

International

UNCCD Conference of Parties 16th session



About News :-

- ❖ On December 2, 2024, the 16th session of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Conference of the Parties (COP) got underway in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ The 15th COP of the UNFCCC, which takes place every two years, was held in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, in May 2022.
- ❖ Along with the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the UNCCD is one of three international accords made at the 1992 Rio Earth Summit.
- ❖ The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification is hosting the 16th Conference of Parties of the UNCCD, which is being organized by the Saudi Arabian government.
- ❖ The theme of the 16th COP of the UNCCD is Our Land. Our Future.

Key Points :-

- ❖ Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and Union Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Minister Bhupendra Yadav are leading the Indian delegation at the 16th Conference of Parties to the UNCCD.
- ❖ As part of the Indian government's "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign, Bhupendra Yadav planted a tree seedling at the Indian Embassy in Riyadh.

Two Additional 2024 Environmental Summits

- ❖ One accord aimed at halting and reversing the consequences of climate change and global warming is the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

- ❖ Every year, the UNFCCC's COP examines strategies for cutting carbon emissions in order to meet the 2015 Paris Agreement goal.
- ❖ From November 11-22, 2024, Baku, Azerbaijan hosted the 29th Conference of Parties (CoP) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- ❖ In November 2025, Brazil's Belem City will host the UNFCCC's 30th Conference of Parties.

CBD stands for Convention on Biological Diversity.

- ❖ To safeguard the planet's biodiversity, the United Nations established the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
- ❖ From October 21 to November 1, 2024, Cali, Colombia, hosted the 16th session of the Convention on Biological Diversity's (CBD) Conference of Parties (CoP). Because there was not a quorum, the meeting was adjourned.
- ❖ From February 25 to 27, Rome, Italy, will host the 16th COP of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
- ❖ The COP of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is held every two years.

National

India re-elected to UN Peacebuilding Commission for 2025-2026



About News :-

India has secured its re-election to the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) for the 2025-2026 term, reaffirming its commitment to global peace initiatives.

Key Points :-

- ❖ The Peacebuilding Commission, established in December 2005, serves as an intergovernmental advisory body to support peace efforts in conflict-affected regions and bolster the international community's broader peace agenda. India, a founding member of the Commission, has consistently played an active role in shaping its peacebuilding initiatives.
- ❖ The Commission advises the UN General Assembly and Security Council on peacebuilding and sustaining peace efforts. Its focus includes promoting a strategic and integrated approach to peacebuilding by engaging with member states, United Nations entities, and other relevant actors.
- ❖ By facilitating country-specific and regional discussions, the Commission fosters the exchange of experiences and best practices in peacebuilding. It prioritizes nationally led efforts, ensuring collaboration among humanitarian, development, and peace-focused actors.
- ❖ To support conflict-affected regions, the Commission invites briefers from peacekeeping operations, special political missions, and UN Country Teams to participate in its discussions. These engagements aim to enhance coordination and ensure that peacebuilding priorities align with the needs on the ground.

State

Arunachal govt launches 'Mission Arun Himveer' to boost economy



About News :-

Mission Arun Himveer was started by the Arunachal Pradesh government to improve market connections for regional horticultural and agricultural producers. Chief Minister Pema Khandu was present when the Arunachal Pradesh Agriculture Marketing Board (APAMB) and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), North East Frontier, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

Key Points :-

Objectives

- ❖ Give nearby farmers, SHGs, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), and cooperatives direct access to markets.
- ❖ Encourage economic expansion in border and rural areas.
- ❖ Promote reverse migration to villages to address the labor shortage.
- ❖ By meeting the demand for horticultural and agricultural products in border regions, you may support the Vibrant Village Program.

The MoU's characteristics

- ❖ Through APAMB, ITBP will buy meat, poultry, fruits, and vegetables straight from regional producers.
- ❖ Payments will be made using a ₹4 crore revolving fund, which ITBP will repay following reconciliation.
- ❖ All of the initiative's funding goes to farmers.

