

**06<sup>TH</sup> December 2024**

## Junior Asia Cup 2024

The Indian Men's Junior Hockey team defeated Pakistan 5-3 in the final of the 11th Men's Hockey Junior Asia Cup 2024, held on 4th December 2024 in Muscat, Oman.



### Key Point

- ❖ India claimed the Men's Hockey Junior Asia Cup title for a record fifth time.
- ❖ The Indian team previously won this title in 2023, 2015, 2008, and 2004.
- ❖ The year 2024 has been remarkable for Indian men's hockey, with achievements including:
  - A bronze medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics.
  - Winning the Asian Men's Hockey Champions Trophy in China, also for a record fifth time.

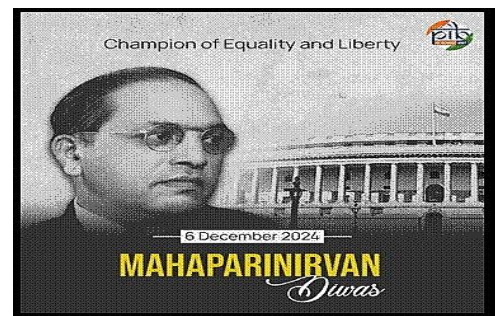
## India at Paris Olympics 2024

Winner	Medal	Game
Manu Bhaker	Bronze	10m Air Pistol Women
Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh	Bronze	10m Air Pistol Mixed Team

Swapnil Kusale	Bronze	Men's 50m Rifle Three Positions
Hockey Team	Bronze	Hockey
Neeraj Chopra	Silver	Javelin Throw
Aman Sehrawat	Bronze	Wrestling

## Mahaparinirvan Diwas

The Mahaparinirvan Diwas 2024, which marks the 69th death anniversary of Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, will be observed by the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF) on behalf of the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment at Prerna Sthal, Parliament House Complex, on December 6, 2024.



### Key Point

- ❖ Mahaparinirvan Diwas is observed annually on December 6 to commemorate the death anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, fondly known as Babasaheb Ambedkar.

- ❖ Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, born on April 14, 1891, in Mhow, Madhya Pradesh, dedicated his life to uplifting marginalized communities, especially Dalits, women, and labourers, who faced systemic social discrimination.
- ❖ As a social reformer, he launched the newspaper Mooknayaka (Leader of the Silent) to amplify the voices of the downtrodden.
- ❖ He established the Bahishkrit Hitkarini Sabha (Outcastes Welfare Association) in 1923 to spread education, improve economic conditions, and address societal inequalities.
- ❖ His leadership in historic movements such as the Mahad March (1927) for access to public water and the temple entry movement at Kalaram Temple (1930) challenged caste hierarchies and priestly dominance.
- ❖ Mahaparinirvan Diwas holds profound significance as a tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's transformative legacy.
- ❖ According to Buddhist texts, Lord Buddha's death is considered to be Mahaparinirvan, the Sanskrit term for 'nirvana after death'.
- ❖ Parinirvan is considered liberation from Samara, karma, and the cycle of death and birth. It is the most sacrosanct day in the Buddhist calendar.

### International Cheetah Day

India celebrated International Cheetah Day on December 4 by releasing two male cheetahs into Kuno National Park, located in the Sheopur district of Madhya Pradesh.



#### Key point

- ❖ The cheetahs, named Agni and Vayu, were reintroduced as part of ongoing conservation efforts.
- ❖ The release of the cheetahs took place in the Palpur East area, across the Kuno River, marking a significant milestone in India's cheetah reintroduction project aimed at restoring the cheetah population, which has been extinct in the country for nearly 70 years, and enhancing the region's biodiversity.
- ❖ At the moment there are 12 adult cheetahs and the same number of cubs in Kuno National Park totaling to 24 cheetahs making a success for the cheetah reintroduction program that started with the translocation of cheetahs from Namibia and South Africa facilitated by the Government of India and wildlife experts.
- ❖ To commemorate the occasion, the 2025 official calendar of Kuno National Park, featuring captivating photographs of cheetahs on Indian soil, was released in Palpur.

- ❖ A short was launched on International Cheetah Day that showed about 2 years of the Project Cheetah with a video story on Bagcha – the last displaced village of the National Park.

### Best Adventure Tourism State Of the Year Award

The Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board was honored as the Best Adventure Tourism State at the national conference of the Adventure Tour Operators Association of India (ATOAI) in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh.



#### Key Point

- ❖ The Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Shri Pema Khandu, presented this honor to Dr. S.K. Srivastava, Joint Director of the Tourism Board.
- ❖ The Best Adventure State award is given to states that have achieved excellence in promoting adventure tourism through infrastructure, diverse activities, and innovations.
- ❖ Additionally, the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Department was awarded the prestigious title of 'Best Tourism State of the Year' during the Travel and Tourism Conclave and Awards in New Delhi.

- ❖ The Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board also received the 'Best State Tourism Board' award, and the state was recognized with the Best State Award for promoting domestic tourism.

### List of UNESCO Heritage Sites in Madhya Pradesh

UNESCO Site	Description
Khajuraho Group of Monuments (1986)	Intricately carved temples featuring exquisite erotic sculptures.
Sanchi Stupa (1989)	Ancient stupas, monasteries, and relics dating back to the Mauryan period.
Bhimbetka Rock Shelters (2003)	Prehistoric rock shelters with ancient cave paintings depicting human life.

### Drishti 10 'Starliner'

Adani Defence has handed over its second Drishti-10 Starliner surveillance drone to the Indian Navy, boosting India's maritime security capabilities.



#### Key Point

- ❖ An indigenously manufactured Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) was launched by Adani Defence and Aerospace.

- ❖ Used as an improved platform for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR).
- ❖ Has an endurance of 36hrs with a payload tolerance of 450 kilograms.
- ❖ It is suitable for day and night flying and certified for 'clear of clouds' as well as in categorised and uncertified airspace.
- ❖ Having been designed for high endurance, proven in combat, features, increasing the naval strength of India.
- ❖ Enhanced platform with the features of maintaining secure satellite communication and Line-of-Sight (LOS) data link system for efficient information transfer.
- ❖ Independent operations, with mission competency and adaptable payload configurations as important features, renders it a strategic operational tool.
- ❖ Less maintenance needs also support cost influence and maintainability.

### Short News

- ❖ New GDP growth forecasts for India have been released by Morgan Stanley where the growth for FY25 is revised downwards to 6.3% from 6.7% previously.
- ❖ Former Australian tennis champion and captain Neale Fraser dies at 91.
- ❖ Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, will launch the PM e-VIDYA DTH Channel No. 31 for Indian Sign Language (ISL) on 6 December, 2024 in New Delhi.
- ❖ Amazon has released a fresh concept in generative AI referred to as Nova Foundation Models (FMs), which is marketed as Amazon Nova, which leverages images, videos, and text.
- ❖ The RBI has on this note increased the aspects of UPI Lite with the wallet limit raised to Rs 5,000, the per transaction limit also raised to Rs 1,000.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Which of the following state tourism boards was honored as the Best Adventure Tourism State at the national conference of the Adventure Tour Operators Association of India (ATOAI) in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Uttarakhand

Answer - A

2. Which of the following teams won the 11th Men's Hockey Junior Asia Cup 2024?

- A. Pakistan
- B. India
- C. Japan
- D. Indonesia

Answer - B

