

Bihar Special

Bihar Prithvi Diwas

Why in the news?



Bihar Earth Day, also known as Bihar Prithvi Diwas, is celebrated on August 9 each year.

- ❖ Bihar Earth Day has been organised in the state since the year 2012.

International Relations

EAM Official Visit to the Maldives

Why in the news?

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar will commence a three-day official visit to the Maldives from August 9 to August 11, 2024. This will mark the first high-level trip from India to the Maldives since the election of pro-China President Mohamed Muizzu nearly nine months ago.

Strategic Importance

- ❖ The Maldives is a crucial maritime neighbour and partner in India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy and 'SAGAR' vision (Security and Growth for All in the Region).



Environment And Geography

Government's New Mission for Carbon Tech

Why in the news?

The Indian government plans to introduce a mission to advance Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage (CCUS) technologies and develop a dedicated ecosystem.

- ❖ **Incentives and Support:**
 - The mission will offer subsidies, viability gap funding (VGF), and tax rebates to encourage companies to adopt CCUS technologies.

➤ Plans include supporting the establishment of pilot plants with a capacity of 500 tonnes per day.

❖ **Key Stakeholders:**

➤ NITI Aayog, the Power Ministry, and the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India are involved in planning the mission.

❖ **Importance of CCUS:**

➤ CCUS is crucial for decarbonization, especially in industrial applications that are challenging to electrify and have significant CO2 emissions.

➤ The mission will include measures like carbon trading, pricing mechanisms, and Production Linked Incentives (PLI) to reduce carbon footprints.

India's hockey medals at the Olympics:

Year	City	Medal
1928	Amsterdam	Gold
1932	Los Angeles	Gold
1936	Berlin	Gold
1948	London	Gold
1952	Helsinki	Gold
1956	Melbourne	Gold
1960	Rome	Silver
1964	Tokyo	Gold
1968	Mexico City	Bronze
1972	Munich	Bronze
1980	Moscow	Gold
2021	Tokyo	Bronze
2024	Paris	Bronze

Sports

Paris Olympics 2024: Hockey

Why in the news?

The Indian men's hockey team won the bronze medal at the Paris Olympics 2024 by defeating Spain 2-1. This marks India's 13th olympic medal and second consecutive bronze medal at the Olympics in hockey.



INDIAN MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

India beat Spain 2-1 to win their second successive bronze medal in men's hockey at the Olympics.

Paris Olympics 2024: Javelin



NEERAJ CHOPRA
Neeraj Chopra missed out on defending his Olympic gold, finishing with a silver behind Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem in the men's javelin final at the Paris Games, with a season-best throw of 89.45 metres in his second attempt.

Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem won the gold medal in men's javelin with a stupendous throw of 92.97 metres in his second attempt.

- ❖ India's Neeraj Chopra won silver in the men's javelin at the Paris Games with a season-best throw of 89.45 meters, falling behind Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem.

Final of Shooting World Cup in India

Why in the news?

The season-ending World Cup Finals for shooting will be held at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range, located in New Delhi, India from October 13 to 18, 2024.

❖ Historical Context:

- This will be the second World Cup Finals held in India, following the first event in 2017.

News in Short

- ❖ The Sri Lanka-India Friendship Arch was inaugurated at the National Sandalwood Garden in Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte. The event was attended by Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, Santosh Jha, and Sri Lankan speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardana.



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