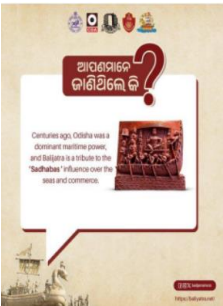


## Kartik Purnima

### Key Points:

- ❖ Kartik Purnima, also known as Tripurari Purnima or Deva-Deepawali, celebrates Lord Shiva's victory over the demon, Tripurasura. The festival is also celebrated in honour of Lord Vishnu, as on this day, he incarnated as Matsya (fish-incarnation), his very first avatar.



ବାରିହାସ୍ତା (ବୃହାନ୍ନବା ବା ବୋଲଟ ବନ୍ଦା ନାମରେ ମଧ୍ୟ ଜଣା) ଏକ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ପର୍ବ । ବାରିହାସ୍ତା ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ଶୈବବପୁଷ୍ଟି ଐତିହ୍ୟର ଯାତ୍ରା । ବାରିହାସ୍ତା ଏପରି ଏକ ଜଗନ୍ନାଥୋଦ୍ଧବ ଯାତ୍ରା ଓଡ୍ର, ଭବିଷ୍ୟ, ଭବର, ଚୋଖାଳୀ, ବଙ୍ଗୋପ ଓ ବୋଷଜର ସମୁଦୟଗିରିକ ଯାତ୍ରା । ଆଧୁନିକ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ଉପରୋକ୍ତ ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ରଗୁଡ଼ିକର ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତିତ ରୂପ ।

ଏହି ଯାତ୍ରା (ଅହେବର-ବରହପୁର) କାର୍ତ୍ତିକ ମାସର ପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣିମାଠାରୁ ଆରମ୍ଭ ହୋଇଥାଏ । ଆରମ୍ଭକରେ ଘାସବୃକ୍ଷମାନେ ନିଜ ବୋଇତରେ ଜାଲି, ବାଲି, ସୁମାତ୍ରା, ବୋର୍ଣ୍ଣିଓ (ଏ ବେଳାର ଇଣ୍ଡୋନେସିଆ) ଆଦି ସ୍ଥାନକୁ ବେପାର ବଣିଜ କରିବାକୁ ଯାଉଥିଲେ ଯାହାର ସ୍ମୃତିରେ ଉପକୂଳ ଅଞ୍ଚଳମାନଙ୍କରେ ବାଲିଯାତ୍ରାର ଆୟୋଜନ କରାଯାଇଥାଏ ।

ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ଜଟକ ସହରରେ ବୋଇତ ବୟାଣ ବା ବାଲିଯାତ୍ରାର ମହାସମାରମ ହୋଇଥାଏ ।  
କାର୍ତ୍ତିକ ପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣିମା ଦିନ ଓଡ଼ିଆମାନେ ଆକାମାବୈ ରାତ ବୋଲି ଡଙ୍ଗା ଭସାଇଥାନ୍ତି  
ଓ ଓଡ଼ିଶାର ଏହି ଅତୀତର ଇତିହାସକୁ ମନେପକାଇଥାନ୍ତି ।

ଏହି ସମୟରୁ ସାଧକମାନେ ବେପାର-ବଣିଜ ପାଇଁ ପ୍ରବୃତ୍ତ ସମୟ ଗ୍ରହଣକରି କାରଣ ପବନ ଉଡି ସେମାନଙ୍କ ଯାତ୍ରାକୁ ସହଜ କରୁଥିଲା । ବରଦାସରେ ବାଣିଯାତ୍ରା ପ୍ରତି ବ୍ୟକ୍ତି ଗୁରୁତ୍ୱିତ । ଘାଟ ଓ ବାରବାଟୀ ଦୁଇ ନିକଟରେ ଅନୁକୃତି ହୋଇଥାଏ । ଏଠାରୁ ଡ଼ିଞ୍ଜା ଓ ବେଙ୍ଗର ବିଲ୍ଲିସ ପ୍ରାକୃତ ଅନେକ ବ୍ୟବସାୟ ଆସିଥାନ୍ତି ।



