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Persons in the news

"Subhazis Thalapatra" sworn in as 33rd Chief Justice of Orissa High Court

- ❖ Justice Subasis Thalapatra hails from Udaipur, Tripura.
- ❖ He was appointed Senior Advocate on December 21, 2004. On 15 November 2011, he was sworn in as an Additional Judge of the Guwahati High Court in Guwahati, Assam.
- ❖ On 13 September 2013, he was appointed as a permanent judge of the Tripura High Court.
- ❖ He served as Acting Chief Justice of Tripura High Court for two terms from November 2-13, 2018 and November 11-15, 2019.
- ❖ He was transferred as a Judge of the Orissa High Court on June 1, 2022 and took oath on June 10, 2022.



Places in the news

The country's first post office on the international border in Jammu and Kashmir

- ❖ Located on the banks of the Kishanganga River along the LoC in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir, Geron Post Office has been recognized as the first post office in the international border region of the country.
- ❖ The Indian Army has given this new recognition as it is located very close to the Line of Control.
- ❖ This post office, which has been operating since before India's independence, has never stopped service even in the contexts of tension in the international border due to the wars of 1965 and 1971.



Sports

U.S. Introduction of 'Double Bounce Review' in Open

- ❖ This year the US Video review system is introduced to solve 'double bounce' confusion in Open tennis.
- ❖ This is the "first time" such a facility has been introduced at a Grand Slam tournament.
- ❖ In tennis, when a competitor hits the ball, the ball must hit the ground only once before the opponent hits the ball back.
- ❖ But, sometimes during the games it seems like it hit the ground twice (double bounce) and confusion arises between the two sides.





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- ❖ Whatever the decision of the seat umpire at that time is final. Currently, the U.S. has the facility to review the video of the match and make a decision in such an environment. Introducing Open.

first time

- ❖ The US Grand Slam was also the first to introduce electronic boundary line technology to know whether the ball is 'in' or 'out' (2006), a clock that tells a competitor how long he has to serve (2018), and permission to communicate with the coach during the match (2022). Open is significant.

Science and Technology

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

- ❖ The Indian Army (IA) has patented an artificial intelligence (AI)-based accident prevention system that is poised to improve road safety and mitigate accidents.
- ❖ It was developed within the Army's Research and Development (R&D) wing, and "Colonel Kuldeep Yadav" is credited with inventing this deterrent.
- ❖ The system saves lives by alerting drivers to sleepiness and reduces accidents caused by sleep deprivation.



Chandrayaan-3 captured accurate images of Earth and Moon

- ❖ ISRO released 2 images of Earth and Moon taken by Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)'s Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft was launched from Sriharikota on July 14 by LVM-3 rocket.
- ❖ Chandrayaan-3 entered lunar orbit on August 5 after various stages of travel.
- ❖ Meanwhile, ISRO has released 2 images of Earth and Moon taken by Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft.
- ❖ That is, the photograph of the moon was taken by the "LHVC horizontal camera" on the lunar lander.
- ❖ Of which 120 km. diameter "Pythagoras crater, volcanic Oceanus Procellarum, Aristarchus crater, Raman valley surface" can be seen.





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Economy & Banking

The Reserve Bank of India has decided to keep the repo rate unchanged for the third time in a row.

- ❖ RBI Governor "Shaktikanta Das" announced that the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has unanimously decided to keep the repo rate unchanged at 6.5%.
- ❖ "Repo Rate" is the rate at which RBI lends money to commercial banks.
- ❖ The Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) rate remained unchanged at 6.25%, while the Marginal Standard Facility (MSF) rate and bank rate remained unchanged at 6.75%.



Tamilnadu Current Affairs

Tamil Nadu is the best state for business development

- ❖ Chief Minister M. K. Stalin proudly said that Tamil Nadu is the best state for industrial development.
- ❖ He unveiled the logo for the World Investor Conference to be held on January 7 and 8 next year at a function held in Chennai on Thursday.
- ❖ As Tamil Nadu plays a key role in India's economic growth, the state's GDP is expected to reach one trillion US dollars by 2030.
- ❖ In that way, investments worth lakhs of crores of rupees will also be attracted through the investor conference.
- ❖ Employment for the youth of the state especially women will increase manifold.
- ❖ The economy of the state will also grow tremendously
- ❖ Various Industry Associations in Tamil Nadu should also become promotional ambassadors of the state and encourage leading companies to invest in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ logo: The symbol released by the Chief Minister centered on the first letter of Tamil Nadu 'Th'.
- ❖ Also, the upper part of the 'T' is designed with an arrow pointing towards rapid progress in elements like computerization and industrialization, urbanized society.
- ❖ In this situation, the Tamil Nadu government has announced that a special website for the World Investor Conference will be launched soon.





