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Bharat NCX 2024

The Bharat National Cyber Security Exercise (Bharat NCX 2024), a landmark initiative to fortify India's cybersecurity resilience, was inaugurated on 18 November at a high-profile ceremony organized by the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) in collaboration with Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU).



Key Point

- ❖ The 12-day exercise is critical in preparing India's cybersecurity professionals and leadership to tackle evolving threats with advanced cyber defense, incident response capabilities, and strategic decision-making.
- ❖ The exercise includes immersive training on cyber defense and incident response, live-fire simulations of cyberattacks on IT and OT systems, and collaborative platforms for government and industry stakeholders.
- ❖ A Strategic Decision-Making Exercise will bring together senior management from across sectors to simulate decision-making in a national-level cyber crisis, enhancing their ability to respond to high-pressure situations with strategic acumen.

- ❖ On the sidelines, the Bharat Cybersecurity Startup Exhibition will showcase innovative solutions from Indian startups, emphasizing their role in enhancing the nation's cybersecurity infrastructure. The exercise also highlights leadership engagement and capacity building, fostering a unified approach to emerging cyber challenges.
- ❖ The event runs from November 18 to November 29, 2024, culminating in a comprehensive debrief to consolidate lessons learned and establish best practices in cybersecurity.

Indira Gandhi peace prize 2023

The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development for 2023 has been awarded to Daniel Barenboim, a famous pianist, and conductor and Ali Abu Awwad a Palestinian activist on November 19, 2024.



Key Points

- ❖ The Indira Gandhi Prize is given to the person or organization that is striving for the cause of Peace, Development, and Disarmament.
- ❖ Daniel Barenboim was honored for using music as a method of bringing people together.

- ❖ His work demonstrates how music can educate people as well as bring unity in multiculturalist nations, especially in conflict-infected regions.
- ❖ Ali Abu Awwad was awarded for his work with his organization called Roots that helps Palestinian and Israeli people communicate with one another.
- ❖ The Indira Gandhi Prize has been conferred every year since 1986 through the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust.
- ❖ The prize money is ₹25 lakh, and it also comes with a citation that recognizes the work done by the awardee.
- ❖ The award focuses on three key areas:
 - Peace, Disarmament, Development

Muskaan Raghuvanshi

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav, congratulating Muskaan for her world record in conquering Australia's highest peak, Mount Kosciuszko at such a young age, has given instructions that an incentive amount of Rs 4 lakh be presented to her.



Key Point

- ❖ Muskaan Raghuvanshi hails from Ashoka nagar district of Madhya Pradesh.

- ❖ Notably, 23-year-old Muskaan is pursuing a B.P. Ed course from Rabindra Nath Tagore University, Bhopal.
- ❖ When she touched the peak of Australia's mountain, she was the youngest climber in her age group.
- ❖ Muskaan will soon leave to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, South Africa.

Gramin Vikas Utsav

Governor

Shri

Mangubhai

Patel has

launched

the Gramin Vikas Utsav being organized from 19 to 27 November.



Key Point

- ❖ The Gramin Vikas Utsav is organized by NABARD at Bhopal Haat.
- ❖ The Gramin Vikas Utsavis is an effective platform for the promotion of artisans and famous products from across the country.
- ❖ NABARD is making important development efforts like micro-entrepreneurship development programme, livelihood and entrepreneurship development programme and formation of non-agricultural producer organizations.

- ❖ It is contributing effectively to the strength and prosperity of the rural economy through development works of agriculture, cottage, rural and small-scale industries and handicrafts.

About NABARD

- ❖ NABARD was established on **12 July 1982** by transferring the agricultural credit functions of RBI and refinance functions of the then Agricultural Refinance and Development Corporation (ARDC)
- ❖ NABARD implements rural development projects of the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, commercial banks (CBs), and other financial institutions approved by RBI.
- ❖ It supervises the functioning of the State Cooperative Banks (StCBs), District Cooperative Central Banks (DCCBs), and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs).
- ❖ It facilitates credit flow for the promotion and development of agriculture, cottage, and village industries.

"Bhu-Neer" Portal

The Hon'ble Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri C.R. Paatil digitally launched the newly developed "Bhu-Neer" portal on 19th September 2024 during the concluding ceremony of India Water Week 2024.



Key point

- ❖ The "Bhu-Neer" is an advanced portal developed by Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA), under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, in collaboration with the National Informatics Centre (NIC), for improved groundwater regulation across the country. This portal will serve as a one-stop platform for managing and regulating groundwater resources, aimed at ensuring transparency, efficiency, and sustainability in groundwater usage.
- ❖ "Bhu-Neer" is designed to provide comprehensive details regarding the legal framework governing groundwater extraction, regulations at the state and national levels. Its centralized database will allow users to access critical information on groundwater compliance, policies, and sustainable practices.
- ❖ The portal is developed with several user-friendly features to offer streamlined process flow to the project proponents seeking

groundwater withdrawal permits. Having a simplified yet informative interface, and features like PAN based single Id system, NOC with QR code etc., "Bhu-Neer" marks a significant improvement over its previous version NOCAP.

Short News

- ❖ **Magnus Carlsen and GM Kateryna Lagno** won the Men's and Women's titles at the Tata Steel Chess India Blitz 2024
- ❖ **Pranay Sharma** won the Under 14 Boys category at the TPL Race to Gold Master tournament, defeating Bhavik Mittal in the final.
- ❖ **Mandira Bedi** has been announced as the Brand Ambassador for the All India Pickleball Association (AIPA).
- ❖ **Rachel Gupta** from Jalandhar (Punjab) won the 12th edition of "Miss Grand International (MGI) 2024" standing out among contestants from more than 70 countries held at MGI hall in Bangkok (Thailand). She became the 1st Indian and 3rd Asian to be crowned MGI.

- ❖ **Jyothi Surekha Vennam** of India defeated Sarah Prels of Belgium 147-145 to win the gold medal in women's compound archery at the GT Open 2024 in Luxembourg.
- ❖ The **National Youth Festival 2025** will be celebrated as Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue on 11th and 12th January of the Next year.
- ❖ The Indian Army successfully concluded the Multilateral Annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise, 'Sanyukt Vimochan 2024' held on 18 and 19 November in Ahmedabad and Porbandar.
- ❖ India is participating at IBTM Barcelona 2024, one of the leading global travel exhibitions on MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions) in Barcelona from November 20.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Who won the title of Miss Grand International 2024?

- A. Manushi Chhillar
- B. Harnaaz Sandhu
- C. Rachel Gupta
- D. Suman Rao

Answer - C

2. In which of the following cities has Governor Shri Mangubhai Patel launched the Gramin Vikas Utsav?

- A. Bhopal
- B. Indore
- C. Gwalior
- D. Sehore

Answer - A

