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Global Cooperative Conference 2024

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global Cooperative Conference 2024 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on 25 November.



Key Point

- ❖ India is privileged to be the first to ever host the ICA Global Conference in New Delhi from November 25 to 30 in 2024.
- ❖ The International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) is the premier organization for cooperatives in the world and was established in 1895.
- ❖ The ICA Global Conference is an annual conference in which ICA members, cooperative leaders and researchers attend.
- ❖ The theme that the ICA in cooperation with other cooperative organizations adopted for the 2024 ICA Global Cooperative Conference is Cooperatives Build Prosperity for All.
- ❖ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also launched the United Nations' International Year of Cooperatives 2025 and released a commemorative postal stamp.

- ❖ The 2024 International Year of Cooperatives as observed in 2025 is themed 'Cooperatives: Building a Better World'.

13th UN Global Geospatial Information Management Asia-Pacific Conference

India is hosting the 13th United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management (GGIM) Asia-Pacific Plenary and Regional Conference from 26 November.



Geo-enabling the Data Economy for

Sustainable Development

Key Point

- ❖ The four-day event will be held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
- ❖ Ninety international delegates from 30 countries, along with 120 delegates from India, will participate in the conference.
- ❖ This conference will serve as a key forum for the exchange of global best practices, emerging geospatial technologies, and the formulation of regional strategies to enhance the use of geospatial information for realizing the Sustainable Development Goals.

About Geospatial Data

Geospatial data is information recorded with a geographic indicator of some type and describes objects, events or other features with a location on or near the surface of the earth.

- ❖ **Types of Geospatial Data:** There are two primary forms of geospatial data as below,
 - **Vector data:** In this type of data points, lines and polygons represent features such as properties, cities, roads, mountains and bodies of water.
 - **Raster Data:** It is pixelated or gridded cells identified according to row and column. Raster data creates imagery that's substantially more complex, such as photographs and satellite images.

TeacherApp

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan unveiled the TeacherApp in New Delhi on 25 November.



Key Point

- ❖ The primary aim of the digital platform is to revolutionize education in India by equipping educators with future-ready skills to meet the demands of 21st-century classrooms.
- ❖ The government is focusing on continuous capacity building with the spirit of National Education Policy 2020.
- ❖ The Teacher App is an open Application, developed mainly for Teachers. It is about improving teaching and learning approaches, engagement and learning for the future.
- ❖ It can be downloaded on the Web, operating under iOS and Android systems.
- ❖ A total of over 260 hours of high-quality content in the form of individual courses, learning bytes, short vlogs, podcasts, and webinars.
- ❖ Offers over 900 hours of Teaching Kits in the form of project work, worksheets, lesson plans, questions, etc. Hosts live expert sessions and community generated content.

Kuno National Park

Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has greeted and wished all the forest staff involved in the project on the birth of cubs by female cheetah "Nirvah" in Kuno National Park of "Cheetah State" Madhya Pradesh.



Key Point

- ❖ The introduction of cheetahs in India is being done under **Project Cheetah**, which is the world's **first intercontinental** large wild carnivore translocation project.
- ❖ India has opted for this approach. It is even more unique because this is the first time cheetahs reintroduced in an unfenced protected area (PA).
- ❖ Eight cheetahs from Namibia and 12 from South Africa were transported to India between September 2022 and February 2023 as part of an initiative to reintroduce the species to India, where the cheetah population had gone **extinct in the early 1950s**.
- ❖ Kuno National Park is located in the northern part of the Vindhya mountain range in Sheopur district, established in 1981 as a wildlife sanctuary.
- ❖ In 2018, it was given the status of a national park.
- ❖ It is part of the Khatiar-Gir dry deciduous forests.
- ❖ Kuno-Palpur Wildlife Sanctuary is underway to become India's second home for the Asiatic

Nayi Chetna 3.0

Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has inaugurated 227 Gender Resource Centres in 13 states under the Nayi Chetna 3.0 campaign.



Key Point

- ❖ The aim of the mission is to ensure the rights of all genders.
- ❖ The campaign also aims to eliminate the fear of violence amongst all genders of the country.
- ❖ The month-long campaign will run across all states and Union Territories till the 23rd of December.
- ❖ The slogan for this year's campaign is "Ek Saath, Ek Awaaz, Hinsa Ke Khilaaf." It is organized by the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission under the aegis of the Rural Development Ministry.
- ❖ The initiative is led by an extensive Self-Help Group network under this mission.

Atal Innovation Mission

The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of its flagship initiative, the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) with an enhanced scope of work and an allocated budget of ₹2,750 crore rupees for the period till March 31, 2028.



ATAL INNOVATION MISSION

Key Point

- ❖ AIM 2.0 is a step towards Viksit Bharat that aims to expand, strengthen, and deepen India's already vibrant innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem.
- ❖ The continuation of AIM will directly contribute to creating better jobs, innovative products, and high-impact services across sectors.
- ❖ It was launched by the NITI Ayog as an innovation promotion platform involving academics, entrepreneurs, and researchers utilizing national and international experience to promote the culture of innovation, R&D in India particularly in technology-oriented areas.

Humanoid teacher: NOVA

Nova was introduced at Government LPQS, Punalur, on November 14.



Key Point

- ❖ It is an AI-powered humanoid.
- ❖ Clad in a brick-red sari, she uses her signature synthesized voice to engage with 74 lower primary students
- ❖ The purpose of Nova to AI prepares students for the digital era and encourages them to ask questions in multiple languages.

- ❖ Nova can speak English, Malayalam, Hindi, and Arabic, the latter included as it's taught at the school.
- ❖ Key Benefits is that Interactive learning improves language and technological skills and sparks curiosity and interest in AI among young students.

About humanoid robots

- ❖ These are robots that look and move like robots.
- ❖ It mimics the functions of humans.

Features

- ❖ Equipped with sensors, cameras, and microphones.
- ❖ It can deliver speech, respond intelligently and recognize objects.

Short News

- ❖ The next Indian Ambassador to Brazil is going to be Shri Dinesh Bhatia, who has 13 years of experience with the Indian Foreign Service (IFS).
- ❖ Balasubramanian, an officer of the 1998 IFS batch, has been approved for being posted to India's High Commissioner to the Republic of Maldives.
- ❖ Renowned actor Pankaj Tripathi will be the festival brand ambassador for the Arunachal Rang Mahotsav 2024, an esteemed international theatre festival.

- ❖ Australian champion swimmer Emma McKeon retired from competitive swimming on 25 th November after having an illustrious career.
- ❖ Vaibhav Suryavanshi, a 13-years cricket player from Bihar became the

youngest cricketer to be signed for the IPL auction.

- ❖ Dutch Red Bull driver Max Verstappen secured his fourth Formula 1 championship on November 24, 2024, despite finishing fifth in the Las Vegas Grand Prix.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. What is the theme of the 2024 International Year of Cooperatives as observed in 2025?
 - A. 'Cooperatives: Building a Better World'.
 - B. Cooperatives: Build Prosperity for All.
 - C. Cooperatives: strengthening the world
 - D. Cooperatives: Empowering Communities Globally

Answer -A

2. Which of the following ministries is associated with the Naya Chetna 3.0 campaign?
 - A. Ministry of rural development
 - B. Ministry of education
 - C. Ministry of education
 - D. Ministry of health and family planning

Answer -A

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