

### IRAN-ISRAEL CONFLICT



#### Key Points:

- ❖ Iran launched almost 200 ballistic missiles towards Israel on Tuesday night. The Israeli military said most of the missiles were intercepted, but that a small number struck central and southern Israel.
- ❖ The only person reported to have been killed was a Palestinian man in the occupied West Bank. It was Iran's second such attack on Israel this year, after it launched about 300 missiles and drones in April.
- ❖ 1. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the missile attack was a failure and that Iran would soon learn a painful lesson just as its enemies in Gaza, Lebanon and other places have learned. "Whoever attacks us. We attack them," he said.
- ❖ 2. Iran said most of its missiles hit their targets. Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard said 90 per cent of missiles it launched against Israel hit their targets successfully.
- ❖ The IRGC said in a statement that the missile barrage was retaliation for what it called the "violation of Iran's sovereignty and the martyrdom" of Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh, who was killed by an explosion in Tehran in July that Iranian officials blamed on Israel, but Israeli officials did not claim.
- ❖ It also said the attack was in response to the Israeli air strike in the southern suburbs of Beirut last Friday that killed Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah and Brig-Gen

Abbas Nilforoushan, the operations commander of the IRGC's overseas arm, the Quds Force. A senior Iranian official told Reuters news agency the country's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, had personally given the order for Tuesday's missile attack

- ❖ Israel has gone on the offensive against the Shia Islamist political and military organisation after almost a year of cross-border hostilities sparked by the war with Hamas in Gaza.
- ❖ Both Hezbollah and Hamas are backed by Iran and designated as terrorist organisations by Israel, the US, UK and others. Iran does not recognise Israel's right to exist and seeks its eradication

### 12th CMS Vatavaran Film Festival on Environment Inaugurated in Delhi



#### Key Points:

- ❖ The 12th International Film Festival and Forum on Environment and Wildlife, known as CMS Vatavaran, started in New Delhi on 3rd October 2024. Asia's biggest green film festival, focussed on the environment and wildlife, is being held in New Delhi from 3-5 October 2024.
- ❖ The festival uses films and documentaries to raise awareness about contemporary environmental issues and seeks to change the perception, practice, policy and governance regarding environmental issues.

### Organiser of the CMS Vatavaran

- ❖ CMS India organises the International Film Festival and Forum on Environment and Wildlife with support from the Union Ministry of Forest, Climate Change and Environment.
- ❖ CMS is a multi-disciplinary research think tank in India. The first CMS Vatavaran was organised in 2002 and is held every two years.

### About the CMS Vatavaran

- ❖ During the CMS Vatavaran, films and documentaries focusing on nature and wildlife are shown. It shows both Indian and International films and documentaries focussing on critical ecological and developmental challenges of contemporary times.
- ❖ It has two categories: Competitive editions and Travelling Festival. The Competitive editions are held in New Delhi every two years, and films and documentaries from India and abroad are awarded.
- ❖ After that, the Traveling Festival starts, and the films and documentaries are screened in different parts of India.

### 25th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence 2024

#### Key Points:

- ❖ Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar conferred the 25th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence for 2024 to Smt. Rajashree Birla on 1 October 2024 at a function held at the Vice President's residence in New Delhi.
- ❖ The Delhi-based Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management has instituted the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in memory of former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri.
- ❖ The Award honours an Indian residing either in India or abroad each year for his/her contributions and outstanding

achievements of high professional order and excellence in management, public administration, public affairs, education, Institution building, art and culture, and sports.

