

**International**

**India & China LAC Agreement**

**About News :-**

China and India have agreed on patrolling arrangements along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), according to a recent announcement made by Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri. The LAC agreement between China and India attempts to address the border disputes brought on by Chinese violations in 2020. Long-standing "legacy disputes" in Demchok and Depsang in eastern Ladakh, however, continue to raise concerns.



**Key Points :-**

- ❖ **Patrolling Protocols:** Under the agreement, patrols along previously designated routes may be resumed by both countries. The accord essentially attempts to restore the pre-tense situation until 2020.
- ❖ The disengagement process, which has been the main focus of negotiations for the last four years, is another goal of the accord.
- ❖ **Reduction of Military Presence:** In order to avoid conflicts, the agreement states that China and India will both slightly remove their forces from their present positions. To guarantee adherence to the new procedures, regular monitoring and review sessions will be implemented.

**National**

**Union Minister Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh set to launch the 21st Livestock Census Operation**



**About News :-**

- ❖ On October 25, 2024, the central government began the 21st Livestock Census, which was sponsored centrally. At the same time, the government started a \$25 million Pandemic Fund Project to improve the nation's infrastructure for animal health.
- ❖ In New Delhi, Rajiv Ranjan Singh, the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairy, announced the Pandemic Fund Project and the Livestock Census operation.
- ❖ The 21st livestock census will take place across the country between October 2024 and February 2025.

**Key Points:**

- ❖ In collaboration with the corresponding state government or Union Territories Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department, the Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairy conducts the 21st Livestock Census.
- ❖ The nation's first livestock census was conducted in 1919-1920, and it has been conducted every five years thereafter. In 2019, the 20th Livestock Census was conducted nationwide.

**The 21st Livestock Census's feature**

- ❖ The household serves as the fundamental unit for the livestock stock census enumeration.
- ❖ Every district in every state and union territory in the nation will participate in the livestock census, which will include all rural and urban homes, non-households, businesses, and institutions.
- ❖ The census will include information on all state police, paramilitary, and defense forces.
- ❖ The number of stray cattle by sex will also be included in the 21st Livestock Census.
- ❖ The Livestock Census is conducted by the State Department of Animal Husbandry's field personnel.
- ❖ The 21st Livestock Census would cost Rs 200 crore in total, with all funding coming from the central government.

**219 native breeds of 16 species will be the focus of the survey.**

- ❖ Fifteen livestock species will be counted, including cattle, buffalo, mithun, yak, sheep, goats, pigs, camels, horses, ponies, mules, donkeys, dogs, rabbits, and elephants.
- ❖ Poultry birds, including the ostrich, emu, geese, quail, gini fowl, duck, turkey, and fowl, will also be counted in the census.
- ❖ This is the nation's first livestock census where information on pastoralists' livestock holdings will be made publicly available.
- ❖ This is the second census conducted digitally using a tablet or smartphone.

**State**

**Bihar CM unveils panchayat projects worth Rs 7,160 cr**

**About News :-**

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for a range of development projects totaling Rs 7,160 crore. Among these initiatives are 2,615 panchayat government buildings spread across various blocks in the state and a new panchayat resource center in Sonapur, Saran district.

**Key Points :-**

- ❖ 2,615 Panchayat Government Buildings will be constructed in various blocks throughout Bihar to improve local governance.
- ❖ A new resource center for panchayats is planned in Sonapur, Saran district.



**Additional Inaugurations**

- ❖ 13 District Panchayat Resource Centers
- ❖ 65 Panchayat Government Buildings
- ❖ E-Gram Kachhari Court Management System and Portals

**About Bihar :-**

- ❖ Capital :- Patna
- ❖ Governor :- Rajendra Arlekar
- ❖ CM :- Nitish Kumar

**Maharashtra**

**Maharashtra reduces passing marks for maths and science in Class 10, from 35 to 20 marks**



**About News :-**

In a bid to improve pass rates in the Class 10 board exams, the Maharashtra State Council for Educational Research and Training (SCERT) has proposed reducing the passing marks for Maths and Science from 35 to 20. This change, outlined in the new State Curriculum Framework-School Education (SCF-SE), is aimed at easing the pressure on students, particularly those who struggle with these subjects.

**Key Points :-**

- ❖ However, there's a condition attached. Students who pass with these reduced marks will receive certificates with a remark, indicating their limited eligibility for science-related higher education. While this restriction will prevent students from pursuing Science streams like PCM or PCB, they can still explore courses in Arts and Commerce without any hindrances.
- ❖ Teachers have welcomed the proposal, suggesting that it could help alleviate students' anxiety about Maths and Science. The proposed changes, however, are still in the discussion stage and won't be implemented until the SCF-SE framework is fully rolled out, which is expected to take a few years.

