

International

Jamaican PM Andrew Holness' visit to India



About News:-

Jamaica and India signed four Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) to fortify and expand their bilateral ties. The agreement was inked during Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness's visit to India. Prime Minister Andrew Holness is the first Prime Minister of Jamaica to visit India. From September 30, 2024, to October 3, 2024, he traveled to India for a four-day tour, during which he visited Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Jamaica is in favor of India's application to join the UNSC.

- ❖ On October 2, 2024, Prime Minister Andrew Holness met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi, where he expressed support for India's application to join the UN Security Council permanently.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced during his meeting with Andrew Holness that Jamaica would benefit from India's experience in sectors including biofuel, small-scale industries, digital public infrastructure, innovation, health, education, and agriculture.
- ❖ Additionally, Prime Minister Modi stated that India would assist Jamaica in developing its defense capabilities and train its troops.

Memorandum of Understanding between Jamaica and India

- ❖ During the Jamaican Prime Minister's visit, India and Jamaica also inked four Memorandums of Understanding. These are listed in the following order:
- ❖ Exchange of Successful Digital Public Infrastructure from India with Jamaica to Encourage Social and Economic Transformation and Financial Inclusion.

- ❖ Collaboration between Egov Jamaica Limited and NPCI International Payments Limited.
- ❖ Cultural Exchange Programme between the two countries years for 2024-2029.
- ❖ Collaboration in athletics.

About Jamaica

- ❖ Capital: Kingston
- ❖ Currency: Jamaican Dollar
- ❖ Head of State: British Monarch King Charles III
- ❖ Prime Minister: Andrew Holness

National

International Film Festival on Environment & Wildlife 'Vatavaran' Inaugurated

About News:-

- ❖ On October 3, 2024, in New Delhi, the 12th International Film Festival and Forum on Environment and Wildlife, or CMS Vatavaran, got underway. Asia's greatest green film festival, concentrating on the environment and wildlife, is being hosted in New Delhi from 3-5 October 2024.
- ❖ The festival aims to alter public perception, practice, policy, and governance of environmental concerns by using documentaries and films to increase awareness of current environmental issues.



Person in charge of CMS Vatavaran

- ❖ With assistance from the Union Ministry of Forests, Climate Change, and Environment, CMS India hosts the International Film Festival and Forum on Environment and Wildlife.
- ❖ CMS is an Indian think tank for multidisciplinary research.
- ❖ Every two years, the CMS Vatavaran is held; the first one was organized in 2002.

About the CMS The Vatavaran

- ❖ Documentaries and movies about wildlife and the natural world are screened during the CMS Vatavaran. It features documentaries and films from both India and beyond that address important ecological and developmental issues of the modern day.
- ❖ It falls into two categories: traveling festivals and competitive editions. Every two years, New Delhi hosts the Competitive editions, where documentaries and movies from both domestic and foreign producers are given away.
- ❖ Following that, the Traveling Festival begins, with documentaries and movies being displayed around India.

Lal Bahadur Shastri National Excellence Award, 25th edition, 2024

- ❖ Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar bestowed the 25th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence for 2024 to Smt. Rajashree Birla on 1 October 2024 at a reception held at the Vice President's residence in New Delhi.
- ❖ The Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence was established by the Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management in Delhi in honor of the late prime minister.
- ❖ Every year, the Award recognizes an Indian living in India or outside for their exceptional contributions to the fields of management, public administration, public affairs, education, institution development, sports, art and culture, and public affairs.
- ❖ The prize is presented on October 1, the eve of Lal Bahadur Shastri's birthday, who was India's second prime minister.

About Ms. Rajashree Birla

- ❖ Smt chairs the non-profit Aditya Birla Centre for Community Initiatives and Rural Development. Rajashree Birla.
- ❖ She has been awarded for her role in implementing the Aditya Birla Centre for Community Programs and Rural Development programs, which has significantly touched the lives of millions living in rural areas.

- ❖ A non-profit organization, the Aditya Birla Centre for Community Initiatives and Rural Development, has led the way in projects about sustainable livelihoods, healthcare, education, and infrastructure development in rural regions.