- ❖ The award is given on 1 October, the eve of the birthday of India's second Prime Minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri.
- ❖ Smt. Rajashree Birla is the chairperson of the non-profit organisation Aditya Birla Centre for Community Initiatives and Rural Development.
- ❖ She has been honoured for her contribution in implementing the Aditya Birla Centre for Community Initiatives and Rural Development initiatives, which has positively impacted the lives of millions living in rural areas.
- ❖ The Aditya Birla Centre for Community Initiatives and Rural Development is a non-profit organisation that has been at the forefront of initiatives related to healthcare, education, sustainable livelihoods, and infrastructure development in rural areas

### 3 new members appointed to the Monetary Policy Committee of the RBI



#### Key Points:

- ❖ The Government of India has reconstituted the Monetary Policy Committee of the Reserve Bank of India and appointed three new members: Prof. Ram Singh, Saugata Bhattacharya, and Dr. Nagesh Kumar.
- ❖ The Finance Act of 2016 amended the Reserve Bank of India Act 1934 and provided for a six-member Monetary Policy Committee.
- ❖ The central government notified the first Monetary Policy Committee

of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on 29 September 2016

- ❖ Search and Selection Committee Section ZC of the Reserve Bank of India Act 1934 provides for a Search and Selection Committee to recommend the names of the persons to be appointed as members of the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee.

**The committee consists of ;**

- ❖ Cabinet Secretary who is also the Chairperson of the committee - TV Somanathan;
- ❖ Governor of the Reserve Bank of India or his representative (not below the rank of Deputy Governor);
- ❖ Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs- Ajay Seth
- ❖ Three experts, nominated by the central government who, are experts in economics /banking/ finance/ monetary policy.
- ❖ Newly Appointed 3 Members of the Monetary Policy Committee According to section ZB of the RBI Act 1934, the Monetary Policy Committee consists of six members and is headed by the Governor of the RBI.
- ❖ Three members are from RBI, and the government of India appoints the remaining three members.

**Members from RBI**

- ❖ Governor of RBI, who is also the Chairman of the MPC- Dr Saktikanta Das
- ❖ Deputy Governor of the RBI in charge of the Monetary Policy- Dr Michael Patra
- ❖ One Officer of the RBI nominated by the Central Board of the RBI-

**Members appointed by the Government of India**

- ❖ They are eminent economist, and the recently appointed members are as follows :
- ❖ Prof. Ram Singh, Director, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University,

- ❖ Saugata Bhattacharya,
- ❖ Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi.

**Term of the Members**

- ❖ The term of the members appointed by the government is four years, and they are not eligible for re-appointment. The government can remove them from their office on certain grounds, and they can also resign from their office.

**Functions of the Monetary Policy Committee**

- ❖ Under section 45ZA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, the Monetary Policy Committee determines the policy rates of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to achieve the inflation target set by the government of India.
- ❖ The government of India, in consultation with the RBI, sets the inflation target in terms of the Consumer Price Index once every five years.

**India & Jamaica sign 4 MoU to boost ties during Andrew Holness Visit**



**Key Points:**

- ❖ India and Jamaica signed four Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen and boost their bilateral relationships.
- ❖ The agreement was signed during Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness's visit to India. Prime Minister Andrew Holness is the first Prime Minister of Jamaica to visit India.

- ❖ He was on a four-day visit to India from 30 September to 3 October 2024, where he met the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

**Jamaica supports India’s bid to become a member of the UNSC**

- ❖ During his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 2 October 2024 in New Delhi, Prime Minister Andrew Holness supported India’s bid to become a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council.
- ❖ During his meeting with Andrew Holness, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that India would share its experience with Jamaica in areas such as digital public infrastructure, small-scale industries, biofuel, innovation, health, education, and agriculture.
- ❖ Prime Minister Modi also said India will train Jamaican troops and help Jamaica’s capacity-building in the defence sector

**MoU between India and Jamaica**

- ❖ Four MoUs were also signed between India and Jamaica during the visit of the Jamaican Prime Minister.
- ❖ These are as follows:
- ❖ Sharing of Successful Indian Digital Public Infrastructure with Jamaica to Promote Financial Inclusion and Social and Economic Transformation.
- ❖ Cooperation between NPCI International Payments Limited and Egov Jamaica Limited.
- ❖ Cultural Exchange Programme between the two countries years for 2024-2029.
- ❖ Cooperation in Sports

**About Jamaica**

- ❖ The island country of Jamaica is the third largest Caribbean island after Cuba and Hispaniola( Haiti and Dominican Republic are situated on the island).

