

11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### 'Study in India' Campaign

India has officially launched its 'Study in India' campaign at the 20th International Education Show in Sharjah, marking a significant push to attract international students to its universities.

#### Key Points

- ❖ **Organised:** The campaign is being organized by EdCIL, a Miniratna company under the Ministry of Education.
- ❖ The campaign seeks to **position India as a leading global education hub.**
- ❖ The 'Study in India' programme showcases over **590 Indian universities and institutions, offering a variety of courses and exclusive benefits such as fee waivers and scholarships for international students.**
- ❖ The campaign highlights India's commitment to providing quality education at affordable prices, making it an attractive destination for students from developing countries.

#### What is the International Education Show?

- ❖ The International Education Show, **organized in cooperation with the Sharjah Private Education Authority**, is considered one of the fastest-growing and most distinguished higher education exhibitions.
- ❖ The 20th International Education Show was **organized by Expo Centre Sharjah** with the support of the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI).
- ❖ The event features over 100 universities and educational institutions from more than 20 countries, including India, Canada, the UK, Bahrain, Malaysia, and Cyprus.

### UMANG and DigiLocker Integration

The National e-Governance Division announced the integration of the UMANG app with DigiLocker to provide citizens seamless access to a wide range of government services.

#### Key Points

- ❖ This collaboration **will allow users to manage multiple services through a single platform.**
- ❖ The UMANG app is accessible to all Android users and its services can be accessed through the DigiLocker app.
- ❖ **DigiLocker:** DigiLocker is a flagship initiative under the Digital India program aimed at providing secure cloud-based storage of essential documents.
- ❖ **Umang app:** UMANG app provides a single platform for all Indian Citizens to access pan India e-Gov services ranging from Central to Local Government bodies.

### Persons in News- Obituary

#### Ratan Tata



He was a renowned industrialist and philanthropist. **On 9th October 2024, he passed away in Mumbai at the age of 86.**

Ratan Naval Tata was **born on December 28, 1937, in Bombay**, now Mumbai, into the famed Tata family, one of India's most famous commercial families.

Tata took over as the Chairman of Tata Sons in 1991 from his uncle, the legendary Jehangir Ratanji Dadabhoy Tata (JRD Tata), who was at the centre of many a battle in Bombay House, the headquarters of the Tata group.

He received **Padma Bhushan** in 2000 and **Padma Vibhushan** in 2008.

## Important Days/Dates

Second Thursday of October

World Sight Day



- ❖ World Sight Day is an annual event observed on the second Thursday of October, aimed at raising awareness about eye health and visual impairment worldwide.
- ❖ It is organised by the **International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB)**.
- ❖ The theme for World Sight Day 2024 is **"Children, love your eyes."** It emphasises the significance of safeguarding eye health and vision, raising awareness about vision impairment and blindness, and promoting proper eye and vision care.
- ❖ **World Sight Day was established in the year 2000** by the IAPB as part of its "VISION 2020: The Right to Sight" initiative. The initiative was a collaboration between the World Health Organisation (WHO) and IAPB, aimed at eliminating preventable blindness by the year 2020.

## Awards/Prizes

Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2024



- ❖ Scientists **David Baker, John Jumper, and Demis Hassabis** have won the 2024 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for breakthroughs in predicting and designing the structure of proteins.
- ❖ The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced half of the prize to **David Baker for computational protein design and the other half jointly to John Jumper and Demis Hassabis for protein structure prediction.**
- ❖ David Baker built entirely new kinds of proteins, and John Jumper and Demis Hassabis developed an artificial intelligence (AI) model to solve a 50-year-old problem: predicting proteins' complex structures.

## Sports

Asian Table Tennis Championships

- ❖ The **Indian women's team made history by securing a monumental bronze medal** at the Asian Table Tennis Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- ❖ This is **the country's first-ever medal in the women's team category.** During the semifinals, India registered a 1-3 loss to Japan while in the other semifinal, China lost to Hong Kong by 3-0. In this competition, both losing semifinalists are awarded bronze medals.

### Arctic Open 2024

- ❖ In badminton, the **2024 Arctic Open kicks off in Finland**. PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Aakarshi Kashyap, Kiran George, and Malvika Bansod are Indian Participants. There will be no Indians in the men’s doubles, as Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy have withdrawn from the event.



### Important Days/Dates

**October 11**

**International Day of the Girl Child**



- ❖ The International Day of the Girl Child, celebrated annually on October 11.
- ❖ It serves as a powerful reminder of the need to empower and protect girls worldwide. This day highlights the importance of gender equality, education, and opportunities for young girls. This day acts as a reminder to create an environment where girls can thrive, ensuring they are equipped with the tools to lead and shape their futures.
- ❖ The theme of this year’s International Day of the Girl Child is “Girls’ Vision for the Future.”

- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly passed Resolution 66/170 on December 19, 2011, designating October 11 as the International Day of the Girl Child.

### Important News- Other States

**Uttarakhand**

The **38th National Games will take place in Uttarakhand from January 28 to February 14 next year (2025)**. In addition to the National Games, Uttarakhand will also host the Winter National Games.

### Important News- Worldwide

**North Korea**

North Korea announced to **completely separate its territory from the South** by cutting off all road and rail links and building fortifications on its side.

### Miscellaneous

- ❖ RBI has proposed to increase the **transaction limit through UPI Lite to Rs 1,000 and the wallet limit to Rs 5,000**.
- ❖ The **Italian Navy's flagship aircraft carrier, ITS Cavour, engaged in historic joint operations with India's INS Vikramaditya**, marking the first-ever carrier exercises between the two nations. Conducted off the coast of Goa from October 1 to 6, the drills included complex air combat missions and coordinated weapons firings.

