

Bihar Special

Bihar Postal Circle: Special Cover on Ratan Tata

Why in the news?

The Bihar Postal Circle has released a special cover on Ratan Naval Tata.

- ❖ The cover commemorates his contributions to industry, philanthropy, and national development.
 - It is not just a tribute but a way to remember and appreciate the values that Tata embodied in his life.
 - His visionary leadership and commitment to social welfare have inspired millions of people across the country.
- ❖ **Significance:** The special cover is considered a significant collector's item, honoring Tata's visionary work that continues to inspire future generations.



International Relations

'Study in India' campaign

Why in the news?

India has officially launched its 'Study in India' campaign at the 20th International Education Show in Sharjah, UAE.

- ❖ It was organized by EdCIL, a Miniratna company under the Ministry of Education.
 - ❖ **Objective of the campaign:**
 - To attract international students to Indian universities and to position India as a leading global education hub.
 - ❖ The 'Study in India' campaign showcased over 590 Indian universities and institutions, offering a variety of courses and exclusive benefits such as fee waivers and scholarships for international students.
- 20th International Education Show:**
- ❖ It was organized in cooperation with the Sharjah Private Education Authority and is considered one of the fastest-growing and most distinguished higher education exhibitions.
 - ❖ It featured over 100 universities and educational institutions from more than 20 countries, including India, Canada, the UK, Bahrain, Malaysia, and Cyprus.

Economy

India Digital Agri Conference 2024

Why in the news?

The India Digital Agri Conference 2024 was co-organized by ICFA and IIT Ropar TIF- AwaDH at New Delhi.

The conference aims to:

- ❖ To catalyze innovation by fostering the adoption of cutting-edge technologies and encouraging collaboration among farmers, tech developers, and researchers.
- ❖ Promoting sustainable practices through digital tools and building climate-resilient agricultural systems.

Theme of the conference: Digital Agriculture: Pathway to Productivity and Profitability.



Schemes In News

Tele MANAS

Why in the news?

Tele MANAS was introduced as a toll-free helpline (14416) under the National Tele Mental Health Programme (NTMHP).

- ❖ It aims to provide universal access to equitable, affordable, and quality mental health care through a 24x7 tele-mental health service.
- ❖ MANAS stands for Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States.

Key objectives:

- ❖ **Expanding Access:** Scaling up the reach of mental health services nationwide, ensuring that anyone across India can access support at any time through dedicated 24x7 tele-mental health facilities in every State and Union Territory.
- ❖ **Building a Comprehensive Mental Health Network:** Establishing an integrated system that goes beyond counseling by offering medical and psychosocial interventions, video consultations with specialists, e-prescriptions, follow-up care, and connections to in-person services.
- ❖ **Reaching Vulnerable Populations:** Prioritizing mental health services for vulnerable and difficult-to-reach groups, ensuring no one is left without essential care.

- ❖ The National Tele Mental Health Programme (NTMHP) was launched by the Government of India on October 10, 2022.



Miscellaneous

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

Why in the news?

As per the announcement of the Union Finance Ministry, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) will now be the 14th 'Maharatna' company among Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE).

About Hindustan Aeronautics Limited:

- ❖ It is a Department of Defence Production (DoDP) CPSE with an annual turnover of ₹28162 crore and a net profit of ₹7595 crore for FY2023-24.
- ❖ Significance of the Maharatna status: It will give more autonomy to the company in terms of financial and strategic matters.

Maharatna Status:

The government has laid down six key parameters for a CPSE to be considered for the granting of Maharatna status. These include:

1. CPSE already has a 'Navratna' status.
2. It needs to be listed on the Indian stock exchange, with a minimum prescribed public shareholding under SEBI regulations.
3. It should have an average annual turnover of more than ₹20,000 crore.
4. An average annual net worth of more than ₹10,000 crore
5. An average annual net profit of more than ₹2,500 crore during the last three years.
6. The CPSE should have a significant global presence or international operations.

The 13 other Maharatna companies are Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited., Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Coal India Limited, GAIL India Limited, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Indian Oil Corporation Limited, NTPC Limited, Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited, Power Finance Corporation, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Steel Authority of India Limited, Rural Electrification Corporation Limited and Oil India Ltd.