- ❖ Jamaica is also part of the West Indies. West Indies is not a country but refers to a group of island countries in the Caribbean Sea.
- ❖ It was colonised by the United Kingdom, and it gained its Independence in 1962. Jamaica is part of the Commonwealth, and the British Monarch is the Head of the State.
- ❖ More than 90 per cent of the country’s population are black Africans who were brought as slaves by the colonial rulers.

**Capital: Kingston**

- ❖ Currency: Jamaican Dollar
- ❖ Head of State: British Monarch King Charles III
- ❖ Prime Minister: Andrew Holness

**PM Modi launch Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan in Jharkhand**



**Key Points:**

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan in Hazaribagh, Jharkhand, on 2nd October 2024.
- ❖ Prime Minister Modi was on a day-long visit to Jharkhand, where he laid foundation stones and inaugurated projects worth Rs 83,000 crore.
- ❖ It included Eklavya Model Residential Schools and the foundation stones of various developmental projects under the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN), targeting the tribal communities.

### Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan

- ❖ The Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs has launched the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan.
- ❖ The Abhiyan aims to fill critical gaps in social infrastructure, health, education, and livelihood through 25 intervention schemes implemented by 17 central government Ministries and the Department of Government of India.
- ❖ The scheme's total expenditure is Rs 79,150 crore. The Abhiyan will cover around 63,000 villages in 549 districts and 2,740 blocks across 30 States and Union Territories.
- ❖ It is expected to benefit more than 5 crore tribal people in the targeted areas.

### Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS)

- ❖ Prime Minister Modi also inaugurated 40 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) and laid the foundation stone for 25 EMRS worth over Rs 2,800 crore.
- ❖ The Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) was launched in 1997-98 by the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs to provide quality education to Scheduled Tribes children in remote areas.
- ❖ From 2022, every block with a population of more than 50% Schedule Tribes and at least 20,000 tribal persons will have an EMRS.
- ❖ Each school can accommodate 480 students, of class VI to XII.

### First Anniversary of PM-Janman Yojana

- ❖ The Prime Minister also announced that on 15th November 2024, Janjati Gaurav Diwas, India, will celebrate the first anniversary of the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN).
- ❖ Since 2021, the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas has been celebrated on 15 November to

commemorate the birthday of tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda.

- ❖ Various projects worth Rs 1380 crore under the PM-JANMAN were inaugurated, and Prime Minister Modi laid the foundation stones for new projects. These include the construction of more than 1380 km of road, 120 Anganwadis, 250 multi-purpose centres, and 10 school hostels.
- ❖ The Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) was launched by the Prime Minister on 15 November 2023 on the occasion of the Janjati Gaurav Diwas in Khunti, Jharkhand.
- ❖ The duration of the scheme is three years, and the total outlay is 24,104 crore (Central Share: Rs.15,336 crore and State Share: Rs.8,768 crore)
- ❖ The scheme aims to provide Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) households and habitations with basic facilities such as sustainable livelihood opportunities, safe housing, clean drinking water and sanitation, road and telecom connectivity, improved access to education, health and nutrition, and sustainable livelihood opportunities.
- ❖ According to the 2011 census, the total tribal population in the country was 10.45 crore. The central government has recognised 75 tribal communities in 18 States and the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).

### Arti Sarin ,first women and 46th DG of Armed Forces Medical Services



### Key Points:

- ❖ Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin became the first woman to head the Director General of the Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS).
- ❖ She assumed her office as the 46th DGAFMS on 1 October 2024, replacing Lt Gen Daljit Singh. Vice Admiral Arti Sarin's appointment is seen as a boost to women's empowerment in the Armed forces.
- ❖ Arti Sarin is also a member of the 14-member National Task Force for the Safety of Medical Professionals, appointed by the Supreme Court. Earlier, Lieutenant General Sadhna Saxena Nair became the first woman to be appointed as the Director General of Medical Services (Army).

