination and should not focus on plan B much. But for aspirants who are not on the better side of age, facing financial constraints, dealing with major responsibilities or any such situation which makes having a plan B advisable. For such aspirants having a plan B is a prudent approach as it can reduce pressure, open up career options, help in making more informed decisions, encourages a mindset of resilience where setbacks in one area do not deter overall career aspirations. So, we can say having a plan B is an individualistic approach.

Question: What changes came in your life after selection in RAS exam?

Shiva Joshi : Getting selected in the examination was an overwhelming and transformative experience. I felt pure happiness, a culmination of years of hard work and dedication finally paying off. There was a profound sense of relief and pride in achieving a prestigious goal, not only for myself but also for my family and teachers, feeling grateful to God. The prospect of starting a new career, serving the public and making a difference led to feelings of excitement about the future. There was also nervousness about the responsibilities ahead and the challenges of the role. I reflected on my journey, considered the sacrifices and compromises made by me and my family throughout the process. My family, parents, in laws and my husband were so happy and proud, seeing them like that gave me a sense of fulfilment. There were congratulatory calls, visits and messages from everywhere. House was filled with sweets, bouquets and guests for several days. Those were one of the most cherishable and beautiful moments of my life till now. I feel really blessed to have experienced this moment.

Question: As an officer, what changes will you work to bring about?

Shiva Joshi : First of all, the transition from an aspirant mentality to a public servant mentality, prioritising service over personal goals. Increase engagement with the community especially women and deprived sections to understand their needs and concerns ensuring responsive governance. I'll try to be open to change and adaptable in front of the new challenges or policies. Promote civic awareness and education among the public empowering citizens to engage with governance processes. I'll try to enhance my effectiveness, foster positive relationships and contribute significantly to public service and community development.

Question: What is the utility of monthly current affairs magazine for R.A.S. examination?

Shiva Joshi : Monthly current affairs magazines are important for the exam because current affairs are integral to the exam. It allows aspirants to form informed opinions and remain updated on socio-economic and political issues. It helps in consolidating

vast amounts of information into digestible formats. It fosters critical thinking and analytical skills. It is also helpful for interview preparation. Keeping up with monthly current affairs is vital for well rounded preparation as it provides a competitive edge and reflects an aspirant's awareness and engagement with real world issues.

Question: Tell me the secret of your success?

Shiva Joshi : Consistency, Perseverance and Resilience

Question: How did you manage your time during preparation?

Shiva Joshi : For effective time management, I used to develop a daily and weekly study plan allocating specific time blocks for each subject. Limiting distractions like social media, regular revisions, allowing room for adjustments to accommodate unforeseen circumstances and including breaks and leisure activities to prevent burnout.

Question: We wish you a bright future as an Administrative Officer!

Shiva Joshi : Thank you once again!

