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Udaipur Receives 'Award of Excellence in Urban Transport'



Why in News?

- Udaipur Smart City Limited was honored with the 'Award of Excellence in Urban Transport' in the 'City with the Best Non-Motorized Transport System' category at the Urban Mobility India Conference & Expo 2025.



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Key Points:

- Urban Development and Self-Governance Minister Jhabar Singh Kharra received the award on behalf of the Rajasthan government.
- Udaipur's cycling tracks, citywide docking yards, and 400 public bicycles have earned it a place among the country's leading green cities.
- In June 2025, Rajasthan's Cooperative Minister Gautam Kumar Dak launched the state's first cooperative-model bike-on-rent service, 'Co-op Ride,' to promote tourism in Udaipur and provide reliable transportation for local citizens and tourists.
- Four cities from Rajasthan – Jaipur, Udaipur, Kota, and Ajmer – are included in the Central Government's Smart City Mission.

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National Workshop on Agriculture and Livestock Entrepreneurship: Udaipur



Why in News?

- The National Workshop on Agriculture and Livestock Entrepreneurship will be held in Udaipur from November 11 to 13, 2025.



Key Points:

Organizing Organizations:

- Rajasthan Rural Livelihoods Development Council (Rajivikas)
- Rural Development Department, Government of Rajasthan
- Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India
- **Objective:** The main objective of this event is to expand sustainable livelihood opportunities for rural communities through agriculture and livestock-based entrepreneurship and to encourage the exchange of knowledge and experience among different states and institutions.
- This national workshop will focus specifically on strengthening agriculture and livestock entrepreneurship for the sustainable development of rural livelihoods.



Rajasthan's Contribution to Vulture Conservation



Why in News?

- Rajasthan has emerged as a leading state in saving the rapidly declining vulture population in the country.



Key Points:

- A recent survey conducted by scientists from the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun, recorded the presence of vultures at 49 locations in Rajasthan.
- This nationwide field survey was conducted from 2023 to 2025. The survey recorded the presence of vultures at a total of 216 locations.
- The study focused on four critically endangered species: the White-rumped Vulture (*Gyps bengalensis*), the Indian Vulture (*Gyps indicus*), the Slender-billed Vulture (*Gyps tenuirostris*), and the Red-headed Vulture (*Sarcogyps calvus*).
- Vultures were found at a total of 49 locations in Rajasthan. 26 of these locations are in protected forest areas.
- Key conservation areas include Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve, and Sariska Tiger Reserve.

Other important points:

Diclofenac:

- The main reason for the decline in vulture numbers in recent years is the drug Diclofenac, used to treat domestic animals.
- Diclofenac is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID). This drug was banned for veterinary use by the Government of India in 2006, but it is still widely used throughout the country.

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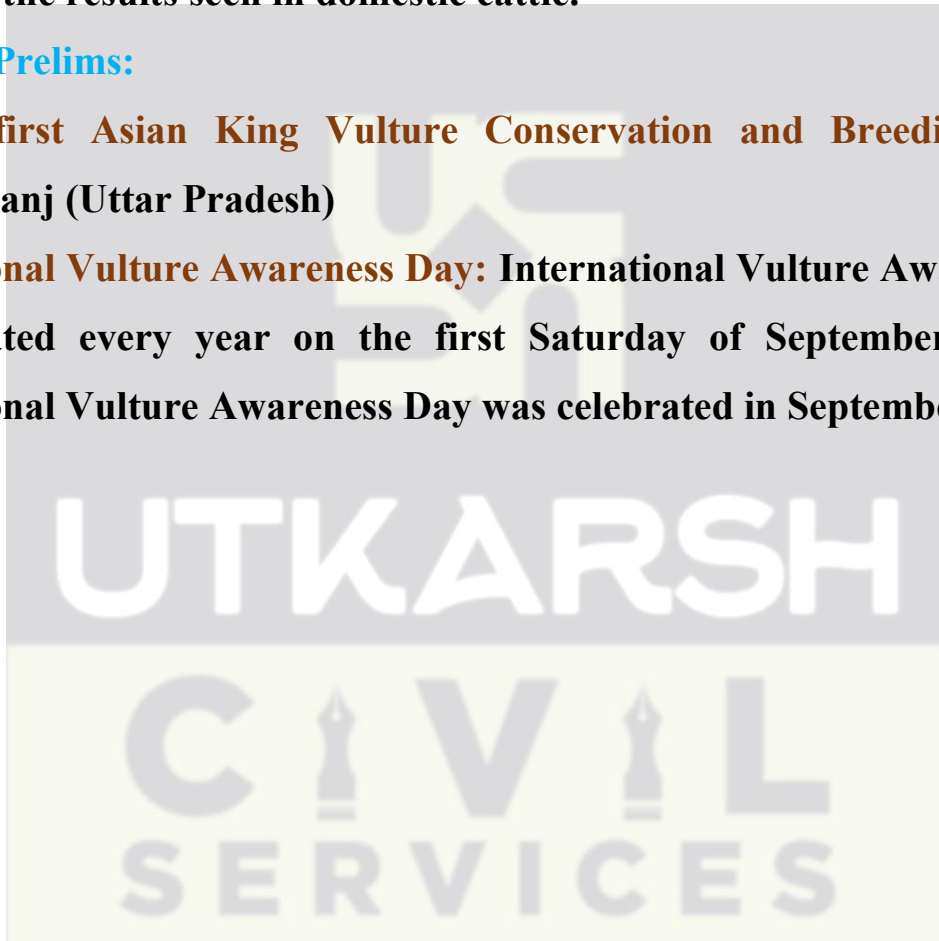
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- This drug is responsible for the decline (99 percent) of vulture populations across Asia.
- A study led by the Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI) found that aceclofenac is also converted to diclofenac when injected into buffaloes, similar to the results seen in domestic cattle.