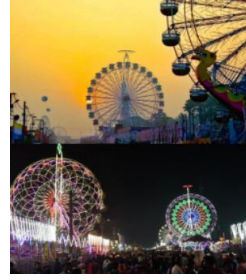
ବାଦୀ ଅର୍ଥାତ୍ ଅଧୁନା ଲକ୍ଷ୍ମେନେବିରାଜ ବାଦୀଦ୍ୱାରା ଯାହା ସହ କବିଜଗନ୍ନାଥ ନୌବାରିଷ୍ଠଙ୍କ ଘରରେ ରହିଥିଲା । ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସାଧବ ପୁଅ ଅର୍ଥାତ୍ ବଣିକ ଗୋଷ୍ଠର ପ୍ରତିନିଧି ରୂପେ ବାଦୀ ଦ୍ୱାରା ସହ ଯାତ୍ରା, ସୁନାମୁଦ୍ରା, ବୋଉଣି ଦ୍ୱାରାମାନଙ୍କ ବାର୍ଷିକ ପୁଣିଶ୍ରୀ ନିକ୍ଷେପ ଗମନ କରୁଥିଲେ ଏବଂ ବାଦୀଦ୍ୱାରା ପ୍ରାପ୍ତ ଧନଘନ ସଂଗ୍ରହ କରୁଥିଲେ । ବାଦୀନିକ୍ଷେପ କରୁଥିଲେ ସମ୍ଭବ । ଯଦିଓ ଅପାମାନ ଅସ୍ଥର ସହ ବାର୍ଷିକୀକ ଘରରେ ରହିଥିଲା, କିନ୍ତୁ ବାଦୀ ଦ୍ୱାରା ସହ ଶେଷଦ୍ୱାରା ଭାବେ ପରିଗଣିତ ଥିଲା ।

ଏଣୁ ଏଭଳି ନାମକରଣ କରାଗଲେଇ ବୋଲି ଅନୁମାନ କରାଯାଏ ।  
 ଅନୁମତାନୁସାରେ କାର୍ବିକ ପୃଷ୍ଠମାନେ ଉଦ୍ଭାବିତ ଆକାମାଦେ ଶବ୍ଦ ବର୍ଷର ମୁଖ୍ୟ  
 ଚାରିମାସ ଯାହା ଯଥା : ଆଷାଢ଼, କାର୍ବିକ, ମାର୍ଗଶୀର ଏବଂ ଚୈତ୍ରାଷାଢ଼ ;  
 ସେଥିରେ ଧର୍ମ କର୍ମ ସମୂହ ତଥା ଇଷ୍ଟରୋପାସନା କରିବାକୁ ବର୍ଷାଏ ।

ଐତିହାସିକ କଟକ ବାଲିଯାତ୍ରା ନଭେମ୍ବର ୧୫ ତାରିଖ, ଶୁକ୍ରବାରରୁ ଆରମ୍ଭ ହୋଇ ନଭେମ୍ବର ୨୨ତାରିଖରେ ଶେଷ ହେବ।



ବାରିଧାନ୍ୟରୁ ଅର୍ବରୀୟା ନାନୀଙ୍କ ଦେବା ପ୍ରସ୍ତିୟାରେ ପ୍ରଥମଥର ପାଇଁ ୧୩ଟି ଦେଶର ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ରଦୂତ ଓ ହାଇକମିସନରଙ୍କ ସମେତ ୮ଟି ଦେଶର ବନାବାର ବାରିଧାନ୍ୟରେ ବାମିଳ ନେତାଙ୍କୁ ଯାଜ୍ଞକ୍ଷିଃ ବାରିଧାନ୍ୟର ଉତ୍ସାବନୀ ଭବନରେ ଶ୍ରୀଲଙ୍କା, ବାଙ୍ଗଳାଦେଶ, ଆରବିଆ, ରାଓ ପିଟିଆର, ଭୁଟାନ, ସିଙ୍ଗାପୁର, ନେପାଳ, ମାଲେସିଆ, ଉଷୋନେପାଳ, ନାୟର, ସୋଲୋମନ ଆଇଲଣ୍ଡ, ଫୁଜିକିଶା, ଇଟିଟିନାମର ଲେବେ ଓ ବୃହେସ୍ବର ନାୟର ଓ ହାଇକମିସନ ଯୋଗଦେବେ।

