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### **ODISHA CURRENT AFFAIRS**

### **03 December 2024**

### US President-elect Donald Trump Nominate Kash Patel to Lead FBI

#### **Key Points:**

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is the domestic intelligence and security service of the United States and its principal federal law enforcement agency.

- An agency of the United States Department of Justice, the FBI is a member of the U.S. Intelligence Community and reports to both the Attorney General and the Director of National Intelligence.
- A leading U.S. counterterrorism, counterintelligence, and criminal investigative organization, the FBI has jurisdiction over violations of more than 200 categories of federal crimes.
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#### **Loyalty to Trump**

- Known for unwavering support for Trump's agenda.
- Vocal critic of agencies, including the FBI, that he believes undermined Trump's policies.
- Defended Trump in his first impeachment trial over alleged misconduct related to Ukraine.

### Uber rolls out India's first water transport service with shikara bookings on its app

In the serene Dal Lake of Srinagar, cab aggregator Uber has launched its first water transport service in India, allowing users to book shikara rides through the app.

- The Uber Shikara is Asia's first water transport service and follows similar offerings in European cities like Venice.
- In its first phase, the company has onboarded seven shikaras and plans to gradually expand the fleet based on demand. Jammu and Kashmir lieutenant governor, Manoj Sinha said that the launch of Uber Shikara in Srinagar shows how technology can enhance cultural heritage.
- The Shikara is a wooden boat found on Dal Lake and other water bodies in Srinagar. It comes in different sizes and is used for transportation. Usually seating six people, with the boatman at the back, shikaras are a symbol of Kashmir's culture.





The shikara is a type of wooden boat found on Dal Lake and other water bodies of Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir.

Dal Lake is a large freshwater lake and one of the most popular tourist destinations in the region.

- It is the second-largest lake in Jammu and Kashmir and is often referred to as the 'Srinagar's jewel.'
- The lake is important for tourism and recreation and it also supports commercial activities. Shikara Owners Association president Wali Mohammad Bhatt said that there are around 4,000 shikaras in Dal Lake and he expects Uber to onboard more shikara partners.

#### **Indian Navy Day Celebration On Puri Beach**

ଆସତା ୪ ତାରିଖରେ ପୁରୀ ବେଳାଭୂମିରେ ଶକ୍ତି ପ୍ରଦର୍ଶନ କରିବ ଭାରତୀୟ ନୌସେନା। ଏନେଇ ପୁରୀ ଜିଲାପାଳ ସିଦ୍ଧାର୍ଥ ଶଙ୍କର ସ୍ମାଇଁ ଏବଂ ନୌସେନା ଅଧିକାରୀ ସୂଚନା ଦେଇଛନ୍ତି। ଜିଲାପାଳ ନୌସେନା ଦିବସରେ ୧୫ଟି ଜାହାଜ, ୪୦ ଏୟାରକ୍ରାଫ୍ଟ ସାମିଲ ହେବେ ବୋଲି କହିଛନ୍ତି। ଏୟାରକ୍ରାଫ୍ଟ କ୍ୟାରିୟର ଅନ୍ୟତ୍ର ମୁତୟନ ଥିବାରୁ ଏଥିରେ ସାମିଲ ହୋଇପାରିବନି।

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The event marks the anniversary of Operation Trident, a critical naval offensive during the 1971 Indo-Pak War. The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, will be the Chief Guest at the event, hosted by Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of Naval Staff. The demonstration aims to highlight the Navy's capabilities and its dedication to protecting India's maritime interests.

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- The Indian Navy's history dates back to 1612 when the East India Company formed a maritime force to protect its interests. Over time, this force evolved into the Indian Navy after India gained independence in 1947.
- The Royal Indian Navy was renamed the Indian Navy in 1950. December 4th was chosen to honor Operation Trident, during which the Navy launched a successful attack on Karachi Harbor in 1971.
- The operation resulted in significant damage to the Pakistani Navy, marking one of the first major uses of anti-ship missiles in combat.



