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RCS- UDAN

The Prime Minister Of India inaugurated three airports developed under the **Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)- UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik)**.

Key Points

- ❖ These airports are Rewa in Madhya Pradesh, Ambikapur in Chhattisgarh, and Saharanpur in UP. Flights under RCS-UDAN will begin from these airports shortly.
- ❖ On October 21, 2024 the scheme completed 8 years and the government also decided to extend the regional air connectivity under scheme UDAN for 10 more years.

About RCS- UDAN

- ❖ The RCS- UDAN, a government-backed initiative to improve infrastructure and connectivity in India, especially in remote and underserved regions, completes seven years.
- ❖ It is a vital component of India's **National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) 2016**, launched by the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) on October 21, 2016, with a 10-year vision.
- ❖ The first RCS-UDAN flight was inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on April 27, 2017, connecting Shimla to Delhi.
- ❖ The scheme focuses on improving unserved air routes in underserved regions of the country and fulfilling the aspirations of the common citizens.

Sarsawa Airport is also known as Saharanpur Airport. It is an upcoming civil enclave at the Indian Air Force 's Sarsawa Air Force Station, in Saharanpur district in the state of Uttar Pradesh, India

Namo Bharat Train

On 21st October 2024, the first anniversary of the operations of Namoo Bharat Trains was celebrated as Namoo Bharat Diwas.

Key Points

- ❖ The Namoo Bharat Trains represent **India's first Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)**.
- ❖ The **National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC)** has constructed the Namoo Bharat.
- ❖ Its **first 17-kilometer priority section between Sahibabad and Duhai Depot** was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India on 20 October 2023.



- ❖ Currently, the **Namoo Bharat services operate across a 42-kilometer corridor** covering nine stations, including Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Guldhar, Duhai, Duhai Depot, Muradnagar, Modi Nagar South, Modi Nagar North, and Meerut South.
- ❖ The corridor will soon expand to 54 kilometers with the upcoming addition of the Sahibabad to New Ashok Nagar section, which will connect key stations such as Anand Vihar and New Ashok Nagar.

What is RRTS?

- ❖ **RRTS is a new rail-based, semi-high-speed, high-frequency commuter transit system.** With a design speed of 180 Kmph, RRTS is a transformational, regional development initiative, which is designed to provide high-speed trains for intercity commuting every 15 minutes, which can go up to a frequency of every 5 minutes as per requirement.

- ❖ The RRTS distinguishes itself from other transport systems by providing high-speed, efficient connectivity between suburban areas, significantly reducing commute times over longer distances, and reinforcing India's commitment to developing sustainable urban transport solutions.

National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) is a joint venture company of the Central government and the governments of Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

NCRTC is under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

It is mandated with implementing the RRTS project across the National Capital Region.

6th India-Singapore Defence Ministers' Dialogue

On 22nd October 2023, Raksha Mantri, Rajnath Singh and the Defence Minister of Singapore Dr Ng Eng Hen co-chaired the 6th India-Singapore Defence Ministers' Dialogue in New Delhi.

Key Points

- ❖ The meeting aimed to carry forward defence cooperation between the two countries and exchange views on regional and global issues of shared interest.
- ❖ India and Singapore share a **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership**.
- ❖ The bilateral defence relations form a significant pillar of this collaboration. The engagements have diversified to include wide-ranging contacts between the Services, military-to-military exchanges,

high-level visits, capacity building and training programmes, cooperation in UN Peacekeeping, ship visits and bilateral exercises.



- ❖ Singapore is a **key pillar of India's Act East Policy** and an important partner of the Indo-Pacific vision.
- ❖ The defence and security partnership between the two countries is an important factor of stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

Quad Cyber Challenge

India, the US, Australia and Japan have announced the continuation of the Quad Cyber Challenge.

Key Points

- ❖ Quad had launched a public campaign '**Quad Cyber Challenge**' in 2023.
- ❖ It aims to **improve cyber security** across their nations. It is for strengthening responsible cyber ecosystems, promoting public resources and raising cybersecurity awareness.
- ❖ The theme of this year's Challenge is promoting cybersecurity education and building a strong workforce.

Short News- Uttar Pradesh

- ❖ **Uttar Pradesh will be the first state in the country to export arms to America.**
 - Webley, the leading arms company that has made Uttar Pradesh its centre instead of Britain, will manufacture its antique revolver 'Webley-455' in the state.

