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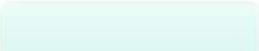


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# Important Days



➤ **What was the theme for National Consumer Day 2024?**

- A) Strengthening Consumer Grievance Redressal
- B) Consumer Awareness and Safety
- C) Virtual Hearings & Digital Access to Consumer Justice
- D) Digital Innovation for Consumer Empowerment
- E) E-Commerce Consumer Safety



**Answer**

**C) Virtual Hearings & Digital Access to Consumer Justice**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** National Consumer Day 2024 Observed
- **Date:** December 24, 2024
- **Location:** Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi





# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Theme:**
  - "Virtual Hearings & Digital Access to Consumer Justice", reflecting efforts to enhance consumer welfare through digital grievance redressal.



# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Initiatives Launched:**
  - **'Jago Grahak Jago App,' 'Jagruti App,' and 'Jagruti Dashboard':** Tools to identify dark patterns and empower consumers.
  - **AI-enabled NCH 2.0:** Advanced National Consumer Helpline with multilingual support and AI-powered chatbots for efficient grievance resolution.
  - **e-Mapp Portal for Legal Metrology Services:** Improves transparency and accountability in governance.



# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Initiatives Launched:**
  - **SMART Standards:** BIS initiative for 2025 ensuring quality and safety compliance.
  - **Safety Pledge:** Signed by executives of 13 major e-commerce platforms, committing to consumer safety.



# Important Days



## Government Highlights:

- **Consumer Protection Act 2019:** Framework for swift grievance redressal with over 28.9 lakh cases filed, out of which 23.45 lakh cases have been resolved.
- **E-Daakhil Portal:** Facilitating online case filing and virtual hearings, with 100% e-filing in Karnataka, Punjab, and Rajasthan.
- **Organic Food Testing Laboratory (Guwahati):** Ensuring food safety.
- **Low Voltage Switch Gear Testing Facility (Mumbai):** Enhancing electrical quality.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Dark Patterns:** Deceptive design strategies used on e-commerce platforms to mislead consumers.
- **E-Daakhil:** A digital platform enabling online filing and resolution of consumer grievances.
- **SMART Standards:** New BIS initiative from 2025 ensuring streamlined quality controls.



# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **National Consumer Day:**
  - Observed annually on December 24th to highlight consumer rights.
- **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS):**
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
  - **Founded:** 1986
  - **Director General:** Pramod Kumar Tiwari
- **Legal Metrology:**
  - Enforces accuracy in measurements and compliance with standards.
- **CCPA (Central Consumer Protection Authority):**
  - **Established:** 2020
  - **Objective:** Safeguard consumer rights and regulate unfair trade practices.



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Key Aspect	Details
Event	National Consumer Day 2024 Observed
Date	December 24, 2024
Theme	Virtual Hearings & Digital Access to Consumer Justice
Major Initiatives	Jago Grahak Jago App, AI-enabled NCH 2.0, e-Mapp portal, SMART Standards
Safety Pledge	Signed by 13 e-commerce platforms to ensure consumer safety
New Facilities	Organic Food Testing Lab (Guwahati), Low Voltage Switch Gear Testing (Mumbai)
Consumer Cases	28.9 lakh cases filed, 23.45 lakh resolved



➤ **Where is the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 scheduled to be hosted?**

- A) India
- B) Australia
- C) Pakistan
- D) England
- E) New Zealand

**Answer**  
**C) Pakistan**





## Event and Location:

- **Event:** ICC Champions Trophy 2025 Details
- **Dates:** February 19, 2025 – March 9, 2025 (March 10 reserved for a contingency final day).
- **Host Nation:** Pakistan.
- **Format:** Round-robin format involving 8 teams.



## India's Participation:

- India's squad is anticipated but not officially confirmed.
- Key players **like Rohit Sharma (Captain), Virat Kohli, Jasprit Bumrah, and Hardik Pandya (Vice-Captain)** are expected to feature.



