

15th October 2024**PM GatiShakti National Master Plan**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has lauded the completion of three years of the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan.

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- ❖ Using the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, 156 Infrastructure Gaps relating to first and last-mile connectivity issues of major sectors of the economy, such as, Coal, Steel, Fertilizer, Ports, Food and Public Distribution have also been identified by concerned Ministries and Departments.
- ❖ The Ministry of Railways has planned over 400 railway projects in just a year and 27 thousand kilometers of railway lines.
- ❖ PM Gati Shakti is breaking the silos with collective vision and through it last mile connectivity gaps are being assessed to ensure seamless movement.
- ❖ PM GatiShakti is also helping in effectively planning the locations of Anganwadi Centres. More than 10 lakh Anganwadi Centres have been mapped on the National Master Plan.

Key Points

- ❖ **Launched:** PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (PMGS-NMP) was **launched on 13th October 2021 for providing multimodal connectivity infrastructure to various economic zones.**
- ❖ Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) accorded approval for the implementation of PM GatiShakti National Master Plan on 21st October 2021.
- ❖ PM GatiShakti is a **transformative approach for economic growth and sustainable development.**



- ❖ **7 Engines:** The approach is driven by 7 engines, namely:
 1. Railways
 2. Roads
 3. Ports
 4. Waterways
 5. Airports
 6. Mass Transport
 7. Logistics Infrastructure
- ❖ The scope of PM GatiShakti National Master Plan encompasses the 7 engines for economic transformation, seamless multimodal connectivity and logistics efficiency. It also includes the infrastructure developed by the State Governments, as per the GatiShakti Master Plan.
- ❖ The plan has been **developed as a Digital Master Planning tool by BISAG-N (Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics) and has been prepared in dynamic Geographic Information System (GIS) platform** wherein data on specific action plan of all the Ministries/Departments have been incorporated within a comprehensive database.

India Leadership Summit 2024

The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) hosted its annual 'India Leadership Summit 2024' in New Delhi.

Key Points

- ❖ The USISPF India Leadership Summit 2024 offers a vital platform to strengthen the dynamic strategic partnership between Washington and New Delhi.
- ❖ Key priorities included enhancing supply chains, boosting semiconductor investment, advancing AI and next-gen technologies, bolstering defence ties,

promoting clean energy, and expanding bilateral trade. Both democracies remain committed to securing a free and open Indo-Pacific.



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- ❖ The summit convened senior cabinet ministers, USISPF's Board Delegation, global business leaders, and key policymakers for high-level discussions on strengthening trade, defense, technology, education, energy, start-ups, healthcare and people-to-people ties.

About USISPF

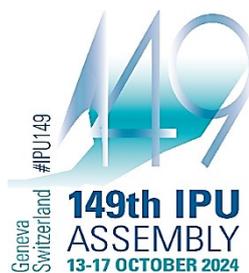
- ❖ The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) is committed to creating the most powerful partnership between the United States and India.
- ❖ As the only independent not-for-profit institution dedicated to strengthening the US-India partnership in Washington, D.C., and in New Delhi, USISPF is the trusted partner for businesses, non-profit organizations, the diaspora, and the governments of India and the United States.

149th Assembly of IPU

The 149th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) is taking place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 13-17 October 2024.

Key Points

- ❖ All IPU statutory bodies, including the Governing Council, Standing Committees, Committees on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians and



on Middle East Questions, as well as the Forum of Women Parliamentarians and the Forum of Young MPs, are meeting on this occasion.

- ❖ The General Debate is focused on the overall theme Harnessing science, technology and innovation (STI) for a more peaceful and sustainable future.

About Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

- ❖ The IPU is the global organization of national parliaments.
- ❖ It **began in 1889 as a small group of parliamentarians**, dedicated to promoting peace through parliamentary diplomacy and dialogue.
- ❖ At present it has **180 Members and 15 Associate Members**.
- ❖ The IPU facilitates parliamentary diplomacy and empowers parliaments and parliamentarians to promote peace, democracy and sustainable development around the world.
- ❖ **Its slogan:** For democracy. For everyone.
- ❖ The IPU's headquarters have been based in Geneva, **Switzerland since 1921**.

