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National News

1. Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurates '75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow' segment at IFFI 53 in Goa



- Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Singh Thakur has inaugurated the '75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow' segment at IFFI 53 in Goa.
- The 75 creative minds initiative aims to identify, encourage and nurture young creative talents from various aspects of filmmaking.
- The 75 creative minds have been shortlisted and selected on the basis of their submissions by an eminent jury.
- Taking part in the inaugural ceremony this morning, the Minister congratulated the 75 young film talent who have been selected from across the country.
- He said that the young talent has a bright future and they will take wings after today.
- He added that this platform will help in nurturing and networking for budding filmmakers. He said the film

industry is also a Creative economy for our country as soft power.

- Referring to women's participation at IFFI, he said that over 40 percent of films being screened at IFFI are by women and 11 women are part of the creative minds of tomorrow initiative.

2. Arun Goel assumes charge as new Election Commissioner of India



- Arun Goel has assumed charge as the new Election Commissioner of India.
- President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Mr. Goel, a retired IAS officer as the new Election Commissioner.
- The post of 3rd Election Commissioner remained vacant after the then Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar took the charge of Chief Election Commissioner in May this year.

3. India climbs six places to 61st rank in Network Readiness Index 2022 report



- **India has improved its position by six slots and is now placed at 61st rank as per the Network Readiness Index 2022 report released recently.**
- **In its latest version of 2022, the report maps the network-based readiness landscape of 131 economies based on their performances in four different pillars technology, people, governance, and impact.**
- **India has not only improved its ranking but also improved its score from 49.74 in 2021 to 51.19 in 2022.**
- **The report states that India secured 1st rank in AI talent concentration, the second rank in Mobile broadband internet traffic within the country and International Internet bandwidth, third rank in Annual investment in telecommunication services and Domestic market size, fourth rank in ICT Services exports, fifth rank in FTTH and Building Internet subscriptions and AI scientific publications.**

- The report was prepared by the Portland Institute, an independent non-profit, nonpartisan research and educational institute based in Washington DC.

4. COP27 agrees to establish special Loss and Damage Fund



- The 27th UN Conference of Parties (COP27) today agreed for establish the special Loss and Damage Fund.
- The Fund will help to make up for the losses suffered by developing nations that are vulnerable to climate change.
- Confirming the agreement for creating a Loss and Damage Fund, the COP27 in a tweet said, history was made today at COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh as parties agreed to the establishment of a long-awaited loss and damage fund for assisting developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.
- The delegates at the COP27 applauded after the Loss and Damage fund was adopted after days of negotiations over the proposal.
- Negotiators and non-governmental organizations stressed that the fund was a significant achievement.

5. Novak Djokovic defeats Casper Ruud to win sixth ATP Finals title in Italy, equals Federer's record



- In Tennis, Novak Djokovic has defeated Norway's Casper Ruud to collect a record-equalling sixth ATP Finals title in Turin, Italy.
- Djokovic defeated Ruud in straight sets 7-5, 6-3 to clinch the season-ending title.
- This was Djokovic's first title at the event since 2015 and the one that matches Roger Federer's record.
- The 35-year-old Djokovic is the oldest player to win the title.

6. Vice President reaches Doha to represent India at inauguration of FIFA World Cup



- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar reached Doha on Sunday afternoon for a two-day visit to Qatar to represent India at the inauguration of the FIFA World Cup 2022.
- The Ministry of External Affairs in a statement said that India and Qatar enjoy close and friendly relations with multifaceted partnership extending to areas of trade, security, defence, health, education, among others. In the last financial year, bilateral trade has crossed 15 billion US dollar.
- Next year, both countries will celebrate 50 years of establishment of full diplomatic relations.
- During his visit, the Vice President will also interact with the members of the Indian community.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to the Amir Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani on 29th of last month and conveyed his best wishes for the successful

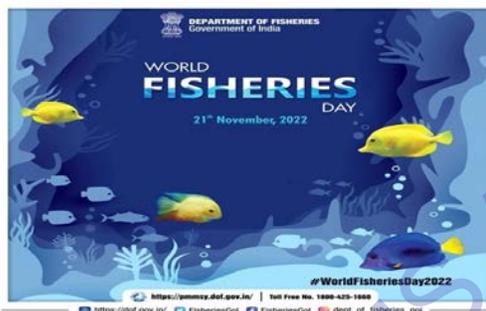
conduct of the FIFA World Cup 2022 to be played from 20th November to 18th of December.

7. Manika Batra becomes first Indian woman to win medal in Asian Cup Table Tennis tournament



- Indian table tennis player Manika Batra clinched the bronze medal at the ongoing ITTF-ATTU Asian Cup tournament at Huamark Indoor Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand on Saturday.
- Becoming the first Indian female paddler to win a medal at the event.
- She defeated World number six and three-time Asian champion Hina Hayata by 4-2 to clinch the bronze medal.

8. World Fisheries Day 2022: Govt to award best-performing states & districts



- Today is World Fisheries Day. The celebrations serve to focus on changing the way the world manages global fisheries to ensure sustainable stocks and a healthy ecosystem.
- The Department of Fisheries will celebrate the day in Daman to create awareness on the importance of healthy ocean ecosystems and sustainable fisheries.
- The government will award the best-performing states and districts for the past three years in this regard.
- An Exhibition and technical sessions will be held for technology transfer.

9. World Children's Day



- **World Children's Day will be celebrated on 20th November 2022 . On this occasion, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights will launch training modules for Chairpersons and Members of Child Welfare Committees and Protocols for the Restoration and Repatriation of Children in New Delhi.**
- **These modules and protocols have been developed to address the amended roles of Child Welfare Committees and District Child Protection Officers in matters of children in need of care and protection.**
- **The Training Module has been made with the aim to bring the roles and responsibilities of Child Welfare Committees into one place.**
- **Women and Child Development Ministry said, the government is committed to reaching out to every child needing care and protection.**

- **The Union Ministry for Women Child and Development today launched training modules for the Child welfare committee and protocols for repatriation and restoration for children at Vigyan Bhawan today.**
- **The aim of the programme is to provide training to members and officials to the child welfare committees (CWCs) and Districts Child Protection Unit (DCPUs) for the effective implementation of Juvenile Justice Rules in the country.**
- **The training Programme, was launched on World Children's day by the Secretary of Women Child and Development, Indevar Pandey, Chairman of National Commission for Protection of Child Right (NCPCR) Priyank Kanoongo and member secretaries.**

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