

## **ODISHA CURRENT AFFAIRS**

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# PM Modi arrives in Nigeria, receives grand welcome on maiden visit

### **Key Points:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi received a warm and enthusiastic welcome from the Indian community during his first-ever visit to Nigeria on Sunday. A large gathering greeted him at Abuja airport, chanting slogans like "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Vande Mataram" to celebrate his arrival in the West African nation.
- In Nigeria, the Marathi community expressed joy at Marathi being conferred the status of a Classical Language. It is truly commendable how they remain connected to their culture and roots.

ତାଙ୍କୁ ବାଦତ କରିଥିବାରୁ ନାଇତେବିଆରେ ଥିବା ଭାରତୀୟ ସମୁଦାୟକୁ ଧମ୍ମବାଦତ କଥାଇ ପ୍ରଧାନମଣ ମୋବ୍ୟ ସାଧିକ ଶଣମାଧମ 'ଏଙ୍କରେ ଏକ ପୋଷ କେଷ୍ଟ୍ରଞ୍ଜରି, "ନାଇତେରିଆରେ ଭାରତୀୟ ସମ୍ପ୍ରଦାୟର ଏକରି ଛଣ୍ଡ ଏବଂ 'ହୀତକ ୱାଗତ ଦେଖି ଆନ୍ତିବା ସେ ନାଇତେରିଆରେ ଉତ୍କୃଥିବା ଭାରତୀୟ ସମ୍ପ୍ରଦାୟକୁ ପ୍ରଖଂସା କରିଥିଲେ। ପ୍ରଧାନମଣ୍ଡୀ ପଞ୍ଜିଣ ଆଫ୍ରିକା ଦେଖରେ ଉତ୍କୃଥିବା ବହୁ ସଂଖ୍ୟକ ଭାରତୀୟ ମହିଳା, ଶିଶ୍ୱ ଏବଂ ପ୍ରତୁଷଙ୍କ ସହ ଇଥାବାର୍ଭା କରିବା ସହ ସେମାସ ସହ ଫଟୋ ଅପରୋଜ୍ କରିଥିଲେ ।

କରେପ୍ରର ୧୬ରୁ ୧୭ ତାରିଖ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ନାଇତେରିଆ ଗଞ୍ଜ କରିବା ପରେ ପ୍ରଧାନମନ୍ତୀ ମୋଦୀ ଜି-୨ ୦ ଖିଖର ଏଖିଳନୀପାଇଁ କ୍ରାଜିଲ ଗଞ୍ଜ କରିବେ। ପ୍ରଧାନମନ୍ତ ଅତିମ ରତବ୍ୟ କ୍ରକ ହେଉଛି ରୁଯାନା।

ଆଫ୍ରିକୀୟ ଦେଶ ନାଇକେରିଆ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ଭାରତର ପ୍ରଧାନମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ନରେନ୍ଦ୍ର ମୋଦୀଙ୍କୁ ନିଜର ହ୍ୱିତୀୟ ସର୍ବୋଚ୍ଚ ଜାତୀୟ ପୁରୟାର ଗ୍ରାଣ୍ଡ କମାଣ୍ଡର ଅଫ୍ ବି ଅର୍ଡର ଅଫ୍ ଦି ନାଇକରରେ ସମ୍ମାନିତ କରିଛି। ଏହି ସମ୍ମାନ ପାଇବାରେ ପ୍ରଧାନମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ମୋଦୀ ହେଉଛନ୍ତି ହ୍ୱିତୀୟ ବିଦେଶୀ ପ୍ରତିନିଧି ।





# Manipur Witnesses Massive Mob Violence Again

#### **Key Points:**

#### 2 more bodies found; Army deployed in Imphal

Bodies of five Meitei abductees found, one still missing body of a Kuki-Zo man shot in the head also found; Home Minister cancels Maharashtra poll radies to review Mani security situation. Arms, Assam Rifles deployed in Imphal to strengthen the security situation; say police, Manipur unit of Cong. asks Biren to seek an appointment with M





