

12th November 2024

51st Chief Justice of India

Justice Sanjiv Khanna

took oath as the 51st
Chief Justice of India.

President Droupadi

Murmu administered the oath of office to
Justice Khanna at a ceremony at
Rashtrapati Bhavan.



Key point

- ❖ Justice Khanna succeeds Justice Dhananjay Yashwant Chandrachud, who retired on 10 November 2024 after a distinguished tenure.
- ❖ Justice Khanna, a Supreme Court judge since 2019, has been a part of various influential benches. Notably, he played a role in decisions such as upholding the abrogation of Article 370, which removed the special status of Jammu and Kashmir, and the recent ruling that overturned the electoral bonds scheme.
- ❖ The Ministry of Law and Justice, acting under clause (2) of Article 124 of the Indian Constitution, announced that the President had appointed Justice Khanna to the highest judicial post, effective November 11, 2024.
- ❖ He is set to serve a six-month term as Chief Justice.

Collegium System

- ❖ It is a system for the appointment and transfer of judges in the Supreme Court as well as the High Court.
- ❖ It is **not mentioned in the Constitution** but has evolved through various judgments of the Supreme Court.
- ❖ In this system, the Chief Justice of India (CJI), along with four senior-most Supreme Court judges, recommends the appointment and transfer of judges.
- ❖ The government may raise objections and seek clarifications regarding the Collegium's choices, but if the Collegium reiterates the same names, the government is bound to appoint them to the post.

8th International Ancient Arts Festival and Symposium

Indira Gandhi
National Centre
for the Arts, in
collaboration with



the 'Rays of Wisdom Society' and supported by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, held the 8th International Ancient Arts Festival and Symposium from 8th to 10th November, 2024 at IGNC.

Key Point

- ❖ This event featured an exhibition titled 'Metaphysical, Symbolic, and Healing Themes in Visual Arts', alongside a conference on 'Art, Religion, and Healing'.
- ❖ As part of the cultural program, Dr. Reela Hota presented 'Antar Yatra', a dance performance exploring the journey of consciousness through yogic philosophy.
- ❖ The 'International Ancient Arts Conference', organized by the Rays of Wisdom Society in collaboration with the Religion, Consciousness, and Spirituality Group (nurtured by the Foundation for Creative Social Research), gathered esteemed scholars to examine the healing potential of ancient art forms.

National Education Day 2024

National Education Day is celebrated on November 11 every year in honor of Maulana Abul Kalam



Azad, the first Education Minister of independent India and a prominent educationist.

Key Point

- ❖ This day highlights the importance of education in shaping India's future.

With 65% of the nation's population under the age of 35, it is crucial to provide them with opportunities for quality education and skills development.

- ❖ The topic of inclusive, high-quality education will be the focus of National Education Day 2024.
- ❖ The Government of India is dedicated to building strong education infrastructure that fosters students' holistic development and empowers the youth to drive the nation towards progress.

Some Important schemes Related To Education

- ❖ **PM SHRI:** Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the PM SHRI Schools (PM Schools for Rising India) scheme on 7th September 2022
- ❖ **NEP 2020:** Under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Union Cabinet of India approved the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 on July 29, 2020.
- ❖ **Samagra Shiksha:** Aligned with the NEP 2020 recommendations, Samagra Shiksha aims to provide quality education with an inclusive and equitable classroom environment

for all children, addressing their diverse backgrounds and needs. The scheme, launched on April 1, 2021, will continue for five years, ending on March 31, 2026.

- ❖ **DIKSHA:** It was launched on 5th September 2017 by Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu. The platform aims to enhance teacher training and professional development by accelerating innovative solutions and experiments in education.

Iconic Sarangi maestro Pandit Ram Narayan

Pandit Ram Narayan, the iconic Sarangi maestro, passed away in Mumbai at the age of 96.



Key Point

- ❖ An Indian musician, was credited with popularizing the musical instrument sarangi as a solo concert instrument.
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- ❖ Birth: In 1927 in Amber village in Rajasthan.

- ❖ A sarangi is a bowed stringed instrument with a skin-covered resonator.

Famous instrumentalist of India

- ❖ Flute Musicians: Hariprasad Chaurasia
- ❖ Santoor Musicians: Pt. Shiv Kumar Sharma
- ❖ Tabla: Ustad Zakir Hussain
- ❖ Sarod Musicians: Amjad Ali Khan
- ❖ Shehnai Musicians: Bismillah Khan
- ❖ Sitar Musicians: Pandit Ravi Shankar
- ❖ Rudra Veena: Ustad Asad Ali Khan
- ❖ Mridangam: Ramnad V. Raghavan
- ❖ Ghatam: T. H. Vinayakram

World University Rankings: Asia

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi has been ranked as the top



Indian institution in the 2025 QS World University Rankings: Asia, placed 44th in Asia.

Key Point

- ❖ China's Peking University climbed one place to remain the leading Asia university.
- ❖ In this ranking list, total institutions were ranked, out of which 162 are from India. India has the highest number of universities.

- ❖ IIT Delhi stood at 44th rank; it has upgraded from 46 ranking from the last year making IIT Delhi the topmost institution not only in India but also in the South Asian region.
- ❖ As the South Asian region contains the top 10 intuitions the high number of the seven is from India.
- ❖ Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB) tau nyob 48th. Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM) tau nyob 56th.
- ❖ IIT Kharagpur ranked 60, Indian Institute of Science – 62, IIT Kanpur 67 and University of Delhi 81.

Short News

- ❖ Canada ends fast-track visa programme for students from 14 countries including India.
- ❖ Ganesh, the celebrated Tamil actor known for his versatility in supporting roles across a prolific four-decade career, passed away at the age of 80 on the night of November 9, 2024.
- ❖ The FICCI National Executive Committee Meeting (NECM) has announced Harsha Vardhan Agarwal as President-Elect of FICCI, one of India's key industry bodies.
- ❖ The world-famous Pushkar fair started with the flag hoisting ceremony near Ajmer in Rajasthan.
- ❖ Hindalco Industries has achieved the title of the world's most sustainable aluminium company for the fifth year in a row in the 2024 S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment.
- ❖ NTPC, India's largest power producer, inaugurated the world's first CO₂-to-methanol conversion plant at its Vindhyachal facility.
- ❖ Dr. Sakshi Bhardwaj of Madhya Pradesh has been selected to represent India and Madhya Pradesh in this international conference COP29.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Which of the following companies inaugurated the world's first CO₂-to- methanol conversion plant at its Vindhyachal facility.

- a) NTPC
- b) India oil corporation
- c) Tata steel
- d) Hindalco

Answer -A

2. Which of the following Universities has been ranked as the top Indian institution in the 2025 QS World University Rankings: Asia?

- a) IIT Delhi
- b) IIT Bombay
- c) IIT Madras
- d) IIT Indore

Answer-A

