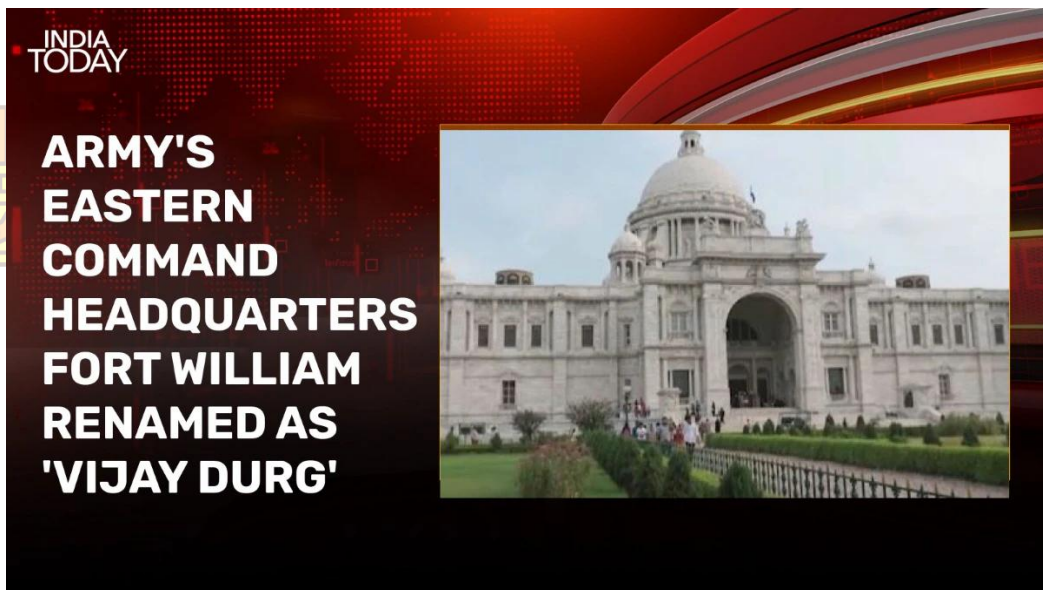


# Daily Current Affairs

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### Fort William Renamed As Vijay Durg

- Indian Army's Eastern Command headquarters, **Fort William**, was officially **renamed Vijay Durg**. This change reflects India's ongoing efforts to shed colonial legacies and honour its indigenous military history.
- The decision to rename the fort was made in December 2024, marking a historic shift from British influence in recognition of India's past. Additionally, **Kitchener House inside Fort William** was renamed **Manekshaw House**, and **St. George's Gate** has been renamed **Shivaji Gate**.



- Fort William was **constructed by the British in 1781**. It was named after King William III of England. The fort served as a key military stronghold during British rule in India.
- Its strategic location on the eastern banks of the River Hooghly made it vital for controlling trade and military operations in Bengal. The **name 'Vijay Durg' pays tribute to a historic fort along Maharashtra's Sindhudurg coast**. This fort was an important naval base during the reign of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The renaming marks India's military heritage and aims to replace colonial references with indigenous ones.



## President Trump Withdrawing US From UNHRC

- President Donald Trump signed an executive order withdrawing the **US** from the **United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)**, prohibiting any future funding for the UN agency for Palestinian refugees. President Trump also directed the **US** to **review its participation in the UN's Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)**.



- The Executive order said that the United States helped found the United Nations after World War II to **prevent future global conflicts and** promote international peace and security.

- Mr. Trump halted funds for **UNRWA during his first term**. President Joe Biden put a block on US funds for UNRWA in January 2024. U.S. remains the largest financial contributor to the U.N., and changes to funding could lead to shifts in global humanitarian efforts.
- **Trump argued that the U.N. was not living up to its potential** in resolving conflicts and mediating peace. Specific mention was made of the U.N. Security Council's failure to resolve conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza.

