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PIB: Defence

Ministry of Defence



EXERCISE VAYUSHAKTI-2024

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The Indian Air Force will be conducting Exercise Vayu Shakti-24 on 17 February 2024 at the Pokhran Air to Ground Range, near Jaisalmer. The last edition of exercise Vayu Shakti was held on 16 February 2019. As always, Ex Vayu Shakti will be a riveting demonstration of the offensive and defensive capabilities of the IAF, spanning across day and night. The exercise will also showcase joint operations with the Indian Army.

This year, the exercise will see participation by 121 aircraft, including the indigenous Tejas, Prachand and Dhruv. Other participating aircraft would include the Rafale, Mirage-2000, Sukhoi-30 MKI, Jaguar, Hawk, C-130J, Chinook, Apache and Mi-17. Indigenous Surface to Air Weapon systems Akash and Samar will demonstrate their capability to track and shoot down an intruding aircraft. Exercise Vayu Shakti will be a demonstration of the IAF's capability to deliver weapons with long range, precision capability as well as conventional weapon accurately, on time and with devastating effect, while operating from multiple air bases. Special operations by the IAF transport and helicopter fleets, involving the Garuds and Indian Army elements will also be on display.

News

- The Indian Air Force will be conducting Exercise Vayu Shakti-24 on 17 February 2024 at the Pokhran firing range in Rajasthan.

About

- Ex Vayu Shakti will be a riveting demonstration of the offensive and defensive capabilities of the IAF, spanning across day and night.
- The exercise will also showcase joint operations with the Indian Army.
- The last edition of exercise Vayu Shakti was held in 2019.

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PIB: Economy / IR

Prime Minister's Office



PM congratulates France for formal launch of UPI

Posted On: 02 FEB 2024 10:30PM by PIB Delhi

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, congratulated France for the formal launch of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) at the Eiffel Tower in Paris today.

He called the move a wonderful example of encouraging digital payments and strengthening ties.

The Prime Minister posted on X:

"Great to see this- it marks a significant step towards taking UPI global. This is a wonderful example of encouraging digital payments and fostering stronger ties."

News

- The Prime Minister of India congratulated France for the formal launch of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) at the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

About

- Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is India's mobile-based fast payment system, which facilitates customers to make round-the-clock payments instantly, using a Virtual Payment Address (VPA) created by the customer.
- It supports both Person-to-Person (P2P) and Person-to-Merchant (P2M) payments and it also enables a user to send or receive money.
- Countries like- Singapore, UAE, Nepal, Bhutan and Sri Lanka have also adopted India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payment service in the past.

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Tanzania as Surajkund fair partner highlights ties with African Union, says Murmu

The participation of Tanzania as a partner nation in this fair highlights India's partnership with the African Union, she said.



News

- Recently, the President of India inaugurated the 37th Surajkund International Crafts Mela in Haryana.

About

- The Mela is organized by the Surajkund Mela Authority & Haryana Tourism in collaboration with Union Ministries of Tourism, Textiles, Culture and External Affairs.
- It showcases the richness and diversity of the handicrafts, handlooms and cultural fabric of India, & is the largest crafts fair in the world.
- For the 37th Surajkund International Crafts Mela-2022, the state of **Gujarat** has been chosen as the **Theme State** and **Tanzania** as the **Partner Nation**.

IE: Polity and Governance

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EXCLUSIVE | Ban polygamy, exempt tribals, fix marriage age: Uttarakhand UCC draft

Not targeting anyone, hope it's a model for other States: Dhani; Bill in state Assembly next week

News

- A state government-appointed panel (headed by Retired Supreme Court judge **Ranjana Prakash Desai**) to prepare a draft of the **Uniform Civil Code (UCC)** has submitted the document to Uttarakhand Chief Minister.

About

- The UCC will provide a legal framework for a uniform marriage, divorce, land, property and inheritance laws for all citizens irrespective of their religion in the state.
- If implemented, **Uttarakhand will become the first** state in India after Independence to adopt the UCC which has been operational in Goa since the days of the Portuguese rule.
- **Article 44** in the (Directive Principle of State Policy) DPSP, found in Part IV of the Constitution, states that “the State shall endeavour to secure for the citizens a uniform civil code throughout the territory of India”.

IE: Polity and Governance

Aligarh Muslim University minority status case: 3 key legal issues argued before the Supreme Court

The Supreme Court will decide if Aligarh Muslim University can be recognised as a minority educational institution. Here are three key arguments made before it.



News

- The Supreme Court concluded the hearings in the case to decide if Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) can claim minority status under Article 30 of the Constitution.

About AMU

- **Sir Syed Ahmed Khan**, in **1877** founded the **Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College** (MAO College) at Aligarh to address Muslim educational backwardness while protecting Islamic values.
- **The Aligarh Muslim University Act, 1920** (AMU Act) was passed to incorporate the MAO college and the Muslim University Association into AMU.

Background

- **Article 30(1)** of the Constitution of India states “All minorities, whether based on religion or language, shall have the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice.”
- In **1967**, in ***S Azeez Basha v Union of India***, the Supreme Court held that AMU does not qualify for minority status as it was not established by the Muslim community.

The Hindu: Geography

Dam project across Mekong River in Laos raises fears

Once completed, the project is expected to displace more than 500 families and impact 20 villages



News

- Dam project across the Mekong River in Laos has raised concerns as it expected to displace more than 500 families and impact 20 villages.

About

- The dam project will affect the Luang Prabang, a city in Laos that has the status of a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

Mekong River

- Mekong River, river that is the longest river in Southeast Asia, the 7th longest in Asia, and the 12th longest in the world.
- Rising in southeastern Qinghai province, China, it flows through the eastern part of the Tibet Autonomous Region and Yunnan province.
- Then it forms part of the international border Between Myanmar and Laos, as well as between Laos and Thailand.
- The river then flows through Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam before draining into the South China Sea.