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Tansen Sangeet Samaroha

A Guinness World Record was created for playing instruments continuously for 9 minutes at Tansen Sangeet Samharoh, Gwalior.



Key Point

- ❖ In a collective performance dedicated to music, 536 artists from the country and the state played 9 classical instruments together.
- ❖ It included 347 male and 189 female artists. Through the collective performance, a musical tribute was paid to the king of music Tansen. This performance was based on three ragas composed by Tansen, which include Malhar, Miyan ki Todi and Darbari Kanhra.
- ❖ The performance was coordinated by the famous flute player Pandit Ronu Majumdar. The collective performance included singing along with musical instruments.
- ❖ A Guinness World Record was created for playing instruments continuously for 9 minutes.
- ❖ In creating the Guinness World Record, one on singing, 76 on tabla, 56 on flute, 80 on violin, 166 on vocal, 3 on santoor, 13 on sarod, 11 on sarangi, 93 on sitar, one on sitar-

banjo, 34 artists on harmonium along with one assistant and one assistant team leader played an important role.

- ❖ Last year 'Taal Darbar' based on Vande Mataram, our national anthem, gave a global identity to the music of Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ More than 1500 musicians, registered the confluence of the state's history, culture and music in the Guinness Book of World Records in Gwalior.
- ❖ They performed at the 100th International Tansen Samaroh in Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ Tansen Samaroh is celebrated every year in the month of December in Behat village of Gwalior district, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ The Department of Culture and the Government of Madhya Pradesh started the festival to pay tribute to the Indian classical music maestro, Mian Tansen.

About Mian Tansen

- ❖ Tansen was a vocalist, instrumentalist and music composer credited as the founder of the Hindustani classical music. He was one of the Navratnas (Nine gems) in Emperor Akbar's court.

- ❖ He was titled Tansen by Raja Vikramjit of Gwalior and Emperor Akbar gave him the title of Mian
- ❖ Teacher: Swami Haridas and Muhammad Ghaus.
- ❖ Style: Tansen's compositions were primarily based on Hindu Puranas and praise of Hindu deities like Shiva, Vishnu and Ganesha. He employed the Dhrupad style in his composition. Later on, he also performed eulogies on kings.
- ❖ Notable contributions: He composed Ragas such as Bhairav, DarbariTodi, DarbariKanada, Malhar, Deepak, Sarang and Rageshwari which is considered as the foundation of classical music. He is also credited with popularising the central Asian 'Plucked Rabab (stringed musical instrument)

Legendary Tabla Maestro Zakir Hussain

Legendary tabla maestro Zakir Hussain passed away in the United States on 15 December.



Key Point

- ❖ Ustad Zakir Hussain was born on March 9, 1951, in Mumbai. In a career spanning six decades, Hussain won five Grammy Awards, including three at the 66th Grammy Awards earlier this year.

- ❖ He also acted in a few movies including 'Saaz', 'Heat and Dust'.
- ❖ His most recent film 'Monkey Man' was released in 2024.
- ❖ Zakir Hussain collaborated with several renowned artists, both Indian and international.
- ❖ His 1973 project with English guitarist John McLaughlin, violinist L Shankar, and percussionist T.H. 'Vikku' Vinayakram was groundbreaking.
- ❖ The collaboration fused Indian classical music with jazz, creating a unique sound never heard before.
- ❖ Hussain received the Padma Shri, one of the country's highest civilian honours, in 1988, the Padma Bhushan in 2002, and the Padma Vibhushan in 2023.

Cargo Promotion Scheme - 'Jalvahak'

Union Minister of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, on 15 December unveiled the cargo promotion scheme 'Jalvahak' for boosting cargo movement on three national waterways.



Key Point

- ❖ Jalvahak is aimed at incentivising the movement of long-haul cargo via national waterways on the Ganga, Brahmaputra, and Barak rivers.

- ❖ The cargo promotion scheme provides a direct incentive to the cargo owners to transport their goods via inland waterways for a distance of more than 300 km.
- ❖ Mr Sonowal also flagged off 3 cargo ships with two dumb barges from the GR Jetty in Kolkata.
- ❖ It marks the beginning of the fixed scheduled service of cargo vessels from Haldia for National Waterways (NW) 1 and 2.
- ❖ India has an extensive network of inland waterways comprising rivers, canals, backwaters, and creeks. Of the total navigable length of 20,236 km, 17,980 km consists of rivers, and 2,256 km is made up of canals, both suitable for the mechanised craft.

