

Bihar Special

Yoga Asana League Results

Why in the news?

The Khelo India Asmita Yoga Asana Women's League (East Zone) started at the Patliputra Sports Complex in Patna, Bihar on 22 August 2024. This competition featured various yoga asanas performed by female athletes from different states in the region. The Bihar Yogasana Sports Federation is hosting the league for the first time.

Top Performers

- ❖ **West Bengal:**
 - Ankita Dhara and Tina Khatun won the gold medal in the Pairs category with their coordinated and synchronised asanas.
 - Sanchait Purkait and Himadrija Rai Basunia won the gold medal in the Artistic Single category.
- ❖ **Bihar:**
 - Priya Kumari Agarwal and Anmol Kaushik achieved second place, earning the silver medal in their respective categories.
- ❖ **Participants:**
 - Five hundred female players from the East Zone states, including Bihar, Jharkhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram,

Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, West Bengal, and Odisha, took part in the event.

International Relations

Prime Minister Modi's Visit to Ukraine

Visit Overview:

- ❖ **Date:** August 21-23, 2024
- ❖ **Historic Significance:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Ukraine is the first by an Indian Prime Minister since diplomatic relations began in January 1992.

Travel Details

- ❖ **Journey to Ukraine:** Modi arrived in Ukraine for a brief seven-hour visit on August 23, following his trip to Poland on a special train, "Rail Force One."
- ❖ **About Rail Force One:** This special train, operated by Ukrainian Railways, was originally designed for tourism to Crimea. Due to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war and the closure of Ukrainian airspace, it has become the preferred travel mode for foreign dignitaries. The train covers the 700 km journey from Przemysł Główny in Poland to Kyiv in about 10 hours. It was renamed Rail Force One after President Joe Biden's visit to Ukraine in February 2023.

Four Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) signed:

1. Cooperation in the field of Agriculture and Food Industry
2. Cooperation in the field of Medical Products Regulation
3. Indian Humanitarian Grant Assistance for Implementation of High Impact Community Development Projects
4. Programme for Cultural Cooperation for 2024-2028

Gifts and Humanitarian Aid

- ❖ **BHISHM Cubes:** Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi presented four BHISHM (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita & Maitri) Cubes to the Government of Ukraine. These portable hospitals, the first of their kind, can be rapidly deployed and are equipped to handle a range of medical emergencies, including gunshot wounds, burns, fractures, and more. Each Cube can treat over 200 patients. Indian experts will train Ukrainian personnel on their operation.

Cultural Visit

- ❖ **Mahatma Gandhi Statue:** Modi visited the Mahatma Gandhi statue in Kyiv's Oasis of Peace park, paying

homage and reflecting on Gandhi's teachings as solutions to contemporary global challenges.



Defence And Security

India's First Reusable Hybrid Rocket: RHUMI-1

Why in the news?

India has successfully launched its first reusable hybrid rocket, 'RHUMI-1', on 24 August, 2024 from Thiruvandhurai, Chennai using a mobile launcher.

- ❖ **Development:** Developed by Tamil Nadu-based start-up Space Zone India in collaboration with the Martin Group.
- ❖ It carried 3 Cube Satellites and 50 PICO Satellites into a suborbital trajectory.
- ❖ The primary mission of these satellites is to gather data for research on global warming and climate change.

- ❖ **Post-Launch:** After deploying the satellites, the rocket will fall into the sea and can be reused.



Schemes In News

Launch of Subhadra Scheme

Why in the news?

Chief Minister Mohan Majhi of Odisha announced the launch of the Subhadra scheme on August 23, 2024.

Financial Assistance for Women

- ❖ The scheme will provide ₹50,000 over five years (2024-25 to 2028-29) to one crore women aged between 21 and 60.
- ❖ Each beneficiary will receive ₹10,000 per year, distributed in two instalments of ₹5,000 each on Rakhi Purnima and International Women's Day.

Miscellaneous

Launch of National Medical Register Portal

Why in the news?

Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare J.P. Nadda inaugurated the National Medical Register (NMR) Portal of the National Medical Commission (NMC) for registration of all the MBBS doctors who are eligible for registration in India.

Portal Features and Objectives

❖ Comprehensive Database:

The portal is designed to serve as a comprehensive and dynamic database for all registered allopathic (MBBS) doctors across the country.

❖ NMC Act Compliance:

The National Medical Register is mandated under Section 31 of the NMC Act, 2019 which states that the Ethics & Medical Registration Board (EMRB) of NMC shall maintain a National Register in electronic form containing the name, address, and all recognized qualifications possessed by a licensed medical practitioner.

Books And Authors

E-Magazine "Sapno Ki Udaan"

Why in the news?

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan released an e-magazine titled "Sapno Ki Udaan" to mark India's first National Space Day.

- ❖ **Magazine Composition:** The e-magazine is a collection of poetry, essays, stories, anecdotes, and riddles contributed by students, teachers, and parents from across India.

News in Short

- ❖ The United States holds the largest gold reserves with 8,133 tonnes, followed by Germany with 3,351 tonnes, Italy with 2,451 tonnes, France with 2,437 tonnes, and Russia with 2,335 tonnes. China ranks sixth with 2,264 tonnes while India is ninth with 840 tonnes.

- ❖ For the first time since taking over Afghanistan, the Taliban has appointed Mawlawi Badruddin as an ambassador to the UAE. UAE became the second country after China to accept a Taliban envoy at the ambassador level.
- ❖ Italy's Valentina Petrillo is set to become the first ever transgender woman to compete at the Paris Paralympic Games. At the age of 50, Petrillo will compete in the 200 and 400 metres races within the T12 classification for athletes with visual impairments.



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