

Economy

Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025

Why in the news?

Bharat Mobility Global Expo is scheduled to be held from 17-22 January, 2025.

- ❖ It will be held across three separate venues.
 - Bharat Mandapam (ITPO), Delhi
 - Yashobhoomi (India International Convention and Expo Center), Dwarka, Delhi
 - India Expo Center & Mart, Greater Noida.

About the Expo:

- ❖ It is an industry led and government supported initiative, and is being coordinated by Engineering Export Promotion Council India (EEPC India).
- ❖ It will showcase the latest advancements and breakthroughs in the mobility ecosystem.



Defence And Security

Konkan Ratna

Why in the news?

An Open Sea Sailing Expedition named 'Konkan Ratna' was flagged off from UltraTech Jetty, Ratnagiri, Maharashtra.

- ❖ **Objective:** The expedition aims to create awareness on 'Samudri Swachhta, Taskari, and Suraksha'.
- ❖ **Tagline of the expedition:** "Hamara Samunder – Hamari Shaan,"



Schemes In News

PM Vidya Laxmi Scheme

Why in the news?

The PM Vidyaxmi scheme was approved by the Union Cabinet on 6th November, 2024.

About the scheme:

- ❖ It is a Central Sector Scheme.
- ❖ **Objective:** To provide financial support to meritorious students so that financial constraints do not prevent anyone from pursuing higher studies.

❖ Under the PM Vidyalyaxmi scheme:

- Any student who gets admission in a quality Higher Education Institution (QHEIs) will be eligible to get collateral free, guarantor free loan from banks and financial institutions to cover full amount of tuition fees and other expenses related to the course.
- For loan amounts up to ₹ 7.5 lakhs, the student will also be eligible for a credit guarantee of 75% of outstanding default.

❖ Applicability of the scheme:

- It will be applicable to the top quality higher educational institutions of the nation, as determined by the NIRF rankings - including all HEIs, government and private.

Cabinet Decisions
6th Nov 2024

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PM-Vidyalyaxmi
Collateral-free, Guarantor-free Education Loans
Maximising access to quality Higher Education
for Yuva Shakti

- Total outlay ₹ 3600 Crore
- Financial assistance to meritorious students securing admission in top 860 HEIs of India
- Benefitting 22 Lakh+ new students every year

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Miscellaneous

First in the World Challenge

Why in the news?

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has announced a new initiative called "First in the World Challenge".

❖ Objective:

- To foster novel, out of the box, futuristic ideas, new knowledge generation, discovery / development of breakthrough health technologies
- ❖ The initiative aims to fund ground-breaking projects in areas such as vaccine development, novel diagnostics, and therapeutic innovations.

Books and Authors

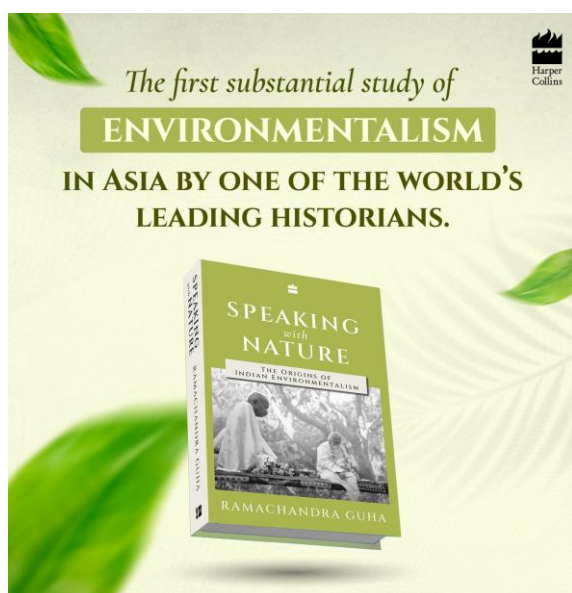
Speaking with Nature: The Origins of Indian Environmentalism

Why in the news?

The book has been authored by historian Ramchandra Guha.

About the book:

- ❖ The book is a compelling exploration of 10 early environmental thinkers from poet Rabindranath Tagore to the lesser-known scientist couple Albert and Gabrielle Howard and naturalist M. Krishnan whose ideas have shaped India's ecological landscape in the pre-climate change era.



Awards and Honors

Rohini Nayyar Prize

Why in the news?

Anil Pradhan has been awarded with the third Rohini Nayyar Prize for Outstanding Contribution to Rural Development.

- ❖ He is from Baral village in Odisha, works with students on STEM education and innovation.
- ❖ He is co-founder of Young Tinker Foundation, a non-profit organisation working on hands-on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education in underserved areas.

About the Prize:

- ❖ It was established in memory of the late economist and administrator Rohini Nayyar.

- ❖ It is awarded annually to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to rural development in India.
- ❖ The prize recognizes achievements in civil society, government, enterprise, or academia and awards a citation and ₹10 lakh to the winner.



Sports

WBF's world title

Why in the news?

Mandeep Jangra has won the World Boxing Federation's super featherweight world title.

- ❖ He defeated Britain's Conor McIntosh in the championship held in the Cayman Islands.



Persons In News

Donald Trump

Why in the news?

Donald Trump (Republican Party) has emerged as the winner of the US presidential polls in 2024.

- ❖ He won 295 electoral college votes, crossing the required 270-mark and defeated his opponent Kamala Harris, the Democratic presidential nominee, who won 226 electoral college votes.
- ❖ He will serve as the 47th President of the United States of America.

About Donald Trump:

- ❖ He is the first former president to return to power since Grover Cleveland regained the White House in the 1892 election.
 - Earlier, he served as the 45th President (2017-21) of the USA from
- ❖ He is the first person convicted of a felony to be elected president and, at 78, is the oldest person elected to the office.
- ❖ His vice president, 40-year-old Ohio Sen. JD Vance, will become the highest-ranking member of the millennial generation in the U.S. government.



Important Days/ Dates

National Cancer Awareness Day

Why in the news?

National Cancer Awareness Day is observed by India on November 7 every year.

- ❖ **Objective:** To raise awareness among the masses regarding prevention and early detection of cancer.
- ❖ **History of this day:**
 - In September 2014, India's Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan, established National Cancer Awareness Day on 7th November.
 - 7th November is also the birthday of Madame Marie Curie, a Nobel Laureate for the discovery of radioactivity.



News in Short

- ❖ The fourth edition of the AIM-ICDK Water Innovation Challenge 4.0 was held at the 2024 Next Generation Digital Action (NGDA) in Copenhagen, Denmark.
 - It marked a significant achievement in the growing Indo-Danish Green Strategic Partnership.
- ❖ Indian Railways achieved a historic milestone, transporting over 3 crore passengers in a single day on November 4, 2024, to meet festive season demand.
 - On this day Indian Railways carried a record number of 120.72 lakh non-suburban passengers.

- This included 19.43 lakh reserved passengers and 101.29 lakh unreserved non-suburban passengers.
- ❖ The 21st edition of India – US Military Cooperation Group (MCG) meeting was conducted from 05 to 06 November 2024 at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.
- ❖ The Indian Olympic Association IOA has submitted a Letter of Intent to the International Olympic Committee IOC's Future Host Commission, expressing India's desire to host the 2036 Olympic and Paralympic Games.



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