

### National

#### President Murmu conferred with an Honorary Doctorate in Algeria



##### About News:-

- ❖ On November 15, 2024, Algeria awarded President Droupadi Murmu an Honorary Doctorate in Political Science. From October 13–19, 2024, President Droupadi Murmu will visit three African countries: Malawi, Mauritania, and Algeria.
- ❖ She will travel to Mauritania, Algeria, and Malawi for the final stop on her tour.
- ❖ The first Indian president to travel to these three African nations was President Murmu.
- ❖ Sukanata Majumdar, Minister of State, and Members of Parliament Atul Garg and Mukesh Kumar Dalal accompany the President on her trip to Africa.
- ❖ On October 15, the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu also presented Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam with flowers on his birth anniversary in Algiers.

##### Principal Aspects of the President's Trip to Algeria

- ❖ From October 13 to 15, 2024, President Murmu traveled to Algeria for a three-day formal visit.
- ❖ Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune met President Murmu at the airport in Algiers.
- ❖ At the El Mouradia Palace in Algiers, President Murmu and President Abdelmadjid Tebboune conducted formal discussions during which they addressed bilateral concerns.
- ❖ The Scientific and Technological Hub at Martyr Ihaddaden Abdelhafid University of Algeria awarded President Murmu an Honorary Doctorate in Political Science.

- ❖ The Algerian Economic Renewal Council and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) organized the Algerian-Indian Economic Forum, to which President Murmu also spoke.
- ❖ Also see: Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune is re-elected for a five-year term

##### About Algeria

- ❖ **Capital of Algeria:** Algiers
- ❖ **Currency:** Algerian Dinar
- ❖ **President :** Abdelmadjid Tebboune

### National

#### Union Health Minister Shri JP Nadda inaugurates 19th International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities

##### About News:-

- ❖ From October 14–18, 2024, India will host the 19th International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities (ICDRA) in New Delhi. The event was originally scheduled to take place in India in 2020, but it was postponed until 2024 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. For the first time, India is hosting the ICDRA meeting.
- ❖ In 2018, Dublin, Ireland hosted the 18th International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities.
- ❖ To improve cooperation and create global agreement on regulatory goals, the summit will bring together drug authorities from World Health Organization (WHO) member nations.



##### The 19th ICDRA meeting organizer

- ❖ In partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO), the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) is hosting the 19th International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities. The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare oversees the CDSO.

### The 19th ICDRA meeting's theme

- ❖ The subject of the 19th International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities meeting is Smart Regulation: Providing Quality Assured Medical Products for Everyone.

### Who opened the 19th meeting of ICDRA?

- ❖ Jagat Parkash Nadda, the Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, opened the 19th International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities.

### About the Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities International

- ❖ The first International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities was held in 1980 in Annapolis, USA, by the World Health Organization.
- ❖ The purpose of the meeting was to convene the drug regulatory authorities of WHO member nations, talk about strategies to standardize drug regulatory data and encourage cooperation.
- ❖ The International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities has been gathering every two years since then.

### State

### Omar Abdullah takes oath as first chief minister of UT of Jammu and Kashmir



### About News:-

- ❖ On October 16, 2024, Omar Abdullah of the National Conference party took the oath of office as the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir's first chief minister. Five ministers were sworn in with Omar Abdullah, including one independent and four members of the National Conference Party. The National Conference MLA for the Jammu area, Surinder Kumar Choudhary, took the oath of office as deputy chief minister.

- ❖ On October 16, 2024, at a ceremony at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) in Srinagar, Manoj Sinha, the lieutenant governor of Jammu and Kashmir, administered the oath of office to the chief minister and his council of ministers.
- ❖ Since the PDP-BJP coalition government collapsed in 2018, the president has ruled Jammu & Kashmir. On October 13, 2024, the President rescinded the rule after six years.

### Second term as Omar Abdullah's chief minister

- ❖ This is the second time that Omar Abdullah has been sworn in as Jammu and Kashmir's chief minister. He was originally appointed chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir in January 2009, and he held the position until January 8, 2014.
- ❖ He is the first chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir, nevertheless, following the region's transformation from a state to a Union Territory on October 31, 2019, when it was divided into Jammu and Kashmir and the Union Territory of Ladakh.

### The Jammu and Kashmir Council of Ministers' strength

- ❖ The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act of 2019 states that the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir and the council of ministers cannot have more than 10% of the Legislative Assembly's total membership.
- ❖ There are 116 members in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly. Two seats are set aside for women, who are nominated by the lieutenant governor, while the remaining 114 members are chosen directly by the electorate.
- ❖ Twenty-four of the 114 seats are set aside for the residents of Jammu and Kashmir, which is illegally occupied by Pakistan.
- ❖ As a result, the current Jammu and Kashmir legislative assembly can have up to 92 members (90 elected and 2 nominated women).
- ❖ As a result, the chief minister and the other members of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir's council of ministers cannot have more than nine members.