State

PM Modi launches Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan in Jharkhand



About News:-

- ❖ The Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ❖ Flooding in Jharkhand's Hazaribagh on October 2, 2024. Prime Minister Modi went on a day-long visit to Jharkhand, where he laid foundation stones and inaugurated projects worth Rs 83,000 crore. Among these were the Eklavya Model Residential Schools and the cornerstones of several development initiatives aimed at the tribal populations under the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN).

Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan Dharti Aaba

- ❖ The Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan has been introduced by the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- ❖ The Abhiyan uses 25 intervention projects run by 17 central government Ministries and the Department of Government of India to close significant gaps in social infrastructure, health, education, and livelihood.
- ❖ The entire cost of the plan is Rs 79,150 crore. About 63,000 villages in 549 districts and 2,740 blocks spread across 30 States and Union Territories would be covered under the Abhiyan.
- ❖ More than 5 crore indigenous people in the designated areas are anticipated to profit from it.

Model Residential Schools Eklavya (EMRS)

- ❖ In addition, Prime Minister Modi laid the groundwork for 25 EMRS that will cost more than Rs 2,800 crore in addition to inaugurating 40 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS).
- ❖ The Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs established the Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) in 1997–1998 to offer Scheduled Tribes students living in rural places a high-quality education.
- ❖ Beginning in 2022, each block containing at least 20,000 tribe members and more than 50% of Schedule Tribes will have an EMRS.
- ❖ From class VI to XII, 480 pupils can be accommodated in each school.

Year One of the PM-Janman Yojana

- ❖ The Prime Minister also declared that on 15th November 2024, Janjati Gaurav Diwas, India, will celebrate the first anniversary of the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN).
- ❖ The birthday of tribal independence hero Birsa Munda is honored on November 15th as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas since 2021.
- ❖ Under the PM-JANMAN, several projects totaling Rs 1380 crore were launched, and Prime Minister Modi lay the groundwork for future initiatives. Among them are the building of 120 Anganwadis, 250 multipurpose centers, 10 school hostels, and more than 1380 km of roads.
- ❖ The Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) was launched by the Prime Minister on 15 November 2023 on the occasion of the Janjati Gaurav Diwas in Khunti, Jharkhand.
- ❖ The program has a three-year length and a total budget of Rs. 24,104 crore (Rs. 8,768 crore for the state portion and Rs. 15,336 crore for the central portion).
- ❖ The program's primary goal is to supply households and habitations belonging to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) with essential amenities like safe housing, hygienic and clean drinking water, road and telecom connectivity, better access

to health and nutrition, education, and sustainable livelihood opportunities.

- ❖ According to the 2011 census, the total tribal population in the country was 10.45 crore. The central government has recognised 75 tribal communities in 18 States and the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).

Maharashtra

PM Modi Inaugurates and Lays Foundation for Over ₹11,200 Crore Projects in Maharashtra



About News:-

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi officially launched many projects totaling Rs. 11,200 crore in Maharashtra on September 29, 2024, essentially laying the groundwork.

Specifics of the initiatives:

Pune Metro:

- ❖ PM Modi declared the Pune Metro Rail Project (Phase-1) complete by launching the segment from District Court to Swargate.
- ❖ The construction of this subterranean portion cost Rs 1,810 crore.
- ❖ In 2016, the Pune Metro's cornerstone was set.
- ❖ PM Modi also placed the cornerstone for the Pune Metro Phase's Swargate-Katraj Extension.
- ❖ It will take Rs 2,955 crore to develop this.
- ❖ This southern expansion of roughly 5.46 km is underground with 3 stops namely Market Yard, Padmavati, and Katraj.

Bidkin Industrial Area (BIA)

- ❖ Bidkin Industrial Area (BIA), a revolutionary project spanning 7,855 acres under the National Industrial Corridor Development Program (NICDP) of the government of India (GoI), was also dedicated by PM Modi to the country.
- ❖ In Maharashtra, it is located 20 kilometers south of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar. This will be a significant Marathwada region economic center.