# SPORTS



## Anticipated India Squad for Champions Trophy 2025:

Player Name	Role
Rohit Sharma (Captain)	Batsman
Yashasvi Jaiswal	Batsman
Shubman Gill	Batsman
Sanju Samson	Wicketkeeper/Batsman
Virat Kohli	Batsman
Shreyas Iyer	Batsman
Rishabh Pant	Wicketkeeper/Batsman
KL Rahul	Wicketkeeper/Batsman
Hardik Pandya	All-rounder (Vice-Captain)
Suryakumar Yadav	Batsman
Ravindra Jadeja	All-rounder
Axar Patel	All-rounder
Yuzvendra Chahal	Bowler
Jasprit Bumrah	Bowler
Mohd. Shami	Bowler
Mohd. Siraj	Bowler
Kuldeep Yadav	Bowler



## Key Matches Involving India:

Date	Match	Venue
20 Feb 2025	Bangladesh vs. India	Dubai International Cricket Stadium, Dubai
23 Feb 2025	Pakistan vs. India	Dubai International Cricket Stadium, Dubai
2 Mar 2025	New Zealand vs. India	Dubai International Cricket Stadium, Dubai
4 Mar 2025	Semi-Final 1 (If India qualifies)	Dubai International Cricket Stadium, Dubai
9 Mar 2025	Final (If India qualifies)	Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore / Dubai



## Static GK Information:

- **ICC Champions Trophy**
  - **First Edition:** 1998 (as ICC KnockOut Trophy).
  - **Number of Teams:** 8.
  - **Defending Champion:** Pakistan (won in 2017, the last edition).
- **Pakistan**
  - **Capital:** Islamabad
  - **Currency:** Rupee (PKR)
  - **Prime Minister:** Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar
  - **President:** Arif Alvi



## Tabular Summary:

Key Aspect	Details
Event	ICC Champions Trophy 2025
Host	Pakistan
India's First Match	February 20, 2025, vs. Bangladesh, Dubai
Key India Match	February 23, 2025, vs. Pakistan, Dubai
Final Match	March 9, 2025, at Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore (or Dubai if India qualifies)



# RANKING



➤ **Which three Indian women were featured in Forbes' 2024 Power Women List?**

- A) Nita Ambani, Indra Nooyi, Roshni Nadar Malhotra
- B) Nirmala Sitharaman, Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
- C) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Arundhati Bhattacharya, Roshni Nadar Malhotra
- D) Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Indra Nooyi, Nirmala Sitharaman
- E) Nirmala Sitharaman, Priyanka Chopra, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw



**Answer**

**B) Nirmala Sitharaman, Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw**



# RANKING



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** 3 Indians feature in Forbes' 2024 Power Women List
- **Date:** December 2024
- **List Published By:** Forbes





## Mandates and Objectives:

- Recognizing global influential leaders across business, politics, entertainment, and philanthropy.
- **Indians on the List:**
  - **Nirmala Sitharaman (Rank 28):** Finance Minister of India.
  - **Roshni Nadar Malhotra (Rank 81):** Chairperson of HCL Technologies.
  - **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (Rank 82):** Founder and Chairperson of Biocon.



## Key Achievements of the Indian Women:

- **Nirmala Sitharaman:**
  - First woman to hold the Finance and Corporate Affairs portfolios full-time.
  - Plays a pivotal role in managing India's \$4 trillion economy.
  - Advocates for financial empowerment and supports entrepreneurship for women.



## Key Achievements of the Indian Women:

- **Roshni Nadar Malhotra:**
  - Chairperson of HCL Technologies, overseeing its \$12 billion operations.
  - Founder of The Habitats Trust, focusing on conserving natural habitats.
  - Trustee of the Shiv Nadar Foundation, which works on transformative education.



**HCLTech**



## Key Achievements of the Indian Women:

- **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw:**
  - Built Biocon into a global biopharma leader.
  - Orchestrated a \$3.3 billion acquisition of Viatrix' biosimilars business in 2022.
  - Raised \$362 million through Biocon-backed Bicara Therapeutics' IPO in 2024.



