

### Operation Dronagiri

The Department of Science and Technology has launched Operation Dronagiri.

#### Key Points

- ❖ It is a **pilot project under National Geospatial Policy 2022**.
- ❖ It is to demonstrate the potential applications of **geospatial technologies and innovations in improving the quality of life of citizens** and ease of doing business.
- ❖ In the first phase, Operation Dronagiri will be implemented in the states of **Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Assam, Andhra Pradesh & Maharashtra**, where pilot projects will be run and use cases will be demonstrated to showcase the potential applications of integration of geospatial data and technology in 3 sectors:- **Agriculture, Livelihoods, Logistics and Transport**.
- ❖ This will create the base for its Nationwide roll out.
- ❖ The activities under Operation Dronagiri will be overseen by IIT Tirupati Navavishkar I-Hub Foundation (IITTNiF). The Geospatial Innovation Accelerators (GIAs) at IIT Kanpur, IIT Bombay, IIM Calcutta and IIT Ropar will act as the operational arms of Operation Dronagiri.

### AYUSH University

The construction of AYUSH University in Gorakhpur is set to be completed by the end of November month and will become operational by the end of the year.

#### Key Points

- ❖ It is **Uttar Pradesh's first AYUSH University**.
- ❖ This university, named after the renowned **Mahayogi Guru Gorakhnath**, will offer a variety of traditional courses covering all medical systems related to AYUSH.
- ❖ In addition to these, the university will introduce innovative and unique courses tailored to meet contemporary demands.
- ❖ The foundation stone for this university, being built on a 52-acre area in Pipri, Bhathat, was laid on August 28, 2021, by the then President Ram Nath Kovind.

### Short News- Uttar Pradesh

- ❖ The Yogi Adityanath government in **Uttar Pradesh is taking significant steps to strengthen the law and order in the state**, particularly through a more robust prosecution system. The government is set to set up offices of joint director prosecution in 11 districts (Shravasti, Chandauli, Chitrakoot, Banda, Sant Kabir Nagar, Ghaziabad, Maharajganj, Lalitpur, Sonbhadra, Auraiya and Firozabad districts) of the state.
- ❖ **Justice Giridhar Malaviya, grandson of Banaras Hindu University (BHU) founder Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, passed away** on 18th November 2024. A former judge of the Allahabad high court, Giridhar Malaviya also served as the chancellor of BHU.

- ❖ The **Bone and Tissue Bank** to come up at the **King George's Medical University (KGMU)**, Lucknow will be functional in six months. **KGMU will be the first super speciality hospital in Uttar Pradesh to have such a bank.** At the bank, bones in various forms: chips, powder or the complete bone, tissues comprising ligaments and tendons are preserved at -80 degrees Celsius. Within 24 hrs of this preservation process, they become sterilised enough to be used on patients.

### Person In News- Appointments

#### K Sanjay Murthy

He has been appointed as the **Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India.**

Murthy is an IAS officer of the 1989 batch belonging to the Andhra Pradesh cadre.

The Comptroller and Auditor General of India is empowered to **audit all departments of the union and state government**, including railways, defence, India Post, and telecommunications among others.

This appointment was made under Article 148(1) of the Constitution.



### Person In news- Sports

#### Mithali Raj

Former India Women cricket captain Mithali Raj has been appointed the **mentor of Women's Cricket Operations of the Andhra Cricket Association.**



#### Mandira Bedi

She has been appointed as the **Ambassador of Pickleball** by the All India Pickleball Association (AIPA).



### Person In News- Achievements

#### Victoria Kjaer Theilvig

She has been crowned **Miss Universe for 2024.** She is from **Denmark.** This win marks the country's first win at the international beauty pageant. The 73rd edition of the pageant, which saw participation by more than 120 contestants, was at the **Mexico City Arena.**



### Schemes/Initiatives

#### Hamara Shauchalay: Hamara Samman

- ❖ It was **launched by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation** on November 19, World Toilet Day.



- ❖ It is a nationwide campaign.

- ❖ The campaign **will culminate on Human Rights Day, December 10, 2024**, emphasizing the critical link between sanitation, human rights and dignity.
- ❖ The campaign reaffirms India's commitment to maintaining its Open Defecation Free (ODF) status while promoting behavioral change for cleaner, healthier communities.
- ❖ The tagline of the campaign is **“शौचालय संवारे, जीवन निखारे”**.
- ❖ The campaign aims to improve sanitation infrastructure, foster behavior change, and strengthen community pride by enhancing the functionality and aesthetics of toilets across the country.

#### **Narendra Modi SAKSHAM Yuva Abhiyan**

- ❖ BJP Delhi Pradesh Executive Committee member Rajeev Pathak launched the **Narendra Modi SAKSHAM Yuva Abhiyan in Kirari, Delhi on November 15, 2024**.
- ❖ Under the Narendra Modi SAKSHAM Yuva Abhiyan, 10,000 young people from Kirari will be provided free skill training and employment opportunities.
- ❖ This campaign will offer **free coaching in English speaking, interview preparation**, and subjects like Math and Science.
- ❖ Additionally, it will provide computer training, sales and business training, and confidence-building exercises. Selected individuals will also be given job opportunities.

#### **Important Days/Dates**

**November 19-25**

##### **World Heritage Week**



- ❖ It is observed annually from November 19 to 25.
- ❖ It **aims to raise awareness about the preservation of cultural and historical sites**.
- ❖ Led by **UNESCO** and supported by international organizations, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), takes responsibility for holding the event in India. The theme for World Heritage Day 2024 is 'Discover and Experience Diversity'.

**November 19**

##### **World Toilet Day**



- ❖ World Toilet Day was **established in 2001 by the World Toilet Organization (WTO)**, founded by Jack Sim. In 2013, the United Nations formally recognized the day, driven by Singapore's collaboration with the WTO to draft the “Sanitation for All” resolution.
- ❖ The **2024 theme, ‘Toilets – A Place for Peace,’** addresses the increasing risks to sanitation posed by conflicts, climate change, disasters, and neglect.

**Important News- Other States****Chhattisgarh**

Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh has been notified as the **56th Tiger Reserve of the country**.

**Odisha**

Twenty-four coastal villages in Odisha were **recognised by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO as 'Tsunami Ready'**. The recognition was given during the 2nd Global Tsunami Symposium held in Indonesia. These villages are located in Balasore, Bhadrak, Kendrapada, Jagatsinghpur, Puri and Ganjam districts.

**Miscellaneous**

- ❖ Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), **India's government-operated telecom provider, has launched its new Direct-to-Device satellite connectivity service.**
- This is India's first satellite-to-device communication service, developed in partnership with US-based communications technology company Viasat. It aimed at providing connectivity in remote areas, the new service is designed to help users stay connected even in isolated locations.



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