

### M.P Special

#### New State Election Commissioner



Former IAS officer Manoj Shrivastava will be the new State Election Commissioner of Madhya Pradesh.

#### Key point

- ❖ Shrivastava will take charge from January 1.
- ❖ Currently, Shrivastava was holding the responsibility of the post of member of the Administrative Unit Reorganization Commission.
- ❖ Shrivastava's appointment will be for a period of 6 years or till he attains the age of 66 years, whichever is earlier.
- ❖ Manoj Shrivastava is a retired IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre of 1987 batch.
- ❖ Srivastava has also been awarded the Swami Vivekananda Award and the 'International Aviation Award' from the Central Hindi Institute.
- ❖ Apart from this, he is also the editor-in-chief of the literary magazine 'Akshara' published from Hindi Bhavan of the Rashtriya Bhasha Prachar Samiti established by Mahatma Gandhi.

#### About State Election Commissions

- ❖ The State Election Commission of India is an independent constitutional authority responsible for administering elections to local bodies within states, including municipalities, panchayats, and other local government institutions.
- ❖ The Constitution was amended in 1992 through the 73rd and 74th amendments in order to provide legal sanctity to the Local Self-Governments (LSGs), giving LSGs their rightful place in the process of nation building.
- ❖ Article 243 K & Article 243 ZA: They were inserted to establish a State Election Commission in every state as a constitutional body .

- ❖ It consists of a state election commissioner to be appointed by the governor.
- ❖ He shall not be removed from office except in the manner and on the grounds prescribed for the removal of a judge of the state high court.

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#### Dynamic Ground Water Resource Assessment Report



The Dynamic Ground Water Resource Assessment Report which was launched by Union Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil on 31st December 2024 in New Delhi.

#### Key Point

- ❖ The total groundwater recharge in the country occurs annually and is estimated to be 446.90 BCM.
- ❖ The annual renewable resource as well as the annual extractable groundwater resource is 406.19 BCM.
- ❖ Total annual groundwater use includes all uses at 245.64 BCM.
- ❖ The level of extraction of water from boreholes in the country is on average 60.47%.
- ❖ The trend on the quantity of water recharged in the following sources; tanks, ponds and water conservation structures has been on the rise in the last five assessments.
- ❖ In 2024 the total amount of renewable groundwater Resources augmented by 0.39 BCM in compare to 2023.
- ❖ Recharge from tanks, ponds as well as WCS has risen in the period 2017-2024 from 13.98 BCM to 25.34 BCM thus raising it by 11.36 BCM.

### Summit \conference

#### World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES)



India will host the World Audio Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES) for the first time, from 5-9 February 2025.

#### Key point

- ❖ It is the world's first convergence event for the entire Media and Entertainment (M&E) sector.
- ❖ It will be a key forum for promoting collaboration, innovation, and discussions among various stakeholders in the Media and Entertainment (M&E) industry.
- ❖ It aims to propel India's Media & Entertainment (M&E) industry to even greater heights

### Defence

#### Indian Navy to commission three indigenously built warships on Jan 15



Indian Navy is set to commission three indigenously built warships Nilgiri, Surat and Vaghsheer on 15th January at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.

#### Key Point

- ❖ The warship Nilgiri is equipped with stealth features and state-of-the-art technologies. The Surat features substantial improvements in design and capabilities. Equipped with modern aviation facilities, Nilgiri and Surat can operate a range of helicopters, during both day and night operations.
- ❖ Vaghsheer, is one of the most silent and versatile diesel-electric submarines in the world.
- ❖ It is designed to undertake a wide range of missions, including anti-surface warfare, anti-submarine warfare, intelligence gathering, area surveillance, and special operations.
- ❖ Vaghsheer is armed with wire-guided torpedoes, anti-ship missiles, and advanced sonar systems.