Facts for Prelims:

- **World's first Asian King Vulture Conservation and Breeding Centre:** Maharajganj (Uttar Pradesh)
- **International Vulture Awareness Day:** International Vulture Awareness Day is celebrated every year on the first Saturday of September. The first International Vulture Awareness Day was celebrated in September 2009.



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NEWS IN SHORTS

S. No.	News
1.	Rajasthan's First Incentive Calculator: LaabhCalc - Recently, the Rajasthan government launched the state's first incentive calculator, 'LaabhCalc'. - This is an incentive calculator that helps investors estimate the incentives they will receive for setting up a new industry or expanding an existing unit in the state under the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme (RIPS) 2024. - RIPS 2024 is the Rajasthan government's flagship investment incentive scheme. It was launched by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma during a roadshow in the United Kingdom in 2024. The scheme aims to attract investment in various sectors, including renewable energy, tourism, and information technology, while reducing investment costs.
2.	Bundi Mahotsav – 2025 Event: November 8 to 10, 2025. Organized by: Rajasthan Tourism Department Inauguration: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Energy Minister (Rajasthan) Hira Lal Nagar. - The festival also inaugurated the 'Sand Art Festival' and organized a 'Cine Sandhya' by Bollywood singer and Indian Idol winner Salman Ali at Naval Sagar Park. - The first edition of the Bundi Mahotsav was held in 1996.

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6 districts declared as poverty-stricken

- Recently, the Rajasthan government approved the distribution of agricultural grants from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) to provide relief to farmers in six districts of the state. This decision will provide financial assistance and relief to more than 800,000 farmers in Ajmer, Alwar, Jhunjhunu, Kota, Pali, and Banswara.

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Rehabilitation Council of India has 4 CoEs in Rajasthan

- The Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) recently granted "Center of Excellence" status to 144 top institutions and universities across the country. These 144 institutions include 4 from Rajasthan.
 - MBM University, Jodhpur.
 - Jai Narayan Vyas University (JNVU), Jodhpur.
 - Mohanlal Sukhadia University (MLSU), Udaipur.
 - Composite Regional Centre (CRC), Jamdoli (Jaipur).

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18th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference and Exhibition, 2025



Why in News?

- On November 9, 2025, the three-day Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference and Exhibition, 2025 concluded in Gurugram, Haryana.



Key Points:

- During the closing ceremony, the logo and website of the Pradhan Mantri e-Bus Seva Yojana were also launched by the Honorable Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs and Power.
- **Upcoming UMI Conference:** The 19th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference and Exhibition, 2026 will be held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, from October 23 to 25, 2026.

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- **Awards:** The three-day conference concluded with the presentation of awards in various categories of urban transportation. These awards are given to state/city authorities for "excellence/best practice projects in urban transportation." The winners were presented with awards in the following 8 categories, as recommended by the Awards Selection Committee comprising senior government officials and experts in the field:

Category	Winning City
City with the Best Public Transport System	Chennai
City with the Best Non-Motorized Transport System	Udaipur
City with the Most Innovative Financing Mechanism	Pimpri-Chinchwad
City with the Best Green Transport Initiative	Hyderabad
Metro Rail with the Best Multimodal Integration	Chennai
Metro Rail with the Best Passenger Services and Satisfaction	Delhi and Chennai
Running Trophy for the State/UT Implementing the Best Urban Transport Projects During the Previous Year	Kolkata, Mysuru, and Bhubaneswar
Special Award for Traffic Management System of Mizoram	Aizawl

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National Urban Conclave, 2025



Why in News?

- Recently, the Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs inaugurated the two-day National Urban Conclave 2025, at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi.



Key Points:

- Theme:** “Sustainable Urban Development and Governance”
- Launch of the Dumpsite Remediation Accelerator Programme (DRAP):** This is a year-long, mission-mode programme aimed at fast-tracking the remediation of remaining dumpsites in urban India, furthering India's vision of achieving “Goal Zero Dumpsite” by September 2026.
- Swachh Bharat Mission – Launch of Knowledge Management Unit (KMU).**
- Launch of the Urban Invest Window (UIWIN):** An initiative of HUDCO under the guidance of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. UIWIN will serve as a one-stop investment facilitation platform for Indian cities, designed to attract private investment and provide access to long-term, concessional and competitive financing from multilateral institutions such as the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank.
- Launch of Jal Hi Janani:** The Amrit Geet 'Jal Hi Janani' was also launched to highlight the importance of water in daily life.



"Aadi Chitra"



Why in News?

- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, in collaboration with the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED), is organizing the National Tribal Painting Exhibition "Aadi Chitra" on November 9, 2025.



