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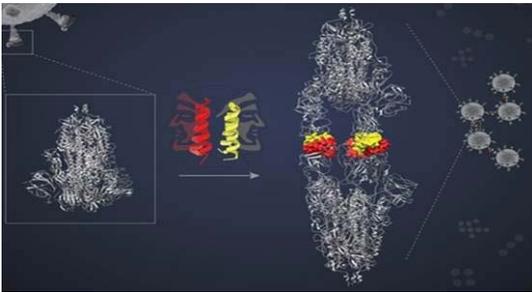
National News

1. Annual Kanwar Yatra begins today after a gap of two years



- The annual Kanwar Yatra will begin today after a gap of two years. The Yatra, which was canceled in the last two years due to the COVID-19 outbreak, is expected to be attended by around 3-4 crore devotees this year.
- Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh governments have made elaborate arrangements to manage such a large gathering.
- The Kanwar Yatra will pass through Meerut, Saharanpur, Ghaziabad, Shamli, and Bhagpat districts in Uttar Pradesh.
- It will conclude in Haridwar, Gomukh, and Gangotri in Uttarakhand on the 26th of this month.
- Devotees participating in the yatra will collect the sacred water from the river Ganga.
- Devotees chant slogans in praise of Lord Shiva and sing bhajans and kirtans while taking part in the yatra.

2. Indian scientists develop novel mechanism to inactivate SARS-CoV-2



- Indian scientists have developed a new class of synthetic peptides that can not only block the entry of the SARS-CoV-2 virus into cells but also clump the virus particles together, reducing their ability to infect the living cell.
- This novel mechanism provides an alternative to make viruses like SARS-CoV-2 inactive, promising a new class of peptides as antivirals.
- Scientists at the Indian Institute of Science in collaboration with researchers from the CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology have exploited this approach to design these peptides.

3. 75th Independence Day: Govt to launch Har Ghar Tiranga nationwide campaign to inspire people to hoist national flag



- **PICThe Central government will soon launch a nationwide campaign Har Ghar Tiranga to inspire countrymen to hoist the national flag at their homes to mark the 75th Independence Day.**
- **The initiative has been taken under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, for which the Ministry of Culture is the nodal ministry.**
- **The Indian National Flag is a symbol of national pride for the entire nation and to further honor the national flag, Union Home Minister Amit Shah who oversees all efforts under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav has approved the program of 'Har Ghar Tiranga'.**
- **It envisages encouraging Indians everywhere to hoist the national flag.**
- **Har Ghar Tiranga campaign in the 75th year of Independence is not only an act of personal connection**

with the Tricolour but also an embodiment of our commitment to nation-building.

- The idea behind the initiative is to invoke the feeling of patriotism in the hearts of people and promote awareness about our national flag.
- The use, display, and hoisting of the Indian National Flag is guided by the Flag Code of India, 2002.

4. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari addresses ICEMA's Annual Session 2022 in New Delhi



- Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has said there should be an organisation for Indian construction equipment manufacturing industry for research and giving appropriate technology for the future.
- Mr Gadkari said this while addressing the Indian Construction Equipment Manufacturers' Association, ICEMA's Annual Session 2022 in New Delhi.
- He said the government will support in making of such organisation which can be qualitatively helpful for development of futuristic technology.
- The Minister emphasized on research and development of equipments. Mr Gadkari also stressed on the importance of bio LNG, Bio CNG and Hydrogen as alternate fuels for cost saving and reduction in pollution.

5. Parameswaran Iyer takes over as new Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog



- Mr. Parameswaran Iyer today took charge as the new Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog.
- A 1981-batch IAS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre, Mr. Iyer has worked with both the public and private sectors.
- He was Secretary in the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation in New Delhi from 2016 to 2020.
- Mr. Iyer spearheaded the implementation of the country's flagship Swachh Bharat Mission, which successfully delivered access to safe sanitation to 550 million people.
- Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Iyer said, he is honoured and humbled to have been given the incredible opportunity to serve the country again as CEO of NITI Aayog.
- He said, he is deeply grateful to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for another chance to work under his leadership towards a transformed India.

6. RBI approves Meena Hemchandra as part-time chairman of Karur Vysya Bank



- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has authorised Meena Hemchandra's appointment as the Karur Vysya bank's temporary chairperson for three years, according to private sector lender Karur Vysya Bank.
- Hemchandra's application for the position of non-executive independent (part-time) chairperson of the bank had been recommended by the bank to the RBI in May.
- Hemchandra's (64) term is approved for 3 years beginning on the day he assumes office.
- She has over 35 years of banking expertise in a variety of RBI areas as a career banker.
- From June 2015 to November 2017, Hemchandra served as the RBI's Executive Director.
- Karur Vysya Bank shares were down 0.63 percent from the previous close, trading at Rs. 47.40 per share on the BSE.

7. Former New Zealand captain Barry Sinclair dies aged 85



- Former New Zealand cricket captain and batter Barry Sinclair died at the age of 85.
- The former skipper was the third Kiwi batter after Bert Sutcliffe and John R Reid to score 1,000 runs in Test cricket.
- Sinclair played 21 Tests for New Zealand between 1963 and 1968, scoring 1148 runs at 29.43, including three centuries – against South Africa, Pakistan and England.
- Sinclair captained the side in three Tests, initially taking over the reins from an injured Murray Chapple on the morning of the second Test against England at Dunedin in 1966, retaining them for the final Test of the series at Auckland, and for the next Test against India, some two years later.

8. Union minister Piyush Goyal inaugurates new NIFT campus in Panchkula



- The 17th campus of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) in Panchkula was officially opened by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Union Minister Piyush Goyal, who referred to it as the “fulcrum of development of the textile sector in the state.”
- According to Khattar, 20% of seats at this institute will be earmarked for people from Haryana in accordance with NIFT rules.
- He said that this campus’ foundation stone was set on December 29, 2016, by Smriti Irani, who was the Union Textiles Minister at the time.
- The CM stated that the institute building, which was constructed across 10.45 acres of land in cooperation with the textile ministry, cost Rs 133.16 crore to build.
- The new NIFT campus will launch three online hybrid courses in photography for e-commerce, social media marketing, and digital designing for textiles.

- **As part of the comprehensive training, developing co-curriculum with organizations like the National Institute of Design and the National Institute of Packaging can be considered.**
- **Similar to how IIM is known for management and IIT for engineering, NIFT has been recognised for fashion technology for the past 36 years.**

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