

6th November 2024

Not all private properties can be acquired by govt under Article 39(b)

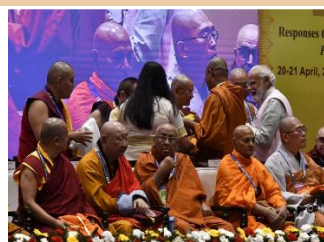


Key Points:

- ❖ The Supreme Court's nine-judge Constitution bench on Tuesday ruled that not every privately owned property of citizens can be acquired by the government under Article 39(b) of the Constitution to serve the common good.
- ❖ The bench, headed by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, however, said states can stake claim over private properties in certain cases.
- ❖ The majority verdict pronounced by the CJI overruled Justice Krishna Iyer's previous ruling that all privately owned resources can be acquired by the State for distribution under Article 39(b) of the Constitution.
- ❖ Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud wrote for the majority ruling for himself, and Justices Hrishikesh Roy, J.B. Pardiwala, Manoj Misra, Rajesh Bindal, Satish Chandra Sharma and Augustine George Masih; Justice BV Nagarathna penned a concurring opinion while Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia dissented.
- ❖ The ruling in the constitutional reference pending since 1992 essentially undoes several decades of Supreme Court jurisprudence on the issue.
- ❖ A line of judgements holding that both public and private resources fell within the ambit of "material resources of the community" under Article 39(b) stem from a minority opinion by Justice Krishna Iyer in State of Karnataka v Shri Ranganatha Reddy (1977).

- ❖ A 1982 constitution bench ruling in case Sanjeev Coke Manufacturing Company vs Bharat Cooking Coal Ltd had affirmed Justice Iyer's view
- ❖ Constitutional Provisions: Part IV of the Constitution of India (Article 36–51) contains the Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP).
- ❖ Article 39: It lists certain Directive Principles of State Policy (under Part IV of the Constitution), which are meant to be guiding principles for the enactment of laws, but are not directly enforceable in any court of law. DPSP aims at ensuring socio-economic justice for the people and establishing India as a welfare state.
- ❖ Article 39(b) places an obligation on the state to create policy towards securing "the ownership and control of the material resources of the community are so distributed as best to subserve the common good".
- ❖ Article 39(c) ensures that wealth and the means of production are not "concentrated" to the "common detriment".

First Asian Buddhist Summit held in New Delhi



Key Points:

- ❖ The first Asian Buddhist Summit will be held in New Delhi on November 5 and 6, 2024. President Droupadi Murmu was the chief guest.
- ❖ The first Asian Buddhist Summit aims to unite Sangha leaders, scholars, experts, and practitioners of various Buddhist traditions across Asia to foster dialogue, promote understanding, and address contemporary challenges facing the Buddhist community.

- ❖ Sangha in Buddhism refers to the people who follow the teachings of Lord Buddha.

Organiser of the First Asian Buddhist Summit

The first Asian Buddhist Summit is being organised by the Union Ministry of Culture, Government of India, in collaboration with the International Buddhist Confederation.

Theme of the First Asian Buddhist Summit

'Role of Buddha Dhamma in Strengthening Asia' is the theme of the First Asian Buddhist Summit.

The theme highlights the summit's aim to explore and find a common link between various traditions, practices, and beliefs prevalent in Asia. It will also explore the role of Dhamma in strengthening and nurturing a new value-based society.

Indian Government's effort to promote Buddhist Heritage

- ❖ The Buddhist religion originated in India in the 6th BCE. Prince Siddhartha, born in Lumbini, Nepal, attained enlightenment in Bodh Gaya, Bihar and started preaching the fundamental concepts of Dhamma, known as the turning of the wheel of Dhamma, at Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh. □ Buddhism spread to Sri Lanka, Southeast Asia, China, Tibet, Japan, and Central Asia.
- ❖ The government of India has taken several steps to strengthen relations with countries where Buddhism is strong.

As part of its cultural diplomacy, it has engaged the countries of Southeast Asia, China, Japan, and Sri Lanka by emphasising a shared Buddhist heritage.

- ❖ The first Global Buddhist Summit was held in April 2023 in New Delhi and it was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Summit was organised by the Union Ministry of Culture in association with the International Buddhist Confederation.