### About Vice Admiral

- ❖ Arti Sarin Vice Admiral Arti Sarin is an alumnus of the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune and was commissioned into the Armed Forces Medical Services in December 1985.
- ❖ She served in various capacities as the Professor & Head of Radiation Oncology at Army Hospital (R&R) and Command Hospital (Southern Command)/AFMC Pune, Commanding Officer, INHS Asvini, and Command Medical Officer in the Indian Navy's Southern and Western Naval Commands.
- ❖ During her illustrious career in the Armed Forces, she has served in all three branches of the Armed Forces- Army, Navy and the Air Force. Before being appointed as the DGAFMS, Flag Officer Arti Sarin held the coveted appointments of DG Medical Services (Navy), DG Medical Services (Air) and Director & Commandant of Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune.

### About Director

- ❖ General Armed Forces Medical Services The Government of India integrated the medical wings of the Army, Navy, and Air Force and set up an Armed Forces Medical Service in 1948 for the Indian Armed Forces.
- ❖ The unified Armed Forces Medical Service was established by the Central Government on the recommendation of the Dr B C Roy Committee on 'Armed Forces Medical Services and Research Integration.'
- ❖ The head of the Armed Forces Medical Services, called the Director-General can be an officer of the Indian Army (rank of Lt General / Indian Navy (rank of Vice Admiral) Indian Air Force (Air Marshal)
- ❖ Director General Armed Forces Medical Services: Surgeon Vice-Admiral Arti Sarin Headquarters: New Delhi

### CSIR-NIScPR Commemorates 83 Years of Scientific Excellence of CSIR



### Key Points:

- ❖ CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIRNIScPR) celebrated the 83rd Foundation Day of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) at the National Agricultural Science Complex, Pusa, New Delhi.
- ❖ Awards were distributed by distinguished guests to retirees, employees completing 25 years of service, and meritorious 10th and 12th-class students.
- ❖ On the occasion, a special issue of 'Science Reporter', a monthly publication of CSIR-NIScPR was also released during the event.

- ❖ The title of the issue is “Science Reporter: A Six Decade Journey in Science Communication (1964-2024)”

**PM Narendra Modi participates in Swachh Bharat Diwas 2024**



**Key Points:**

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has participated in the Swachh Bharat Diwas 2024 programme on the occasion of 155th Gandhi Jayanti in New Delhi.
- ❖ The event marks the completion of 10 years of the launch of one of the most significant mass movements for cleanliness, the Swachh Bharat Mission.
- ❖ The Prime Minister will launch several projects related to sanitation and cleanliness, worth over nine thousand six hundred crore rupees.
- ❖ These include projects under AMRUT and AMRUT 2.0, National Mission for Clean Ganga and 15 Compressed Biogas Plant projects under GOBARdhan Scheme.
- ❖ The Swachh Bharat Diwas programme will showcase India’s decade-long sanitation achievements and those in the recently concluded Swachhata Hi Seva campaign.
- ❖ It will also set the stage for the next phase of this national endeavour. The theme for Swachhata Hi Seva 2024, ‘Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskaar Swachhata’, has once again united the nation in its commitment to cleanliness, public health and environmental sustainability.
- ❖ Under Swachhata Hi Seva 2024, over 19 lakhs programmes have been completed with public participation of more than 17 crore people.

- ❖ Transformation of around 6.5 lakh Cleanliness Target Units has been achieved. Nearly one lakh SafaiMitra Suraksha Shivir camps have also been organised, benefitting over 30 lakh Safai Mitras.
- ❖ Over 45 lakh trees have been planted under the Ek Ped Maa ke Naam campaign.

