

International

President Droupadi Murmu embarks on a 3-nation visit to Algeria, Mauritania, and Malawi



About News:-

- ❖ The first Indian president to travel to Africa was President Droupadi Murmu, who visited Algeria, Mauritania, and Malawi.
- ❖ This visit takes place one year after the African Union was admitted as a permanent member of the G-20 during India's 2023 G-20 leadership.

Visited countries:

- ❖ Algeria (October 13–15, 2024): Attendance at the Algeria-India Economic Forum, bilateral discussions, and a formal greeting by President Abdelmadjid Tebboune.
- ❖ October 16, 2024: Four Memorandums of Understanding are signed and bilateral discussions are held with President Mohamed Ould Cheikh El Ghazouani.
- ❖ Malawi (October 17–19, 2024): Three Memorandums of Understanding are signed, business events are held, and bilateral discussions with President Lazarus Chakwera occur.

Significant actions:

- ❖ President Murmu will speak in Algeria at Sidi Abdellah University, pay respects at the Maqam Echahid monument, address the Algeria-India Economic Forum, and open the India Corner at Hamma Garden.
- ❖ She will supervise the signing four Memorandums of Understanding in Mauritania about cultural exchanges, foreign office consultations, and diplomatic passport visa waivers.
- ❖ Three Memorandums of Understanding about youth affairs, sports, and cultural exchanges will be signed by President Murmu in Malawi.
- ❖ Economic focus: interacting with the Indian diaspora in all three countries and enhancing bilateral commerce and investment through platforms like the Algeria-India Economic Forum.
- ❖ Importance for India's international relations: This visit highlights India's expanding contribution to African development, strengthening connections with African countries following the African Union's G-20 membership.

About Algeria :	About Mauritania :	About Malawi :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ President : Abdelmadjid Tebboune ❖ Prime Minister : Nadir Larbaoui ❖ Capital : Algiers ❖ Currency : Algerian dinar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ President : Mohamed Ould Ghazouani ❖ Prime Minister : Mokhtar Ould Djay ❖ President of the National Assembly : Mohamed Ould Meguett ❖ Capital : Nouakchott ❖ Currency : Ouguiya 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ President : Lazarus Chakwera ❖ Capital : Lilongwe ❖ Currency : Malawian kwacha

National

PM Modi to inaugurate 8th telecom meet and India Mobile Congress



About News:-

- ❖ On October 15, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi officially opened the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) 2024 in New Delhi, which is part of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
- ❖ In addition, the Prime Minister officially opened the 8th India Mobile Congress 2024, which is taking place in New Delhi concurrently with the WTSA 2024.
- ❖ In attendance during the Prime Minister's inauguration address was Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Secretary General of the ITU, Chandrasekhar Pemmasani, Union Minister of State for Communication, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Union Minister for Communication, and other dignitaries.
- ❖ The Global Standards Symposium (GSS 2024) and the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) 2024 are being hosted in New Delhi from October 14–24, 2024, by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

About the ITU-WTSA 2024

- ❖ The ITU contributes significantly to the development of global information and communications technology (ICT) policies. In this context, the ITU's work has been separated into three areas: radiocommunication, telecommunication standardization, and telecommunication development.
- ❖ The Telecommunication Standardization Sector adopts proposals to standardize telecommunications after researching the technical, operational, and tariff issues about the industry.
- ❖ Every four years, the ITU-WTSA is held.

- ❖ India and the Asia-Pacific region are hosting the ITU-WTSA for the first time.
- ❖ Participating in the WTSA are around 3,000 business executives, decision-makers, and specialists from more than 190 nations, representing the digital, telecom, and information and communications technology (ICT) sectors.
- ❖ The ITU-WTSA gives nations a forum to debate and determine future standards for vital next-generation technologies, including cybersecurity, big data, the Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence (AI), and sixth-generation technology.

