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Amit Shah launch four new App for implementation of New Criminal laws



Key Points:

- ❖ The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah launched four apps—eSakshya, Nyaya Setu, Nyaya Shruti, and eSummon—to ensure the smooth implementation of the three new criminal laws in the country.
- ❖ Amit Shah launched the apps at an event in Chandigarh on 4 August 2024.
- ❖ The Punjab Governor and Administrator of the Union territory of Chandigarh, Gulab Chand Kataria, and the Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla were also present.
- ❖ Speaking on the occasion, Amit Shah said that with the full implementation of the three new criminal laws, a judgment to the Supreme Court will be possible within three years.

Functions of the four Apps:

- ❖ According to Amit Shah under:
- ❖ e-Sakshya, all testimonies, videography and photography will be

saved on the e-evidence server. It will be available to all the courts on a real-time basis.

- ❖ e-Summon app, the courts will electronically send summons to police stations and the concerned person to whom the summons is to be sent.
- ❖ Nyaya Setu Dashboard will link the Police, Medical, Forensic, Prosecution, and Prison authorities.
- ❖ It will provide the police with all the information related to the investigation on a real-time basis. Nyaya Shruti app will enable the court to hear witnesses via video conferencing.

About the three new Criminal Laws of India

- ❖ The recently enacted three laws which seek to change the criminal justice system of the country completely are as follows:
- ❖ Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, replacing the Indian Penal Code 1860,
- ❖ Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, replacing the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, and
- ❖ Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023, replacing Indian Evidence Act, 1872.
- ❖ These laws have been implemented all over the country from 1 July 2024.

- ❖ Under these laws, forensic investigation is a must in criminal cases where the minimum sentence is 7 years.

Government releases commemorative stamps for the 33rd Paris Olympics



Key Points:

- ❖ The Department of Post under the Union Ministry of Communication has released four commemorative stamps for the 33rd Summer Olympics, which is being held in Paris, France, from 26 July to 11 August 2024.
- ❖ The stamp was released at a function held in New Delhi on 5 August 2024.
- ❖ Who released the Commemorative stamps?
- ❖ The commemorative stamps were released by the Union Minister of Communication, Jyotiraditya Scindia, and Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya.
- ❖ The function was attended by Paris Olympics bronze medallist shooter Sarabjot Singh, Steeplechase Athlete Sudha Singh, and former Cricketer Akash Chopra.
- ❖ Sarabjot Singh won a historic bronze medal in the 10-meter air pistol mixed team event, partnering Manu Bhaker in the 2024 Paris Olympics.
- ❖ The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has announced that shooter Manu Bhaker will be one of the flag bearers of India at the closing ceremony of the 2024 Paris Olympics.
- ❖ The IOA has yet to announce a male flag bearer for the closing ceremony. Manu Bhaker is the only Indian to have won two medals in a single Olympics. She won a bronze medal in the 10-meter air pistol event.
- ❖ She again won a bronze medal in the 10-meter air pistol mixed team event with Sarabjot Singh. In 2020, the International Olympic Committee allowed one male and one female athlete to hold the flag of their nation during the opening ceremony of the Olympics.
- ❖ Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu and Commonwealth Games medallist table tennis veteran Sharath Kamal were the flag bearers of the Opening ceremony of the 2024 Paris Olympics.

President Murmu official visit to Fiji, New Zealand and Timor Leste



Key Points:

- ❖ President Droupadi Murmu has embarked on a state visit to Fiji, New Zealand and Timor Leste from 5 -10 August 2024.
- ❖ For the first time, an Indian President will visit Fiji and Timor Leste.
- ❖ The visit is part of the Indian government's Act East policy announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ❖ The policy aims to promote economic, cultural and strategic ties with the countries of the Indo-Pacific region.
- ❖ During her visit to the Pacific island nation of Fiji, President Murmu will meet with Fijian President Ratu Wiliame Katonivere and Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka.
- ❖ During her three-day visit from 5 to 7 August, President Murmu will address the 55-member Fijian Parliament.
- ❖ Around two-fifths of the population of Fiji is made up of people of Indian descent. They were brought to Fiji by the British as indentured labourers to work in the sugarcane fields of Fiji.
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- ❖ A Commission for India was set up in Fiji in 1948, much before Fiji gained independence in 1970.



