

National

PM Modi inaugurates 'Utkarsh Odisha' business conclave in Bhubaneswar



About News:-

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday inaugurated the Utkarsh Odisha - Make in Odisha Conclave 2025 at Janata Maidan in Bhubaneswar in the presence of Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, Union Cabinet ministers, and business leaders from India and across the world.
- ❖ The two-day conclave will be held from January 28 to 29.
- ❖ It will serve as a platform for industry leaders, investors, and policymakers to converge and discuss the opportunities Odisha offers as a preferred investment destination.
- ❖ Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan and Ashwini Vaishnaw were present at the event.

Key Points:-

- ❖ **The Utkarsh Odisha - Make in Odisha Conclave 2025** in Bhubaneswar, the flagship Global Investment Summit, being hosted by the Government of Odisha,
- ❖ **Aims** - to position the state as the anchor of the Purvodaya vision and a leading investment destination and industrial hub in India.
- ❖ The conclave will host CEOs and Leaders' Roundtables, Sectoral Sessions, B2B meetings, and Policy Discussions, ensuring targeted engagement with investors across the globe.

- ❖ Prime Minister Modi also inaugurated the Make in Odisha Exhibition which highlights the achievements of the state in developing a vibrant industrial ecosystem.

About Odisha:-

- ❖ Formation:- 1 April 1936
- ❖ Capital:- Bhubaneswar
- ❖ Governor :- Kambhampati Hari Babu
- ❖ Chief minister:- Mohan Charan Majhi

State

Telangana Launched 4 Beneficiary Schemes

About News:-

- ❖ The state government will launch four welfare schemes on January 26, coinciding with Republic Day. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, ministers, MLAs, and officials will visit districts to personally hand over benefits of Rythu Bharosa, Indira Atmeeya Bharosa, Indiramma house,s and ration cards to beneficiaries.

Key Points:-

- ❖ Under Rythu Bharosa, farmers owning agriculture lands will receive ₹12,000 per acre annually, distributed in two installments of ₹6,000 for the Kharif and Rabi seasons.
- ❖ This represents a ₹2,000 increase over the previous Rythu Bandhu scheme, which provided ₹10,000 per acre under the BRS regime.
- ❖ Under Indiramma Atmeeya Bharosa for the first time, landless agricultural laborers will be included in the state's welfare net, receiving ₹12,000 annually.



- ❖ This scheme aims to rectify years of exclusion faced by this vulnerable group under the previous regime.
- ❖ Under the Indiramma Housing scheme beneficiaries will receive `5 lakh financial assistance to construct homes on their plots.
- ❖ The funds will be disbursed in five installments of `1 lakh each, corresponding to the progress of construction.
- ❖ New ration cards are being issued after a seven-year hiatus, addressing the needs of eligible households excluded under the previous system.

About Telangana:-

- ❖ Capital:- Hyderabad
- ❖ Governor:- Jishnu Dev Varma
- ❖ Chief minister:- Revanth Reddy

Economic

BIMTECH launches blockchain-based currency BIMCOIN

About News:-

- ❖ In January 2025, Birla Institute of Management Technology (BIMTECH) in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh (UP), a top Indian business school, launched 'BIMCOIN', a blockchain-based digital currency for its ecosystem.

Key Points:-

- ❖ Following the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, Chennai, (Tamil Nadu, TN), BIMTECH has become the 1st business management institute in India to launch a blockchain-based digital currency.
- ❖ This initiative aligns with the Viksit Bharat 2047 aims to streamline payments and transactions among students, vendors, and administrators through a secure, transparent, and decentralized platform.
- ❖ BIMCOIN operates on a blockchain and offers features like decentralization, transparency, and smart contracts.
- ❖ It enhances security, protects against fraud, and promotes ethical practices while serving as a comprehensive educational tool for students to gain hands-on experience in blockchain technology and digital currencies.

Appointment

Rakesh Sharma reappointed as MD&CEO of IDBI Bank for 3 years

About News:-



- ❖ The Board of Directors of IDBI Bank on Thursday approved the reappointment of Rakesh Sharma as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of the bank for three years with effect from March 19, 2025.

Key Points:-

- ❖ Sharma has been helping the bank since October 10, 2018. Before joining IDBI Bank, he was MD & CEO of Canara Bank from September 11, 2015, till his superannuation on July 31, 2018.
- ❖ The re-appointment comes in the backdrop of the Bank's promoter – Life Insurance Corporation of India (49.24 percent stake) – and second largest shareholder – Government of India (45.48 percent) starting the process of disinvesting their stake in the bank in October 2022.



- ❖ In October 2022, the Government of India (GoI) issued a Preliminary Information Memorandum inviting expression of interest for strategic disinvestment of IDBI Bank through the sale of GoI's and Life Insurance Corporation of India's equity stake along with the transfer of management control in the bank.

About IDBI:-

- ❖ Industrial Development Bank of India Limited
- ❖ Founded:- 1 July 1964
- ❖ Headquarters:- Mumbai
- ❖ Chairman :- M. R. Kumar

Award

India honours Trinidad and Tobago's President with Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award

About News:-

- ❖ India has conferred the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award on Christine Carla Kangaloo, President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, recognising her outstanding achievements in public affairs and her contributions to enhancing India's global prestige, the High Commission of India in Trinidad and Tobago announced on Tuesday.
- ❖ Kangaloo, an Indo-Trinidadian President, served as the chief guest for the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, from January 8-10, 2025. She delivered a virtual address that received widespread applause across India and beyond.



- ❖ The Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award is the highest honour conferred upon overseas Indians for their exceptional contributions in various fields, strengthening ties between India and the global diaspora.

