

Cases under SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act

According to the latest government report under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, the majority of atrocities against Scheduled Tribes (STs) were also concentrated in 13 states, which reported 98.91 per cent of all cases in 2022.

Key Points

- ❖ **States with maximum cases:** Of 51,656 cases registered under the law for Scheduled Castes (SCs) in 2022, Uttar Pradesh accounted for 23.78 per cent of the total cases with 12,287, followed by Rajasthan at 8,651 (16.75 per cent) and Madhya Pradesh at 7,732 (14.97 per cent).
- ❖ Other states with a significant number of cases of atrocities against SCs were Bihar with 6,799 (13.16 per cent), Odisha with 3,576 (6.93 per cent), and Maharashtra with 2,706 (5.24 per cent).
- ❖ **Atrocities Against Scheduled Castes (SCs) in 2022:** 97.7% of all atrocities against SCs (51,656 out of 52,866 cases) were reported from 13 states. Uttar Pradesh reported the highest number of cases (12,287 or 23.78%).
- ❖ **Atrocities Against Scheduled Tribes (STs) in 2022:** 98.91% of all atrocities against STs were reported from 13 states (9,735 cases total). Madhya Pradesh had the highest number of cases (2,979 or 30.61%). Rajasthan followed with 2,498 cases (25.66%) and Odisha recorded 773 cases (7.94%).

- ❖ **Conviction rate:** As per the report In 2022, the conviction rate dropped to 32.4 per cent from 39.2 per cent in 2020.

Measures

- ❖ **Special protection cells:** The report also said SC/ST protection cells had been set up in Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, NCT of Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh and Puducherry.
- ❖ **Special police stations:** Special police stations for registration of complaints of offences against SCs and STs have been set up by five states -- **Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Kerala and Madhya Pradesh.**

The **Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989** was enacted by the Parliament of India to prevent atrocities and hate crimes against the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes.

Navika Sagar Parikrama II Expedition

Indian Navy Officers to Circumnavigate the Globe in Navika Sagar Parikrama II Expedition

Key Points

- ❖ Two Indian Navy officers will embark on the mission of circumnavigating the globe with the second edition of the Navika Sagar Parikrama expedition.

- ❖ **Conducted by:** The expedition is being conducted under the aegis of Indian Naval Sailing Association based at Naval Headquarters, New Delhi and Ocean Sailing Node, Goa under Southern Naval Command. Both the nodal centers will be coordinating the voyage in liaison with international maritime agencies and authorities.
- ❖ **Officers Participating:** Indian Naval Sailing Vessel *Tarini* would sail on this challenging expedition with two courageous women officers - Lt Cdr Dilna K and Lt Cdr Roopa A on 02 Oct 24



- ❖ Navika Sagar Parikrama II is a journey of empowerment, innovation, and commitment to India's maritime heritage while charting new paths for a brighter and empowered future.
- ❖ **Time Span:** It will be an over eight months journey.
- ❖ **Distance to be covered:** Both the navy Officers will navigate 21,600 nautical miles without any external assistance, relying solely on wind power.
- ❖ They will cover some of the most treacherous waters including the perilous passage around the three great Capes – Cape Leeuwin, Cape Horn and the Cape of Good Hope.

The expedition was conceived by the Indian Navy with the inaugural Navika Sagar Parikrama, the **first ever Indian circumnavigation of the globe by an all women crew of six officers in 2017.**

The second edition of the expedition will be an exceptional one as they will become the first from India to accomplish such a feat in double handed mode.

Haifa Day

To honor the martyrs of the Battle of Haifa, Haifa Day was celebrated in New Delhi on 23rd September 2024.

