

### Madhya Pradesh Special

#### Kalinga Safety Award (Gold)



#### Shri Singaji Thermal Power Plant Wins Kalinga Safety Award (Gold) for 2023

- ❖ **Award Category:** Large Scale Enterprise - Major Industry
- ❖ **Representatives:** Safety Officers Shailesh Chauhan and Wilson Joy Lakra received the award on behalf of the plant.
- ❖ **Presented For:** Excellence in safety and employee wellness.

#### Evaluation Parameters:

- ❖ Implementation of robust protective measures to prevent workplace harm.
- ❖ Adoption of clean technologies.
- ❖ Effective waste disposal methods.
- ❖ Efficient water usage practices.

#### Objective of the Award:

- ❖ To promote safety management and enhance safety awareness within industries.
- ❖ Shri Singaji Thermal Power Plant has met and exceeded all safety-related criteria to earn this prestigious accolade.

### Appointment

#### SC judge V. Ramasubramanian appointed as NHRC Chairperson




#### Justice V. Ramasubramanian Appointed Chairperson of NHRC

- ❖ **Date of Appointment:** 23 December 2024


#### Key Appointees:

- ❖ Justice V. Ramasubramanian as Chairperson
- ❖ Priyank Kanoongo and Dr. Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi (Retd.) as Members


	<p><b>Background of Justice V. Ramasubramanian:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Appointed as a Judge of the Supreme Court on 23rd September 2019</li> <li>❖ Retired from the Supreme Court on 29th June 2023</li> </ul> <p><b>Context of Appointment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Follows the tenure of former NHRC Chairperson Justice Arun Kumar Mishra (Retd.), which ended on 1st June 2024.</li> <li>❖ Post Mishra's retirement, Vijaya Bharathi Sayani served as the acting chairperson of the commission.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>About NHRC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) is an independent, autonomous and statutory body to protect, promote and promote human rights for the citizen of the country</li> <li>❖ Establishment - 12 October 1993</li> <li>❖ Headquarters - New Delhi</li> <li>❖ Nature - Statutory body</li> <li>❖ Act - National Human Rights Act 1993</li> <li>❖ Composition - 13 Members (1 - Chairperson, 5 - Whole Time Members and 7 - Ex-officio Members)</li> <li>❖ Tenure - 3/70 years</li> <li>❖ Appointment - On the recommendation of the 6 member committee constituted by the President under the leadership of the Prime Minister.</li> </ul>

### International Organisations

<p><b>Asian Development Bank</b></p> 	<p><b>India and Asian Development Bank Sign \$500 Million Loan Agreement for Green Infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Objective:</b> Support green and sustainable infrastructure projects aligned with India's climate commitments.</li> </ul>
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	<p><b>Focus Area:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Strengthening the institutional capacity of the India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL) to integrate green and sustainable practices into infrastructure development.</li> </ul> <p><b>About the Asian Development Bank (ADB):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Founded:</b> 1966 with 31 member countries</li> <li>❖ <b>Current Membership:</b> 69 members             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Regional Members:</b> 49 (from Asia and the Pacific)</li> <li>➤ <b>Non-Regional Members:</b> 20 (including Israel, the most recent member)</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>Mission:</b> To assist developing member countries in reducing poverty and improving the quality of life of their citizens.</li> <li>❖ <b>Membership Criteria:</b> Open to members and associate members of the U.N. Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, regional countries, and non-regional developed countries that are U.N. members or belong to its specialized agencies.</li> </ul> <p><b>India's Role in ADB:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Membership:</b> Since 1966</li> <li>❖ <b>Stake in ADB (as of December 31, 2023):</b> 6.3%</li> </ul>
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### Person in News

<p><b>Shyam Benegal</b></p> 	<p>Renowned filmmaker Shyam Benegal, a trailblazer of India's parallel cinema movement, passed away on 23 December in Mumbai at the age of 90.</p> <p><b>Key Point</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Born in Hyderabad to Sridhar B. Benegal, a noted figure in photography, Shyam Benegal was a second cousin to celebrated filmmaker Guru Dutt.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ He began his creative journey as a copywriter and made his first documentary film, <i>Gher Betha Ganga</i> (1962), in Gujarati.</li> <li>❖ His early feature films—<i>Ankur</i> (1973), <i>Nishant</i> (1975), <i>Manthan</i> (1976), and <i>Bhumika</i> (1977)—firmly established him as a pioneer of the New Wave cinema movement in India.</li> <li>❖ From 1980 to 1986, Benegal served as the Director of the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC)</li> <li>❖ Widely regarded as one of the most influential filmmakers of post-1970s India, Benegal's contributions to cinema earned him numerous accolades, including 18 National Film Awards, a Nandi Award, the Dadasaheb Phalke Award, Padma Shri, and Padma Bhushan.</li> </ul>
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### Important Day

