

Economy

E-Shram: One Stop Solution

Why in the news?

Union Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has launched the upgraded 'e-Shram: One-stop solution' portal.

- ❖ A one-stop solution entails consolidating and integrating data from various central ministries/departments into a single repository.
- ❖ This initiative will also help in ensuring saturation of the schemes through the identification of left-out potential beneficiaries both state and districtwise.

About the portal:

- ❖ It will provide seamless access to the government's different social security schemes, including health, pension and food, to over 300 million workers from the unorganized sector.
- ❖ Schemes available on the portal:
 - It includes ration card, PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Gramin (PMAY-G), PMAY-Urban, National Career Service portal, Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan, National Disability Pension, National Widow Pension, PM Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) and Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH).

- ❖ **Significance:** This platform will act as a bridge, connecting the workers to the numerous benefits offered by the government and making the registration process easier and more transparent.



Science And Technology

Egypt declared Malaria-Free by WHO

Why in the news?

Egypt has been officially declared as 'malaria-free' by the World Health Organization (WHO).

- ❖ It became the **second country in the world**, following Cabo Verde, to be officially declared malaria-free in **2024**.
 - It is also the **fifth African nation** to receive malaria-free certification from the WHO.
- ❖ With this announcement, a total of **44 countries** and one territory have been certified as malaria-free by the WHO.

WHO declares Egypt as malaria free nation after 100 year-effort



An achievement hailed by the UN public health agency as "truly historic"

Malaria

- ❖ Malaria is an acute febrile illness caused by Plasmodium parasites, which are spread to people through the bites of infected female Anopheles mosquitoes.
 - Five species of parasites can cause malaria in humans and 2 of these species – Plasmodium falciparum and Plasmodium vivax – pose the greatest threat.
- ❖ It is not contagious, preventable, and curable.

Defence And Security

India's fourth Nuclear Submarine

Why in the news?

India's fourth nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN), referred to as S4* has been launched into water at the Ship Building Centre in Visakhapatnam.

- ❖ It features nearly 75% indigenous content and is armed exclusively with K-4 nuclear ballistic missiles, which have a range of 3,500 km and can be launched through vertical systems.
 - In contrast, the first submarine of its class, INS Arihant, carries K-15 nuclear missiles with a range of 750 km.

About Nuclear Submarines:

- ❖ India's first leased nuclear attack submarine, INS Chakra, was designated as S1, leading to the naming of subsequent submarines: INS Arihant as S2, INS Arighaat as S3, and INS Aridhaman as S4.

Miscellaneous

International Incoming Spoofed Calls Prevention System

Why in the news?

The Union government introduced a sophisticated tracking system named as International Incoming Spoofed Calls Prevention System.

- ❖ **Objective:** To track and block international calls disguised as Indian numbers, a deceptive technique frequently used by scammers to commit financial fraud in India.
- ❖ It was launched by the Union Minister for Communications Jyotiraditya Scindia.

- ❖ **Significance:** It will create a secure digital environment and safeguard citizens from cybercrime

How will it work?

- ❖ The system works by identifying and blocking these fraudulent numbers before scammers can reach their targets.



Awards and Honors

Global Anti-Racism Championship Award 2024

Why in the news?

Urmila Chaudhary of Nepal has won the Global Anti-Racism Championship Award 2024.

- ❖ She was honored for her dedication to advancing the rights of marginalized castes and ethnic communities in Nepal and for combating systemic racism and intersectional abuses.
 - She is an **abolitionist and labour activist** who was rescued from child servitude at age 17.

- She co-founded the Freed Kamlari Development Forum and established 42 cooperatives to empower former bonded labourers.

About the Award:

- ❖ It honors six civil society leaders for their exceptional courage, leadership, and commitment to advancing racial equity, justice, and human rights.

Kamlari system in Nepal

- ❖ Under the **Kamlari system** practised in Western Terai of Nepal:
 - Girls and young women were sold by their parents into indentured servitude under contract for periods of one year to richer and higher-caste buyers.
- ❖ On **10 September 2006**, the Supreme Court of Nepal affirmed that this practice known as kamlari was illegal, and that former kamlaris were entitled to governmental compensation, education and rehabilitation.
- ❖ In **June 2013**, the government of Nepal officially abolished the Kamlari system and agreed to a **10-point plan** involving compensation, rehabilitation and justice for victims of abuse.



Sports

2026 Commonwealth Games

Why in the news?

The organizers of the 2026 Commonwealth Games have decided to remove several prominent sports from the event.

- ❖ It includes hockey, badminton, wrestling, cricket, squash and shooting.

About the 2026 Commonwealth Games:

- ❖ The 23rd edition of the Commonwealth Games will take place in Glasgow, Scotland from the 23rd of July to the 2nd of August in 2026, across four venues.
- ❖ It will include only 10 sports, striking a balance between ensuring the event has a multi-sport feel and the need to manage financial and operational risk.



Persons In News

Vikram Dev Dutt

Why in the news?

Vikram Dev Dutt has assumed the charge as the Secretary of the Ministry of Coal.



- ❖ He is a 1993-batch IAS officer of the Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory (AGMUT) cadre.
- ❖ Previously, he has served as the Director General of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

Pam Kaur

Why in the news?

HSBC Bank has announced the appointment of Pam Kaur of Indian origin as its new Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

- ❖ She is the first female chief financial officer since the inception of this bank.

About Pam Kaur:

- ❖ She has a long history with HSBC, most recently serving as the Chief Risk and Compliance Officer.

- ❖ She joined the bank in 2013 as the Group Head of Internal Audit and steadily rose through the ranks.



News in Short

- ❖ Lahore became the world's most polluted city, recording an Air Quality Index (AQI) of 394.
- ❖ The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has launched a new initiative, the Self Assessment Test and Help for Entrance Exams (SATHEE) portal.

- It is aimed at helping students prepare for competitive exams like engineering (JEE), medical (NEET), and government services (SSC) at no cost.
- ❖ The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has retained India's GDP growth rate at 7 percent during the current fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.
- ❖ LAKE 2024: 14th biennial Lake conference:
 - It was organized by the Wetlands Research Group at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru and Alva's Education Foundation, Moodbidri.
 - Theme: Wetlands for human wellbeing.



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