

**15<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

## 43rd India International Trade Fair

The 43rd India International Trade Fair (IITF) is being held from November 14 to 27, 2024 at Bharat Mandapam Complex, New Delhi.



### Key Point

- ❖ Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurated the 14-day event.
- ❖ The theme of this year's fair is **Viksit Bharat in 2047**.
- ❖ The focus state this year is Jharkhand, while Bihar and Uttar Pradesh are the partner states.
- ❖ This year, 11 countries including China, Egypt, Iran, South Korea, Thailand, Turkey, and UAE are participating in the international fair.

## SEA VIGIL-24'

The Indian Navy is set to conduct the fourth edition of the 'Pan-India' Coastal Defence Exercise 'Sea Vigil-24' on 20 & 21 Nov 24.



### Key Point

- ❖ The fourth edition of Exercise Sea Vigil will span an unprecedented scale, both in terms of geographical reach and the magnitude of participation, with involvement of **06 Ministries** and **21 Organisations/agencies**.

- ❖ This year, National Security Council Secretariat officials will also be part of Indian Navy led CDSRE teams for the first time, along with personnel from State Marine Police, Coast Guard, Customs, Fisheries, etc.
- ❖ Originally conceptualised in 2018, Sea Vigil was designed to validate and enhance measures adopted to bolster Coastal Defence, post the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks. Encompassing the entire 11,098 km coastline and vast Exclusive Economic Zone of 2.4 million square kilometres.

## Janjatiya Gaurav Divas Celebration

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Jamui in Bihar on 15 November to commemorate Janjatiya Gaurav Divas.



### Key Point

- ❖ It marks the commencement of the **150th Birth Anniversary Year** celebrations of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda.
- ❖ Mr. Modi will unveil a **commemorative coin** and **postal stamp** in honour of Bhagwan Birsa Munda.
- ❖ He will also inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for multiple development projects worth over 6,640 crore rupees aimed at uplifting tribal communities and improving infrastructure in rural and remote areas of the region.

- ❖ Birsa Munda was born on November 15, 1875, in Ulihatu, Jharkhand, and his birthday is commemorated annually as 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas' by the Government of India, highlighting his enduring legacy.
- ❖ 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas' celebrated on 15 November of every year since 2021.
- ❖ He played a pivotal role in resisting British colonial rule and advocating for tribal rights

#### Dominica Highest National Honour

Dominica has announced to confer its highest national honor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



#### Key Point

- ❖ The Dominica Award of Honour will be bestowed to the Prime Minister in recognition of his contributions to Dominica during the COVID-19 pandemic and his dedication to strengthening the partnership between India and Dominica.
- ❖ President of Dominica Sylvanie Burton will confer the award during the upcoming India-CARICOM Summit, scheduled to take place in Georgetown, Guyana from 19th to 21st of November 2024.
- ❖ Dominica, India supplied Dominica with 70 thousand doses of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine during the Covid pandemic in February 2021.

- ❖ The award also recognizes India's support for Dominica in healthcare, education and information technology under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, as well as his role in promoting climate resilience-building initiatives and sustainable development on a global level.

#### About Dominica

- ❖ Capital- Roseau
- ❖ Currency-East Caribbean Dollar
- ❖ President - Sylvanie Burton
- ❖ Prime Minister - Roosevelt Skerrit



#### M.P. number one in the country in spice crops production

Madhya Pradesh has become number one in the country in the production of spice crops.



### Key Point

- ❖ In the year 2023-24, the farmers of the state sowed spice crops in a record 8 lakh 32 thousand 419 hectares and produced more than 54 lakh tonnes of spice crops, which is a record.
- ❖ The Department of Horticulture and Food Processing is specially motivating farmers to adopt horticulture crops along with agriculture.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh ranks second in the country in the production of green chillies.
- ❖ As a result, last year, 13 thousand 110 hectare horticultural crops were expanded in the state and a grant of Rs 44 crore 85 lakh was provided to 42,730 farmers.

### 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

Odisha CM Mohan Majhi launches website for 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas.



### Key Point

- ❖ The 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) will be held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha from January 8 to January 10, 2025.
- ❖ PBD 2025 theme: "Diaspora's contribution to a Viksit Bharat".

- ❖ It is Organized by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in association with the government of Odisha.
- ❖ Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is a celebratory day observed (starting in 2003) on 9 January to mark.
- ❖ The day commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to Mumbai on 9 January 1915.

### Short News

- ❖ Suma Shirur, former chief coach of the Indian Shooting Team, won the 'Coach of the Year (Female)' award at the Indian Sports Honors 2024.
- ❖ World's First High-Altitude Para Sports Centre to be established in Leh.
- ❖ Scarecrow Incorporated, based in Tokyo's Shibuya Ward, has secured the world's first patent for Pinfenon (S) (R), a pioneering animal supplement. This product is intended to help prevent and treat heart conditions in dogs by reducing atrial natriuretic peptide (ANP) levels.
- ❖ The South Western Army Command, headquartered in Jaipur, has set up a think tank by the name of Gyan Shakti to enhance the defense industrial base of Rajasthan.
- ❖ Newly elected President Donald Trump has chosen Representative Elise Stefanik as his United Nations Ambassador.

❖ The Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) has announced that Amandeep Johl would take on the responsibilities of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) starting January 2025.

❖ The petroleum ministry has appointed Arvind Singh Sahney as the new chairman of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), the largest oil firm in India.

### Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Which of the following states became the highest producer of spices crops in the year 2024 ?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan

Answer - C

2. Recently, which of the following countries confer its highest national honor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- A. Dominica
- B. Algeria
- C. Israeli
- D. Philippines

Answer - A

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