President's Visit to New Zealand



Key Points:

- ❖ After Fiji, President Droupadi Murmu will visit New Zealand for a two-day, 8 & 9th August 2024. An Indian President will visit New Zealand after eight years.
- ❖ Before President Murmu, President Pranab Mukherjee visited Fiji in May 2016 She will meet the Governor General of New Zealand, Dame Cindy Kiro, Prime Minister Christopher Luxon and Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Winston Peters.
- ❖ She will address an International Education Conference in Wellington, .Around 8000 Indian students study in New Zealand.

- ❖ She will also interact with New Zealanders of Indian origin. In the total population of 5 million, around 3 lakhs are of Indian origin.

President's Visit to Timor Leste



- ❖ For the first time, an Indian President will visit Timor Leste after it gained independence from Indonesia in 2002.
- ❖ During President Murmu's visit, she will meet President José Ramos-Horta and Prime Minister Kay Rala "Xanana" Gusmão. India has announced that it will shortly open an Embassy in Timor Leste.

Novak Djokovic 5th player to achieve Golden Slam



Key Points:

- ❖ Serbian Tennis legend Novak Djokovic became the fifth tennis player in history to claim the Golden Slam.

- ❖ He won the elusive Olympic gold medal at the 33rd Summer Olympics in Paris, France, to complement his Grand Slam singles titles at the Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and the US Open.
- ❖ He joined the list of Rafael Nadal of France, Serena Williams and Andre Agassi of the United States, and Steffi Graf of Germany, winning the singles title of the four Grand Slam and an Olympic Gold Medal.
- ❖ Gold for Djokovic at the Paris Olympics Novak Djokovic won the men's singles gold medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics by defeating Spain's Carlos Alcaraz in straight sets, 7-6(3), 7-6(2), in the final on 4 August 2024.

Zomato launched new app 'District' to capture its 'going-out' market



Key Points:

- ❖ Food aggregator Zomato has launched a new app, District, to expand its services beyond its core food delivery and quick commerce business.
- ❖ The new platform aims to consolidate various 'going-out' services such as

dining, movies, sports ticketing, live performances, shopping, and staycations, creating a onestop destination for customers.

- ❖ Zomato and Blinkit are currently serving customers' needs at home, but there is a large opportunity to expand into the goingout market.

Ind-Ra ups FY25 GDP growth forecast to 7.5% on expectation of high demand



Key Points:

- ❖ India Ratings & Research (Ind-Ra) upped India's GDP growth forecast for the current fiscal to 7.5 percent from 7.1 percent projected earlier on an expectation of improved consumption demand.
- ❖ The ongoing growth momentum led by government capex, deleveraged balance sheets of corporates/banks, and incipient private corporate capex cycle has now found support from Union Budget.

Updated GDP List

- ❖ FICCI - 7 % (FY25)
- ❖ ADB - 7% (FY25), 7.2%(FY26)
- ❖ IMF - 7% (FY25), 6.5% (FY26)
- ❖ NCAER - 7.5% (FY25)

- ❖ SP - 6.8% (FY25), 6.9% (FY26), 7% (FY27)
- ❖ Fitch Rating -7.2% (FY25)
- ❖ CI-8 % (FY25)
- ❖ World Bank - 6.6% (FY25), 6.7% (FY26), 6.8% (FY27)
- ❖ RBI -7.2% (FY25)
- ❖ Goldman Sachs - 6.8% (FY25), 6.9% (CY24)

BSF Director General, Deputy removed 'with immediate effect



Key Points:

- ❖ The Centre removed BSF Director General (DG) Nitin Agrawal and his deputy Special DG (West) Y B Khurania, sending them back to their respective state cadres with immediate effect.
- ❖ Agrawal is a 1989-batch Kerala cadre officer, while Khurania belongs to the 1990-batch of the Odisha cadre.
- ❖ The about 2.65-lakh personnel strong BSF guards Indian borders with Pakistan on the west and Bangladesh on the east.
- ❖ Agrawal had taken charge as the Border Security Force chief in June last year.

- ❖ Khurania, as the special DG (West), was heading the formation of the force along the Pakistan border.

