



PM Modi to inaugurate Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025, the largest mobility expo in India, at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

- ❖ This vision aims to foster collaboration and innovation across the automotive and mobility sector, emphasizing sustainable and cutting-edge technological advancements.
- ❖ The theme of this Expo is Beyond Boundaries: Co-creating Future Automotive Value Chain.

60 Years of India-Singapore Diplomatic Relations

The year 2025 marks the celebrations of the 60th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Singapore.

- ❖ Hon'ble President Smt. Droupadi Murmu and President of the Republic of Singapore, H.E. Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam unveiled a joint logo in New Delhi on 16 January 2025.

- ❖ The joint logo incorporates elements: colours from the Indian and Singaporean National flags, the Lotus (National flower of India) & Orchid (National flower of Singapore), and the number 60 highlighting the significant milestone of the 60th anniversary.
- ❖ Overall, the logo reads "India Singapore 60 years of diplomatic relations". The placement of these elements symbolises the enduring friendship, mutual trust and shared values between the two countries.
- ❖ Singapore is a key pillar of India's Act East Policy and our vision of the Indo-Pacific.

Shri Vineet Joshi assumes charge as Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education

- ❖ Shri Vineet Joshi assumed charge as Secretary, Department of Higher Education today in Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. Following his assumption of office, Shri Joshi interacted with senior officials of the Ministry.

- ❖ Before this appointment, he served as the Chief Secretary of Manipur.
- ❖ He has held several prominent positions in the education sector, including Director-General of the National Testing Agency (NTA), Chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), and Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Education, among others.

Ministry of Defence (MoD) inks Rs 2,960 crore contract with BDL for Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missiles for Indian Navy

Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a contract with Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) for the supply of Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missiles (MRSAM) for the Indian Navy at a cost of approximately Rs 2,960 crore.

- ❖ The contract was inked by the officials of MoD and BDL in the presence of Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh in New Delhi on January 16, 2025.

- ❖ The MRSAM system is a standard fit, onboard multiple Indian Naval Ships and is planned to be fitted on the majority of the future platforms planned for acquisition.
- ❖ With the emphasis on 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', the missiles would be supplied by BDL under 'Buy (Indian)' category with largely indigenous content.
- ❖ The contract would generate employment of approx. 3.5 lakh mandays in the defence industry, including various MSMEs.
- ❖ The contract marks a critical milestone in the ongoing efforts to bolster India's defence capabilities and indigenise advanced military technology.

Justice K Vinod Chandran takes oath as Supreme Court judge

- ❖ Justice K Vinod Chandran took oath as a judge of the Supreme Court.

- ❖ Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna administered the oath of office to Justice Chandran.
- ❖ The Centre on Monday cleared the appointment of Justice Chandran, the Patna High Court Chief Justice, to the Apex Court on the recommendation made by the Supreme Court Collegium.
- ❖ Justice Chandran has also been the judge in the Kerala High Court.

SpaDeX mission: India becomes 4th nation to achieve successful space docking of 2 satellites

- ❖ The Indian Space Research Organisation has achieved a historic milestone after the successful space docking of its two satellites named Chaser and Target under the SpaDex mission.
- ❖ After the stupendous success of the indigenously developed Bharatiya Docking System by ISRO, India has

become the fourth country to use this technology after the USA, Russia and China.

- ❖ Docking technology is critical in assembling the space station and in crewed missions.
- ❖ It provides crucial facilities including in-orbit refueling and assembling heavy infrastructure in microgravity.

General V K Singh sworn in as Governor of Mizoram

- ❖ Former Army Chief and Union Minister of State, General Vijay Kumar Singh was sworn in as the 25th Governor of Mizoram at the circular lawn of the Raj Bhavan in Aizawl.
- ❖ Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court Justice Vijay Bishnoi administered the oath of office to General Singh.
- ❖ As of January 17, 2025, the Chief Minister of Mizoram is Pu Lalduhoma.



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