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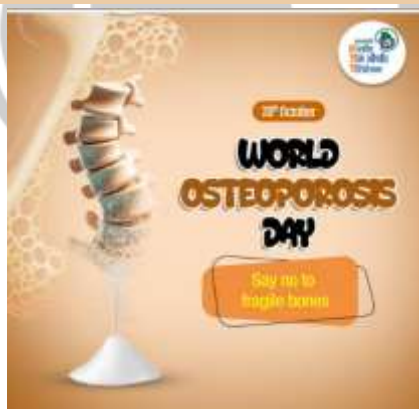
National Police Commemoration Day



Key Points:

- ❖ National Police Commemoration Day is observed on October 21 to pay tribute to police officers who die while on duty.
- ❖ This solemn day provides an opportunity to express gratitude to the officers currently serving and their families who stand by them every day.
- ❖ The roots of Police Commemoration Day are traced back to the tumultuous events of 1958 and 1959 when the relationship between India and China was strained due to political and geographical issues

World Osteoporosis Day



Key Points:

- ❖ **World Osteoporosis Day is observed every year on October 20.**
- ❖ Objective – To raise awareness around the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis and metabolic bone disease. Osteoporosis is a metabolic bone disease wherein your new bone formation doesn't keep up with the loss of old bone.
- ❖ It results from loss of bone mass and mineralisation leading to fragile bones and sometimes fractures even with minor falls, therefore termed as fragility fractures.

Cyclone Dana: Odisha govt fully prepared to tackle situation, says CM Charan Majhi



- ❖ According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Cyclone Dana would cross the north Odisha and West Bengal coasts between Puri and Sagar Island during the night of October 24 and early morning of October 25.
- ❖ "Zero casualties will be ensured. There is no need to panic. The government is fully prepared to tackle the situation," Mr. Majhi said after a review meeting on the state's cyclone preparedness. "100% evacuation will be made after identifying vulnerable areas.
- ❖ NDRF, ODRAF & Fire Services teams are kept ready.
- ❖ The government is closely monitoring the situation," he added. The Chief Minister said that cyclone shelters will be equipped with all necessities and essential commodities.

PRONUNCIATION OF 'DANA'



- ❖ is not repeated (not before, not after).

What are the Naming Conventions for Cyclones?

- ❖ The list of proposed names arranges the countries in alphabetical order, and lists all the names suggested by them alongside.
- ❖ Then these names are allotted to any cyclone, which takes place in the region, on a rotational basis regardless of which country proposed it.
- ❖ For instance, the first cyclone after the list was named
- ❖ Nisarga (Bangladesh's name choice), which hit Maharashtra, followed by Gati (India's choice, hit Somalia), Nivar (Iran's choice, hit Tamil Nadu), and so on.

Names of cyclones in the Northern Indian Ocean					
Country	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Bangladesh	Nisarga	Biparjoy	Amab	Upakul	Barshan
India	Gati	Taj	Muratu	Aaj	Vyom
Iran	Nivar	Hamoon	Alvan	Sepand	Booran
Maldives	Butevi	Midhil	Kaani	Deli	Kinau
Myanmar	Tauktae	Mitchaug	Ngamom	Kyarthit	Sapakyee
Oman	Yas	Remil	Sali	Naseem	Muzm
Pakistan	Gulab	Aina	Sahab	Ahitan	Manahi
Qatar	Shahem	Dania	Lulu	Mouj	Suhail

12th edition of India -Singapore Joint Military Training commences



Key Points:

- ❖ The 12th edition of the India-Singapore Joint Military Training exercise commenced at the Kalaikunda Air Force Station in West Bengal on 21 October 2024.
- ❖ The exercise involving the Indian Air Force and the Republic of Singapore Air Force will be held till 21 November 2024. Before the commencement of the Joint Military Training with the Indian Air Force, the Republic of Singapore Air Force participated in the Tarang Shakti exercise.

