

International

India and Mauritania sign MoUs to boost ties during President Murmu's visit



About News:-

- ❖ To improve and expand their bilateral relations, India and Mauritania inked four Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs). President Droupadi Murmu visited Mauritania, and the MoUs were signed.
- ❖ From October 13–17, 2024, President Droupadi Murmu will travel to three countries: Malawi, Mauritania, and Algeria. The first Indian president to travel to these African nations was President Droupadi Murmu.

The President's visit to Mauritania's highlights

- ❖ President Murmu arrived in Mauritania on October 16, following the conclusion of her three-day official visit to Algeria from October 13–15, 2024.
- ❖ Mohamed Ould Ghazouani, the president of Mauritania, met President Murmu at the Nouakchott-Oumtounsy International Airport.
- ❖ At the Presidential Palace in Nouakchott, the capital of Mauritania, President Murmu and Mauritanian President Mohamed Ould Ghazouani spoke about bilateral matters.
- ❖ In honor of the occasion, the two nations signed four memorandums of understanding;
- ❖ The education of diplomats,
- ❖ cross-cultural interaction,
- ❖ exemption from a visa and
- ❖ Consultations with foreign offices.

- ❖ Later, at a reception organized by the Indian Ambassador to Mauritania, the President spoke to the small Indian population in the country.

About Mauritania

- ❖ **Capital:** Nouakchott
- ❖ **Currency :** Ouguiya
- ❖ **President :** Mohamed Ould Cheikh Ghazouani

National

Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud inaugurated the international conference Advancements of Research and Global Opportunities for Holistic Ayurveda (AROHA-2024) in New Delhi

About News:-

- ❖ On October 17, 2024, the first International Conference on Advancements of Research & Global Opportunities for Holistic Ayurveda, or AROHA-2024, was opened in New Delhi by Justice Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India.
- ❖ Dr. Shyama Kuruvilla, Director (ad interim) of the Global Traditional Medicine Centre, WHO, Jamnagar, Gujarat; Prataprao Jadhav, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for the Ministry of Ayush and Health & Family Welfare; and other notable visitors attended the event.
- ❖ From October 17–19, 2024, New Delhi will host the three-day AROHA-2024.



Who is in charge of organizing AROHA-2024?

- ❖ The All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi, an independent organization under the Union Ministry of Ayurveda, is organizing AROHA 2024.

- ❖ Research Advancements and Global Opportunities for Holistic Ayurveda is the theme of AROHA 2024.
- ❖ Participants in the 2024 AROHA
- ❖ Scholars, business executives, and Ayurvedic specialists from both domestic and foreign institutions are taking part in AROHA 2024 either in person or virtually. Delegates from Japan, Colombia, Australia, Germany, Sri Lanka, and Argentina are among the international participants.

The AROHA's goal

- ❖ Promoting Ayurveda as one of the main pillars of worldwide health and wellness is the goal of AROHA 2024. The symposium will look at ways to combine contemporary scientific discoveries with ancient Ayurvedic methods.
- ❖ Ayurveda, ethnomedicine, quality control, standardization, diagnosis, medication delivery, evidence-based understanding, and globalization are just a few of the topics that will be covered during the conference.

Ayurvedic Institute of All India

- ❖ Under the Union Ministry of Ayurveda, the All India Institute of Ayurveda was established as an independent institution. It is the pinnacle of the Indian Ayurvedic Institute.
- ❖ New Delhi is home to the All India Institute of Ayurveda's main campus.
- ❖ The All India Institute of Ayurveda has partnered with top universities in more than 17 nations to advance Ayurveda and academic and scientific partnerships worldwide.

State

Jharkhand Cabinet Raises Women's Honorarium to Rs 2,500



About News:-

The Hemant Soren cabinet in Jharkhand made a big change by raising the monthly honorarium for women participating in the Maiyaan Samman Yojana from ₹1,000 to ₹2,500. This move is interpreted as a reaction to the BJP's Gogo Didi Yojana, which, according to their election campaign, guarantees women ₹2,100 every month. In addition, the cabinet accepted 28 recommendations to enhance the state's social welfare, education, and infrastructure.

Key Points:

- ❖ Netarhat Tourism Development: ₹43.08 crore has been approved administratively for the development of the Netarhat tourism region.
- ❖ Residential Schools: To improve educational prospects, new residential schools were established in the districts of Kolhan, Chaibasa, and Santhal Pargana
- ❖ Road Infrastructure: Updated sanction for 109.16 crore worth of road renovation projects that will increase connectivity.
- ❖ Educational Initiatives: Under the Gyanodya Yojana, integrated science and math labs will be introduced in elementary schools with a ₹50 crore budget. Furthermore, the National Education Policy 2020 authorized regulations to establish Dual Degree and Multiple Entry-Multiple Exit programs in state universities.
- ❖ Assistance for Orphans and Disabled Students: The Navothan Scholarship Scheme was established to give financially disadvantaged students support.

Economic

India extends its first-ever Rupee denominated Line of Credit under IDEAS

About News:-

- ❖ Under the Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS) initiative, the Indian government has given the Mauritius government a line of credit (loan) of Rs 487.60 crores.



