

## Polity And Governance

### New Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir

#### Why in the news?

Omar Abdullah took oath as the first Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

- ❖ He belongs to the National Conference (NC) political party.

#### Jammu and Kashmir Election Results:

Total Strength: 90

- ❖ The National Conference-Congress alliance achieved a remarkable victory in Jammu and Kashmir, winning 48 seats (NC: 42 and Congress: 6).
- ❖ The BJP emerged as the second-largest party with 29 seats.
- ❖ Independents secured 7 seats, PDP managed to win 3 seats, AAP, CPI (M) and JPC managed to win one seat each.

#### List of Ministers:

- ❖ The list of ministers who took oath included Javed Ahmed Rana, Surinder Kumar Choudhary, Sakeena Masood, Satish Sharma and Javed Ahmad Dar.

- Surinder Choudhary has been sworn in as 1st Deputy CM of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

#### Strength of the Council of Ministers:

- ❖ As per the J&K Reorganisation Act, Jammu and Kashmir UT will have a Council of Ministers of not more than 10 percent of total number of members in the Assembly.
- ❖ J&K has a 90-member Assembly plus there is a provision of nomination of five members including two women, two Kashmiri Pandits, one of them a woman, and a PoJK refugee which will take the House strength to 95.
  - In the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, there would be only 10 ministers including the Chief Minister.



## New Statue Of Lady Justice

### Why in the news?

The new statue of Lady Justice at the Supreme Court of India has brought some changes to the traditional representations.

- ❖ Until now, the statue had a blindfold on her eyes representing the equality of all citizens before law.
- ❖ The redesigned figure has a few symbolic alterations.
  - Placed in the judges' library, the statue doesn't have a blindfold anymore.
  - It also has a copy of the Indian Constitution in its left hand instead of a sword.
    - ✓ A copy of the Indian Constitution aims to underline the fact that justice in India is predominantly based on the constitutional provisions.
  - It continues to have scales of justice in the right hand representing fair judgment.
    - ✓ To emphasise that the courts weigh both sides of an argument before delivering a judgement.
  - The new statue is now dressed in a saree as against the Western robe



## International Relations

### 7th International Solar Alliance Assembly

#### Why in the news?

The Seventh Session of the International Solar Alliance Assembly will be held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from 03 November to 06 November 2024.

- ❖ It will be held under the presidency of India and co-presidency of France.
- ❖ **Objective:**
  - It will deliberate on initiatives of the International Solar Alliance that impact energy access, security and traditions.
  - It will also focus on empowering member countries to adopt solar energy and mobilize finance to speed up solar deployment.

### Initiatives of International Solar Alliance

- ❖ **SolarX Startup Challenge**, launched by ISA in collaboration with Invest India in 2022, at COP27 in Egypt.
  - It aims to foster entrepreneurship by supporting scalable and replicable solar energy business models in ISA's Member Countries.
- ❖ **The STAR-C initiative** was launched in 2022 by ISA, UNIDO, and the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, France.
  - It aims to build capacity and align skills with national training needs.
  - It enhances quality infrastructure and standards for photovoltaic and solar thermal products to drive economic growth and job creation.
- ❖ **Global Solar Facility**: launched in 2022,
  - It enhances solar investments in underserved regions, particularly Africa, using tools like the Solar Payment Guarantee Fund and Solar Insurance Fund.

- ❖ **The First International Solar Festival**, launched in September 2024, brought together corporates, academia, youth, community leaders, and other stakeholders to exchange ideas, promoting creativity and international cooperation for a future driven by solar energy.

### About the International Solar Alliance:

- ❖ It is an international organisation with 120 Member & Signatory Countries.
- ❖ It was formed at the 21st Conference of Parties (COP21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Paris in 2015.
- ❖ HQ: Gurugram, Haryana, India.
- ❖ DG of ISA: Ajay Mathur.



### SEVENTH SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE ASSEMBLY

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## Sports

### ICC Hall of Fame

#### Why in the news?

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced three new additions to the ICC Hall of Fame.

- ❖ England's Alastair Cook, India's legend Neetu David and dynamic South African batter AB de Villiers are the latest additions to the "ICC Hall of Fame".
  - Neetu David is the second woman from India to make it into the ICC Hall of Fame following the induction of Diana Edulji in 2023.

#### About the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame

- ❖ It was launched on 2 January 2009 in association with the Federation of International Cricketers Associations (FICA), as part of the ICC's centenary year celebrations.
  - It recognises the achievements of the legends of the game from cricket's long and illustrious history.

#### Indian Cricketers in ICC Hall of Fame:

Name of Cricketer	Year in which they were inducted in ICC Hall of Fame
1. Nitu David	2024
2. Virendra Sehwag	2023
3. Diana Edulji	2023
4. Vinoo Mankad	2021
5. Sachin Tendulkar	2019
6. Rahul Dravid	2018
7. Anil Kumble	2015
8. Kapil Dev	2010
9. Bishan Singh Bedi	2009
10. Sunil Gavaskar	2009





### Persons In News

#### Shubha Tole

##### Why in the news?

Shubha Tole has been appointed as the president-elect of the International Brain Research Organisation (IBRO).

- ❖ At present, she is serving as the dean of graduate studies at Mumbai's premier scientific research institute – Tata Institute of Fundamental Research.
  - She is the first scientist from a developing country to be appointed to the top position.

##### International Brain Research Organisation (IBRO)

- ❖ It is the global association of neuroscience societies established in 1961.
  - It aims to promote and support neuroscience around the world through training, education, research, outreach and engagement activities, and the publication of two journals, Neuroscience and IBRO Neuroscience Reports.

- ❖ The IBRO governing council represents 69 scientific societies and federations from 57 countries worldwide.
- ❖ Headquarters is located in Paris, France



### Important Days/ Dates

#### International Day for Eradication of Poverty

##### Why in the news?

The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed annually on October 17.

- ❖ **Objective:** To raise awareness about the people struggling and living in poverty worldwide.
- ❖ **History of this day:**
  - In December 1992, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared October 17 as International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

❖ Theme 2024:

- “Ending Social and Institutional Maltreatment Acting together for just, peaceful and inclusive societies.”



**INTERNATIONAL  
DAY for the  
ERADICATION  
of POVERTY**  
17 OCTOBER



News in Short

- ❖ Actress Rashmika Mandanna has been appointed as the national brand ambassador of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C).
  - I4C is an initiative of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India to combat cyber crimes.
  - She will spearhead a nationwide campaign aimed at raising awareness about cyber threats and promoting online safety.
- ❖ National Skill Training Institute (NSTI) extension centre was inaugurated at the Andhra Medical Tech Zone (AMTZ) campus in Visakhapatnam by Union Minister Jayant Chaudhary.

- ❖ As of October 2024, Global SWF has crowned Abu Dhabi with the title of world's richest country, in terms of its sovereign wealth funds.
  - It is followed by Oslo (home of the world's largest SWF, NBIM), Beijing, Singapore, Riyadh and Hong Kong. ..
  - Sovereign wealth fund, is a government-owned investment pool created from surplus reserves, often accumulated through government generated revenue.
- ❖ SECL (became the first Coal Company to open four AMRIT pharmacies).
  - SECL stands for South Eastern Coalfields Limited and is a Chhattisgarh-based subsidiary of Coal India
  - The AMRIT (Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment) pharmacies are part of a flagship initiative launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in 2015.

➤ It provide a wide range of generic and life-saving branded drugs, implants, and surgical consumables at highly subsidized rates.

❖ Nikita Porwal has been crowned Femina Miss India 2024.

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