

### Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh to host Khelo India Winter Games 2025

#### Key Points:

- ❖ The Union Territory of Ladakh and the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir will jointly host the Khelo India Winter Games 2025. An announcement was made to this effect on 11 December 2024 by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- ❖ The 2024 edition of the Khelo India Winter Games was also co-hosted by Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir. Before 2024, the Khelo India Winter Games was only held at Gulmarg in Jammu and Kashmir.



- ❖ The 2025 Khelo India Winter Games will be important for athletes as it will also be a selection event for the forthcoming MilanoCortina 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy in February 2026.
- ❖ Bihar will host the Khelo India Youth & Para Games in April 2025. Khelo India Winter Games is different from the National Winter Games.
- ❖ The Indian Olympic Association organises the National Games, and Uttarakhand will host the next National Winter Games.

#### Ladakh to host Ice events and Gulmarg Snow events

- ❖ The Khelo India Winter Games 2025 will be held in two phases, and a total of six events will take place. In the first phase of the Winter Games, Leh in Ladakh will hold ice events- ice hockey and ice skiing -from 23-27 January 2025. In the second phase of the Games, Gulmarg, Jammu and Kashmir

will host snow events -alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, ski mountaineering and snowboarding from 22-25 February 2024.

#### About Khelo India Winter Games

- ❖ The first Khelo India Winter Games was organised by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in 2000 in Gulmarg, Jammu and Kashmir. Around 1000 athletes participated in the inaugural edition of the Games.
- ❖ The Khelo India Winter Games is held annually, and Jammu and Kashmir has topped the medals tally in the first three editions. In the 2024 edition of the Games, Army topped the medals tally, with Karnataka being the runner-up.

#### About Khelo India Games

- ❖ The Khelo India Games was proposed by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in 2017 to provide a platform for young sportspersons in India and build a dedicated sports infrastructure in the country.
- ❖ The ministry, in association with the Indian Olympic Association, organises the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG), the Khelo India University Games (KIUG) and the Khelo India Winter Games under the Khelo India initiatives. The athletes represent their states/Union territories or the Universities in the Khelo India University Games.
- ❖ Under the Khelo India initiatives, the first Games to be organised was the Khelo India School Games in 2018 in New Delhi.
- ❖ In 2019, it was renamed Khelo India Youth Games and held in Pune, Maharashtra. ➤ The first Khelo India University Games was hosted by the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Odisha in 2020.
- ❖ The first edition of the Khelo India Winter Games was held in 2020 in Gulmarg, Jammu and Kashmir.

### 2024 Nobel Prize winners Honoured in Stockholm and Oslo

#### Key Points:

- ❖ The winners of the 2024 Nobel Prizes were awarded in a ceremony held in the Swedish capital city of Stockholm and the Norwegian capital of Oslo on 10 December 2024.
- ❖ The Nobel Prize instituted in the memory of Alfred Noble by the Noble Foundation is conferred to the winners on 10th December every year.
- ❖ The Stockholm-born Swedish inventor and businessman Alfred Nobel died on 10 December 1896.
- ❖ The prize winner of Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine and Economic Science is honoured at a ceremony in Stockholm, while the Peace prize winner is facilitated in Oslo.



#### About the Nobel Prize

- ❖ The Nobel Prize is considered the most prestigious prize in the world. The prize was founded at the will of the dynamite inventor Alfred Nobel. He donated all his money to a foundation. He instructed that prizes shall be given to those persons or institutions who, during the preceding year, have conferred the greatest benefit to "humankind".
- ❖ After his death on December 10, 1896, the Nobel Foundation was set up in 1900, and from 1901 onwards, prizes were announced in Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature and Peace.

- ❖ The Swedish Central Bank "Sveriges Riksbank" donated the money and set up a Prize in Economic Science in memory of Alfred Nobel in 1967. The first Prize in Economics was given in 1969.
- ❖ The winner of the Nobel Prize gets a cash prize of 11 million Swedish kroner. If there is more than one winner, then the prize money is shared.

### 1st India Maritime Heritage Conclave 2024 Concludes in New Delhi

#### Key Points:

- ❖ The two-day first India Maritime Heritage Conclave 2024 concluded in New Delhi on 12 December 2024.
- ❖ The Conclave highlighted India's rich maritime legacy since the Harappan period. The Conclave brought together the key ministers of the Union government, maritime experts, industry leaders and others from India and abroad.
- ❖ Four State Governments - Gujarat, Goa, Bihar and Arunachal Pradesh participated in the Conclave. Apart from highlighting India's rich maritime heritage, the Conclave also deliberated on developing the maritime sector in India to create employment opportunities and make India a global hub and a leading maritime player.