# RANKING



## Top 10 in Forbes' 2024 Power Women List:

1. **Claudia Sheinbaum** – President of Mexico
2. **Ursula von der Leyen** – President of the European Commission
3. **Christine Lagarde** – President of the European Central Bank
4. **Giorgia Meloni** – Prime Minister of Italy
5. **Mary Barra** – CEO of General Motors
6. **Abigail Johnson** – CEO of Fidelity Investments
7. **Julie Sweet** – CEO of Accenture
8. **Melinda French Gates** – Co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
9. **MacKenzie Scott** – Philanthropist
10. **Jane Fraser** – CEO of Citigroup



## Static GK Information:

- **Nirmala Sitharaman**
  - **Position:** Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, India
  - **Tenure Start:** May 2019
- **Roshni Nadar Malhotra**
  - **Position:** Chairperson of HCL Technologies
  - **Net Worth:** \$4.9 billion (2024 estimate)
- **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw**
  - **Position:** Founder and Chairperson of Biocon
  - **Founded Biocon:** 1978
- **Forbes Power Women List**
  - **Established:** 2004
  - **Frequency:** Annual



# RANKING



## Tabular Summary:

Key Aspect	Details
Event	3 Indians feature in Forbes' 2024 Power Women List
Indians Recognized	Nirmala Sitharaman, Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
Ranking of Indians	Nirmala Sitharaman (28), Roshni Nadar Malhotra (81), Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (82)
Top Position Holder	Claudia Sheinbaum – President of Mexico
Significance	Recognizes global influential leaders across multiple sectors



➤ **What is India's rank in the 2024 Network Readiness Index (NRI)?**

- A) 40th
- B) 49th
- C) 60th
- D) 35th
- E) 55th

**Answer**  
**B) 49th**





# RANKING



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India Ranks 49th in Network Readiness Index (NRI) 2024
- **Date:** December 2024
- **Location:** Global Rankings



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **India's Performance:**
  - Improved from 60th in 2023 to 49th in 2024, a jump of 11 places.
  - Score increased from 49.93 in 2023 to 53.63 in 2024.
- **Key Factors Contributing to Improvement:**
  - Advancements in Artificial Intelligence (AI).
  - Significant upgrades in mobile networks and broadband connectivity.
  - Strengthened digital infrastructure due to government initiatives.



## Government Initiatives:

- Emphasis on **research and development** in digital technologies.
- Support for **innovation** and widespread deployment of **broadband**.
- Policies aimed at leveraging AI for improving governance and citizen engagement.



# RANKING



## Global Relevance:

- India's rise in rankings positions it as a **global leader in technology adoption** and innovation.
- Reflects India's commitment to **digital transformation** and **technological readiness**.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Network Readiness Index (NRI):**
  - A global ranking that evaluates how nations use technology for governance, citizen engagement, and economic impact.
  - Published by the Portulans Institute, a research organization based in Washington, DC.
- **Portulans Institute:**
  - A non-profit research and education institute focusing on digital readiness and its societal impact.



## Static GK Information:

- **India**
  - **Capital:** New Delhi
  - **Currency:** Indian Rupee (INR)
  - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
  - **President:** Droupadi Murmu
- **Portulans Institute**
  - **Headquarters:** Washington, DC, USA
  - **Founded:** 2019
  - **Focus:** Digital readiness, innovation, and governance.



# RANKING



## Tabular Summary:

Key Aspect	Details
Event	India ranks 49th in the 2024 Network Readiness Index
Previous Rank (2023)	60th
Improved Score	53.63 (up from 49.93 in 2023)
Published By	Portulans Institute
Key Contributions	Advances in AI, mobile networks, broadband connectivity
Significance	Reflects India's position as a global leader in technology adoption



➤ **What stake did Adani Group acquire in Air Works, and for what enterprise value?**

- A) 50% stake for ₹300 crore
- B) 100% stake for ₹500 crore
- C) 85.8% stake for ₹400 crore
- D) 70% stake for ₹450 crore
- E) 90% stake for ₹350 crore

**Answer**

**C) 85.8% stake for ₹400 crore**





## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Adani Group acquires 85.8% stake in Air Works for ₹400 crore
- **Date:** December 2024
- **Location:** India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Acquisition Details:**
  - Adani Group acquired 85.8% stake in Air Works for an enterprise value of ₹400 crore.
  - Air Works, India's largest private-sector Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) company, operates in 35 cities with over 1,300 personnel.
- **Scope of Operations:**
  - Services include line maintenance, heavy checks, refurbishment, painting, and asset management.
  - Expertise in maintaining fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Defence Expertise:**
  - Air Works has collaborated with the Indian Navy and Indian Air Force, bolstering India's domestic defence MRO capabilities.