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କର୍ଫୁଏ ଭିତରେ ଛିତି ନିୟତ୍ତଶରେ ଥିଲେ ମଧ୍ୟ କେତେବେଳେ କିଭକି ପରିଛିତି ସୃଷ୍ଟି ହେବ କହି ହେଉନାହିଁ । ସମଗ୍ର ରାଜ୍ୟରେ ସଶସ୍ତ ଉଗ୍ରବାଦୀ ସଂଗଠନ ବିରୋଧରେ ନିର୍ଶାୟକ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାନୁଷ୍ଠାନ ଦାବି କରି ମଣିପୁରର ନାଗରିକ ସମାଜ ରାଜ୍ୟ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ୨୪ ଘର୍ଷିଆ ସମୟସୀମା ଦେଇଛନ୍ତି।

- ❖ As tensions soared in Manipur following the recovery of the bodies of all six missing persons, protesters targeted the houses of ministers and MLAs, ransacking their residences and setting some of them on fire. They also tried to storm the Chief Minister N Biren Singh's house as security forces responded by firing tear gas to disperse the crowd in various parts of Imphal.
- Manipur, like much of the rest of northeast, is a mosaic of various communities which have a history of distrust towards each other.
- Meiteis comprise a little more than half of the population while the tribals, Kukis and Nagas, are nearly 40%, 25% Kukis and 15% Nagas.
- Most of the Meiteis live in the Imphal valley while the tribals live in the hill districts. Meiteis are predominantly Hindus, but also follow their ancient animist beliefs and practices.
- \* 8% of the Meiteis are Muslims called Meitei Pangals. Most of Kukis and Nagas are Christians. Kukis are spread all over the northeast and Myanmar. In Manipur, most of them migrated from Myanmar, beginning centuries ago.
- The current conflict between Meiteis and 'tribals' is the extension of hills-versusplains conflict seen elsewhere in the northeast. Kukis and Nagas who live in the hills complain that most of the benefits in shape of development go to the Meiteiinhabited areas which is mainly the Imphal valley. They also complain that 40 of the state assembly's 60 seats are reserved for Meiteis while they are only half of the population.
- The Centre on Thursday reimposed the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) in six police station areas of



- Manipur. The Home Ministry's notification mentioned the "volatile" situation and "active participation of insurgent groups in heinous acts of violence" as the reasons.
- AFSPA, which traces its roots to a colonial statute introduced in response to the Quit India Movement in 1942, was retained in independent India. The law was first brought as an ordinance, and then notified as an Act in 1958.
- Over the years, AFSPA has been imposed in the Northeast, Jammu and Kashmir, and Punjab (during the years of militancy). It remains in force in parts of Nagaland, Assam, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh, and the entirety of J&K.
- AFSPA gives sweeping powers to the armed forces by providing military personnel blanket immunity for a range of actions.
- t allows the military to open fire and even cause death — against any person breaking the law or carrying arms and ammunition. It also gives them the power to arrest individuals and search premises without warrants on the basis "reasonable suspicion".
- There can be no legal proceedings against armed forces personnel for these actions without prior approval from the Centre. AFSPA can be imposed by the Centre or the Governor of a state, on the entire state or parts of it, after these areas are declared "disturbed" under Section 3 of the Act.

### Miss Universe 2024 crown goes to **Denmark**

#### **Key Points:**

The 73rd edition of Miss Universe concluded on November 17, with 21-yearold Victoria Kjaer Theilvig of Denmark winning the crown.

- This is the first time a Danish contestant has become Miss Universe. India's Rhea Singha could not make it to the top 12.
- The last time an Indian won Miss Universe was in 2021, when Harnaaz Sandhu clinched the crown.



ମେକ୍ସିକୋର ଆରେନା ସିଡିଏମଏକ୍ସ, ମେକ୍ସିକୋ ସିଟିରେ ଅନୁଷିତ ହୋଇଥିବା ମିସ ୟୂନିଭର୍ସ ୨୦୨୪ ବିୟୂଟି କጫେଷର ୭୩ତମ ସଂଷ୍କରଣର ଫଳାଫଳ ଘୋଷଣା ହୋଇଯାଇଛି।

