17th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Exhibition 2024

Union Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs and Power, Shri Manohar Lal addressed the valedictory session of the three days 17th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Exhibition 2024 at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Key Point

❖ This year, the Conference was focussed on the theme **"Standardisation and Optimisation of Urban Transport Solutions"**.

❖ The exhibition comprising display of best practices in urban transport in India and aboard, latest urban transport technologies, attracted more than 2200 delegates including more than 50 participants from abroad.

❖ The exhibition is an important part of the UMI Conference organized every year. Around 76 exhibitors from Metro Rail Companies, public and private sectors participated in the event.

❖ It has great value and provides big platform for not only Indian Manufacturers but also foreign manufacturing companies.

❖ The UMI has different categories of award in the field of Transport Sector especially in the Urban Transport. The awards are given to the state / city authorities for "Excellence/ best practice projects in Urban Transport"

Complete List of awardees are as under:

Sl. No.	Award Category	Winner	
		City	Organisation
1	City with the Most Sustainable Transport System	Kochi	Kochi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.
2	City with the Best Public Transport System	Bhubaneswar	Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT)
3	City with the Best Non-Motorized Transport System	Srinagar	Srinagar Smart City Ltd.

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4	City with the Best Safety and Security System & Record	Gandhinagar	Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation
5	City with the Best Intelligent Transport System (ITS)	Surat	Surat Municipal Corporation
6	City with the Most Innovative Financing Mechanism	Jammu	Jammu Smart City Ltd.
7	City with Best Record of Public Involvement in Transport	Bengaluru	Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation
8	Metro Rail with the Best Multimodal Integration	Bengaluru	Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.
9	Metro Rail with the Best Passenger Services and Satisfaction	Mumbai	Mumbai Metro One Pvt. Ltd.

Indian Duo Of Yashaswini- Krittwika Clinch Women's Doubles Title

In Table Tennis, India's Yashaswini Ghorpade and Krittwika Roy clinched the women's doubles title at the WTT Feeder Cagliari 2024 table tennis tournament in Italy.

Key Point

❖ The star Indian duo defeated the South Korean pair of Yoo Siwoo and Kim Haeun 3-1 in the final to capture the crown.

❖ Earlier, the Indian table tennis players, seeded second in the tournament, beat the Italian team of Arianna Barani and Maria Picu 3-0 in the first round before downing Japan's Sachi Aoki and Sakura Yokoi by the same scoreline in the quarter-finals.

❖ The duo earned its place in the final with a 3-1 win over German fourth seeds Sophia Klee and Franziska Schreiner.

9th Ayurveda Day

On the occasion of Dhanvantari Jayanti and 9th Ayurveda Day, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched, inaugurated and lay the foundation stone

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of multiple projects related to the health sector worth around Rs 12,850 crore on 29 October at All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)

Key Point

❖ As a major addition to the flagship scheme Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY), Prime Minister will launch expansion of health coverage to all senior citizens aged 70 years and above.

❖ The theme of 9th Ayurveda Day as ''Ayurveda innovation for Global Health''

❖ The Ayurveda day falls every year on the auspicious occasion of Dhanwantari Jayanti, also known as Dhanteras.

❖ Since the year 2016 the 'Ayurveda Day' has been celebrated annually with a Whole Government approach The celebration reflects the commitment of India for the promotion of Ayurveda as an indispensable part the holistic healthcare system of Indian traditional medicine system and overall healthcare culture of India.

About Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)

It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).

It is an umbrella scheme of two major health initiatives, namely

❖ Health and Wellness Centers (Ayushman Arogya Mandir)
  ➢ These centers provide comprehensive health care, including for non-communicable diseases and maternal and child health services.

❖ National Health Protection Mission (AB-PMJAY):
  ➢ It provides a defined benefit cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year.
  ➢ This cover will take care of almost all secondary care and most of tertiary care procedures. To ensure that nobody is left out (especially women, children and elderly) there will be no cap on family size and age in the scheme.
  ➢ The benefit cover will include pre and post-hospitalisation expenses.
  ➢ **Beneficiaries:**
    ✓ The families covered under this scheme have been included on the basis of occupational criteria of Socio-Economic Caste Census 2011 (SECC 2011).

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Country first state level pre-COP

The first state-level pre-Conference of Parties (COP) consultation is being organized in Bhopal on 28 October 2024 on the topic "Global efforts for climate change - State's contribution to India's commitment".

Key Point

- ❖ The programme is an effort to bring together the major leaders working in the field of climate change.
- ❖ This consultation is being organised under the aegis of **Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and in association with Policy Analysis (AIGGPA)** in collaboration with Madhya Pradesh Council of Science and Technology (MPCOST), Narmada Samagra, Public Advocacy Initiative for Rights and Values in India (PAIRVI), and Community Economics and Development Consultants Society (CECEODECON).
- ❖ This consultation reflects Madhya Pradesh's innovative approach to bring together economic development and environmental responsibility.

Key themes of consultation

- ❖ Highlighting State level efforts in national and global climate goals.
- ❖ Showcasing Madhya Pradesh's innovations in sustainable development and climate protection.
- ❖ Strengthening NDC-SDG linkages through multi-stakeholder collaboration.
- ❖ Aligning local and effective climate action strategy with COP 29 strategy.

Short News

- ❖ CM Dr. Mohan Yadav announced an allocation of Rs 15 crore for the establishment of a Sports College in Satna, along with an additional Rs 7 crore for constructing a synthetic track.
- ❖ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on October 29, will virtually inaugurate **medical colleges in Neemuch, Mandsaur and Seoni.**
- ❖ **State Bank of India (SBI)** was honored as India's Best Bank for 2024 by the U.S.-based Global Finance Magazine at its 31st Annual Best Bank Awards, an event held alongside the Annual Meetings of the IMF and World Bank in Washington.
- ❖ According to the **World Justice Project (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2023,** India holds the **79th position out of 142 countries,** highlighting an ongoing global decline in the rule of law.

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- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed **Deepak Agarwal**, a 2000-batch IAS officer from the Uttar Pradesh cadre, as the new Managing Director of the National Agriculture Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED).

- The central government plans to begin the much-anticipated census exercise in 2025, with the goal of completing it by 2026.

- Railway Protection Force launches **'Digital Memorial of Valour'** to honour brave martyrs

- On October 26, 2024, the United States, Japan, and South Korea announced their intention to establish a new framework for collaborating with the Indian private sector to enhance digital infrastructure in India. This initiative is named the Digital Infrastructure Growth Initiative for India Framework (DiGi Framework

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Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. **The first state-level pre-Conference of Parties (COP) consultation is being organized in which of the following cities?**

   A. Bhopal

   B. Indore

   C. Delhi

   D. Ujjain

Answer – A

2. **9 th Ayurveda day is going to be celebrated on which of the following dates?**

   A. 30 October 2024

   B. 29 October 2024

   C. 31 October 2024

   D. 1 November 2024

Answer – B

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