

International

Vietnam appoints Army General Cuong as new President after long turmoil



About News :-

In an important step to bring stability following a period of political unrest, Vietnam's parliament chose army general Luong Cuong to be the country's new state president. After general secretary Nguyen Phu Trong passed away in July, To Lam, who briefly served as president before taking on the more influential position of party boss, is succeeded by Cuong, 67.

Overview of the Election:

- ❖ On Monday, the 440 deputies in attendance unanimously supported army commander Luong Cuong's election as the new state president by the Vietnamese parliament.
- ❖ Following a period of political unrest characterized by multiple high-level resignations and reshuffles, the election seeks to restore stability.
- ❖ To Lam, who was elected president in May and later took over as party chairman after general secretary Nguyen Phu Trong passed away, is succeeded by Cuong, 67.

About Luong Cuong:

- ❖ Cuong is a well-known military figure who has a lengthy history in the Communist Party and the military.
- ❖ He has a bachelor's degree in state governance and party building.
- ❖ Trained in sophisticated theories of politics.
- ❖ Enlisted in the army in 1975 and advanced through the ranks swiftly.

- ❖ By 2006, he had attained the rank of Major General.
- ❖ Held the position of Chief of the Vietnam People's Army's General Department of Politics.
- ❖ A pivotal member of the Party Central Committee during its eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth terms.
- ❖ By 2021, was a member of the Politburo.
- ❖ He further cemented his leadership position in Vietnam's political system in 2024 when he was appointed a standing member of the Secretariat.

National

Prime Minister participates in the 16th BRICS Summit

About News :-

- ❖ Following their participation in the 2023 summit, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates join the group at the 2024 BRICS Summit, which will take place in Kazan, Russia, from October 22–24. This marks a crucial turning point for the group. With a focus on "Strengthening Multilateralism for Fair Global Development and Security," the event features important talks about dedollarization, improved cooperation, and alternative global payment systems. In addition to supporting UN reforms and looking at cross-border financial options to lessen dependency on the US dollar, the meeting saw the adoption of the BRICS Kazan Declaration.
- ❖ The theme of BRICS Summit 2024 is "Strengthening Multilateralism for Just Global Development and Security."



About BRICS:

- ❖ The name for these five significant emerging economies is BRICS, which stands for "Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa." When the leaders of Brazil, Russia, India, and China first met in 2006 during the G8 Outreach Summit in St. Petersburg, Russia, the group was known as BRIC.
- ❖ Later, in 2010, at a conference of BRIC foreign ministers in New York, South Africa was admitted as a full member, resulting in the group's expansion to BRICS.
- ❖ BRICS+ now accounts for roughly 28% of the world economy and 45% of the world's population in 2024 after the admission of new members, Iran, Egypt, Ethiopia, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.
- ❖ The New Development Bank (NDB) has its headquarters in Shanghai, China, but there isn't a formal BRICS headquarters because the organization functions more as a forum for cooperation than a formal organization.
- ❖ The NDB is essential to funding sustainable development and infrastructure initiatives in its member nations.

Agenda for the 2024 BRICS Summit:

- ❖ Economic Growth and Cooperation: Talks about how the BRICS nations may increase trade with one another, lessen their dependency on the economies of the West, and advance sustainable development.
- ❖ Security and Geopolitical Stability: Discusses international security, emphasizing the fight against terrorism, maintaining regional stability, and tackling new dangers such as cybersecurity.
- ❖ Cultural and Humanitarian Ties: Fostering humanitarian and educational endeavors among the BRICS countries and beyond, as well as enhancing cultural interactions.
- ❖ Growth of the BRICS: Talks about adding new members and the potential for future growth to include more Global South nations.
- ❖ New World Order: Establishing a different global order that encourages just growth is one of the summit's main objectives.
- ❖ Following the event, a detailed discussion of the agenda and results of the BRICS Summit

2024 will take place. It is anticipated that the New Development Bank, infrastructure joint projects, and other BRICS efforts will be evaluated, and new partnerships may be launched.