## Strategic Implications:

- Aligns with the Adani Group's vision of creating a **full-spectrum MRO ecosystem**, integrating civil and defence aviation services.
- Supports **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** by enhancing India's self-reliance in aviation.
- Aids India's growing aviation market, which is set to induct over **1,500 aircraft** soon.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **MRO (Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul):**
  - Refers to the repair, inspection, and maintenance of aircraft to ensure safety and operational readiness.
- **Aatmanirbhar Bharat Initiative:**
  - A campaign launched by the Indian government to promote self-reliance across sectors, including defence and aviation.



## Static GK Information:

- **Adani Group**
  - **Founded:** 1988
  - **Headquarters:** Ahmedabad, Gujarat
  - **Chairman:** Gautam Adani
  - **Business Focus:** Infrastructure, energy, defence, aerospace, and more
- **Air Works**
  - **Founded:** 1951
  - **Headquarters:** Gurugram, Haryana
  - **Specialization:** Civil and defence MRO services
- **Indian Aviation Market**
  - **Ranking:** 3<sup>rd</sup> largest globally
  - **Growth Potential:** Plans to induct over 1,500 aircraft



## Tabular Summary:

Key Aspect	Details
Event	Adani Group acquires 85.8% stake in Air Works
Acquisition Value	₹400 crore
Air Works Operations	Operates in 35 cities with over 1,300 personnel
Defence MRO Expertise	Completed projects for Indian Navy and Indian Air Force
Global Approvals	Regulatory permissions from aviation authorities in 20+ countries
Strategic Vision	Build a full-spectrum aviation services ecosystem, aligning with Aatmanirbhar Bharat
Indian Aviation	3rd largest market globally; 1,500+ aircraft to be inducted soon



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court?**

- A) Justice Rajiv Shakdher
- B) Justice Surjit Singh Sandhawalia
- C) Justice GS Sandhawalia
- D) Justice Mohan Yadav
- E) Justice Suresh Kaushik

**Answer**

**C) Justice GS Sandhawalia**





# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Justice GS Sandhawalia appointed as Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court
- **Date:** Notification issued on December 23, 2024
- **Location:** Himachal Pradesh High Court



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Appointment Details:**
  - Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia appointed as Chief Justice following a recommendation by the Supreme Court Collegium.
  - Appointment comes after a three-month delay following the retirement of Justice Rajiv Shakdher in October 2024.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Legal and Judicial Background:**
  - Graduated in BA (Hons) from DAV College, Chandigarh, and earned a law degree from Panjab University, Chandigarh.
  - Practised as an advocate at the Punjab and Haryana High Court starting in August 1989.
  - Elevated as a judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court on September 30, 2011, and became a permanent judge on January 24, 2014.
- **Legacy:**
  - Justice Sandhawalia's father, Justice Surjit Singh Sandhawalia, served as the Chief Justice of both the Punjab and Haryana High Court and the Patna High Court.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Supreme Court Collegium:**
  - A body of senior Supreme Court judges responsible for the appointment and transfer of judges in India.
- **Puisne Judge:**
  - A term used to describe a judge who is not the Chief Justice of a court.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

- **Himachal Pradesh**
  - **Capital:** Shimla (Summer), Dharamshala (Winter)
  - **CM:** Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu
  - **Governor:** Shiv Pratap Shukla
- **Punjab and Haryana High Court**
  - **Location:** Chandigarh, India
  - **Established:** 1947



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Aspect	Details
Event	Justice GS Sandhawalia appointed Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court
Notification Date	December 23, 2024
Previous Position	Senior-most Puisne Judge of Punjab and Haryana High Court
Legal Background	Law degree from Panjab University, Chandigarh
Judicial Career	Elevated to the bench in 2011; permanent judge in 2014
Legacy	Father, Justice Surjit Singh Sandhawalia, was Chief Justice of Punjab & Haryana High Court