घातक वेब्ले-455 ऐतिहासिक विशेषता

- 1887 में डिजाइन की गई थी
- 1887 से 1924 तक बनी
- 1.25 लाख पीस बने थे
- 1887 से 1963 इस्तेमाल में रही
- वेब्ले-455 क्यों है डिमांड में
 - वजन 1.1 किलो
 - 11.25 इंच कुल लंबाई
- 6 इंच बैरल की लंबाई
- 20 से 30 राउंड प्रति मिनट फायरक
- 46 मीटर इफेक्टिव फायरिंग रेंज

कहां कहां इस्तेमाल

- प्रथम विश्वयुद्ध
- द्वितीय विश्वयुद्ध
- आयरलैंड का स्वतंत्रता संग्राम
- इंडोनेशिया राष्ट्रीय आंदोलन
- भारत-चीन युद्ध
- कोरिया और वियतनाम युद्ध

Person In News- Appointment

Abhyuday Jindal



He has been appointed as president of industry body **Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)**.

ICC was founded in 1925. It is the leading and only National Chamber of Commerce. Its headquarters are located in Kolkata.

Person in News- Worldwide

Prabowo Subianto



He takes over as **President of Indonesia**.

He will officially become the **eighth president** of the world's most populous Muslim majority nation.

Sports

Women's T20 World Cup

- ❖ **New Zealand defeated South Africa** by 32 runs and secured their first-ever Women's T20 World Cup championship.
- ❖ **Amelia Kerr scripted history** as she became the first player in history to bag both the **Player Of The Tournament (POT)** and the **Player Of The Match (POM)** award.
- ❖ **ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024** was held in the United Arab Emirates (Shifted from Bangladesh).
- ❖ **India has not won the ICC Women's T20 World Cup ever.**
- ❖ The first edition of the tournament was held in 2009 which was won by England.

ATP Challenger Tour

- ❖ **India will host four ATP Challenger Tour events in February next year (2025), starting from Chennai.**



- ❖ **All India Tennis Association (AITA)** confirmed that after Chennai, the next three tournaments will be held in Bengaluru, Pune and Delhi from February 10th to March 2nd.

Women's Asian Champions Trophy Hockey 2024

- ❖ The eighth edition of the Women's Asian Champions Trophy Hockey is scheduled in Rajgir, Bihar, from November 11 to 20.
- ❖ The mascot for the tournament is 'Gudia,' which is inspired by Bihar's state bird, the sparrow. The logo symbolizes the rich cultural and historical heritage of glorious Bihar and its overall development.
- ❖ The Indian women's hockey team won the tournament back in 2016 and also reclaimed the title last year in Ranchi, beating Japan in the final.

Important News- Other States

Assam

The Assam Chief Minister had launched **Mission Basundhara 3.0 in Guwahati** to provide land rights to indigenous people.

Haryana

Haryana became the first state to clear Dalit sub-quotas.

It will **subclassify Scheduled Castes into two groups** for job reservations, following a Supreme Court ruling, aiming to better represent disadvantaged communities.

Karnataka

The **14th Biennial Lake Conference was organized in Karnataka**. Title of the conference was '**Lake 2024 - Wetlands for Human Well-being**'. It was organized by Alva's Education Foundation, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru, and the Energy and Wetlands Research Group.

Odisha

The **severe cyclonic storm 'Dana'** is expected to hit Odisha and West Bengal on October 24-25.

The name 'Dana' or 'Danah' holds cultural significance in Arabic, where it means 'the most perfectly sized, valuable, and beautiful pearl.'

The name 'Dana' was proposed by Qatar as part of an international cyclone naming system, aimed at making storm identification easier while raising public awareness about potential weather hazards.

Important News- Worldwide

Egypt

The World Health Organization (WHO) has certified **Egypt as malaria-free**. Egypt is the third country to be awarded a malaria-free certification in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region following the United Arab Emirates and Morocco, and the first since 2010. Globally, a total of 44 countries and 1 territory have reached this milestone.

Maldives

The President of Maldives has **decided to introduce India's Unified Payment Interface in the Maldives**.

Developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), UPI is an instant real-time payment system for facilitating inter-bank transactions through mobile phones.

Miscellaneous

- ❖ On 21st October 2024, the two-week **United Nations Biodiversity Conference (COP16) started in Colombian city Cali**.

