

25th December 2024

'Jaago Grahak Jaago App'

The Department of Consumer Affairs launched 'Jago Grahak Jago App', 'Jagriti App' and 'Jagriti Dashboard' for public use on the occasion of National Consumer Day (24th December).

Key Points-

- ❖ The '**Jago Grahak Jago App**' provides essential e-commerce information about all URLs during a consumer's online activities, alerting them if a URL may be unsafe.
- ❖ The '**Jagriti App**' allows users to report URLs where they suspect the presence of one or more dark patterns that have been declared illegal.
- ❖ The CCPA is also being strengthened with the '**Jagriti Dashboard**', which is used to generate real-time reports on e-commerce URLs for the presence of the above dark patterns.

Department of Science and Technology Year End Review 2024

- ❖ **India's ranking in the Global Science and Technology Index has steadily increased**
 - India has secured **39th position** among top innovative economies in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2024.
 - As per the WIPO Report 2023, India is **ranked 6th** in terms of Intellectual Property (IP) filings in the world.
 - In the Network Readiness Index (NRI), India has moved up from 79th position (2019) to **49th position** (2024).
- ❖ **Research National Research Foundation**
 - Research National Research Foundation launches EV Mission and Inclusion Research Grant.

❖ **National Quantum Mission**

- The Union Cabinet approved the National Quantum Mission (NQM) at a total cost of **Rs 6003.65 crore** for a period of eight years.

❖ **National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)**

- The mission is being jointly implemented by MeitY and DST and has set to create a computing capacity of 27 petaflops (PF) at 28 sites across the country by 2023.

❖ **Climate Change Research**

- The Department implemented two National Missions on Climate Change – (a) National Mission for Sustaining Himalayan Ecosystem (NMSHE) and (b) National Mission on Strategic Knowledge for Climate Change (NMSKCC).

❖ **Women in Science and Engineering**

- Two new programmes were launched, namely, Women International Grant-in-Aid (**WINGS**) for research training in international laboratories and the Women Leadership Programme for early and mid-level women scientists.
- More than 340 women scientists were supported through major fellowship programs.

- ❖ Climate change initiatives were expanded with four new centres of excellence for flood and drought, and risk mapping.

- ❖ The Technology Development Board promoted innovation with assistance of **₹220.73 crore** in seven major projects.

'Spadex' Mission

ISRO will launch India's '**SpaDex**' mission from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota on December 30.

Key Points-

- ❖ Under this mission, two small spacecraft will be launched simultaneously from the **PSLV-C60 rocket**.
- ❖ With the success of the mission, India will become the **fourth country in the world capable of space 'docking'** technology after America, Russia and China.
- ❖ **Objective:** The objective of this mission is to demonstrate the ability to 'dock' and 'undock' spacecraft in space.
 - The joining of one spacecraft with another is called docking and the separation of two connected spacecraft in space is called undocking.
- ❖ **Significance:** This technology is crucial for India's ambitious missions such as bringing back samples from the Moon, and building of Indian Space Centre (BAS).

No Detention Policy

- ❖ The Central Government has announced to removal of the 'no detention policy' of not failing school students.

Key Points-

- ❖ Under this, if a student fails in class 5 and class 8, he/she will not be promoted to the next class.
- ❖ In **2009**, a no-detention policy was implemented in schools, under which students up to class 8 were promoted even if they failed.
- ❖ The foundation for abolishing it was laid in 2019 by amending the **Right to Education (RTE) Act**. Now after five years, it has been amended.

Dr. Ambedkar Samman Scholarship Scheme

- ❖ AAP (Aam Aadmi Party) national convenor and former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal announced the 'Ambedkar Samman Scholarship Scheme'.
- ❖ Under this, the fees as well as travel and accommodation expenses of **Dalit students of Delhi** taking admission for higher education in top **international universities will be borne**.
- ❖ This scheme will also apply to the children of Dalit government employees.

Uttar Pradesh - Short News

- ❖ The governments of **Manipur and Uttar Pradesh** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to implement the '**Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**' programme, which aims to promote cultural exchange and mutual understanding between the two states.
- ❖ The event focuses on enhancing interaction and sharing best practices in areas such as language, culture, traditions, music, tourism, food, and sports.

Person IN News - Appointment

V.Ramasubramanian

- ❖ Former Supreme Court judge V. Ramasubramanian has been appointed as the **chairman of NHRC**.
- ❖ President Draupadi Murmu made this appointment. This appointment has been made under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.
- ❖ He was a Supreme Court judge from 23 September 2019 to 29 June 2023.



Shriram Krishnan

- ❖ US President-elect Donald Trump appointed Indian-American venture capitalist **Sriram Krishnan** as **senior policy advisor on AI**.

**Person IN News - Obituary****Shyam Benegal**

- ❖ Film director **Shyam Benegal** passed away in Mumbai.
- ❖ He was **90 years** old.
- ❖ He was awarded the Padma Shri in 1976 and the Padma Bhushan in 1991.
- ❖ His successful films include **Mammo, Zubeidaa and Sardari Begum**.

**Important Days/Dates****24th December****National Consumer Day**

- ❖ National Consumer Day is celebrated every year on **24 December** in India to raise awareness about consumer rights and responsibilities.
- ❖ On this day, the **Consumer Protection Act, 1986** (replaced by the Consumer Protection Act 2019) received the assent of the President.
- ❖ **The theme for the year 2024:** "Virtual Hearings & Digital Access to Consumer Justice."

**Sports****67th National Shooting Championship**

- ❖ International rifle shooter **Shahu Tushar Mane** (Railways) won his first senior national title in the men's 10m air rifle event at the 67th National Shooting Championship.
- ❖ The competition was held at the M.P. State Shooting Academy (MPSA) Shooting Range in Bhopal.
- ❖ Former world champion **Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil** of Maharashtra won the junior final by scoring a brilliant 254.9.

Important News- Other States**Madhya Pradesh**

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh has been recognised by the Wall Street Journal as a '**Go-to Global Destination**' for 2025. The honour highlights the state's rich heritage, unique wildlife and exceptional natural beauty.

News- Worldwide**Malaysia**

- ❖ Malaysia has extended **visa-free entry for Indian citizens** until **December 31, 2026**.
- ❖ This is aimed at attracting more visitors, boosting economic progress and preparing for Visit Malaysia Year 2026.

Miscellaneous

- ❖ Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has been awarded **eight national awards** by the Public Relations Society of India (PRSI). These PRSI National Awards 2024 were presented at the **46th All India Public Relations Conference** held in Raipur during December 20-22, 2024.

- ❖ Nissan Motor Company and Honda Motor Company have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a merger. The aim of this merger is to get Nissan out of the current crisis and make it the world's third-largest auto company in terms of sales.
- ❖ The following **15 States/Union Territories** have been selected to showcase their tableaux on the dais for the Republic Day Parade 2025: Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chandigarh, Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.
- ❖ The theme of the tableau for Republic Day Celebration-2025 has been kept as '**Golden India: Heritage and Development**'.

- ❖ A high-level committee headed by Defence Secretary, **Rajesh Kumar Singh** was constituted by the Government to consider the overall capability development of the Indian Air Force.
- ❖ Taking an important step to prevent Goods and Services Tax (GST) evasion, the GST Council approved a proposal to implement a '**track and trace**' mechanism for certain goods suspected of tax evasion. Under this, a specific **mark will be put on such goods or packets** so that they can be traced in the supply chain.

