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## TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

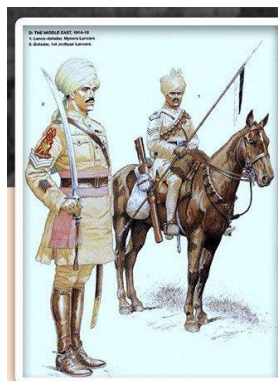
### BANKING

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#### IMPORTANT DAY

##### Haifa Day celebrated in the national capital

- ❖ Haifa Day was celebrated on **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** every year to honour the **martyrs of the Battle of Haifa**.
- ❖ In World War I in 1918, after securing the strategic waterways, the British and Indian troops liberated the port city of Haifa (in present day Israel) which was in the control of Ottoman Turks for over 400 years.
- ❖ The battle was a decisive victory for the Indian soldiers, who defeated the Ottoman Empire and their German allies.



#### **BATTLE OF HAIFA**

- The fortified city of Haifa was captured by British 15th Imperial Cavalry Brigade comprising Indian Army Regiments of Hyderabad, Mysore & Jodhpur Lancers
- The victorious assault was carried out on 23rd September, 1918
- A number of brave Indian soldiers made the supreme sacrifice during this battle

#### INITIATIVE

##### Quad launches MAITRI maritime initiative in Indo - Pacific; India to host first training workshop in 2025

- ❖ **India** will host the inaugural symposium of the new regional maritime initiative for Training in the **Indo - Pacific (MAITRI)** to train Quad partners **"to monitor and secure their waters, enforce their laws, and deter unlawful behaviour"**.
- ❖ The first MAITRI workshop will be hosted by India in 2025.
- ❖ The MAITRI initiative was among the major outcomes of the sixth summit level meeting of the Quad group of countries.

## AWARDS & HONORS

### Kiran Rao's 'Laapataa Ladies' is India's official submission to Oscars 2025

- ❖ The jury of the Film Federation of India (FFI), the apex body that annually selects the Indian official entry for the Academy Award for Best International Feature Film.
- ❖ India was last nominated for Best International Feature at the Academy Awards for **Lagaan (2001)**.



### Rhea Singha crowned Miss Universe India 2024

- ❖ The 18 - year old Rhea is from Gujarat and will now represent India at Miss Universe 2024.
- ❖ The 73<sup>rd</sup> Miss Universe pageant will take place in Mexico City on Saturday, November 16, 2024.

### Guinness World Records felicitates actor Chiranjeevi as most prolific star of Indian film Industry

- ❖ Film star Chiranjeevi Konidela was honoured with “The most prolific film star in Indian Film Industry - actor/dancer” by the Guinness World Records at an event in Hyderabad.
- ❖ Chiranjeevi was bestowed with Padma Vibhushan in 2024, the second highest civilian honour awarded in India. He was previously honoured with Padma Bhushan in 2006.



### World Record created by Planting Over 5 Lakh Saplings in One Hour

- ❖ 128 Infantry Battalion and Ecological Task Force of Territorial Army (one of the 6 units of MoEF&CC) registered a World Record of planting over 5 lakh saplings in one hour under "Special Plantation Drive" at Jaisalmer.
- ❖ Under the Prime Minister's campaign "Ek Ped Maa ke Naam" and the TA's outreach program "Bhagidari & Zimmedari" aimed to enhance ecological restoration and promote environmental awareness among the local communities.
- ❖ The banner is "Protect Trees". While, the motto is "Those who protect the trees are protected".

## India to get first national security semiconductor fabrication plant as part of collaboration with U.S.

- ❖ Under a transformative collaboration with the US, India will get a **national security semiconductor fabrication plant** that will produce **chips** for use in **military hardware** and **next - generation telecommunications**.
- ❖ It will be the first ever India - US semiconductor fabrication partnership. Named 'Shakti', the fab will concentrate on producing **infrared, gallium nitride** and **silicon carbide semiconductors**.
- ❖ This initiative will be supported by the **India Semiconductor Mission** and involves a strategic technology partnership between **Bharat Semi, 3<sup>rd</sup> iTech** and the **US Space Force**.
- ❖ The Fab becomes not only India's first, but one of the world's first multi-material fabs for national security.



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## REPORT

### Kerala has secured top position in FSSAI's State Food Safety Index (SFSI) 2024 for second time in a row

- ❖ This annual ranking, started from **2018-19** is released by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (**FSSAI**).
- ❖ It evaluates the **food safety performance** of **Indian states** and **union territories**.



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