**Maharashtra**

**Dr. Jitendra Singh Launches India's First Biopolymers Demonstration Facility in Pune**



**About News:-**

- ❖ In October 2024, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh officially opened India's first Biopolymer Demonstration Facility in Jejuri in Pune, marking a major step in the country's efforts to become a global leader in biotechnology and sustainable solutions.
- ❖ Developed by Praj Industries, this innovative facility marks a significant turning point in India's efforts to switch from fossil fuel-based plastics to environmentally friendly substitutes, with a particular emphasis on Polylactic Acid (PLA) bioplastics.
- ❖ The program emphasizes the nation's dedication to sustainability and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's goal of having a carbon economy that is "Net Zero" by 2070.

**Key Points:**

- ❖ India's first biopolymer demonstration plant, which specializes in PLA bioplastic synthesis, represents a breakthrough in the fight against plastic pollution worldwide.
- ❖ The plant demonstrates India's determination to fight the global plastic catastrophe by switching from fossil-based plastics to environmentally friendly bioplastics.
- ❖ Driven by sustainable biotech solutions, India's bioeconomy is predicted to reach \$300 billion by 2030, having increased by more than \$150 billion in 2023.
- ❖ This achievement is in line with India's goal of establishing a "Net Zero" carbon economy and the Union Budget 2023-2024's emphasis on green growth.

- ❖ **Global Ranking:** According to Singh's statement, India currently has the largest vaccine manufacturing capacity and the third-largest startup environment, placing it 12th globally in biotech and third in Asia-Pacific.
- ❖ **Biotech Ecosystem:** With the help of 95 bio-incubators, the biotech startup ecosystem has expanded rapidly, from 50 in 2014 to over 8,500 in 2023.
- ❖ In light of climate change, the depletion of non-renewable resources, and waste management issues, the Union's approved BioE3 Policy (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment, and Employment) is a crucial step towards sustainable growth.

**Economic**

**World Health Organization receives \$1 billion in pledges for next budget**

**About News:-**

The World Health Organization received donations totaling \$1 billion during a fundraising event in Berlin, demonstrating a significant effort to reorganize its funding paradigm and enhance its ability to manage global health catastrophes.

**Key Points:-**


- ❖ **New Contributions:** An extra \$700 million has been promised by European nations and philanthropies.
- ❖ **Previous Commitments:** \$300 million has already been committed by the European and African Unions.
- ❖ German chancellor Olaf Scholz emphasized the need for sustained funding to enable WHO to develop effective plans and respond to medical emergencies in a flexible manner.
- ❖ He stressed that the funds would be utilized to improve women's, men's, and children's health across the globe.
- ❖ The long-standing financial instability of the WHO has hindered its operations and ability to offer countries ongoing help.



### Appointment

#### **Amit Kumar Has Been Appointed As Chairman & Managing Director Of AI Assets Holding Limited**

##### About News:-

- ❖ Amit Kumar has been selected by the Public Enterprise Selection Board (PESB) for the role of Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of AI Assets Holding Limited (AIAHL), a Schedule 'B' Public Sector Undertaking (PSU). 
- ❖ Currently serving as the Executive Director and Asset Manager at ONGC, Kumar was chosen from seven candidates. His appointment awaits necessary clearances and approval from the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).
- ❖ This selection highlights ongoing efforts to fill key leadership positions within PSUs, as evidenced by the PESB's recent advertisements for several critical vacancies across various organizations.

##### Current Role and Selection Process

- ❖ Amit Kumar holds the position of Executive Director Asset Manager at ONGC, specifically at Jorhat. His selection follows a competitive interview process conducted by PESB, where seven candidates were evaluated. Pending the requisite approvals, Kumar will step into the CMD role at AIAHL, which is currently unoccupied.

### MOU

#### **India and Colombia sign Audio-Visual Co-Production Agreement to boost film co-production and cultural ties**

##### About News:-

- ❖ An Audio-Visual Co-Production Agreement was struck by Columbia and India to further their collaboration in the film business. India has inked such an agreement with 17 other countries, including Colombia.
- ❖ By combining their technical, financial, marketing, artistic, and creative resources

for co-production, producers from both India and Columbia are anticipated to gain from the arrangement.

##### The agreement was signed by whom?

- ❖ Dr. L. Murugan, the Union Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting, and Jorge Enrique Rojas Rodriguez, the Colombian Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, signed the India-Colombia Audio-Visual Co-Production Agreement.

##### On October 15, 2024, the deal was signed in New Delhi

- ❖ Jorge Enrique Rojas Rodriguez is in India for a formal visit. Additionally, he took part in the 10th session of India-Colombia Foreign Office Consultations, which took place in New Delhi on October 15, 2024.

##### The Audio-Visual Co-Production Agreement's advantages

- ❖ Filmmakers from Colombia and India will be able to shoot in each other's countries thanks to the deal.
- ❖ Film projects will be able to be considered domestic productions in both partner nations according to the agreement. This will enable the film-producing enterprises to take advantage of advantages that are only available to local businesses, such as tax breaks, government financial aid, and eligibility for domestic TV broadcast quotas.
- ❖ Additionally, this deal will assist Indian filmmakers in breaking into the South American market.
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- ❖ This deal would increase jobs and India's soft power by promoting the nation as a filming destination across the globe.