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ସୁରକାର ଅଧିନୀୟାବଳରେ ନିର୍ମିତ ସାବରକମ୍ପା ଡିଲଭ୍ରିଫ୍ ଶ୍ରେଣୀରେ ମହାମାରୀ ଡିଲଭ୍ରିଫ୍ ଯୋଗ୍ୟ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକାରୀ କରାଯିବ । ଏଥିପାଇଁ ୫୦ ଲକ୍ଷ ଟଙ୍କା ଅନୁମୋଦନ କରାଯାଇଛି । ଆଗାମୀ ୧୫୦ ଲକ୍ଷ ଟଙ୍କା ଏଥିପାଇଁ ବିଆଯିବ ବୋଲି ଆଜି ଏକିଟାସିବି ବାରିଆନ୍ତା କଟକ ମହୋତ୍ସବକୁ ଭବିଷ୍ୟତ କରିବା ଅବସରରେ ବହିଷ୍କୃତ ମୁଖ୍ୟମନ୍ତ୍ରୀ ଗୋବିନ୍ଦଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ମାତା।

ଏହି ବହିଷ୍କୃତ ଯେ କଟକ-ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱରରୁ ଚୈତନ୍ୟଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ମାତାଙ୍କୁ ବିଆଯାଉ ଉଭୟ ସହରର ବିକାଶ କରାଯିବ ବୋଲି କହିଛନ୍ତି ।

ବାଲିଯାତ୍ରା ହେଉଛି ଓଡ଼ିଶାର କବିତାସହ ଆଉ ସମୃଦ୍ଧ ନୌବାଣିଜ୍ୟର ପ୍ରତୀକ। ବାଲିଯାତ୍ରା କେବଳ ଏକ ଯାତ୍ରା ନୁହେଁ, ଏହା ବିଦେଶ ସହ ସଂପର୍କ ଶାପନର ଏକ ମାଧ୍ୟମ ଅଟେ। ତେଣୁ ବାଲିଯାତ୍ରାକୁ ଅଧିକତରୁ ଅଧିକ ସଂପ୍ରସାରଣ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ରାଜ୍ୟ ସରକାର ସହଯୋଗ ଅଛି। ବାଲିଯାତ୍ରାକୁ ଆନ୍ତର୍ଜାତିକ ମାନ୍ୟତା ଦେବା ପାଇଁ ସରକାର ପଦକ୍ଷେପ ନେଇ ସାରିଛନ୍ତି।

## State Film Awards for 2021



ଜୀବନ ବ୍ୟାପୀ ସାଧନା ପାଇଁ ଏ ଚକ୍ରକୁ ମୋହନସୁନ୍ଦର ଦେବଗୋସ୍ୱାମୀ ସମ୍ମାନ  
୨୦୨୦ ପାଇଁ ଅନନ୍ତ ମହାପାତ୍ର,  
୨୦୨୧ ପାଇଁ ଶ୍ରୀନିବାସ ମହାପାତ୍ର ପାଇବେ ପୁରସ୍କାର  
୨୦୨୨ ପାଇଁ ହାସ୍ୟ ଅଭିନେତା ଜୟୀରାମ ସାମଲ ପାଇବେ ପୁରସ୍କାର

## Key Points:

- ❖ 'Daman' , produced by Dipendra Samal, has been adjudged the best movie for the year 2022. Minister Suryabanshi Suraj made the announcement while declaring the names of winners of the Odisha State Film Awards at the Sanskriti Bhawan in Bhubaneswar. Actor Babusan Mohanty has been named the Best Actor for the year 2022 for his excellent performance in 'Daman'. Actress Lopamudra Mishra has won the Best Actress award for 'Baura Hata Baksha'.
- ❖ The Minister stated the winners of the 'Mohan Sunder Deb Goswami' will receive cash award ₹5 lakh and citation. The State Film Awards will be given away in 33 categories for the year 2020, 2021 and 2022.
- ❖ For 2022, the Best Director award went to Sudhansu Mohan Sahu for 'Mayabi'.