**IBBI to celebrate its Eighth Annual Day**



**Key Points:**

- ❖ The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has celebrated its Eighth Annual Day on 1st October 2024. To mark the occasion, an annual publication, “IBC has released. Over the past eight years, the IBC has significantly accelerated the resolution of insolvency cases, bolstered investor and stakeholder confidence and fostering a more favourable environment for business growth.
- ❖ The Code’s deterrent effect, enabling the transfer of control of a Corporate Debtor, has significantly influenced debtor behaviour.
- ❖ The risk of ownership transfer is a strong incentive, encouraging disciplined management and discouraging insolvency-triggering actions. Chairperson of IBBI – Ravi Mittal

**About IBBI**

- ❖ It was established on 1st October 2016 under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016.
- ❖ It is responsible for the implementation of the IBC.
- ❖ The IBC amends and consolidates the laws relating to insolvency resolution of individuals, partnership firms and corporate persons in a time-bound manner.

**Virat Kohli becomes fourth player to complete 27,000 international runs**



**Key Points:**

- ❖ Indian batsman Virat Kohli became only the fourth player in history to complete 27,000 runs in international cricket across formats, a feat that he achieved on the fourth day of the ongoing second Test against Bangladesh here.
- ❖ Kohli made a brisk 47 off 35 balls with four fours and a six as he helped India push on further in an aggressive mode to make up for the lost time in the Test due to incessant rains.
- ❖ Kohli became only the second Indian to achieve the feat after the Master Blaster Sachin Tendulkar, who amassed a massive 34,357 runs across the length of his career. He is also the fastest batter to reach 27000 runs, reaching the impressive landmark in just 594 innings.
- ❖ Sachin is followed by Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara (28,016 runs) and, Australia's Ricky Ponting at third (27,483 runs). Kohli has more than 8,800 runs in Tests, 13,906 runs in 295 ODIs, and another 4,188 runs in 125 T20Is.
- ❖ He has only retired from the T20 format after India won the T20 World Cup 2024 earlier this year. India's talisman is still a long way from matching Sachin's record, as the former cricketer scored 15,921 runs in 200 Tests.

**GST collections hit a 40-month low in September, with revenues at ₹1.73 lakh crore**



**Key Points:**

- ❖ Growth in India's Gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections slumped to a 40-month low of 6.5% in September, with revenues at ₹1,73,240 crore, about 1% lower than the tally in August.
- ❖ Net GST receipts, after adjusting for refunds made to taxpayers, were 3.9% higher than a year ago, marking the slowest growth in this financial year.
- ❖ However, net collections were 1.5% higher than August's receipts, at ₹1,52,782 crore. In the preceding month, net GST receipts had grown 6.5% while gross collections were up 10%.
- ❖ As many as seven States recorded negative revenue growth, led by a 33% contraction in Manipur, while revenues were flat in Gujarat.
- ❖ Ten States underperformed the national level 6% uptick in domestic revenues, including Telangana (1%), Rajasthan (2%), Uttar Pradesh (3%), and Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and West Bengal (5% each). Poll-bound Haryana recorded the sharpest rise in revenues of 24%, followed by Delhi where receipts grew 20%.

**Claudia Sheinbaum sworn in as Mexico's 1st female president**



- ❖ Claudia Sheinbaum was sworn in as Mexico's first woman president. She vowing to bolster women's rights and ensure Latin America's number 2 economy remains a secure destination for international investment.
- ❖ The 62-year-old climate scientist and former mayor of Mexico City is set to serve a six-year term, ending in 2030.
- ❖ Sheinbaum's inauguration is the culmination of a four-decade rise in

Mexican politics, punctuated by her history-making election as the first woman to lead Mexico City.

#### **About Mexico**

- ❖ Capital- Mexico City
- ❖ Currency – Peso
- ❖ President- Claudia Sheinbaum (first woman president of nation)



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