

# Current Affairs : October 21, 2024

## National News

### 1. **Coal Gallery Inaugurated**:



The first-ever coal gallery titled “Black Diamond – Unveiling the Depths” was inaugurated at the National Science Centre, New Delhi, focusing on coal’s role in energy production and sustainable practices.

### 2. **New Airports Launched**:



PM Modi inaugurated three new airports in Rewa (MP), Ambikapur (CG), and Saharanpur (UP) under the UDAN scheme to enhance regional connectivity.

## International News

### 3. **Indonesia's Largest Cabinet**:



President Prabowo Subianto announced Indonesia's largest-ever Cabinet, consisting of 109 members, aimed at unifying diverse political interests.

#### 4. **\*\*India's Educational Grant to Sri Lanka\*\***:



India doubled its grant for upgrading schools in Sri Lanka's plantation sector to Rs. 600 million, focusing on enhancing educational infrastructure for the Indian-origin Tamil community.

## State News

#### 5. **\*\*Haryana's Dalit Sub-Quotas\*\***:



Haryana became the first state to implement sub-quotas for the Dalit community, subclassifying Scheduled Castes to better address employment disparities.

#### 6. **\*\*Women's Safety Initiative\*\***:



Madhya Pradesh introduced 'pink alarms' in Datia Hospital to enhance safety for female staff.

## Schemes News

### 7- \*\*UDAN Scheme Extension\*\*:



The government announced a 10-year extension of the UDAN scheme to boost regional air connectivity.

## Appointments

### 8. \*\*NCW Chairperson\*\*:



Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar was appointed as the new Chairperson of the National Commission for Women.

### 9. \*\*ICC President\*\*:



Abhyuday Jindal was named the new President of the Indian Chamber of Commerce.

## Defence News

### 10. **Military Exercises**:



The Indian Army conducted the 'Swavlamban Shakti' exercise to enhance combat capabilities using emerging technologies.

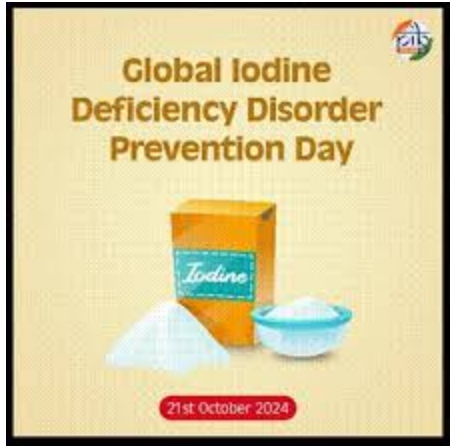
### 11. **Naval Drill with Oman**:



India and Oman participated in the joint naval exercise 'Naseem Al Bahr' off the Goa coast.

## Important Days

### 12- **World Iodine Deficiency Day**:



Observed on October 21 to raise awareness about the health impacts of iodine deficiency.

## Sports News

### 13. **\*\*ISSF Awards\*\***:



Liu Yukun and Yang Ji-in were named ISSF Athletes of the Year for their achievements in shooting sports.

### 14. **\*\*Bala Devi's Milestone\*\***:



Ngangom Bala Devi became the first Indian woman to score 50 international goals in football.



## Science and Technology

### 15- **IIT Madras Research Centre**:



IIT Madras will launch an international research center in Dubai by 2025, focusing on innovation and entrepreneurship.

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