Vidyarambham

In Kerala, Vidyarambham ceremonies were held across the state.

Key Points

- ❖ Vidyarambham symbolises a child's first step towards knowledge and learning.
- ❖ Celebrated mainly in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and parts of Karnataka, this festival coincides with Vijayadashami, the tenth day of the Navaratri festival, which symbolizes victory of good over evil.
- ❖ Many people also start taking dance and music lessons on this day. At many

locations, teachers, authors, scholars, or a senior member of the family led the initiation ceremonies by writing on the child's tongue with a honey-dipped golden ring or making the child write on a rice-filled platter.

- ❖ Over the years, the ceremony has acquired a secular dimension in Kerala, with people belonging to other religious beliefs also opting to initiate children into the world of letters on Vidyarambham day.

Jambu Savari

The 10 days long Mysuru Dasara concludes with a grand Jambu Savari procession this evening.

Key Points

- ❖ The festival of Vijayadashmi, a ten-day extravaganza, known by different names in different parts of the country culminates in a grandeur of lights, enthusiasm and excitement on its final day.
- ❖ Vijayadashmi in Mysuru, the historical city of Karnataka is locally called Nada Habba or Mysuru Dasara and considered as one of the most attractive Dussehra celebrations.
- ❖ Mysuru Dasara is attended by lakhs of visitors from India and abroad.



- ❖ The tradition of celebrating Dasara in Mysore is dated back to the Vijayanagara empire during the 14th and 15 Centuries

and later followed by the Wodeyars royalty in Mysuru.

- ❖ Jambu Savari: During Jambu Savari or the Elephant Procession, 12 elephants who are specially trained for the occasion, carry the idol of the Goddess Chamundeshwari from the Mysore Palace to Bannimantap.
- ❖ The procession is worth it as it includes other performances like dances, musicals, torchlight parade and foot soldiers accompany the procession.

Cyber Command and Control Center

The Maharashtra government has launched India's first integrated state-level Cyber Command and Control Center

Key Points

- ❖ The facility is located at Mahape in Navi Mumbai.
- ❖ The command and control center will serve as a comprehensive hub for handling grievances through multiple channels, including a helpline, web portal, and mobile app.
- ❖ The Nodal Cyber Police Station and 50 district cyber police stations will use the center's resources to investigate citizen and enterprise complaints.
- ❖ This center is equipped with a platform that integrates over 50 global forensic technologies, 17 threat intelligence tools, and 13 cybersecurity tools leveraging AI and blockchain technologies. It also employs more than 150 experts in cybercrime forensics, investigation, and technology, supporting the work of 50 district cyber police stations across the state.

Important Day/Dates

October 12	World Arthritis Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ World Arthritis Day was observed on October 12th, 2024. ❖ The objective of the day is to create awareness among the people about rheumatic musculoskeletal disorders and their prevention. ❖ The theme of the day this year is Informed Choices, Better Outcomes.
October 13	International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction is being observed across the globe on 13th October. ❖ Aim: The day aims to raise awareness and promote a culture of disaster reduction and risk awareness around the world. ❖ The theme for this year is "Empowering the next generation for a resilient future". ❖ This theme highlights the role of education in protecting and empowering youth for a disaster-free future. ❖ The primary focus of this year is to empower children through education and equip them to protect themselves and become agents of change in their families and communities.

Miscellaneous

- ❖ BJP has appointed Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav as Central observers for the Haryana BJP legislature party meeting to elect its leader.
 - The Party has also appointed Union Minister Pralhad Joshi and party's National General Secretary Tarun Chugh as Central observers for the Jammu and Kashmir BJP legislature party meeting to elect its leader.
- ❖ The Union Minister Kiren Rijju Announces Nationwide "Constitution Glorification

Campaign" for the 75th Anniversary of the Indian Constitution. The campaign will reach every village, promoting awareness and appreciation for the Constitution.

- ❖ **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** is now the 14th 'Maharatna' company among Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE).
- ❖ The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) President Luciano Rossi confirmed that India will host the **ISSF Junior World Cup in 2025.**