The poster for the "Aadi Chitra" exhibition features a light blue background with a decorative border. On the left, two framed paintings are displayed: a square one with a colorful tree and animals, and a vertical rectangular one with a series of circular motifs. The text on the right provides details about the inauguration by Prof. Dr. Ashok Uike, the time (02:00 PM), date (10th Nov 2025), and venue (P. L. Deshpande, Maharashtra Kala Academy). It also lists major attractions including Gond, Warli, Pithora, and Saura paintings. Logos for the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED are at the top left, and a tribal figure illustration is at the bottom right.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs,
Government of India

TRIFED

Aadi Chitra

will be Inaugurated by
Prof. Dr. Ashok Uike
Minister of Tribal Development,
Government of Maharashtra

Time: 02:00 PM
Date: 10th Nov 2025
Venue: P. L. Deshpande, Maharashtra
Kala Academy

Major Attractions

- Gond Painting from Madhya Pradesh
- Warli Painting from Maharashtra
- Pithora Painting from Gujarat
- Saura Painting from Odisha

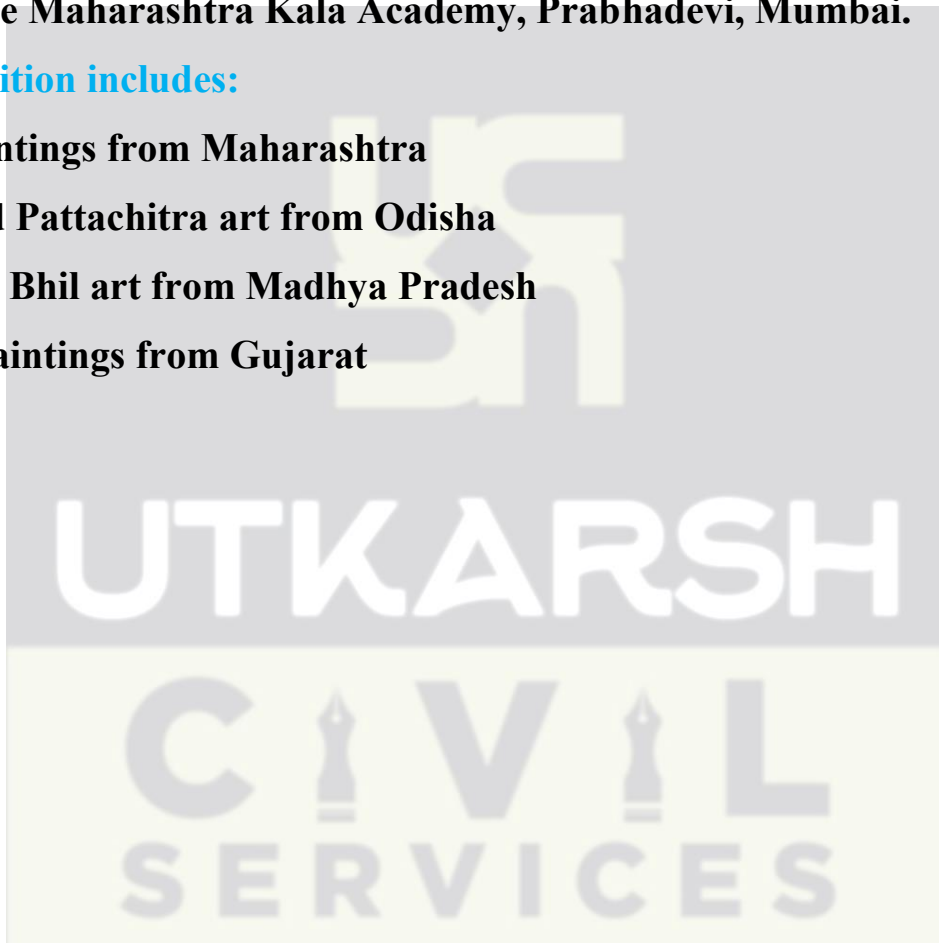


Key Points:

- As part of the ongoing Tribal Pride Year Fortnight (November 1-15, 2025) commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Dharti Aba Bhagwan Birsa Munda, this exhibition was inaugurated on November 10, 2025, at the P.L. Deshpande Maharashtra Kala Academy, Prabhadevi, Mumbai.

The exhibition includes:

1. Warli paintings from Maharashtra
2. Saura and Pattachitra art from Odisha
3. Gond and Bhil art from Madhya Pradesh
4. Pithora paintings from Gujarat





INTERNATIONAL



India and Latin America Relations



Why in News?

- The 9th round of negotiations on the India-Peru Trade Agreement was held in Lima, Peru, from November 3 to 5, 2025.





Key Points:

- Substantial progress was made during discussions on key chapters of the proposed agreement, including trade in goods and services, rules of origin, technical barriers to trade, customs procedures, dispute settlement, and critical minerals.
- Previously, the third round of negotiations on the India-Chile Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) was held in Santiago, Chile, from October 27 to 30, 2025.

Importance of Latin America for India:

- **Economic:** Latin America is rich in natural resources, including minerals such as copper, lithium, and iron ore, which are crucial for India's growing industrial demands.
- The region's collective GDP exceeds US\$6 trillion, providing a substantial market for Indian exports and investments.
- Growing trade, targeted at US\$100 billion by 2025 (with Latin American and Caribbean countries), reflects the region's importance in India's global strategy.
- **Energy Security:** With rising energy demand, Latin America has emerged as a major supplier of crude oil to India.
- India imports approximately 15% to 20% of its crude oil from Latin America, with major suppliers such as Brazil and Mexico.
- Recently, Chile's Codelco, the world's largest copper producer, supplied copper concentrate to India's Adani Group for its Kutch Copper Smelter in Gujarat.

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- **Strategic Partnerships:** The geopolitical landscape has changed, prompting India to enhance its relations with Latin America to balance China's growing influence in the region.
- **Cultural and Educational Exchanges:** Cultural ties between India and Latin America have been strengthened through educational exchanges and cooperation in sectors such as information technology and pharmaceuticals.
- Indian IT companies employ over 40,000 local professionals in the region, contributing to job creation and skill development.
- **Food Security:** Latin America's vast agricultural landscape offers India opportunities to ensure food supplies, especially pulses and oilseeds, which are essential for food security.
- **Technological and Industrial Cooperation:** Micro, small, and medium enterprises represent over 99.5 percent of the business infrastructure in Latin America, which India can leverage.