- ❖ This project, which will be developed in three phases at a total cost of Rs 6,400 crore, was cleared by the Gol.
- ❖ Under the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor, the project was developed.

Airport in Solapur:

- ❖ PM Modi opened the airport at Solapur, which will increase connectivity and increase accessibility for visitors, business travelers, and investors. The present terminal Building of Solapur has been renovated to serve roughly 4.1 lakh passengers annually.
- ❖ The First Girls' School Memorial for Kranti Jyoti Savitribai Phule:
- ❖ At Bhidewada, PM Modi also dedicated the site of the Memorial for Kranti Jyoti Savitribai Phule's First Girls' School. Future generations will be motivated by the memorial, which will pay homage to the social reform movement.
- ❖ Among the necessary amenities at the Savitribai Phule Memorial will be a library and a center for skill development.

Economic

Government picks three new members to join RBI's Monetary Policy Committee

About News:-

- ❖ Prof. Ram Singh, Saugata Bhattacharya, and Dr. Nagesh Kumar are the three new members of the Monetary Policy Committee of the Reserve Bank of India, which has been recreated by the Indian government.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India Act of 1934 was modified by the Finance Act of 2016, which also established a six-person Monetary Policy Committee. On September 29, 2016, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) first Monetary Policy Committee was notified by the national government.



Committee for Search and Selection

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India Act of 1934, Section ZC, establishes a Search and Selection Committee to suggest candidates for the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee membership.
- ❖ The members of the committee are;

- ❖ TV Somanathan, the committee's chairperson and cabinet secretary;
- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India Governor, or a designee holding a position at least as high as Deputy Governor;
- ❖ Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs-Ajay Seth
- ❖ Three specialists with expertise in economics, banking, finance, and monetary policy, were chosen by the central government.

Three Recently Appointed Monetary Policy Committee Members

- ❖ As per section ZB of the RBI Act 1934, the Governor of the RBI is in charge of the Monetary Policy Committee, which has six members.
- ❖ The government of India appoints the remaining three members, with three representing the RBI.
- ❖ Individuals from RBI
- ❖ Dr. Saktikanta Das, the Governor of the RBI and Chairman of the MP
- ❖ Dr. Michael Patra, the RBI's Deputy Governor in charge of Monetary Policy
- ❖ One RBI officer nominated by the RBI Central Board:

Members nominated by the Indian government

- ❖ They are distinguished economists, and the following individuals were just appointed:
- ❖ Prof. Ram Singh, Director, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University,
- ❖ Bhattacharya Saugata
- ❖ Dr. Nagesh Kumar, the director of the New Delhi-based Institute for Studies in Industrial Development.

Duration of the Members

- ❖ The government-appointed members have a four-year tenure and are not eligible for reappointment. They may resign from their position or the government may remove them from it for specific reasons.

The Monetary Policy Committee's duties

- ❖ The Monetary Policy Committee sets the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) policy rates by section 45ZA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, to meet the government of India's inflation objective.
- ❖ The government of India, in cooperation with the RBI, sets the inflation target in terms of the Consumer Price Index once every five years.

Appointment

Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin becomes the first woman to take over as DG, of Armed Forces Medical Services



About News:-

- ❖ The first female director general of the Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS) was surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin. On October 1, 2024, she took over as the 46th DGAFMS, succeeding Lt Gen Daljit Singh.
- ❖ The appointment of Vice Admiral Arti Sarin is thought to be a positive step toward women's empowerment in the military.
- ❖ Arti Sarin was also nominated by the Supreme Court to the 14-person National Task Force for the Safety of Medical Professionals.
- ❖ Previously, Lieutenant General Sadhna Saxena Nair was the first female director general of medical services (Army) to be appointed.