#### Organiser of the India Maritime Heritage Conclave 2024

- ❖ The Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways organised the India Maritime Heritage Conclave 2024. The Union Ministry for Labour and Employment, the Union Ministry for Youth Affairs and Sports, the Union Ministry for Education, and the Union Ministry for Tourism and Culture collaborated with the Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

#### Who inaugurated the India Maritime Heritage Conclave 2024?

- ❖ The India Maritime Heritage Conclave 2024 was inaugurated by the Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, on 11 December 2024.
- ❖ The Conclave was also addressed by the Vice-President of India, Jagdeep Dhankar, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi sent a special message. The Conclave was also addressed by the Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister for Labor and Employment and Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya and Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel.



### Aim of the India Maritime Heritage Conclave 2024

- ❖ The aims of the first India Maritime Heritage Conclave 2024 are as follows;
- ❖ To highlight the rich maritime legacy of the country.
- ❖ To draw a futuristic blueprint for India to become a global hub and a leading maritime nation.
- ❖ To create awareness about employment opportunities in the maritime sector.
- ❖ Integrate rich maritime heritage in India's education system.
- ❖ Promote Indian maritime heritage as a tourist destination and work for its preservation.
- ❖ The Government of India is developing the National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal, Gujarat.

### Himachal Government launches Him Bhog Atta and five Welfare scheme

#### Key Points:

- ❖ Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched six welfare schemes in the state to mark the two years of the completion of his government.
- ❖ In a ceremony held in Bilaspur, the Chief Minister also distributed financial assistance to the beneficiaries of the schemes launched by the state government.



### Him Bhog Atta

- ❖ The Chief Minister launched 'Him Bhog Atta'. The atta(fLOUR) is made of maize grown by farmers in the state through natural farming. Natural farming systems are based on traditional farming methods such as biomass mulching, round-the-year green cover, indigenous cow-based dung, and urine formulations.
- ❖ The state government procured the maize from 1,506 farmers in ten districts of the State.
- ❖ To encourage natural farming in the state, the state government has set a target to enrol 36,000 farmers in the Rajiv Gandhi Natural Farming Start-up Scheme, which is part of the Rajiv Gandhi Start-up Scheme.

### Indira Gandhi Sukh Shiksha Yojana

- ❖ The Indira Gandhi Sukh Shiksha Yojna aims to prevent child exploitation.
- ❖ Aim -to cover 23,000 children of widows, destitute women, divorced women and disabled parents.
- ❖ Monthly financial assistance of Rs 1000 for children below 18 years of age to cover their educational costs.

- ❖ Annual budget - Rs 53.21 crore

### Himachal Pradesh Subtropical Horticulture, Irrigation and Value Addition Project (HP Shiva)

#### Key Points:

- ❖ Total budget for the scheme -Rs1292 crore
- ❖ Aim -to encourage horticulture development in nine districts.
- ❖ It will cover 6,000 hectares and promote the cultivation of fruits like oranges, guavas, litchi and plums,
- ❖ Expected to benefit 15,000 farming families directly.
- ❖ The target is to produce 1.3 lakh metric tonnes of fruit annually by 2032 with a market value of Rs. 400 crore.

### E-taxi under the Rajiv Gandhi Start-up Swarojgar Yojna

- ❖ The Chief Minister symbolically handed keys to 16 electric taxi owners under the Rajiv Gandhi Self-Employment Start-up Scheme 2023.
- ❖ The beneficiary of the scheme receives a 50 % subsidy for the purchase of vehicles. Electric vehicles will be leased to the state government for five years.

### Cow dung purchase scheme

- ❖ The state government will buy organic and vermicompost directly from farmers at Rs 300 per quintal. The amount is directly transferred into the farmer's account. This is expected to boost farmer's income.

### Mobile Ayush healthcare units

- ❖ Five mobile units were flagged off by the Chief Minister, which will provide Ayurveda, Unani, or Homeopathy treatments to the residents in the remote tribal regions of Kinnaur, Lahaul & Spiti, Chamba and Shillai block of Sirmaur district.

