

Bihar Special

Patna Marathon

Why in the news?

Patna Marathon will be organized on 1 December at Gandhi Maidan.



Divided into three parts

- ❖ The full marathon will be 42.2 km and the half marathon will be 21.1 km. Apart from this, there will be 10 km and 5 km races.
- ❖ The theme of the marathon is 'Nasha Mukta Bihar'.
- ❖ 10 thousand participants will participate in it along with Indian badminton player Saina Nehwal.

BRICS Young Scientist

Why in the news?

IIT's Dr Abhinay will be included in BRICS Young Scientist.

- ❖ The Young Scientist Forum of BRICS countries is being organized in Russia.

- ❖ Leading young scientists (under 40 years of age) of BRICS countries will participate in it.
- ❖ 12 scientists from India have been selected for this.
- ❖ Assistant Professor of IIT Patna, Dr Abhinay Kumar Singh is also included. In his research, he is looking for mathematical solutions to deal with the problems of cutting edge engineering and technology.

Environment And Geography

Crinum Andhricum

Why in the news?

Botanists have discovered a new species of flowering plant 'Crinum Andhricum' in the Eastern Ghats of Andhra Pradesh.

- ❖ The species was collected in April 2023 by a team from the Botanical Survey of India's Deccan Regional Centre, Hyderabad, led by scientist L. Rasingam.
- ❖ It was found at an elevation of 1,141 meters in the dry, rocky forests of the Sapparla hills in the Alluri Sitarama Raju district.



Schemes In News

Partnerships for Accelerated Innovation and Research (PAIR) programme

Why in the news?

The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) has announced the launch of the Partnerships for Accelerated Innovation and Research (PAIR) Program as the first step towards fostering research across a broader range of institutions.

- ❖ PAIR Program has been designed to boost the research capability of those institutions where research is at a nascent stage but which have the potential to perform well, in a mentorship mode by pairing them with well-established top-tier research institutions in a hub and spoke framework.

Objective:

- ❖ Stimulate scientific innovation in institutions with limited research, in a mentorship mode by leveraging the knowledge and expertise of top-ranking institutions.

- ❖ Support internationally competitive research with substantial impact and outcome.
- ❖ Foster successful and productive collaborative networks between diverse institutions.
- ❖ Propel the advancement of institutions by (i) upscaling and building advanced research infrastructure and capabilities, (ii) enhancing the quality of research and (iii) facilitating infusion of best practices and research culture.

Note: Patna University has been included in the ranking of Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF). PU has got 99th position among universities across the country. PU is the only university in Bihar which has joined ANRF.

Miscellaneous

1st Bodoland Mohotsav

Why in the news?

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the 1st Bodoland Mohotsav.

- ❖ The two-day Mahotsav is a mega event on language, literature, and culture to sustain peace and build a Vibrant Bodo Society.
- ❖ The theme for the Mahotsav is 'Peace and Harmony for Prosperous Bharat'.

- ❖ The Mahotsav is also about celebrating the remarkable journey of recovery and resilience ever since the signing of the Bodo Peace Accord in 2020 under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



Dolphin Ambulance

Why in the news?

The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is set to start a special Dolphin Ambulance to rescue injured aquatic animals.

- ❖ The Dolphin Ambulance Initiative aims to rescue injured Ganga River Dolphins, India's national aquatic animal.



- ❖ With a budget of ₹1 crore, the project, titled "Advancing Rescue System for the Protection of Stranded Ganges River Dolphins," focuses on conservation, raising awareness, and training local communities for effective management and response to dolphin-related emergencies.

About Gangetic River Dolphin

- ❖ The Gangetic River Dolphin is India's national aquatic animal and is listed as endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- ❖ It is also listed in Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- ❖ India's first National Dolphin Research Centre (NDRC), dedicated to the conservation of the endangered Gangetic river dolphin, was inaugurated on March 4, 2024, in Patna, Bihar.

Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) 2024

Why in the news?

The 27th edition of the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) 2024, organized by Karnataka's Electronics, IT, and Biotechnology Department, is set to take place from November 19-21 at Bengaluru Palace.

- ❖ BTS 2024 will host over 2,500 startup attendees, according to an official statement from the Karnataka IT and Biotechnology Department.
- ❖ This year, the central theme of BTS, 'Breaking Boundaries,' has been taken to the next level with the theme 'Unbound.'



Important Days/ Dates

International Day for Tolerance 2024

Why in the news?

November 16 marks the International Day of Tolerance.

- ❖ This day was declared in 1995 to encourage global dialogue and cooperation to counter intolerance, discrimination, and violence.
- ❖ The theme for International Day of Tolerance is 'Promoting Respect and Understanding Worldwide.'



National Press Day 2024

Why in the news?

National Press Day, observed on November 16, marks the day the Press Council of India (PCI) began its operations in 1966.

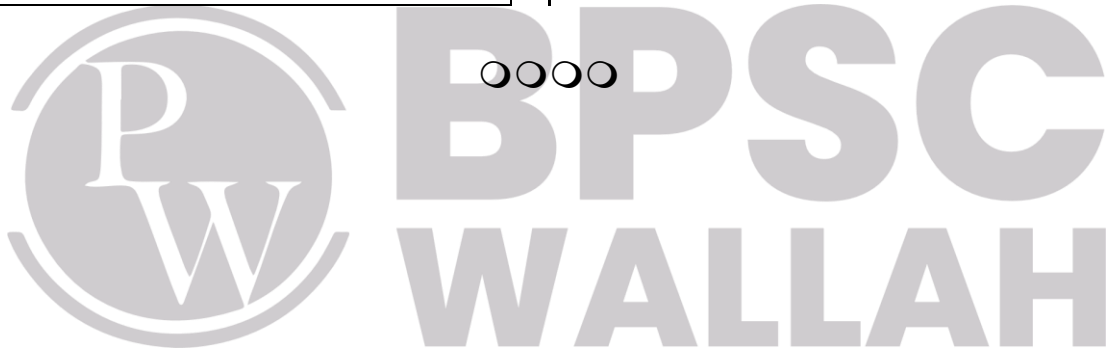
- ❖ The theme of this year's event is "Changing Nature of the Press".
- ❖ The idea for the Council was first proposed by the First Press Commission in 1956, emphasizing the need to protect press freedom and promote ethical reporting.
- ❖ The Press Council of India (PCI) was first established in 1966 under the Indian Press Council Act, of 1965, following the recommendations of the First Press Commission.



News in Short

- ❖ 13 Years old Vaibhav Suryavanshi of Bihar became the youngest cricketer in the world to be shortlisted for the IPL auction. Vaibhav has also been selected in the Under 19 Indian team.
- ❖ Keshar Raj of Bihar won the gold medal in the 68th School Games Federation of India(SGFI) under-14 Sub Junior Fencing Competition held in Jammu and Kashmir.

- ❖ Manoj Bajpayee-starrer “The Fable” has bagged the best film award at the 38th Leeds International Film Festival in the UK.



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