- ❖ The Best Scriptwriter award went to Mihir Ranjan Acharya for Bagha Bazari: The Dance of Tigers.
- ❖ Pankaj Jal was adjudged the Best Music Director (Balakrushna Das Puraskar) for Khara: The Heat in 2022. Best Tribal Language Movie went to Dewa (Koya language) produced by Rabi Shankar Rath.
- ❖ In 2022, the Best Writing on Odia Cinema award went to Surya Deo for Odia Cinema Song (Saturi Ru Athastori). 'Manayu': My Wonderland produced by Santanu Mishra and directed by Pranab Kumar Aich was adjudged Best documentary movie.
- ❖ **Best Film:** Partikshya produced by Anupam Pattnaik, Dalchini produced by Atish Kumar Rout
- ❖ **Best Director:** Suresh Patnaik for Trushna Best Actor: Ankit Kumar for Bhoka, Dipanwita Dasmohapatra for Partikshya
- ❖ **Best Actress:** Suryamayee Mohapatra for Dalchini
- ❖ **Best Scriptwriter:** Ranjan Das for Bhoka, Gaurahari Das for Pratikshya
- ❖ **Best Music Director:** Abhijit Majumdar for Trushna Best Documentary Movie – small movie: The Healing Touch produced by Nila Mohapatra and directed by Shweta Kumar Das
- ❖ **Documentary:** The Mountain Hockey Producer Raj Kishore Hota, director Abinash Pradhan and Debasish Mohapatra There was no winner in the Best writing on Odia Cinema and Best Tribal Language Movie categories.

State Film Awards for 2020	
Best Movie: Sahid Raghu Sardar produced by Biswanath Patnaik	
Best Director: Rakesh Samal for Romeo Raja	
Best Actor: Debasish Patra for Sahid Raghu Sardar, Amlan Das for Romeo Raja	
Best Actress: Kabita Kiran Shukla for Sahid Raghu Sardar	
Best Scriptwriter: Biswanath Patnaik for Sahid Raghu Sardar	
Best Music Director (Bala Krushna Puraskar): Baidyanath Dash for Romeo Raja	
Best Documentary Movie: Short Film: Mask produced by Nila Mohapatra and directed by Shweta Kumar Dash	
Best Writing on Odia Cinema: Surya Deo for Kali Paalin Kalira Cinema	
Best Tribal Language movie – none	

## 24 Medals for India at FISU World University Championship Shooting 2024

### Key Points:

- ❖ The Indian shooters finished their campaign at the 2024 FISU World University Championship Shooting with a rich haul of 24 medals, including 9 gold, 9 silver, and 6 bronze.
- ❖ The FISU World University Championship Shooting 2024 was held at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range in Tughlakabad, New Delhi, from 9-13 November 2024.
- ❖ It was organised by the International University Sports Federation, known by its French acronym FISU and hosted by India. The mascot of the game was Trunky, an elephant.

### Shooter Aishwary Tomar and Palak lead the Medal rush

- ❖ Olympian Aishwary Paratap Singh Tomar and Asian Games champion Palak Gulia led the medal rush for India with four medals apiece.
- ❖ Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar won an individual silver medal in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions event while he was part of three events which won the gold medal.
- ❖ Palak Gulia won an individual silver medal in the women's 10m air pistol event. She was part of three team events which bagged the gold medal.
- ❖ The only gold for India in the individual event was bagged by Bhavtegh Singh Gill in the men's skeet event.

### International University Sports Federation (FISU)

- ❖ The International University Sports Federation (FISU) was established in 1949 to promote University sports worldwide.
- ❖ The FISU organises world-class sports and educational events for the university students.

