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Global Anti-Racism Championship Award 2024

Urmila Chaudhary
of Nepal won the
Global Anti-Racism
Championship



Award 2024 which

Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken
presented.

Key Point

- ❖ This award honors six civil society leaders for their exceptional courage, leadership, and commitment to advancing racial equity, justice, and human rights.
- ❖ Urmila Chaudhary is an abolitionist and labor activist who was rescued from child servitude at age 17.
- ❖ She co-founded the Freed Kamlari Development Forum and established 42 cooperatives to empower former bonded laborers.
- ❖ She is currently studying law to further her fight against injustice.
- ❖ Urmila Chaudhary is honoured for her dedication to advancing the rights of marginalized castes and ethnic communities in Nepal and for combating systemic racism and intersectional abuses.

About Kamalari

- ❖ Under the Kamalari system practiced in Western Terai of Nepal, girls and young women were sold by their parents into indentured servitude under contract for periods of one year to richer and higher-caste buyers.

SWAVLAMBAN 2024

Indian Navy's Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) Seminar, **Swavlamban 2024** is scheduled to take place on 28 and 29 October 2024 at Bharat Mandapam.



Key Point

- ❖ The theme of Swavlamban 2024 is "Strength and Power through Innovation and Indigenisation," reflecting the Navy's commitment to encouraging innovation and indigenisation in defence technologies.

- ❖ The VCNS also launched the maiden set of Hackathon Challenges for Swavlamban, a national-level competition aimed at addressing real-world operational challenges with innovative technological solutions.
- ❖ Swavlamban 2024 will feature discussions on niche technologies, unveil Hackathon challenges, and release the Swavlamban 3.0 document.
- ❖ The Hackathon aims to find real-world solutions to operational challenges in defence using innovative technological solutions.

Tenkana

Recently, a team of arachnologists has discovered a new genus of jumping spiders, 'Tenkana', found across southern India, encompassing two previously known species.



Key Point

- ❖ Tenkana jayamangali is a newly described species named after the Jayamangali river in Karnataka, where it was first identified.
- ❖ It has been added in a new genus of Tenkana jumping spiders (Salticidae, Plexippina) from South Asia.
- ❖ The genus Tenkana is derived from the Kannada word for "south" (Tenkana), reflecting the spiders' distribution across southern India and northern Sri Lanka.

- ❖ The new genus encompasses two previously known species: **Tenkana manu** and **Tenkana arkavathi**. These species were earlier classified under the genus Colopsus.
 - Colossus is a genus of Asian jumping spiders

Cyclone Dana

Cyclone Dana will enter the north Odisha and West Bengal coasts from tonight to early



morning 25 October. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has also issued a **red alert** over the region for 25 October.

Key Point

- ❖ The cyclone will be called "Dana" (a beautiful, precious pearl in Arabic), a name given by Qatar.
- ❖ Cyclone Dana is expected to make a landfall over the coastal states of West Bengal and Odisha
- ❖ A cyclone is a large-scale air mass rotating around a strong centre of low atmospheric pressure.
- ❖ These can be classified on the basis of their origin into tropical and extratropical cyclones.
- ❖ The wind around a low-pressure system in a cyclone is called **cyclonic circulation**, while around a high-pressure system, it's called **anticyclonic circulation**.

About Tropical Cyclone

- ❖ They are confined to the area lying between 30° N and 30° S latitudes in the atmosphere.
- ❖ **Cyclones in India:** Tropical cyclones in the North Indian Ocean region develop during the pre-monsoon (April to June) and post-monsoon (October to December) periods.
- ❖ **Required condition for a Cyclone:**
 - Sea surface with high temperature (above 27°).
 - Presence of coriolis effect for the creation of a cyclonic vortex.
 - Small variations in the vertical wind speed.
 - Latent heat for driving storm's energy
 - Upper level divergence above the Sea Level System.

Asian Development Bank

Israel has joined the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as its 69th member and 20th nonregional member.



Key Point

- ❖ Israel formally submitted its application for ADB membership in January 2022.

- ❖ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is a regional development bank established on 19 December 1966, which is headquartered in the Ortigas Center located in the city of Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines.
- ❖ The bank also maintains 31 field offices around the world to promote social and economic development in Asia.
- ❖ As of November 2022, the President of ADB is Masatsugu Asakawa from Japan.
- ❖ The Vice President of ADB is Ashok Lavasa (Former Election Commissioner) from India.

New Snake Species in the Himalayas Named After Leonardo DiCaprio

A team of scientists has discovered a new species of snake in the Western Himalayas, naming it *Anguiculus dicaprio* in honor of Hollywood star Leonardo DiCaprio, recognizing his significant contributions to wildlife conservation.



Key Point

- ❖ *Anguiculus* means "small snake" in Latin, reflecting the relatively small size of this species in comparison to other members of the Colubridae family.

- ❖ Colubridae is the largest family of snakes, consisting of 304 genera and 1,938 species, making up almost two-thirds of all living snakes globally.
- ❖ The snake is found in Chamba, Kullu and Shimla in Himachal Pradesh, Nainital in Uttarakhand and Chitwan National Park in Nepal.

Short News

- ❖ The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting announced **Australia** as the “Country of Focus” for the 55th edition of the **International Film Festival of India (IFFI)**, scheduled to take place in Goa from November 20 to 28, 2024
- ❖ **Lahore** city of Pakistan, with an **Air Quality Index** of 232, stands as the **most polluted city** of the world by October 2024, followed by **Delhi**, **Dakar** and **Kinshasa**.
- ❖ Indian actor **Darasing Khurana**, 32, has been honored with the prestigious **Mahatma Gandhi Leadership Award** for his impactful work in raising awareness about mental health issues, particularly in his role as the ‘Commonwealth Year of Youth Champion’.
- ❖ **Prabhakar Raghavan**, an alumnus of the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT-Madras), has been appointed as Google’s Chief Technologist.
- ❖ **Shillong** has emerged as the most popular destination for Indian travellers in 2025, as revealed by Skyscanner’s “Travel Trends Report”
- ❖ **Hong Kong** has restricted civil servants from using WhatsApp, WeChat, and Google Drive on government devices to enhance cybersecurity and prevent data breaches.
- ❖ The **National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)** announced the launch of the first-ever franchise-based shooting league in the country, named “Shooting League of India.”
- ❖ India is establishing a first-of-its-kind cloud chamber at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) under Mission Mausam.
- ❖ India and China have reached an agreement on the “patrolling arrangements” and the resolution of the military stand-off at the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Who won the Global Anti-Racism Championship Award 2024 for her commitment to racial equity and human rights?

- (a) Malala Yousafzai
- (b) Kailash Satyarthi
- (c) Greta Thunberg
- (d) Urmila Chaudhary

Answer – (d)

2. Who won the Mahatma Gandhi Leadership Award in the UK in 2024?

- (a) Ranveer Singh
- (b) Darasing Khurana
- (c) Ayushmann Khurrana
- (d) Vicky Kaushal

Answer – (b)