Awards and Honors

Nobel Peace Prize

Why in the news?

The Norwegian Nobel Committee has awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 2024 to the Japanese organization Nihon Hidankyo.

About the organization:

- ❖ It is the grassroots movement of atomic bomb survivors from Hiroshima and Nagasaki, also known as Hibakusha.
- ❖ It has been awarded for its efforts to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons and for demonstrating through witness testimony that nuclear weapons must never be used again.

- ❖ The Nobel Peace Prize is decided by a committee of five individuals selected by the Norwegian Parliament.

About the Nobel Prize:

- It is awarded in Oslo, Norway, at the annual Nobel Prize Award Ceremony.

- ❖ It was created in the will of Swedish dynamite inventor and businessman Alfred Nobel.

- The first Nobel Prizes were awarded in 1901.
- The Nobel Prize in Economics, officially known as the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, was first awarded in 1969.
- Between 1901 and 2024, the Nobel Prizes and the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel were awarded 626 times to 1009 people and organisations.
- The awards are presented during Nobel Week, culminating in a ceremony on December 10, the anniversary of Alfred Nobel's death.
- The ceremonies take place at the Stockholm Concert Hall in Sweden and Oslo City Hall in Norway.

- ❖ Each Nobel Prize can be awarded to up to three individuals who will share the prize money.
- ❖ Winners receive a prize sum of 11 million Swedish crowns (\$1.1 million).



Important Days/ Dates

World Standard Day 2024

Why in the news?

World Standard Day is observed annually on October 14.

❖ History of this day:

- It traces its origins to 1946 when delegates from 25 countries met in London and decided to establish an international organisation dedicated to promoting standardisation.
- The International Organisation for Standardization (ISO) was formed the following year, but it wasn't until 1970 that the first World Standards Day was officially celebrated.

- ❖ Theme 2024: "Shared Vision for a Better World: Standards for the Changing Climate."

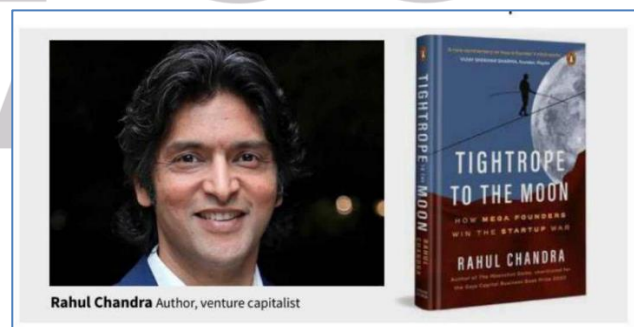


Books And Authors

Tightrope to the Moon

Why in the news?

The book "Tightrope to the Moon" has been authored by Rahul Chandra.

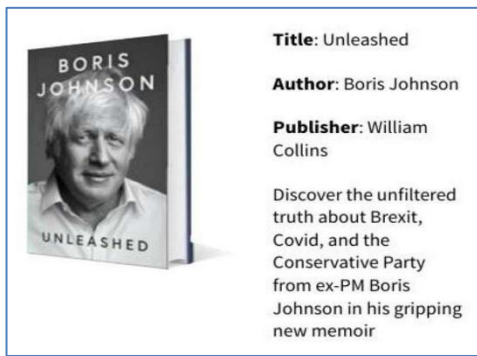


Unleashed

Why in the news?

Unleashed is the memoir of the former British Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

- ❖ He served as the UK prime minister from July 24, 2019, to September 6, 2022.



Title: Unleashed

Author: Boris Johnson

Publisher: William Collins

Discover the unfiltered truth about Brexit, Covid, and the Conservative Party from ex-PM Boris Johnson in his gripping new memoir

News in Short

- ❖ Noel Tata (half-brother of Ratan Tata) has been appointed Chairman of Tata Trusts after the demise of Ratan Tata.

- ❖ Delhi Metro's Blue Line connecting Yamuna Bank with Vaishali in Ghaziabad has been awarded carbon-neutral certification.
- ❖ As per the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Indian suppliers are the third largest provider of organisation's health and ration support to children globally.



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