

International

PM Modi leaves for home after 'productive' two-day visit to Laos



About News:-

- ❖ On October 11, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrapped up his official two-day visit to the People's Democratic Republic (PDR) of Laos. On October 10 and 11, 2024, Prime Minister Modi traveled to Lao PDR to participate in the 21st ASEAN-India and the 19th East Asia Summit meetings.
- ❖ The 44th and 45th ASEAN Summit meetings, the 27th ASEAN Plus Three Summit (ASEAN-China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea), the 21st ASEAN-India Summit meeting, and the 19th East Asia Summit meeting were all held by the Lao PDR, the chairman of the 10-member ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations).
- ❖ The capital city of the Lao PDR, Vientiane, hosted all of these meetings.
- ❖ Prime Minister Modi was asked to visit the Lao PDR and participate in the pertinent summit meeting by Prime Minister Sonexay Siphandone.

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India and Lao PDR to Fortify Their Mutual Ties

- ❖ Prime Minister Modi had a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Sonexay Siphandone of the Lao PDR. Several agreements and memorandums of understanding were signed by the Presidents of India and the Lao PDR to cement their bilateral ties further.
- ❖ Through the India-UN Development Partnership Fund, India will give Lao PDR USD 1 million to boost food fortification and nutrition security.
- ❖ The two nations signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to advance defense cooperation.
- ❖ An MoU was signed by Lao National Television and Prasar Bharti.
- ❖ The two nations inked an agreement to advance mutual assistance and cooperation in customs-related matters.

About the Lao People's Democratic Republic (PDR):-

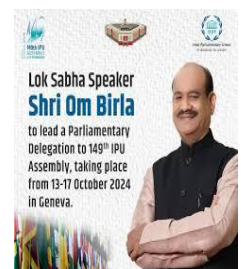
- ❖ Capital:- Vientiane
- ❖ Currency:- Kip

National

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to Lead Parliamentary Delegation at 149th IPU Assembly in Geneva from 13 Oct

About News:-

- ❖ Leading a Parliamentary Delegation to the 149th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly, which takes place in Geneva from October 13-17, is Speaker Om Birla of the Lok Sabha.



- ❖ Birla's speech to the Assembly will focus on the topic of "Using innovation, science, and technology to create a more peaceful and sustainable future."

Key Points:

- ❖ Throughout the conference, members of the Indian Parliamentary Delegation will participate in the meetings of the delegation's Executive Committee, its four Standing Committees, and numerous other meetings and working sessions.
- ❖ Outside of the Assembly, Birla will also have meetings with his counterparts from other Parliaments.
- ❖ Furthermore, on October 14, 2024, Birla will give a speech to the Indian diaspora in Geneva.
- ❖ The IPU has 180 member parliaments and 15 associate members. Members include parliaments from large countries like China, India, and Indonesia, as well as smaller countries like Cabo Verde, San Marino, and Palau.

State

Bihar Gets Approval for Second Tiger Reserve in Kaimur



About News:-

- ❖ The second tiger reserve in the state of Bihar will be established by the government called the Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary (KWLS).
- ❖ The state government is currently finalising plans to relocate the big cats to KWLS because the state's first national park, Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR), is now at capacity.
- ❖ The total size of the Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary is 1,504.96 square kilometers.
- ❖ There are currently 54 tigers in VTR.
- ❖ At its 12th technical committee meeting, the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) approved the creation of KWLS as a tiger reserve in concept.

Geographical Limits:

- ❖ Northern Boundaries: Including portions of Ghazipur, UP, and Bhojpur and Buxar.
- ❖ Southern Boundaries: Adjacent to Jharkhand's Garhwa and Palamu districts.
- ❖ Western Boundaries: Sonabhadra and Varanasi districts in Uttar Pradesh surround the area.
- ❖ Eastern Boundaries: Adjacent to the districts of Jehanabad and Aurangabad in Bihar.

About Bihar

- ❖ Governor :- Rajendra Arlekar
- ❖ Chief Minister:- Nitish Kumar
- ❖ Capital:- Patna

Economic

Centre Releases First Installment of Fifteenth Finance Commission Grants to Rural Local Bodies in Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan

About News:-

The Center has made available to the Rural Local Bodies in Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan the first tranche of the Fifteenth Finance Commission funding for the current fiscal year.



