

Polity And Governance

Maharashtra Assembly Elections

Why in the news?

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led Mahayuti alliance has swept the Maharashtra Assembly Elections with an impressive mandate.

- ❖ Mahayuti alliance comprises BJP, Shiv Sena faction led by Eknath Shinde and Nationalist Congress Party faction led by Ajit Pawar.
- ❖ Out of a total of 288 seats, BJP won 132 seats, while Eknath Shinde led Shiv Sena won 57 seats. Ajit Pawar-led NCP has secured 41 seats.
- ❖ Congress has won 16 seats, while NCP Sharad Pawar group has bagged 10. Shiv Sena (UBT) secured 20 seats and others have won 12.



Jharkhand Assembly Elections

Why in the news?

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) led INDIA bloc has won the state's assembly elections.

- ❖ Out of a total of 81 seats, ruling JMM has bagged 34 seats, while Congress won 16 seats. RJD won 4 seats, BJP got 21 seats, and others won 6 seats.
- ❖ The INDIA block comprises, JMM, Congress, Rashtriya Janta Dal and Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist).



Environment And Geography

Baku Financial Goal

Why in the news?

At COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, world leaders have agreed on the Baku Finance Goal.

- ❖ It commits 1.3 trillion dollars in climate finance for developing countries by 2035.
- ❖ This includes a core annual target of 300 billion dollars, tripling the previous 100 billion dollars goal.

Key outcomes:

- ❖ Finalization of Article 6 on carbon markets, potentially channeling 1 trillion dollars annually by 2050.

- ❖ Steps to operationalize the Loss and Damage Fund, with distribution set to begin in 2025 with Commitments to enhance transparency and adaptation measures.



Sports

Davis Cup

Why in the news?

Italy became Davis Cup champions for a second straight year after defeating Netherlands in the final match 2-0.

- ❖ Matteo Berrettini set Italy on their way with an emphatic 6-4, 6-2 victory over Botić van de Zandschulp before world No. 1 Jannik Sinner's 7-6(2) 6-2 win against Tallon Griekspoor.



- ❖ Italy is the first country to defend the Davis Cup title since Czechia in 2013.
- ❖ It is the fifth nation in history to win both the Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup in the same year.

Davis Cup

- ❖ It is one of the most prestigious international team events in men's tennis.
- ❖ Organized by the International Tennis Federation (ITF), it is often referred to as the "World Cup of Tennis."
- ❖ It is the men's equivalent of the Billie Jean King Cup in women's tennis.

China Masters 2024

Why in the news?

Denmark's Anders Antonsen and South Korea's Se Young An won the men's and women's singles titles respectively at the China Masters Badminton 2024 in Shenzhen, China.

- ❖ Anders Antonsen defeated Jonatan Christie to become the first Dane to win the men's singles at the China Masters.

- ❖ South Korea's Olympic champion and world number one An Se-young defeated Gao Fangjie to win the China Masters.



Important Days/ Dates

International Day For Elimination Of Violence Against Women

Why in the news?

November 25 is celebrated as International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

- ❖ It is a period of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence which is observed from the 25th of November to the 10th of December every year since 1981.
- ❖ **Objective:**
 - To raise public awareness around the issue as well as increase both policymaking and resources dedicated to ending violence against women and girls worldwide.

History of this day:

- On 20 December 1993, the General Assembly adopted the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women through resolution 48/104, paving the path towards eradicating violence against women and girls worldwide.
- Finally, on 7 February 2000, the General Assembly adopted resolution 54/134, officially designating 25 November as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

- ❖ **Theme 2024:** "Every 11 Minutes, a woman is killed. #NoExcuse. UNITE to End Violence against Women".

❖ Campaign launched by the Indian Government:

- The Union Minister, Women and Child Development, Smt. Anna-purna Devi, launched a national campaign "#AbKoiBahanaNahi" on 25th November 2024.
- ✓ It is a collaborative effort between the Ministries of Women and Child Development and Rural Development, with support from UN Women.
- ✓ It will ensure wide reach in spreading the call to action on ending gender-based violence.

- Union Minister of Rural Development and Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the third edition of *Nayi Chetna – Pahal Badlaav Ki*, a national campaign against gender-based violence on 25th November 2024.

- ✓ **Objective:** To raise awareness of all forms of gender-based violence, encouraging communities to speak out and demand action.
- ✓ The campaign's slogan is "Ek Saath, Ek Awaaz, Hinsa Ke Khilaaf".

Definition of Violence against Women

- ❖ The UN Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women issued by the UN General Assembly in 1993, defines violence against women as:
- ❖ "Any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or private life."



Books And Authors

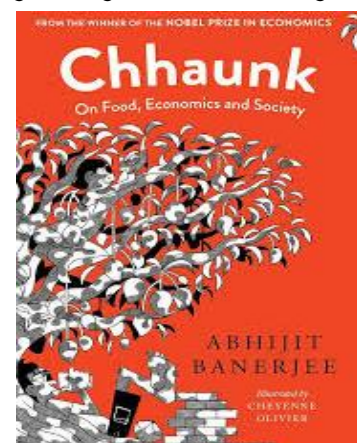
Chhaunk on Food, Economics and Society

Why in the news?

The book "Chhaunk on Food, Economics and Society" has been written by economist and Nobel laureate, Abhijit Banerjee.

About the book:

- ❖ Part memoir, part cookbook, Chhaunk playfully uses food to talk about economics, society and India and makes unexpected connections, say, between savings and shami kebab or between women's liberation and the Bengali vegetable dish of ghanto.



News in Short

- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to abolish the collection of garbage collection tax.
- ❖ Italy won the Billie Jean King Cup for the fifth time as Jasmine Paolini beat Rebecca Sramkova to secure a dominant 2-0 win over Slovakia.
- ❖ Yamandú Orsi of the Broad Front alliance has emerged victorious as Uruguay's next president.
- ❖ Actor Pankaj Tripathi has been appointed as the Festival Ambassador for Arunachal Rang Mahotsav 2024 (ARM '24), the largest international theater festival in Northeast India.

- ❖ As per the report by Boston Consulting Group (BCG) based on data from 73 economies showed that:
 - India ranks second globally in AI specialists, and third in research publications, with a strong base in AI-related patents.
 - “Readiness” for AI refers to an economy’s ability to effectively implement and integrate AI.



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