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## International Conference on Data Science | Haryana | 20 Dec 2024

### Why in News?

The **Department of Statistics and Operational Research, Kurukshetra University**, is going to organise an international conference on “**Innovative trends in statistics, optimisation, and data science**”.

- It is in conjunction with the **44<sup>th</sup> annual convention of [Indian Society for Probability and Statistics \(ISPS\)](#) and the **eighth convention of the [Indian Association for Reliability and Statistics](#).****

### Key Points

- **Details of the International Conference:**
  - The three-day international conference is **scheduled to be held from 21st to 23rd December 2024.**
- **Objective and Topics of Discussion:**
  - According to **Kurukshetra University** Vice-Chancellor the conference will serve as a platform to discuss:
    - Responsible [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#)
    - Data-centric AI
    - Edge intelligence
    - Automation of data cleaning
    - Industry-specific data applications
    - Data privacy
    - Other relevant AI-related topics

### Artificial Intelligence (AI)

- **About:**
    - AI is the ability of a computer, or a robot **controlled by a computer to do tasks that are usually done by humans** because they require human intelligence and discernment.
      - Although there is **no AI that can perform the wide variety of tasks an ordinary human can do**, some AI can match humans in specific tasks.
  - **Characteristics & Components:**
    - The ideal characteristic of artificial intelligence is its **ability to rationalize and take actions** that have the best chance of achieving a specific goal. A subset of AI is [Machine Learning \(ML\)](#).
    - Deep Learning (DL) techniques **enable this automatic learning** through the absorption of huge amounts of unstructured data such as text, images, or video.
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# Development Initiatives in Haryana | Haryana | 20 Dec 2024

## Why in News?

Haryana Chief Minister announced **developmental initiatives for the Pundri Assembly segment** and assured the public that it would soon be granted **subdivision status**.

## Key Points

- **New Subdivision Proposals:**
  - The state government has **constituted a committee to evaluate proposals for new subdivisions and districts**.
  - A proposal for granting subdivision status to **Pundri (Kaithal district)** has been submitted and will be approved after the committee's report is received.
- **Infrastructure Development Initiatives:**
  - **Education and Health Projects:**
    - Rs 5 crore allocated for **renovating old school buildings**.
    - Plans to **construct health centres in Fatehpur and Badnara villages**, subject to land availability.
  - **Road Infrastructure:**
    - Rs 5 crore earmarked for **repairing marketing board roads**.
    - Rs 10 crore allocated for **strengthening and repairing Public Works Department (PWD) roads**.
- **Inauguration:**
  - Projects worth Rs 15 crore were inaugurated or had their foundation stones laid, including:
    - Construction of a link road from Pundri to Sega.
    - Strengthening the Nilokheri-Karsa-Dhand Road.
    - Improvements to six other roads.

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# High-Level Security Review Meeting on J&K | Jammu & Kashmir | 20 Dec 2024

## Why in News?

Recently, the **Union Home Minister chaired a high-level security review meeting** on Jammu and Kashmir.

- It was attended by **Lieutenant Governor** of Jammu & Kashmir, Union Home Secretary, Director **Intelligence Bureau (IB)**, **RAW** Chief, **Chief of Army Staff**, **GOC-in-C (Northern Command)**, **Director General of Military Operations (DGMO)**, Chief Secretary & DGP of Jammu and Kashmir, heads of **Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF)** and other senior officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

## Key Points

- **Commitment to a Terror-Free Jammu and Kashmir:**
  - The Union Home Minister reaffirmed the government's resolve to achieve a **'Terror-Free Jammu and Kashmir'** at the earliest.
  - He emphasized that all **necessary resources will be made available** to meet this objective.
  - The unprecedented participation of the people in **Jammu and Kashmir during the**

**Assembly and Lok Sabha elections** reflects their faith in the country's democracy.

▪ **Progress Against Terrorism:**

- The Union Home Minister commended security agencies for:
  - A significant **decline in terrorist incidents**.
  - Reduced infiltration activities.
  - Lower recruitment of youth into terrorist organizations.

▪ **Directives to Security Agencies:**

- Directed all security agencies to **work in a coordinated manner** to **eradicate terrorism**.
- Emphasized the need for implementing:
  - **Area Domination Plan**
  - **Zero Terror Plan** in a mission mode.