### Mukhyamantri Sukh-Ashray Yojana

- ❖ The Chief Minister released financial assistance worth Rs 1.90 crore to the

eligible beneficiaries under the Mukhyamantri Sukh-Ashray Yojana. The Sukhu government launched the scheme in February 2023 to provide education, care, and support to the state's orphan children until they reach the age of 27.

### CM Dhama inaugurates 10th World Ayurveda Congress 2024 at Dehradun

#### Key Points:

- ❖ Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama inaugurated the 10th World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo 2024 at Dehradun on 12 December 2024.
- ❖ The first Ayurveda Conference was organised in Kochi, Kerala, in 2002. It is organised every two years, and the 9th edition of the World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo was held in Goa from 8-11 December 2022.
- ❖ The 10th World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo 2024 will be held in Dehradun from 12-15th December 2024.



### Organiser of the 10th World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo 2024

- ❖ The World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo 2024 are being organised by the Union Ministry of Ayush and the World Ayurveda Foundation.

### Theme of the 10th World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo 2024

- ❖ The 10th World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo 2024 theme is Digital Health-an Ayurveda Perspective. Digital health refers to the use of information and



communications technology and its related hardware in health care. It includes wearable technology, telehealth and telemedicine, mobile Health apps, Electronic Health Records, and Electronic Medical Records.

### About the World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo

- ❖ The World Ayurveda Foundation established the World Ayurveda Congress to promote Ayurveda as a healthcare system in India and Abroad.
- ❖ People from all disciplines from India and abroad participate in the Congress and present their research works related to Ayurveda and allied sciences.
- ❖ The Arogya Expo showcases the Ayurvedic products of the leading Ayurvedic institutions in India and abroad.

Edition	Host	Theme	Organiser
1 (30 October-4 November 2022)	Kochi, Kerala	Ayurveda and World Health	Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Vijnana Bharati
2nd (6-12 November 2006)	Pune, Maharashtra	Globalisation of Ayurveda	University of Pune; Union Ministry of Ayush, Vijnana Bharati
3rd (16-21 December 2010)	Jaipur, Rajasthan	Mainstreaming Ayurveda	Union Ministry of Ayush, Vijnana Bharati, National Institute of Ayurveda
4th (9-13 December 2010)	Bengaluru, Karnataka	Ayurveda for All	Union Ministry of Ayush, Vijnana Bharati, Government of Karnataka.
5th (7-10 December 2012)	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	Enriching Public Health through Ayurveda	World Ayurveda Foundation & Govt. of Madhya Pradesh

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6th (6-9 December 2014)	New Delhi	Health Challenges & Ayurveda	Union Ministry of Ayush & World Ayurveda Foundation
7th (1-4 December 2016)	Science City, Kolkata	Strengthening the Ayurveda Eco System	Ministry of Ayush & World Ayurveda Foundation
8th (14-17 December 2018)	Ahmedabad Gujarat	Re-aligning the Focus on Health	Ministry of Ayush & World Ayurveda Foundation
9th (8-11 December 2022)	Goa	Ayurveda for one Health	Ministry of Ayush & World Ayurveda Foundation
10th (12-15 December 2024)	Dehradun, Uttarakhand	Digital Health Ayurveda Perspective	Ministry of Ayush & World Ayurveda Foundation

### Gukesh becomes youngest-ever World Champion

#### Key Points:

- ❖ Dommaraju Gukesh's journey to becoming the youngest chess world champion is a tale of hard work, determination, and focus. At just 18 years old, Gukesh defeated the

defending champion, Ding Liren, in a tough three-week match in Singapore.

- ❖ Dommaraju Gukesh's rise to becoming the youngest chess world champion is a story of relentless ambition, focus, and resilience.
- ❖ At the age of 18, Gukesh defeated reigning champion Ding Liren in a grueling three-weeklong contest in Singapore, surpassing Garry Kasparov's record as the youngest chess world champion in history.
- ❖ His journey from a young boy declaring his ambition to this historic feat showcases extraordinary dedication and talent.



### Places of Worship Act: SC says no fresh suits to be registered till next date of hearing

#### Key Points:

- ❖ The Supreme Court Thursday barred civil courts across the country from acting on suits challenging the ownership and title of places of worship. "We deem it fit to direct that no fresh suits shall be registered or proceedings be ordered.
- ❖ In the pending suits, no effective interim orders or final orders including orders of survey can be granted by civil courts till the next date of hearing," the court said.
- ❖ This would include the Gyanvapi dispute in Varanasi, the Krishna Janmabhoomi temple dispute in Mathura and several others.
- ❖ The court was informed that such suits are pending in at least 10 places. A three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna was hearing a clutch of writ

petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the Places of Worship Act, 1991.