- ❖ Through the IDEAS initiative, India is offering a line of credit in Indian rupees to a foreign government for the first time.
- ❖ Indian External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar extended the loan offer to Maneesh Gobin, the foreign minister of Mauritius. Following the Mauritius government's acceptance of Dr. Jaishankar's offer, the loan was authorized.

SBI will lend money to Mauritius

- ❖ The State Bank of India (SBI) will supply the Mauritius government with a line of credit worth Rs 487.60 crore to finance a water project in Mauritius.
- ❖ About 100 km of Mauritius's aging water pipeline will be replaced with the loan amount.

Describe ideas.

- ❖ The Indian government introduced the Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS) as the India Development Initiative. Then-Finance Minister Jaswant Singh announced it in the 2003-2004 budget speech, allocating Rs 200 crore for it.
- ❖ Later on, the Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS) was the new name for it.

The purpose of the concepts

- ❖ Under IDEAS, the Indian government offers developing nations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America grants or loans at a reduced interest rate for various purposes, including development.
- ❖ The objective is to advance India's global strategic economic interest.
- ❖ The borrowing nation has the liability for loan repayment.
- ❖ For projects for which a loan has been granted under IDEAS, the borrowing nation must purchase at least 75% of the goods and services from India.
- ❖ The Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM) bank, Public Sector Bank, or any other financial organization designated by the

Union Ministry of Finance shall transmit the loan to the borrowing nation under IDEAS.

- ❖ The Union Ministry of Finance's Department of Economic Affairs oversees the IDEAS initiative. On the other hand, the Ministry of External Affairs recommends loans to other nations.

Appointment

Justice Sanjiv Khanna recommended as the next Chief Justice of India



About News:-

- ❖ Justice Sanjiv Khanna, the most senior Supreme Court (SC) judge, has been suggested by Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud to be appointed as the 51st CJI. Chandrachud is scheduled to retire on November 10.
- ❖ Justice Khanna will take office as the CJI on November 11 and serve for a period of six months. The date of his retirement is May 13, 2025.

Key Points:-

- ❖ Since January 18, 2019, Justice Khanna has served on the Supreme Court. She was a member of benches that handled several significant issues, including the one involving the repeal of Article 370 and the electoral bonds, which the Bench declared to be unconstitutional.
- ❖ Born on May 14, 1960, Justice Khanna studied law at the Campus Law Centre, Delhi University, and enrolled as an advocate in the Bar Council of Delhi in 1983.
- ❖ Justice Khanna was appointed an additional judge of the Delhi High Court on June 25, 2005, and became a permanent judge on February 20, 2006.
- ❖ He is currently also the executive chairman of the National Legal Services Authority. His father, Justice Dev Raj Khanna, retired as a judge from the Delhi High Court.

- ❖ He is the nephew of Justice Hans Raj Khanna, who is remembered for his dissenting judgment in the ADM Jabalpur case during the Emergency.

Defence

Indian Navy Launches Sixth Missile Cum Ammunition Barge



About News:-

- ❖ The 'Missile Cum Ammunition Barge, LSAM 12 (Landing Ship Ammunition) (Yard 80)' was launched by the Indian Navy (IN) to improve its naval firepower and logistics.
- ❖ This project, which aims to improve the Navy's operating capabilities, is the sixth of eight Missile Cum Ammunition Barges.
- ❖ M/s SECON Engineering Projects Pvt Ltd (SEPPL), located in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP), is the company that constructed it.

Key Points:-

- ❖ The Ministry of Defense (MoD) and SEPPL inked a deal on February 19, 2021, to build eight Missile Cum Ammunition Barges.
- ❖ Ammunition is transported, embarked, and disembarked at naval stations more easily thanks to these barges.
- ❖ Developed locally, constructed by Indian Register of Shipping (IRClass) standards, and tested at the Naval Science and Technological Laboratory.
- ❖ It supports the Make in India campaign, which highlights India's increasing independence in the defense industry.

About Indian Navy (IN):

- ❖ Chief of Naval Staff (CNS) - Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi
- ❖ Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi
- ❖ Establishment- 1950

Miscellaneous

Advance railway reservation period reduced from 120 to 60 days

About News:-

With effect from November 1, 2024, Indian Railways has announced a major policy change: the



Advance Reservation Period (ARP) for long-distance train reservations will be shortened from 120 days to 60 days. By lowering the freezing of payments for ticket reservations made months in advance, particularly during popular travel seasons like festivals, this initiative seeks to improve passenger convenience.

Key Points:-

- ❖ Date of Effectiveness: On November 1, 2024, the new ARP will go into effect. Reservations made under the current 120-day ARP before to October 31 will still be enforceable.
- ❖ Cancellations: Bookings made after the new 60-day ARP will still be easily canceled by passengers.
- ❖ Some express trains operating during the day, like the Gomti Express and the Taj Express, will nonetheless adhere to their reservation caps. Notably, foreign visitors will still be able to make reservations up to 365 days in advance.