- ❖ The first International Conference on Share Buddhist Heritage was organised by the Union Ministry of Culture in association with the International Buddhist Confederation in March 2023. It was held as part of the Indian presidency of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.
- ❖ International Abhidhamma Divas was held on 17 October 2024 in New Delhi.

About International Buddhist Confederation

- ❖ The International Buddhist Confederation is a global umbrella organisation of Buddhist bodies headquartered in New Delhi.
- ❖ The International Buddhist Confederation has been registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860.
- ❖ The main aim of the International Buddhist Confederation is to preserve and promote Buddhist heritage worldwide.

5th edition of India-Vietnam Exercise 'Vinbax 2024 Commences at Ambala



Key Points:

- ❖ The 5th edition of the India-Vietnam bilateral military exercise 'Vinbax 2024' commenced at Ambala, Haryana on 4 November 2024.
- ❖ The 5th edition of the Vinbax 2024 will be held from 4-23 November at Ambala and Chandimandir.
- ❖ The 4th edition of the military exercise Vinbax 2023 was held in Vietnam from 10-21 December 2023.
- ❖ Chandimandir in Panchkula, Haryana is the headquarters of the Western Command of the Indian Army.

Enhanced Scope of the Vinbax 2024 military exercise

- ❖ The Vinbax military exercise between India and Vietnam was started in 2018 and the first exercise was held in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ It is an annual bilateral exercise held alternatively in India and Vietnam. The exercise is mainly conducted between the Armies of both the countries.
- ❖ In the 5th edition of the In the history of the Vinbax exercise for the first time personale from both the Army and Air force of the both the countries are participating

Participants of the Vinbax 2024 military exercise

- ❖ The focus of the 5th edition of the Vinbax 2024 military exercise is to enhance the military capability of both sides in the deployment of the Engineer Company to undertake engineering tasks as part of United Nations Contingent in Peacekeeping Operations under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter.
- ❖ The Indian contingent of 47 personnel is mainly drawn from the Indian Army's Corps of Engineers and also includes personnel from other arms and services. The Vietnamese contingent also consist of 47 personnels of the Vietnamese People's Army.

Aim of the Vinbax Exercise

- ❖ The Vinbax exercise is a Command Post cum Field Training Exercise which aims to facilitate the exchange of ideas and the joint rehearsal of tactics, techniques, and procedures related to combat engineering and combat medical tasks.
- ❖ A 48 hours Validation Exercise will mark the end of the military exercise which will showcase the standards attained by the participating India and Vietnamese troops

India Vietnam Defence ties

- ❖ India and Vietnam share close political and defence ties. In 2007 both the countries established a strategic partnership which was raised to the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership level in 2016.
- ❖ Indian announced the the gifting of an indigenously built missile corvette INS Kirpan to Vietnam during the visit of the Vietnam's defence minister General Phan Van Giang to India in June 2023
- ❖ The Vietnamese Naval ships participated in the international maritime exercise MILAN organised by the Indian Navy in India in February 2024.

Wriddhiman Saha Announces Retirement from All Forms of Cricket



Key Points:

- ❖ Indian wicketkeeper-batter Wriddhiman Saha has officially announced his retirement from all formats of cricket, marking the end of an illustrious career that spanned nearly two decades.
- ❖ Indian wicketkeeper-batter Wriddhiman Saha has officially announced his retirement from all formats of cricket, marking the end of an illustrious career that spanned nearly two decades.
- ❖ Saha shared the news via a social media post on Sunday (November), revealing that the ongoing Ranji Trophy season would be his last. Known for his exceptional wicketkeeping skills and steady presence with the bat, Saha has been a prominent figure in Indian cricket, especially in the Test arena.

A Distinguished Career in Test Cricket

- ❖ Wriddhiman Saha made a name for himself as India's first-choice wicketkeeper-batter in Test cricket following the retirement of the legendary MS Dhoni.
- ❖ Over the course of his career, Saha represented India in 40 Test matches and 9 One-Day Internationals (ODIs).
- ❖ **Test Record:** In Tests, Saha scored a total of 1,353 runs, including three centuries.
- ❖ **Wicketkeeping Prowess:** Known as one of the finest wicketkeepers globally, he ranks second among Indian keepers with the most centuries in Test cricket, trailing only behind MS Dhoni and Rishabh Pant (who hold the joint first position).
- ❖ Saha's consistency, especially behind the stumps, earned him accolades from cricketing experts worldwide. Many regard him as one of the best glovemen the game has seen, known for his agility and sharp reflexes.