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- ❖ The main theme of the World Investor Conference is 'Aggressive, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth'.
- ❖ That means the conference is going to be held with the objectives of covering states and overall development

Near Chengalpattu Rs. 515 crores for cosmetics manufacturing plant

- ❖ An MoU was signed in the presence of Chief Minister M. K. Stalin at the Chief Secretariat on Thursday for setting up a center for the production of cosmetic products near Chengalpattu at a cost of Rs 515 crore.
- ❖ This plant is to be set up on behalf of Godrej Company.
- ❖ It has decided to set up a manufacturing center in Thiramalayanagar, Chengalpattu district in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Godrej, a consumer goods company, has established its manufacturing units at 33 locations in India.
- ❖ Through this MoU, 446 people are going to be given employment at an investment of Rs.515 crore.
- ❖ Soaps, facial creams, hair care products, mosquito repellent etc. are being manufactured through the Vulla plant located near Chengalpattu.
- ❖ The company has decided to increase the number of women in the company by 50 percent and provide employment opportunities to transgenders and differently-abled persons.

Circular walls found at Porpanaikottai excavations near Pudukottai

- ❖ Circular walls have come to light in the center of the circular fort at Porpanaikottai in Pudukottai district.
- ❖ Porpanaikottai has a circular fort and masonry structure dating back to the Sangam period.
- ❖ Similarly, there is a moat on the inner and outer sides of the fort. Excavation work has been going on here since last May on behalf of the Department of Archaeology.
- ❖ In this case, a shaped wall has been seen in a pit where the excavation work is going on.
- ❖ It is noteworthy that there are 4 circular walls in succession.



- ❖ Excavation work has been going on here since last May on behalf of the Department of Archaeology
- ❖ Excavation work is going on in 13 places of 15 feet length and width each.

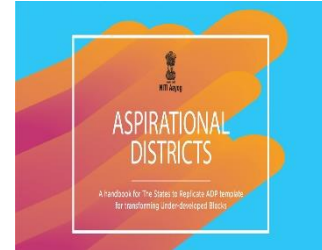


- ❖ So far, the explorers have discovered various artefacts, including a gold nosepiece, different types of potsherds and glass bangles.

State Current Affairs

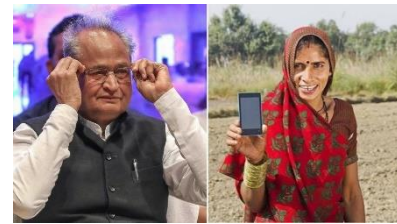
"Aspirational Districts Programme"

- ❖ The Aspirational Districts Programme has yielded positive results in Nuh district of Haryana as the district has moved from the 30th position to the second position in Niti Aayog's Delta ranking.
- ❖ Sharing details in this regard, Deputy Commissioner, Sh. Dharendra Khadgata said that the Aspirational Districts Programme aims to uplift and develop the most socio-economically challenged districts in India, and this progress in the Nuh district is certainly a step in the right direction.
- ❖ He further informed that the district is ranked first in the parameters of agriculture and water resources.
- ❖ Similarly, the district is ranked second in health and nutrition.



Government of Rajasthan launched "Indira Gandhi Smart Phone Scheme" in Jaipur.

- ❖ Under the scheme, 1.3 crore women in the state will get free smartphones with three years of data.
- ❖ In the first phase, 40 lakh women will get smartphones. More than 400 mobile distribution camps have been organized across Rajasthan.
- ❖ Smartphones will be provided to girl students of 9th to 12th standard in government schools, college students, single women and widows.
- ❖ In the first phase, the phones will be provided to household heads who have worked for 100 days under the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA and 50 days under the Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme.
- ❖ Beneficiaries can choose their preferred smartphones in the camps



The 'Kamar' tribe has acquired habitat rights in Damdari of Chhattisgarh.

- ❖ With this move, Chhattisgarh became the second state in the country (after Madhya Pradesh) to grant such recognition.
- ❖ This will help protect their culture and livelihood and the government can strive for their development.
- ❖ Qamar tribe mainly resides in "Gariaband, Damdari, Mahasamund and Kankar" districts.
- ❖ Chhattisgarh has five tribal groups including "Abujmadiya, Baiga, Qamar, Birhor and Bahadi Korwa" while the state government has granted status to two more tribal groups - namely "Bandu and Punjia".