- ❖ The Tarang Shakti Exercise 2024 was the largest air exercise ever hosted by the Indian Air Force, in which 30 countries' Air Forces, including India, participated.

Kalaikunda Air Base for Singapore Air Force

- ❖ Singapore is a very small country with an area of 704 sqm spread over sixty islands and one major city.
- ❖ The Singapore armed forces do not have adequate training facilities due to its size.
- ❖ Singapore is the only country in the world to which India offers its military training facilities. Since 2007, the Kalaikunda Air Force Station of the Indian Air Force in West Bengal has been used by the Singapore Air Force for its training purposes,
- ❖ The Singapore Air Force will conduct its own exercise, and the bilateral exercise between the Indian Air Force and the Republic of Singapore Air Force will commence from 13-21 November 2024.

Aircrafts and AIM of the Exercise

- ❖ The Indian Air Force has deployed its fighter aircraft- Tejas, Rafale, MiG-29, Mirage 2000 ITI, Su-30 MKI, and Jaguar.
- ❖ The Republic of Singapore Air Force has deployed its F-16 and F-15 squadrons along with G-550 Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) and C-130 transport aircraft.
- ❖ The main aim of the bilateral exercise is to enhance combat readiness and promote a friendly relationship between the two Air Forces.
- ❖ During the combat exercise, both the Air Forces will conduct joint mission planning and debriefing with advanced air combat simulation.
- ❖ These exercises are expected to enhance the Air Force's combat readiness and interoperability. Sports and cultural activities will be organised to encourage friendly relationships between the personnel of the two Air Forces.

Lalit Das appointed Chairman of OSSSC**Key Points:**

- ❖ The Odisha Government appointed Retired IPS officer Lalit Das as Chairman of the Odisha Subordinate Staff Selection Commission (OSSSC).
- ❖ Lalit Das served as the Chief of Human Rights Protection for Odisha. The retired 1992 batch IPS officer has a demonstrated history of working in the law enforcement sector.
- ❖ The Government also appointed retired IAS Uddhaba Chandra Majhi and retired OAS Saroj Kumar Mishra as the Members of OSSSC.

Sreeja Akula becomes highest ranked Indian Table Tennis player in world

- ❖ Indian women's table tennis player Sreeja Akula became the highest-ranked Indian player in the world after her strong performance in the 2024 Paris Olympics.
- ❖ In the latest ranking released by the International Table Tennis Federation, she is ranked World No.22 in the women's singles.
- ❖ Her previous best was the world no. 24 rank achieved after her victory in the WTT Contender Lagos in June.

- ❖ She broke the record of Manika Batra, who achieved her career-best World No. 24 rank in the singles event. Only two Indian table tennis players, Sreeja Akula and Manika Batra, have ever reached the top 25 world rankings in the singles event.

Performance in the Paris Olympics

- ❖ Before the Paris Olympics, Sreeja Akula was ranked world no. 25. During the Paris Olympics, Akula and Manika Batra became the first Indian players to reach the round of 16 at the Olympics in individual events.
- ❖ Akula lost to World No.1 Chinese player Yingsha Sun in the round of 16.
- ❖ Manika Batra also improved her rank to 25th in the world. In the round of 16, she lost to Japanese player Miu Hirano 4-1.
- ❖ The India women's table tennis team of Manika Batra, Sreeja Akula, and Archana Kamath is still in the medal hunt. They defeated the European Games champion Romania to reach the quarterfinal. They will take on Germany in the quarterfinal match on 7 August 2024.
- ❖ This is the first time that any Indian team has reached the quarterfinal in the table tennis team event at the Olympics.
- ❖ Sharath Kamal, who was India's flag bearer at the opening ceremony, lost his opening match in the Paris Olympics. He is the highest-ranked Indian men's table tennis player at 41st. Manav Thakkar is the next best Indian men's singles player at world No. 59, followed by Sathiyen Gnanasearan at 64th. Harmeet Desai is 87th.