India Secures ISA Presidency Again, Ashish Khanna New Director General



- ❖ India and France have been re-elected as the president and co-president of the International Solar Alliance (ISA), respectively, at the seventh ISA assembly held in New Delhi.
- ❖ During the inaugural day of the assembly, India and France have been re-elected as the president and co-president of the International Solar Alliance (ISA), respectively, at the seventh ISA assembly held in New Delhi. During the inaugural day of the assembly, Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi announced that India would continue to hold the presidency until 2026.

Re-election Announcement

- ❖ India and France have been re-elected as president and co-president of the International Solar Alliance (ISA).
- ❖ India will hold the presidency until 2026.

Ministerial Statement

- ❖ Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Pralhad Joshi, addressed the media during the seventh ISA assembly in New Delhi.
- ❖ Emphasized the transformation of solar energy from vision to reality, highlighting its role in promoting a cleaner and sustainable future.

Henley Passport Index 2024, Where does India stand?



Key Points:

- ❖ In the latest Henley Passport Index released in October 2024, Singapore has once again emerged as the world's most powerful passport.
- ❖ This accolade reflects the country's robust global standing and extensive diplomatic relations, granting its citizens visa-free access to an impressive 195 countries.
- ❖ In the latest Henley Passport Index released in October 2024, Singapore has once again emerged as the world's most powerful passport.
- ❖ This accolade reflects the country's robust global standing and extensive diplomatic relations, granting its citizens visa-free access to an impressive 195 countries.

India's Position

- ❖ In contrast, India ranks 83rd, providing its citizens with visa-free access to 58 countries.

- ❖ This ranking underscores the challenges that Indian passport holders face in terms of global mobility.
- ❖ However, the growing emphasis on international relations may pave the way for improved access in the future.

EAM Jaishankar Inaugurates India's New Consulate in Brisbane



Key Points:

- ❖ India's new consulate in Brisbane was inaugurated on 4th of November, 2024 by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, marking a milestone in strengthening India-Australia relations.
- ❖ Jaishankar highlighted the recent transformation in bilateral ties, driven by initiatives like a trade agreement.
- ❖ India's new consulate in Brisbane was inaugurated on 4th of November, 2024 by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, marking a milestone in strengthening India-Australia relations. Jaishankar highlighted the recent transformation in bilateral ties, driven by initiatives like a trade agreement that has opened up significant opportunities for both countries.

Historic Opening in Queensland

- ❖ EAM Jaishankar inaugurated the consulate in Brisbane, marking it as the first Indian consulate in Queensland.
- ❖ This consulate joins existing Indian consulates in Melbourne, Perth, and Sydney, reflecting India's expanding diplomatic footprint in Australia.

Significance of Queensland

- ❖ Jaishankar emphasized Queensland's importance in India-Australia relations,

noting its role in driving a majority of bilateral trade.

- ❖ Queensland is home to nearly 100,000 people of Indian origin, a significant portion of Australia's Indian diaspora

Navy Chief Dinesh Tripathi launches 'Swavlamban 2024' exhibition



Key Points:

- ❖ Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi has inaugurated the 'Swavlamban 2024' exhibition at Bharat Mandapam.
- ❖ The event aims to showcase innovations from the country's young entrepreneurs and strengthen collaborations between the Indian Navy and various industry stakeholders.
- ❖ He expressed enthusiasm for the innovative solutions showcased by the nation's youth and noted the participation of around 115 stalls from diverse agencies, including the Indian Air Force, Indian Army, Indian Coast Guard, and the Border Security Force (BSF). Launched in 2022, the initiative aims to collaborate with Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and the Indian industry to address operational needs and bridge capability gaps within the Navy.

Karnataka celebrates Bali Padyami festival



Key Points:

- ❖ Karnataka celebrates Bali Padyami festival on the fourth day of Deepavali.

- ❖ It is believed that the Asura king Bali Chakravarty comes out of Pathala loka and visits Bhuloka as per the boon given by Lord Vishnu during Vamana Avatar.
- ❖ After worshipping Ganga matha on the first day, Naraka Chaturdashi on the second and Lakshmi Pooja on the third day of Deepavali, the festival of Bali Padyami derives significance.
- ❖ The day is symbolic of prosperity and welfare representing the then flourishing kingdom of Bali Chakravarty.