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the new chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)?**

- A) Justice Arun Kumar Mishra
- B) Justice H. L. Dattu
- C) Justice V. Ramasubramanian
- D) Justice K. G. Balakrishnan
- E) Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi

**Answer**

**C) Justice V. Ramasubramanian**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Former SC judge V. Ramasubramanian appointed Chairperson of NHRC
- **Date:** December 24, 2024
- **Location:** New Delhi, India





# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Appointment Details:**
  - Justice V. Ramasubramanian, a former Supreme Court judge, has been appointed the Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).
  - Appointed by the President of India on the recommendation of a high-powered selection committee chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Background:**
  - The NHRC chairperson position was vacant since Justice Arun Kumar Mishra completed his tenure on June 1, 2024.
  - Justice Mishra was the first non-CJI to hold the position following the amendment to the Protection of Human Rights Act, 2019.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **NHRC (National Human Rights Commission):**
  - An autonomous statutory body established to protect and promote human rights in India.
  - It investigates violations of rights and recommends remedial action to the government.
- **Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 (Amended 2019):**
  - Governs the appointment process and mandates the inclusion of non-CJIs for the NHRC chairperson position.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

- **National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)**
  - **Founded:** October 12, 1993
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
  - **First Chairperson:** Justice Ranganath Misra
  - **Current Chairperson:** Justice V. Ramasubramanian (appointed December 24, 2024)



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Aspect	Details
Event	Appointment of Justice V. Ramasubramanian as NHRC Chairperson
Notification Date	December 24, 2024
Previous Chairperson	Justice Arun Kumar Mishra (Retired on June 1, 2024)
Appointing Authority	President of India, based on a selection committee's recommendation
Notable Past Chairpersons	Justice H. L. Dattu, Justice K. G. Balakrishnan, Justice Arun Kumar Mishra



# AWARDS



➤ **Who was awarded the Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award for Public Leadership by SIES in 2024?**

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Rajnath Singh
- C) S. Jaishankar
- D) Nirmala Sitharaman
- E) Amit Shah

**Answer**

**C) S. Jaishankar**



# AWARDS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** S. Jaishankar Receives Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi Award
- **Date:** December 2024
- **Awarding Organization:** South Indian Education Society (SIES)



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Recognition:**
  - The award honors S. Jaishankar, India's External Affairs Minister, for his leadership and contributions to India's foreign policy.
  - Highlights his pivotal role in promoting India's global influence and advocating for the well-being of the global south.





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Jaishankar's Remarks:**
  - **Maha Periyavar's Teachings:** Inspired by Periyavar's Maithreem Bhajatham, Jaishankar highlighted universal brotherhood and compassion.
  - **India's Assertiveness:** Asserted that India's independence must not be mistaken for neutrality; India will act in its national interest while contributing to global good.
  - **Global Significance:** Mentioned India's strong stance on terrorism, its support for the African Union during the G20 discussions, and its advocacy for diplomacy during conflicts.



## India's Growing Global Influence:

- Emphasized India's promotion of **millet**s (**Shree Anna**) and **Yoga** as examples of cultural contributions strengthening India's global presence.
- Advocated for **India's leadership role** in shaping global policies aligned with national values.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Maha Periyavar:**
  - Revered spiritual leader, known for his teachings on universal brotherhood and global cooperation. His composition Maithreem Bhajatham embodies these principles.
- **SIES (South Indian Education Society):**
  - Established in 1932, it is one of India's oldest educational societies, promoting excellence in academics and leadership.
- **Global South:**
  - Refers to developing countries, often in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, working together on global issues like climate change and equitable development.



# AWARDS



## Static GK Information:

- **S. Jaishankar**
  - **Position:** External Affairs Minister of India
  - **Appointed:** May 30, 2019
  - **Notable Contributions:** Advocated for India's interests globally, including during the COVID-19 pandemic and G20 discussions.
- **South Indian Education Society (SIES):**
  - **Founded:** 1932
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - **Focus:** Educational and cultural development.
- **Maha Periyavar:**
  - **Full Name:** Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi
  - **Known For:** Promoting spiritual harmony, universal brotherhood, and compassion.