State

Delhi govt to set up special courts for people with disabilities



About News :-

The Delhi government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Atishi, has authorized the creation of special courts for those with disabilities in a major step towards inclusivity. By creating court spaces that are specifically tailored to the requirements of people with disabilities, this program seeks to deliver justice in a fair and timely manner. According to Atishi, this is a "historic step" that demonstrates the government's dedication to provide fair legal procedures for all individuals.

Key Points:

- ❖ Inclusive Design: To make the legal system more accessible, the courts will be designed to accommodate the special needs of people with disabilities.
- ❖ Swift Justice: It is anticipated that the creation of these courts will expedite the legal process for those with impairments, encouraging prompt resolutions.
- ❖ Historically, individuals with disabilities have faced significant barriers within the judicial system. This new initiative marks a pivotal change, reflecting a modern approach to justice that prioritizes inclusivity and equality, aligning with global standards for the rights of people with disabilities.

Economic

India likely to grow at 7.2 pc in FY25: RBI deputy governor



About News :-

- ❖ The GDP of India is expected to expand by 7.2% during the fiscal year 2024–2025.
- ❖ In the upcoming fiscal year, growth is anticipated to level out at about 7%, with a possible return to an 8% growth trend after that.

Key Points:

- ❖ **Economic Trends:** Since gaining independence in 1947, India's growth trajectory has seen three structural changes, with a noteworthy 7% trend increase from 2002 to 2019.
- ❖ After the pandemic-induced contraction, a new growth trajectory averaging 8% seems to be developing during the 2021–2024 period.
- ❖ **Global Standing:** Based on market exchange rates, India's economy is currently the fifth largest in the world and is acknowledged as the major economy with the quickest rate of growth.
- ❖ By 2030, the nation's economy is expected to rank third.
- ❖ **Inflation Outlook:** It is anticipated that inflation will average 4.1% in 2025–2026 and 4.5% in 2024–2025.
- ❖ After declining in July and August due to negative base effects and higher costs for some food products, the Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation rate increased to 5.5% in September 2024.
- ❖ At the Federal Reserve Bank's New York Fed Central Banking Seminar, Michael Debabrata Patra, Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, delivered the thoughts.

Science & Technology

Centre approves new missile testing range in Andhra Pradesh

About News :-

- ❖ Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi's Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) approved the construction of a new missile testing range at Nagayalanka village, Krishna district, Andhra Pradesh (AP).
- ❖ Various tactical missile systems, including surface-to-air missile systems and anti-tank missiles, among others being developed by the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), will be tested at the new missile testing range.

Key Points:

- ❖ In addition to establishing a new missile testing range, CCS had authorized the plan to acquire two nuclear submarines to be constructed by ATV Project India Limited for the development of strategic submarines for the Indian Navy (IN) and 31 Predator long-endurance armed drones from the United States of America (USA). Along with space-based capabilities, it had also authorized the various plans for constructing roadways for the military.
- ❖ The development of various weapon systems for the Indian armed forces is currently at an advanced stage, with DRDO producing quick reaction surface-to-air missile systems, anti-tank guided missiles, Man-Portable Anti-tank Guided Missiles (MPATGM), Very Short Range Air Defense Systems, and numerous other tactical systems.

Award

Actor Darasing Khurana receives Mahatma Gandhi Leadership Award in UK



About News :-

Indian actor and philanthropist Darasing Khurana, 32, has been honored with the prestigious Mahatma Gandhi Leadership Award for his impactful work in raising awareness about mental health issues, particularly in his role as the 'Commonwealth Year of Youth Champion.

Key Points :-

- ❖ Khurana was awarded the Mahatma Gandhi Leadership Award at the University of Oxford's Ashmolean Museum.
- ❖ The award honors his dedication to mental health awareness and advocacy, especially through his work as the Commonwealth Year of Youth Champion.
- ❖ Khurana served as the keynote speaker at the Global Mental Health Summit 2024, held at the Oxford University's historic Oxford Union.
- ❖ His address focused on critical global mental health challenges and the need for collective action from people in positions of influence and power.
- ❖ Khurana expressed gratitude for receiving the award, highlighting how his work in mental health advocacy spans many years.
- ❖ He emphasized the importance of creating a "mentally sound and safe space in society" and noted that this global recognition has given him a platform to expand his efforts.

