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Crafts of MP to be sold at India International Trade Fair, Kolkata

Madhya Pradesh will display its handicraft items and sell them at the India International Fair in Kolkata in December.

Key Points

- ❖ Small businessmen will be given the opportunity to sell their products not only within Madhya Pradesh but also across the country and internationally, with plans to facilitate exports in the future.



- ❖ Bhopal Haat will be developed similar to Delhi Haat to support these efforts.
- ❖ Arrangements will be made for the sale of various products in the weekly Mahila Haat for women traders at Bhopal Haat and other places in the state.
- ❖ In the last six months, sales of Rs 11.82 crore have been made in the state from Mrignayani Emporium as well as from organization of fairs.

MP launches state's first women-run 'Handloom Cafe' in Pranpur

In order to promote women empowerment and safe tourism the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board launched the state's first craft-based 'Handloom Cafe' in Pranpur, a village located 4 kilometers from the popular tourist destination of Chanderi in Ashoknagar district.



Key Points

- ❖ This cafe is entirely operated by women making it a pioneering initiative in the Madhya Pradesh.
 - ❖ A women's group has been registered as 'Sakhi Saheli Lok Kalyan Sangh' to manage the cafe."
- ❖ Pranpur has been selected by the Union Textiles Ministry for development as India's first Craft Handloom Tourism Village.
 - ❖ The project, being implemented by the ministry and Madhya Pradesh Tourism Department, aims to turn every house as a production-cum-sale centre of Chanderi sarees.

Indian men's & women's teams win gold in the 45th FIDE Chess Olympiad

Indian Men's and Women's chess teams won gold medals in their respective events at the 45th edition of the FIDE Chess Olympiad, held in the Hungarian capital of Budapest.

Key Points

- ❖ The Indian team consisting of Arjun Erigasi, Rameshbabu Pragannandha, Dommaraju Gukesh, Vidit Gujrathi and Pentala Harikrishna won the gold medal in the Open section.
- ❖ The Indian men's team was awarded the gold medal and the Hamilton Russell Cup.
 - The Indian team topped the points table with 21 points, followed by the United States in second place and Uzbekistan in third place.



- ❖ The Indian women's team of Vantika Agarwal, Divya Deshmukh, Harika Dranavali, Vaishali Rameshbabu and Tania Sachdev won the gold medal and the Vera Menchik Cup.

- The Kazakhstan team was awarded the silver medal, while the USA team settled for the bronze medal.
- ❖ The last time a country won gold both in the Open(men's) and women's section of the chess Olympiad was China in 2018.
- ❖ The next 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad will be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan 2026.

About Chess Olympiad

- ❖ The first Chess Olympiad, organised as the Tournament of Nations by the International Chess Federation (FIDE) in 1927, was held in London, United Kingdom. Hungary won the inaugural edition.
- ❖ Since the 9th edition of 1950, the event has been held every two years.
- ❖ In 1952, the event's name was changed to the Chess Olympiad.
- ❖ The Women's Chess Olympiad was started in 1957 at Emmen, the Netherlands.
- ❖ Both events were held together in 1972, but they were separated again in 1974. However, both events have been held together since 1976.

- ❖ The Soviet Union/Russia is the most successful team in the Chess Olympiad, with a combined 24 titles.
- ❖ In the last 43rd edition of the Chess Olympiad, which was held in Chennai, Tami Nadu, in 2022, the Indian team won the Gaprindashvili Cup.

World Rhino Day 2024

World Rhino Day is celebrated annually on 22 September to raise awareness about the five species of rhinoceros: Black, White, Greater One-Horned, Sumatran, and Javan rhinos.



Key Points

- ❖ World Rhino Day was established in 2010 by South African wildlife organizations to raise awareness about the plight of rhinoceroses and to promote conservation efforts.
- ❖ **Rhino Population in India 2024:** Approx. 3,700 (as per the International Rhino Foundation)

- ❖ **Key Rhino Parks in India :** Kaziranga National Park and Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary
- ❖ **Major Conservation Programs:** Project Rhino in India and Indian Rhino Vision 2020
- ❖ **IUCN Status of Indian Rhino:** Vulnerable according to the IUCN Red List

Rhino Conservation in India

- ❖ Project Rhino is an initiative launched in India to combat poaching and conserve the rhino population.
- ❖ The project focuses on creating awareness, enhancing habitat management, and strengthening law enforcement to protect these endangered species.

Rhino Parks in India

- ❖ **Kaziranga National Park (Assam):** The most famous park for the one-horned rhinoceros, boasting the largest population in India.
- ❖ **Manas National Park (Assam):** Known for its successful rhino reintroduction programs.
- ❖ **Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary (Assam):** Often referred to as the park with the highest density of rhinos.

India Becomes 6th Largest Market in MSCI ACWI, Tops Emerging Market in MSCI EM IMI

India has become the 6th largest market in the Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) All Country World Investable Market Index (ACWI IMI), surpassing China and just marginally behind France.



Key Points

- ❖ For the 1st time, India has surpassed China to become the largest weighting in the MSCI Emerging Market Investable Market Index (EM IMI).
- ❖ The United States of America (USA) has topped in the index.
- ❖ The combined weight of India's domestic stocks, as part of the MSCI EM IMI Index stood at 22.7% compared to 21.58% of China.

- ❖ As of 31st August 2024, India's weight in the MSCI ACWI IMI stood at 2.35%, 11 basis points (bps) higher than China's 2.24%.
- ❖ While, France MSCI AWI IMI is just 3 bps higher than India i.e. 2.38%.

Rank	Name of the Country	Weight in %
1	The United States of America (USA)	63.23
2	Japan	5.73
3	The United Kingdom (UK)	3.51
4	Canada	2.83
5	France	2.38
6	India	2.35

News Shorts

- ❖ Sagar Medical College will be renamed 'Acharya Vidyasagar Medical College' as a tribute to Jainism.
- ❖ Nazira Banoo from Lato village in Ladakh won the Gold Medal in the Individual Poomsae Under-30 Category at the 1st Khelo India Women's Taekwondo League Phase 1, held in Vadodara, Gujarat.

- ❖ In July 2024, a 'Cultural Property Agreement' was signed between India and the USA during the 46th World Heritage Committee meeting in New Delhi, aimed at combating the illicit trafficking of Indian cultural property. Following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to the US, 297 Indian antiquities were recovered, bringing the total number of antiquities reclaimed by India since 2014 to 640.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the sixth Quad Leaders' Summit in Wilmington, Delaware, on September 21, 2024, hosted by US President Joe Biden, alongside Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.
- ❖ A new COVID-19 variant called XEC has been identified, primarily spreading in Europe.
- ❖ Dhruvi Patel was crowned Miss India Worldwide 2024, a prestigious Indian pageant held in Edison, New Jersey.
- ❖ Magnus Carlsen was awarded the best male player at the FIDE 100 Awards in Hungary.
- ❖ Kalikesh Singh Deo won the NRAI presidential election against VK Dhall
- ❖ The Direct Tax 'Vivad se Vishwas' Act, 2020 was enacted on March 17, 2020, with the objective to reduce pending income tax litigation, generate timely revenue for the government and to benefit taxpayers.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Which medical college in Madhya Pradesh has been renamed as 'Acharya Vidyasagar Medical College'?

- (a) Bhopal Medical College
- (b) Indore Medical College
- (c) Sagar Medical College
- (d) Gwalior Medical College

Answer – (c)

2. In which city has Madhya Pradesh launched its first women-run 'Handloom Cafe'?

- (a) Bhopal
- (b) Pranpur
- (c) Indore
- (d) Gwalior

Answer – (b)