# AWARDS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Aspect	Details
Event	S. Jaishankar receives Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi Award
Awarding Body	South Indian Education Society (SIES)
Reason for Award	Leadership in foreign policy and India's growing global influence
Key Remarks	India's assertiveness and independence, inspired by Maha Periyavar's teachings
India's Contributions	Advocacy for terrorism control, promotion of millets, and global Yoga initiatives



➤ Which of the following best describes the 'Udaan Yatri Cafe' initiative launched by the Indian government?

- A) A new airport lounge for premium travelers
- B) An initiative to provide affordable refreshments at airports
- C) A scheme to promote tourism in remote areas
- D) A project to regulate airport taxi services
- E) A campaign to reduce international airfares



**Answer**

**B) An initiative to provide affordable refreshments at airports**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the 'Udaan Yatri Cafe' initiative
- **Date:** December 2024
- **Location:** Kolkata's Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:**
  - Address overpriced refreshments at airports and reduce financial burdens on passengers.
- **Goals:**
  - Offer affordable water, tea, coffee, and snacks.
  - Expand to other Airports Authority of India (AAI)-operated airports upon pilot success.





## Important Terms Explained:

- **Udaan Yatri Cafe:**
  - A government initiative to provide affordable food and beverages at airports, ensuring convenience for air travelers.
- **Airports Authority of India (AAI):**
  - A state-owned organization managing civil aviation infrastructure, including airport operations in India.



## Static GK Information:

- **India**
  - **Capital:** New Delhi
  - **Currency:** Indian Rupee (INR)
  - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
  - **President:** Droupadi Murmu
- **West Bengal**
  - **Capital:** Kolkata
  - **CM:** Mamata Banerjee
  - **Governor:** C. V. Ananda Bose
- **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport**
  - **Location:** Kolkata, West Bengal
  - **Managed By:** Airports Authority of India



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Aspect	Details
Event	Launch of 'Udaan Yatri Cafe' initiative
Location	Kolkata's Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport
Date	December 2024
Chief Advocate	MP Raghav Chadha (AAP)
Significance	Provide affordable food and beverages, address overpriced refreshments, and ease financial burdens on passengers

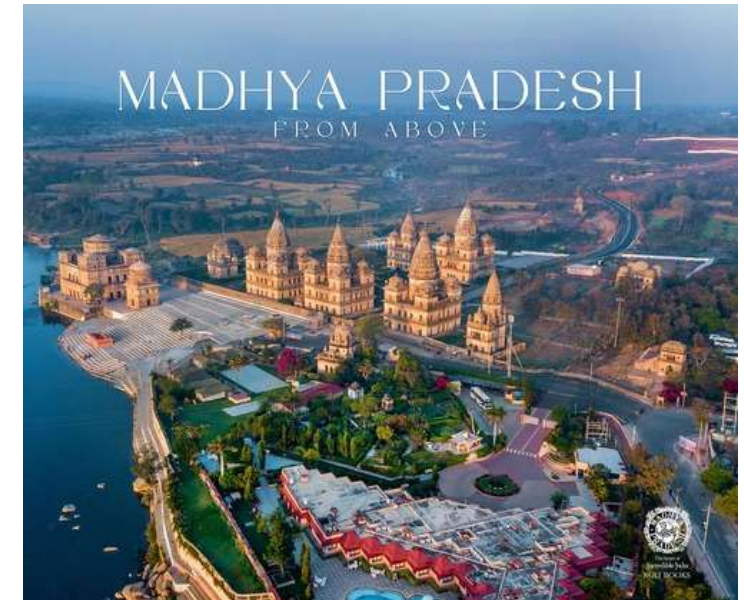


➤ Which Indian state was recognized by the Wall Street Journal as a "Go-To Global Destination for 2025"?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Kerala
- D) Gujarat
- E) Uttarakhand

