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| <p>Namo Drone Didi Scheme</p> | <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government of India has approved the "Namo Drone Didi" scheme under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM). This scheme aims to provide drones to 14,500 selected Women SHGs during the period from 2024-25 to 2025-2026. The Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare has released the Operational Guidelines for this scheme. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Namo Drone Didi is a Government of India initiative launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to empower women through drone technology in agriculture. It is a Central Sector Scheme aimed at empowering Women Self Help Groups (SHGs). It provides drones to 15,000 women Self Help Groups (SHGs) under DAY-NRLM. |
| <p>Amrit Parampara</p> | <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Culture has launched a special festival series titled "Amrit Parampara" to celebrate India's rich cultural heritage and unite the country through art and culture. This series aims to showcase traditional arts and art forms, with a special focus on declining and dying art forms and traditions The series will be held across various monuments and locations in Delhi, offering audiences a unique opportunity to experience India's cultural legacy <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Amrit Parampara" is designed to promote the continuity of India's cultural heritage through four key pillars: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The foundation of Bharatiya Sanskriti A blend of cultural education and entertainment. The synthesis of diverse ideas A multi-sensory experience. The inaugural program of the series, "Kaveri Meets Ganga," brought together the best of dance and musical traditions from South India to North India, showcasing artistic traditions from both regions in the spirit of Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat. |
| <p>Exercise PRAHAR'</p> <p>'VAJRA</p> | <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Indian Army contingent has departed for the 15th edition of the India-US joint Special Forces Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR. The exercise will be held at the Orchard Combat Training Centre |



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| | <p>in Idaho, USA from November 2nd to 22nd, 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The exercise aims to enhance interoperability, jointness, and mutual exchange of special operations tactics between the two forces. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The exercise focuses on counter-terrorism operations, airborne operations, and special operations in general. It typically involves a range of activities, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint Training: Conducting combined training exercises to improve tactical skills and coordination. Mission Planning: Developing and refining joint mission plans. Live-Fire Drills: Executing realistic training scenarios involving weapons and explosives. Urban Operations: Practicing counter-terrorism tactics in urban settings. |
| <p>Exercise 'GARUD SHAKTI'</p> | <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25 personnel from the Indian Army's Parachute Regiment (Special Forces) have departed for Indonesia to participate in the 9th edition of the joint military exercise "Garud Shakti." The exercise, which will take place from November 1st to 12th, aims to enhance cooperation, interoperability, and understanding between the special forces of both nations. Activities will include tactical drills, planning, and execution of special operations, as well as jungle warfare training. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exercise Garuda Shakti is a biennial joint military exercise between India and Indonesia. It aims to enhance military cooperation, understanding, and interoperability between the special forces of both countries. |
| <p>National Youth Awards</p> | <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has called upon young Indians to apply for the prestigious National Youth Awards (NYA) 2022-23, recognizing their exceptional contributions to India's development and social progress. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Youth Award is a prestigious honor in India, recognizing outstanding work and achievements in the field of youth development and social service. It is organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of young individuals and organizations. The National Youth Award is given to individuals aged between 15-29 years and organizations for their exceptional work in various fields. |



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