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## Madhya Pradesh Has Not Published Human Development Report For 17 Years

Madhya Pradesh which was the first state in the World to produce a sub-national Human Development Report has not published it for 17 years.



### Key Points

- ❖ The state published the last Human Development Report in 2007.
- ❖ Afterwards, no such report has been published.
- ❖ The then chief minister Digvijaya Singh began the process for publishing the Human Development Report in 1995.
- ❖ The report was published in 1998, 2002, and 2007, but, afterwards, no such report came out.
- ❖ In 2013, an NGO, Sanket Information and Research Agency run by former Delhi chief minister Sheila Dikshit's son Sandeep Dikshit, was given the task of preparing the report. Because of lack of coordination between the government and the agency, it could not be prepared.

## LignoSat

Japan set to test the world's first wooden satellite LignoSat

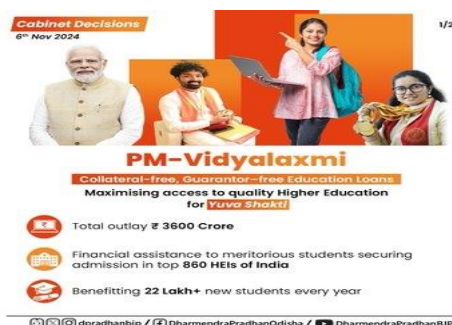


### Key Point

- ❖ LignoSat – named after the Latin word for wood.
- ❖ LignoSat was developed by Kyoto University and Sumitomo Forestry.
- ❖ It will be launched next week on a SpaceX rocket to the International Space Station.
- ❖ The satellite aims to test how wood withstands the extreme environment of space for six months.
- ❖ Wood can burn harmlessly in the atmosphere, offering a sustainable alternative to traditional satellites.

## PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme

The Government has approved the PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme to financially support meritorious students.



### Key Point

- ❖ students will be eligible to get collateral-free and guarantor-free loans to pursue higher education.
- ❖ As per the scheme, a loan amounting to 7.5 lakhs of rupees will be provided with a 75 percent credit guarantee by the government to support banks in expanding coverage.
- ❖ Three percent interest subvention for loans up to 10 lakh rupees will also be provided during the moratorium period for students with an annual family income of upto eight lakh rupees.
- ❖ This scheme is expected to benefit seven lakh students. To avail the benefit of the scheme, the students can apply on the unified portal PM Vidyalaxmi for an education loan.

### Donald Trump emerged victorious in the 2024 presidential election

Donald Trump emerged victorious in the 2024 presidential election battle against US Vice President and Democratic rival Kamala Harris.



### Key Point

- ❖ He will take over the Office for next four years as the 47th president of America.
- ❖ He has become the second president in US history to hold office for non-consecutive terms.
- ❖ The first was Grover Cleveland, who served as the 22nd president from 1885 to 1889, followed by a second stint in the White House as the 24th from 1893 to 1897.
- ❖ Trump, was the nation's 45th president from 2017 to 2021.
- ❖ The US Constitution's 22nd Amendment forbids a president from holding office for more than two terms or eight years.

### Joint Corridor Management Committee

Recently, there have been some instances of cheetahs from Madhya Pradesh crossing over to Rajasthan; a joint corridor management committee has therefore been established. The committee will therefore work on the issues of preservation of these animals.



### Key Point

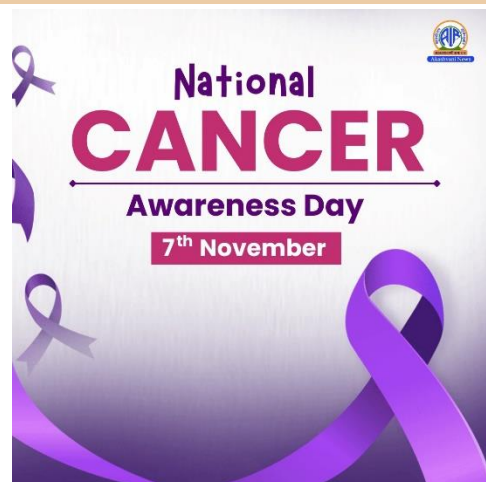
- ❖ This is a ten-member committee formulated by both states with the primary task of creation and administrative control of the cheetah corridor that will facilitate journey of the cheetahs between the two involved states – Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.
- ❖ The committee is constituted of the forest officials from each of the states and its two chairmen are Principal Chief Conservators of Forests (wildlife) of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan respectively.
- ❖ The committee will discuss construction of a corridor between MP and Rajasthan for movements of Cheetah. The committee will study how to set up the corridor and conserve cheetahs.
- ❖ The route will be from Kuno to Ranthambore

### About Project Cheetah

- ❖ The government launched it to bring Cheetahs back to India.
- ❖ Cheetahs were declared extinct in India in 1952.