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INS Ikshak



Why in News?

- INS Ikshak, the third ship in the Large Survey Vessel (SVL) series, was commissioned into the Indian Navy on November 6, 2025, during a formal ceremony held at the Naval Base in Kochi.



Key Points:

- On this occasion, the Chief of the Naval Staff was presented with a guard of honour by 50 personnel.
- INS Ikshak is the third ship of the Indian Navy's Survey Vessel Large (SVL) class, having previously been commissioned by INS Sandhayak and INS Niradeshak.

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- **Naming:** The word 'Ikshak' means "guide," symbolizing the ship's mission of mapping uncharted sea lanes and ensuring safe navigation.
- **Development:** Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Limited, Kolkata.
- **Design:** Warship Design Bureau
- **Main purpose:** INS Ikshak's primary function is to conduct hydrographic surveys, i.e., study and map ocean depths, tides, seabed texture, and other features.
- It is the first SVL-class ship to feature dedicated accommodation for female officers and sailors.

Features

- **Self-reliance:** Contains over 80% indigenous content.
- **Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV):** Can investigate marine debris or shipwrecks using HD cameras.
- **Capacity:** The ship is 110 meters long and 16 meters wide, weighing 3,400 tons.
- **Speed:** The ship's propulsion system consists of two main engines in a twin-shaft configuration, and it is designed for a cruise speed of 14 knots and a maximum speed of 18 knots.
- **Strategic Importance:** INS Ikshak is a modern, multi-role ship that will strengthen India's maritime power, enabling India to achieve its goal of becoming a "Blue Water Navy".

Minuteman-III Nuclear Missile Test



Why in News?

- Recently, the United States successfully test-fired its Minuteman III intercontinental nuclear missile from California, traveling approximately 6,700 kilometers to a test site in the Pacific Ocean.



Key Points:

- The LGM-30G Minuteman III is an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) manufactured by the United States.

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'LGM' stands for:

- L – Silo-launched
- G – Surface Attack
- M – Guided Missile
- This missile entered service in the early 1970s and is the only land-based component of the US Nuclear Triad.
- It was developed by the Douglas Aircraft Company.
- **Speed:** Approximately 24,000 kilometers per hour (Mach 23)

Global Status of Nuclear Weapons:

Country	Estimated Warheads (2025)
United States	5,177
Russia	5,459
China	600 (steadily increasing)
India	180
Pakistan	170

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MILITARY EXERCISES

Malabar 2025 Exercise



Why in News?

- Amid tariff tensions between India and the US, the Malabar naval exercise is underway in the North Pacific, with the navies of India, the US, Australia, and Japan participating.

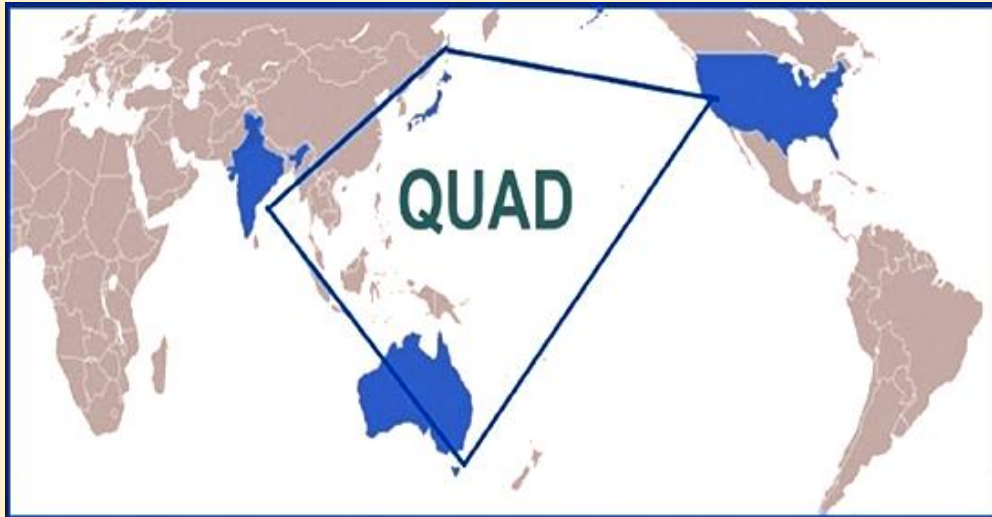


Key Points:

- **Origin and Expansion:** This multilateral exercise, initiated in 1992, as a bilateral naval exercise between India and the US, was expanded in 2007, to include Japan and Australia.
- **Venue:** Guam, North Pacific.
- **Participating Countries:** The navies of India, the US, Australia, and Japan (the Quad group).