**Answer**

**B) Madhya Pradesh**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Madhya Pradesh recognized as a “Go-To Global Destination for 2025”
- **Date:** December 2024
- **Location:** Madhya Pradesh, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Recognition:**
  - Madhya Pradesh highlighted by the Wall Street Journal for its rich heritage, vibrant wildlife, and scenic landscapes.
  - Featured UNESCO World Heritage Sites include Khajuraho, Panna, and Bandhavgarh.
- **Tourism Promotion:**
  - Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board actively promotes these destinations internationally.
  - Aimed at increasing global travel interest and tourism revenue.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **UNESCO World Heritage Sites:**
  - Sites of exceptional cultural or natural significance, recognized globally for their value.
  - Madhya Pradesh boasts 14 such sites (3 permanent, 11 tentative), with notable mentions being **Khajuraho**, **Panna**, and **Bandhavgarh**.
- **Tiger Reserves:**
  - Madhya Pradesh is home to **9 tiger reserves**, offering unique wildlife experiences to nature enthusiasts.



## Static GK Information:

- **Madhya Pradesh**
  - **Capital:** Bhopal
  - **CM:** Shivraj Singh Chouhan
  - **Governor:** Mangubhai Patel
  - **Principal Secretary, Tourism and Culture Department:** Sheo Shekhar Shukla





# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Aspect	Details
Event	Madhya Pradesh named "Go-To Global Destination for 2025"
Recognized By	Wall Street Journal
Date	December 2024
Key Attractions	UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Khajuraho, Panna, Bandhavgarh
Other Highlights	9 Tiger Reserves, vibrant cultural experiences
Global Promotion	Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board actively promoting internationally
Significance	Establishes Madhya Pradesh as a world-class travel destination



- **What is the focus theme of the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of Youth Co:Lab 2024-2025?**
- A) Strengthening Social Entrepreneurship in Rural Areas
  - B) Enhancing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)
  - C) Advancing AI-Driven Education
  - D) Scaling Green and Sustainable Startups
  - E) Empowering Women Entrepreneurs



**Answer**

**B) Enhancing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** AIM, UNDP, and Citi Foundation Launch Youth Co:Lab 2024-2025
- **Date:** December 2024
- **Launch Location:** Virtual Ceremony



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Theme:**
  - “Enhance Access to Opportunities and Well-Being for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).”
- **Focus Areas:**
  - Inclusive and Accessible Assistive Technology (AT).
  - Inclusive Educational Technology and Skilling Solutions.
  - Accessible and Inclusive Care Models.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Program Goals:**
  - Support 30–35 early-stage startups with mentorship, networking, and seed grants.
  - Promote disability-inclusive innovation and drive progress toward Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



## Highlights:

- **Springboard Program:**
  - Implemented with AssisTech Foundation (ATF) to scale assistive technologies for PwDs.
- **Call for Applications:**
  - Open to young entrepreneurs aged 18-32, including differently-abled individuals.



## Key Voices from the Launch:

- **Dr. Angela Lusigi, UNDP Resident Representative for India:**
  - “Disability-inclusive development is crucial for achieving SDGs. This initiative prioritizes startups by and for persons with disabilities.”
- **Prateek Madhav, CEO of ATF:**
  - “AI and AR/VR technologies can revolutionize accessibility and improve lives for PwDs.”



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Youth Co:Lab:**
  - A global initiative co-created by UNDP and Citi Foundation in 2017.
  - Promotes social entrepreneurship and youth innovation to achieve SDGs.
- **AssisTech Foundation (ATF):**
  - A key implementation partner that accelerates assistive technology innovations for PwDs.
- **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):**
  - A set of 17 global goals adopted by the UN to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all.





## Static GK Information:

- **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)**
  - **Parent Body:** NITI Aayog
  - **Launched:** 2016
  - **Objective:** Foster innovation and entrepreneurship in India.
- **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**
  - **Founded:** 1965
  - **Headquarters:** New York City, USA
  - **Administrator:** Achim Steiner
- **Citi Foundation**
  - **Founded:** 1994
  - **Headquarters:** New York City, USA
  - **Focus:** Youth economic opportunities, community development, and financial inclusion.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Aspect	Details
Event	Launch of the 7th edition of Youth Co:Lab 2024-2025
Theme	“Enhance Access to Opportunities and Well-Being for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)”
Key Partners	AIM, NITI Aayog, UNDP, Citi Foundation, AssisTech Foundation (ATF)
Startups Targeted	30–35 early-stage startups to receive mentorship and seed grants
Focus Areas	Assistive Technology, Educational Technology, Inclusive Care Models
Eligibility	Young entrepreneurs aged 18–32, including PwDs
Launch in India	Introduced in 2019 by AIM and UNDP