- ❖ Implementing Body: National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), a statutory body under the Ministry of Environment.
- ❖ Objective: The Indian government hopes to bring 50 cheetahs from African countries to various national parks over the next five years.
- ❖ Currently, a total of 20 radio collared Cheetahs were brought from Namibia and South Africa to Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh, in a first ever transcontinental wild to wild translocation i.e Africa to Asia.
- ❖ IUCN status: Asiatic Cheetah is critically Endangered whereas African cheetah is Vulnerable

### National Cancer Awareness Day



On November 7th each year, India observes National Cancer Awareness Day—an initiative that aims to raise awareness about the growing cancer burden in the country and inspire action towards prevention, early detection, and treatment. India is the first country in the world to officially recognize National Cancer Awareness Day

### Key Points

- ❖ National Cancer Awareness Day was established in September 2014 by the then Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan.
- ❖ The date was chosen not only to honor the birth of Nobel Laureate Madame Marie Curie, who discovered radioactivity and whose work has had a profound impact on cancer treatment but also to reflect India's commitment to addressing cancer as a public health priority.
- ❖ India, home to over 1.4 billion people, is experiencing a rapid rise in cancer cases, largely due to lifestyle changes, tobacco use, poor dietary habits, and inadequate physical activity.

- ❖ According to estimates, approximately 800,000 new cancer cases are expected each year, with tobacco-related cancers accounting for as much as 35–50% of all cancers in men and 17% in women. However, various types of cancer are preventable, and through widespread awareness and timely interventions, India is significantly reducing its cancer burden.

### One Rank One Pension (OROP) Scheme

The Centre's One Rank One Pension (OROP) Scheme completes ten years on 7 November 2024. It is a transformative scheme implemented by the Government to ensure fair and equal pension payments for Ex-servicemen.



### Key Point

- ❖ OROP for Defense Forces Personnel means that individuals retiring in the same rank with the same years of service will receive a uniform pension, regardless of when they retire.



- ❖ This ensures fairness by reducing the gap between the pensions of current and past pensioners.
- ❖ The government decided to implement OROP in 2015, and the benefits were applied from July 1, 2014.
- ❖ The re-fixation of pensions for past pensioners is based on the pension of retirees in the calendar year 2013.

### Madhya Pradesh Tourism to Host Skydiving Festival in Ujjain from Nov 9

The Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board is set to host its fourth annual Skydiving Festival in Ujjain.



#### Key Point

- ❖ Running from November 9, 2024, to February 9, 2025, this three-month festival will offer tourists the exhilarating chance to jump from 10,000 feet, savouring the beauty of the city of Mahakal from above.
- ❖ Sky High India, the organising company, will operate a specially modified Cessna 182P aircraft, carrying up to six people at a time, including two participants and two instructors per session.

- ❖ Skydiving operations will be conducted by Sky-high India, a company certified by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and the United States Parachute Association (USPA).

### 18th Edition of Film Bazaar

The 18th edition of Film Bazaar, offering a rich variety of 208 films will run from 20th to 24th November alongside the 55th International Film Festival of India in Goa.



#### Key Point

- ❖ Viewing Room will showcase films that are complete or in the post-production stage, allowing filmmakers to connect with global film programmers, distributors, sales agents, and investors.
- ❖ These include 145 feature films, 23 mid-length and 30 short films.
- ❖ The overall lineup of features and mid-length also includes twelve titles of NFDC (National Film Development Corporation of India) produced and co-produced films.

- ❖ The initiative aims to empower story tellers to share their vision with the world, adding that the corporation is committed to supporting the next generation of artists as they inspire and entertain.

### Short News

- ❖ Zimbabwe has launched its second satellite, ZIMSAT-2, from Russia to enhance its space program.
- ❖ The Ministry of Women and Child Development is observing Adoption Awareness Month 2024 to encourage legal adoptions in the country.

- ❖ The Sultanganj railway station in Bihar's Bhagalpur district is scheduled to be renamed in tribute to the sacred Hindu shrine, Ajgaibinath Dham.
- ❖ The Indian government has entered into a \$200 million loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to upgrade urban infrastructure and enhance essential services in Uttarakhand.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh Chandrababu Naidu launched the Deepam 2.0 scheme today in Edupuram, Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam district, as part of the "Super Six Promises" initiative

### Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. What is the name of the world's first wooden satellite?
  - A. Lignosat
  - B. Jingosat
  - C. Woodsat
  - D. Woodspace

Answer - A

2. What is the objective of the PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme?
  - A. To provide health insurance to students in rural areas
  - B. To offer financial assistance for higher education through scholarships and loans
  - C. To promote digital literacy among school students
  - D. To establish vocational training centers across the country

Answer - B

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