Award

Mohanji was honored with a Humanitarian Award at the 2024 Conscious Companies Awards in Johannesburg, South Africa



About News:-

- ❖ Mohanji, a renowned humanitarian and spiritual leader, was honored with special recognition for his global humanitarian leadership at the 9th Conscious Companies Awards held on September 19, 2024, in Johannesburg, South Africa.

- ❖ The prestigious annual event celebrates ethical and visionary leaders who demonstrate conscious leadership within their organizations, aligning people, profit, and purpose in the service of all stakeholders to create a better world.

Key Points:-

- ❖ The Conscious Companies Awards are dedicated to recognizing individuals and organizations that promote ethical behavior and sustainable practices, fostering leadership that not only prioritizes profits but also enhances the well-being of people and the planet.
- ❖ Mohanji's award is a testament to his enduring contributions to humanity through his teachings and commitment to the highest human values of compassion, kindness, and non-violence.

About Mohanji

- ❖ Mohanji is a globally recognized humanitarian and philanthropist who has devoted his life to guiding people from selfishness to selflessness. His mission is to awaken kindness in the hearts of people and inspire them to embrace the highest values of human potential--compassion, kindness, and non-violence.
- ❖ He is deeply committed to helping humanity make the transition from "humankind" to "kind humans," believing that humanity is the best religion and ahimsa (non-violence) in thoughts, words, and actions is the best spiritual practice.

Sport

ISSF World Cup Final 2024



About News:-

- ❖ With four medals—two silver and two bronze—Indian shooters concluded their ISSF World Cup Final 2024 campaign. Anish

Bhanwala was the sole medalist for India in the men's 25-meter rapid-fire pistol event at the last ISSF World Cup Final 2023, which was held in Doha, Qatar.

- ❖ The Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi hosted the season-ending ISSF World Cup Final 2024 from October 13–18, 2024. There was competition in the shotgun, rifle, and pistol divisions.
- ❖ After hosting the ISSF World Cup final in 2017, New Delhi was hosting it again.

Indian Involvement

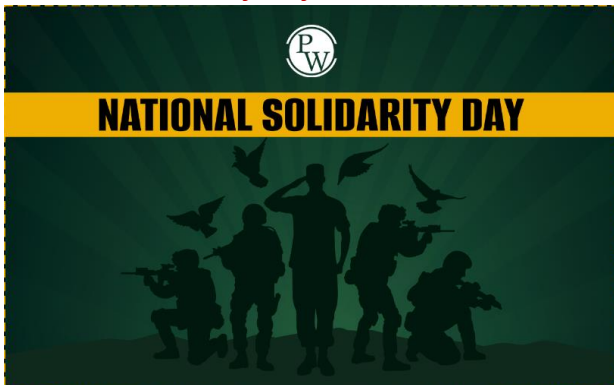
- ❖ In New Delhi, a 23-person Indian shooting squad competed in the ISSF World Cup Final 2024. However, Sarabjot Singh, Swapnil Kusale, and Manu Bhaker—the Olympic medal winners from Paris in 2024—did not attend the event in New Delhi.
- ❖ Manu Bhaker and Swapnil Kusale both took home bronze in the women's 10m air pistol and men's 50m rifle 3 positions events at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris.
- ❖ In the mixed team 10-meter air pistol competition, Sarabjot Singh and Manu Bhaker took home the bronze.

India's medal winners

- ❖ In the women's 10m air rifle shooting competition, Sonam Maskar took home the silver medal, India's first medal. Sonam won her third medal at the ISSF World Cup in 2024. In the mixed team 10m air rifle competition at the 2024 ISSF World Cup in Cairo, Sonam and Arjun Babuta took home silver. Sonam won a silver medal in the 10m air rifle as well.
- ❖ In the men's skeet competition, Vivian Kapoor took home a silver medal. It was Vivaan Kapoor's first medal in senior shooting competitions.
- ❖ In the men's 50-meter rifle three-position shooting competition, Akhil Sheoran took home the bronze.
- ❖ In the men's trap competition, Analjaeet Singh Naruka took home the bronze medal, India's last medal.

Important Day

National Solidarity Day – 20 October 2024



About Day:-

- ❖ National Solidarity Day is observed in India on October 20 each year to honor the country's collective spirit. Established after the Sino-Indian War of 1962, this day underscores the importance of national unity in overcoming adversity. It encourages citizens to stand together in solidarity and encourages the younger generation to recognize the sacrifices made by soldiers.
- ❖ On National Solidarity Day, various events and ceremonies are organised to celebrate the unity and resilience of the Indian people. National Solidarity Day 2024 celebration is a way of recalling how India has time and again united in the face of challenges, demonstrating strength and resilience.

History:-

- ❖ The history of National Solidarity Day in India is closely linked to the India-China War, which began on October 20, 1962, and concluded on November 21, 1962. During this conflict, China launched a surprise attack on India with a full-scale invasion in Ladakh and along the McMahon Line in the Northeast Frontier Agency (NEFA).
- ❖ Despite facing a sudden assault, Indian forces fought bravely, but many lives were lost. In honor of the soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice, then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi set up a committee. Later, in 1966, October 20 was officially designated as National Solidarity Day to mark this day of invasion and to symbolize the nation's commitment to unity in the face of aggression.