About Border Security Force (BSF)

- ❖ Founded-1 December 1965
- ❖ Founder- Khusro Faramurz Rustamji
- ❖ Constituting instrument - Border Security Force Act 1968
- ❖ Headquarters - New Delhi
- ❖ Director General- IPS Nitin Agarwal

India selects 2 crew members for Axiom-4 mission to International Space Station



Key Points:

- ❖ India has shortlisted two astronaut-designates for the upcoming Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS).
- ❖ Indian astronauts Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla and Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair have been shortlisted to go to the U.S. to train for the upcoming Axiom-4 mission to ISS.
- ❖ The Axiom-4 mission is the fourth private astronaut mission to the International Space Station.

- ❖ A National Mission Assignment Board has recommended two Gaganyatris (astronauts) as prime and backup Mission Pilot for this mission. Group Captain Shukla will be the prime mission pilot and Group Captain Nair will be the back up

Lakshya Sen claims historic win to become first Indian male shuttler to enter Olympic semis



Key Points:

- ❖ Lakshya Sen made history by becoming the first male Indian shuttler to qualify for the semi-finals of an Olympics.
- ❖ He achieved this milestone by defeating Chinese Taipei's Chou Tien-chen with a score of 19-21, 21-15, 21-12 in the quarter-finals of the 2024 Paris Olympics.
- ❖ Sen will compete in the semi-final against either Denmark's Viktor Axelsen or Loh Kean Yew of Singapore. Previously, the best performances by Indian male shuttlers in the Olympic men's singles badminton tournament were by Parupalli Kashyap (London 2012) and Kidambi Srikanth (Rio 2016), both of whom reached the quarter-finals.

BANGLADESH UNREST



Key Points:

- ❖ The total death toll since the protest movement began in July now stands at over 300. A nationwide overnight curfew has been in place.
- ❖ At least 90 people were killed in Bangladesh on Sunday, amid worsening clashes between police and anti-government protesters.
- ❖ The unrest comes as student leaders have declared a campaign of civil disobedience to demand that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina step down.
- ❖ Thirteen police officers were killed when thousands of people attacked a police station in the district of Sirajganj, police said.
- ❖ **Why are Students Protesting in Bangladesh?**
- ❖ Since the 1971 Liberation War, Bangladesh has set aside 30% of civil service and public sector jobs for the

descendants of those who fought for independence from Pakistan.

- ❖ This quota system was introduced in 1972 by Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Sheikh Hasina's father.
- ❖ Students started a protest against the quota system in October 2018, forcing the Bangladesh government under Sheikh Haseena to abolish all quotas.
- ❖ However, the High Court of Bangladesh overturned that decision in June 2024 and reinstated the quota system again after petitions from relatives of 1971 veterans.
- ❖ This meant that 56% of government jobs were reserved for specific groups, including children and grandchildren of freedom fighters, women, and people from disadvantaged areas. This sparked the recent protests, with students questioning why benefits were being extended to the third generation of freedom fighters and demanding a merit-based recruitment system.
- ❖ Last month, the Supreme Court of Bangladesh reduced the controversial quota system for government job applicants. The court ruled that 93% of government jobs should be allocated based on merit, with only 7% reserved for the relatives of 1971 war veterans and other

categories. Previously, 30% of such jobs were reserved for war veterans' relatives.

Will Army Rule Bangladesh?



- ❖ The current chief of the army of Bangladesh has shown a supportive stance towards the students protesting against the system. Bangladesh Army chief Waker-Uz-Zaman announced plans to set up an interim government after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina resigned.
- ❖ In his speech to the nation, the army chief urged for peace and promised that all deaths related to the current

unrest would be investigated and those responsible would be punished.

- ❖ He assured the public that the military is dedicated to restoring order and finding a resolution by tonight. "Trust the military. We will investigate all the killings and punish those responsible," he said.
- ❖ "I have ordered that no army or police personnel will engage in any kind of shooting." He also urged students to remain calm and support the military's efforts.



Begum Khaleda Zia is a Bangladeshi politician who served as the prime minister of Bangladesh from March 1991 to March 1996, and again from June 2001 to October 2006. She was the first female prime minister of Bangladesh and second female prime minister in the Muslim world, after Benazir Bhutto.

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