<p><b>Good Governance Day</b></p>	<p><b>Good Governance Day 2024: Honoring Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Legacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Date:</b> 25th December 2024</li> <li>❖ <b>Occasion:</b> Commemoration of the 100th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee</li> </ul> <p><b>Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Visit to Madhya Pradesh:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Ken-Betwa River Linking Project:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The foundation stone of India's first interlinking of rivers project under the National Perspective Plan.</li> <li>➤ <b>Benefits:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Irrigation facilities for multiple districts in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, benefit lakhs of farmer families.</li> <li>✓ Drinking water facilities for the region.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Commemorative Stamp and Coin:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Release of a special stamp and coin to mark Vajpayee's centenary birth anniversary.</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>Foundation Stone for Atal Gram Sushasan Buildings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Number of Buildings: 1,153</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Purpose:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ To enhance the functionality of Gram Panchayats.</li> <li>✓ Strengthen good governance at the local level.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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### Sports

<p><b>World Pencak Silat Championship</b></p> 	<p>Nusrath Fatima from Sankoo, Kargil, representing India, clinched a silver medal at the 5th Junior World Pencak Silat Championship, held in Abu Dhabi from December 18 to 22.</p> <p><b>Key Point</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Nusrath Fatima from Sankoo, Kargil, representing India, clinched a silver medal at the 5th Junior World Pencak Silat Championship, held in Abu Dhabi from December 18 to 22.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships</b></p>	<p>India's Sairaj Pardeshi bagged one gold and two silver medals in snatch, clean and jerk, and total lift categories at the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships in Doha, Qatar, on 23 December.</p> <p><b>Key Point</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Sairaj won the gold medal with an overall lift of 310kg, setting a national youth record.</li> <li>❖ This was India's first gold in the men's category at this event.</li> <li>❖ He lifted 139kg in the snatch category setting a youth national record. It fetched him a silver medal.</li> <li>❖ He also won the second silver medal in the clean and jerk category by lifting 171kg.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ It was again a youth record.</li> <li>❖ Sanjana, who competed in the women's 76kg category, clinched five silver medals – three in youth and two in junior – at the Championship .</li> <li>❖ She lifted a total of 210kg, 90kg in snatch and 120kg in clean and jerk.</li> </ul>
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### Short News

- ❖ The Ministry of Defence has said that 'Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas' will be the theme of tableaux for Republic Day (RDC)-2025.
- ❖ CISF implements a new policy where first-time postings are based on choice.
- ❖ Forbes has unveiled its 21st annual list of the World's 100 Most Powerful Women, celebrating influential figures across various sectors.
  - This year, three Indian women—Nirmala Sitharaman, Roshni Nadar Malhotra, and Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw—have been honored for their remarkable impact in the business world.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh has been recognized by the Wall Street Journal as a top global destination for 2025.
- ❖ External Affairs Minister Dr.S.Jaishankar honoured with Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award for public leadership.
- ❖ The Indian government has reversed the **no-detention policy** for students in class five and eight that failed in their exams.
  - Under the recent version of Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2010, students who fail must sit for the exams within two months or repeat the year.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Who among the following has been appointed as the chairman of the National human rights commission?

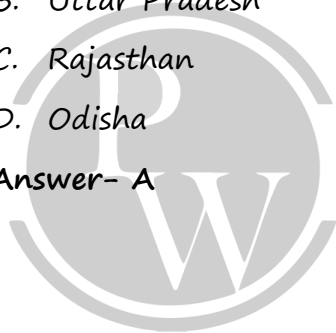
- A. Justice V. Ramasubramanian
- B. Justice Deepak Mishra
- C. Justice D Y chandrachud
- D. Justice Arun Mishra

Answer - A

2. Which of the following States has been recognized by the Wall Street Journal as a top global destination for 2025.

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Odisha

Answer - A



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