

Bihar Special

Assam Assembly passes Assam Repealing Bill 2024

Why in the news?

The Assam Assembly has passed the "Assam Compulsory Registration of Muslim Marriages and Divorces Bill, 2024," which requires the registration of all Muslim marriages and divorces with the government.

Key Conditions for Marriage Registration:

- ❖ **Residency Requirement:** The couple must have been residing within the district of the marriage registrar for at least 30 days before the marriage.
- ❖ **Age Requirement:** The bride must be at least 18 years old and the groom at least 21 years old on the date of the marriage.
- ❖ **Consent and Mental Competence:** Both parties must have freely consented to the marriage, be of sound mind, and not be within the prohibited degree of relationship as per Shariat or Muslim law.

- ❖ **Documents Required:** The application must include documents proving identity, age, and place of marriage, and marital status (unmarried, divorced, widowed).

Objectives of the Law:

- ❖ **Preventing Child Marriages:** The law aims to prevent child marriages and enforce legal marriage ages.
- ❖ **Protecting Rights:** It ensures married women can claim rights to live in the matrimonial house and receive maintenance. It also allows widows to claim inheritance rights and other benefits after their husband's death.
- ❖ **Discouraging Desertion:** It aims to discourage men from deserting their wives after marriage.
- ❖ **Strengthening Marriage:** The law is designed to strengthen the institution of marriage and ensure legal and social protections for married individuals.
- ❖ **Replacing Kazi System:** This move is intended to replace the Kazi system with a government-managed registration system.



Environment And Geography

Vadhvan Port

Why in the news?

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the Vadhvan Port project in Palghar, Maharashtra, with a budget of approximately Rs 76,220 crore.

- ❖ **Significance:** Vadhvan Port will be one of India's largest deep-water ports, enhancing India's maritime capabilities and boosting global trade as part of the Centre's Sagarmala programme.
- ❖ **Connectivity:** Located near Dahanu town in Palghar, about 150 km from Mumbai, Vadhvan Port will provide direct access to international shipping routes, reduce transit times, and accommodate ultra-large cargo ships.

- ❖ **Employment Generation:** It will create up to 12 lakh direct jobs and nearly 1 crore indirect employment opportunities, boosting the local economy.
- ❖ **India's 13th Major Port:** Vadhvan Port will become India's 13th major port and play a crucial role in the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC) and the International North South Transportation Corridor (INSTC).
- ❖ **Global Ranking:** Once completed, Vadhvan Port will be among the top 10 ports globally, with the first phase expected to be operational by 2029 and the final phase by 2039.
- ❖ **Container Handling Capacity:** The port will handle 15 million TEU containers in the first phase, expanding to 23.2 million TEUs after the second phase is completed.
- ❖ **Joint Venture and Connectivity:** The port will be constructed by a joint venture between Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) with a 74% stake and Maharashtra Maritime Board with a 26% stake



Defence And Security

'Samudra Pratap': India's First Indigenous Pollution Control Vessel

Why in the news?

On August 29, 2024, the first indigenously developed Pollution Control Vessel, named 'Samudra Pratap,' was launched in Goa. This vessel is a significant milestone in India's defense and environmental protection sectors.

- ❖ **Purpose:** Designed to manage and mitigate oil spillage along India's coast, enhancing marine environmental safety.
- ❖ **Built By:** Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)
- ❖ **Construction:** This is the first Pollution Control Vessel constructed entirely in India, designed to meet the specific needs of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).

Miscellaneous

Launch of Sexual Harassment Electronic-Box (She-Box) Portal

Why in the news?

Women and Child Development (WCD) Minister Annpurna Devi inaugurated the Sexual Harassment Electronic-Box (She-Box) portal in New Delhi to enhance workplace safety for women.

- ❖ **Purpose:** She-Box is a centralized platform for registering and tracking complaints of sexual harassment at the workplace, ensuring time-bound processing by Internal Committees.



University of Southampton's New Campus in India

Why in the news?

The University of Southampton, UK, will establish a campus in the National Capital Region (NCR) of India. Academic programs will commence in July 2025.

University Rankings:

- ❖ QS World University Rankings, 2024: Ranked 81st.
- ❖ Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings, 2024: Ranked 97th

Foreign University Presence in India:

- ❖ Existing Campuses: Deakin University and the University of Wollongong (Australia) have campuses at GIFT City in Gujarat.
- ❖ Indian Institutions Abroad: IIT Delhi has a campus in Abu Dhabi, and IIT Madras has a campus in Zanzibar.



Awards and Honors

Sahitya Akademi Presents Bhasha Samman

Why in the news?

The Sahitya Akademi presented the Bhasha Samman on August 29, 2024, in New Delhi.

- ❖ Award Recipients:
- ❖ Classical and Medieval Literature:
 - Purushottam Agrawal
 - Bethavolu Ramabrahmam
 - Avtar Singh
 - K.G. Paulose
- ❖ Mizo Literature:
 - Rozama Chawngthu and Renthleil Lalrawna (Joint Award)
- ❖ Bundeli Literature:
 - Durga Charan Shukla



Anubhav Awards

Why in the news?

The 7th Anubhav Awards Ceremony was held on August 28, 2024, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

- ❖ Launch: March 2015
- ❖ Purpose: To recognize and document the contributions of retiring government officials, providing a platform for sharing experiences and insights gained during their service.
- ❖ Objective: Create a knowledge repository to aid future administrative reforms and governance practices.