International Table Tennis Federation

- ❖ The International Table Tennis Federation is the world governing body of men's and women's table tennis.
- ❖ Founded: 1926
- ❖ Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland
- ❖ President: Petra Sorlling

Deepika Kumari wins a Silver at the Archery World Cup Final 2024



Key Points:

- ❖ Four-time Olympian Deepika Kumari won a silver medal on 20 October 2024 in the women's recurve event at the 2024 Archery World Cup Final held in Tlaxcala, Mexico.
- ❖ She lost to the Chinese archer Li Jiaman 6-0 in the final. Li Jiaman was part of the Chinese women's archery team that won the silver medal in Paris 2024.
- ❖ The 18th Archery World Cup Final was organised by World Archery and hosted by Mexico on 19 and 20 October 2024 at Tlaxcala, Mexico.

Sixth medal for Deepika in the Archery World Cup Finals

- ❖ The silver medal at the Archery World Cup Final 2024 was Deepika's sixth medal in the Archery World Cup Finals. Thirty-year-old Deepika Kumari won silver medals in the 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, and 2024 editions, while she won a bronze medal in the 2018 edition.
- ❖ In Tlaxcala, Mexico, Deepika defeated Chinese Yang Xiaolei in the quarter-final in straight sets 6-0, while in the semi-finals, she defeated Mexico's Alejandra Valencia 6-4.
- ❖ Five Indian archers, including Asian Games champion Jyothi Surekha Vennam, competed at the 2024 Archery World Cup Final. However, except for Deepika, none were able to win a medal.

2024 Archery World Cup

- ❖ The world Archery sport governing body, World Archery, organises a series of tournaments in a calendar year known as the Archery World Cup.

- ❖ The best-performing archers of the year qualify for the season-ending Archery World Cup Final.
- ❖ The Archery World Cup Final features eight male and female archers who compete in the individual compound and recurve events.

Stage	Host	Date
1	Shanghai, China	23-28 April 2024
2	Yeocheon, South Korea	21-26 May 2024
3	Antalya, Türkiye	18-23 June 2024
Final	Tlaxcala, Mexico	19-20 October 2024

About World Archery

- World Archery is the governing body of Archery sport in the world.
- It was founded in 1931.
- Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland
- Members: 168 Countries
- President : Dr Ugur Erdener of Türkiye.

NCRTC organises 1st Namu Bharat Diwas in New Delhi



Key Points:

- ❖ The Namu Bharat Diwas was observed in New Delhi on 21 October 2024 to mark the anniversary of the operation of the Namu Bharat Trains.
- ❖ On 20 October 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 17-kilometer section between Sahibabad and Duhai Depot section of the country's first Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS).
- ❖ The high-speed self-propelled trains running on the Regional Rapid Transit System are referred to as the Namu Bharat trains.
- ❖ The first Regional Rapid Transit System of the country is the 82 km long Delhi-Ghaziabad - Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System, being implemented and operated by the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC).

Manohar Lal Khattar Chairs the Namo Bharat Diwas

- ❖ The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) organised the Namo Bharat Diwas function in New Delhi.
- ❖ The Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Manohar Lal Khattar was the chief guest at the event. The event was also attended by Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, Tokhan Sahu. Managing Director of NCRTC, Shalabh Goel and other dignitaries.
- ❖ Speaking on the occasion Manohar Lal Khattar said that though India has the third largest metro rail network in the world, it will soon surpass the United States to become the second largest metro rail network in the world after China.

About the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)

- ❖ The first Regional Rapid Transit System in the country seeks to connect the urban areas of the National Capital Region with Delhi with a high-speed rail network,
- ❖ The National Capital Region includes the whole of Delhi, 14 districts of Haryana, 2 districts of Rajasthan and 8 districts of Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The trains on the RRTS can operate at a maximum speed of 180 km per hour and with an average speed of 100km per hour. The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) is the implementing authority of the Regional Rapid Transit System.
- ❖ It is a joint venture of the central government and the state governments of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, and the Union Territory of Delhi.
- ❖ The NCRTC comes under the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs,

Phases of the RRTS The RRTS is being developed in phases by the NCRTC.