##### Nations that India has inked such an agreement with

- ❖ India and 17 other nations have signed an Audio-Visual Co-Production Agreement. Canada and China in 2014, South Korea in 2015, Bangladesh in 2016, Portugal in 2017, Israel in 2018, Russia in 2019, Australia in

2023, and Colombia in 2024 signed agreements with Italy and the United Kingdom in 2005, Germany in 2007, Brazil in 2007, France in 2010, New Zealand in 2011, Poland and Spain in 2012, and Canada and China in 2014.

#### About Colombia

- ❖ **President:** Gustavo Petro
- ❖ **Capital:** Bogota
- ❖ **Currency:** Peso

#### Miscellaneous

### Union Minister Nityanand Rai emphasized India's commitment to disaster risk reduction at the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference in Manila

#### About News:-

At the 2024 Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR) in Manila, Philippines, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai represented India. To address the urgent need for increased action on disaster risk reduction, more than 7000 ministers and delegates from throughout the Asia Pacific region are attending the conference.

#### About the Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia-Pacific

- ❖ The primary forum for the Asia-Pacific region to track and strengthen collaboration in the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 is the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.
- ❖ To speed up the process of lowering the risk of disaster, the conference brings together governments, intergovernmental, international, national, and civil society organizations, as well as the commercial sector, academia, and scientific communities.



#### The 2024 Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction is being organized by

- ❖ In collaboration with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Philippine government is hosting the 2024 Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction. The conference will take place from October 14–18, 2024, in Manila, Philippines.
- ❖ On October 14, 2024, Bongbong Marcos, the president of the Philippines, officially opened the conference.
- ❖ Disaster Risk Reduction is the theme of the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference in 2024.
- ❖ "Surge to 2030: Enhancing ambition in Asia-Pacific to accelerate disaster risk reduction" is the theme of the 2024 Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.
- ❖ The theme emphasizes how the conference offers a chance to assess risk reduction initiatives, exchange creative solutions, and make concrete pledges to hasten catastrophe risk reduction by 2030 in the most disaster-prone area of the globe.

#### India is dedicated to lessening the effects of natural calamities.

- ❖ Nityanand Rai, who spoke at the conference, stated that the Indian government is dedicated to lessening the effects of natural calamities.
- ❖ According to him, India is among the few nations that have specific budgetary resources for institutional processes that reduce the risk of disaster.
- ❖ For the fiscal years 2021–2022 through 2025–2026, the Indian government has set aside \$30 billion for the National Disaster Risk Management Fund and State Disaster Risk Management Fund.

#### Sport

### Mahela Jayawardene reappointed as Mumbai Indians head coach, replaces Mark Boucher

**About News:-**

- ❖ Mumbai Indians (MI) announced the appointment of Mahela Jayawardene as the head coach for the next season, a position he previously held from 2017 to 2022. He has replaced South African Mark Boucher.

**Key Points:-**

- ❖ In 2022, Mahela became the Global Head of Cricket, overseeing the expansion of MI's global teams across different leagues, working with the coaching staff, and delivering a trophy each - with MI (WPL), MI NY (MLC) and MIE (ILT20). With each of these teams having a set coaching staff, who also coach multiple teams in the MI family mirroring the ethos, style of play, and decision-making that elevate the cricket played by them, Mahela's role has now again evolved within the MI ecosystem.
- ❖ MI are five-time champions in the IPL. They have won 10 titles across various leagues across the world.
- ❖ MI is a global cricketing force, with five T20 teams spanning three continents, and four countries including both men and women. The year 2023 marked a pivotal moment for the MI family, as it established Mumbai Indians in the women's Premier League, along with MI Cape Town in SA20, MI Emirates in ILT20, and MI New York in MLC, as per the press release by MI.

**Important Day****International Poverty Eradication Day - 17  
October****About Day:-**

International Poverty Eradication Day 2024 is celebrated every year on October 17th to raise awareness about poverty on the global level and the urgency of eradicating it. This day focuses on the importance of collective action to address the challenges faced by people living in extreme poverty.

The theme for this year is "Ending Social and Institutional Maltreatment Acting Together for Just, peaceful, and inclusive societies".

**History:-**

- ❖ The history of World Poverty Eradication Day dates back to October 17, 1987, when more than 100,000 people gathered in Paris, France, to honour the victims of extreme poverty, hunger, and violence. This key moment conceptualizes the recognition of this day to reaffirm the global commitment to ending poverty. In December 1992, the United Nations General Assembly officially declared October 17 as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty through Resolution 47/196.
- ❖ The UN's efforts continued with the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006), which was launched after the Copenhagen Social Summit in 1995. At the Millennium Summit in 2000, world leaders further committed to splitting the number of people living in extreme poverty by 2015. This all sums up to substantial progress that has been made, but more work remains to be done as we approach International Poverty Eradication Day 2024.