- ❖ Members: 164 National University Sport Federation members,
- ❖ President: Leonz Eder
- ❖ Headquarters: University of Lausanne, Switzerland

### **Mukesh Ambani in 1st Fortune 100 Most Powerful Person in Business List**

#### **Key Points:**

- ❖ The influential American Fortune magazine has released its first 100 Most Powerful People in Business list. Elon Musk, the chief executive officer (CEO) and founder of Tesla and SpaceX tops the list, with Mukesh Ambani of India ranked 12th.
- ❖ The list includes six Indian-born Americans: Microsoft CEO and Chairman Satya Nadella (3rd rank), Alphabet (Google) CEO Sundar Pichai (10th rank), Adobe CEO and chair Shantanu Narayen (52), YouTube CEO Neal Mohan (69 rank), Khosla Ventures managing partner and founder Vinod Khosla (74 rank), and Tarang Amin CEO and founder of e.l.f. Beauty at 94th place.
- ❖ Mary Barry, CEO and Chairman of American Auto giant General Motors, ranked 9th in the list, is the highest-ranked women's business leader. The first Fortune 100 Most Powerful People in Business includes leaders from 40 industries, some in their 30s and some in their 90s. It includes founders of new businesses like Elon Musk and disruptors and innovators.

#### **Mukesh Ambani only Indian on the Fortune List**

- ❖ Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) Mukesh Ambani, with an estimated \$100 billion of wealth, is the only Indian businessman on the list. He has been ranked the 12th most powerful business leader in the world.

- ❖ RIL is India's biggest private sector company, with diversified business interests in petrochemicals, entertainment, telecom, retail etc.

#### **Top 15 Most Powerful Business People in the World**

- ❖ Here is the list of the 15 top business leaders in the world, their companies, and their nationalities.
- ❖ Number 1. - Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla and SpaceX (American)
- ❖ Number 2- Jensen Huang, CEO and founder of Chip-making company NVIDIA (American) Number 3- Satya Nadella, CEO and Chairman of Microsoft (Indian-born American).
- ❖ Number 4- Warren Buffett, CEO and Chairman of Berkshire Hathaway (American)
- ❖ Number 5- Jamie Dimon, CEO and Chairman of JP Morgan Chase (American)
- ❖ Number 6- Tim Cook, CEO of Apple (American)
- ❖ Number 7- Mark Zuckerberg, Founder, CEO and Chairman of Meta (Facebook)
- ❖ Number 8- Sam Altman, CEO and co-founder of OpenAI (American)
- ❖ Number 9- Mary Barra, CEO and Chairman, General Motors (American)
- ❖ Number 10- Sundar Pichai, CEO of Alphabet (Google), (Indian-born American citizen).
- ❖ Number 11- Jeff Bezos, Chairman and Founder of Amazon (American).
- ❖ Number 12- Mukesh Ambani, CMD Reliance Industries Limited, India.
- ❖ Number 13- Brian Moynihan, CEO and Chairman, Bank of America (American).
- ❖ Number 14- Ren Zhengfei, CEO and Founder of Huawei (China)
- ❖ Number 15- Jane Fraser, CEO of Citigroup (American).



### PM Modi commemorates 4th Janjatiya Gaurav Divas in Jamui, Bihar

#### Key Points:

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the function to commemorate the 4th Janjatiya Gaurav Divas and 150th birth anniversary celebration of Birsa Munda in the Jamui district of Bihar on 15 November 2024.
- ❖ The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone and inaugurated various projects worth Rs 6600 crore, meant for tribal welfare. Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Governor of Bihar, Nitish Kumar, Chief Minister of Bihar, Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Jual Oram, Union Minister Chirag Paswan and other dignitaries were also present during the function.

#### Projects launched at the 150th Anniversary of Birsa Munda

- ❖ Tribal leader and freedom fighter Birsa Munda was born in the Ulihatu village in Jharkhand on 15 November 1875. He is considered a Bhagwan (God) by the local tribal population.
- ❖ This year is Birsa Munda's 150th birth anniversary, and the government of India, through the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs, is conducting various programmes across the country.
- ❖ On the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and the 4th Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched/laid the foundation of various tribal welfare projects.
- ❖ Prime Minister Modi released a postal stamp and a commemorative coin in honour of Birsa Munda.
- ❖ He launched the 150th Birth Anniversary Year celebrations of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda.
- ❖ Virtually inaugurated two Tribal Freedom Fighters' Museums in Madhya Pradesh - Chhindwara and Jabalpur.

