

'Jobs at Your Doorstep,' Report

Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan released a report titled Jobs at your Doorstep: A Jobs Diagnostics for Young People in Six States in New Delhi.

Key Points-

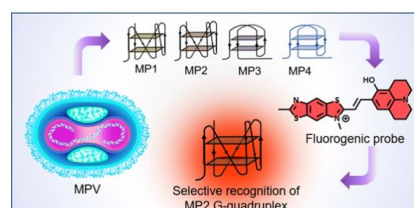
- ❖ Jobs at Your Doorstep is an initiative to conduct a comprehensive job diagnostic.
- ❖ This is a report by the **World Bank**.
- ❖ The World Bank supports the Ministry of Education in a programme called Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results (STARS) for states, which include **Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Rajasthan** (collectively the STARS states).
- ❖ This report, based on a **bottom-up approach**, reaches out to the grassroots in districts of the above six states, and **underscores the significant benefits of incorporating skill-based education** from Classes 9-12 to prepare students for diverse career paths.
- ❖ Significance: The initiative seeks to empower students to become self-reliant adults who can positively impact their communities and the economy.

New route to Monkeypox detection

Indian scientists have identified a new pathway to understand the virology of the Monkeypox Virus (MPV) and develop diagnostic tools for the infection as well as therapeutic implications.

Key Points -

- ❖ **Monkeypox:** Outbreaks of monkeypox virus (MPV), also known as mpox virus, have been declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) twice in the past three years.
 - MPV is a **double-stranded DNA (dsDNA)** virus.
- ❖ **Technique:** Detection of extracellular viral protein genes via **polymerase chain reaction (PCR)** is a widely established technique to identify MPV in clinical samples.
 - Common detection approaches, including PCR, rely on the amplification of double-stranded DNA (dsDNA), which also uses fluorescent probes to measure amplification.
 - While these probes are sensitive to dsDNA concentrations, they lack the ability to distinguish between specific and non-specific amplification products.
- ❖ **G-Quadruplex:** G-quadruplex (GQ) is an unusual non-canonical conformation observed in guanine (G)-rich nucleic acid sequences, where four guanines interact through hydrogen bonding and form a flat G-tetrad plane, and stacking of multiple G-tetrads results in the formation of GQ.



Person IN News - Obituary

Omcheri N N Pillai

He was a noted playwright and novelist who passed away at the age of 100.

He has written nine full-length plays, over 80 one-act plays and several novels.

He won the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1972 for his play titled **Pralayam**.

In 2020, he won the Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award for his memoir **Akashmikam**.



He was also the recipient of the first **Kerala Prabha Award**, instituted by the state government, in 2022.

Judge Harjit Singh Bedi

Recently, former Supreme Court judge Harjit Singh Bedi passed away.

He was appointed as a permanent judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court on 8 July 1992.

He became the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court in 2006.



He was appointed as a **judge of the Supreme Court** on 12 January 2007.

Person IN News - Worldwide

Benjamin Netanyahu

The International Criminal Court (ICC) has issued an arrest warrant against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.



Important Days/Dates

November 23

National Cashew Day

- ❖ National Cashew Day is celebrated every year on **November 23**.



- ❖ National Cashew Day is being celebrated since **2015**
- ❖ The cashew tree is native to Brazil and was first identified by Europeans in the 16th century.

Sport

Special Olympics Asia Pacific Bocce and Bowling Competition

For the first time, India hosted the Special Olympics Asia Pacific Bocce and Bowling competition.

Key Points-

- ❖ Indian Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar launched the Special Olympics.
- ❖ **Held:** 19-22 November 2024 at Thyagaraj Sports Complex, New Delhi.
- ❖ More than 100 athletes from 12 countries participated in this competition.
- ❖ **Special:** For athletes from Asia-Pacific with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- ❖ **Note:** Intellectual disability refers to a person having an intellectual quotient (IQ) of 70. It means that the person's intellectual ability is below average.

Billie Jean King Cup

Italy won the Billie Jean King Cup for the fifth time, defeating Slovakia 2–0 in the final.

Key Points-

- ❖ Tennis player Jasmine Paolini earned the winning point for Italy by defeating 43rd ranked Rebecca Sramkova 6-2, 6-1 in straight sets.
- ❖ The Billie Jean King Cup is the premier international team competition in **women's tennis**, launched in **1963** as the Fed Cup to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the International Tennis Federation (ITF).

Important News- Other States

Puducherry

- ❖ National Educational Conference '**Gyan Kumbh**' was held in Puducherry from **21-23 November, 2024**.
- ❖ The three-day conference highlighted the transformative role of education in promoting sustainable development and cultural integration.

Bihar

- ❖ Bihar government launched '**Mahila Samvad**' empowerment programme.
- ❖ An allocation of Rs **226 crore** has been approved for this.
- ❖ This is an ambitious programme under which Chief Minister Nitish Kumar will visit districts and **inform women about the ongoing policies of the state government for their empowerment**.
- ❖ This Samvad programme will be organised at district and block levels.

Nagaland

- ❖ The 9th edition of **Amur Falcon Festival was celebrated in Tamenglong, Manipur**.
- ❖ **Theme:** 'Rhythms of Migration'
- ❖ **Objective:** To raise awareness among the local community about the role of Amur Falcon in the ecosystem and its conservation.
- ❖ The Amur Falcon (*Falco amurensis*) **migrates from Siberia to Southern Africa** every year, passing through Northeast India including Tamenglong, where large flocks roost during their migration in the months of October and November.

Haryana

- ❖ Haryana Government has launched **Haryana Good Governance Awards Scheme** with the objective of promoting excellence in governance by honoring and rewarding employees whose innovative work and exceptional efforts will contribute towards better governance across the State.

Miscellaneous

- ❖ The Assam Cabinet has approved renaming Karimganj town as **Sribhumi town**. Nearly 100 years ago, Kaviguru Rabindranath Tagore described the modern Karimganj district of Assam as Sribhumi - the land of Maa Lakshmi.
- ❖ South Africa has **declared foodborne illnesses a national disaster** after a surge in food poisoning cases. The move comes after a recent surge in food poisoning cases that has left dozens of children dead and hundreds hospitalised.

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA) have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to establish a framework to promote the use of local currencies – Indian Rupee (INR) and Maldives Rufiyaa (MVR) for cross-border transactions.

- ❖ **Initiative for Student Innovation and Outreach Network" (VISION)** was inaugurated by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh which aims to promote education, skill development and innovation among underprivileged children.



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