- ଏହି ଘୋଷଣା ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ମିସ ୟୁନିଭର୍ସ-୨ ୦ ୨ ୪ର ବିଜେତା ଡେନମାର୍କର ଭିଲ୍ବୋରିଆ କଜେର ଥେଲଭିଗ ହୋଇଛନ୍ତି। ଭିକ୍ଟୋରିଆ କଟେରଙ୍କୁ ଗତ ବର୍ଷର ମିସ ୟୁନିଭର୍ସ ବିଜେତା ନିକାରାଗୁଆର ଶେନିସ ପାଲାସିଓସ ମୁକୁଟ ପିନ୍ଧାଇଥିଲେ।
  - ଏହି ମୁକ୍ରଟର ନାମ 'ଲୁମିଏରେ ଦେ ଇନଫିନି' । ଯାହାର ଅର୍ଥ ଆଲୋକର ଅସୀମତା । ଏହି ମିସ୍ ୟୁନିଭର୍ସ ମୁକୁଟ ମହିଳା ସଶକ୍ତିକରଣର ପ୍ରତିନିଧିତ୍ୱ କରେ ଏବଂ ଏହା ହୀରା ସହିତ<sup>ି</sup> ୨୩ ଟି ସୁଁବର୍ଣ୍ଣ ମୋତିରେ ସୁସଜିତ। ଏହି ସୁବର୍ଷ ମୋତି ଦକ୍ଷିଣ ସାଗରରୁ ସଂଗ୍ରହ କରାଯାଇଥିବା ବେଳେ ଏହାକୁ ପାରମ୍ପାରିକ କୌଶଳ ବ୍ୟବହାର କରି ୨ ବର୍ଷ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଫିଲିପାଇନ୍କ କାରିଗରମାନେ ପସ୍ତ୍ରତ କରିଛନ୍ତି।
  - ତେବେ ଏହି ମୁକୁଟର ବିଜୟିନୀ ହୋଇଥିବା ଡେନମାର୍କର ଭିକ୍ଟୋରିଆ କଜେର ଥେଲଭିଗଙ୍କୁ ମିଁସ୍ ୟନିଭର୍ସ ୨୦୨୪ ବିୟଟି କ୍ଷେଷ୍ଟର ୭୩ତମ ସଂୟରଣର ମଞ୍ଚ ଉପରେଁ ଅନେକି ପ୍ରଶ୍ର ପଚରା ଯାଇଥିଲା।

ବିକୟିନୀଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ଶେଷ ପ୍ରଶ୍ମ ଥିଲା, 'ମିସ ୟୁନିଭର୍ସ ମହିଳାଙ୍କ ପିଡ଼ିକୁ ପ୍ରେରିଚ କରିଛି। ସେହି ଲୋକମାନଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ଆପଣଙ୍କ କ'ଶ ବାର୍ରା ରହିବ।

ପର୍ଯ୍ୟମାନେ ଅପରଙ୍କୁ ହେଥି । ଅନ୍ତର୍ଯ୍ୟମାନେ ଅପରଙ୍କୁ ହେଥି । ମିସ ନେମାର୍ଡ ଏହି ପ୍ରିୟ ଖୁଣିବା ପରେ ଆଟୋ ଉଣ କରି ନଥିଲେ । ଏହା ଭାବେ ଉଇର ବେଲ କହିଥିଲେ, 'ମୋର ଏହି ଦାର୍ଭା ବିଶ୍ୱର ସମସ ଲୋକଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ରେଉଁମାନେ ମୋତେ ବେଖୁଛରି । ଏହା ପ୍ରକାବ ପତ୍ୟବ ନହିଁ କି ଅପଣ କେଉଁ ଠାରୁ ଆସିଛରି କି ଆପଣଙ୍କ ଅତିଥ କଣ? ମୋର ଆପଣମାନଙ୍କୁ ଗୋବିଏ ବାର୍ଭା ବି ଆପଣସଙ୍କୁବର୍ତନେ ନିଜର ଦୁର୍ବନତାକୁ ନିଜର ଶକ୍ତି କରିବାକୁ ବିକଳ ଭାବେ ବାଛି ନିଅନ୍ତୁ । ଆପଣଙ୍କ ଅତିଥ କେବେ ସିଉ କରିବ ନାହିଁ କି ଆପଣ କିଏ? ଆପଣଙ୍କୁ ପ୍ରତି କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ସଂଘର୍ଷ କରିବାକୁ ହେବ ।

ଆତି ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ସଂସର୍ଷ ବିକା କାହାକୁ ବି ସଫରତା ମିଳିକାହାଁ ମୁଁ ଆଢି ଏଠାରେ ଏଥିପାଇଁ ଛିଡ଼ା ହୋଇଛି କାହିଁବି ନା ମୁଁ କିଛି ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତନ ତାହୁଁଛି। ସବୁବେଳେ ନିକ ଜପରେ ଓ ନିକ ତ୍ରପ ଉପରେ ବିଶ୍ୱାସ ରଖନ୍ତ। "

### History of Suez Canal, its economic importance

#### **Key Points:**

- The world would never be the same after the Suez Canal officially opened to ships on November 17, 1869.
- The 193-km artificial waterway connects the Red Sea to the Mediterranean through the Isthmus of Suez cut down the sea route from Asia to Europe by up to 7,000 km by negating the need for ships to travel around the southern tip of Africa to traverse between the Indian and Atlantic Oceans.
- Today it is one of the world's busiest waterways, handling roughly 12 per cent of global commerce.



