

08<sup>th</sup> October 2024**Mahakumbh 2025**

The chief minister of Uttar Pradesh has unveiled the new multi-coloured logo for Mahakumbh 2025 in Prayagraj.

**Key Points**

- ❖ **Logo design:** The design features a temple, a seer, an urn, the Akshayvat tree, and an image of Lord Hanuman, representing the confluence of nature and humanity in the Sanatan civilization.
- ❖ A live satellite image of the Sangam is clearly visible in the design, symbolizing the eternal flow of these rivers as a representation of life itself.
- ❖ This inclusion highlights the spiritual and geographical importance of Prayagraj in the Maha Kumbh's rich tradition.



- ❖ **Symbolises:** The logo symbolizes religious and economic prosperity, with the depiction of the Amrit Kalash, a sacred vessel from the mythological ocean churning.
  - It also embodies the continuous flow of self-awareness and public welfare, serving as an inspirational emblem for Mahakumbh 2025.
- ❖ **Motto:** Motto of the Kumbh 2025 is "Sarvasiddhipradah Kumbhah".

**Kumbh Mela**

- ❖ Kumbh Mela is regarded as the world's largest peaceful gathering of pilgrims.
- ❖ It is recognized by UNESCO as an 'Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity'.

**Margdarshi App**

UPSRTC to launch Margdarshi app before Diwali

**Key Points**

- ❖ The UP-State Road Transport Corporation's Margdarshi app for bus tracking is finally going to be launched before Diwali.
- ❖ The app **will be free of cost.**
- ❖ It will enable passengers to **livetrack all UPSRTC buses on their phone.**
- ❖ It will be linked to the UP Police Emergency Response Service, which will be available through the digital panic button available on the app.

**Malabar-2024**

The maritime military exercise Malabar-2024 will be held from 8 October to 18 October 2024.

**Key Points**

- ❖ **Phases:** The maritime military exercise Malabar-2024 will begin with the Harbour Phase at Visakhapatnam, followed by the Sea Phase.
- ❖ **Participants:** This year's military exercise **hosted by India** will have partnerships from **Australia, Japan and the United States.**

- ❖ This military exercise will involve various Indian naval platforms including guided missile destroyers, multi-purpose frigates, submarines, fixed wing MRs, fighter aircraft and helicopters.
  - **Australia** will deploy an Anzac class frigate HMAS Stuart with its MH-60R helicopter and P8 maritime patrol aircraft.
  - **The United States** Navy will deploy an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS Dewey with its integrated helicopter and P8 maritime patrol aircraft.
  - **Japan** will join the military exercise with the Murasame class destroyer JS Ariake. Special forces from all four countries will also participate in the military exercise.
- ❖ **Focus:** Malabar 2024 will focus on a **wide range of activities designed to enhance cooperation and operational capabilities**, including discussions on special operations, surface, air and anti-submarine warfare through Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEE).
- ❖ **Significance:** Malabar 2024 is expected to be the most comprehensive edition of all the exercises to date, covering complex operational scenarios.

#### Malabar Military Exercise

- ❖ The Malabar military exercise, which began in **1992** as a **bilateral naval exercise between the United States and Indian Navy**, has evolved into a major multilateral event.

- ❖ It aims to improve interoperability, promote mutual understanding and address common maritime challenges in the Indian Ocean and the Indo-Pacific region.

### SCO

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will visit **Islamabad, Pakistan** to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Heads of Government (HOG) meeting on **October 15-16**.

#### About Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)

- ❖ **Origin:** Its origin lies in the "**Shanghai Five**" formed in 1996, comprising **China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan**.
- ❖ With the dissolution of the USSR into 15 independent countries in 1991, there were concerns about extremist religious groups and ethnic tensions emerging in the region. To manage these issues, a group for cooperation on security matters was created.
- ❖ The SCO was established as an international organisation on **15 June 2001** in **Shanghai**.
- ❖ **Member countries:** India, Iran, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.
  - Afghanistan and Mongolia have observer status.

