

Bihar Special

Bihar's Tourist Information Center

Why in the news?

Bihar's tourist information center will soon open in **Emporium Bhawan**, located at Shri Kashi Vishwanath Mandir Chowk in Varanasi.

- ❖ The center will be located on the ground floor of Emporium Bhawan, and it will have a space of 784 square feet.

International Relations

Gabonese voters approve a new constitution in a referendum

Why in the news?

Gabonese voters have approved of a new constitution by a landslide 91.8 per cent proposed by the country's military rulers.

Key changes include:

- ❖ The proposed new constitution introduces a limit of two terms on the presidency, while also increasing the length of terms from five to seven years.
- ❖ The constitutional change will also require presidential candidates to be exclusively Gabonese, with at least one Gabon-born parent and to have a Gabonese spouse.

- ❖ The Central African Country's new constitution also abolishes the position of prime minister and stipulates that family members cannot succeed a president.
- ❖ Military officers seized power in a coup in August 2023, ousting former President Ali Bongo Ondimba and putting him under house arrest. Gabon's military rulers have tentatively scheduled a handover to the civilian government for the summer of 2025.

Economy

Sustainable Trade Index, 2024

Why in the news?

India has been ranked 23rd on the Sustainable Trade Index 2024.

About Sustainable Trade Index

- ❖ Sustainable trade is defined as a trade that provides mutually beneficial outcomes for trading partners while effectively balancing economic, social, and environmental considerations.

- ❖ Sustainable Trade Index Report 2024 by Hinrich Foundation and IMD highlights and ranks global economies in trade sustainability based on economic growth, societal advancement, and environmental resilience.

- ❖ Best Performing Nations: New Zealand followed by the UK, Australia etc

Here are the top 10 most sustainable trade economies globally as of 2024:

Rank	Economy	Overall	Economic	Societal	Environmental
1	New Zealand	100	86	100	100
2	United Kingdom	98	87.8	93.7	99.4
3	Australia	87	75.4	99.6	83.2
4	Singapore	86	92.4	87	75.2
5	Japan	82	72.2	81.9	91.2
6	South Korea	81	92.2	85.4	67.4
7	Hong Kong	81	100	65.8	79.2
8	Canada	80	81.1	99.8	61
9	Taiwan	72	76.7	87.1	61.2
10	United States of America	72	90	69.4	65.3

Defence And Security

Bharat National Cyber Security Exercise (Bharat NCX 2024)

Why in the news?

The Bharat National Cyber Security Exercise (Bharat NCX 2024), inaugurated by the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) in collaboration with Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), aims to enhance India's cybersecurity resilience.

Main highlights include:

The 12-day event (November 18–29, 2024) includes immersive training, live-fire cyberattack simulations, and strategic decision-making exercises for senior management.

Key Features of Bharat NCX 2024:



- ❖ The exercise includes immersive training on cyber defense and incident response, live-fire simulations of cyberattacks on IT and OT systems, and collaborative platforms for government and industry stakeholders.
- ❖ A Strategic Decision-Making Exercise will bring together senior management from across sectors to simulate decision-making in a national-level cyber crisis, enhancing their ability to respond to high-pressure situations with strategic acumen.
- ❖ The CISO's Conclave will feature Chief Information Security Officers from government, public, and private sectors sharing insights, participating in panel discussions, and exploring the latest trends and government initiatives in cybersecurity.
- ❖ The exercise also highlights leadership engagement and capacity building, fostering a unified approach to emerging cyber challenges.

Miscellaneous

Buddha's Relics

Why in the news?



Recently excavations began at Ramgram, led by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), to discover Buddha's eighth relic.

About Buddha's Relics:

- ❖ The cremated remains of Lord Buddha were divided and enshrined in stupas at significant locations including Rajagraha, Vaishali, Kapilavastu, Allakappa, Ramagrama, Vethadipa, Pava, Kushinagar, and Pippalvina.
- ❖ According to Buddhist beliefs, Lord Buddha attained Mahaparinirvana (salvation) in Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh, and was cremated by the Mallas of Kushinagar.
- ❖ These stupas serve as sacred sites for veneration in Buddhist traditions.

Global Soils Conference 2024

Why in the news?

The four-day Global Soils Conference 2024 was inaugurated in New Delhi on 19 November 2024 and will be held from 19 to 22 November 2024.

- ❖ Organised by the Indian Society of Soil Science, New Delhi, under the aegis of the International Union of Soil Sciences, Italy, with the collaboration of the New Delhi-based Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the National Academy of Agricultural Science.

- ❖ “Caring Soils Beyond Food Security: Climate Change Mitigation and Ecosystem Services” was the 2024 Global Soils Conference theme.

Objective of the Conference



- ❖ The Global Soils Conference will deliberate on managing Soils, which directly or indirectly produce 95 % of the global food.
- ❖ With the human population expected to reach 9 billion by 2050, sustainable management of soil resources worldwide will be key to feeding the population and addressing the global problems related to food insecurity, food shortage, malnutrition, and poverty.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)

- ❖ It was established by the British as the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research on 16 July 1929.
- ❖ Headquarters: New Delhi

Awards and Honors

Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2023

Why in the news?



The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2023 was conferred on Daniel Barenboim and Ali Abu Awwad, who have dedicated their lives to promoting amity among Israeli and Palestinian people through non-violent tools of music, dialogue and people's participation.

- ❖ The awardees were selected by a distinguished jury headed by former Chief Justice of India T S Thakur.
- ❖ The award was presented virtually on Indira Gandhi's birth anniversary.

Sports

4th National Finswimming Championship 2024

Why in the news?

West Bengal swimmers ruled the pool with full dominance in the 4th National Finswimming Championship 2024 to win the team championship crown with a total of 151 medals including 67 gold, 43 silver, and 41 bronze medals.

- ❖ Runners-up, Karnataka, were far behind with a total of 50 medals. Their swimmers won 17 gold, 18 silver, and 15 bronze medals.
- ❖ Uttarakhand secured the third place with 21 medals. They won 8 gold, 6 silver, and 7 bronze medals.



- ❖ World Children's Day was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day. It is celebrated every year on November 20 to promote international togetherness, and awareness among children worldwide, and to improve children's welfare.



Important Days/ Dates

World Children's Day 2024

Why in the news?

World Children's Day is observed every year on November 20.

- ❖ The theme for World Children's Day 2024 is "Listen to the Future."

News in Short

- ❖ The Assam government decided to change the name of Karimganj district in the Barak Valley to Sribhumi.



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