ପୂଜାରୀଙ୍କ ଆନ୍ଦୋଳନ ୧୯୯୧ର ସାମ୍ବିଧାନିକ ବୈଧତାକୁ ଚ୍ୟାଲେଞ୍ଜ କରୁଥିବା ପିଟିସନର ଶୁଣାଣିକୁ ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ପାଇଁ ଭବିତ ରଖିଛନ୍ତି ସୁପ୍ରିମକୋର୍ଟ । ୪ ସପ୍ତାହ ପରେ ଏହାର ଶୁଣାଣି ହେବ ବୋଲି ପ୍ରଧାନ ବିଚାରପତି ଜଷ୍ଟିସ୍ ସଂଜୀବ ଖନ୍ନା କହିଛନ୍ତି । ଏହି ସମୟମଧ୍ୟରେ ଏହି ଆନ୍ଦୋଳନକୁ ଚାଲିଯିବା ପାଇଁ ଆଇ କୌଣସି ପିଟିସନ ଦାଖଲ କରାଯିବ ନାହିଁ ।

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- ❖ What is the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act? The Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991 mandates that the nature of all places of worship, except the one in Ayodhya that was then under litigation, shall be maintained as it was on August 15, 1947. The Act, brought in by the P V Narasimha Rao-led Congress government during the height of the Ram temple movement, was also meant to apply to the disputed Kashi Vishwanath temple-Gyanvapi mosque complex in Varanasi and the Krishna Janmabhoomi temple-Shahi Idgah mosque complex in Mathura.

#### Exemption:

- ❖ The disputed site at Ayodhya was exempted from the Act. Due to this exemption, the trial in the Ayodhya case proceeded even after the enforcement of this law.
- ❖ Any place of worship which is an ancient and historical monument, or an archaeological site covered by the Ancient

Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

- ❖ A suit that has been finally settled or disposed of.
- ❖ Any dispute that has been settled by the parties or conversion of any place that took place by acquiescence before the Act commenced.

#### SC lays down 8 factors to decide Alimony Amount

##### Key Points:

- ❖ The Supreme Court has laid down eight factors that are required to be taken into consideration while deciding the permanent alimony amount. The top court order comes amid the ongoing debate surrounding the death of a Bengaluru-based techie, who alleged harassment and extortion at the hands of his wife and in-laws. A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Prasanna B Varale listed out the eight-point formula while hearing a divorce settlement case on Tuesday.

#### The eight factors laid down by the Supreme Court are:

- ❖ 1. Status of the parties, social and financial
- ❖ 2. Reasonable needs of the wife and the dependent children
- ❖ 3. Parties individual qualifications and employment statuses
- ❖ 4. Independent income or assets owned by the applicant
- ❖ 5. Standard of life enjoyed by the wife in the matrimonial home
- ❖ 6. Any employment sacrifices made for the family responsibilities
- ❖ 7. Reasonable litigation costs for a non-working wife
- ❖ 8. Financial capacity of the husband, his income, maintenance obligations, and liabilities

- ❖ The top court, however, noted that these factors are not a 'straight jacket formula' but a "guideline" to decide permanent alimony.

### **Saudi Arabia to host 2034 FIFA World Cup; Spain, Portugal and Morocco named co-hosts for 2030 edition**

#### **Key Points:**

- ❖ FIFA has officially announced Saudi Arabia as the host nation for the 2034 men's football World Cup. Saudi Arabia will become the second nation from the Middle East to host the mega football event, 12 years after neighbours Qatar staged the 2022 edition, where Argentina lifted the prestigious trophy.
- ❖ Meanwhile, the football governing body also confirmed that Spain, Portugal and Morocco will co-host the 2030 edition with one-off matches in three South American countries.
- ❖ The decision was announced by FIFA President Gianni Infantino following a virtual extraordinary Congress. The 2030 and 2034 World Cups each had only a single bid and both were confirmed by acclamation.

### **India to Triple Atomic Power Capacity by 2031**

- ❖ India's atomic power capacity has nearly doubled from 4,780 MW in 2014 to 8,081 MW in 2024. The government plans to triple it to 22,480 MW by 2031-32, driven by technical advancements and strong political leadership. India's atomic power capacity has seen remarkable growth, nearly doubling from 4,780 MW in 2014 to 8,081 MW in 2024.