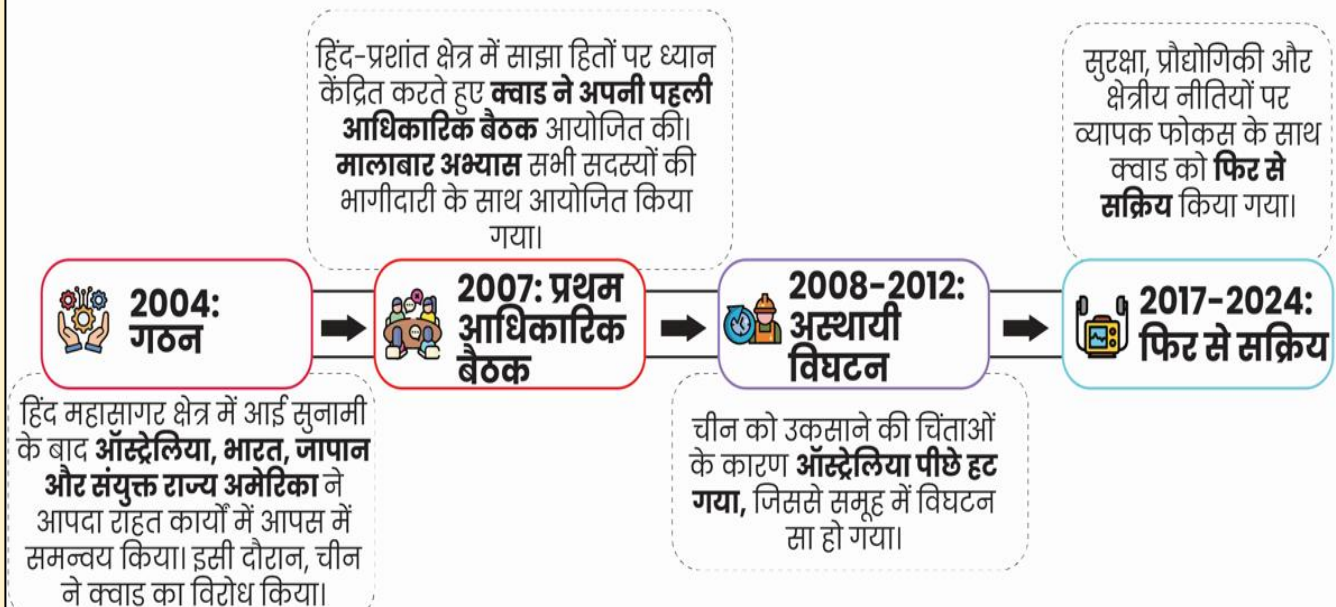
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Quad:



- Also known as the 'Quadrilateral Security Dialogue' (QSD), the Quad is an informal strategic forum comprising four nations – the US, India, Australia, and Japan.
- **Objective:** It supports an open, free, and inclusive Indo-Pacific region that is prosperous and strong. Under this organization, four democratic countries of the world with positive and lasting influence in the Indo-Pacific region act as a force for global well-being.
- **Vision:** A vision statement was launched in the year 2023, centered on the theme 'Enduring Partners for the Indo-Pacific'.

QUAD टाइमलाइन: मुख्य घटनाएं



QUAD Military Exercises:

1. **La Perouse:** India, Australia, the United States, France, Japan, and the United Kingdom.
2. **Salvex:** India and the United States.
3. **Sea Dragon:** India, the United States, Japan, Canada, and South Korea.
4. **Purva Veer Guardian:** An air exercise between India and Japan.
5. **Exercise Kakadu:** A biennial exercise between the Malabar countries (hosted by the Australian Navy).

- **Type of Exercise:** Multilateral naval exercise.
- **Event:** November 10 to November 19, 2025 (nine-day exercise).
- **India represented by:** INS Sahyadri; INS Sahyadri is a guided missile stealth frigate designed and built using indigenous technology.
- **Phases:** Harbor and Sea Phases.

Objectives:

1. To enhance interoperability.
 2. To strengthen partnership and synergy.
 3. To demonstrate collective resolve for regional security.
- **Exercise Mitra Shakti 2025:** The Indian and Sri Lankan armies will participate in the annual military exercise Mitra Shakti (11th edition) from November 10 to November 23. According to the Additional Directorate General of Public Information of the Indian Army, the exercise will be conducted at the Foreign Training Centre in Belagavi, Karnataka.
 - Exercise Mitra Shakti 2025 aims to enhance synergy between the two armies in conducting joint operations in urban and semi-urban areas.

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Other important points:

Type	Exercise	Partner Country /Region	Schedule & Location	Focus Area
Tri-Service	Tiger Triumph	USA	1–13 April 2025, Visakhapatnam & Kakinada	Amphibious operations, HADR, joint command training
	Bright Star (19th Edition)	Egypt (Multilateral)	28 August – 10 September 2025, Egypt	Tri-service operations, live firing, CPX
	Malabar	Quad	November 2025, Guam	Carrier operations, ASW, maritime security
Army Exercises	Yudh Abhyas	USA	1–14 September 2025, Alaska	High-altitude warfare, counter-drone operations
	Dharma Guardian	Japan	24 February – 9 March 2025, Japan	Urban warfare, counter-terrorism
	Ekuverin	Maldives	2–15 February 2025, Maldives	Counter-terrorism, joint tactical cooperation
	Cyclone	Egypt	10–23 February 2025, Rajasthan	Special forces training, desert warfare
	Khanjar XII	Kyrgyzstan	5–9 March 2025, Himachal Pradesh	Mountain warfare, hostage rescue

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	Dustlik	Uzbekistan	16–28 April 2025, Pune	Counter-terrorism, joint tactical drills
	Nomadic Elephant (17th Edition)	Mongolia	31 May – 13 June 2025, Ulaanbaatar	Counter-insurgency, jungle warfare
	Mitra Shakti	Sri Lanka	12–25 August 2025, Maduru Oya	Peacekeeping operations, counter-terrorism
	India–Thailand Exercise	Thailand	August 2025, Bangkok	Counter-terrorism, tactical coordination
	Yudh Kaushal 3.0	Indigenous (India)	August 2025, Arunachal Pradesh	Next-gen technology, integrated warfare exercise
Air Force	Akraman (Attack)	India (IAF)	April 2025, Line of Control area	Full-spectrum IAF operations, Rafale, S-400, Garud Commandos
Navy	Varuna	France	19–22 March 2025, Arabian Sea	Carrier operations, ASW, MEDEVAC
	Bongosagar + CORPAT	Bangladesh	10–13 March 2025, Bay of Bengal	Maritime surveillance, anti-piracy operations
	AIKEYME	Africa (9 Nations)	13–18 April 2025, Tanzania	India–Africa naval cooperation