Appointment

Jay Shah takes over as the youngest ever ICC chairman

About News :-

As the Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC), Jay Shah, a seasoned cricket administrator and the Secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), has formally begun his term. Shah, who is 36, is the youngest person to ever occupy the esteemed role. His leadership comes at a pivotal moment for cricket worldwide, when there are many chances and difficulties to broaden the sport's appeal and inclusivity.



Key Highlights of Jay Shah's Tenure as ICC Chairman

A Historic Appointment

- ❖ Shah, who is 36 years old, is the youngest ICC Chairman ever.
- ❖ In recognition of Greg Barclay's four years of contributions, he succeeds him.

The Future of International Cricket

- ❖ Places special emphasis on getting ready for cricket's inclusion in the Olympic Games in LA28.
- ❖ Aims to increase cricket's global appeal and inclusivity.
- ❖ It Promotes juggling several formats while quickening women's cricket's development.

Strategic Objectives

- ❖ Increase interaction with cricket fans worldwide, both new and old.
- ❖ Give cricket players worldwide access to improved platforms and tools.
- ❖ Increase the sport's audience in a sustainable manner by working together with ICC teams and participating nations.

Defence

India & Cambodia armies commence Joint Table Top Exercise CINBAX in Pune



About News :-

- ❖ On December 1, 2024, the first Joint Tabletop Exercise between India and Cambodia, code-named "CINBAX," got underway at the Foreign Training Node in Pune, Maharashtra. From December 1-18, 2024, the first CINBAX exercise between the two nations' armies will take place in Pune.
- ❖ The exercise is a component of both nations' military diplomacy to improve amicable relations, particularly military-to-military relations.

- ❖ To highlight India's indigenous defense capabilities, Indian-made weaponry and equipment will be on show to the Cambodians during the CINBAX exercise.

What is a Table Top Military Exercise?

- ❖ "A discussion-based event where personnel with roles and responsibilities meet in a classroom setting or in breakout groups to discuss their roles during the emergency and their responses to a particular emergency situation" is the general definition of a tabletop exercise.
- ❖ There are no live war simulations in the military; instead, talks focus solely on potential future fighting situations and the duties and responsibilities of the participating individuals.

Participants in the First CINBAX and Its Focus

- ❖ Twenty men of the Indian Army's infantry brigade and an equal number of Cambodian Army personnel are taking part in the first CINBAX military exercise.
- ❖ In accordance with Chapter VII of the UN Charter, the first CINBAX exercise focuses on talking about war simulations pertaining to cooperative counterterrorism operations.
- ❖ The creation of a Joint Training Task Force for Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance as well as the planning of operations in a counterterrorism environment will be covered in a number of scenarios by both Armies.
- ❖ The use of force multipliers in unconventional operations will be covered by both armies. Information operations, cyberwarfare, hybrid warfare, logistics and casualty management, and HADR operations will also be covered.

Retirement

Vikrant Massey Announced Retirement from Acting in 2025



About News :-

- ❖ In a shocking revelation that has left his fans and the film industry in disbelief, actor Vikrant Massey has announced that he will retire from acting after 2025.
- ❖ The 37-year-old actor, known for his memorable roles in '12th Fail', 'The Sabarmati Report', and 'Sector 36', shared the unexpected news through an emotional note on his Instagram account on Monday morning.

Key Points :-

- ❖ Vikrant's career began in the television industry with the show 'Dhoom Machao Dhoom', but he rose to prominence with his role in 'Balika Vadhu' in 2009.
- ❖ He also rose to fame with his roles in movies like 'Lootera', followed by his first lead role in 'A Death in the Gunj' (2017). He went on to establish himself as a versatile actor with standout performances in projects like 'Broken But Beautiful', 'Ginny Weds Sunny', 'Haseen Dilruba', 'Love Hostel', and '12th Fail'.
- ❖ Although he is stepping away from acting, fans can still look forward to Vikrant's final projects, set for release in 2025.