### Why is the SCO significant?

- ❖ The SCO is one of the few international organizations that deal with security issues and has mainly **Asian members**.
- ❖ Regional giants Russia and China have emphasized its status as an alternative to the "Western" international order.

### Person In News- Worldwide

#### Prakash Man Singh Raut



He has been appointed as new **Chief Justice of Nepal**

### Person In News- Sports

#### Vaishnavi Pawar

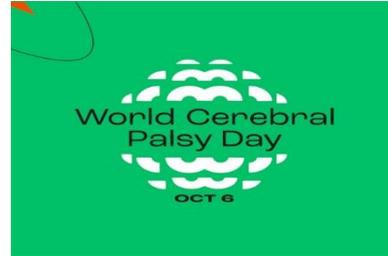


Indian archer Vaishnavi Pawar won a **silver medal** for India in the recurve under-18 women's team category at the 2024 Asian Youth Archery Championships, **defeating South Korea** in the semi-finals and missing out on the gold medal by a narrow margin against Chinese Taipei.

### Important Day/Dates

#### 6 October

#### World Cerebral Palsy Day



- ❖ It is being observed globally to raise awareness about the condition and promote inclusivity.
- ❖ **Aim:** This day aims to **challenge stereotypes and work towards creating an inclusive society** where individuals with cerebral palsy are respected for their identities and talents.
- ❖ **Theme:** The theme for this year is **#Uniquely CP**, which emphasizes that a person's disability does not define their entire identity.
- ❖ To mark this day, various national institutes and regional centres under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPWD) hosted the programs across the nation to raise awareness about cerebral palsy and empower those affected by it.

#### 7 October

#### World Cotton Day



- ❖ World Cotton Day is celebrated every year on 7 October under the United Nations to recognize the importance and role of cotton.
- ❖ The **World Cotton Day initiative was started in 2019.**
- ❖ **Theme** for the year 2024: **Cotton for Good**

### Important News- Other State

#### Gujarat

Adani group has **started India's largest hydrogen project** in Ahmedabad. The project will supply hydrogen-blended natural gas to households.

#### Meghalaya

The Chief Minister of Meghalaya launched the **GREEN** (Grassroots Response for Ecosystem Enhancement and Nurturing) **Meghalaya Plus** (GMP) scheme in the state in the first week of October. The main objective of launching this scheme is to conserve and enhance the forest cover.

#### Mumbai

Ranji Trophy champions **Mumbai have won the Irani Cup after 27 years.** Mumbai became the winner on the basis of the first innings lead. Mumbai last won the Irani Cup in 1997-98.

#### Tamil Nadu

The Tamil Nadu government is going to build a memorial for social reformer **Periyar E.V. Ramasamy** at Arukutty in Kerala, where he was imprisoned during the Vaikom Satyagraha. **The Vaikom Satyagraha** was a non-violent movement for access to the forbidden public surroundings of the Vaikom temple in the Travancore Kingdom, from 30 March 1924 to 23 November 1925.

### Important News- Worldwide

#### Pakistan

Amid a rapidly changing security situation in Pakistan with violent protests, clashes, arrests, cellular services and internet blockades, the Pakistan government has decided to **hand over the security of the capital Islamabad to the Pakistan Army.**

### Miscellaneous

- ❖ The World Health Organization (WHO) has approved the first Mpox diagnostic test for emergency use for early diagnosis to enable timely treatment, care, and virus control. The **approval for emergency use was given to Abbott Molecular Inc. PCR test, Alinity m MPXV assay.**
  - The Alinity m MPXV assay is a real-time PCR test that detects monkeypox virus (clade I/II) DNA in human skin lesion swabs.
- ❖ **India has become the fourth economy in the world to surpass 700 billion US dollars in foreign reserves,** joining China, Japan, and Switzerland. India's foreign exchange reserves surged by 12.588 billion dollars to touch a new all-time high of 704.885 billion dollars for the week ending September 27.
- ❖ On 7th October 2024, Mr Narendra Modi completed 23 years in public office. It was on this day in 2001, Mr Modi took over as Chief Minister of Gujarat for the first time.