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	SIMBEX	Singapore	28 July – 1 August 2025, South China Sea	Gunnery, air defence, fleet coordination
	SLINEX	Sri Lanka	14–18 August 2025, off Sri Lankan coast	Fleet operations, special forces cooperation
	Bold Kurukshetra	Singapore	July–August 2025, Rajasthan	Mechanised infantry training
	La Perouse	Multilateral (France, USA, UK, Australia, etc.)	16–24 January 2025, Indonesian Straits	Multilateral naval security, maritime interoperability



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PERSONALITY



James Watson Passes Away



Why in News?

- Recently, Nobel Prize-winning scientist James Watson passed away at the age of 97.



Key Points:

- In 1953, he discovered the double-helix structure of DNA along with Francis Crick.
- For this groundbreaking discovery, Watson, Crick, and Maurice Wilkins received the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1962. This discovery revolutionized the field of molecular biology.
- Born in Chicago in 1928, Watson studied at the University of Chicago before continuing his research at Cambridge.
- James Watson, along with Crick, discovered the structure of DNA using X-ray images of Rosalind Franklin.



Other Important Points:

DNA's Double Helix Structure:



- **Propounded by:** James Watson and Francis Crick (1953)
- The structure of DNA, is called, a double helix because it resembles a twisted ladder. A DNA molecule consists of two strands wrapped around each other like a twisted ladder, with each strand having a backbone consisting of alternating phosphate and sugar groups. Nitrogenous bases are centrally located to hold these strands together.
- Deoxyribonucleotides are the building blocks of DNA, a long polymer of deoxyribonucleotides. In molecular biology, a double helix is the structure formed by double-stranded nucleic acid molecules such as DNA. The double-helix coiled coil of a nucleic acid complex results from its secondary structure and is an important aspect in defining its tertiary structure.
- A nucleotide is composed of a nitrogenous base, a pentose sugar, and a phosphate group.
- **Nitrogenous bases are classified into two types:** purines and pyrimidines.
 1. **Purines:** The two purines are adenine and guanine.
 2. **There are three pyrimidines:** cytosine, uracil, and thymine.
- Cytosine is found in both DNA and RNA, and thymine is found in DNA. Uracil replaces thymine in RNA.

AWARDS

Golden Peacock Award, 2025

Why in News?

- In November 2025, Heritage Foods Limited (HFL), an Indian private sector dairy enterprise, was awarded the Golden Peacock Award, 2025 for Excellence in Corporate Governance by the Institute of Directors (IOD), India, during the IOD London Global Convention on Corporate Governance and Sustainability held from November 4 to 7, 2025, in London, United Kingdom (UK).



Key Points:

- The award places HFL among 11 national winners and distinguishes Heritage Foods Limited (HFL) as the only fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) firm to receive the honor this year.
- During the event, Mrs. Bhuvaneswari Nara, Vice Chairman and Managing Director (MD) of HFL, received the prestigious “Distinguished Fellow of the Institute of Directors” title, recognizing her leadership, ethical vision, and governance excellence.

Heritage Foods Limited (HFL):

- **Headquarters:** Hyderabad (Telangana)
- **Founded:** 1992



IMPORTANT DAYS

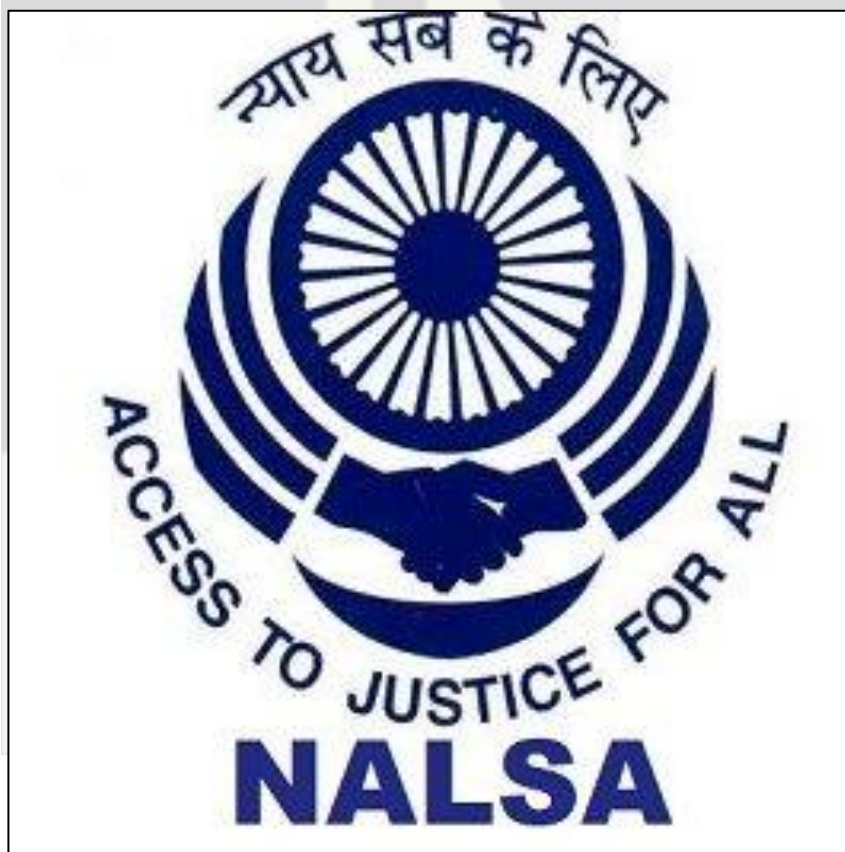


National Legal Services Day, 2025: November 9



Why in News?

