

Bihar Special

Prakhyat Pratik

Why in the news?

Prakhyat Pratik has brought laurels to Bihar by winning the UN-Robotics for Good Youth Challenge in India-2024 Award.

- ❖ He was given the award by the India head of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in a program organized at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
 - This time the topic was disaster management. Prakhyat presented a model on how to avoid earthquakes.
- ❖ He will represent India in the UN-Robotics for Good Youth Challenge being organised by the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland next year.
- ❖ He is a resident of Arrah in the Bhojpur district of Bihar.



International Relations

Electoral Cooperation Pact

Why in the news?

The Election Commission of India signed an 'electoral cooperation' agreement with Uzbekistan's central poll body.

- ❖ It was signed during a visit of Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar to Tashkent as international observer for the upcoming elections there.
- ❖ **Objective:** It will further strengthen and deepen interaction between the two Election Management Bodies (EMBs) for the mutual benefit of democracies.

- ❖ The EC has signed MoUs for international cooperation with 30 EMBs across the globe and with the International Institute for Democracy & Electoral Assistance.
- ❖ The International Institute for Democracy & Electoral Assistance is a global inter-governmental organization that supports sustainable democracy worldwide.



Economy

17th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Exhibition 2024

Why in the news?

The 17th Urban Mobility India Conference cum Exhibition was organized at the Mahatma Mandir Convention Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

- ❖ It is an annual event organized by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Government of India.
 - **History:** It was initiated by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Government of India in 2008
 - **Objective:** To deliberate on important issues and challenges related to urban Transport.

- ❖ **Theme 2024:** “Standardisation and Optimisation of Urban Transport Solutions”.
- ❖ The 18th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Exhibition 2025 will be organized at Gurugram, Haryana.

Awards given to different cities at the conference:

'City with the Best Public Transport System'.	Bhubaneswar
City with the Best Non-Motorized Transport System	Srinagar
City with the Most Sustainable Transport System	Kochi
City with the Best Safety and Security System & Record	Gandhinagar
City with the Best Intelligent Transport System (ITS)	Surat
City with the Most Innovative Financing Mechanism	Jammu
City with Best Record of Public Involvement in Transport	Bengaluru
Metro Rail with the Best Multimodal Integration	Bengaluru
Metro Rail with the Best Passenger Services and Satisfaction	Mumbai



Miscellaneous

India's first 'Writer's village'

Why in the news?

India's first 'Writer's Village' has been inaugurated in Thano village of Uttarakhand.

- ❖ It was inaugurated by former President Ram Nath Kovind, Uttarakhand Governor Lt Gen Gurmeet Singh (retd) and Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami.
- ❖ It is the brainchild of former chief minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank.
- ❖ **Significance:**
 - All the arrangements have been made in the **Writer's Village** to provide a calm and peaceful environment for writing.
 - It includes Lekhan Kutir, Sanjeevani Vatika, Nakshatra and Navgrah Vatika, library, art gallery, auditorium, yoga-meditation centre, discussion centre, beautiful museum of Ganga and Himalaya etc.

Sports

Arjun Erigaisi

Why in the news?

Arjun Erigaisi became the youngest Indian to break the prestigious 2800 Elo rating threshold.

- ❖ He is also the second Indian after Viswanathan Anand to achieve this feat.
- ❖ **Significance:** This achievement also propelled him to World No. 3 on the live rating list, marking him as the 16th player to surpass 2800.
 - French player Alireza Firouzja, who reached 2800 at 18 years and five months, remains the youngest to do so, while five-time World Champion Magnus Carlsen holds the second spot on that list.

Elo Rating System

- ❖ The Elo rating system measures the relative strength of a player in chess, compared to other players.
- ❖ Its creator, Arpad Elo, was a physics professor in the United States and a chess master who worked to improve the way the U.S. Chess Federation measured their players' skill levels.

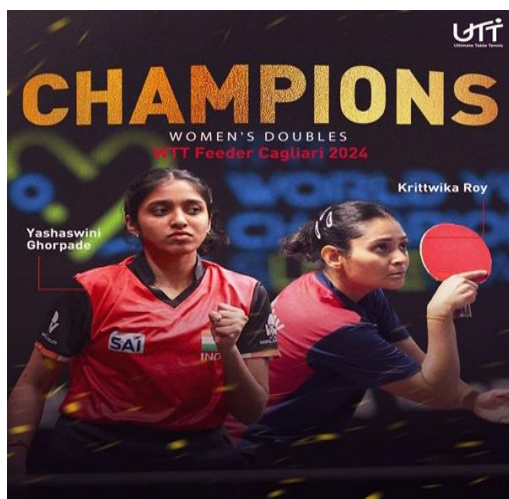


Table Tennis: Women's doubles title

Why in the news?

India's Yashaswini Ghorpade and Krittwika Roy have clinched the women's doubles title at the WTT Feeder Cagliari 2024 table tennis tournament.

- ❖ They defeated the South Korean pair of Yoo Siwoo and Kim Haeun 3-1 in the final to capture the crown.
- ❖ The WTT Feeder Cagliari 2024 table tennis tournament was held in Italy.



Index and Report

First Global Nature Conservation Index

Why in the news?

India has been ranked 176th in the Global Nature Conservation Index, 2024.

- ❖ India's Score: 45.5/100.
- ❖ India has been ranked as one of the five worst performers alongside Kiribati (180), Turkey (179), Iraq (178), and Micronesia (177) in the ranking of 180 countries.
 - India's rank at the bottom is mainly attributed to inefficient land management and rising threats to its biodiversity.

About the Index:

- ❖ It is the first-ever Nature Conservation Index (NCI).
 - It has been developed by Goldman Sonnenfeldt School of Sustainability and Climate Change at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and BioDB.com, a non-profit website dedicated to maintaining biodiversity data.
- ❖ It evaluates conservation efforts using four markers — land management, threats to biodiversity, capacity and governance, and future trends.
- ❖ Luxembourg secured the first position in the index with a score of 70.8
 - It was followed by Estonia at 2nd and Denmark at 3rd position in the index.

Important Days/ Dates

Infantry Day

Why in the news?

Infantry Day was observed across the country on 27th October 2024.



- ❖ Objective: To acknowledge the contributions of the Infantry, the largest fighting arm of the Indian Army.
- ❖ Why is it observed on 27th October?
 - It was on this day in 1947, that Infantry-men from the Indian Army became the first troops to land at Srinagar airport, forcing the invaders backed by Pakistan to withdraw.



News in Short

- ❖ US-based Global Finance magazine
 - State Bank of India (SBI) has been recognised as the Best Bank in India for 2024.
 - Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das has been ranked the top central banker.
- ❖ International Esports Tournament
 - India will host the first-ever International Esports Tournament in 2025.
 - Skillhub Online Games Federation (SOGF) and the International Esports Federation (IESF) have joined hands to bring the first-ever international Esports championship to India.



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