About the Indian Mobile Congress

- ❖ The Indian Mobile Congress is the biggest digital technology platform in Asia, bringing together academia, government, industry, and others to debate, discuss, and showcase the newest developments in ICT and telecom, media, and technology (TMT).
- ❖ Participants from 120 nations will present the newest technologies and talk about upcoming developments in mobile telecommunications at the 8th Indian Mobile Congress. Around 900 startups and more than 400 exhibitors will also be present at the Congress.

The 8th Indian Mobile Congress organizer

- ❖ The Cellular Operator Association of India (COAI), the Union Ministry of Communication, and the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) have organized the 8th Indian Mobile Congress.
- ❖ It will take place in New Delhi from October 15–18, 2024.
- ❖ Since its inaugural Indian Mobile Congress in 2017, it has been conducted yearly.

The theme of the 8th India Mobile Congress

- ❖ 'Future is Now' is the theme of the 8th India Mobile Congress.

About the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

- ❖ The International Telecommunication Union was set up in 1865.
- ❖ In 1948, it was made a specialised agency of the United Nations for information and communication technologies (ICTs)
- ❖ Members: 194 countries
- ❖ Headquarters: Geneva. Switzerland
- ❖ Secretary General: Doreen Bogdan-Martin

State

Hindi language museum to be set up in Varanasi



About News:-

Yogi Adityanath's Uttar Pradesh administration plans to establish the nation's first Hindi literature museum in Kashi (Varanasi). The museum will be the first language-focused museum in the nation.

Key Points:

- ❖ Rabindranath Tagore has a literary museum in Kolkata, but the planned museum in Kashi will be the nation's first language-based museum.
- ❖ The project has received Rs 25 crore from the Uttar Pradesh government.
- ❖ The museum will preserve and exhibit the historical manuscripts and publications written by all of the distinguished Hindi scholars. The museum will also feature the images, significant papers, and relevant material of well-known Hindi writers in addition to their works. The museum would also feature an auditorium, an amphitheater, and monuments of the Hindi academics.

Maharashtra

Maharashtra assembly election on November 20



About News:-

- ❖ On October 15, 2024, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar declared the dates of the elections to form a new legislative assembly in Jharkhand and Maharashtra in New Delhi.
- ❖ The election in Jharkhand will be held in two phases on November 13 and 20, 2024, whereas the poll in Maharashtra will be held in a single phase on November 20, 2024.

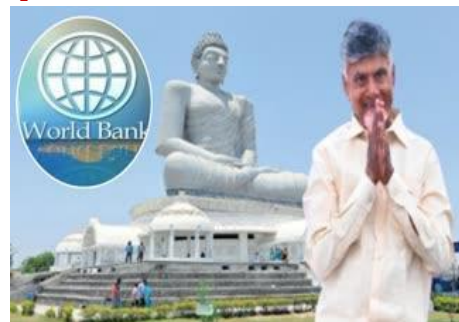
- ❖ The Election Commission states that on November 23, 2024, the votes for both state legislative assemblies will be counted.
- ❖ The terms of the current Jharkhand Legislative Assembly and Maharashtra Legislative Assembly expire on January 5, 2025, and November 26, 2024, respectively.
- ❖ The Chief Election Commissioner also declared that on November 13, 2024, by-elections will be held in Uttar Pradesh's nine legislative assembly, with the vote count scheduled for November 23.

The 15th Maharashtra Legislative Assembly will be elected.

- ❖ On November 26, 2019, the current 14th Maharashtra Legislative Assembly was established.
- ❖ The Maharashtra legislative assembly has a five-year term, just like all other legislative legislatures in India.
- ❖ The legislative assembly is the lower body of the bicameral Maharashtra legislature, while the legislative council, which has 78 members, is the upper house. There are 288 members of the Maharashtra legislature.
- ❖ With 105 members, the Bharatiya Janata Party became the single largest party in the 2019 legislative assembly election.
- ❖ The Bharatiya Janata Party, Shiv Sena (Shinde), and Nationalist Congress Party of Ajit Pawar factions currently form a coalition that rules Maharashtra. Eknath Shinde of the Shiv Sena (Shinde faction) is the chief minister of the Mahayuti coalition.
- ❖ The legislative assembly of the Mahayuti is composed of 156 members.

