

**17<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

## Madhya Pradesh Set to Become the Mining Capital of India

A mining conclave will be held in Bhopal on October 17-18 to highlight potential opportunities in mining, oil, gas, and mineral-based industries within the state. This conclave will focus on the perspectives of industrialists and academicians. Technical sessions will also be held on advances in digitalization and mining technology, particularly Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML).



### Key Points

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh ranks first in manganese, copper, and ore production, second in rock phosphate, third in limestone, and fourth in coal.
- ❖ Malazkhand Copper Mine in the state is India's largest copper mine
- ❖ 70 percent of India's total copper reserves are in Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh having 9 percent reserves of limestone, it contributes 15 percent in the limestone production in the country.

- ❖ There are large reserves of coalbed methane (CBM) in the state. It ranks sixth in resources in the country, but second in production.
- ❖ Mineral Resources Department (MRD) of Madhya Pradesh has been the leader in the country in mineral block auctions. 78 mineral blocks were successfully auctioned by Madhya Pradesh. The state has bagged the first position in the country in the mineral block auction in February 2022-23.

## Omar Abdullah takes oath as J&K CM

Omar Abdullah, a leader of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir.



### Key Points

- ❖ Abdullah took the oath of office in a ceremony administered by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.
- ❖ His grandfather, Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, holds the distinction of being the first Prime Minister of Jammu and Kashmir following its accession to India and later served as the Chief Minister.

- ❖ Omar's father, Farooq Abdullah, has held the position of Chief Minister three times
- ❖ Omar Abdullah was the Union Minister of State for External Affairs during Atal Bihari Vajpayee's NDA government from 2001 to 2002.

#### Jammu and Kashmir Election result

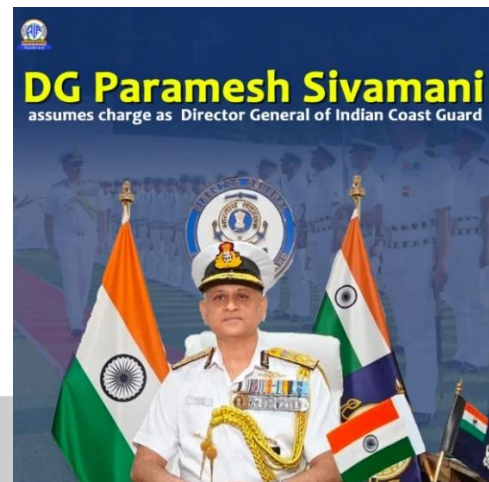
- ❖ In Jammu and Kashmir, the National Conference-Congress alliance won 49 seats, crossing the majority mark of 46, and marking the region's first elected government in six years after the collapse of the PDP-BJP coalition and the 2019 abrogation of Article 370.
- ❖ Elections in Jammu and Kashmir were conducted in three phases across September and October 2024, marking a significant step toward democratic restoration in the region.

#### DG Paramesh Sivamani appointed D G of Indian Coast Guard

DG Paramesh Sivamani has taken over as the 26th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard.

#### Key Points

- ❖ Before his elevation as the Director General, DG Paramesh Sivamani was given the additional charge of Director General of the Coast Guard in August 2024 after the death of the 25th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard, Rakesh Pal.



- ❖ DG Paramesh Sivamani was honoured with the Tatrakshak Medal in 2014 and the President's Tatrakshak Medal in 2019. He was also awarded the DG Coast Guard Commendation in 2012 and the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (East) Commendation in 2009.

#### About Indian Coast Guard

- ❖ The Indian Coast Guard was established on 1 February 1977 on the recommendation of the K.F. Rustamji committee.
- ❖ The Indian Coast Guard comes under the Union Ministry of Defence.

- ❖ The Coast Guard is responsible for preventing smuggling on high seas, preventing and controlling marine pollution, preserving and protecting the marine environment, and enforcing maritime laws, among other things.
- ❖ The first Director General of the Indian Coast Guard was Vice-Admiral V.A. Kamath.

