



Rapid Fire Current Affairs

National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)

The Union Minister of Home Affairs recently greeted the **National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)** on its **18th Raising Day** (January 19). **NDRF is the world's largest rapid reaction force** dedicated to disaster response.

NDRF was formed in 2006 under the **Disaster Management Act, 2005** with the purpose of a **specialised response to natural and man-made disasters**. The **Kosi Floods in 2008** were NDRF's first such mission.

Read More - [Disaster Management Act, 2005](#)

SC Refuses to Entertain Plea on Google-CCI Issue

The **Supreme Court of India** has **refused to entertain a plea by Google against NCLAT's order** refusing the interim stay on **₹1,337 crore penalty on Google**. The SC has granted Google **7 days to deposit 10% of the penalty** imposed by the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**. **The Indian companies have welcomed the SC's stance against Google.**

Earlier, CCI imposed a penalty on Google for **"abusing its dominant position"** in markets related to the Android mobile device ecosystem. Google filed an appeal with the NCLAT against the CCI order which was declined by NCLAT.

Read More - [CCI Penalty on Google](#), [National Company Law Appellate Tribunal \(NCLAT\)](#), [Competition Commission of India \(CCI\)](#)

Sansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23

The Prime Minister of India recently inaugurated the **2nd phase of Saansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23** (18-28 Jan), organised in Basti (UP). The first phase was organised from 10-16 Dec 2022.

The Khel Mahakumbh is a novel initiative that provides an opportunity and a platform to showcase sporting talent, and motivates people to take sport as a career option.

Various types of **competitions (indoor and outdoor)** are organised by Khel Mahakumbh such as - wrestling, kabaddi, kho kho, basketball, football, hockey, volleyball, etc.

Through these games, performing athletes are being selected for further training under the **Sports Authority of India**.

Read More - [Role of Sports in Aspirational India](#), [Sports Governance in India](#)

Pankaj Kumar Singh appointed as Deputy NSA

Recently, the retired **Director General of the [Border Security Force \(BSF\)](#) Pankaj Kumar Singh** was

appointed as the **Deputy National Security Advisor (D-NSA)** in the **National Security Council Secretariat** for a period of **2 years**.

As a D-NSA, he will **assist the NSA - Ajit Doval, in creating and implementing India's national security strategies** - assessing threats posed by **terrorism, data security, cyber threats, readiness** of concerned agencies and **cooperation** between different organisations dealing with **security issues**.

Read More - [National Security Advisor, National Security Council](#)

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