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ All three platforms have been designed and constructed entirely at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited in Mumbai which is a testament to the country's growing self-reliance.</li> <li>❖ It also shows the rapid progress made in warship design and construction, cementing the country's position as a global leader in defense manufacturing.</li> </ul>
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### Place in News

<p><b>Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary</b></p> 	<p>Assam introduced Anti-Depredation Squads near Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary in Morigaon.</p> <p><b>Key point</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary is located in east Guwahati, Assam.</li> <li>❖ It was established in 1998 and spans 48.81 sq km.</li> <li>❖ It is part of the Brahmaputra floodplains and includes Rajamayong and Pobitora Reserve Forests.</li> <li>❖ The sanctuary is surrounded by small hills like Kasasila, Hatimuria, Boha, Kardia, Govardan, and Panbari.</li> <li>❖ Pobitora has the highest density of Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros in India.</li> <li>❖ It contributed to the Indian Rhinoceros Vision 2020 by translocating eight rhinos to Manas National Park.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Kamarajar Port</b></p> 	<p>The Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways recently announced that the cargo-handling capacity at Indian ports has increased by 87% over the last nine years.</p> <p>Tamil Nadu's Kamarajar Port has shown a remarkable surge, registering a 154% increase in cargo handling capacity.</p> <p><b>Key points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Kamarajar Port was formerly known as Ennore Port.</li> <li>❖ It is located approximately 24 kilometers north of Chennai in Tamil Nadu, India.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ It is the 12th major port of India and the first port in India established as a public company.</li> <li>❖ The port was declared as a major port under the Indian Ports Act, 1908, in March 1999.</li> <li>❖ Kamarajar Port is the only corporatized major port in India and is registered as a company.</li> <li>❖ It is owned by the Chennai Port Trust, which also operates the Port of Chennai.</li> <li>❖ The port operates under the landlord port model, where the port authority acts as a regulatory body and landlord, while private companies handle port operations, especially cargo handling</li> </ul>
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### Sports

<p><b>Senior National Men's Handball Championship</b></p> 	<p>Kerala defeated Chandigarh to clinch their maiden Senior National Men's Handball Championship title.</p> <p><b>Key point</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Kerala had earlier entered the summit clash for the first time, edging out Services in the semi-finals, while Chandigarh earned their spot by defeating Indian Railways.</li> <li>❖ <b>Best Player of the Championship:</b> Devendar (Kerala)</li> <li>❖ <b>Best Goalkeeper:</b> Rahul (Kerala)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Santosh Trophy</b></p> 	<p>West Bengal, the team with maximum Santosh Trophy titles won, clinched the 78th title after they triumphed over Kerala.</p> <p><b>Key Point</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The championship match was fixed for December 31, 2024 and was held in GMC Balayogi Stadium, Hyderabad – Telangana.</li> <li>❖ This is the National Championship for men's state teams football competition, the tournament annually conducted by AIFF.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The first championship was organised in 1941 under the Indian Football Federation and the current authority of the tournament is AIFF.</li> <li>❖ Only teams from the states, union territories, service teams combined from the army, navy, air force and railway are allowed to compete in the competition.</li> <li>❖ The first championship in 1941-42 was claimed by Bengal beating Delhi.</li> </ul>
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### Short News

- ❖ The Ministry of Defence has declared 2025 as the Year of Reforms in order to give impetus to the on-going and future reforms in the Defence Sector.
- ❖ Rajat Verma, the current head of the Institutional Banking Group at DBS Bank India, has been appointed as the new CEO of DBS Bank India
- ❖ India's foreign exchange reserves crossed \$700 billion in 2024, ranking 4th globally.
- ❖ Elon Musk of the United States, the CEO of Tesla and SpaceX, stands as the richest people in the world as of December 2024 with an impressive net worth of \$474 billion, followed by Jeff Bezos, Mark Zuckerberg and Larry Ellison.
- ❖ India's Mukesh Ambani is ranked 17th in Bloomberg's billionaires index.
- ❖ The government has extended the deadline for the Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme to January 31, 2025, allowing more time to resolve income tax disputes.
- ❖ Egypt has tested a new 10-kilometre extension to the Suez Canal as it tries to minimise the impact of currents on shipping and increase the key waterway's capacity.
- ❖ Chaya M V from Bengaluru's Presidency School was crowned the 'Spell Master of India' in SBI Life Spell Bee Season 14.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Which of the following teams won the 78th Santosh Trophy by defeating Kerala ?

- A. Punjab
- B. Madhya pradesh
- C. West Bengal
- D. Goa

Answer-C

2. Indian Navy is set to commission three indigenously built warships Nilgiri, Surat and Vaghsheer on 15th January at Which of the following locations ?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Visakhapatnam
- C. Kochi
- D. Chennai

Answer- A

