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Khelo India winter games

The Khelo India Winter Games dates have been announced. The games will be held from January 23 to 27.



Key Point

- ❖ The Union Territory of Ladakh will host ice sports, including Ice Hockey & Ice-Skating events from January 23 to 27, next year.
- ❖ This will be the second year that UT Ladakh will host a portion of the Khelo India Winter Games.
- ❖ Before 2024, the Khelo India Winter Games were exclusively hosted in Gulmarg, Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ The 2025 Khelo India Winter Games will be significant for athletes, as it will serve as a selection event for the upcoming Milano-Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy, scheduled for February 2026.
- ❖ Bihar will host the Khelo India Youth & Para Games in April 2025.
- ❖ The Khelo India Winter Games are distinct from the National Winter Games. The Indian Olympic Association organizes the National Games, and Uttarakhand will be the host for the next National

Historic Records On Gita Jayanti 2024

On 11th December 2024, a Guinness World Record was set at Lal Parade Ground, Bhopal, as 3,721 Acharyas and Batuks united to recite the powerful third chapter of the Bhagavad Gita, "Karm Yog."



Key Point

- ❖ The soulful recitation, lasting nine minutes, filled the air with divine energy and spiritual resonance.
- ❖ In Kurukshetra, around 18000 children recited Alhe Gita Chant and 1.5 crore people overall were connecting through online mode.
- ❖ The International Gita Mahotsav with Tanzania as the partner country was organized to spread the message of unity through cultural integration keeping the message of Gita as central idea.
- ❖ The event was not just a religious assembly but also acts as a cultural linkage which tried to convey the message of the Gita and that is PEACE.

Previously, The 50th Khajuraho Dance Festival witnessed a historic moment as 1,484 Kathak exponents set a Guinness World Record, dancing harmoniously to the enchanting beats of Raga Basant.

World Ayurveda Congress and Ayurveda Expo

In Uttarakhand, World Ayurveda Congress and Ayurveda Expo started on 12 December at the Parade Ground in Dehradun.



Key Point

- ❖ This prestigious event is set to provide a vital platform for research, development, and breakthroughs in the field of Ayurveda.
- ❖ Over 5,500 Indian delegates and more than 350 international participants are taking part in the four-day congress, which will explore the latest technologies and research related to Ayurveda and healthcare.
- ❖ Special emphasis will be placed on incorporating cutting-edge technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Augmented Reality, and Blockchain within the realm of Ayurveda.
- ❖ In addition to the congress, the Ayurveda Expo will feature over 350 stalls, attracting thousands of visitors.
- ❖ The theme of 9th Ayurveda Day as “Ayurveda innovation for Global Health”

Nobel Prize Award Ceremony

The winners of the 2024 Nobel Prizes were honored during a ceremony on 10th December 2024, held in Stockholm, the capital of Sweden, and Oslo, the capital of Norway.



Key Point

- ❖ The Nobel Prize, established in memory of Alfred Nobel by the Nobel Foundation, is awarded annually on 10th December.
- ❖ Nobel Prize 2024 Winners List

Category	Winner	Contribution
Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2024	Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun	Discovery of microRNA and its pivotal role in post-transcriptional gene regulation.
Nobel Prize in Physics 2024	John J. Hopfield and Geoffrey E. Hinton	Discoveries and inventions that enable machine learning within artificial neural networks.

Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2024	David Baker, and Demis Hassabis and John Jumper	David Baker for computational protein design, and jointly to Demis Hassabis and John M. Jumper for protein structure prediction.
Nobel Prize in Literature 2024	Han Kang	For her intense poetic prose that confronts historical traumas and exposes the fragility of human life.
Nobel Prize in Peace 2024	Nihon Hidankyō	For its efforts to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons.
Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences 2024	Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson & James A. Robinson	For studies of how institutions are formed and affect prosperity.

Interim Prime Minister of Syria

Syrian rebel armed group Hayat Tahrir al-Sham appointed **Mohammad al-Bashir** as the interim Prime Minister of Syria on Dec 10, 2024 which was as a result of the overthrow of Bashar al-Assad on Dec 8, 2024.



Key Point

- ❖ Mohammad al-Bashir will remain the head of the transitional government in Syria until 1st March 2025.
- ❖ The solution requires the admission of a rebel jihadist group HTS, which opposes Assad's government and took control over the capital, Damascus, on December 8, 2024, after five decades of the rule of the Assad family.
- ❖ Syrian President Bashar al-Assad escaped from the country and possibly resides in Moscow Russia which was long a key ally of the Assad government and still has a military base in Syria.
- ❖ Syria is located in the Middle East, in the western part of the Asian continent.
- ❖ It shares borders with Turkey to the north, Iraq to the east, Jordan to the south, Israel and Lebanon to the southwest, and the Mediterranean Sea to the west.

Short News

- ❖ The total installed capacity in the country in the renewable energy sector has increased to **203 gigawatts (GW)** from earlier installed capacity of 76.38 GW in the past 10 years.
- ❖ The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has revised India's GDP growth forecast downward, lowering it to **6.5%** for FY25 from 7% and to 7% for FY26 from 7.2%.
- ❖ The celebrated poet and leader of the Black Arts movement **Nikki Giovanni** has passed away at the age of 81 years.
- ❖ **Shaheed Afridi** has become the world's youngest bowler to complete a 100 wickets combination across all the formats of the game.
- ❖ India has increased its **nuclear power capacity** much rapidly in the past ten year with an enhancement from 4,780 MW in 2014 to 8,081 MW in 2024.
- ❖ Hon'ble President conferred **National Panchayat Awards** on 11 December upon 45 awardees (42 Panchayats and 3 Capacity Building Institutes) outstanding Panchayats selected across various categories for their exceptional contributions to sustainable and inclusive development.
- ❖ Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav performed Bhoomi Pujan of **Sondwa Lift Irrigation Project** in Chhakatla Village (Alirajpur).

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. The World Ayurveda Congress and Ayurveda Expo, which started on 12 December, was held in which of the following states?

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

Answer - B

2. Where was the Guinness World Record set on 11th December 2024, as 3,721 Acharyas and Batuks recited the third chapter of the Bhagavad Gita, "Karm Yog"?

- A. Lal Parade Ground, Bhopal
- B. Jamboree Maidan, Haryana
- C. Ramlila Maidan, Delhi
- D. Gandhi Maidan, Kurukshetra

Answer - A