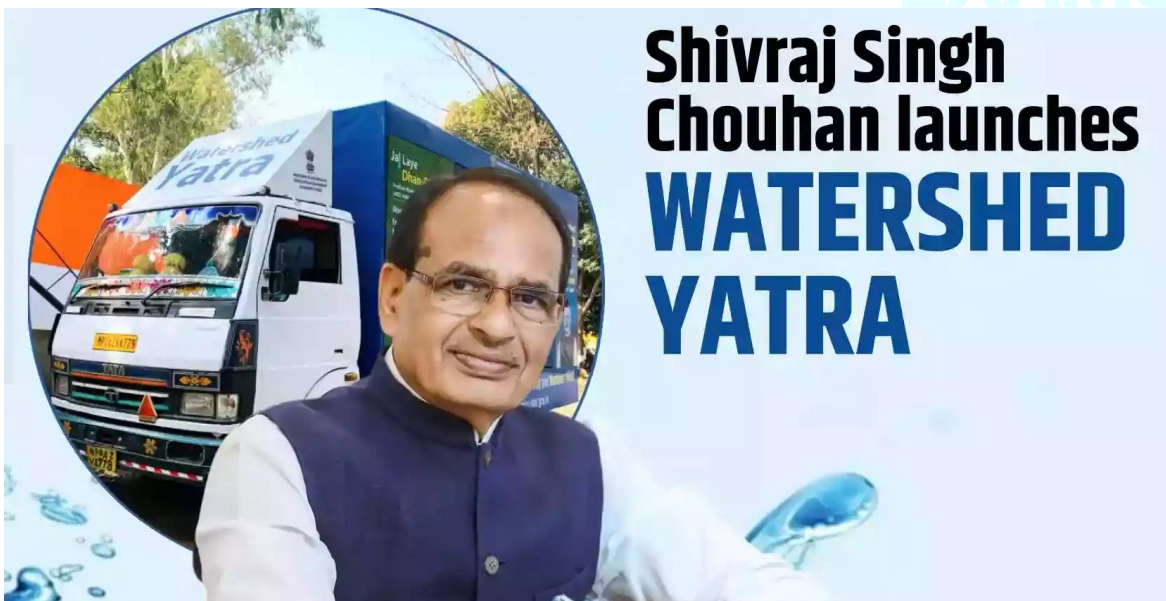


- US President Donald Trump has signed an executive order imposing sanctions on the **International Criminal Court accusing it of illegitimate** and baseless actions targeting America and its close ally Israel. The measure places financial and visa restrictions on individuals and their families who assist in ICC investigations of **American citizens or allies**. The order Trump signed, said, the ICC has no jurisdiction over the United States or Israel, adding that the court had set a dangerous precedence with its actions against both countries. Trump's action came as Netanyahu was visiting Washington. Neither the U.S. nor Israel is a member of or recognizes the court.
- **ICC issued an arrest warrant for Netanyahu** in November last year over alleged war crimes in Gaza. The ICC also issued a warrant for a Hamas commander. Tens of thousands of Palestinians have been killed during the Israeli military's response after the Hamas attack in October 2023.



## “Watershed Yatra”

- **Union Minister of Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan** has launched a national level mass outreach campaign **“Watershed Yatra”**, in Hybrid mode to generate people’s participation and create awareness about the Watershed Development activities carried out under Watershed Development Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY 2.0) in project areas.



