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## NIRF Ranking

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has announced the India Rankings for all the categories today, August 12, 2024. The announcement event was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi



### Key Points

- ❖ The NIRF rankings lists have been released for 16 different categories. Three new categories – state universities, skill universities and open universities have been added this year.
- ❖ IIT Madras has topped the overall category followed by IISc Bengaluru in second place, IIT Bombay in the third position.
- ❖ Under engineering category, IIT Madras has again topped followed by IIT Delhi in second place and IIT Bombay in the third spot.
- ❖ For medical category, AIIMS Delhi has ranked on top, the second spot is acquired by PGIMER, Chandigarh, and the third place is acquired by Christian Medical College, Vellore.

- ❖ The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has secured the top spot in the newly introduced category of open university
- ❖ The top three institutions this year are:
  - ❖ IISc Bangalore
  - ❖ JNU, New Delhi
  - ❖ Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

## INDIA- SRI LANKA JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE MITRA SHAKTI

The 10th edition of India- Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise MITRA SHAKTI commenced at Army Training School, Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka.



### Key Points

- ❖ Indian contingent comprising of 106 personnel is being represented by a Battalion of Rajputana Rifles along with personnel from other arms and services.
- ❖ Joint Exercise MITRA SHAKTI is an annual training event conducted alternatively in India and Sri Lanka. Last edition was conducted in Pune in Nov 2023.

❖ Aim of the Joint Exercise is to enhance joint military capability of both sides to undertake counter insurgency operations in a Sub Conventional scenario under Chapter VII of the United Nations Mandate.

The exercise will focus on operations in the semi-urban environment

❖ Exercise MITRA SHAKTI will enable both sides to share best practices in Tactics, Techniques and Procedures of conducting joint operations.

### Major Indian Bilateral Military Exercises in 2024

Exercise Name	Participants Country	Place where exercise held	Duration of exercise
Desert Cyclone	India – UAE	Rajasthan, India	2nd Jan – 15th Jan 2024
Ex Cyclone-I	India – Egypt	Anshas, Egypt	22nd Jan – 1st Feb 2024
Ex Khanjar	India – Kyrgyzstan	Himachal Pradesh, India	22nd Jan – 3rd Feb 2024
'SADA TANSEEQ'	India – Saudi Arabia	Rajasthan, India	29th Jan – 10th Feb 2024
Dharma Guardian	India – Japan	Rajasthan, India	25th Feb – 9th Mar 2024
Samudra Laksmana	India – Malaysia	Visakhapatnam, India	28th Feb – 2nd Mar 2024
Tiger Triumph	India – USA	Kakinada, India	18th Mar – 31st Mar 2024
Ex LAMITIYE – 2024	India – Seychelles	Seychelles	18th Mar – 27th Mar 2024
Ex DUSTLIK – 2024	India – Uzbekistan	Termez, Uzbekistan	15th Apr – 28th Apr 2024
Exercise Cyber Suraksha	India	–	20th May – 24th May 2024

Military Exercise SHAKTI	India – France	Umroi, Meghalaya, India	13th May – 26th May 2024
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### Haryana To Commence First-Ever Global Women's Kabaddi League

The first-ever Global Women's Kabaddi League will commence in September in Haryana.



#### Key Points

- ❖ Officially named the Global Pravasi Women's Kabaddi League (GPKL), this groundbreaking tournament will feature female athletes from over 15 countries.
- ❖ The event represents a significant advancement in promoting Kabaddi internationally, supporting efforts to include the sport in the Olympic Games, and bolstering India's bid to host the 2036 Olympics.
- ❖ Organized by the Holistic International Pravasi Sports Association (HIPSA) in partnership with World Kabaddi, the League's launch will take place in Haryana.

- ❖ A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was recently signed between HIPSA and the Government of Haryana to facilitate this initiative
- ❖ The GPKL will showcase teams from a diverse range of countries, including England, Poland, Argentina, Canada, and Italy, with athletes from these nations expressing keen interest in participating.
- ❖ Former Indian Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju has supported the push for kabaddi's inclusion in the Olympics. As India pursues its goal of hosting the 2036 Olympic Games, the inclusion of kabaddi would be a significant achievement.