**Economic**

**Department of Financial Services Revamps Middle Management Structure in Nationalised Banks**



### About News :-

- ❖ The Department of Financial Services (DFS) in the Finance Ministry announced a major revamp of the middle level management structure in nationalised banks.
- ❖ This restructuring aims to significantly increase promotion opportunities for employees at the Chief Manager (Scale IV) and above levels.
- ❖ Through the latest revamp of the middle management structure, the Finance Ministry has sought to level the playing field among public sector banks (PSBs) and sort out the employee level promotion discrepancies that had crept in, post the mega consolidation exercise leading to 11 PSBs in the country.

### Key Points :-

- ❖ **New Framework:** The new framework introduces a substantial increase in the number of Chief General Managers (CGMs), General Managers (GMs), Deputy General Managers (DGMs), and Assistant General Managers (AGMs) across the 12 nationalized banks.
- ❖ **Executive Posts Based on Business Mix:** The number of executive posts (CGM/GM/DGM/AGM) will be determined based on the banks' business mix as of March 31, 2023.
- ❖ **CGM Post Availability:** Under the revamped guidelines, the post of CGM (scale VIII) would henceforth be available in all the nationalised banks, below Board level, irrespective of the business mix.
- ❖ **Categories Based on Business Mix:** Nationalized banks are categorized based on their business mix:
  - ❖ **Category A:** Business Mix of less than ₹10 lakh crore.
  - ❖ **Category B:** Business Mix of ₹10 lakh crore and above.

### Appointment

**Neena Malhotra nominated as India's Ambassador to Sweden**



### About News :-

- ❖ The Ministry of External Affairs nominated Neena Malhotra as India's next Ambassador to Sweden, as per a statement by the MEA.
- ❖ Malhotra is presently Officer on Special Duty in the Ministry, as per the statement.
- ❖ She is expected to take up the assignment shortly, the statement said.
- ❖ Earlier in October 2020, she was concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of San Marino alongside her service as the Ambassador of India to the Republic of Italy.
- ❖ According to an official statement issued by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Malhotra, 1992-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, had the residence in Rome

### Defence

**Singapore & India maritime bilateral exercise (simbex) 2024 - 23 to 29 oct 24**



### About News :-

- ❖ On October 23, 2024, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, hosted the 31st Singapore-Indian Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX). The 2024 SIMBEX exercise is being held at the Indian Navy's Eastern Naval Command facility near Visakhapatnam. The exercise will take place between October 23 and October 29, 2024, in two stages.
- ❖ On October 24, 2024, the Indian Naval Ship (INS) Shivalik hosted the opening ceremony for the 31st edition of SIMBEX24.
- ❖ On October 22, 2024, the 6th India-Singapore Defence Ministerial Dialogue

2024 took place in New Delhi. The two countries have strong political and defence ties. Dr. Ng Eng Hen, Singapore's defense minister, was present.

- ❖ From October to November 2024, the 12th India-Singapore Joint Military Training exercise will be held at the Kalaikunda Air Force Station in West Bengal by the Indian Air Force and the Republic of Singapore Air Force.

### History of the SIMBEX

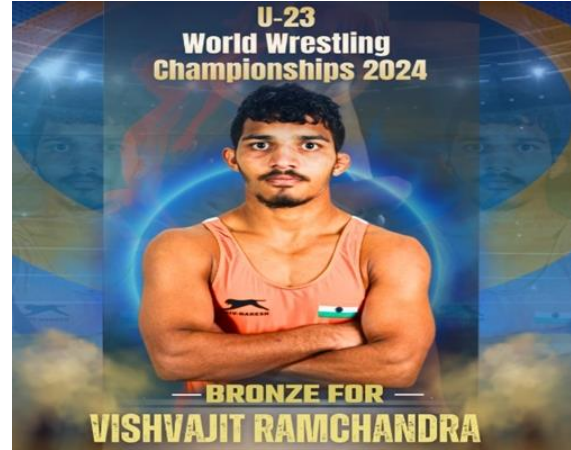
- ❖ Originally known as Exercise Lion King, the Singapore-Indian Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) began in 1994. It is the Indian Navy's longest ongoing bilateral maritime exercise with any other navy. The fact that the naval drill took place despite the COVID-19 pandemic highlights the significance that both nations place on defense.
- ❖ The Singapore Navy and the Indian Navy take turns hosting the exercise, which takes place every year.
- ❖ The Singapore Navy held the 30th SIMBEX in Singapore from September 21–28, 2023.