Economic

World Bank to extend Rs 15,000 cr loan to develop Amaravati



About News:-

- ❖ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the World Bank (WB) have authorized an in-principle loan of Rs 15,000 crore to Andhra Pradesh (AP) for the development of Amaravati as the state capital.
- ❖ The Ministry of Finance (MoF) in India has received a letter verifying the loan; final talks are set for November 8, 2024, and the agreement is anticipated to be completed by November 15, 2024.

Key Points:

- ❖ The project is expected to cost Rs 49,000 crore in total, of which Rs 15,000 crore is a soft loan from the WB.
- ❖ The loan has a 15-year repayment moratorium that is split 90:10 between the federal and state governments.
- ❖ As per the agreement, an initial payment of Rs 3,750 crore will be given to the Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA) in November 2024.
- ❖ The money will be used to create important government structures like the state parliament and high court, as well as to develop infrastructure, such as residential and commercial plans for land that farmers have pooled.

Additional Andhra Pradesh Projects:

- ❖ The Polavaram Irrigation Project would receive Rs 12,500 crore from the Central Government.
- ❖ The state's new refinery would get an investment of Rs 85,000 crore from Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL).
- ❖ The goal of the "Swarna Andhra Pradesh 2047" vision document is to make the state's economy worth USD 2.5 trillion and its per capita income \$40,000.

About Asian Development Bank (ADB):

- ❖ **President-** Masatsugu Asakawa
- ❖ **Headquarters-** Mandaluyong, Philippines
- ❖ **Establishment-** 1966
- ❖ **Members-** 69

Appointment

DG Paramesh Sivamani takes over as 26th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard



About News:-

The 26th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard is now DG Paramesh Sivamani. Following the death of Rakesh Pal, the 25th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard, in Chennai on August 18, 2024, DG Paramesh Sivamani was assigned the additional responsibility of Director General of the Coast Guard before his promotion to the position of Director General.

About DG Paramesh Sivamani

- ❖ DG Paramesh Sivamani attended the Defence Services Staff College in Wellington, Tamil Nadu, and the National Defence College in New Delhi.
- ❖ He oversaw all of the Indian Coast Guard's major ships and is regarded as an expert in navigation and direction.
- ❖ Sivamani has distinguished himself in a variety of onshore and offshore roles during the past 35 years.
- ❖ Being the commander of the Eastern and Western Coast Guard Regions is one of his primary staff responsibilities.
- ❖ In September 2022, DG Paramesh Sivamani was sent to the Coast Guard Headquarters in New Delhi after being elevated to the position of Additional Director General.
- ❖ DG Paramesh Sivamani received the President's Tatrakshak Medal in 2019 and the Tatrakshak Medal in 2014 for his distinguished career. Additionally, he received the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (East) Commendation in 2009 and the DG Coast Guard Commendation in 2012.

Award

Odisha wins best state in 5th National Water Awards 2023



About News:-

- ❖ On October 14, 2024, in New Delhi, Union Minister for Jal Shakti Chandrakant Raghunath Patil revealed that Odisha has won the best state award in the 5th National Water Awards 2023. At a ceremony scheduled for October 22, 2024, in New Delhi, the winners of the prizes in each category will be presented. President Droupadi Murmu will preside over the award ceremonies.

About the National Water Awards

- ❖ The Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation, which is part of the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti, established the National Water Awards. The purpose of the award was to encourage individuals to embrace the best water usage practices and raise awareness of the value of water.
- ❖ After the inaugural prize was awarded in 2018, it was awarded again in 2019, 2020, and 2022.

2023's Fifth National Water Award Recipients

- ❖ 38 winners have been chosen for the 2023 edition of the award, which is offered in nine categories.

