

Bihar Special

Shishir Sinha: First Vice Chancellor of Bihar Sports University.

Why in the news?

Shishir Sinha has been appointed as the first vice chancellor of the Bihar Sports University.

- ❖ He is a retired 1982 batch IAS officer.
- ❖ Earlier he served as the Chairman of the Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC) and Chairman of the Bihar Electricity Regulatory Authority.

Bihar Sports University

- ❖ The Bihar Sports Academy and Bihar Sports University was inaugurated by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on August 29, 2024.
- ❖ Both are part of the International Sports Complex at Rajgir, Nalanda.
- ❖ Registrar of the university: Retired IAS officer Rajnikant.



Environment And Geography

UNFCCC COP 29

Why in the news?

The 29th UN climate summit, COP29, began in Baku, Azerbaijan.

- ❖ It will be held from 11th November to 22nd November, 2024.
 - ❖ Objective: To secure agreements on financial targets to support vulnerable countries facing climate-related challenges.
 - ❖ The focus of this year's summit:
 - This year's summit is focused on a new financial commitment, known as the "New Collective Quantified Goal" (NCQG).
- New Collective Quantified Goal" (NCQG):**
- ❖ It aimed at assisting developing nations in coping with the adverse effects of climate change, largely caused by greenhouse gas emissions like carbon dioxide.



Sports

Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy 2024

Why in the news?

The Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy 2024 began at Rajgir in Bihar.

- ❖ It is being held from 11th November to 20th November, 2024.
- ❖ Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated the 10-day event.
- ❖ **Significance:** This is the first time Bihar is hosting such a prestigious international sporting event.



Persons In News

Li Quanhai

Why in the news?

Li Quanhai(China) has been re-elected as president of World Sailing for a new four-year term.

- ❖ About the World Sailing:
- ❖ It was founded in Paris in 1907.
- ❖ It is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the global governing body for sailing, with 137 member national associations.
- ❖ The organization holds leadership elections every four years, and Li first assumed the presidency in November 2020.



Important Days/ Dates

National Education Day

Why in the news?

National Education Day is celebrated on November 11 every year.

- ❖ It is celebrated in honour of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad on his birthday.
- ❖ **History of this day:**
 - In September 2008, the Indian government declared November 11 as National Education Day.
 - The first celebrations were launched by President Pratibha Patil on November 11, 2008, at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.
- ❖ **Objective of this day:**
 - To commemorate Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's contributions to the country's education system.
 - To raise awareness about the role education plays in the nation's development and personal well-being.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

- ❖ He was the first Education Minister of independent India and a prominent educationist.
- ❖ He was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, in 1992, for his invaluable contribution.



World Quality Week

Why in the news?

World Quality Week is an annual campaign promoted by the Chartered Quality Institute.

- ❖ It is being celebrated from 11th November to 15th November 2025.
- ❖ **Objective:**
 - To raise awareness of the quality management profession and focus on the theme of navigating complexity in today's dynamic business landscape.
- ❖ **Theme 2024:** "From compliance to performance"



Obituary

Pandit Ram Narayan

Why in the news?

Legendary sarangi player Pandit Ram Narayan passed away on November 9, 2024 at the age of 96 years.

- ❖ Born in 1927, he was a renowned Hindustani musician and sarangi maestro.
 - Sarangi is a traditional Indian string instrument.
 - He was a recipient of the prestigious Padma Vibhushan and Sangeet Natak Akademi Award.



Ram Narayan
1927-2024

News in Short

- ❖ Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus has been appointed as Australia's first anti-slavery commissioner.
- ❖ Justice Sanjiv Khanna took oath as the 51st Chief Justice of India on 11th November 2024.
 - President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to Justice Khanna at a ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
 - He succeeds Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, who demitted office on 10th November 2024.

- ❖ Former Indian polo player and Arjuna Awardee, Harinder Singh Sodhi passed away at the age of 86 years.
 - He played alongside legends such as Hanut Singh, Sawai Man Singh (the Maharaja of Jaipur), and later with the Maharaja's son, Bhawani Singh.
 - He was the manager of the Indian equestrian team during the 1980 Moscow Olympics.



PW Web/App: <https://smart.link/7wwosivoicgd4>

For more such content, subscribe to our Telegram Channel https://t.me/pw_upsc