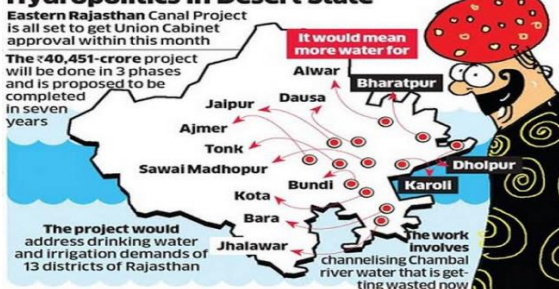


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Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP)

Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma recently said that the Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP) is very big and both Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh are working together to complete it.

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Key Points

- ❖ The Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP), an ambitious drinking and irrigation water project, was announced by the state government in the state budget 2017-18.
- ❖ The project will use surplus water from rivers in southern Rajasthan during the rainy season.
- ❖ The water will be used to address the water scarcity in the southeastern districts of Rajasthan.
- ❖ It envisages intra-basin transfer of water within the Chambal Basin by utilizing surplus monsoon water available in Kalisindh, Parvati, Mej and Chakan sub-basins and diverting it into water deficit sub-basins of Banas, Gambhiri, Banganga and Parbati.

- ❖ Project was approved by the Central Water Commission in 2017
- ❖ Jal Shakti Ministry of the central government is coordinating to solve the "inter-state issues" related to water sharing between Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.

Vembanad Lake

The 70th edition of the Nehru Trophy Boat Race (NTBR) will be held in Punnamada Lake in Alappuzha district of Kerala.



Key Points

- ❖ Vembanad Lake is the largest lake in Kerala and the longest lake in India.
- ❖ It is known by various names in different regions:
- ❖ Vembanad Kayal in the northern regions.
- ❖ Vembanad Kol in Kuttanad.
- ❖ Punnamada Lake in Alappuzha.
- ❖ Kochi Lake in the Kochi area.
- ❖ The lake is fed by four rivers: Meenachil, Achankovil, Pampa, and Manimala.

- ❖ The lake is separated from the Arabian Sea by a narrow barrier island, contributing to its significance as a backwater stretch, which is a hallmark of Kerala's tourism.
- ❖ The Vallam Kali (Nehru Trophy Boat Race) , or Snake Boat Race, takes place annually in the lake, with the Nehru Trophy Boat Race being a major attraction, held in Punnamada Lake, a part of Vembanad.
- ❖ Vembanad Lake was included in the Ramsar Convention in 2002, recognizing it as a wetland of international importance.
- ❖ It is the second-largest Ramsar site in India, following the Sundarbans in West Bengal.
- ❖ The Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary Located on the eastern shores of Vembanad Lake, the sanctuary attracts migratory birds from all over the world.

Shigeru Ishiba

Former Defence Minister **Shigeru Ishiba** was set to become Japan's next prime minister after winning a closely fought contest in his fifth and final attempt to lead the ruling Liberal Democratic Party.



Key Points

- ❖ Ishiba will take over from Fumio Kishida, who resigned after his term was marred by scandals.
- ❖ Shigeru Ishiba was born on February 4, 1957.
- ❖ He was raised in Tottori Prefecture, where his father held positions as a government official and later as governor.
- ❖ He pursued law at Keio University, After graduation, he worked at Mitsui Bank.
- ❖ In 1983, Ishiba shifted his career to politics.
- ❖ Japan's parliament is known as the Diet

About Japan

- ❖ Capital -Tokyo
- ❖ Currency-Japanese Yen
- ❖ Prime Minister-Fumio Kishida

Kamal Chawla

In snooker, Indian veteran Kamal Chawla has clinched his maiden IBSF World 6-Red title with a commanding 6-2 victory over Pakistan's Asjad Iqbal in the final at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.



Key Points

- ❖ This triumph marks a significant turnaround for Chawla, who was the runner-up in the 2017 edition of the tournament.
- ❖ India also won three more bronze medals through Malkeet Singh, Vidya Pillai, and Keerthana Pandian.
- ❖ In the women's category, India's Vidya was unable to defend her title, finishing with a bronze medal after a hard-fought semifinal loss to Hong Kong's Ng On Yee, with the scoreline at 2-4.

Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav

The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), through its PSU NEHHDC, is set to organize the grand Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav from September 29 to October 6, 2024, at the prestigious Rashtrapati Nilayam, Hyderabad.



- ❖ The eight-day festival will celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the North-Eastern states, offering visitors a unique opportunity to explore the vibrant arts, crafts, music, dance, and culinary delights from Arunachal

Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura.

- ❖ Over 300 talented artists and artisans from these regions will showcase their diverse traditions.
- ❖ MDoNER under the leadership of Minister Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia and MoS Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, remains steadfast in its commitment to strengthening ties and promoting the rich cultural heritage of the North Eastern states.

Short News

- ❖ External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar chaired the BIMSTEC informal Foreign Ministers' meeting in New York, in preparation for the upcoming BIMSTEC Leaders' Summit.
- ❖ The 2024 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize will be awarded to Alexander Dunn of the Georgia Institute of Technology, U.S.
- ❖ The Indian Army is celebrating the 198th Gunners Day 28 September. The day is celebrated to commemorate the raising of the first Indian Artillery Unit, namely, 5 (Bombay) Mountain Battery, on this day in 1827.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Vembanad lake is situated in which among the following states of India ?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) None of the above

Answer- (a)

2. Who among the following is going to become the next prime minister of Japan?

- (a) Fumio Kishida
- (b) Shigeru Ishiba
- (c) SUZUKI Shunichi
- (d) TAKEMI Keizo

Answer- (b)