#### **Operation Trident and its significance:**

In 1971, Pakistan launched an attack on December 3 on the Indian air bases. In response, the Indian Navy planned an attack on the night of December 4 and 5, as Pakistan didn't have the aircraft to carry out bombings.

The Indian Navy targeted the Pakistan naval headquarters in Karachi during 'Operation Trident'. It launched three missile boats – INS Veer, INS Nipat, INS Nirghat and Vidyut-class boats – towards Karachi and sank three Pakistani Navy ships, including PNS Khaibar.

### Arjun Erigaisi : 2nd Indian Chess player to achieve 2800 Elo rating

Grand Master Arjun Erigasi has become the second Indian chess player and 16th in the world to achieve 2800 Elo rating points in classical chess.

The International Chess Federation (FIDE) announced this in a social media post on 1 November 2024. The 21-year-old Indian is the second India after Vishwanathan Anand to achieve 2800 Elo rating points.



The 21-year-old Arjun Erigasi is currently ranked number 4 by FIDE, after Grand Master Magnus Carlsen, Grand Master Fabiano Caruana, and Grand Master Hikaru Nakamura.

This year has been fabulous for the Warangal, Telangana boy Arjun Erigaisi. He won the individual gold medal at the 45th FIDE Chess Olympiad, held in Budapest, Hungary, from 10 to 23 September 2024. Erigasi was also instrumental in the Indian men's team performance which won the gold at the 45h Chess Olympiad.

## List of the Chess Players who have scored 2800 Elo Ratings

Following is the list of the chess players who have achieved 2800 or more Elo rating.

- Magnus Carlsen (Norway) 2882 Elo ratings
- 2. Garry Kasparov (Russian) 2851
- 3. Fabiano Caruana (USA) 2844
- 4. Levon Aronian (Armenia) 2830
- 5. Wesley So (USA) 2822
- Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Azerbaijan) -2820
- 7. Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (France) 2819
- 8. Viswanathan Anand (India) 2817
- 9. Vladimir Kramnik (Russia) 2817
- 10. Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria) 2816
- 11. Hikaru Nakamura (USA) 2816
- 12. Ding Liren (China) 2816
- 13. Alexander Grischuk (Russia) 2810
- 14. Alireza Firouzja (France) 2804
- 15. Arjun Erigaisi (India) 2802.1

#### **Elo Rating System**

Elo rating was devised by an American physics professor and chess player, Arpad Elo.

- The Elo rating system has been designed to rate the strength of a chess player.
- The Elo rating system was officially adopted by FIDE in 1970.
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- Nihal Sarin remained undefeated in the tournament and finished at the top with 7.5 points. He won a prize money of USD 25,000 for his title win.
- The 3rd President Cup was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, from 20-30 November 2024. 118 Chess players from around the world participated in the President's Cup.
- The other notable Indian performers at the President Cup were International Master Neelash Saha, who finished eighth with 6 points, and Grand Master Karthikeyan Murali, who finished ninth with 6 points.
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### 16th COP of the UNCCD Commences in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

- The 16th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) commenced in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on 2 December 2024.
- ❖ The COP to the UNFCCD is held every two years, and the 15th COP was held in May 2022 in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. The UNCCD is one of three global agreements reached at the 1992 Rio Earth Summit: the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).



#### Organiser of the 16th COP of the UNCCD

The 16th Conference of Parties of the UNCCD is being organised by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and is hosted by the Saudi Arabian Government.

Theme of the 16th COP of the UNCCD: The theme of the 16th COP of the UNCCD is Our Land. Our Future.

### Who represented India at the 16th COP of the UNCCD:

The Indian delegation at the 16th CoP of the UNCCD is being jointly led by the Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupendra Yadav and the chief minister of Haryana, Nayab Singh Saini. Bhupendra Yadav planted a tree sapling at the Indian Embassy in Riyadh as per the government's India's "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative.

#### What is UNCCD?

- The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) is the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), also known as the Earth Summit, organised by the United Nations Environment Programme in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 3-14 June 1992.
- The Convention entered into force on 26 December 1996 and currently has 197 parties.