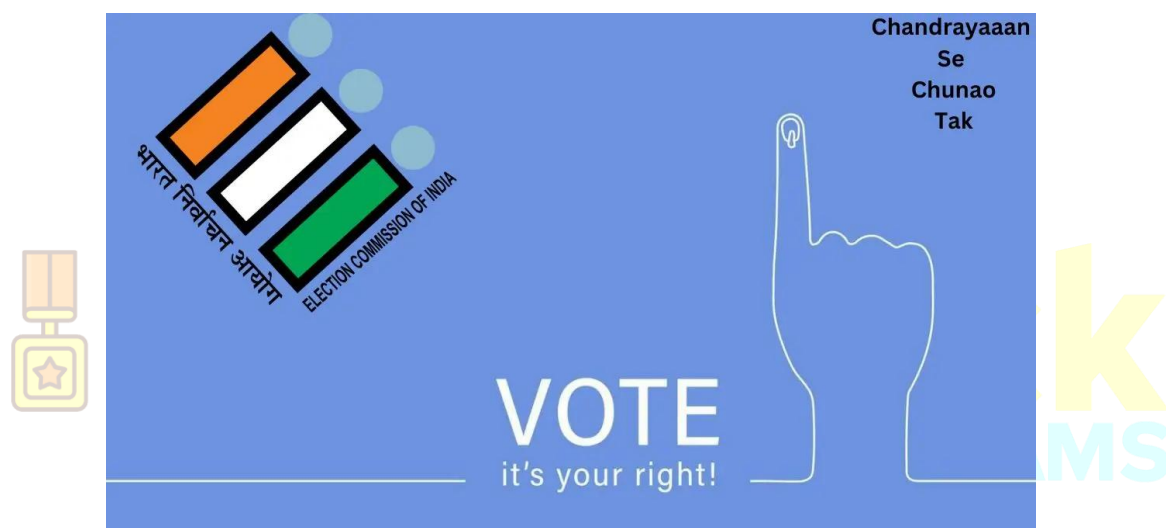
- **A total of about 800 Gram Panchayats** and more than one lakh people participated in the Watershed Yatra launch program. The Watershed Yatra will

consist of Van movement for around 60-90 days across 805 projects, which cover 6673 GPs (13587 villages) in 26 States and 2 UTs.

- The **Department has developed a Learning Management System (LMS)** on Watershed Development and hosted on DoLR's website, which has also been linked to MY Bharat portal for further engagement of youth.

## ECI's 'Chandrayaan Se Chunao Tak'

- A captivating and futuristic **initiative by the Election Commission of India (ECI)** has been turning heads and generating excitement in West Delhi. At a special polling booth in Vikipuri, voters are greeted with a remarkable theme: **"India's Flight from Chandrayaan to Election."**



- The booth is unlike any other, featuring models of the Chandrayaan and Gaganyaan, as well as **interactive displays of planets** through a bioscope and telescope. The idea behind this initiative is to increase voter awareness and enthusiasm, while also celebrating India's remarkable achievements in space exploration.

## Southern Hemisphere's Largest Hindu Temple Unveiled

- The **Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS)** has inaugurated the largest Hindu Temple of South Africa in Johannesburg.
- The inauguration of **BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir and Cultural Complex** marks a historic milestone for the Hindu community in the country.
- This new temple joins a **growing network of 35 BAPS temples across Africa, including seven in South Africa.**



- **BAPS has currently a global presence with over thirteen thousand temples** built across various countries, serving as centres for spirituality, cultural preservation, and community service.

## ISRO Unveils FEAST 2025 Software

- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has introduced the latest version of its structural analysis software, Finite Element Analysis of Structures (FEAST) 2025, at the **8th National Finite Element Developers'/FEAST Users' Meet (NAFED08)** held at IIT Hyderabad.



- The event, organized in collaboration with Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), brought **together over 250 experts from academia, industry,** and research institutions to discuss advancements in finite element-based structural analysis.

FEAST is an indigenous finite element analysis (FEA) software developed by ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC).

- It is designed to predict how structures react to **real-world forces like stress, strain, and temperature variations**. Until now, Indian industries and research institutions had to rely on costly foreign software for structural analysis. With **FEAST, ISRO is providing a made-in-India, customizable**, and cost-effective solution, particularly beneficial for students, researchers, and industries.
- FEAST has been made available to academia at a much lower price than its international counterparts, ensuring that Indian institutions can access high-quality **engineering software without heavy financial constraints**.



- FEAST plays a key role in **ISRO's high-profile space missions**. ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan highlighted in his address that the software has been used in structural design analysis for projects such as:
  - **Gaganyaan Human Spaceflight Mission** – India's ambitious manned space mission.
  - **Bharatiya Antariksh Station** – The proposed Indian space station.
  - **Next Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV)** – The future of India's launch vehicle technology.

