

ICA Global Cooperative Conference

On 25th November 2024, the Prime Minister of India inaugurated the ICA Global Cooperative Conference at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

Key Points

- ❖ **Organised:** The Global Conference is being hosted by Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited, in collaboration with International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) and the Government of India, and Indian Cooperatives AMUL and KRIBHCO.
- ❖ It is a six-day conference that will bring together cooperatives from around the globe for a series of events and discussions.
- ❖ **Theme:** The theme of the conference is Cooperatives Build Prosperity for All.
- ❖ **First time:** For the first time in the 130 year long history of the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA), the Global Cooperative Conference and General Assembly are being organized in India.



- ❖ A commemorative stamp on the International Year of Cooperatives 2025 was also launched by the PM of India.

- ❖ **Attendees:** Prime Minister of Bhutan, Dasho Tshering Tobgay, and the Deputy Prime Minister of Fiji, Manoa Kamikamica attended the conference.

About ICA

- ❖ The International Cooperative Alliance was founded in **1895**.
- ❖ It represents thirty lakh cooperative enterprises worldwide and has more than one billion cooperative members.

Parliamentary Winter Session

On 25th November 2024, the Winter session of Parliament began.

Key Points

- ❖ The Session will have **19 sittings spread over a period of 26 days**.
- ❖ The winter session of Parliament **will continue till 20th of December**.
- ❖ A total of **16 bills** are listed in the legislative business which are likely to be taken up for passage during the session.
 - The bills include Bhartiya Vayuyan Vidheyak, 2024, the Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill, 2024, the Railways (Amendment) Bill, the Waqf (Amendment) Bill and the Indian Ports Bill, 2024. Besides, discussion and voting on Supplementary Demands for Grants for the year 2024-25 will also be taken up during the session.

About Session of Parliament

- ❖ A 'Session' of Parliament is the period in which the House is assembled to discuss various issues & vote on matters in the Parliament on a daily basis.

- ❖ The President has the Power to Summon each House of Parliament.
- ❖ Maximum gap (recess) between two sessions of Parliament can be 6 months.
- ❖ Therefore, Parliament must meet at least twice a year.
- ❖ Usually, there are 3 sessions :
 - Budget Session
 - Monsoon Session
 - Winter Session
- ❖ **Article 85 of Indian Constitution:** The President shall from time to time summon each House of Parliament to meet at such time and place as he thinks fit, but six months shall not intervene between its last sitting in one session and the date appointed for its first sitting in the next session. The President may from time to time:
 - a. prorogue the Houses or either House;
 - b. dissolve the House of the People.

Person In News- Worldwide

Brooke Rollins

- ❖ US President-elect Donald Trump has **selected Brooke Rollins as agriculture secretary.**
- ❖ Rollins, is the CEO of the America First Policy Institute, a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing Trump's agenda and often referred to as his White House in waiting.



Awards/Titles

Aaj Tak Sahitya Jagriti Samman



- ❖ **President Droupadi Murmu presented the sixth edition of Sahitya Aaj Tak,** India's premier literary festival.
- ❖ These awards are organised by Aaj Tak news channel.
- ❖ **AajTak Sahitya Jagriti Lifetime Achievement Award:-** Gulzar
- ❖ AajTak Sahitya Jagriti Udeeymaan Lekhika Samman:- Siniwali
- ❖ AajTak Sahitya Jagriti Udeeymaan Lekhak Samman:- Amresh Dwivedi
- ❖ AajTak Sahitya Jagriti Bharatiya Bhasha Pratibha Samman:- Bharat Kheni
- ❖ AajTak Sahitya Jagriti Lokpriya Lekhak Samman:- Yatindra Mishra
- ❖ AajTak Sahitya Jagriti Bharatiya Bhasha Samman 2024:- Pradeep Dash
- ❖ AajTak Sahitya Jagriti Sarvashreshth Rachna Samman 2024:- Shivmurti (Author - Male)
- ❖ AajTak Sahitya Jagriti Sarvashreshth Rachna Samman 2024:- Usha Priyamvada (Author - Female)

Schemes/Initiatives

Nayi Chetna- Pahal Badlaav Ki



- ❖ On 25th November 2024, the Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the **third edition of Naii Chetna- Pahal Badlaav Ki**.
- ❖ Naii Chetna is a **National Campaign that aims to amplify awareness** and drive informed action against gender-based violence through grassroots initiatives.
- ❖ **Time span:** It is a one month campaign which will run across all States and Union Territories till the 23rd of December.
- ❖ **Slogan:** The slogan for this year's campaign is **Ek Saath, Ek Awaaz, Hinsa Ke Khilaaf**.
- ❖ **Organised:** It is organized by the **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission** under the aegis of the Rural Development Ministry.
- ❖ The initiative is led by an extensive Self-Help Group network under this mission.

Ab Koi Bahana Nahi



- ❖ On 25th November 2024, the government launched a national campaign Ab Koi Bahana Nahi in New Delhi.

- ❖ **Initiatives by:** It is a collaborative effort between the **Ministries of Women and Child Development and Rural Development**, with support from **UN Women**.
- ❖ The campaign calls on the public, government, and key stakeholders to take actionable steps to eliminate gender-based violence.
- ❖ At the campaign, a film on **Ab Koi Bahana Nahi** will be released to showcase the need for accountability from all stakeholders, including each citizen, to pledge against ending gender-based violence.

Important Days/Dates

November 25

- ❖ **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women**



- ❖ The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, **observed annually on November 25**, is a global effort to raise awareness about the pervasive issue of violence against women and girls.
- ❖ In 1979, the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the **Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)**, yet violence against women and girls continues to be a widespread issue.

Sports

IPL Auction

- ❖ The TATA Indian Premier League (IPL) Player Auction was held in **Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on 24th and 25th November, 2024.**
- ❖ The combined purse for the auction is **INR 641.5 crore across all teams.**



- ❖ **Rishabh Pant** became IPL's most expensive player, signed by Lucknow Super Giants for ₹27 crore.
- ❖ **Shreyas Iyer** signed a contract with Punjab Kings at ₹24.75 crore..

Important News- Other States

Andhra Pradesh	Andhra Pradesh Assembly approves Bill to withdraw garbage collection tax.
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Miscellaneous

- ❖ Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya **led a Padyatra in New Delhi to commemorate Constitution Day on 25th of November.** On the theme of **Mera Samvidhan Mera Swabhiman**, the Padyatra celebrates the adoption of the Indian Constitution. The Padyatra aims to promote constitutional values and raise awareness about the Preamble and principles of democracy among youth.

- ❖ Union Minister for Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju launched the **Haj Suvidha App 2.0** in New Delhi.
- ❖ **IndusInd Bank and UNICEF** announced a strategic partnership to support the 'Disaster Resilient Communities and Climate Risk-Informed Efficient Administrative Systems' as part of the Flagship CSR program of IndusInd Bank.
 - The program aims to enhance government policies and develop climate-informed administrative systems in **five select districts across India:** **Dharashiv (Maharashtra), Begusarai (Bihar), Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu), Baran (Rajasthan), and Bahraich (Uttar Pradesh).** This initiative is a part of the Holistic Rural Development program (Climate Action portion), a Flagship CSR Initiative of IndusInd Bank in the Aspirational Districts.