About Arti Sarin, the Vice Admiral

- ❖ In December 1985, Vice Admiral Arti Sarin received his appointment in the Armed Forces Medical Services. He attended the Armed Forces Medical College in Pune. She held several positions in the Indian Navy, including Commanding Officer, INHS Asvini, Professor and Head of Radiation Oncology at Army Hospital (R&R) and Command Hospital (Southern Command)/AFMC Pune, and Command Medical Officer in the Southern and Western Naval Commands.
- ❖ She has distinguished herself in the armed forces by serving in the Army, Navy, and Air Force, among other branches.
- ❖ Flag Officer Arti Sarin held the esteemed positions of Director & Commandant of Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune, DG Medical Services (Air), and DG Medical Services (Navy) before being named the DGAFMS.

About the Director General of Military Medical Services

- ❖ In 1948, the Indian government established the Armed Forces Medical Service for the Indian armed forces, combining the medical branches of the Army, Navy, and Air Force.
- ❖ On the advice of the Dr. B. C. Roy Committee on "Armed Forces Medical Services and Research Integration," the Central Government formed the unified Armed Forces Medical Service.
- ❖ The Director-General, who oversees the Armed Forces Medical Services, may be an officer in the Indian Army (ranking of Lieutenant General), Indian Navy (ranking of Vice Admiral), or Indian Air Force (ranking of Air Marshal).
- ❖ Surgeon Vice-Admiral Arti Sarin is the director of the Armed Forces Medical Services.
- ❖ Headquarters: New Delhi

Science & Technology

Tata to build 150 DRDO-developed WhAP armoured vehicles for Morocco

About News:-

- ❖ The Royal Armed Forces of the Kingdom of Morocco and Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL) inked a deal for the local production of 150 Wheeled Armoured Platform (WhAP) Combat vehicles for the Moroccan Defense forces.
- ❖ It will take three years to finish the delivery.
- ❖ This contract is the biggest purchase of armored vehicles made in India, both nationally and internationally.



About WhAP:

- ❖ In partnership with Tata Motors and the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), WhAP is conceived and built domestically.

Qualities:

- ❖ WhAP is a combat vehicle with wheels that is amphibious and in line with current world trends. The platform can adapt to different roles because of its focus on modularity, scalability, and reconfigurability.

- ❖ It is capable of withstanding mine explosions and performs exceptionally well in challenging terrains including muddy or slushy weather.
- ❖ Inducted into the Indian Army (IA) and Paramilitary Forces are variants such as the Infantry Protected Mobility Vehicle (IPMV).

Award

Alexander Dunn to receive 2024 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize



About News:-

- ❖ The Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology & Research Academy (SASTRA), a private deemed university in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu (TN), has established the 2024 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize, which was given to renowned mathematician Alexander Dunn of Georgia Institute of Technology in the United States of America (USA).
- ❖ He is known for his important contributions to analytical number theory, particularly the way he and Maksym Radziwill worked together to solve the Kummer-Patterson Conjecture, which deals with bias in cubic Gauss sums.
- ❖ The prize will be given out on December 20, 2024, during the International Conference on Number Theory at SASTRA University in Kumbakonam, Thanjavur.

About Alexander Dunn:

- ❖ In mathematics, Alexander Dunn has achieved noteworthy advancements, especially in analytic number theory. His work is distinguished by its profundity and inventiveness, which helps to resolve enduring issues in the subject.

Concerning the SASTRA Ramanujan Prize:

- ❖ SASTRA University established the SASTRA Ramanujan Prize in 2005 to recognize young mathematicians who have significantly advanced fields impacted by the seminal mathematical works of Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.

- ❖ Mathematicians under the age of thirty-two are eligible to receive the prize each year.
- ❖ The winner is given a \$10,000 cash prize.
- ❖ Ruixiang Zhang, an assistant professor at the University of California, Berkeley in the United States, received it in 2023.