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Where Has BAPS Inaugurated Largest Hindu Temple Of South Africa**

- A. Cape Town
- B. Durban
- C. Johannesburg
- D. Pretoria

**ANSWER: C**

**2. Which UN organization did President Donald Trump withdraw the US**

- A. UNESCO
- B. UNICEF
- C. UNHRC
- D. UNDP

**ANSWER: C**

**3. Theme Of The Special Polling Booth In Vikaspuri, West Delhi Launched By ECI**

- A. India's Journey to Mars
- B. India's Flight from Chandrayaan to Election
- C. Voting and Science
- D. Chandrayaan and Democracy

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Who Launched A National-level Mass Outreach Campaign "Watershed Yatra"**

- A. Narendra Singh Tomar
- B. Piyush Goyal
- C. Nitin Gadkari
- D. Shivraj Singh Chouhan

**ANSWER: D**

**5. Who Has Been Posthumously Honored With The Sahitya Akademi Award 2024 In The Dogri Language Category**

- A. Madhav Kaushik
- B. Chaman Arora
- C. Gulzar Singh Sandhu
- D. Namita Gokhale

**ANSWER: B**



**6. What Type Of Disease Is Rheumatoid Arthritis**

- A. A bacterial infection
- B. An autoimmune and inflammatory disease
- C. A fungal disease
- D. A viral disorder

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Which Ministry Has Launched The National Youth Parliament Scheme**

- A. Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Cooperation
- D. Ministry of Defence

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Which Organization Is Nodal Agency For International Big Cat Alliance In India**

- A. National Biodiversity Authority
- B. Wildlife Crime Control Bureau
- C. National Tiger Conservation Authority
- D. None of the Above

**ANSWER: C**

**9. How Much Fund Has Been Allocated For The 'Nuclear Energy Mission' In Budget 2025**

- A. ₹10,000 crore
- B. ₹15,000 crore
- C. ₹20,000 crore
- D. ₹25,000 crore

**ANSWER: C**

**10. How Many New Destinations Will The UDAN Scheme Connect Over The Next 10 Years**

- A. 100
- B. 120
- C. 150
- D. 200

**ANSWER: B**

**11. Who Won The Grammy Award In 2025 For The 'Best New Age Album, Ambient Or Chant Album' Category**

- A. Chandrika Tandon
- B. Ravi Shankar
- C. Anoushka Shankar
- D. Zakir Hussain

**ANSWER: A**

**12. India's 1st White Tiger Breeding Centre Will Be Set Up In Which State**

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Gujarat
- D. Madhya Pradesh

**ANSWER: D**

**13. What Is The Target Daily Sodium Intake Recommended By WHO For Reducing Risks Of Hypertension And Cardiovascular Diseases**

- A. 2g
- B. 3g
- C. 5g
- D. 1g

**ANSWER: A**

**14. Which Country Is The First Recipient Of India's Defence Export Order Executed By The Ordnance Clothing Factory, Avadi**

- A. Guyana
- B. French Guiana
- C. Suriname
- D. Brazil

**ANSWER: C**

**15. By What % India's Tiger Population Increased Over Past Two Decades**

- A. 20%
- B. 25%
- C. 30%
- D. 35%

**ANSWER: C**

**16. Which Country Imposed A 25% Tariff On U.S. Imports In Retaliation**

- A. Canada
- B. India
- C. United Kingdom
- D. Germany

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Which State Has Appointed A Panel To Draft The Uniform Civil Code**

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Gujarat
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Uttar Pradesh

**ANSWER: B**

**18. Who Set 3 National Records In Women's Weightlifting (87+ Kg) At 38th National Games**

- A. Mehak Sharma
- B. Sift Kaur Samra
- C. Lovepreet Singh
- D. Himanshu Solanki

**ANSWER: A**

**19. Which Country Launched The H-3 Rocket Carrying The Michibiki No. 6 Satellite**

- A. China
- B. India
- C. United States
- D. Japan

**ANSWER: D**

**20. Which One Of The Following Native States Was NOT Annexed By The British On The Basis Of The Doctrine Of Lapse**

- A. Satara
- B. Punjab
- C. Jhansi
- D. Karauli

**ANSWER: B**