- The UNCCD aims to stop desertification and land degradation worldwide. Land degradation and increasing desertification are among the major causes of biodiversity destruction and climate change.
- The UNCCD aims to reverse desertification and land degradation and reclaim lands through a scientific method. To this end, in 2011, at the 10th CoP of the UNCCD, held in South Korea, a Changwon Initiative was launched.
- The South Korean government supported the Changwon initiative aimed at a Land degradation-neutral world using best scientific practices.
- Over 120 countries have set a Land degradation neutrality target under the Changwon initiative.
- What is the Conference of Parties (COP)?
- The Conference of Parties (COP) refers to the countries/ organisations that have signed and ratified the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.
- At present, 196 countries and the European Union are parties to the UNFCCC.

#### Other Two Environmental Summits of 2024

- The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is an agreement that seeks to stop and reverse the effects of global warming and climate change.
- The COP of the UNFCCC is held annually and discusses ways to reduce carbon emissions so as to achieve the 2015 Paris Agreement target.
- The 29th Conference of Parties (CoP) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was held in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 11 to 22 November 2024.
- The Belem City of Brazil will host the 30th CoP of the UNFCCC in November 2025.

#### Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

- The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is a United Nations agreement to protect the planet's biodiversity.
- The 16th session of the Conference of Parties (CoP) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was held in Cali, Colombia, from 21 October to 1 November 2024. The meeting was suspended due to a lack of quorum.
- The 16th COP of the Convention on Biological Diversity will resume in Rome, Italy, from 25 to 27 February.
- The COP of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is held every two years.

# Indian Army commence 2024 Harimau Shakti exercise with Malaysian Army

India and Malaysia commenced the bilateral Joint Military Exercise "Harimau Shakti" on 2 December 2024 at Bentong camp, Pahang district, Malaysia. In 2023, the Indian Army hosted the exercise at its Umroi Cantonment in Meghalaya. The 2024 edition of the annual bilateral exercise will be held from 2 to 15 December 2024.



The first annual bilateral military exercise, Harimau Shakti, between the Indian Army contingent and the Malaysian Army contingent was held in October 2012 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The joint combat exercise aims to create greater synergy and interoperability between the two armed forces.



### Participants of the 2024 Harimau Shakti Exercise

In the 2024 edition of the Harimau Shakti Exercise, 78 personnel of the Indian Army's Mahar Regiment will represent the Indian contingent, and 123 personnel of the Royal Malaysian Regiment will represent the Malaysian side.

#### **Focus of the Exercise**

The exercise will boost friendly military ties between the two countries and enhance their capability to undertake joint counter-insurgency operations in jungle terrain. The exercise will be conducted in two phases.

- Phase I—The first phase will focus on cross-training between both Armies, including lectures, demonstrations, and practice of various drills in jungle terrain.
- Phase II- Both armies will take an active part in a simulated exercise, wherein troops will execute various drills, including Anti-Ambush, Occupation of Harbour, Carrying out Recce Patrol, Ambush and an Attack on an area taken over by the terrorists.

#### India-Malaysia Defence Ties

India and Malaysia share good bilateral ties, and their diplomatic relationship was established in 1957.

- During Malaysian Prime Minister Ibrahim Anwar's visit to India in August 2024, both countries upgraded their bilateral relationship to the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership level.
- The 1993 MoU on Defence Cooperation is the cornerstone of defence relations between the two countries.
- The India-Malaysia Defence Cooperation Meeting (MIDCOM) is a secretary-level meeting between the Defence Secretaries of both countries.
- ❖ The 12th meeting of MIDCOM was held in New Delhi on 19 September 2023. India and Malaysia conducted a series of exercises involving the three wings of the armed forces to bolster their bilateral defence ties.

#### **Bilateral Naval Exercise**

The bilateral naval exercise between the Indian Navy and the Royal Malaysian Navy is codenamed Samudra Laksamana.

The first Samudra Laksamana was held in the Malacca Straits in December 2017. The 3rd edition of the Samudra Laksamana maritime exercise was held in Visakhapatnam from 28 February to 02 March 2024.