- ❖ Three corridors are being developed in the first phase
- ❖ 1. Delhi – Ghaziabad – Meerut (82 km)
- ❖ 2. Delhi – Gurugram – SNB – Alwar (164 km)
- ❖ 3. Delhi – Panipat Corridor (103 km)
- ❖ Other proposed corridors are
- ❖ Delhi – Faridabad – Ballabgarh - Palwal
- ❖ Ghaziabad – Khurja
- ❖ Delhi - Bahadurgarh - Rohtak
- ❖ Ghaziabad-Hapur
- ❖ Delhi-Shahdara-Baraut

PM Modi inaugurates Saharanpur, Rewa and Ambikapur airports under RCS-UDAN



Key Points:

- ❖ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated three airports, developed under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) – UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik), from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ These airports are Rewa in Madhya Pradesh, Ambikapur in Chhatisgarh, and Saharanpur in UP. PM Modi inaugurates Saharanpur, Rewa and Ambikapur airports under RCS-UDAN
- ❖ The RCS- UDAN, a government-backed initiative to improve infrastructure and connectivity in India, especially in remote and underserved regions, completes seven years. It is a vital component of India's National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) 2016, launched by the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) on October 21, 2016, with a 10-year vision.
- ❖ The first RCS-UDAN flight was inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on April 27, 2017, connecting Shimla to Delhi.

- ❖ The scheme focuses on improving unserved air routes in underserved regions of the country and fulfilling the aspirations of the common citizens.
- ❖ So far, the RCS-UDAN has facilitated travel of more than 144 lakh passengers, demonstrating its success in enhancing air travel accessibility.

Over 7 years, various versions of UDAN Scheme were launched, as follows–

- ❖ UDAN 1.0- Five airlines companies were awarded 128 flight routes to 70 airports (including 36 newly made operational airports)
- ❖ UDAN 2.0- 73 underserved and unserved airports were announced and for the first time, helipads were also connected.
- ❖ UDAN 3.0- In coordination with the Ministry of Tourism, Tourism Routes were included. In addition to Seaplanes for connecting Water Aerodromes, several routes in the North-East Region came under the ambit of the scheme.
- ❖ UDAN 4.0- Gave impetus to North-Eastern Regions, Hilly States, and Islands.
- ❖ The operation of helicopters and seaplanes incorporated
- ❖ UDAN Version 5 – 5.0, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 & 5.4
- ❖ Following the four successful rounds of bidding, the Ministry of Civil Aviation launched the 5th version of RCS-UDAN with numerous improvements based on stakeholder feedback.

JP Nadda inaugurates the “Medicine Update BJMFCON



Key Points:

- ❖ Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, JP Nadda inaugurated the “2nd Medicine Update BJMFCON 2024”, organized by the Bihar & Jharkhand Medical Forum (BJMF).
- ❖ As the chief guest at the event, Shri Nadda also released the ‘Souvenir and BJMF Directory’. Bihar & Jharkhand Medical Forum (BJMF) is a socio-scientific organization of doctors from the states of Bihar & Jharkhand practicing in the Delhi NCR Region for long and serving the people of the region.
- ❖ The first Medicine Update was held in 2023.

Vikram Dev Dutt assumes Charge as Coal Secretary



Key Points:

- ❖ Vikram Dev Dutt assumed the charge as the Secretary of the Ministry of Coal.
- ❖ A 1993-batch IAS officer of the Arunachal PradeshGoa-Mizoram and Union Territory (AGMUT) cadre, Shri Dutt previously served as the Director General of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).
- ❖ He succeeds Shri VL Kantha Rao, who currently serves as the Secretary of the Ministry of Mines and holds additional charge of the Ministry of Coal.
- ❖ Prior to Shri Rao, Shri Amrit Lal Meena served as the Secretary of the Ministry of Coal.