### **Shaji N Karun Chosen for J C Daniel Award**

- ❖ Eminent filmmaker Shaji N Karun has been selected for the J C Daniel Award for 2023, recognising his lifetime contribution to Malayalam cinema. The award, the highest honour in Malayalam cinema instituted by the state government, includes a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh, a citation, and a statuette. Shaji N Karun was chosen for the award for his contributions that made a mark for Malayalam at the national and international level.



### **F1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 2024: Lando Norris win ends McLaren's long wait for Constructors' Championship**

#### **Key Points:**

- ❖ McLaren won the World Constructors' Championship after 26 years, at the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, the finale of the Formula One 2024 season.
- ❖ Carlos Sainz and Charles Leclerc were second and third for Ferrari, respectively. McLaren finished with 666 points to Ferrari's 652 and Red Bull's 589.
- ❖ Seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton finished fourth in his last race for Mercedes, overtaking teammate George Russell on the 58th and final lap. He joins Leclerc at Ferrari next season.





### Recent Grand Prix Winner

- ❖ Abu Dhabi Grand Prix – McLaren's Lando Norris (British)
- ❖ Qatar Grand Prix – Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- ❖ US Grand Prix – Ferrari's Charles Leclerc (Monaco)
- ❖ Singapore Grand Prix – McLaren's Lando Norris (British)
- ❖ Azerbaijan Grand Prix – McLaren's Oscar Piastri (Australia)
- ❖ Italian Grand Prix – Ferrari's Charles Leclerc (Monaco)
- ❖ Dutch Grand Prix – McLaren's Lando Norris (British)
- ❖ Hungarian Grand Prix F2 – Kush Maini (India)
- ❖ Belgian Grand Prix – Mercedes's Lewis Hamilton (UK)
- ❖ Hungarian Grand Prix – McLaren's Oscar Piastri (Australia)
- ❖ British Grand Prix – Mercedes's Lewis Hamilton (UK)
- ❖ Austrian Grand Prix – Mercedes's George Russell (UK)
- ❖ Spanish Grand Prix – Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- ❖ Canadian Grand Prix – Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- ❖ Monaco Grand Prix – Ferrari's Charles Leclerc (Monaco)
- ❖ Emilia Romagna Grand Prix – Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- ❖ Miami Grand Prix – McLaren's Lando Norris (British)
- ❖ Chinese Grand Prix – Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
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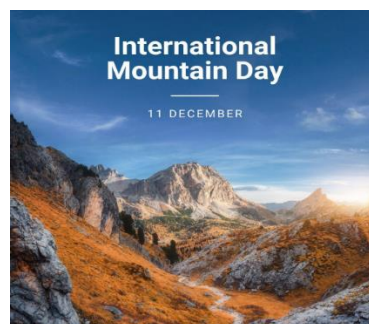
### S&P Global retains 6.8% growth for FY25

- ❖ The Indian economy is expected to grow by 6.8% in 2024-25 and 6.9% in 2025-26, according to India Outlook by S&P Global Ratings.
- ❖ The economy is poised for robust growth in 2025, supported by strong urban consumption, steady growth in the service sector, and ongoing investment in infrastructure.
- ❖ In the second quarter of the current financial year, the gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 5.4%, marking a seven-quarter low, due to weak manufacturing and sluggish demand, according to the official data released last month.

### 11 December – International Mountain Day

#### Key Points:

- ❖ International Mountain Day is celebrated annually on 11 December.
- ❖ Objective – To raise awareness about the importance of mountains to life, highlight the opportunities and constraints in mountain development, and build alliances that will bring positive change to mountain peoples and environments.
- ❖ Theme 2024 – Mountain solutions for a sustainable future – innovation, adaptation and youth.





**2027 Women's World Cup in Brazil will run from June 24 to July 25**

**Key Points:**

- ❖ The 2027 Women's World Cup in Brazil will be played from June 24 to July 25, FIFA, soccer's international governing body announced Thirty-two teams will participate in the Women's World Cup, which is being played in South America for the first time. Spain is the defending champion, having won the 2023 Women's World Cup jointly hosted by Australia and New Zealand.



- ❖ Brazil has one of CONMEBOL's three spots as host. UEFA has the largest number of slots with 11, followed by AFC with six, CAF and CONCACAF with four apiece and OFC with one. The other spots will be determined via playoff.