#### Air Force Exercise

The bilateral exercise between the Indian Air Force and the Royal Malaysian Air Force, code-named Udan Shakti, was held for the first time in 2018. The latest Udan Shakti exercise was held at Kuantan, Malaysia, from 5-9 August 2024.

## 1st Indo-Cambodian 'CINBAX" Exercise commences in Pune, Maharashtra

India-Cambodia's first Joint Tabletop Exercise, codenamed 'CINBAX,' commenced at the Foreign Training Node, Pune, Maharashtra, on 1 December 2024.

- The first CINBAX exercise between the Armies of both countries will be held in Pune from 1 to 18 December 2024.
- The exercise is part of the military diplomacy of both countries to strengthen friendly ties between the two countries, especially militaryto-military ties.
- During the CINBAX exercise, Indian-made weapons systems and equipment will be displayed to the Cambodians to promote the Indigenous defence capabilities of India.





#### What is a Table Top Military Exercise?

Tabletop Exercise roughly means "a discussion-based event where personnel with roles and responsibilities meet in a classroom setting or in breakout groups to discuss their roles during the emergency and their responses to a particular emergency situation."

In military terms, there are no live war games; discussions are held only about future battle scenarios and the roles and responsibilities of the personnel involved.

#### 1st CINBAX Participants and its Focus

In the first CINBAX military exercise, 20 members of the Indian Army's Infantry brigade and an equal number of Cambodian Army personnel are participating.

- The first CINBAX exercise focuses on discussing war games related to joint counterterrorism operations, as per the mandate under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter.
- Both Armies will discuss various scenarios regarding the establishment of a Joint Training Task Force for Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance and the planning of operations in a counter-terrorism environment.
- Both armies will discuss the employment of force multipliers in subconventional operations.
- The discussion will also include information operations, cyber warfare, hybrid warfare, logistics and casualty management, and HADR operations.

#### Phase of the CINBAX

The CINBAX exercise will be conducted in three phases so that the participants and personnel of both armies will understand the practical issues involved in joint counterterrorism operations.

Phase I will focus on preparing and orienting participants for counter-terrorism operations during UN peacekeeping missions.

- Phase II will involve the conduct of the Table Top exercises and Phase III will involve the finalisation of plans and summing up.
- The exercise is expected to help the Armed Forces personnel understand each other better so that, in the future, if they work in a United Nations-mandated Peacekeeping operation, they do not have difficulty working together.

### Sindhu & Lakshya win 2024 Syed Modi International Badminton tournament

The Indian badminton ace PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen, respectively, won the women's and men's titles of the 2024 Syed Modi International badminton tournament. It was PV Sindhu's first BWF title since the 2022 Singapore Open title.

The USD 2.10 Lakh prize money BWF (Badminton World Federation) World Tour 300 Syed Modi International badminton tournament was held at the Babu Banarsi Das Indoor Stadium in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh from 26 November -1 December 2024.



#### First title for PV Sindhu since 2022

Since 2022, after her win at the 2022 Singapore Open, PV Sindhu has failed to win a BWF Tournament singles title.

In between, Sindhu made the finals at the 2023 Spain Masters Super 300 and 2024 Malaysia Masters Super 500 but lost in the finals.



She broke her title drought at the 2024 Syed Modi International badminton tournament. She defeated Chinese player Wu Luo Yu 21-14, 21-16 in the final to winSyed Modi International Badminton singles title.

#### Lakshya Sen wins his 5th BWF Title

Lakshya Sen, who lost in the semi-finals of the 2024 Paris Olympics, won his fifth BWF singles title of his career by winning the 2024 Syed Modi International Badminton Tournament singles title at Lucknow. In the final, Lakshya Sen defeated Singapore's Jia Heng Jason Teh 21-6, 21-7.

### Gayatri Gopichand and Treesa Jolly wins Doubles Title

The Indian women's duo of Gayatri Gopichand and Treesa Jolly secured the third title for India in the 2024 Syed Modi International Badminton. In the final, the Indian women's duo defeated China's pair of Bao Li Jing and Li Qian 21-18, 21-11. This was the second BWF title since they won their first title at the Odisha Open in 2022.

