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Japan will be country partner in Global Investors Summit Madhya Pradesh



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Japan has been announced as a country partner for the upcoming Global Investors Summit (GIS) in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, scheduled for February 24-25.

Key Points

- ❖ In preparation for the summit, the state government is developing a comprehensive framework of 21 investment policies across various sectors.
- ❖ The Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion Department spearheads key initiatives, including the Madhya Pradesh Investment Promotion Policy 2025, MP Logistics Policy, and Madhya Pradesh Export Promotion and ODOP Policy 2025.
- ❖ The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Department is working on policies such as the MSME Development Policy 2025, MP MSME Land Development Allotment Policy 2025, and MP Start-up Policy.
- ❖ The renewable energy sector will be governed by new frameworks including the MP Pump Hydro Storage Policy 2025 and Madhya Pradesh Biofuel Promotion Policy 2025, all of which are expected to be finalised before the summit.
- ❖ The state government is also introducing policies to embrace emerging technologies and sectors. These include the Madhya Pradesh Semiconductor Policy 2025, MP Drone Promotion Policy 2025, and MP AVGS-XR Policy 2024.

Surajkund International Crafts Fair 2025

- ❖ The 38th edition of the Surajkund International Crafts Fair, scheduled from February 7 to 23 at Surajkund, Faridabad, will feature Odisha and Madhya Pradesh as its theme states.



Key Points

- ❖ For the first time, two states will jointly represent the theme of this cultural event.
- ❖ This year, countries such as Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand — members of the BIMSTEC group — will serve as cultural partners for the fair, alongside the North East Handloom and Handicraft Association.
- ❖ The fair serves as both an art exhibition and a business hub, connecting craftsmen with art enthusiasts. It highlights India's rich handicrafts, handlooms, and cultural heritage.
- ❖ The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation has been appointed as the ticketing partner for the event.

Khajuraho emerges best airport in MP



Khajuraho Airport has emerged as the best airport in Madhya Pradesh as per a customer satisfaction survey carried out by the Airports Authority of India.

Key Points

- ❖ It was ranked 8th in a list of 62 airports nationwide, while the ones at Gwalior, Bhopal and Jabalpur secured 10th, 15th, and 22nd positions, respectively
- ❖ Although till now 64 airports were included in this list, but this time only 63 airports have been included in the report released from July 2024 to December 2024.
- ❖ Earlier, in the report from January 2024 to June 2024, Khajuraho has been ranked first in the state and 10th in the country among 64 airports
- ❖ The Airport Authority releases a Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) report every six months. Passengers were surveyed at 64 airports of the country that provide domestic flights.

Science and Tech

3rd launch pad for India's space missions



The Union Cabinet has given its approval for the construction of the third launch pad of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) which will be equipped to launch the future human space flight of ISRO and its next-generation rockets.

Key Points

- ❖ The launch pad will be constructed at the existing Spaceport of India-Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. The Satish Dhawan Space Center already has two functional launch pads from where rockets are launched in space.
- ❖ The government of India has approved a budget of Rs 3984.86 crore. The project is expected to be completed within 48 months or 4 years.
- ❖ This approval is aimed at supporting ISRO's Next Generation Launch Vehicles (NGLVs), set to begin operations in 2031.
- ❖ The third launch pad will be designed to handle heavier-class launch vehicles, such as NGLVs and Launch Vehicle Mark 3 with semi cryogenic stages.
- ❖ It will also serve as a standby for the first two launch pads at Sriharikota, which have been operational for nearly two decades.

First Launch Pad

- ❖ The first launch pad was built in the early 1990s and the first launch took place on 20th September 1993.
- ❖ The launch pad is capable of launching Polar Satellite Launch vehicle (PSLV) and Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV).

Second Launch Pad

- ❖ The second launch pad became operational in 2005.

- ❖ The second launch pad is used to launch Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) and LVM3(Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mk III). Both these rockets use cryogenic engines .

Sports

Ombudsman of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)



Justice Arun Mishra, a former Supreme Court judge, has been appointed as the Ombudsman and Ethics Officer of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

Career Achievements

- ❖ Elected to the Bar Council of Madhya Pradesh with record votes in 1989 and 1995.
- ❖ Became the youngest Chairman of the Bar Council of India in 1998-99.
- ❖ Appointed Judge of the Madhya Pradesh High Court on October 25, 1999.
- ❖ Elevated as Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court on November 26, 2010.
- ❖ Appointed as Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court on December 14, 2012.

Appointment

Chairperson of the PM Museum & Library Society



The Government of India has reconstituted the Executive Council of the Prime Ministers Museum and Library Society and reappointed Nripendra Mishra as the Chairperson of the Executive Council of the Society.

Key Points

- ❖ The Prime Minister is the ex-officio President of the Prime Ministers Museum and Library Society and the Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is currently the Vice-Chairman.

- ❖ The Prime Minister Museum and Library Society was set up by the government of India on 1st April 1966 to manage the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library which is now known as the Prime Minister Museum and Library.

About the Prime Minister Museum and Library

- ❖ The Prime Minister Museum and Library was earlier called the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library.
- ❖ It is located in the historic Teen Murti Campus, New Delhi.
- ❖ It was the residence of the Commander in Chief of India.
- ❖ In August 1948 it became the official residence of the first Prime Minister of India Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and remained so till his death.
- ❖ After his death in 1964, the government of India decided to convert the place into a museum dedicated to Jawahar Lal Nehru.
- ❖ In November 1964 President Dr Radhakrishnan inaugurated the Nehru Memorial Museum in the Teen Murti.

News Shorts

- ❖ The National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR) has been inaugurated in Sehore, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ The Musi River Historic Buildings in Hyderabad, Telangana, have been included in the prestigious 2025 World Monuments Watch by the World Monuments Fund (WMF).
- ❖ The Union government has approved the establishment of the Eighth Pay Commission.
- ❖ The GoI has decided to retain Ajith Kumar Mohanty, Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) as the chairman of the reconstituted AEC.
- ❖ The Twipra Student Federation (TSF) protested in Agartala, demanding the Roman script for the Kokborok language.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Which airport has been recognized as the best airport in Madhya Pradesh?

- A. Bhopal Airport
- B. Indore Airport
- C. Jabalpur Airport
- D. Khajuraho Airport

Answer- D

2. Which two states will share the theme spotlight at the 38th edition of the Surajkund International Crafts Fair 2025?

- A. Rajasthan and Gujarat
- B. Maharashtra and Karnataka
- C. Odisha and Madhya Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

Answer- C