- A trade route through Suez connecting Europe and Asia can be traced to antiquity. There is some evidence of a canal being constructed in the region during the reign of Pharaoh Senausret III, who ruled in the second millennium BCE.
- But the idea for the modern-day canal can be traced to the eighteenth century, during the peak of European colonial expansion.



- ❖ In the speech, [Nasser] denounced British imperialism in Egypt and British control over the canal company's profits, and upheld that the Egyptian people had a right to sovereignty over the waterway, especially since "120,000 Egyptians had died (sic)" building it.
- It was French diplomat and engineer Ferdinand de Lesseps, whose efforts to win over the support of the Egyptian viceroy Sai'id Pasha for support for the canal's construction that eventually bore fruit.
- In 1858, the Universal Suez Ship Canal Company was tasked to construct and operate the canal for 99 years, after which rights would be handed to the Egyptian government.
- After more than ten years of construction, which claimed thousands of lives Egypt's future leader Gamal Abdel Nasser claimed that there were 12 lakh worker fatalities and was faced with many obstacles including crippling financial difficulties, the canal was opened for international navigation in 1869.
- French and British investors held most of the shares in the canal company. The canal was used by European powers to maintain

- their maritime and colonial interests in Asia and eastern Africa.
- The British, after a 1936 treaty, maintained a massive defensive force along the Suez Canal Zone. But as a curtain drew upon European empires, the Suez Canal became a major flashpoint.
- In 1954, facing pressure from Egyptian nationalists, Britain signed a treaty that would see the withdrawal of British troops from Suez in the next seven years. This was, however, never going to be enough.
- In 1956, then Egypt President Nasser nationalized the Suez Canal. He declared that the revenue from the busy trade route would pay for the construction of the Aswan dam on River Nile, which would generate electricity for his country and prevent the river from flooding each year. This triggered the Suez Crisis, which saw the UK, France, and Israel mounting an attack on Egypt.
- The alliance was successful militarily, politically the war ended up as an undeniable victory for Nasser and his Egyptian nationalists.
- In 1967, Nasser ordered the UN forces to exit Sinai, leading to another conflict between the two countries. In response to Nasser's order, the Israelis occupied Sinai, in response to which Egypt closed the canal to all shipping for the next eight years.
- This was not the first instance of the canal being shut. It would also not be the last. In March 2021, container ship christened MV Ever Given, en route from China to the Netherlands, got stuck in one of the canals' narrower stretches.
- The blockage lasted for the next six days, leading to hundreds of ships getting stranded and disrupting global commerce.
- Upon its construction, the Suez Canal became the lifeline for all trade between the East and the West. Today, roughly 12 per cent of global trade, 7 per cent of the



world's oil, and 30 per cent of daily container traffic passes through the canal. More than 20,000 ships pass through the canal daily.

### Sarai Kale Khan Chowk Renamed to Bhagwan Birsa Munda Chowk

#### **Key Points:**

The Sarai Kale Khan Chowk has been renamed to Bhagwan Birsa Munda Chowk by Union Home Minister Amit Shah to honor the tribal freedom fighter on his 150th birth anniversary. The renaming of Sarai Kale Khan Chowk to Bhagwan Birsa Munda Chowk has sparked controversy between the Delhi government and the Union government.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated a statue of the tribal icon, Bhagwan Birsa Munda, on the occasion of his 150th birth anniversary and announced the renaming. However, the Delhi government questioned the legitimacy of this move, citing the lack of an active State Naming Authority and the absence of due process for renaming locations.

# Uttarakhand CM Inaugurates Jauljibi Mela 2024 in Pithoragarh

### **Key Points:**

Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the Jauljibi Mela in Pithoragarh, calling it an "invaluable heritage" that fosters economic and cultural ties between India, Nepal, and Tibet. Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the Jauljibi Mela 2024

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The mela, historically significant for promoting harmony between India, Tibet, Nepal, and neighboring regions, plays a vital role in strengthening both economic and cultural ties. During the event, Dhami also launched 18 development projects worth ₹64.47 crores, with significant investments in rural and agricultural sectors. The CM emphasized that the event provides a platform for small traders, farmers, and artisans, fostering economic growth, especially in border areas.