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### India host the 19th ICDRA meeting for the first time

India is hosting the 19th International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities (ICDRA) meeting in New Delhi from 14 to 18 October 2024.



### Key Points

- ❖ India was to host the event in 2020, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was postponed and is now being held in 2024. India is hosting the ICDRA meeting for the first time.
- ❖ The 18th International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities meeting was held in Dublin, Ireland in 2018.
- ❖ The 19th International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities is hosted by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO). The CDSO comes under the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfares.
- ❖ Smart Regulation: Delivering Quality Assured Medical Products for All is the theme of the 19th International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities meeting.

### About the International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities

- ❖ The World Health Organisation organised the first International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities in 1980 in Annapolis, the United States of America.
- ❖ The meeting aimed to bring together the drug regulatory authorities of WHO member countries, discuss ways to harmonise drug regulatory information and promote collaboration.

- ❖ Since then, the International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities meeting is normally held every two years.

### 5th National Water Award 2023

Odisha won the best state award in the 5th National Water Awards 2023 in New Delhi.

#### Key Points

- ❖ The National Water Awards was instituted by the Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation under the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti.



- ❖ The award was instituted to create awareness among the people about the importance of water and to adopt the best water usage practices.
- ❖ The first Prize was given in 2018, and thereafter, it was given in 2019, 2020 and 2022.

### 5th National Water Award Winners 2023

The award is given in 9 categories, and 38 winners have been selected for the 2023 edition.

#### Best State Category

1. Odisha
2. Uttar Pradesh
3. Puducherry and Gujarat

#### Best District Category

- ❖ South Zone - Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh),
- ❖ North East Zone-Dhalai (Tripura),
- ❖ North Zone- Ganderbal (Jammu and Kashmir), Banda (Uttar Pradesh)
- ❖ West Zone- Indore(Madhya Pradesh),
- ❖ East Zone -Bolangir(Odisha)

#### Best Village Panchayat Category

1. Pullampara(Thiruvananthapuram), Kerala
2. Masulpani, (Kanker), Chhattisgarh,
3. Hampapuram (Anantapur), Andhra Pradesh and Khliehrangnah (West Jaintia Hills), Meghalaya

#### Best Urban Local Body Category

1. Surat,( Gujarat)
2. Puri,(Odisha)
3. Pune, (Maharashtra)

#### News Shorts

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) – World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) 2024 at New Delhi.



- ❖ Aishath Azeema is set to take over as the Maldives' ambassador to India, replacing Ibrahim Shaheeb.
- ❖ Abu Dhabi Crowned World's Richest City in Sovereign Wealth Funds
- ❖ The Indian Army is set to launch a month-long tribute to the soldiers who fought in the Battle of Walong during the 1962 Sino-Indian War, commemorating the 62nd Walong Day.
- ❖ NASA launched the Europa Clipper mission to study Jupiter's moon Europa, focusing on its icy surface and potential subsurface ocean.
- ❖ The Maharashtra Cabinet approved the Damanganga-Vaitarna-Godavari river-linking project to resolve water scarcity issues.
- ❖ The 75th International Astronautical Congress (IAC) opened at the MiCo Convention Center in Milan, Italy.
- ❖ Mount Adams, Washington's largest volcano, has shown increased seismic activity after being dormant for thousands of years.
- ❖ External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar inaugurated the eMigrate V2.0 web portal and mobile app in Delhi.



*Important Daily Current Affairs Question*

1. Who has been appointed as the 26th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard?

- (a) K. Natarajan
- (b) Rakesh Pal
- (c) Paramesh Sivamani
- (d) Rajendra Singh

Answer – (c)

2. Who has recently taken charge as the Maldives Ambassador to India?

- (a) Ibrahim Solih
- (b) Mohamed Nasheed
- (c) Azeema
- (d) Abdulla Shahid

Answer – (c)

