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M.P Special

Liquor Ban in Madhya Pradesh



The Madhya Pradesh government, led by Mohan Yadav, has banned liquor sales in 17 religious towns. This decision was made during a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Mohan Yadav in Maheshwar, Khargone district, on January 24, 2025.

Key Point

- ❖ The meeting also marked the 300th birth anniversary of Devi Ahilyabai.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh already prohibits liquor sales within a 5-kilometer radius along both banks of the Narmada River.
- ❖ The liquor ban will be implemented in phases, starting with 17 towns, including one municipal corporation, six Nagar Palikas, six Nagar Parishads, and six Gram Panchayats.
- ❖ Liquor shops in these areas will be shut down permanently and not relocated.
- ❖ The towns where liquor sales are banned:
- ❖ Municipal Corporation: Ujjain Municipal Corporation
- ❖ Nagar Palikas: Datia, Mandla, Panna, Multai, Mandsaur, Maihar
- ❖ Nagar Parishads: Omkareshwar, Mandleshwar, Orchha, Maheshwar, Chitrakoot, Amarkantak
- ❖ Gram Panchayats: Salkanpur, Barman Kala, Kundalpur, Linga, Barman Khurd, Bandakpur

Defence

SANJAY

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on 24 January flagged off Battlefield Surveillance System SANJAY in New Delhi.



Key point

- ❖ This surveillance system will enhance battlefield transparency and transform the future battlefield as it is equipped with state-of-the-art sensors and cutting-edge analytics.
- ❖ It will be inducted into the Indian Army in three phases starting from March this year.
- ❖ An automated system SANJAY integrates inputs from ground and aerial battlefield sensors and produces a common surveillance picture of the battlefield.
- ❖ It will help in monitoring the vast land borders, prevent intrusions, and assess situations with unparalleled accuracy.
- ❖ SANJAY has been indigenously and jointly developed by the Indian Army and Bharat Electronics Limited. This system has been developed for two thousand 402 crore rupees.

Sports

4th Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships



The Badminton Association of India (BAI) has announced a 14-member squad for the 4th Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships, set to take place in Qingdao, China, from 11-19 February 2025.

Key point

- ❖ The Indian team will be led by 2024 Paris Olympics semi-finalist Lakshya Sen and two-time Olympic medalist P.V. Sindhu.
- ❖ India won a bronze medal at the 3rd Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships held in Dubai, UAE, in 2023.

- ❖ In the competition, teams from participating countries are divided into groups, with the top two teams from each group qualifying for the quarter-finals. Each tie consists of five matches.

Miscellaneous

Indian Sustainable Natural Rubber (iSNR) initiative



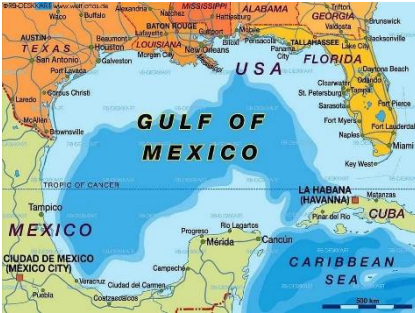
On January 21, 2025, India launched the Indian Sustainable Natural Rubber (iSNR) initiative in Kottayam, Kerala, aiming to set new global benchmarks in sustainable rubber production.

Key point

- ❖ The event was attended by George Kurian, Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, and Minority Affairs, and presided over by Thiruvanchur Radhakrishnan, Member of the Legislative Assembly.
- ❖ The initiative offers zero-cost certification for farmers and aligns with global sustainability standards, particularly the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR).
- ❖ The iSNR (Indian Sustainable Natural Rubber) initiative is designed to facilitate compliance with the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) for the Indian rubber ecosystem.
- ❖ The iSNR platform will issue traceability certificates to verify the origin of rubber products and confirm their compliance with EUDR.
- ❖ By simplifying the compliance process, iSNR will provide stakeholders in the rubber supply chain with easier access to European Union markets.

Place in News

Gulf of Mexico




The Trump administration officially renamed the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America through executive actions to fulfill campaign promises.

Key point

- ❖ The name first appeared on maps used by Spanish explorers in the 16th century.
- ❖ The Gulf is significant for the US in terms of energy resources, accounting for a large percentage of crude oil and natural gas production.
- ❖ The Gulf of Mexico (Spanish: Golfo de México) is an ocean basin and marginal sea of the Atlantic Ocean.
- ❖ It is mostly surrounded by the North American continent.
- ❖ Other name: "Mediterranean of the Americas".
- ❖ Formed as a result of seafloor subsidence, due to the movement of the Tectonic Plates over 300 million years ago.
- ❖ The Sigsbee Deep (Mexico Basin) is the deepest region in the Gulf of Mexico
- ❖ **Borders:**
 - Northeast, North, Northwest: Gulf Coast of the United States.
 - Southwest and South: Mexican states of Tamaulipas, Veracruz, Tabasco, Campeche, Yucatán, and Quintana Roo.
- ❖ **Southeast: Cuba.**
 - Connection to Other Water Bodies:
 - Linked to the Atlantic Ocean through the Straits of Florida (between the U.S. and Cuba).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Connected to the Caribbean Sea via the Yucatán Channel (between Mexico and Cuba). ❖ Rivers Flowing into the Gulf of Mexico: Mississippi River, Rio Grande, and Mobile River. ❖ Important lakes around the Gulf of Mexico: Lake Pontchartrain, Laguna Madre, and Lake Borgne. ❖ "Flower Garden Banks: It is a brightly colored coral reefs
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Person in News

<p>World's largest data centre</p> 	<p>Reliance Industries, led by Mukesh Ambani, is set to build the world's largest data centre in Jamnagar, Gujarat.</p> <p>Key point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ This ambitious project will play a pivotal role in India's digital transformation, particularly with its expanding artificial intelligence (AI) capabilities. ❖ The data centre, expected to have a one-gigawatt capacity, will be the largest globally. ❖ Reliance's investment highlights its long-term vision of advancing AI and digital infrastructure in India. ❖ It will serve as a backbone for storing, processing, and analyzing vast amounts of data essential for AI applications, machine learning, and other advanced technologies.
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Short News

- ❖ The "Hamara Samvidhan – Hamara Swabhiman" campaign was launched on January 24, 2024, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of India's Constitution.
- ❖ Dr. K. Ramchand, a former IAF officer and director of the Centre for Airborne Systems (CABS), passed away on January 17, 2025.

- ❖ Former Australian cricket captain Michael Clarke has been inducted into the Australian Cricket Hall of Fame as the 64th cricketer.
- ❖ Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana is the brand ambassador for this year's edition of FICCI Frames.
- ❖ ISRO is set to launch its 100th satellite on January 29, marking a historic achievement.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Which of the following companies is set to build the world's largest data centre in Jamnagar, Gujarat?

- A. Tata group
- B. Reliance Industries
- C. Adani Group
- D. Infosys

Answer - B

2. Which body of water was renamed the Gulf of America by the Trump administration?

- A. Arabian Sea
- B. Gulf of Mexico
- C. Bay of Bengal
- D. Atlantic Ocean

Answer - B

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