

### Bima Sakhi Yojana

On 9th December 2024, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched LIC's Bima Sakhi Yojana in Panipat, Haryana.

#### Key Points

- ❖ **Initiative by:** It is an initiative of the Life Insurance Corporation of India.
- ❖ **Eligibility:** It is designed to empower women aged 18 to 70 years, who are Class X pass.
- ❖ **Features:** Women will receive specialized training and a stipend for the first three years to promote financial literacy and insurance awareness.
  - After training, they can serve as LIC agents and the graduate Bima Sakhis will have the opportunity to qualify for being considered for Development Officer roles in LIC.

- ❖ **Maharana Pratap Horticultural University**
- ❖ PM Modi also laid the foundation stone of the main campus of **Maharana Pratap Horticultural University at Panipat in Haryana.**
- ❖ The main campus and six regional research stations, spread over 495 acres. It will be established at a cost of over 700 crore rupees.
- ❖ It will work towards crop diversification and world-class research for the development of horticulture technologies.

### Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit

On 9th December 2024, the Prime Minister of India inaugurated the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit in Jaipur.

#### Key Points

- ❖ It is a three day summit which is being held at Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Centre.
- ❖ **Objective:** The main objective of this event is to promote investment and industries in the state and create new employment opportunities.
- ❖ The PM also inaugurated the **Rajasthan Global Business Expo** organized at the summit.

- ❖ To promote investment in the state, 9 new policies have been recently released by the Chief Minister of Haryana including Energy, MSME, Tourism and Mining.
- ❖ MoUs worth Rs 30 lakh Crores have been signed for investment proposals prior to the summit. The state government has set a target to double the economy of the state to 350 billion dollars in the next 5 years.

### Smart India Hackathon 2024

In Jammu and Kashmir, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu is set to host the grand finale of the Smart India Hackathon 2024 (Software Edition) from December 11.

#### Key Points

- ❖ It is a nationwide initiative, organized by the **Ministry of Education.**
- ❖ This is the **7th edition of this initiative.**
- ❖ It is a **nationwide initiative to provide students with a platform to solve** some of the pressing problems we face in our daily lives and thus inculcate a culture of product innovation and a problem-solving mind set.



- ❖ The student teams will work on either the problem statements given by the Ministries/Departments/Industries or submit their ideas in the Student Innovation Category against any of the 17 themes.

### India's first Integrated Waste Management City-cum-Learning Centre

Gorakhpur is set to establish the country's first Integrated Waste Management City-cum-Learning Centre by September 2025.

#### Key Points

- ❖ The centre is spread across **40 acres in Suthni village, Sahjanwa.**
- ❖ **Types of Wastes:** The centre will process a wide range of waste types, including biomedical, e-waste, battery, tyre, terracotta, vehicle scrap, plastic, domestic hazardous, industrial, and organic waste while generating charcoal and Bio-CNG.
- ❖ It will also serve as a learning centre and it will provide technical expertise.
- ❖ The project is supported by a Rs 300 crore investment from NTPC.
- ❖ **Three plants:** Three dedicated plants are planned:
  - **Dry Waste Plant** with a capacity of 500 tons per day and it will produce charcoal.
  - The **second plant is a Wet Waste Plant** which will be a 200 ton-per-day facility producing Bio-CNG under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model.

- The **final is a Hazardous Waste Plant**, a separate facility which will process domestic hazardous waste using environmentally-friendly methods.

#### Benefits

- ❖ It is aimed at making the **city garbage-free and promoting sustainable waste management through a circular economy model.**
- ❖ The initiative is expected to create jobs, boost revenue and serve as a learning hub for technical expertise.

### Luxury Tent City

To accommodate the millions of devotees expected for the Prayagraj Mahakumbh 2025, the Uttar Pradesh government is setting up a luxury tent city.

#### Key Points

- ❖ More than 2,000 Swiss cottage-style tents will be set up in Sector 20 (Araul) of the Mahakumbh Mela area.
- ❖ The **project is being carried out by the Uttar Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation Limited (UPSTDC)**, in collaboration with six key partners: Aagaman, Kumbh Camp India, Rishikul Kumbh Cottage, Kumbh Village, Kumbh Canvas, and Era.
- ❖ These **tents will be constructed to world-class standards**, offering five-star hotel-like facilities.
- ❖ The tent city will offer accommodations in **four categories** (with prices ranging from Rs 1,500 to Rs 35,000 per day):
  - Villa,
  - Maharaja,
  - Swiss Cottage, and
  - Dormitory

### Person In News- Appointments

#### Rahul Narwekar

He is a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA, who has been elected unopposed as the **Speaker of the 15th Maharashtra legislative assembly.**



### Person In News- Obituary

#### M.D.R Ramachandran

- ❖ He was a former **Puducherry Chief Minister and veteran political leader.** He passed away at 90.
- ❖ He served as Chief Minister of Puducherry twice from 1980 to 1983 and from 1990 to 1991. He was also Speaker of the Puducherry Legislative Assembly from 2001 to 2006.



### Person In News- Worldwide

#### Rimtalba Jean Emmanuel Ouedraogo

- ❖ Junta leader Captain Ibrahim Traore has appointed **Rimtalba Jean Emmanuel Ouedraogo** as **Burkina Faso's new Prime Minister.** The junta in Burkina Faso seized power in September 2022 by ousting the military rule of Lt. Col. Paul Henri Sandaogo Damiba about eight months after it staged a coup.
- ❖ **Burkina Faso is a landlocked country in West Africa,** bordered by Mali to the northwest, Niger to the northeast, Benin to the southeast, Togo and Ghana to the south, and Ivory Coast to the southwest.



### Schemes/Initiatives

#### Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore

- ❖ A nationwide campaign '**Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore**' will be launched on **19th of December.**
- ❖ It will be a **one week programme.** It will run till 24th December.
- ❖ In this campaign, over **700 District Collectors will be participating** and officials will be visiting Tehsils and Panchayat Samiti headquarters.
- ❖ This is the **third time that the Government will be conducting a national campaign** at Tehsil level to address public grievances and improve service delivery.
- ❖ Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore Abhiyaan will create a national movement for good governance that will inspire future generations.

### Important News- Other States

#### Nebraska

- ❖ **Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen has unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi** at the Governor's Office. He has also declared **December 6 as 'A Day of Remembrance for Mahatma Gandhi'** throughout the state in recognition of his role as a global symbol of peace, nonviolence and justice.
- ❖ **Nebraska is a landlocked state in the Midwestern region of the United States.** It borders South Dakota to the north; Iowa to the east and Missouri to the southeast, both across the Missouri River; Kansas to the south; Colorado to the southwest; and Wyoming to the west.



### Sports

- ❖ ACC Under-19 men's Asia Cup
- ❖ Bangladesh defeated India in the under-19 men's Asia Cup.
- ❖ India got defeated by 59 runs in Dubai.

### Miscellaneous

- ❖ On 9th December 2024, the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh commissioned the Indian Navy's latest **multi-role stealth-guided missile frigate 'INS Tushil'** at Yantra Shipyard in Kaliningrad, Russia.

- ❖ India has emerged as the **third-largest hub for billionaires globally**, boasting 185 individuals in 2024, **according to UBS' latest Billionaire Ambitions Report**. The country ranks behind the United States, which leads with 835 billionaires, and China, which follows with 427, as per the UBS report.

