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1. Ladakh's wood carving gets GI Tag



- Ladakh is known for its pristine glory as a secluded tourist attraction.
- It is, however, not just the location of this place that makes it unique, but also its art, culture, and craftsmanship that confers this place a unique identity.
- Among the arts and crafts of Ladakh, one such sublime art is woodcarving, which has been there for centuries and is passed down to generations as a means of invaluable cultural inheritance.
- It is the importance, uniqueness, and unparalleled craftsmanship of this art that earned it recognition by being the first local art to be granted a Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- AIR correspondent reports, Wood carving, which is known as Shingkos in Ladakh, is a traditional form of art in the handicraft field and is part of the five major fields of knowledge in the traditional education system of Ladakh.
- The traditional knowledge system in Ladakh is classified into ten fields of knowledge, which are further divided into major and minor fields of study.

- The craft of woodcarving is an integral part of the social and religious spheres of life.
- From the architecture of buildings to the enhancement of the aesthetic value of places of worship like monasteries, mosques, and churches to home decor, wood carving holds immense importance in the aesthetics of the region.

2. Former Indian cricketer Salim Durani passes away in Gujarat; Prime Minister Modi condoles his demise



- Former Indian cricketer, 88-year old Salim Aziz Durani passed away in Jamnagar today morning. He was suffering from illness for a brief period of time.
- The former Indian cricketer featured in 29 Test matches for team India and scored 1,202 runs with an average of 25.04.
- He was an all-rounder and had a unique ability to finish off the game either with the bat or with the ball.
- He was a part of India's successful victory against England in 1961-62. Durani capped off an impressive display by picking up eight wickets against the English.
- In a career that lasted for more than 10 years, Durani not only gave beautiful moments on the cricket field but also on the big screen.
- He made his debut in the Bollywood industry in 'Ek Masoom' which was released in 1969. He was also seen on the big screen alongside Parveen Babi in Charitra movie in 1973.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed deep grief over the demise of Indian Cricketer Salim Durani.
- In a tweet thread, the Prime Minister said that Salim Durani was a cricketing legend and an institution in himself. He

made a key contribution to India's rise in the world of cricket.

- On and off the field, he was known for his style.
- The Prime Minister said, Cricketer Durani had a very old and strong association with Gujarat.
- He played for Saurashtra and Gujarat for a few years.
- PM Modi said, he had the opportunity to interact with him and was deeply impressed by his multifaceted persona.

3. VP Dhankhar to inaugurate scientific convention on occasion of World Homoeopathy



- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar will inaugurate the scientific convention on the occasion of World Homoeopathy Day tomorrow in New Delhi.
- The Convention is being organised by the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) under the Ministry of AYUSH.
- The MoUs will be exchanged between CCRH and various homoeopathic colleges and also between CCRH & Directorate of Homoeopathy, Government of Kerala.
- On this occasion, one documentary, one portal and eight books of CCRH will also be released.
- Union Minister of Ayush Sarbananda Sonowal, and Minister of State for Ayush Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai will grace the occasion.
- The AYUSH Ministry said that several delegates from across the country will attend the convention including homoeopathic researchers, scientists from interdisciplinary streams, practitioners, students, industrialists as well as representatives of various homoeopathic associations.

- It said that during the convention, various sessions on policy aspects, advancement in Homoeopathy, research evidence and clinical experiences in Homoeopathy will be conducted.
- The Ministry said, this flag-off event will be followed by the zonal World Homoeopathy Day events in five locations in India.
- This scientific convention will give insights into a future roadmap to Homoeopathic integration in research, education and integrative care through deliberations of various key stakeholders.