Awards Presented:

- ❖ **Anubhav Awards:** 5 awards, each recipient receives a medal, a certificate, and Rs. 10,000.
- ❖ **Jury Certificates:** 10 certificates awarded, including a medal and certificate.

Categories:

- ❖ Administrative Work
- ❖ Good Governance
- ❖ Research
- ❖ Simplification of Procedures
- ❖ Accounts
- ❖ Field Work Contributions
- ❖ Constructive Feedback for Work Improvement

Anubhav Portal Details:

- ❖ **Origin:** Launched on the direction of the Prime Minister by the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare.
- ❖ **Function:** Allows retiring employees to document and share significant achievements and contributions, with up to 5,000-word write-ups on 20 defined areas.
- ❖ **Statistics:** As of August 29, 2024, 98 ministries/departments are registered, and 10,804 write-ups have been published.



Anubhav Awards 2024



Sports

Djokovic's Historic Achievement

Why in the news?

Novak Djokovic became the first player in tennis history to win 90 matches at each of the four Grand Slam tournaments.

- ❖ **Event:** This achievement was secured during the second round of the 2024 US Open.
- ❖ **Opponent:** Djokovic's opponent, Laslo Djere, retired from the match due to injury with the score at 6-4, 6-4, 2-0 in Djokovic's favor.

Career Milestones:

- ❖ **90th US Open Win:** This victory marked Djokovic's 90th career win at the US Open. He is now one of only four players in tennis history to reach this milestone. The other players who have achieved this are:

- Jimmy Connors with 98 wins,
- Chris Evert with 101 wins,
- Serena Williams with 108 wins.
- ❖ **Unique Achievement:** Djokovic is the only tennis player, male or female, to have achieved 90 career wins at all four Grand Slam tournaments. His records at each Grand Slam are:
 - **Australian Open:** 94 wins and 9 losses, with 10 titles.
 - **Roland Garros (French Open):** 96 wins and 16 losses, with 3 titles.
 - **Wimbledon:** 97 wins and 12 losses, with 7 titles.
 - **US Open:** 90 wins and 13 losses, with 4 titles.

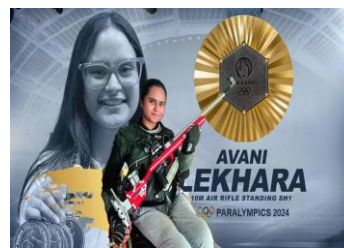


Avani Lekhara wins India's first gold at 2024 Paralympics

Why in the news?

Avani Lekhara made history by becoming the first Indian woman to win two Paralympic gold medals.

- ❖ She won gold in the women's 10m air rifle (SH1) event on August 30, 2024.
- ❖ With this, India got its first gold medal at the 2024 Paralympics in Paris.
- ❖ Additionally, Mona Agarwal from India won a bronze medal in the same event.



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Hurun India Rich List 2024

Why in the news?

Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani replaced Reliance Industries Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani to become the richest Indian, as per the 2024 Hurun India Rich List.



TOP 10 IN HURUN INDIA RICH LIST 2024

RANK	NAME	COMPANY	WEALTH (INR CR)
1	GAUTAM ADANI	ADANI	1,161,800
2	MUKESH AMBANI	RELIANCE INDUSTRIES	1,014,700
3	SHIV NADAR	HCL	314,000
4	CYRUS S POONAWALLA	SERUM INSTITUTE OF INDIA	289,800
5	DILIP SHANGHVI	SUN PHARMACEUTICAL	249,900
6	KUMAR MANGALAM BIRLA	ADITYA BIRLA	235,200
7	GOPICHAND HINDUJA	HINDUJA	192,700
8	RADHAKISHAN DAMANI	AVENUE SUPERMARTS	190,900
9	AZIM PREMJI	WIPRO	190,700
10	NIRAJ BAJAJ	BAJAJ	162,800



Obituary

AG Noorani

Why in the news?

Eminent scholar and former Supreme Court lawyer AG Noorani passed away in Mumbai at the age of 93.

- ❖ Noorani practised law at the Bombay High Court where he represented former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi in legal battles against his political rival, J Jayalalitha.
- ❖ Noorani authored several notable books, including *The Kashmir Question*, *Badrudin Tyabji, Ministers' Misconduct*, *Brezhnev's Plan for Asian Security*, *The Presidential System*, *The Trial of Bhagat Singh*, and *Constitutional Questions in India*.



News in Short

- ❖ WHO has declared Dhulikhel Municipality as Nepal's first and Asia's second 'healthy city,' recognized for its innovative health initiatives despite Nepal being the world's third most polluted country.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, Nara Chandrababu Naidu launched India's first indigenous Monkeypox RT-PCR Kit at the AP Medtech Zone (AMTZ) in Visakhapatnam.
- ❖ The government is set to introduce a 'repairability index' for mobile phones and electronics by December, aimed at helping consumers make informed purchasing decisions.
- ❖ Moody's Ratings has raised its real GDP growth projections for India, forecasting a robust 7.2 percent growth for the fiscal year 2024, up from a previous estimate of 6.8 percent.
- ❖ Hockey India has announced that the Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 will be held at Rajgir, Bihar, from November 11th to 20th, 2024, at the Rajgir Hockey Stadium.



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