- ❖ Virtually inaugurated two Tribal Research Institutes in Srinagar, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and Gangtok, Sikkim.
- ❖ 25 Eklavya Model Residential Schools for the tribal students, foundation was also laid.
- ❖ Virtually attended the handing over ceremony of 11,000 newly constructed houses for the tribals built under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PMJANMAN)

#### About the Janjatiya Gaurav Divas

- ❖ The first Janjatiya Gaurav Divas was observed on 15 November 2021, and it has been observed every year since then.
- ❖ 15 November was chosen as it is the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, who led the tribals in the Chota Nagpur area against British rule.
- ❖ The Janjatiya Gaurav Divas honour and remember the struggle and sacrifice made by the tribals in the country's freedom struggle and celebrate the history, culture, and heritage of tribal communities. Events are held across the country to foster unity, pride, and recognition of their significant contributions to India's freedom and progress

### Clean Ganga Mission Introduces Dolphin Ambulance

#### Key Points:

- ❖ The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is spearheading several important initiatives under the Clean Ganga Mission, focusing on the preservation of the Ganga's biodiversity, particularly endangered species like the Ganga Dolphin. The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is spearheading several important initiatives under the Clean Ganga Mission, focusing on the preservation of the Ganga's biodiversity, particularly endangered species like the Ganga Dolphin.



- ❖ These efforts are part of a larger vision to restore the ecological balance of the river while protecting the flora and fauna that depend on it. One of the key initiatives in this mission is the launch of a special Dolphin Ambulance to aid in the rescue of injured Ganga Dolphins, a species vital to the river's ecosystem.

#### Dolphin Ambulance Initiative

- ❖ The special ambulance will be used for rescuing injured Ganga River Dolphins, the national aquatic animal of India.
- ❖ The project, titled "Advancing Rescue System for the Protection of Stranded Ganges River Dolphins," has an estimated budget of Rs 1 crore.
- ❖ The initiative will also raise awareness for dolphin conservation and train communities for better management and response to dolphin-related issues. Along with the Dolphin Ambulance, NMCG has approved several other conservation projects aimed at safeguarding aquatic life in the Ganga and its tributaries.
- ❖ These projects highlight the significant role the Ganga plays in preserving not just the river's physical cleanliness but also the life it sustains.

#### First Bodoland Mohotsov to Be Inaugurated by PM in Delhi

##### Key Points:

- ❖ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the 1st Bodoland Mohotsav, a two day mega event on language, literature, and culture to sustain peace and

build a Vibrant Bodo Society. The two-day festival, which will be held on 15th and 16th November, will celebrate the rich culture and heritage of the Bodoland region. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the first-ever Bodoland Mohotsov on 15th November at 6:30 PM at the SAI Indira Gandhi Sports Complex in New Delhi. The two-day festival, which will be held on 15th and 16th November, will celebrate the rich culture and heritage of the Bodoland region. The Prime Minister will also address the gathering during the inauguration.



#### China Unveils Megaport in Peru, but Locals Feel Left Behind

##### Key Points:

- ❖ China's \$1.3 billion megaport in Chancay, Peru, promises economic growth by linking South America to Asia, but locals, especially fishermen, are unhappy.
- ❖ The port's construction has destroyed fishing grounds and altered local ecosystems, leading to reduced catches and increased costs for fishermen.
- ❖ China's \$1.3 billion megaport in Chancay, Peru, majority-owned by Chinese shipping giant Cosco, promises to connect South America to Asia and boost regional trade.



- ❖ However, locals in this coastal desert village, where many live without basic services, express dissatisfaction, claiming the port harms their livelihoods and brings no tangible benefits.
- ❖ While the government envisions significant economic growth, the residents of Chancay, particularly the fishermen, see the project as a threat to their resources and environment.

### Delhi's New Mayor AAP's Mahesh Kumar Khichi

#### Key Points:

- ❖ Mahesh Kumar Khichi, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate, emerged victorious in the Delhi mayoral polls held on Thursday. Khichi secured 133 votes, defeating BJP's Kishan Lal, the councilor from Shakurpur ward, by a narrow margin of three votes. Mahesh Kumar Khichi, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate, emerged victorious in the Delhi mayoral polls. Khichi secured 133 votes, defeating BJP's Kishan Lal, the councilor from Shakurpur ward, by a narrow margin of three votes. This marks the conclusion of the longdelayed election for the Delhi mayor's office.