National current affairs

First petrol station run by women inmates in the country

- ❖ India's first petrol outlet run by women prisoners only was opened at Puzhal near Chennai on Thursday.
- ❖ Minister S. Raghupathi inaugurated a new petrol outlet run by women prisoners on Thursday.
- ❖ Women Prisoners Petrol Station: In this, for the first time in India, it was planned to open petrol stations run by women prisoners at Puzhal Ambattur Road, Chennai.
- ❖ For this purpose, another petrol outlet was constructed on an area of 1,170 square meters at a cost of Rs.1.92 crore near the Women's Private Jail on Puzhal Ambattur Road.
- ❖ About 30 women inmates are working in the newly opened petrol station. They will get a monthly salary of Rs.10,000.
- ❖ This petrol station run by women prisoners will help them reform, rehabilitate and reintegrate into the society.
- ❖ Also, it will give women inmates an opportunity to learn new skills and gain work experience.
- ❖ This work gives women inmates responsibility, dignity, self-worth and boosts confidence and morale

- ❖ The prison department opened a petrol station for prisoners in Chennai Puzhal for the first time in 2018 in collaboration with Indian Oil Corporation.
- ❖ Following this, petrol outlets were opened by the prison department at 4 places namely Vellore, Coimbatore, Balayankottai, Pudukottai Minor Ward Home.
- ❖ These stations are currently run by male prisoners.
- ❖ Around 25 prisoners are getting employment through each petrol station.
- ❖ The prison department is getting good income from the petrol station and the prisoners are also earning.

It is difficult to say that Article 370 is permanent

- ❖ The Supreme Court on Thursday said that it is difficult to say that Article 370 is permanent in specific cases with the constitution giving special status to Jammu and Kashmir only on the basis of Article 370.
- ❖ The hearing on the petitions filed against these measures was held on Thursday before a constitution bench headed by Chief Justice TY Chan Drasut and comprising of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, PRK Vai and Suryakant.
- ❖ Then the Chief Justice said, 'Jammu-Kash Mir did not join India under any conditions.



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- ❖ At the time of merger, its sovereignty was completely handed over to India.
- ❖ The merger of Jammu and Kashmir with India was then completely complete.
- ❖ Article 1 of the Constitution enumerates the territories to be found in India.
- ❖ It includes Jammu and Kashmir. At that time, it became a part of India. Article 370 deals with the limitation of the legislature there.
- ❖ Jammu and Kashmir cannot be taken as sovereign
- ❖ Litigator Zafar Shah, appearing for the petitioner, said, “The central government has authority only in matters of security, communication and foreign affairs as far as Jammu and Kashmir is concerned.

- ❖ In 2019, the Parliament revoked the special status granted to the earlier state of Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ According to the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019, the state was divided into two Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

India is a global manufacturing hub for medical products

- ❖ Union Health Minister Sir Mansukh Mandaviya expressed hope that India will emerge as a global manufacturing hub for medical technology and equipment.
- ❖ India's first medical technology exhibition 'India Med Tech Expo 2023' will be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat from 17th to 19th August.
- ❖ The exhibition will showcase India's innovations and achievements in medical and surgical procedures, drugs, equipment and facilities, he said.
- ❖ India's medical devices market is estimated to reach USD 50 billion by 2050.
- ❖ Medical devices sector is considered as one of the emerging sectors of the country.
- ❖ All steps are being taken to make India a manufacturing hub for medical equipment.

A motion of no confidence fails

- ❖ The no-confidence motion brought by opposition parties including the Congress against the ruling BJP-led coalition government at the center failed on Thursday.
- ❖ While the debate was going on in the Lok Sabha since Tuesday, Prime Minister Modi gave a long explanation for more than 2 hours on Thursday evening.
- ❖ Opposition parties walked out in the middle of his speech. Subsequently, the no-confidence motion was defeated by voice vote as there were no opposition parties to participate in the vote.

International news

Chief of Army Staff is on a 5-day visit to Britain

- ❖ Indian Army Chief "Manoj Pandey" has started his 5-day official visit to UK.
- ❖ The Coldstream Guards, one of the oldest units of the British Army, paid their respects to Manoj Pandey.



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- ❖ Manoj Pandey will take the honor of "Sovereignty's Representative" in place of King Charles at the event.
- ❖ Pandey is the "first Indian representative" to receive such an honour.

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