### 'Why Bharat Matters' EAM Jaishankar's New Book Launched in Dubai

#### **Key Points:**

- External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar launched his new book, Why Bharat Matters, at the Mohammed Bin Rashid Library in Dubai, UAE. The event, held on 14th November, allowed Dr. Jaishankar to provide insights into the themes of his book. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar launched his new book, Why Bharat Matters, at the Mohammed Bin Rashid Library in Dubai, UAE.
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and the importance of self-reliance in assessing global challenges.



### **Book Title: "Why Bharat Matters"**

Dr. Jaishankar explained his choice of the title "Bharat" instead of "India," to reflect the spirit and authenticity of a changing society. The term "Bharat" symbolizes the true voice of India's dynamic and evolving identity, a shift from colonial narratives

#### Self-Reliance and Global Narratives

- A core theme of Why Bharat Matters is the importance of self-reliance in assessing global challenges and opportunities.
- Dr. Jaishankar cautioned against accepting global narratives that might come with biases or serve specific agendas.
- He emphasized that globalization and a "global culture" should not be uniformly adopted, as practices from one society may not be suitable for all nations.

# Hyderabad Airport Earns Global Recognition for Digital Innovations

### **Key Points:**

- GMR Hyderabad International Airport (GHIAL) was honored at the 'Airport Excellence Awards' during the Saudi Airport Exhibition 2024 for its digital innovations.
- The airport's 'Digital Twin' technology won awards in Innovation and Technology, and Facility Management. GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL) has received global recognition at the prestigious 'Airport Excellence Awards' during the Saudi Airport Exhibition 2024, held on November 12 at the Riyadh

- International Convention and Exhibition Center.
- This marks a significant milestone in the airport's journey toward leveraging advanced technology to enhance airport operations and passenger experiences.

# Nvidia and SoftBank Unveil First-Ever Al and 5G Telecom Network

- Nvidia and SoftBank have launched the world's first AI and 5G-integrated telecom network, 5G AI-RAN, capable of running both AI and 5G workloads concurrently. This innovation transforms traditional base stations into revenue-generating AI computing hubs. Nvidia and SoftBank Corp have jointly announced the launch of the world's first AI and 5G-integrated telecom network.
- This pioneering network, known as 5G Al-RAN, can simultaneously manage Al and 5G operations, transforming conventional base stations into Al-driven computing hubs. The project highlights a significant milestone in telecom advancements, initiated through the AIRAN Alliance founded at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona.

# National Press Day Observed Every Year On November 16

#### **Key Points:**

National Press Day is observed every year on November 16 to commemorate the establishment of the Press Council of India (PCI) in 1966. This day serves as a reminder of the indispensable role of a free press in a vibrant democracy like India and highlights the importance of ethical journalism. National Press Day is observed year on November 16 every to commemorate the establishment of the Press Council of India (PCI) in 1966.



# The Establishment of the Press Council of India (PCI)

The Press Council of India was formed in 1966 as a statutory and quasi-judicial body to protect the freedom of the press and regulate its ethical standards. The PCI was reestablished under the Press Council Act, 1978, with the goal of maintaining selfregulation within the press while upholding its independence. The PCI serves as a watchdog of press freedom, ensuring that the media remains unbiased and truthful in its reporting. It monitors journalistic practices to prevent violations of ethical standards and provides a platform for resolving disputes between the press and the public.

# Harbhajan & Sania Mirza appointed Dubai Sports Council brand ambassador

#### **Key Points:**

The Dubai Sports Council has appointed ex-Indian cricket player Harbhajan Singh and women's Tennis player Sania Mirza as the Sports Ambassador. They join Russian Khabib Nurmagomedov and French football player Patrice Evra as the four sporting icons appointed by the Dubai Sports Council.

- The Dubai Sports Council announced the names of the four sports ambassadors in the presence of Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum is the Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of the Executive Council of Dubai Sports Council.
- As sports ambassadors, these four former players will play a vital role in enhancing Dubai's status as a premier global sports destination.
- They will help strengthen Dubai's sports ecosystem by attracting prestigious international events, nurturing local talent, and promoting sports tourism.



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