# QUICK RECALL



- **National Consumer Day 2024 celebrated with the theme "Virtual Hearings & Digital Access to Consumer Justice."**
- **ICC Champions Trophy 2025 to be hosted by Pakistan from February 19 to March 9, 2025.**
- **Nirmala Sitharaman ranked 28th in Forbes' 2024 Power Women List.**
- **India rises to 49th rank in the 2024 Network Readiness Index.**
- **Adani Group acquires 85.8% stake in Air Works for ₹400 crore.**
- **Justice GS Sandhawalia appointed Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court.**
- **Justice V. Ramasubramanian appointed Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).**
- **S. Jaishankar awarded Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award for Public Leadership.**



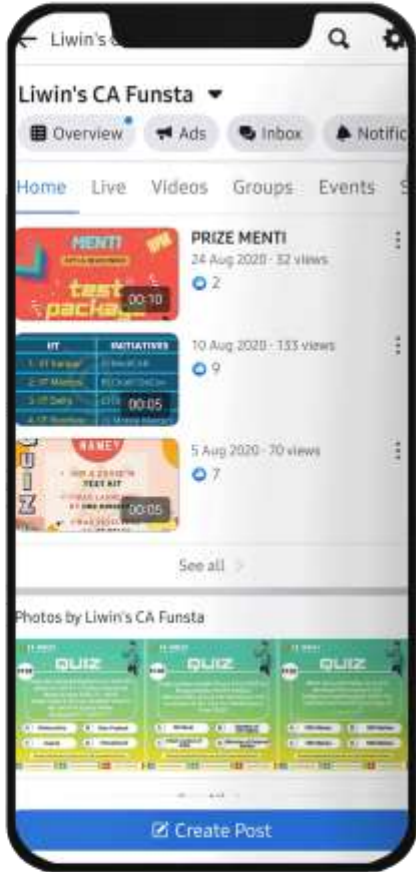
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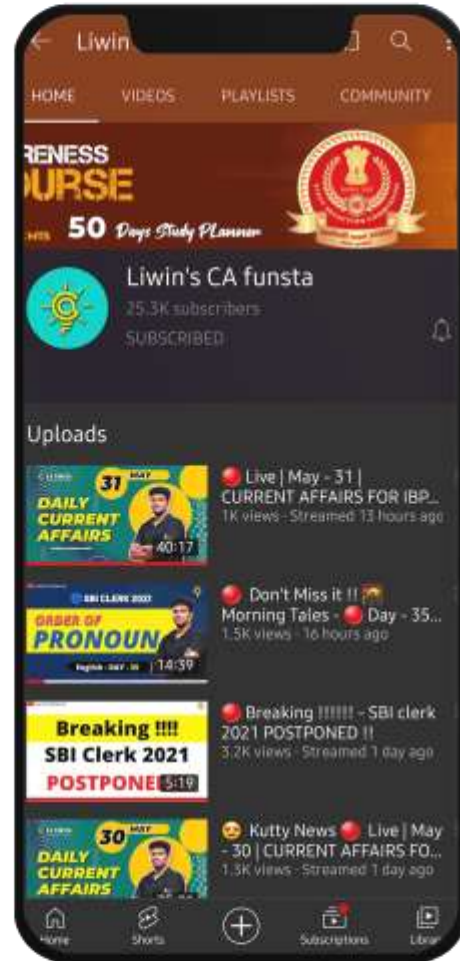
- **Indian government launches 'Udaan Yatri Cafe' to tackle high airport food prices.**
- **Madhya Pradesh recognized by WSJ as a “Go-To Global Destination for 2025.”**
- **Youth Co:Lab 2024-2025 launched to empower disability-inclusive innovation.**



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