### 'One India-One Ticket' To Boost Tourism

The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) and the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) have collaborated to launch 'One India-One Ticket' initiative to enhance the travel experience for passengers on Indian Railways and Nammo Bharat Trains.



### Key Points

- ❖ It will allow passengers to book Nammo Bharat tickets through IRCTC platform with flexible cancellation and payment.
- ❖ IRCTC in a statement said that passengers can generate Unique QR code for Nammo Bharat train ticket.
- ❖ The code will be valid for 4 days around the journey date options. Nammo Bharat tickets can be booked up to 120 days in advance, aligning with the current Railway reservation window.

### Measures to Promote Tourism in India

- ❖ **e-Visa Policy:** The Government of India has launched a tourist e-Visa for citizens of 44 countries, facilitating easy visits for foreign tourists.
- ❖ **Advertisement Campaign:** The Incredible India portal has been launched to promote India as a popular tourist destination.
- ❖ The Indian government has also participated in tourism fairs across the world to promote India's tourism potential.
- ❖ **Swadesh Darshan Scheme:** The scheme looks to develop theme-based tourist circuits across the country on the principles of high tourist value, competitiveness, and sustainability in an integrated manner.
- ❖ **PRASHAD Scheme:** The scheme focuses on identifying and developing pilgrim sites across India to enhance the religious tourism experience.
- ❖ Apart from that, the scheme also seeks to promote local art, culture, handicraft, cuisine, etc.
- ❖ **Indian Railway Tourist Circuit:** Indian Railways has launched various theme-based tourist circuit trains to promote tourism potential in the country.
- ❖ Some of these tourist circuit trains include the Ramayan Express, Buddhist Circuit Train, Ambedkar Circuit tourist train, etc.
- ❖ **Adopt a Heritage Project:** It is a collaboration between the Ministry of Tourism in close collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and the Archeological Survey of India (ASI).

❖ Under the project, heritage sites/monuments and other tourist sites are entrusted to private sector companies, public sector companies, and individuals for the development of tourist amenities.

**MP Govt Gives Cash To Girl Students To Buy Sanitary Napkins**

Madhya Pradesh has become the first state in the country to give money to girl students to buy sanitary napkins.



**Key Points**

- ❖ In some states like Karnataka, Rajasthan and Delhi, free sanitary napkins are given to students but cash is being given only in Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ Under the Sanitation and Hygiene Scheme, an amount of three hundred rupees has been transferred in each girl student's account for one year.
- ❖ This amount has been given to around 19 lakh students from class seventh to twelfth.
- ❖ Chief Minister Dr. Mohan announced the inclusion of Rani Durgavati in the curriculum of government schools of the state.

**Short News**

- ❖ National Institute for MSME (NI-MSME), an Organisation of Ministry of MSME, Government of India, has been awarded with Accreditation Certificate on the successful completion on National Standards for Civil Services Training Institutions (NSCSTI) process in recognition of excellent services in the field of promotion and development of MSMEs.
- ❖ By 2036, India's population is expected to reach 152.2 crore, with a slightly improved female percentage of 48.8% as compared to 48.5% in 2011, a report published by the ministry of statistics and programme implementation (MoSPI).
- ❖ Former Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra has taken charge as Indian ambassador to the US.
- ❖ Retail inflation for July this year eased to 59 months low of 3.54 per cent on a year-on-year basis.
- ❖ Tokyo Gold Medalist Para Shuttler Pramod Bhagat Suspended For 18 Months, To Miss Paris Paralympics.

- ❖ Former West Bengal Chief Minister and senior CPIM leader Buddhadeb Bhattacharya passed away on 8 August at the age of 80.
  - ❖ In Jammu and Kashmir, the 10-day-long pilgrimage to Shri Baba Buddha Amarnath in the Loran valley of Poonch district commenced and will culminate on the 19th of August on Sawan Purnima coinciding with the festival of Raksha Bandhan
- ❖ SEBI approved Praveena Rai's appointment as the Managing Director and CEO of MCX, the country's largest commodity exchange.



Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. which of the following categories is not included in National Institutional Ranking Framework.

- (a) Open University
- (b) State University
- (c) Skill University
- (d) None of the above

Answer- (d)

2. which of the following State has become the first state in the country to give money to girl students to buy sanitary napkins?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Jharkhand

Answer- (b)



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