Key Points

- ❖ Every year on September 23, diplomats from India's Embassy in Israel and Israeli government officials representing the municipality of the northern port city of Haifa gather at the Haifa War Cemetery to pay respects to the Indian soldiers who were killed and wounded in battle, on foreign soil.
- ❖ The **Battle of Haifa was fought during First World War as a part of the Sinai and Palestine campaign**, where the British Empire, the Kingdom of Italy and the French Third Republic, fought alongside the Arab Revolt, in opposition to the Ottoman Empire, the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the German Empire.
- ❖ **Indian Soldiers, who were part of World War I in 1918 from the British Indian Army fought the battle of Haifa.**

- ❖ It resulted in the **Partition of the Ottoman Empire**, leading to the eventual creation of the Republic of Turkey in 1923, and the subsequent creation of the Kingdom of Iraq in 1932, the Lebanese Republic in 1943, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Syrian Arab Republic in 1946, and the State of Israel in 1948.

Person In News- Worldwide

Michel Barnier



He has been appointed as Prime Minister of France.

Awards/Titles

Miss Universe India 2024

- ❖ **Gujarat's Rhea Singha** has been crowned Miss Universe India 2024, and will now represent India at the global Miss Universe 2024 pageant.
- ❖ The **grand finale of Miss Universe India 2024 was held on September 22 in Jaipur, Rajasthan.**

Important Days/Dates

Last Sunday of September

World Rivers Day

- ❖ It is a global celebration that takes place on the fourth Sunday of September. This year it was celebrated on September 22.

- ❖ Theme for 2024: "Waterways of Life."
- ❖ History: It was first celebrated in 2005, and initiated by the International River Network.
- ❖ It was created to raise awareness about the importance of rivers and the threats they face

Sports

45th FIDE Chess Olympiad

- ❖ Indian Men's and Women's chess teams won gold medals in their respective events at the **45th edition of the FIDE Chess Olympiad, held in the Hungarian capital of Budapest.**
- ❖ The **Indian team** consisting of Arjun Erigasi, Rameshbabu Pragannandha, Dommaraju Gukesh, Vidit Gujrathi and Pentala Harikrishna won the gold medal in the Open section.
 - The Indian team topped the points table with 21 points, followed by the United States in second place and Uzbekistan in third place.
- ❖ The **Indian women's team** of Vantika Agarwal, Divya Deshmukh, Harika Dranavali, Vaishali Rameshbabu and Tania Sachdev won the gold medal and the Vera Menchik Cup.
 - The Kazakhstan team was awarded the silver medal, while the USA team settled for the bronze medal.
- ❖ The **last time a country won gold both in the Open(men's) and women's section of the chess Olympiad was China in 2018.**

The next **46th FIDE Chess Olympiad** will be held in **Tashkent, Uzbekistan 2026**.

The first Chess Olympiad, organised as the Tournament of Nations by the International Chess Federation (FIDE) in 1927, was held in London, United Kingdom. Hungary won the inaugural edition. In the last 43rd edition of the Chess Olympiad, which was held in Chennai, Tami Nadu, in 2022, the Indian team won the Gaprindashvili Cup.

Magnus Carlsen and Judit Polgar were felicitated with the best male and female player awards at the FIDE 100 Awards ceremony in Hungary.

Important News- Worldwide

UAE

The **10th annual World Free Zones Organisation (World FZO) Congress** was held in Dubai. This year's event brings together leading experts, decision-makers, and stakeholders from the free zones, logistics, and multilateral sectors globally.

Theme of the event was: 'Zones and the Shifting Global Economic Structures – Unlocking New Investment Avenues', the congress aims to explore the latest trends, emerging technologies, and innovations shaping the free zones sector.

Miscellaneous

- ❖ **Film Federation of India (FFI) in Chennai** has chosen comedy-drama **“Laapata Ladies”** to be submitted as India's official entry for the Oscars 2025 in the Best Foreign Film Category. The 13-member select committee headed by Assamese director Jahnu Barua unanimously decided on the film, produced by Aamir Khan and Rao.



- Among the movies under consideration by the 13-member jury, headed by filmmaker Jahnu Barua, were Kalki 2898 AD; Animal; Chandu Champion; Sam Bahadur; Aattam; Aadujeevitham; Maidaan; Joram and Kottukaali.