### Winners of the 2024 Syed Modi International Tournament

Following is the list of the winners of the Syed Modi International Tournament.

S.N.	Event	Winner/ Nationality	Runners- UP/Nationality
1	Men's Singles	Lakshya Sen (India)	Jia Heng Jason Teh (Singapore)
2	Women's Singles	PV Sindhu (India)	Wu Luo Yu(China)
3	Men's Doubles	Huang Di/Liu Yang (China)	Pruthvi Krishnamurthy Roy and Sai Pratheek K (India)
4	Women's Doubles	Gayatri Gopi- chand and Treesa Jolly (India)	Bao Li Jing and Li Qian (China)
5	Mixed Doubles	Dechapol Puavaranukroh and Supissara Paewsampran (Thailand)	Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto (India)

### About Syed Modi International Badminton Tournament

The Syed Modi International Badminton Tournament has been held annually in Lucknow by the Badminton Association of India (BAI) since 2009. The Tournament is part of the BWF World Tour from 2018. It is organised in the memory of the Indian badminton player Syed Modi.

#### **Badminton World Federation (BWF)**

The Badminton World Federation is the world's badminton sport governing body. It was set up as the International Badminton Federation (IBF) in 1934 in London. The BWF organises BWF World Junior Championships and BWF World Senior Championships, BWF Sudirman Cup and the BWF Thomas and Uber Cup. Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia President of BWF: Poul-Erik Høyer Larsen (Denmark).

### UP Declares Maha Kumbh Area a New District for 2025 Mela

The Uttar Pradesh government has created the Maha Kumbh Mela district in Prayagraj to streamline preparations for the 2025 Kumbh Mela. This move aims to enhance administrative efficiency, law enforcement, and resource management for the massive religious gathering.

- In a significant move, the Uttar Pradesh government has declared the Maha Kumbh area in Prayagraj as a new district, named the Maha Kumbh Mela district, ahead of the grand religious event scheduled for January 2025.
- This decision marks a crucial step to streamline the administrative and logistical efforts for the smooth organization of the Kumbh Mela, which attracts millions of pilgrims from across the world. The creation of the new district aims to enhance coordination, law enforcement, and resource management for the event.

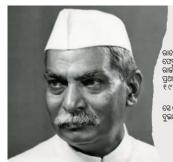


### GST Collection for November Rises by 8.5% to ₹1.82 Trillion

India's GST revenue grew by 8.5% to ₹1.82 lakh crore in November 2024, driven by a 9.4% increase in domestic transactions. Central GST stood at ₹34,141 crore, State GST at ₹43,047 crore, and IGST at ₹91,828 crore. India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue rose by 8.5% to ₹1.82 lakh crore in November 2024, compared to ₹1.68 lakh crore in the same month last year.

The growth is primarily driven by higher revenues from domestic transactions, with GST from domestic transactions increasing by 9.4%. This increase is significant, though it follows a previous high of ₹1.87 lakh crore in October, which marked the second-best collection in GST history. In April 2024, India recorded its highest-ever GST collection of over ₹2.10 lakh crore.

## 3rd December: Birthday Of India's 1st President Dr. Rajendra Prasad



ରାଜେନ୍ଦ୍ର ପ୍ରସାଦ (୩ ଡିସେମ୍ବର ୧୮୮୪ - ୨୮ ଫେଡୁଆରୀ ୧ ୯୬୩) ହେଉଛିତି କଶେ ଜାବତୀୟ ରାଜନେଚା, ଭାରତୀୟ ସାଧାରଣତନ୍ତ୍ରର ଜଣେ ଛପତି, ପ୍ରଥମ ଭାରତୀୟ ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ରପତି ( ୨୬ କାନୁଆରୀ ୧ ୯୫୦ରୁ ୧୩ ମଇ ୧୯୬୨)।

ସେ ହେଉଛନ୍ତି ଭାରତର ଏକମାତ୍ର ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ରପତି ଯିଏ ଦୁଇଥର ଏହି ପଦ ପାଇଁ ନିର୍ବାଚିତ ହୋଇଥିଲେ।