Defence

Indian Army to host the second edition of Chanakya defence dialogue



About News :-

- ❖ The Chanakya Defence Dialogue, the Indian Army's premier foreign forum, will hold its second edition at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi on October 24 and 25, 2024.

- ❖ With the theme "Drivers in Nation Building: Fuelling Growth Through Comprehensive Security," this prominent gathering will help to create innovative plans for inclusive and sustainable growth while fostering crucial conversations about incorporating security dynamics into national and international policymaking.

Key Points:

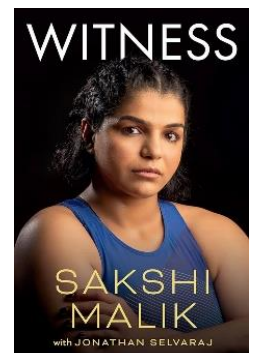
- ❖ With notable speakers from the US, Russia, Israel, and Sri Lanka, the two-day event will bring together a remarkable gathering of policymakers, academics, strategic thinkers, defense officials, veterans, scientists, and SMEs from India and beyond.
- ❖ The discussion will examine India's strategic approaches to achieving Viksit Bharat by 2047, with an emphasis on the contribution of comprehensive security to the advancement of the country.
- ❖ Raksha Mantri, Honorable As the Chief Guest, Shri Rajnath Singh will open the event and introduce the Indian Army's Green Initiative 1.0 and Digitization of IA 1.0.
- ❖ In his keynote speech, "India's Vision for Development and Security," he will emphasize the significance of all-encompassing security in realizing Viksit Bharat @2047.
- ❖ The audience will also hear from General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff, who will highlight the Indian Army's noteworthy contributions to nation-building, particularly programs that support Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Book

Former Indian Wrestler Sakshi Malik Unveils Memoir Titled 'Witness'

About News :-

Former Indian freestyle wrestler and Olympic bronze medallist Sakshi Malik has released her memoir, "Witness," co-written with journalist Jonathan Selvaraj. It provides readers with a



close-up look at her life, challenges, and victories as well as an unwavering reflection on her journey both inside and outside of the wrestling ring.

The book, which was released by Juggernaut Books, details Malik's rise to fame, starting with her early years in Rohtak, Haryana, and ending with her position as a trailblazer for female athletes.

About Sakshi Malik:

- ❖ At the 2016 Rio Olympics in Brazil, Sakshi Malik became the first Indian female wrestler to win an Olympic medal after taking home the bronze in the 58 kg division.
- ❖ In 2023, she announced her retirement from professional wrestling in protest of Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh's victory in the WFI election.
- ❖ She was honored by the Government of India (GOI) in 2016 with the Arjuna Award for wrestling and in 2020 with the Padma Bhushan for sports.
- ❖ In the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, England, she also took home the gold.
- ❖ South Africa hosted the 2017 Commonwealth Championships in Johannesburg.

Important Day

World Polio Day - 24 October

About Day :-

- ❖ World Polio Day 2024 is being observed on October 24 to raise awareness about the efforts to eradicate poliomyelitis (polio) and to honour the healthcare workers and volunteers who contribute to this global cause. Despite the significant reduction in polio cases worldwide, there are still challenges in completely eradicating the disease.
- ❖ The theme for World Polio Day 2024 is 'A Global Mission to Reach Every Child'.

History

- ❖ The history of World Polio Day originates from last 1980s when Rotary International launched its PolioPlus program, this was the first initiative that aspired to eradicate polio through mass immunization. This program set the stage for the formation of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in 1988, which brought together several partners, including the WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- ❖ The idea of remembering this specific day as World Polio Day emerged later, as part of Rotary's ongoing efforts to raise awareness and generate funding for vaccination campaigns.