### India's Outward FDI Hits \$3.7 Billion in October 2024

#### Key Points:

- ❖ India's outward FDI rose to \$3.7 billion in October 2024, up from \$2.55 billion a year earlier, though it declined from \$3.77 billion in September 2024.

- ❖ Equity commitments dropped to \$655.84 million, and debt commitments surged to \$1.24 billion, reflecting a shift towards debt over equity investment.
- ❖ India's outward foreign direct investment (FDI) saw a notable rise in October 2024, with total commitments reaching \$3.7 billion, up from \$2.55 billion in October 2023, according to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).



- ❖ However, there was a sequential decline from \$3.77 billion in September 2024. The outbound FDI includes equity, loans, and guarantees, which showed varied trends in their respective components.

### Amaravati capital project gets major boost with Rs. 13,500 crore loan from World Bank and ADB

#### Key Points:

- ❖ The dream of a world-class capital for Andhra Pradesh is advancing with a major funding boost. The World Bank and Asian Development Bank have jointly agreed to grant a loan of Rs. 13,500 crore rupees for Amaravati development project. Titled, "the Amaravati Inclusive and Sustainable Capital City Development Program, " the program aims to build a safe and sustainable city with focus on inclusive socioeconomic growth and community development, building resilient service delivery, and strengthening governance and financing frameworks.





### Operation Dronagiri launched along with GDI marking a milestone in the National Geospatial Policy

#### Key Points:

- ❖ Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Professor Abhay Karandikar has launched the Operation Dronagiri, a pilot project under National Geospatial Policy 2022 to demonstrate the potential applications of geospatial technologies and innovations in improving the quality of life of citizens and ease of doing business, at Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer (FITT), Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, New Delhi.



- ❖ The Operation Dronagiri is part of the numerous efforts of DST in liberalising geospatial data, developing geospatial infrastructure, geospatial skill and knowledge as well as standards in implementing the policy.
- ❖ In the first phase, Operation Dronagiri will be implemented in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Assam, Andhra Pradesh & Maharashtra, where pilot

projects will be run and use cases will be demonstrated to showcase the potential applications of integration of geospatial data and technology in 3 sectors – Agriculture, Livelihoods, Logistics and Transport.

- ❖ Operation Dronagiri gains a powerful backbone with support from Integrated Geospatial Data Sharing Interface (GDI), also unveiled today, that will make spatial data accessible, bringing transformation similar to the process in which UPI has brought about financial inclusion.

### Amandeep Johl appointed CEO of Professional Golf Tour of India

- ❖ The Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) announced the appointment of Amandeep Johl as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) from January 2025. Johl replaces Uttam Singh Mundy, who has essayed a key role in the organisation since its inception. A respected name in Indian golf, Johl brings extensive experience to his new role.
- ❖ The appointment comes alongside another recent significant leadership addition, with the legendary cricketer Kapil Dev assuming the role of PGTI President in June 2024.

### Alix Didier Fils-Aime sworn in as Prime Minister of Haiti

- ❖ Alix Didier Fils-Aime was sworn in as Prime Minister of Caribbean country Haiti. Haiti faces severe humanitarian and security challenges.
- ❖ Gang violence has surged, leading to important casualties. In the first quarter of 2024 alone, approximately 2,500 individuals were killed or injured due to this violence. The new Prime Minister has pledged to address these issues head-on.



### Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President

- ❖ PM of Japan – Shigeru Ishiba
- ❖ President of USA – Donald Trump (47th)
- ❖ Deputy President of USA – JD Vance
- ❖ President of Botswana – Duma Boko
- ❖ President of Vietnam – Luong Cuong

### 14 November – World Diabetes Day

#### Key Points:

- ❖ World Diabetes Day (WDD) is observed every year on 14 November.

- ❖ **Objective** - To increase the awareness of diabetes, a chronic condition that affects millions of people around the world.
- ❖ Theme 2024 - Breaking Barriers, Bridging Gaps
- ❖ The World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) organise the event, which focuses on diabetes prevention, health risks, and managing and living well with the disease.