- November 9 is celebrated as National Legal Services Day to commemorate the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, which led to the establishment of organizations providing free legal aid to those in need.



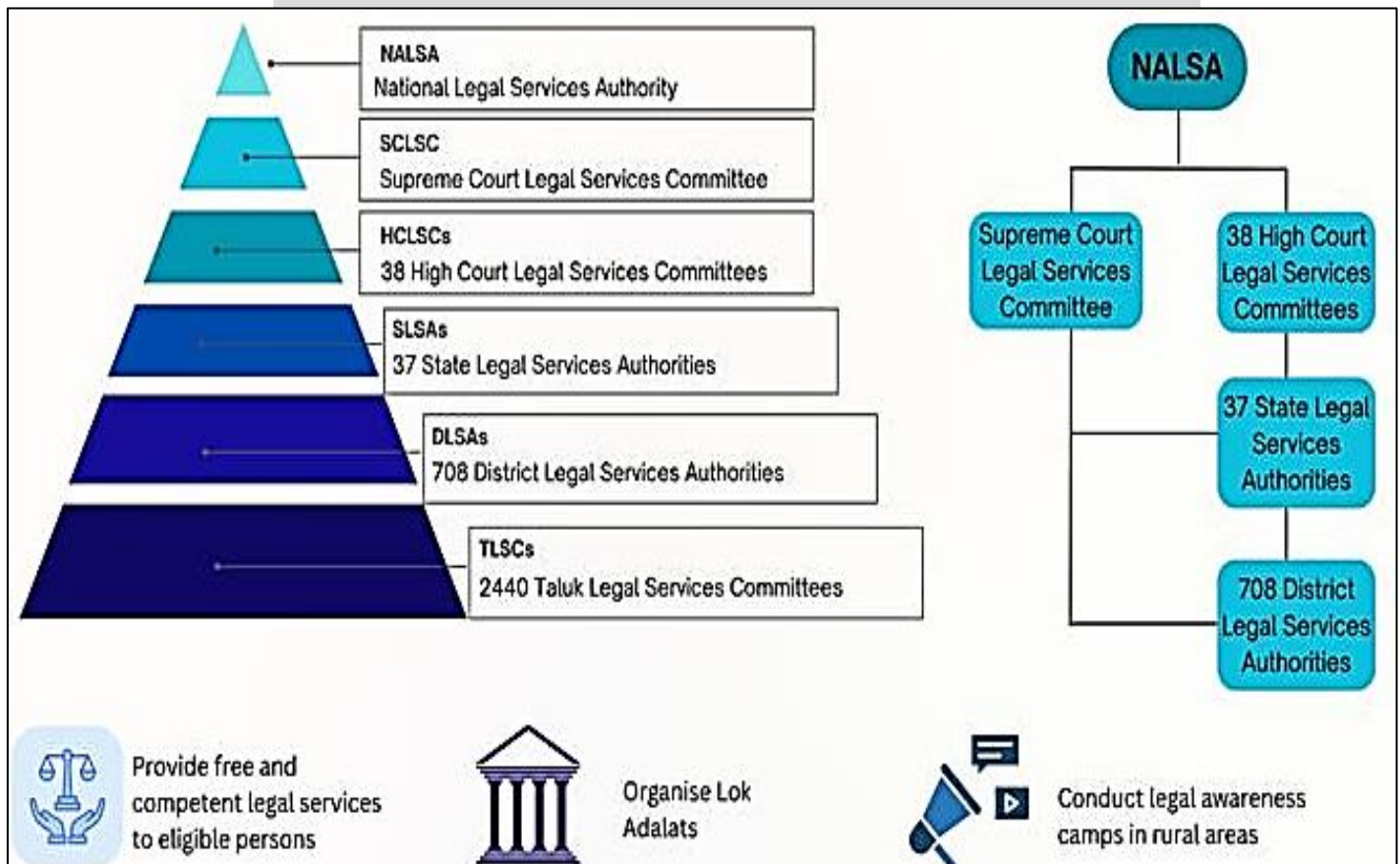
Key Points:

- Legal Services Authorities were established under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 to provide free and competent legal services to marginalized and disadvantaged sections of society. Since the Act came into force on November 9, 1995, this day is celebrated annually as National Legal Services Day to commemorate its implementation.

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The Act established a three-tier system for providing free and efficient legal services:

1. National Legal Services Authority (headed by the Chief Justice of India)
2. State Legal Services Authority (headed by the Chief Justice of the High Court)
3. District Legal Services Authority (headed by the District Judge)



- **Lok Adalat:** The Act also established Lok Adalats and Permanent Lok Adalats, which are alternative dispute resolution forums organized by the above legal authorities. These forums amicably resolve pending disputes or cases or those at the pre-trial stage.
- **Legal Aid and Counseling System (LADCS) Scheme:** The LADCS Scheme, launched by NALSA, provides free legal defense in criminal cases to eligible beneficiaries under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

- **Nari Adalat:** This is a scheme under the Ministry of Women and Child Development's Mission Shakti Scheme that aims to strengthen interventions for the safety, security, and empowerment of women at the Gram Panchayat level. The purpose of these courts is to resolve issues related to domestic violence and other gender-based violence through mutually agreed negotiations, mediation, and conciliation.