## CENTRAL ARMED POLICE FORCES (CAPF)

The CAPF includes the seven security forces in India functioning under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

### Assam Rifles (AR)

- ↳ **Origin:** 1835, as militia called 'Cachar Levy'
  - ↳ **Erstwhile objective:** To protect British Tea estates
- ↳ **Current Objectives:**
  - ↳ Conducting anti-terrorist operations in NER
  - ↳ Ensuring security at India-China and India-Myanmar borders
- ↳ **Imp Role in:**
  - ↳ Sino-India War 1962
  - ↳ Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) to Sri Lanka (1987)

*Due to long association with tribal belts, Assam Rifles are also called 'Friends of the North East'*

### Border Security Force (BSF)

- ↳ **Origin:** 1965
- ↳ **Objectives:**
  - ↳ Securing land borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh
  - ↳ Also performing Anti-Infiltration in Kashmir Valley
  - ↳ Counter Insurgency in NER
  - ↳ Anti-Naxal Operations in Odisha and Chhattisgarh
- ↳ **Wings:** Air wing, marine wing, an artillery regiment, and commando units

*BSF is India's First Line of Defence and the world's largest border guarding force*

### Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

- ↳ **Pre-Independence Origin:** 1939 (Crown Representative's Police)
- ↳ **Post Independence:** 1949 - under CRPF Act, became Central Reserve Police Force
- ↳ **Objective:** Crowd control, riot control, counter militancy/insurgency operations, etc.

*CRPF is the principle central police force for internal security*

### Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

- ↳ **Origin:** 1962
- ↳ **Objectives:**
  - ↳ Deployed on border from Karakoram Pass (Ladakh) to Jachep La (Arunachal Pradesh) (~3488 km of Indo-China Border)
  - ↳ Manning Border Outposts on altitudes 9000 ft - 18700 ft in Western, Middle and Eastern sectors of Indo-China Border

*ITBP is India's specialised mountain force & the first responder to natural disasters*

### National Security Guard (NSG)

- ↳ **Origin:** 1984 (came into being in 1986), following **Operation Blue Star**
- ↳ **Objectives:** Counter-terrorism unit/Federal Contingency Force
- ↳ **Task-oriented Force - Two complementary elements:**
  - ↳ Special Action Group (SAG)
  - ↳ Special Ranger Groups (SRG)

### Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)

- ↳ **Origin:** 1963
- ↳ **Objectives:**
  - ↳ Guarding Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan borders
  - ↳ Enhance border security, curb trans-border crimes, prevent unauthorised entry/exit, halt smuggling, etc.

### Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)

- ↳ **Origin:** Central Industrial Security Force Act, 1968
- ↳ **Objectives:** Ensuring security of major critical infrastructure installations

*CISF is the sole CAPF unit with a specialised fire wing*

# Deduction from School Syllabus | Jammu & Kashmir | 20 Dec 2024

## Why in News?

Recently, the **Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister** assured that a **chapter on Kashmiri [patron Sufi saint](#), Sheikh Noor-Ud-Din Wali, also called Sheikh-ul-Alam, will not be deleted** from class 9 syllabus.

## Key Points

- **Concerns Over Dropping of Chapter on Sufi Saint:**
  - Kulgam MLA **expressed concerns about the reported removal of a chapter on Sheikh-ul-Alam, the revered Sufi saint, from the Class IX textbook.**
  - He termed the decision “deeply troubling” and criticized it as **unacceptable for a society deeply rooted in Sufi traditions.**
  - He also urged the Chief Minister to intervene and ensure the reinstatement of the chapter to **preserve the region's rich [cultural and Sufi heritage](#).**
- **Response from CM:**
  - The Chief Minister responded that the **chapter will not be deleted.**
  - The Education Minister directed the Principal Secretary to **investigate and rectify the issue found** in the PDF version of the textbook.
- **Criticism by Peoples Conference Chief:**
  - This incident was described as **“[cultural terrorism](#)”** and an assault on **Kashmir's culture and ethos.**
  - The **saint's teachings were highlighted as a beacon of hope and a role model,** especially in current times of violence, greed, and hatred.

## Sheikh Ul Alam



- **Early Life:**
  - Born in the **14<sup>th</sup> century** in a **small village in Kashmir.**
  - **Raised in a devout Islamic household,** deeply rooted in **Kashmir's cultural**

**heritage.**

- Childhood marked by **simplicity, peace, and early exposure to spiritual teachings.**

▪ **Influences and Education:**

- Grew up in a Kashmir rich in **Sufi traditions, Persian poetry, and ancient Vedic knowledge**, fostering harmony and inclusiveness.
- Displayed a strong passion for **spiritual awakening and poetry** from a young age.
- Pursued knowledge under the guidance of renowned academics and Sufi masters.

▪ **Teachings and Philosophy:**

- Emphasized **spiritual wisdom, unity, and social consciousness.**
- His **teachings reflect the harmony of diverse traditions** and the pursuit of inner peace.

▪ **Legacy:**

- Left an indelible mark on Kashmiri culture, the Sufi tradition, and beyond.
- **Remembered as a spiritual and literary icon** whose lessons continue to inspire.

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