Key Points:

- ❖ According to the Panchayati Raj Ministry, Andhra Pradesh has been awarded tied grants totaling around 593 crore rupees and united grants of nearly 396 crore rupees. Additionally, it stated that the money are intended for Andhra Pradesh's twelve thousand eight53 eligible gram panchayats, six hundred fifteen suitable block panchayats, and nine validly elected eligible district panchayats.
- ❖ According to the Ministry, Rajasthan has received tied funds of around 761 crore rupees and united awards of about 507 crore rupees for the state's 22 validly elected District Panchayats, 287 valid Block Panchayats, and 9068 valid Gram Panchayats.
- ❖ The Ministry also mentioned that the united grants will enable Panchayats to address

specific local needs across 29 subjects under the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution of India, ranging from agriculture and rural housing to education and sanitation. Meanwhile, the tied grants will focus on core services such as sanitation, maintenance of open-defecation-free status, and water management.

About Andhra Pradesh

- ❖ Capital:- Amaravati
- ❖ Governor:- Syed Abdul Nazeer
- ❖ Chief Minister:- N. Chandrababu Naidu (TDP)

Appointment

Noel Tata is the new Tata Trust chairman

About News:-

- ❖ Noel Tata was appointed as the Chairman of Tata Trusts on October 11, succeeding his half-brother Ratan Tata, who died on October 9 at the age of 86.
- ❖ The appointment was made during a meeting held in Mumbai and was unanimously agreed upon by the board of Tata Trusts.

Key Points:-

- ❖ Noel Tata has been a key figure within the Tata Group for over 40 years. He is currently on the boards of several Tata Group companies, including Tata International Limited, Voltas, and Tata Investment Corporation. He also serves as the Vice Chairman of Tata Steel and Titan Company Limited.
- ❖ His leadership at Trent, the Tata Group's retail arm, is particularly noteworthy. As Managing Director of Trent for over 11 years, Noel Tata oversaw the company's impressive growth, transforming Trent into a Rs 2.8 lakh crore retail giant. He was also the Managing Director of Tata International from 2010 to 2021, during which he increased the company's turnover from \$500 million to over \$3 billion.



Award

Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Japan's Nihon Hidankyo for efforts to rid the world of nuclear weapons



About News:-

Nihon Hidankyo, a Japanese organization, has been selected by the Norwegian Nobel Committee to receive the Nobel Peace Prize in 2024. The Hibakusha, a grassroots movement of atomic bomb survivors from Hiroshima and Nagasaki, are being awarded the Peace Prize in recognition of their efforts to bring about a nuclear weapons-free world and for proving through eyewitness accounts that nuclear weapons must never be used again.

Key Points:

- ❖ Nihon Hidankyo Organization was the winner.
- ❖ For its initiatives to eliminate nuclear weapons from the planet and for proving via witness accounts that they must never be used again.

Hibakusha

- ❖ The Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bomb survivors have used their testimonies to warn the world of the dangers of nuclear weapons.
- ❖ They stress that such weapons should never be used again and support disarmament.

About Hidankyo Nihon

- ❖ Established on 10 August 1956.

Membership and Organization

- ❖ The only national group for Hibakusha, or A-bomb survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, is called NIHON HIDANKYO.
- ❖ Almost all organized Hibakusha is represented by its member organizations, which are spread across all 47 Japanese prefectures.

- ❖ All of its members and officials are Hibakusha.
- ❖ As of March 2016, there were 174,080 Hibakusha still alive and residing in Japan.
- ❖ Several thousand additional Hibakusha reside in Korea and other non-Japanese regions of the world.
- ❖ Hidankyo is assisting those groups in their efforts to protect these people's rights and way of life.

Sport

India's women's and men's team clinched a historic bronze at the 2024 Asian Table Tennis Championships

About News:-

At the 27th Asian Table Tennis Championships 2024, which were hosted in Astana, Kazakhstan, the Indian men's and women's teams took home bronze medals in their respective categories. For the women's team, it was their first medal at the championships since their bronze in Bombay in 1960, while for the men's team, it was their third bronze in a row.