Sport

India Retains SAFF Men's U17 Championship 2024 Title With A Win Record



About News:-

- ❖ The unbeaten Indian football team defeated Bangladesh 2-0 in the championship game to win the 2024 Men's SAFF U17 Championship. On September 30, 2024, the championship match took place in Changlimithang Stadium in Thimphu, Bhutan. The football squad played by the Indian boys, who are also well known as the Blue Colts, were undefeated in the competition.
- ❖ In the SAFF men's age group tournament finals, India and Bangladesh have faced off five times. In U18 in 2019, U20 in 2022, U16 in 2023, and U17 in 2024, India has won four times. In U16s in 2015, Bangladesh has only triumphed once.
- ❖ Thimphu, Bhutan hosted the 2024 Men's SAFF U17 Championship from September 22-30.

India leads the SAFF U17 Championships without a loss.

- ❖ Seven teams competed in the Men's SAAF U17 Championships in 2024: Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan.
- ❖ Group A consisted of India, Bangladesh, and the Maldives, while Group B included Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Bhutan.
- ❖ India defeated the Maldives 3-0 and Bangladesh 1-0. India beat Nepal 4-2 in the semifinal. To go to the finals, Bangladesh overcame Pakistan 8-7 in the other semifinal penalty shoot.

- ❖ Mohammed Arbash scored India's second goal in the 95th minute after Mohammed Kaif had opened the scoring for the team.
- ❖ Ngamgouhou Mate led the Indian team as captain.

Winners of Awards

- ❖ Indian player Mohammed Arbash was named player of the tournament.
- ❖ Aheibam Suraj Singh, the tournament's goalkeeper

About SAFF (South Asian Football Federation)

- ❖ It was founded in 1997 by Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Bhutan later joined the Federation.
- ❖ Headquarters: Dhaka, Bangladesh
- ❖ President of SAFF: Kazi Md. Salahuddin of Bangladesh

Important Day

World Animal Welfare Day - 04 October 2024

About News:-

World Animal Day, also referred to as World Animal Welfare Day, is a global initiative observed each year on October 4th. This significant day is dedicated to serving as an International Day of Action, with the primary mission of advocating for the rights and welfare of animals. The selection of this date is particularly meaningful as it aligns with the feast day of Francis of Assisi, the revered patron saint of animals. This occasion brings together animal enthusiasts and advocates from all corners of the globe, with the shared objectives of raising awareness and nurturing a collective sense of responsibility toward ensuring the well-being and protection of animals in our world.

The theme for this year's World Animal Day, is "The world is their home too,"



History

- ❖ The history of World Animal Day traces its roots to the early 20th century and involves the efforts of individuals and organizations committed to animal welfare. Here is a brief history of World Animal Day:

- ❖ Origin and Initiation (1925): World Animal Day owes its beginnings to Heinrich Zimmerman, a prominent German writer and publisher. In 1925, Zimmerman conceived the idea of a day dedicated to raising awareness about animal welfare and rights. His vision was to create a global platform for advocating for the ethical treatment of animals.
- ❖ Inaugural Celebration (1925): The first-ever World Animal Day celebration took place in 1925 in Berlin, Germany. This inaugural event garnered substantial attention and drew over 5,000 attendees. It marked the beginning of a significant movement in the field of animal welfare advocacy.
- ❖ Official Declaration (1931): The formal recognition of October 4th as World Animal Day occurred at the International Animal Protection Congress held in Florence, Italy, in 1931. During this congress, the date was officially declared as World Animal Day. This momentous decision signaled the global acknowledgment of the event and its importance in advocating for the welfare and rights of animals.
- ❖ Evolution and Growth: Over the decades, World Animal Day has evolved and expanded its reach. It has become an annual international event celebrated by individuals, animal welfare organizations, and communities worldwide. The day serves as an opportunity to raise awareness about animal-related issues, promote compassion and responsible care for animals, and mobilize efforts to address various challenges faced by animals.
- ❖ Themes and Campaigns: Each year, World Animal Day adopts a specific theme to focus attention on particular aspects of animal welfare. These themes highlight critical issues such as animal cruelty, habitat conservation, animal adoption, and the ethical treatment of animals in various contexts.
- ❖ Global Impact: World Animal Day has made a significant impact in promoting the rights and well-being of animals. It serves as a reminder of our shared responsibility to protect and care for all living creatures and continues to unite people from diverse backgrounds in the cause of animal welfare.

