

Current Affairs: 2nd Dec, 2024

International

1. Kash Patel appointed FBI Director



Kash Patel, an Indian-origin official, has been named the Director of the FBI by US President-elect Donald Trump. Known for his close ties with Trump and strong critiques of federal agencies, his appointment is expected to bring transformative changes to the FBI.

State

2. Telangana participates in mineral auctions



Telangana auctioned two limestone blocks for cement manufacturing, marking its debut in India's mineral auction regime. This aligns with the central government's efforts to involve states in mineral resource governance.

3. New district in Uttar Pradesh for Kumbh Mela



Prayagraj's Maha Kumbh area has been declared a new district to ensure better administration during the 2025 Kumbh Mela, aiming to streamline resources and enhance security for millions of pilgrims.

4. Mission Arun Himveer launched in Arunachal Pradesh



The Arunachal Pradesh government has launched Mission Arun Himveer to connect local agricultural producers with markets. An MoU signed with the ITBP underlines the initiative's aim to boost rural incomes and strengthen the state's agribusiness sector.

Defence

5. India-Cambodia joint exercise CINBAX 2024



The first-ever joint military exercise between India and Cambodia, named CINBAX, began in Pune. It focuses on strengthening bilateral defense ties and counter-terrorism capabilities under the UN Charter.

Schemes

6. Women-centric schemes gaining focus



Welfare schemes for women now account for 0.5% of India's GDP in FY25. Maharashtra's Ladki Bahin Yojana is among the prominent initiatives contributing to the welfare and electoral strategies in the state.

Important Days

7. International Day for the Abolition of Slavery (Dec 2)



This day raises awareness about eradicating modern slavery and exploitation. It emphasizes the importance of protecting human rights and dignity globally.

8. World AIDS Day (Dec 1)



The day focuses on raising awareness about HIV/AIDS, reducing stigma, and promoting health equity. The 2024 theme highlights achieving universal health coverage for people living with HIV.

Sports

9. Jay Shah appointed ICC Chairman



Jay Shah, at the age of 36, has become the youngest Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC). His leadership is expected to bring innovation and fresh perspectives to global cricket.

Miscellaneous

10. Actor Vikrant Massey announces retirement



Acclaimed actor Vikrant Massey revealed plans to retire at 37 after completing two final projects by 2025. His decision marks the end of a successful career spanning TV, films, and OTT platforms.

Plutus Academy