

### M.P Special

#### India's sole hub for national flag production



Madhya Pradesh's Gwalior Emerges As North India's Sole Hub For National Flag Production.

#### Key point

- ❖ The Madhya Bharat Khadi Sangh, located here.
- ❖ This year, ahead of Republic Day, the organization received orders to produce 20,000 flags, worth approximately ₹1 crore. Around ₹80 lakh worth of flags have already been dispatched across 20 states, including Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra.
- ❖ The flags are made in three key sizes—2x3, 3x4.5, and 4x6 feet. Each flag undergoes 20 quality tests, including checks for fabric strength, Ashoka Chakra design, and color accuracy. The production of a single flag takes 5-6 days, ensuring strict adherence to BIS standards.
- ❖ Alongside Gwalior, only two other locations in India—Hubballi (Karnataka) and Mumbai—produce national flags

#### Madhya Pradesh's first heart transplant



AIIMS Bhopal has achieved a milestone by successfully performing the first heart transplant in the state.

#### Key point

- ❖ The heart was procured from a 61-year-old brain-dead patient at NSCB Medical College in Jabalpur and transplanted into a 53-year-old patient from Itarsi.
- ❖ The organ was then airlifted from Jabalpur at 10:50 AM and reached Bhopal's Raja Bhoj Airport by noon.

## Sports

### Malaysian Chess Championship

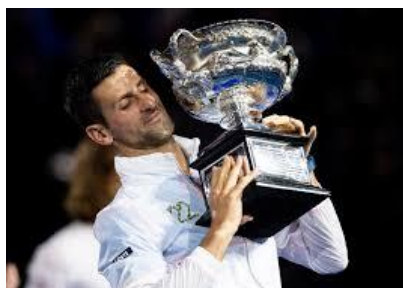


Indian Grandmaster Inian Panneerselvam won the 9th Johor International Open Chess Tournament in Malaysia.

#### Key point

- ❖ He finished 1.5 points ahead of his nearest rival, securing the title even before the final round.
- ❖ Second Place: Indian IM VS Raahul.
- ❖ Third Place: Chinese IM Li Bo.

### 2025 Australian Open



The 2025 Australian Open was held from January 12–26, 2025, at Melbourne Park, marking the 113th edition of the tournament and the first Grand Slam of the year.

#### Key point

- ❖ Jannik Sinner of Italy successfully defended his title in the men's singles, defeating Alexander Zverev of Germany.
- ❖ In the women's singles, Madison Keys (USA) triumphed over Aryna Sabalenka, the two-time defending champion.
- ❖ The men's doubles title was claimed by Harri Heliövaara (Finland) and Henry Patten (UK) after a thrilling victory over Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vavassori (Italy).
- ❖ In the women's doubles, the team of Kateřina Siniaková (Czech Republic) and Taylor Townsend (USA) defeated Hsieh Su-wei (Chinese Taipei) and Jelena Ostapenko (Latvia)

## Miscellaneous

### U.S. Withdrawal from World Health organization



US President Trump initiated the U.S. withdrawal from the WHO, accusing it of mishandling the COVID-19 pandemic and favoring China.

#### Key Point

- ❖ The order formally initiates the process for the United States to withdraw from the World Health Organization (WHO) within 12 months, in accordance with the rules governing WHO membership.
- ❖ All U.S. financial contributions to WHO, including assessed and voluntary funding, will stop immediately.
- ❖ Funds previously allocated to WHO will be redirected to other international and domestic health initiatives that align with U.S. priorities.
- ❖ There is no provision for withdrawing from the World Health Organization under its constitution.
- ❖ U.S. Condition for Withdrawal: When the U.S. joined WHO in 1948, Congress laid down a condition allowing withdrawal if one-year notice is given and financial obligations for the current year are met.

#### About World Health Organization:

- ❖ WHO was established on October 24, 1945.
- ❖ The WHO Constitution came into effect on April 7, 1948.
- ❖ India became a member of WHO on January 12, 1948.

## Index

### Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2025



The Hon'ble Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission, Dr. Arvind Panagariya, launched the inaugural issue of NITI Aayog's report titled "Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2025" on 24th January 2025.

#### Key point

- ❖ With a cumulative score of 67.8, Odisha tops the ranking in fiscal health among 18 major States, followed by Chhattisgarh and Goa with scores of 55.2 and 53.6, respectively. The achiever States display strong fiscal health, excelling in revenue mobilization, expenditure management, and debt sustainability..
- ❖ The report provides a comprehensive assessment of the fiscal health of 18 major States, based on five key sub-indices: Quality of Expenditure, Revenue Mobilisation, Fiscal Prudence, Debt Index, and Debt Sustainability, along with insights into state-specific challenges and areas for improvement.
- ❖ The FHI aims to throw light on the fiscal status at the sub-national level and guide policy reforms for sustainable and resilient economic growth.
- ❖ The report ranks States on the basis of composite fiscal index, which is based on five major sub-indices viz, quality of expenditure, revenue mobilisation, fiscal prudence, debt index, and debt sustainability.

## Place in News

### Pangsau Pass

The Pangsau Pass International Festival was recently celebrated in Nampong, Arunachal Pradesh.



### Key point

- ❖ Pangsau Pass, at 3,727 feet, lies on the India-Myanmar border in the Patkai Hills.
- ❖ It is named after Pangsau, a Burmese village 2 km from the pass, and serves as an easy route to Burma from Assam.
- ❖ Historically, it was the route of the 13th-century Ahom invasion and gained fame during WWII as a key obstacle in General Stilwell's effort to build a route to China.
- ❖ The nearby "Lake of No Return" in Myanmar is visible from the pass. The pass is also known as "Hell Gate" for its challenging terrain.

## Person in News

Micheal Martin



Micheál Martin became the Taoiseach (Prime Minister) of the Republic of Ireland for the second time on 23 January 2025.

### Key point

- ❖ He previously served as Prime Minister from 2020 to 2022.
- ❖ The Dáil, Ireland's lower house of Parliament, voted 95 to 76 in favor of Micheál Martin, the leader of the Fianna Fáil party.
- ❖ The government was formed nearly two months after general elections, which resulted in a hung parliament with no decisive mandate for any party or coalition.

## Short News

- ❖ In Manipur, the State Government set up a dedicated Integrated Anti-Extortion Cell under the Home Department comprising representatives from the State Police, Central Armed Police Forces, Assam Rifles and Indian Army.



- ❖ India hosted the Second BIMSTEC Expert Group Meeting on Cyber Security Cooperation on 21 January 2025 in New Delhi.
- ❖ To commemorate the 125th anniversary year of the Kodaikanal Solar Observatory, the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), organized the conference on 'Sun, Space Weather, and Solar-Stellar Connections'.
- ❖ Odisha Warriors were crowned as the inaugural champions of the Women's Hockey India League on January 26, 2025.
- ❖ Rohit Sharma was named Men's T20I Team Captain of the Year, leading India to the T20 World Cup 2024.
- ❖ International Holocaust Remembrance Day is observed on 27 January every year.

**Important Daily Current Affairs Question**

1. Which of the following Institute has achieved a milestone by successfully performing the first heart transplant in the Madhya Pradesh ?

- A. AIIMS Bhopal
- B. MGM Medical College, Indore
- C. Chirayu Medical College, Bhopal
- D. Hamidiya Bhopal

Answer-A

2. Which of the following States top the "Fiscal Health Index (FHI) 2025"?

- A. Odisha
- B. Bihar
- C. Gujrat
- D. Madhya Pradesh

Answer-A

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