

Bihar Special

BIPEX-2024

Why in the news?

The national postal exhibition **BIPEX-2024** has commenced at Gyan Bhawan Auditorium in Patna.

About BIPEX-2024:

- ❖ It will be held from 28th November to 30th November, 2024.
 - It is based on the rich history of the postal culture of Bihar.
- ❖ It was inaugurated by Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar.
- ❖ As per the Chief Post Master General of Bihar, Anil Kumar:
 - Around 20 thousand postal stamps will be exhibited in the BIPEX2024 by 153 postal stamp collectors and philatelists from different parts of the country.



Economy

India's first green hydrogen fuelling station

Why in the news?

Amara Raja Infra has completed setting up India's first green hydrogen fuelling station in Leh, Ladakh for NTPC Ltd.

- ❖ It was inaugurated by Manohar Lal, Union Minister of Power, Housing and Urban Affairs.

About the project:

- ❖ It will enable emission-free transport in and around Leh, making India among the few countries to take the lead in the green mobility space.
 - The fuelling station project with a capacity of producing GH₂ of 80kg per day was completed in two years, at extreme conditions at a height of 3,400 meters above sea level with temperatures varying between -25°Celsius to 30°Celsius.
- ❖ With the completion of the project, NTPC will currently operationalise five hydrogen fuel cell buses in the region.



Defence And Security

SABAL-20 Drones

Why in the news?

The Indian Army has successfully deployed the Sabal 20 logistics drone in the Eastern Theatre.

- ❖ **Eastern Theatre** is responsible for defending the Line of Actual Control along the states of Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim.
- ❖ **Objective:** It will strengthen stealth capabilities and enhance logistics support for the defense forces operating in challenging terrains.

About SABAL-20 Drone:

- ❖ It is an advanced electric unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) designed specifically for aerial logistics.
 - It has been developed by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur.
 - It has been manufactured by EndureAir, a leading unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) technology company.
- ❖ It features large rotors and a tandem rotor configuration that ensures high efficiency and exceptional load-carrying capability.

- ❖ It is built to meet rigorous operational demands and supports long-range deliveries, high-altitude operations, and precision logistics.
- ❖ Its advanced Vertical Take-Off and Landing (VTOL) technology enables seamless operations in confined and rugged terrains.

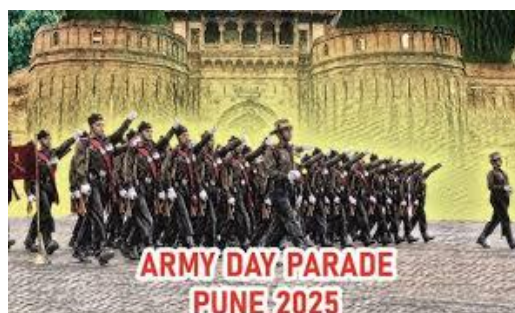


Army Day Parade 2025

Why in the news?

Pune is set to host the prestigious Army Day Parade on January 15, 2025,

- ❖ It will be the third time this event will be held outside New Delhi.
 - Previously, **Bangalore** and **Lucknow** hosted the parade in 2023 and 2024, respectively.



- ❖ Known for its rich military heritage, Pune houses the Southern Command of the Indian Army, the National Defence Academy (NDA), and the College of Military Engineering (CME).

Army Day

- ❖ It is celebrated on January 15 every year.
- ❖ It commemorates the historic moment in 1949 when General (later Field Marshal) KM Cariappa became the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army.
- ❖ He succeeded General Sir FRR Bucher, the last British Commander-in-Chief.

Schemes In News

'Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat' Campaign

Why in the news?

Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt. Annapurna Devi launched the national campaign "Bal Vivah Mukht Bharat" in New Delhi.



- ❖ It seeks legislative changes to ensure 18 years as the minimum age of marriage without exceptions and providing legal protection for children.

About the Campaign:

- ❖ It will focus on seven high-burden states—West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Tripura, Assam, and Andhra Pradesh—and 300 districts where their rates are above the national average.
- ❖ Objective:
 - The aim is to reduce child marriage prevalence to below 5% by 2029.
 - According to government data, Child marriage rates dropped from 47.4% in 2006 to 23.3% in 2019-21.

Miscellaneous

International Gita Mahotsav 2024

Why in the news?

International Gita Mahotsav started on 28th November 2024 in Kurukshetra, Haryana.

- ❖ It is being organised by the Kurukshetra Development Board and Haryana Tourism and will continue till 15th December 2024.

About the Mahotsav:

- ❖ It commemorates the birth of 'Srimad Bhagwat Gita' throughout the world by all devotees of this sacred scripture.
- ❖ In 2016, the Haryana Government decided to commemorate Gita Jayanti as the International Gita Mahotsav.
 - Gita Mahotsav is observed on the 11th day of the Shukla Paksha (waxing phase of the moon) of the Margashirsh month (November–December) as per the traditional Hindu lunar calendar.

Bhagavad Gita

- ❖ The Bhagavad Gita contains the invaluable advice from Lord Krishna that he offered to Arjuna on the battlefield of Kurukshetra on the first day of the 18-day battle in the Mahabharata nearly 5152 years ago.



Persons In News

Masato Kanda

Why in the news?

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) Board of Governors has unanimously elected Masato Kanda as ADB's 11th President.

About the Masato Kanda:

- ❖ He currently serves as Special Advisor to Japan's Prime Minister and Minister of Finance.
- ❖ He will assume office in February next year, succeeding Masatsugu Asakawa.
- ❖ He will complete the unexpired term of President Asakawa, which ends on 23 November 2026.

Asian Development Bank

- ❖ ADB is a regional development bank established in 1966, and is headquartered in Manila, Philippines.
- ❖ The bank also maintains 31 field offices around the world to promote social and economic development in Asia.
- ❖ The bank admits the members of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and non-regional developed countries. Starting with 31 members at its establishment, ADB now has 69 members.
- ❖ HQ of ADB: Manila, Philippines.



Jay Bhattacharya

Why in the news?

US President-elect Donald Trump has chosen Indian-American scientist Jay Bhattacharya as the director of the National Institutes of Health.

About Jay Bhattacharya:

- ❖ He is the first Indian-American nominated by Trump for a senior administrative position.
- ❖ He is a professor of Health Policy at Stanford University and a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research.



News in Short

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Panipat on December 9 and launch the "Bima Sakhi Yojana".
- ❖ It is aimed at empowering women and will directly benefit millions of women across the country.
- ❖ North East United FC defeated Gangtok Himalayan to win the 40th edition of the All India Governor's Gold Cup international football tournament.
- ❖ Cyclone Fengal is expected to make landfall between Karaikal and Mahabalipuram on the morning of November 30.
- ❖ It has been named by Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ Samsung has appointed Kim Kyung-Ah as the president and CEO of Samsung Bioepis Co.
- ❖ She is the first woman outside its founding family as the chief executive officer of a group company in its 86-year history.



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