

### Shri K.R. Narayanan

On 27th October 2024, the President of India paid floral tribute to Shri K.R. Narayanan (former President of India).

#### About K.R Narayanan

- ❖ **Kocheril Raman Narayanan was the tenth President of India.** He held office from July 25, 1997, to July 25, 2002.
- ❖ He was born on **October 27, 1920**, in the village of Uzhavoor in Kerala.
- ❖ In 1949, Narayanan began his career in the Indian Foreign Service, taking on assignments in several key Embassies, including in Rangoon, Tokyo, London, Canberra, and Hanoi.
- ❖ In 1997, Narayanan was elected as the President of India, becoming the **first person from Kerala to hold the post and the first Dalit to ascend to this high office.**
- ❖ **K.R. Narayanan passed away on November 9, 2005.**



### Key Points

- ❖ **Organsiers:** 17th UMI Conference & Exhibition 2024 was organized by the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs through the Institute of Urban Transport (India)** and with the support of Government of Gujarat and Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.
- ❖ **Theme:** This year, the Conference was focussed on the theme “Standardisation and Optimisation of Urban Transport Solutions”.
- ❖ First **Urban Mobility India** was organised in 2006.
- ❖ **The UMI has different categories of awards** in the field of Transport Sector especially in Urban Transport. The awards are given to the state / city authorities for “Excellence/ best practice projects in Urban Transport”. The following 12 categories of awards were given to the winners who have been recommended by the Awards Selection Committee headed by the high level officers of the Government and experts of the field:

### 17th Urban Mobility India

The 17th Urban Mobility India Conference and Exhibition was organised in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Sr. No	Award Category	City	Awarded organization
1.	City with the Most Sustainable Transport System	Kochi	Kochi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd
2.	City with the Best Public Transport System	Bhubaneswar	Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT
3.	City with the Best Non-Motorized Transport System	Srinagar	Srinagar Smart City Ltd

4.	City with the Best Safety and Security System & Record	Gandhinagar	Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation
5.	City with the Best Intelligent Transport System (ITS)	Surat	Surat Municipal Corporation
6.	City with the Most Innovative Financing Mechanism	Jammu	Jammu Smart City Ltd
7.	City with Best Record of Public Involvement in Transport	Bengaluru	Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation
8.	Metro Rail with the Best Multimodal Integration	Bengaluru	Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.
9.	Metro Rail with the Best Passenger Services and Satisfaction	Mumbai	Mumbai Metro One Pvt. Ltd.

18th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Exhibition 2025 will be held at Gurugram, Haryana.

### Dyslexia

To spread awareness about Dyslexia, the Rashtrapati Bhawan, Parliament, India Gate and other government offices have been lit red.

#### Key Points

- ❖ This event happens every October as **International Dyslexia Awareness Month falls in the month of October every year.**
- ❖ The campaign aims to raise awareness, reduce stigma and eliminate discrimination around the disease.

- ❖ To amplify the message of inclusion, the **walk4Dyslexia** was also organized from Vijay Chowk to India Gate.

#### What is Dyslexia?

- ❖ Dyslexia is a learning disorder that **involves difficulty reading due to problems identifying speech sounds and learning how they relate to letters and words (decoding).**
- ❖ Also called a reading disability, dyslexia is a result of individual differences in areas of the brain that process language.
- ❖ Dyslexia is not due to problems with intelligence, hearing or vision.

### Ironman Race

Tejasvi Surya becomes first MP to complete Ironman race.

### Key Points

- ❖ The fourth edition of IRONMAN 70.3 Goa was flagged off by Race Ambassador and tennis legend Leander Paes.
- ❖ Karnataka's Lok Sabha MP Tejasvi Surya achieved a significant feat as he became the first member of parliament to complete an Ironman triathlon.
 


- ❖ **Ironman race:** The Ironman 70.3 triathlon involves a challenging sequence of a 1.9 km swim, a 90 km bike ride, and a 21.1 km run, totaling 113 km.
- ❖ **Men winner:** The men's title was claimed by former Ironman champion, Bishworjit Saikhom of the Indian Army.
- ❖ **Women winner:** In the women's category, Egypt's Yasmin Halawa took the top spot.

### Maitri Dwar

Home Minister Amit Shah Inaugurates New Passenger Terminal & a Cargo Gate at Petrapole Land Port on India-Bangladesh border in West Bengal.

### Key Points

- ❖ On 27th October 2024, the Union Home Minister inaugurated the newly constructed passenger terminal building and a cargo gate named 'Maitri Dwar' at the Land Port in Petrapole, on the India-Bangladesh border in West Bengal.