### The 31st SIMBEX 2024's features

- ❖ There will be two stages to the 31st Simbex: the Harbour phase and the Sea phase.
- ❖ The Indian Navy facility in Visakhapatnam will host the harbor phase from October 23–25, 2024. The goal of this naval exercise phase is to strengthen the friendships and strong ties between the two navies' personnel. Activities related to culture and sports are organized at this stage.
- ❖ On October 28 and 29, 2024, the Sea Phase will take place in the Bay of Bengal. The drill will help both fleets improve their cooperation and naval warfare capabilities. Anti-submarine warfare (ASW), anti-surface and anti-air operations, seamanship evolutions, and other naval tactical maneuvers will all be carried out by the Navies using live weapons.
- ❖ The Singapore Navy has deployed its RSS Tenacious Naval ship with helicopters on board.

### Sport

#### India's Vishvajit More Wins Bronze at Under-23 Wrestling World Championship, Anjly Advances to Final



#### About News :-

In wrestling, India's Vishvajit Ramchandra More bagged the bronze medal at the Under-23 world championship in Tirana, Albania.

#### Key Points :-

- ❖ More defeated Adam Ulbashev, 14-10, in the men's 55 kg Greco-Roman category.
- ❖ This is India's first medal in the championship.
- ❖ Ali Abdollah Ahmadi Vafa of Iran won the gold, Rashad Mammadov won the silver, and Kohel Yamagiwa of Japan shared the bronze with More.
- ❖ Earlier, India's Anjly advanced to the final in the women's 59 kg category. She defeated Aurora Russo of Italy, 4-nil, in the semi-final yesterday.
- ❖ Anjly will now take on Solimiia Vynnyk of Ukraine in the final tonight.

### Obituary

#### 'Tarzan' actor Ron Ely passes away at 86



### About News :-

Ron Ely, best known for his portrayal of Tarzan in the 1960s NBC series, has died at the age of 86. Ely passed away on September 29 at his home in Los Alamos, California. His daughter, Kirsten Casale Ely, shared the news, describing her father as a “hero” and a “magical” influence on those around him. While Ely may not have achieved the fame of earlier Tarzan actor Johnny Weissmuller, he helped shape the modern image of the character, known for its shirtless and loincloth-wearing aesthetics. His passing marks the end of an era for fans of classic television.

### Key Points :-

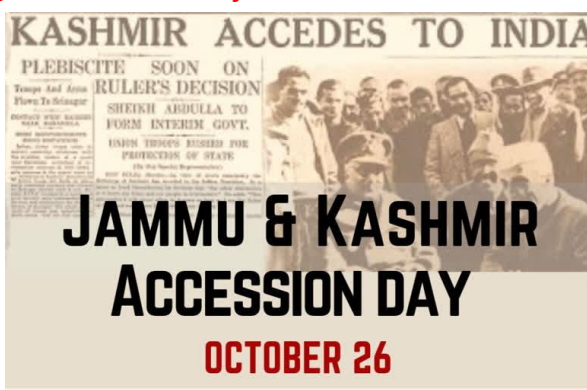
Ely's Tarzan was unique; unlike the character's typical portrayal as a monosyllabic figure, Ely's version was an educated man returning to the jungle after growing disillusioned with civilization. He performed many of his own stunts and faced challenges during production, including an incident involving a chimpanzee that ultimately led to him being cast for the role. Beyond Tarzan, Ely appeared in the 1975 film “Doc Savage: The Man of Bronze” and had smaller roles in various TV shows and films, including “South Pacific.” He also authored two mystery novels featuring detective Jake Sands.

### Career Highlights

- ❖ Starred in the 1975 film “Doc Savage: The Man of Bronze.”
- ❖ Appeared in various TV shows and films, including “South Pacific” (1958).
- ❖ Authored two mystery novels: “Night Shadows” (1994) and “East Beach” (1995).

### Important Day

### J&K Accession Day – 26 October



### About News :-

October 26 is celebrated as a public holiday in India's union territory of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). This holiday is dedicated to commemorating the historic signing of the Instrument of Accession in 1947. This document played a pivotal role in the accession of the princely state to India and laid the foundation for the region's integration into the Indian Union. It is an important day in the history of Jammu and Kashmir, marking its association with India.

### History :-

- ❖ When India gained its Independence in 1947, nearly 580 princely states had the option to remain independent or join either India or Pakistan. The Instrument of Accession was the legal document that each princely state needed to sign to officially join either of the new countries.
- ❖ Initially, Maharaja Hari Singh tried to keep J&K independent by signing agreements with both India and Pakistan to maintain a neutral status. However, after facing an invasion from Pathan tribesmen and Pakistani military forces, the Maharaja turned to India for help.
- ❖ India agreed to provide assistance but only under the condition that Jammu and Kashmir join India.
- ❖ On October 26, 1947, Maharaja Hari Singh signed the Instrument of Accession, and the very next day, Lord Mountbatten accepted the terms.

