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'Antariksha Abhyas-2024'

Defence Space Agency inaugurated a first-ever space exercise Antariksha Abhyas-2024 in New Delhi.



Key Point

- ❖ The three-day exercise is aimed at providing an enhanced understanding of space-based assets and services.
- ❖ The exercise will have participants from the Defence Space Agency and its allied units along with personnel from the Army, Navy and Air Force.

- ❖ Specialist branches under Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff, representatives from the Indian Space Research Organisation and the Defence Research and Development Organisation are also expected to take part in this exercise.

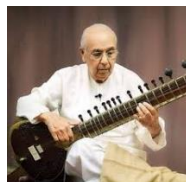


66th Akhil Bhartiya Kalidas Samaroh



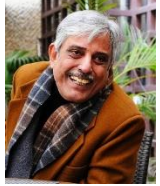


Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar formally inaugurated the 66th Akhil Bhartiya Kalidas Samaroh at Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh.



Key Point

- ❖ Artists who preserve literary and artistic heritage are supposed to be honoured in the event.
- ❖ Kalidas Samman

Category	Year	Personality	
Classical Music	2023	Pandit Arvind Parikh (Instrument - Sitar) Mumbai	
	2022	Pandit Uday Bhawalkar, (Singer) Pune Origin - Ujjain, MP Genres - Dhrupad	
Rupankar Kala	2023	Shri Raghupati Bhatt (Painting) Origin - Mysore	

	2022	Shri P.R. Daroch (Ceramic artist) Delhi	
Rangkarm	2023	Shri Rudraprasad Sengupta (Theatre Actor) Kolkata	
	2022	Shri Bhanu Bharti (Theatre) Ajmer	
Classical Dance	2023	Guru Kalavati Devi (Manipuri Dance) Manipur	
	2022	Dr. Sandhya Purecha (Bharatanatyam) Mumbai	
National Kalidas Shrestha Kriti Alankaran	2023	Acharya Mithilaprasad Tripathi from Indore	
Regional Bhoj Shrestha Kriti Alankaran	2023	Acharya Balkrishna Sharma from Gwalior	

- ❖ During the Kalidas Festival being held in Ujjain, visitors can enjoy the thrill of the **Sky Diving Festival** organized by the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board. For three months, tourists will be able to get the thrilling experience of seeing the city of Mahakal by jumping from a height of 10 thousand feet at the Datana Air Strip of Ujjain.

Kalidas Samman award

- ❖ Established: 1980
- ❖ Prize Amount: ₹5 Lakhs (Initially ₹2 Lakhs)
- ❖ Field: Classical Music, Classical Dance, Theater, and Visual Arts
- ❖ First Awardees:
 - Semangudi Sri Nivas Iyer and Malikarjun Mansoor

25th Session of the India-Russia Intergovernmental Commission on Trade

EAM S Jaishankar highlights need to strengthen trade ties between India, Russia at India-Russia Business Forum



Key Point

- ❖ The India-Russia Business Forum was organized in Mumbai, which was participated by Russia's First Deputy PM Denis Manturov.
- ❖ At present the total trade between India and Russia is \$ 66 billion, and both the countries by strategically increasing their bilateral trade want to cross the \$100 billion mark by 2030.
- ❖ The discussion of the forum mainly revolved around the enhancement of the trade partnership through the issues of transport, banking and, financial transactions.

Hurun India Philanthropy List 2024

The EdelGive-Hurun India Philanthropy List 2024 has been released.



Key Points

- ❖ Shiv Nadar, the founder of HCL Technologies, has retained his position as India's most generous philanthropist for the third time in

five years. He donated Rs 2.153 crore in the financial year 2024 (translating to Rs 5.9 crore every single day).

- ❖ Rohini Nilekani, co-founder of Infosys and wife of Nandan Nilekani, took the lead as the most generous woman on the list with an annual donation of Rs 154 crore.
- ❖ Nikhil Kamath, co-founder of Zerodha, has become the youngest philanthropist featured in the EdelGive-Hurun India Philanthropy List 2024 at just 38 years old.
- ❖ Mumbai remained the city with the highest concentration of philanthropists in the list, accounting for 30% of the total, followed by New Delhi at 19%, and Bengaluru at 9%.

4th edition of AIM-ICDK Water Innovation Challenge

The fourth edition of the AIM-ICDK Water Innovation Challenge 4.0 successfully concluded at the 2024 Next Generation Digital Action (NGDA) in Copenhagen, Denmark, marking a significant achievement in the growing Indo-Danish Green Strategic Partnership.



Key Point

- ❖ This year's challenge reinforced its position as a premier platform for fostering innovative and sustainable solutions to global water issues.

- ❖ The challenge brought together key collaborators, including Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, Innovation Centre Denmark (ICDK), and DTU Skylab under the DTU Next Generation Action Program, alongside invaluable support from the International Centre for Clean Water (ICCW), the Ministry of Jal Shakti, the Embassy of Denmark, Denmark's Environmental Protection Agency, and the DANIDA Fellowship.
- ❖ The partnership between India and Denmark has proven instrumental in driving impactful innovation.
- ❖ The AIM-ICDK Water Innovation Challenge has been particularly effective in empowering young innovators from both countries to address urgent environmental challenges

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM): It is a flagship initiative launched to promote the culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in the country.

COP29 opens in Baku, Azerbaijan

The 29th annual UN Climate Change Conference, COP29, held at Baku in Azerbaijan.



Key Point

- ❖ COP 29 refers to the 29th annual Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- ❖ This event started in Baku, Azerbaijan from 11-24 November 2024.
- ❖ COP stands for Conference of the Parties, with "parties" referring to the 197 nations that agreed to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- ❖ It is the apex decision-making body of UNFCCC.
- ❖ It reviews the national commitments and emission inventories submitted by Parties. Based on this information, the COP assesses the progress made in achieving the ultimate objective of the Convention.

About United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change(UNFCCC)

- ❖ The UNFCCC, signed in 1992 at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development also known as the Earth Summit, the Rio Summit, or the Rio Conference.
- ❖ The UNFCCC entered into force on March 21, 1994.
- ❖ The Convention has near universal membership (197 Parties).
- ❖ Secretariat: Bonn, Germany.

Short News

- ❖ Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated Uttar Pradesh's first double-decker electric bus.
- ❖ The National Test House (NTH) successfully conducted a unique customized test on the "LED Tower Mast Light", specifically designed for challenging environmental conditions, such as sub-zero, high-altitude environments and extremely hot, dusty deserts.
- ❖ Usha Vance became the first Indian origin Second Lady of the United States. She is the wife of the winner of US Vice Presidential election J.D Vance
- ❖ Law and Justice Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal today released a book titled 'Maa-Mother' in New Delhi which is written by Dr Davendra Kumar Dhodawat.
- ❖ The government has extended the tenure of foreign secretary Vikram Misri till 14th July 2026.
- ❖ Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan will inaugurate a two-day national workshop on Higher and Technical Education with Secretaries of States and Union Territories.
- ❖ The Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Research Centre on Equines (ICAR-NRC Equine) in Hisar, Haryana has been granted World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Reference Laboratory status for Equine Piroplasmiasis.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Which of the following persons inaugurated Kalidas Samaroh in Ujjain Madhya Pradesh?
- A. Jagdeep Dhankhar
 - B. Draupadi Murmu
 - C. Narendra Modi
 - D. Mohan yadav

Answer -A

2. Defence Space Agency inaugurated a first-ever space exercise Antariksha Abhyas-2024 in which of the following cities?
- A. Bhopal
 - B. Indore
 - C. Delhi
 - D. Bangalore

Answer -C



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