

Bihar Special

45th Foundation Day of 15th Bihar Battalion

Why in the news?

The 45th Foundation Day of the 15th Bihar Battalion was celebrated at the Bihar Regiment Centre in Danapur.

❖ Establishment Detail:

- The 15th Bihar Battalion was established on September 1, 1980, under the leadership of Lieutenant Colonel Dayanand Malik at Danapur Cantt.

Polity And Governance

Unveiling of New Flag and Insignia for the Supreme Court

Why in the news?

President Droupadi Murmu unveiled the new flag and insignia of the Supreme Court of India on its 75th anniversary on September 1, 2024.

❖ Design and Symbolism:

- **Conceptualization:** The new flag and insignia were designed by the National Institute of Fashion Technology, New Delhi.

➤ Symbols:

- ✓ **Ashok Chakra:** Represents justice and democracy.
- ✓ **Supreme Court Building:** Iconic representation of the judiciary.
- ✓ **Book of the Constitution:** Symbolizes the foundational legal framework.



Economy

India's Trade Balance Overview (January-June 2024)

Why in the news?

India registered a trade surplus with 151 countries, in the first half of this year, according to the think tank, Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) report.

- ❖ **Trade Surplus:** India had a \$72.1 billion trade surplus with 151 countries, including the USA (\$21 billion) and the Netherlands (\$11.6 billion).

- ❖ **Trade Deficit:** India faced a \$185.4 billion deficit with 75 countries, primarily China (\$41.88 billion), Russia (\$31.98 billion), and Iraq (\$15.07 billion).
- ❖ **China's Impact:** India's largest trade deficit was with China, totalling \$41.9 billion, with 98.5% of imports being industrial goods.
- ❖ **US as Top Partner:** The USA became India's top trading partner, with total trade reaching \$119.7 billion, surpassing China.

Schemes In News

Digital Bharat Nidhi

Why in the news?

The first set of rules under the Telecom Act 2023, known as 'Digital Bharat Nidhi,' has been officially enacted, replacing the previous Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF).

- ❖ **Funding Mechanism:** Digital Bharat Nidhi will provide funding to implementers for executing schemes and projects.
- ❖ **Targeted Support:** The fund will specifically support schemes and projects designed to improve telecommunication access for underserved groups, including women, persons with disabilities, and economically and socially weaker sections.

- ❖ **Objective:** The initiative aims to enhance telecom connectivity in rural and underserved areas of India, integrating these regions into the broader national mission of becoming a telecommunications leader.

Miscellaneous

Shram Suvidha Portal

Why in the news?

The Labour Ministry will launch an upgraded Shram Suvidha portal by year-end, featuring AI and ML to improve business registration and labour law compliance.

- ❖ **Shram Suvidha Portal Overview**
- ❖ **Launch Date:** October 16, 2014
- ❖ **Purpose:** To streamline and enhance labour administration and compliance.
- ❖ **Organization:** Ministry of Labour & Employment
- ❖ **Main Features:**
 - **Labour Identification Number (LIN):** Provides a unique ID for effective and real-time governance in labour administration.

- **Online Inspection System:** Ensures transparency and accountability in enforcing labour laws through online inspections and reports.
- **Common Online Registration:** Simplifies compliance with multiple labour laws by allowing self-certified and simplified single online annual returns.
- **Unified Electronic Challan cum Return (ECR):** Reduces transaction costs and encourages compliance by integrating EPFO/ESIC contributions.

Sports

Asian Cadet and Junior Judo Championships

Why in the news?

Himanshi Tokas from India won a silver medal in the women's 63 kg event at the Asian Cadet and Junior Judo Championships in Mungyeong, South Korea. She is a 19-year-old Khelo Bharat athlete.



Paris 2024 Paralympics

Why in the news?

As of now, India secured seven medals at the Paris Paralympic Games 2024.

No.	Athlete	Sport	Event	Medal
1	Avani Lekhara	Shooting	Women's 10m air rifle standing SH1	Gold
2	Mona Agarwal	Shooting	Women's 10m air rifle standing SH1	Bronze
3	Preethi Pal	Athletics	Women's 100m T35	Bronze
4	Manish Narwal	Shooting	Men's 10m air pistol SH1	Silver
5	Rubina Francis	Shooting	Women's 10m air pistol SH1	Bronze
6	Preethi Pal	Athletics	Women's 200m T35	Bronze
7	Nishad Kumar	Athletics	Men's high jump T47	Silver



Italian Grand Prix 2024

Why in the news?

Charles Leclerc won the Italian Grand Prix at Monza Circuit in Italy.

Key Competitors:

- ❖ **Winner:** Charles Leclerc (Ferrari): Monegasque
- ❖ **2nd place:** Oscar Piastri (McLaren): Australian
- ❖ **3rd place:** Lando Norris (McLaren): British



Persons In News

Tejinder Singh

Why in the news?

Air Marshal Tejinder Singh took over as the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force.



Obituary

Umesh Upadhyay

Why in the news?

Veteran senior journalist Umesh Upadhyay, 66, died after allegedly falling from the fourth floor of an under-construction building in New Delhi.

Professional Background

Umesh Upadhyay was a media veteran with over four decades of experience in the industry.

❖ **Key Roles:**

- President of News at Network 18.
- Head of Media at Reliance Industries Limited.

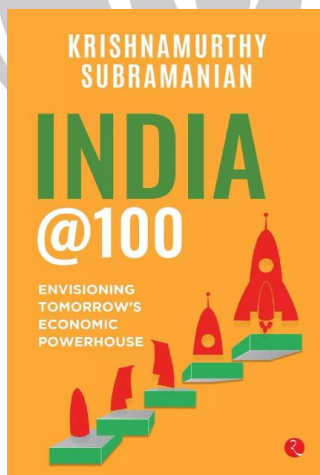
❖ **Other Positions:** Worked at Zee News, Sab TV, Janmat TV, Doordarshan, and Press Trust of India.



Books And Authors

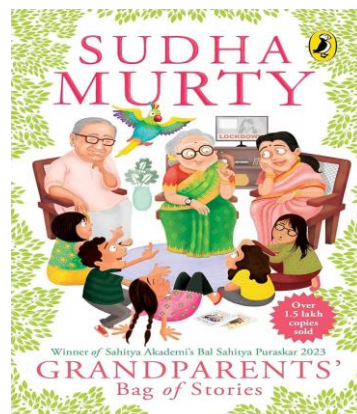
Title: India @100: Envisioning Tomorrow's Economic Powerhouse

- ❖ **Author:** Krishnamurthy Subramanian, Executive Director at the IMF and Professor at the Indian School of Business (ISB). He is also a former Chief Economic Advisor to the Union Finance Ministry.



Title: "Grandpa's Bag of Stories"

- ❖ **Author:** Sudha Murty, member of Parliament of Rajya Sabha and wife of co-founder of Infosys, N. R. Narayana Murthy,



News in Short

- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh government will construct a state-of-the-art Vedic-3D museum at the Sampurnanand Sanskrit University in Varanasi.
- ❖ Solar Energy Corp., RailTel Corp., NHPC, and SJVN received Navratna status from the Government of India.



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