



Gumla Administration Launches Board Exam-Vijay Abhiyan | Jharkhand | 31 Dec 2025

Why in News?

The **Gumla district administration in Jharkhand** has initiated the '**Board Exam-Vijay Abhiyan**' to improve the academic performance and board exam results of students.

Key Points

- **Objective:** To boost the **learning outcomes** and **exam performance** of students appearing for **JAC Class 10 and 12 board examinations**.
- **Focus Schools:** Special attention to schools with historically low results.
- **Activities Under the Campaign:** Special coaching sessions, **Mentorship programs and Performance tracking**.
- **JAC:** Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC) is the **statutory body**, established in **2003**, responsible for conducting Class 10 and Class 12 examinations in Jharkhand.
- **Gumla District:**
 - **Formation:** 18 May 1983
 - **Division:** South Chotanagpur Division
 - **Rivers:** South Koel, Sankh, and North Koel rivers
 - **Minerals:** Bauxite, laterite, china clay

K-4 medium-range ballistic missile | National Current Affairs | 31 Dec 2025

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India successfully test-fires 3,500-km **K-4 Medium-Range Ballistic Missile** from **nuclear-powered submarines**.

Key Points

- **Launch Platform:** The launch was carried out from **INS Arighaat**, a nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (**SSBN**) of the **Indian Navy**, in the **Bay of Bengal**.
- **Strategic Significance:** Enhances India's **sea-based nuclear deterrence** and contributes to the **nuclear triad** — the ability to deploy nuclear weapons from **land, air, and sea**.
- **Second-Strike Capability:** The test strengthens India's **second-strike capability**, ensuring that even after absorbing an initial attack, India can respond decisively.
- **DRDO Role:** The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** developed the K-4 missile, which uses **solid fuel and advanced navigation systems**.

- **Ballistic missiles:** They are **rocket-propelled weapons** that follow a **free-fall trajectory** after launch. They can carry **conventional or nuclear warheads** and be launched from **land, sea, or air**.
 - Based on range, they're classified as **short** (< 1,000 km), **medium** (1,000–3,000 km), **intermediate** (3,000–5,500 km), or **long-range or intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs)** (> 5,500 km).
 - **Agni-V** is India's longest-range missile, an ICBM with a range of over 5,000 km.

Bharat Taxi Initiative | National Current Affairs | 31 Dec 2025

Why in News?

The Government of India has launched **Bharat Taxi**, a **first-of-its-kind driver-owned, cooperative ride-hailing initiative**, aimed at providing a fair, transparent and equitable alternative to private taxi aggregators.

Key Points

- **Bharat Taxi:** It is a **government-backed ride-hailing platform** developed as a **cooperative model**, where **drivers are shareholders and co-owners** instead of being dependent on traditional private companies.
- **Objective:** The scheme aims to **empower taxi drivers** by ensuring fair earnings, reduce dependence on private aggregators (like Ola and Uber), and offer **affordable, transparent transport services to passengers**.
- **Cooperative Structure:** The service is operated by **Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited**.
- **Launch:** The service is set to launch across the country from **January 1, 2026**.
- **Driver Benefits:** Driver-owned model, No commission and Profit sharing.
- **Passenger Benefits:** Transparent pricing, Affordable rides and Multiple vehicle options.