- ❖ The Petrapole Land Port, situated in Uttar 24 Parganas district, is the largest land port in South Asia and serves as a vital gateway for trade and commerce between the two countries.
- ❖ The passenger terminal aims to facilitate international trade and crossings for citizens of both India and Bangladesh.
- ❖ It will significantly enhance regional infrastructure, with a handling capacity of 20,000 passengers per day and housing immigration, customs, and security services under one roof.
- ❖ The 'Maitri Dwar' cargo gate is a joint facility agreed upon by both countries.

### Prime Minister Mudra Yojana

The government has doubled the limit of Mudra loan amount under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) to Rs 20 lakh from Rs 10 lakh under a new 'Tarun Plus' category to promote entrepreneurship in the country.

### Background

- ❖ This decision was announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman as part of the Union Budget for 2024-2025 in July.
- ❖ This initiative reflects the government's ongoing commitment to fostering a robust entrepreneurial ecosystem.

### Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY)

- ❖ It was launched on 8th April 2015 by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi with the aim to facilitate easy collateral-free micro credit of up to ₹10 lakh to non-corporate, non-farm small and micro entrepreneurs for income generating activities.

- ❖ The loans under PMMY are provided by **Member Lending Institutions (MLIs)**, i.e., **Banks, Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs) and other financial intermediaries.**
- ❖ MUDRA, which stands for **Micro Units Development & Refinance Agency Ltd.**, is the financial institution set up by the Government to provide these loans.
- ❖ The loans have been divided into three categories based on the need for finance and stage in maturity of the business. These are:
  - **Shishu (loans up to ₹50,000/-),**
  - **Kishore (loans above ₹50,000/- and up to ₹5 lakh), and**
  - **Tarun (loans above ₹5 lakh and up to ₹10 lakh).**

### Persons in News- Sports

#### Arjun Erigaisi

In a remarkable performance at the European Club Cup, **Arjun Erigaisi defeated GM Dmitry Andreikin**, pushing his rating to an impressive **2802.1 Elo.**

This achievement has catapulted Arjun to **World No. 3 in live chess rankings**, solidifying his position among the global elite.



### Person In News- Achievements

#### Shaktikanta Das

Reserve Bank of India **Governor Shaktikanta Das has been ranked the top central banker by the US-based Global Finance magazine.**

This is the second consecutive year that he has been ranked as the top central banker globally.



### Important Days/Dates

#### October 27

##### Infantry Day

- ❖ **Infantry Day is observed on October 27.**

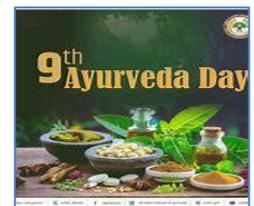


- ❖ It commemorates the first military action by an Indian regiment against external aggression.
- ❖ This day has a unique significance, as on this day in 1947, **Infantry-men (The 1 Sikh Battalion, commanded by Lt Col Dewan Ranjit Rai)** from the Indian Army became the first troops to land at Srinagar airport, forcing the invaders backed by Pakistan to withdraw.

#### October 29

##### 9th Ayurveda Day

- ❖ The **9th Ayurveda Day is celebrated on 29th October.**
- ❖ The theme of 9th Ayurveda Day is **“Ayurveda innovation for Global Health”.**
- ❖ Since the year **2016 the ‘Ayurveda Day’** has been celebrated annually with a Whole Government approach
- ❖ This theme underscores the potential of Ayurveda’s contribution in the global health system through various innovative practice solutions.



## Reports/Indexes

### Rule of Law Index 2024

- ❖ India has been ranked **79th out of 142** in the **World**



### Justice Project Rule of Law Index.

- ❖ Rule of Law Index 2024 is released by the **World Justice Project (WJP)**- a **Washington D.C.-based think tank**.
- ❖ The Rule of Law Index ranks the countries on eight indicators: constraints on government powers, absence of corruption, open government, fundamental rights, order and security, regulatory enforcement, civil Justice and criminal justice.
- ❖ Globally, **Denmark, Norway, Finland, Sweden and Germany** stood in the top five places.

- ❖ Within South Asia, India ranked third after Nepal (69) and Sri Lanka (75), followed by Bangladesh (127) Pakistan (129) and Afghanistan (140).

## Important News- Other States

### Gujarat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Spanish PM Pedro Sanchez, jointly inaugurated the **TATA Aircraft Complex for manufacturing of C-295 military planes in Vadodara**.

Prime Minister of India also inaugurated the **Bharat Mata Sarovar at Dudhala in Amreli**.

## Miscellaneous

- ❖ This year, the **'Run for Unity'** was organized on 29th October.
  - It is generally organized on **'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas'** (the Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbai Patel, the architect of national integration of independent India) on **31st October** every year.