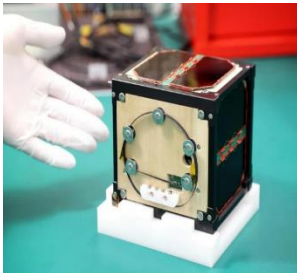
Yamaha Motor India appoints Itaru Otani as Chairman



Key Points:

- ❖ India Yamaha Motor (IYM) Pvt Ltd. has appointed Itaru Otani as the new chairman of Yamaha Motor India Group.
- ❖ Otani brings over three decades of experience with Yamaha Motor Company, having held key leadership roles across global markets, including Australia, Brazil, and Japan. Prior to this role, Otani served as Chief General Manager, leading the Land Mobility Business Operations based out of Japan.
- ❖ Otani replaced Eishin Chihan

Japan set to test world's first wooden satellite



Key Points:

- ❖ Scientists in Japan are set to test the world's first wooden satellite "LignoSat".

- ❖ The LignoSat was developed by a team from Kyoto University and homebuilder Sumitomo Forestry.
- ❖ It will be launched next week atop a SpaceX rocket, bound for the International Space Station.
- ❖ LignoSat – named after the Latin word for wood – will be released from the space station in the coming weeks.
- ❖ It will orbit for six months, testing how well the material can withstand the extreme environment.
- ❖ Forest science professor Koji Murata says wood can actually perform well in space, as there's nothing there to make it rot or catch fire.
- ❖ The wood used for this satellite comes from a type of magnolia tree – Japanese honoki. Traditionally, it is easy to process and resistant to shattering, which is why it is typically used for things like the scabbards of Japanese swords and the blades of Japanese wooden sandals due to its strength.

NSE launches mobile app & websites in 8 additional languages



Key Points:

- ❖ The National Stock Exchange has launched a mobile app as well as websites in eight additional languages to commemorate 30 years of operations.
- ❖ Trading in the equities market commenced on the NSE on 3rd November 1994. MD and CEO of NSE, Ashishkumar Chauhan, announced that these languages include Assamese, Bengali, Kannada, Malayalam, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, and Telugu, bringing the total number of languages supported by the NSE to twelve.
- ❖ The NSE also held its traditional muhurat trading on the occasion of Lakshmi Poojan.

Anish Sarkar becomes Youngest-Rated FIDE Chess Player Globally



Key Points:

- ❖ Anish Sarkar of Kolkata, West Bengal, has become the youngest-rated FIDE chess player in the world. At the age of three years, eight months, and 19 days, Anish secured a FIDE rating of 1555.
- ❖ The International Chess Federation, known by its French acronym FIDE, is the world's governing body for chess.
- ❖ It assigns ratings or points based on players' performance in FIDE-approved chess tournaments.
- ❖ Anish Sarkar, born on January 26, 2021, played his first tournament, the West Bengal State Under-9 Open, in October 2024.
- ❖ He next played in the West Bengal State Under 13 Open chess tournament, where several FIDE-rated players participated.
- ❖ According to the FIDE rule, a player is given rating points if the player plays against at least five FIDE-rated players.
- ❖ Thus, after participating in the West Bengal State Under 13 Open chess tournament, Anish Sarkar was given an initial FIDE rating of 1555.

○○○○

India's Atanu Das bags Bronze Medal in Swiss Open Indoor Archery



Key Points:

- ❖ India's Atanu Das has bagged a Bronze medal in the Swiss Open Indoor Archery in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- ❖ Olympian Atanu Das defeated Switzerland's Thomas Rufer 6-4 in the Recurve Men's Bronze medal match.
- ❖ Earlier in the Semifinals, Atanu faced a defeat against Romain Fichet of France 4-6. Romain clinched the silver while Italy's Alessandro Paoli clinched the gold.
- ❖ The 2025 Indoor Archery World Series kicked off, featuring over 300 archers from 31 countries. The Swiss Open includes both recurve and compound divisions.
- ❖ There will be six events held during the 2025 season 1, starting in November 2024 and ending in March 2025.