4. President Droupadi Murmu takes maiden sortie in Sukhoi-30 at Tezpur in Assam



- President Droupadi Murmu took a historic sortie in a Sukhoi 30 MKI fighter aircraft at the Tezpur Air Force Station in Assam.
- The President, who is the Supreme Commander of the Indian Armed Forces, flew for nearly 30 minutes covering Brahmaputra and Tezpur valley with a view of Himalayas before returning to the Air Force Station.
- The aircraft was flown by Group Captain Naveen Kumar, Commanding Officer of the 106 Squadron.
- The aircraft flew at a height of about two kilometres above sea level and at a speed of about 800 kilometres per hour.
- President Murmu is the third President and second woman President to undertake such a sortie.
- Later in the visitor's book, the President expressed her feelings by writing a brief note in which she said that, it

was an exhilarating experience for her to fly in the mighty Sukhoi-30 MKI fighter aircraft of the Indian Air Force.

- She said it is a matter of pride that India's defence capabilities have expanded immensely to cover all the frontiers of land, air and sea.
- President congratulated the Indian Air Force and the entire team of Air Force Station Tezpur for organising this sortie.
- The President was also briefed on the operational capabilities of the aircraft and the Indian Air Force (IAF). She expressed satisfaction with the operational preparedness of the IAF.
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- The President's sortie in the Sukhoi 30 MKI fighter aircraft is a part of her efforts to engage with the armed forces, as the Supreme Commander of the Indian Armed Forces.

5. World Health Day:7th april



- Today is World Health Day. The theme this year is Health for All. Every year this day is organised on 7th April to coincide with the setting up of the World Health Organisation, WHO in 1948.
- This year the world health body is observing its 75th anniversary.
- In a message, the World Health Organization said the idea is to make the global community aware of the strides in public health that have helped improve the quality of life over the past 7 decades.
- It is also a call for action to tackle health challenges.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the government will continue working to augment health infrastructure and ensure quality healthcare to the people.
- The Prime Minister made these remarks on 'World Health day', which is being observed around the world today.
- In a tweet, Mr Modi said that country expressed gratitude to all those who work to make the planet healthier.
- April 7th is marked as World Health Day, to commemorate the foundation of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948.
- The theme for World Health Day 2023 is 'Health For All'.

6. INS Vikrant receives historic bell of first warship from former Navy vice chief



- The INS Vikrant, India's first indigenous aircraft carrier, was presented with a special gift in the form of its original bell from the first carrier of the same name commissioned in 1961.
- The bell was given by Vice Admiral SN Ghormade, who recently retired as the Vice Chief of Navy Staff, to the commanding officer of INS Vikrant on March 22.
- The INS Vikrant is expected to exhibit the original bell at the carrier to motivate current and future officers and sailors about the warship's significant history.
- In 1961, the bell was installed on the first INS Vikrant carrier after India acquired a British aircraft carrier, HMS Hercules, and renamed it.
- The original bell was then transferred from the decommissioned carrier, INS Vikrant, to the designated

residence of Indian Navy Vice Chief located at Motilal Nehru Marg.

- According to Navy officials, bells have traditionally played an important role on warships as they help indicate time to sailors and officers during different duties and emergencies.
- The previous vice chief decided to return the original bell to INS Vikrant as it would serve a better purpose there, inspiring future sailors and officers about the rich history of the Indian Navy.

7. Bharat Biotech wins award at World Vaccine Congress



- At the World Vaccine Congress 2023 held in Washington, USA from April 3-6, Bharat Biotech was awarded the Best Production/Process Development award as a part of the Vaccine Industry Excellence (ViE) awards.
- Bharat Biotech, headquartered in Hyderabad, was the sole Indian company among the nominees for the ViE awards in multiple categories such as the best clinical trial company, best clinical trial network, best central/specialty laboratory, best contract research organization, and best production/process development, among others.
- Bharat Biotech is known for developing the world's first intranasal Covid-19 vaccine, iNcovacc, and its intramuscular vaccine, Covaxin, which is used in India's public vaccination programme and has also been exported.
- The World Vaccine Congress is a major international conference focused on vaccines, covering the entire vaccine value chain from basic research to commercial manufacturing.
- It brings together experts from all over the world to share their knowledge and expertise in vaccine development.

- **The conference has been particularly important in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic and has been a platform for sharing groundbreaking discoveries and insights.**

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