Other important points:

The Indian Constitution provides for free and competent legal services:

Directive Principles of State Policy And Fundamental Rights

Article 39A

Equal Justice And Free Legal Aid

The State shall secure that the operation of the legal system promotes justice, on a basis of equal opportunity, and shall, in particular, provide free legal aid, by suitable legislation or schemes or in any other way, to ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reason of economic or other disabilities.

Article 14

Equality Before Law

The State shall not deny to any person equality before the law or the equal protection of the laws within the territory of India.

Article 21

Protection of Life And Personal Liberty

No person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty except according to procedure established by law.

Article 22

Protection Against Arrest And Detention in Certain Cases

(1) No person who is arrested shall be detained in custody without being informed, as soon as may be, of the grounds for such arrest nor shall he be denied the right to consult, and to be defended by, a legal practitioner of his choice.

National Education Day, 2025: November 11



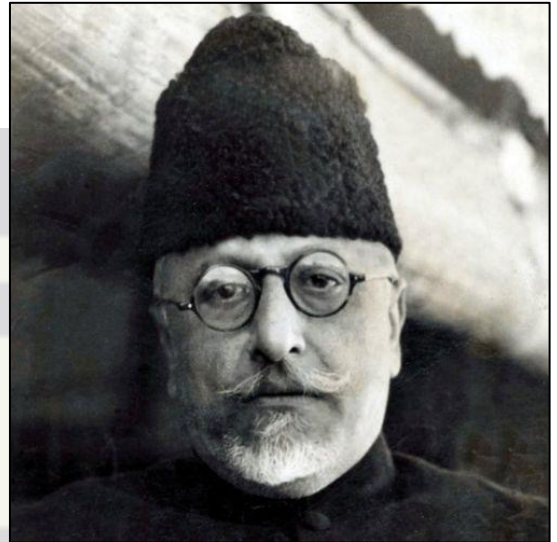
Why in News?

- National Education Day is celebrated every year on November 11 in India in honor of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.



Key Points:

- **Beginning:** September 2008
- **Contribution of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad:** 'Abul Kalam' literally means 'God of Dialogues'.
- **Works:** Basic Concepts of the Quran, Gubar-e-Khatir, Darsh-e-Wafa, India Wins Freedom, etc.
- In the field of education, Maulana Azad was a proponent of liberal universalism/universalism, which was a truly liberal humanistic education system.



Before Independence	After Independence
■ Al-Hilal Magazine: In the year 1912, he started a weekly magazine in Urdu called Al-Hilal, which played an important role in establishing Hindu-Muslim unity by ending the differences between the two communities after the Morley-Minto Reforms (1909).	■ First Education Minister: In 1947, he became the first Education Minister of independent India and remained in this position until his death in 1958. ■ Bharat Ratna: Maulana Abul Kalam Azad was posthumously awarded India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna, in 1992.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Azad and Congress: He supported the Non-Cooperation Movement (1920-22) launched by Gandhiji and joined the Indian National Congress in 1920.■ He was elected President of the Indian National Congress in 1923. At the age of 35, he became the youngest person to preside over the Indian National Congress.■ He again became President of the Congress in 1940 and held the post until 1946. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Institutions established: During his tenure as Education Minister, the first IIT, IISc, School of Planning and Architecture, and the University Grants Commission were established in the country.■ Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR): Formed to introduce Indian culture to other countries.■ Jamia Millia Islamia University: He was one of the founding members of Jamia Millia Islamia University, which was originally established in Aligarh, United Provinces in the year 1920. |
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India's 91st Grandmaster: Rahul V.S.



Why in News?

- India's Rahul V.S. (Tamil Nadu) became the 91st Grandmaster by winning the 6th ASEAN Individual Chess Championship.



Key Points:

- Previously, he achieved the status of International Master in November 2021, after achieving the fourth and fifth International Master status with an Elo rating of 2400.
- Rahul is also the Asian Junior Champion. He also won the International Chess Master title in 2021.



Other Key Points:

Title	Name
90th Grandmaster	Illamparathi A.R. Chennai
89th Grandmaster	S. Rohit Krishna

World titles won by Indians:

- Viswanathan Anand:** The most successful Indian chess player, he won the FIDE World Chess Championship in 2000, 2007, 2008, 2010, and 2012.
- He also won the World Rapid Chess Championship in 2003 and 2017, and the World Blitz Chess Championship in 2000 and 2017. He is the only player to have won world titles in all three formats of chess.

- **Koneru Humpy:** The highest-ranked Indian female chess player, who won the Women's World Rapid Chess Championship in 2019.
- She also won the Women's Grand Prix Series in 2019-2020.
- **Harika Dronavalli:** The second-highest-ranked Indian female chess player, who won bronze medals at the Women's World Chess Championship in 2012, 2015, and 2017. She also won the FIDE Women's Grand Prix event in Chengdu in 2016.
- **R. Praggnanandhaa:** The youngest Indian Grandmaster and one of the most promising talents in world chess, he won the World Youth Chess Championship (Under-18) in 2019. He also won the Asian Continental Chess Championship (Open) in 2021.
- **Gukesh Domaraju:** The 2024 FIDE World Chess Championship was won by Gukesh Domaraju, who became the youngest chess world champion in history at the age of 18.
- Defeated defending champion Ding Liren (China) in a 14-game classical match held in Singapore.
- **Divya Deshmukh:** Divya Deshmukh became the first Indian woman chess player to win the FIDE Women's World Cup title by defeating her compatriot Koneru Humpy in the final played in Batumi, Georgia.