Key Points:-

- ❖ During her address at the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, Kangaloo emphasised the deep-rooted ties between India and Trinidad and Tobago, dating back to 1845 when Indian indentured workers first arrived on the Trinidadian shores.
- ❖ She highlighted that India was among the first countries to establish diplomatic relations with Trinidad and Tobago after its independence in 1962.
- ❖ The President praised India for its contributions to the global community, citing achievements in education, medicine, mathematics, and navigation.
- ❖ Kangaloo reflected on the arrival of more than 143,000 Indian indentured workers to Trinidad over 72 years, which profoundly reshaped the country's demographic, cultural, and economic landscape.
- ❖ Descendants of these workers constitute around 42 percent of Trinidad and Tobago's population, bringing immense value to the nation through their traditions and heritage.

Sport

Odisha Warriors crowned champions of the historic Women's Hockey India League



About News:-

- ❖ The inaugural edition of the Women's Hockey India League (HIL) 2024-25 came to an end with Odisha Warriors lifting the title with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over JSW Soorma Hockey Club in the Final at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Astro Turf Hockey Stadium in Ranchi on Sunday.

- ❖ Rutuja Dadaso Pisal (20', 56') gave the Warriors the lead in the second quarter but Penny Squibb (28') equalised for Soorma soon after. However, Rutuja found the back of the net again as the game came to a close and sealed the victory for the Warriors, as per a press release from HIL.

Key Points:-

- ❖ It was a high-intensity clash right from the starting whistle with Odisha Warriors' Freeke Moes making the first circle entry while JSW Soorma Hockey Club continued to be exemplary in defence and rotated possession slowly to gain control over the game.
- ❖ The back and forth, however, did not result in a significant shooting chance until the Warriors' Neha found Rutuja Dadaso Pisal in front of the goal but Soorma goalkeeper Savita charged out to diffuse the situation, and the first quarter ended goalless.
- ❖ The last quarter was tense with both teams aiming to play it safe. With eight minutes left in the game, the Warriors earned their first penalty corner but Neha's shot was deflected well over the goal.
- ❖ Soon after, on a counterattack, Rutuja picked up a loose ball in the circle and thundered it between Savita's legs to grant the Warriors the lead again.
- ❖ They earned another penalty corner in the next minute but Yibbi Jansen's flick was charged down easily.
- ❖ The Warriors sustained Soorma's advances in the closing minutes and clinched the title with a 2-1 victory.

2024-25 Women's Hockey India League 2024-25 Awards

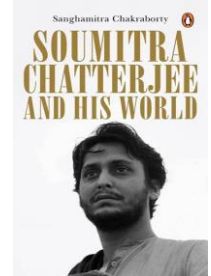
- ❖ Best Goalkeeper: Savita Punia (Soorma Hockey Club)
- ❖ Upcoming Player: Sonam (Soorma Hockey Club)
- ❖ Top Scorers: Yibbi Jansen (Odisha Warriors), Charlotte Englebert (Soorma Hockey Club)
- ❖ Player of the Tournament: Jyoti (Soorma Hockey Club)

Book

A new biography 'Soumitra Chatterjee and His World (Vintage)' Released in WB

About News:-

- ❖ "Soumitra Chatterjee and His World" is a comprehensive biography, written by journalist Sanghamitra Chakraborty, and was released during the Kolkata Literary Meet in West Bengal (WB). It was published by Penguin India's Vintage Books.
- ❖ The book delivers the multifaceted life of Soumitra Chatterjee, a renowned Indian and Bengali film actor celebrated for his collaboration with filmmaker Satyajit Ray and his contributions to Indian cinema and culture.
- ❖ It explores his work as an actor, poet, editor, and artist, offering insights into the cultural landscape of Bengal.



About Soumitra Chatterjee:

- ❖ Soumitra Chatterjee was born in 1935 in Kolkata, West Bengal, and died in 2020.
- ❖ Chatterjee starred in 14 Ray films, including the iconic Apur Sansar (The World of Apu), Sonar Kella (The Golden Fortress), Joy Baba Felunath (The Elephant God), Devi (The Goddess), Charulata (The Lonely Wife), Ghare Baire (The Home and the World). iii. His iconic characters, like Apu and Feluda, are well-known among Bengalis and cinephiles.
- ❖ Soumitra was the first Indian film personality who was conferred with France's highest award for artists 'Commandeur' of, Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (1999).
- ❖ He was also awarded the Padma Bhushan (2004), two National Film Awards (2007 and 2017), and the Dadasaheb Phalke Award (2012), India's highest award in cinema.

Important Day

Indian Newspaper Day – 29 January



About Day:-

- ❖ Indian Newspaper Day will be celebrated on January 29.
- ❖ Indian Newspaper Day is a celebration of the rich heritage and continuing importance of the print media industry in India.
- ❖ The day is dedicated to honouring the first publication of a newspaper in the country and acknowledging the important role newspapers play in shaping public opinion and promoting literacy.

- ❖ The theme of Indian Newspaper Day 2025 focuses on the *“Role of Print Media in the Digital Age”*.

History of Indian Newspaper Day

- ❖ The roots of Indian Newspaper Day can be traced back to the late 18th century when James Augustus Hickey published the first newspaper, Hickey’s Bengal Gazette, on January 29, 1780. This marked the beginning of print journalism in India, which later evolved into a powerful medium of communication and expression.
- ❖ During the freedom struggle, newspapers played a vital role in mobilizing public opinion against British rule. Leading newspapers such as The Hindu, The Times of India, and Amrita Bazar Patrika became instruments of social and political awakening, bringing the voices of leaders and revolutionaries to the masses.

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