Best State Category

1. Odisha
2. Uttar Pradesh
3. Puducherry and Gujarat

Sport

Payal Kanodia shines at the IUKL World Championship 2024 in Corfu, Greece winning two golds for India



About News:-

- ❖ From October 10 to 14, Payal Kanodia earned two gold medals in the International Union of Kettlebell Lifting (IUKL) World Championship 2024, which was hosted in Corfu, Greece.

Key Points:

- ❖ Her triumph has caused a great deal of pride and joy throughout the country, not only in her hometown of Tauru, Haryana.
- ❖ In the 68 kg weight class, Kanodia won her first gold medal in the 16 kg Snatch event, competing against elite athletes from 30 different nations. Following this victory, she won another gold medal in the 68 kg division of the Double Arm Long Cycle (16+16 kg) competition.
- ❖ At the 2021 IUKL World Championship in Budapest, Hungary, she took home a silver medal.
- ❖ Her "Lakshya" program aims to support over 500 young athletes by 2025, fostering youth engagement in sports

Obituary

Veteran Marathi Actor Atul Parchure Passes Away at 57

About News:-

After a valiant two-year fight with cancer, renowned Marathi actor Atul Parchure passed away on Monday at the age of 57. Parchure is renowned for his extraordinary flexibility in theater, film, and television. His legacy is honored not just for his performances but also for his unwavering spirit and optimistic view of the world.

About Atul Parchure

- ❖ Pathure's lengthy and fruitful career in the entertainment sector began in 1985 with the release of the Marathi film Khichdi.
- ❖ He gained widespread recognition throughout the years for his comedic timing in several Marathi plays and movies, such as Tarun Turk Mhatre Arka, Navra Majha Navsacha, Priyatama, and Vasu Chi Sasu.



- ❖ At the 2021 IUKL World Championship in Budapest, Hungary, she took home a silver medal.
- ❖ Parchure gained widespread recognition in Hindi television through shows like Comedy Nights With Kapil, R K Laxman Ki Duniya, and Comedy Circus.
- ❖ He featured in notable Hindi films such as Salaam-E-Ishq, Partner, All the Best, Khatta Meetha, Bbuddah... Hoga Terra Baap, and Brave Heart.

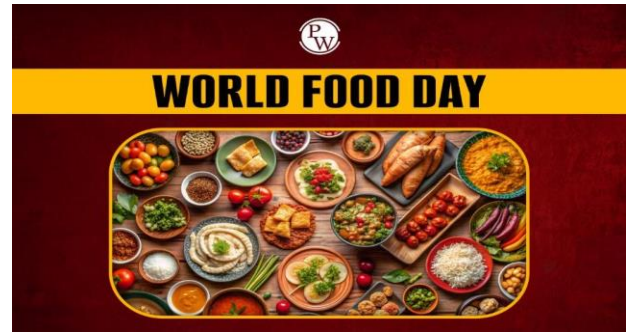
Important Day

World Food Day -16 October

About Day:-

- ❖ Every year on October 16th, World Food Day is celebrated to bring attention to global hunger, malnutrition, and food insecurity. This day commemorates the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in 1945.
- ❖ World Food Day 2024 is set to focus on critical issues related to food distribution, sustainable agriculture, and ensuring food security for everyone across the globe. This day is a reminder to unite and work toward eradicating hunger, particularly in a world where millions still suffer from a lack of access to nutritious food.

The theme for World Food Day 2024 is “Right to Food for a Better Life and a Better Future.”



History:-

- ❖ World Food Day was established by the FAO in 1979 to bring attention to the plight of hungry and food-insecure populations worldwide. The day was first celebrated on October 16, 1981, and quickly gained traction, with over 150 countries now participating.
- ❖ In 1996, the World Food Summit declared food security a fundamental right, emphasizing access to sufficient, nutritious food for all. Over the years, the day's focus has evolved from merely addressing hunger to a more comprehensive view that encompasses sustainable agriculture, food systems, nutrition, and climate change.