Indian Women's Historical Bronze Medal

- ❖ The Indian women's table tennis team, consisting of Ayhika Mukherjee, Manika Batra, and Sutirtha Mukherjee, suffered a 3-1 loss to Japan in their semifinal encounter. The bronze medal is given to the losing semifinalists in the Asian Table Tennis Championships.
- ❖ Since the Asian Table Tennis Union (ATTU) began hosting the tournament in 1972, this was the first medal the Indian women's team has won at the Asian Table Tennis Championships.
- ❖ The Table Tennis Federation of Asia (TTFA) previously organized the Asian Table Tennis Championships. The Indian team competed in the TTFA Championships in 1960 and took home a bronze medal. After defeating China in the final, the Japanese team took home the gold medal in the women's team competition.



The Indian Men's Team won bronze.

- ❖ The men's team from India, consisting of Sharath Kamal, Manav Thakkar, and Harmet Desai, ended up with a bronze medal in the Championships after losing 3-0 to Chinese Taipei (Taiwan).
- ❖ This was the Indian team's third straight bronze medal at the championships. At the Asian Table Tennis Championship in 2021 (Doha, Qatar) and 2023 (Pyeongchang, South Korea), the Indian team took home a bronze medal.
- ❖ To get to the semi-finals, the Indian team overcame the host Kazakhstani squad 3-1 in the quarter-finals.

Asian Championships for Table Tennis

- ❖ The Asian Table Tennis Union (ATTU) organizes and a member nation hosts the Asian Table Tennis Championships. The 27th Asian Table Tennis Championships took place between October 7–13, 2024, in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- ❖ The Astana tournament serves as a qualifier for the Doha, Qatar-hosted World Table Tennis Championships in 2025.
- ❖ Around 210 top Asian table tennis players from 26 countries participated in the 27th Asian Table Tennis Championships.
- ❖ At the Astana event, the medals are offered at seven different events: men's team, women's team, men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles.

Miscellaneous

UNGA elects 18 members to the Human Rights Council

About News:-

- ❖ For the 2025–2027 term, the UN General Assembly (UNGA) has chosen 18 new members to the 47-member Human Rights Council.
- ❖ A recent secret ballot was used to make this decision, and among the newly chosen nations were Benin, Bolivia, Colombia, Cyprus, Qatar, and Thailand. On January 1, 2025, the recently elected members will start their three-year mandates.



- ❖ A key player in advancing and defending human rights around the world is the Geneva-based Human Rights Council. The election results demonstrate a dedication to staggered terms, which maintains continuity in the Council's membership.

Key Points:

- ❖ The Human Rights Council was founded in 2006 to address abuses of human rights and advance essential liberties.
- ❖ The rotating membership policy, which sees around one-third of the 47 members of the Council change every year, was maintained by the most recent elections.
- ❖ The goal of this system is to ensure that different nations are represented, encouraging a fair allocation of the regions.

Obituary

Akashvani Darbhanga former radio presenter Indranand Singh Jha passes away at 77

About News:-

Indranand Singh Jha, the famous former radio presenter and compere of Akashvani Darbhanga passed away this morning at his ancestral village Chanaur in Darbhanga. He was 77 years old.

Key Points:-

- ❖ Well-known for his rural radio talk programme Gamghar from Akashvani Darbhanga station with the pen name of Khur Khur Bhai (खुर खुर भाई),
- ❖ he was very popular among radio listeners during his service.
- ❖ People associated with social and cultural organisations expressed grief over the death of former Akashvani staff.



Important Day

World Standards Day - 12 October

About News:-

World Standards Day, observed on October 14 each year, serves as a reminder of the significance of international standards to the global economy. It's a day to celebrate the global community of experts' collaboration, particularly those from the International Standards Organization (I.S.O.), the International Telecommunication Union (I.T.U.), and the International Electrotechnical Commission (I.E.C.).



Theme:- Shared Vision for a Better World: Standards for the Changing Climate.

History

The International Organization for Standardization (I.S.O.) was founded as a result of a significant meeting that took place in London in 1946 and laid the foundation for World Standards Day. Every year on October 14, individuals from various nations gather to honor the efforts made by professionals and amateurs in the field of standards

