

International Relations

Russian Business Centre

Why in the news?

The Russian Embassy in India inaugurated the Russian Business Center in New Delhi on November 12, 2024.

- ❖ It is an initiative led by the Business Council for Cooperation with India and Synergy Corporation, New Delhi.
- ❖ **Objective:**
 - To develop business ties between India and Russia, promote export cooperation, and provide a platform for interaction between the business communities.
- ❖ It will include a co-working space for events, regional business missions, forums, seminars, and conferences, while specialists will provide analytical support and advice on various issues.

Defence And Security

Antariksha Abhyas-2024

Why in the news?

Defence Space Agency inaugurated a first-ever space exercise Antariksha Abhyas-2024 in New Delhi on 11th November, 2024.

About the Antariksha Abhyas-2024:

- ❖ It is being conducted by the Defence Space Agency of Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff from 11 - 13 Nov 2024.
 - The exercise will have participants from the Defence Space Agency and its allied units along with personnel from the Army, Navy and Air Force.
- ❖ It is a first-of-its-kind exercise being conducted and is expected to help secure national strategic objectives in space and integrate India's space capability in military operations.
- ❖ It aims to provide enhanced understanding of space based assets and services and to gain understanding of operational dependency on space segment between stakeholders.



Sports

Chennai Grand Masters 2024

Why in the news?

GM Aravindh Chithambaram defeated American GM Levon Aronian to clinch the Chennai Grand Masters title.

About the trophy:

- ❖ It is organized by MGD1 and sponsored by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu,
- ❖ It features two categories- Masters & Challengers.



Index and Report

Global City Index 2024

Why in the news?

London, Paris, and New York City secured the top three positions in the second annual Brand Finance Global City Index.

- ❖ Tokyo and Dubai were ranked at 4th and 5th positions respectively among the top 100 city brands.

About the index:

- ❖ It is the world's most comprehensive global survey of city perceptions, collecting opinions from over 15,000 respondents across 20 countries.

Top 10 Best City Brands

	1 = 1	London
	90.9	-1.4
	2 = 2	New York
	89.8	-2.0
	3 = 3	Paris
	87.8	-0.4
	4 ▲ 7	Tokyo
	86.8	+1.7
	5 ▲ 9	Dubai
	86.0	+2.1
	6 = 6	Singapore
	85.4	+0.1
	7 ▼ 4	Los Angeles
	85.0	-2.3
	8 ▼ 5	Sydney
	83.7	-2.8
	9 ▼ 8	San Francisco
	82.9	-2.2
	10 = 10	Amsterdam
	82.1	-1.6

Important Days/ Dates

World Pneumonia Day

Why in the news?

World Pneumonia Day is annually observed on November 12.

- ❖ **Objective:** To raise awareness of pneumonia, a leading cause of child mortality globally.

- ❖ **History of this day:**
 - It was established in 2009 by the Global Coalition against Child Pneumonia, which included organizations like UNICEF, WHO, and Save the Children.
- ❖ **Theme 2024:**
 - "Every Breath Counts: Stop Pneumonia in Its Track."

Pneumonia

- ❖ It is an infection that inflames the air sacs in one or both lungs. The air sacs may fill with fluid or pus (purulent material), causing cough with phlegm or pus, fever, chills, and difficulty breathing.
- ❖ A variety of organisms, including bacteria, viruses and fungi, can cause pneumonia.



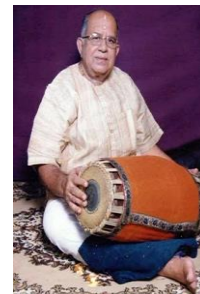
Obituary

Varadarao Kamalakara Rao

Why in the news?

World-renowned Mridangam scholar Varadarao Kamalakara Rao passed away on 11th November 2024.

- ❖ He was born on the 8th of June in the year 1936.
 - A disciple of Palgat Mani Ayer, he received the President Medal from the Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan during his college days.
- ❖ He received the Central Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1999.
- ❖ His mridanga music also resonated in the United Nations Hall in New York.



News in Short

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the celebrations of the Igas festival at the residence of Lok Sabha MP from Uttarakhand, Anil Baluni, in New Delhi.
 - Igas is a traditional festival of lights of Uttarakhand.
- ❖ Vikram Misri will continue to serve as "Foreign Secretary till 14th July 2026 after getting an extension from the Union Government.
- ❖ Shigeru Ishiba (Liberal Democratic Party) has been re-elected as Japan's Prime Minister.

- ❖ *D30 De-addiction and Disability Awareness Summit* was held in Kathmandu to discuss disabilities caused by drug abuse, especially in youth.
- ❖ *55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI).*
 - *It will be held from November 20-November 28, 2024.*

- *"Better Man", a semi-autobiographical film about British pop singer Robbie Williams, will open the 55th International Film Festival of India,*
- *Australian filmmaker Phillip Noyce will be presented with the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award.*



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