Geoscience Museum

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on 15 December inaugurated the Geoscience Museum at the Victoria Market Building in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.



Key Point

- ❖ This state-of-the-art museum is set to become a hub for geoscience education and public engagement.
- ❖ The GSI Geoscience Museum represents a unique initiative by the Geological Survey of India to showcase the wonders of Earth sciences, while promoting scientific temperament and knowledge-sharing among the public.

- ❖ The Vice President also unveiled the statue of Maharaja Shrimant Jiwajirao Scindia at Jiwaji University.

National Conference of Chief Secretaries

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 4th National Conference of Chief Secretaries on 15 December highlighting the importance of collaborative governance for realizing the vision of Viksit Bharat.



Key Point

- ❖ The three-day conference, which took place from December 13 to 15, brought together officials from all states and Union Territories, along with experts and senior officers from the central government.
- ❖ The conference is organized by NITI Aayog.
- ❖ Theme: The theme for the conference is “Promoting Entrepreneurship, Employment & Skilling – Leveraging the Demographic Dividend.”
- ❖ Under this overarching theme, special emphasis will be placed on six areas: manufacturing, services, rural non-farm, urban, renewable energy, and circular economy, which have been identified for detailed discussions.
- ❖ The event sees participation from Union Ministries and Departments, NITI Aayog, States and Union Territories, and domain experts.

About Chief Secretary

- ❖ The Chief Secretary is the senior-most official in the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) within the state government.
- ❖ This role is ranked 23rd in the Indian order of precedence.
- ❖ The role is not explicitly mentioned in the Constitution of India, but it is indirectly recognized under Article 166, which addresses the conduct of the business of state governments.
- ❖ The Chief Secretary is appointed by the Chief Minister of the state in the name of the Governor.

Athlete Biological Passport

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has granted approval for the NDTL, New Delhi on 6th December 2024, as an Athlete Passport Management Unit (APMU) to manage the Athlete Biological Passport (ABP).



Key Point

- ❖ The Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) is an advanced anti-doping tool that monitors an athlete's biological markers over time.
- ❖ By analyzing variations in parameters such as blood and steroid profiles, the ABP helps to ensure fair play in sports and to protect clean athletes.

- ❖ This milestone marks a significant achievement for India in advancing its anti-doping initiatives. Now, India is part of a group of the 17 APMUs approved by WADA worldwide.
- ❖ India's APMU would serve the country as well as the anti-doping organizations of neighbouring countries.
- ❖ It is a matter of great pride for India and the NDTL, New Delhi.
- ❖ This recognition will open new pathways and strengthen NDTL's credibility as a key player in the world for the fight against doping.

Short News

- ❖ Chief of the Army Staff General **Upendra Dwivedi** on 14 December participated virtually in the 2nd LAND FORCES SUMMIT held in Japan.
- ❖ Former footballer **Mikheil Kavelashvili** was elected as the President of Georgia on 14 December 2024.
- ❖ Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, paying tribute to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the defense of the nation, announced that the Government College Bansagar, Beohari (Shahdol) will be renamed after **Shaheed Govind Prasad Mishra**.
- ❖ Manipur celebrated **Nupi Lal Numit 2024** to pay tribute to the gallant

women who struggled for justice in 1904 and 1939 Nupi Lal uprisings (March by women against British officers).

- ❖ On December 15, 2024, the United Kingdom became the first European nation to officially join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).

- ❖ The U.S military has successfully conducted the test of Long-Range Hypersonic Weapon (LRHW), known in code name as "Dark Eagle", which takes the U.S closer to incorporate the 'state of art' of war weaponry.
- ❖ Shreyas Iyer led Mumbai to victory against Madhya Pradesh in the final of the 2024-25 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. A Guinness World Record was created for playing instruments continuously for 9 minutes at which of the following places ?

- A. Gwalior
- B. Bhopal
- C. Sehore
- D. Ujjain

Answer -A

2. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on 15 December inaugurated the Geoscience Museum at which of the following cities?

- A. Sehore
- B. Gwalior
- C. Bhopal
- D. Dewas

Answer -B

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