Sport

Syed Modi International 2024: PV Sindhu & Lakshya Sen clinch singles titles



About News :-

- ❖ At the 2024 Syed Modi International badminton competition, Indian badminton superstars PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen took home the women's and men's championships, respectively. PV Sindhu had not won a BWF title since the Singapore Open in 2022.

- ❖ The USD 2.10 Lakh award World Tour 300 of the Badminton World Federation From November 26 to December 1, 2024, the Babu Banarsi Das Indoor Stadium in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, hosted the Syed Modi International badminton event.

PV Sindhu's first title since 2022

- ❖ PV Sindhu has not won a BWF Tournament singles championship since 2022, following her victory at the 2022 Singapore Open. In the interim, Sindhu advanced to the finals of the 2024 Malaysia Masters Super 500 and the 2023 Spain Masters Super 300 but lost.
- ❖ At the Syed Modi International badminton competition in 2024, she ended her title drought.
- ❖ She won the Syed Modi International Badminton singles title after defeating Wu Luo Yu, a Chinese player, 21-14, 21-16 in the final.

Lakshya Sen captures his fifth BWF championship.

- ❖ Lakshya Sen, who lost in the 2024 Olympic semi-finals in Paris, won the 2024 Syed Modi International Badminton Tournament singles title in Lucknow, earning him his sixth BWF singles championship overall.
- ❖ Lakshya Sen defeated Jia Heng Jason Teh of Singapore 21-6, 21-7 in the championship match.

Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand win the doubles championship.

- ❖ In the 2024 Syed Modi International Badminton, Gayatri Gopichand and Treesa Jolly, an Indian women's team, won the country's third championship.
- ❖ The Indian women's team defeated Bao Li Jing and Li Qian of China 21-18, 21-11 in the championship match.
- ❖ This was the BWF's second championship after their 2022 victory at the Odisha Open.

GM Arjun Erigaisi becomes 2nd Indian to breach 2800 ELO rating barrier after legendary Anand

About News :-

Grand Master Arjun Erigaisi achieved 2800 Elo rating points in classical chess, making him the 16th player in the world and the second Indian.

On November 1, 2024, the International Chess Federation (FIDE) made this announcement on social media.



Key Points:

- ❖ After Vishwanathan Anand, the 21-year-old Indian is the second Indian to reach 2800 Elo rating points.
- ❖ Grand Master Magnus Carlsen, Grand Master Fabiano Caruana, and Grand Master Hikaru Nakamura are currently ranked higher than 21-year-old Arjun Erigaisi, who is currently placed fourth by FIDE.
- ❖ Arjun Erigaisi, a child from Warangal, Telangana, has had an amazing year. At the 45th FIDE Chess Olympiad, which took place in Budapest, Hungary, from September 10–23, 2024, he took home the gold medal for himself.
- ❖ Erigaisi also played a key role in the gold medal-winning performance of the Indian men's team at the 45-hour Chess Olympiad.

System of Elo Ratings

- ❖ American chess player and physics professor Arpad Elo created the Elo rating.
- ❖ A chess player's strength is rated using the Elo rating system.
- ❖ In 1970, FIDE formally adopted the Elo rating system.
- ❖ Norway's Magnus Carlsen received the best Elo rating ever.

Important Day

National Pollution Control Day – 2 December



About Day :-

- ❖ National Pollution Control Day is observed every year on December 2 to spread awareness about the harmful effects of pollution. Each year, this day brings attention to different environmental issues, focusing on various pollution control technologies, policies, and the importance of reducing pollution.
- ❖ the theme of National Pollution Control Day 2024 is "Clean Air, Green Earth: A Step Towards Sustainable Living."

History :-

- ❖ National Pollution Control Day was initiated to commemorate the victims of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy, which occurred on the night of 2nd December 1984. This industrial disaster was caused by the leakage of methyl isocyanate (MIC) gas from a pesticide plant and claimed thousands of lives.
- ❖ This disaster exposed the world to the extreme dangers of industrial pollution and highlighted the need for stringent environmental policies and better pollution control measures. In response to this tragedy, the Indian government implemented a range of measures aimed at improving pollution control, regulating industrial emissions, and preventing similar incidents in the future.

