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### National News

#### 1. International Film Festival of India celebrates 50 years of Manipuri cinema



- The International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is celebrating 50 years of Manipuri cinema. 10 Manipuri films are being screened at IFFI-Goa under the Special Golden Jubilee Cinema package.
- Out of 10, five are feature films and five are non-feature films.
- The Manipuri feature films being screened at IFFI are Ishanou, Brogendragee Luhongba, Loktak Larembi, Phijigee Mani and Matambi Manipur.
- Deb Kumar Bose directed Matambi Manipur was the first Manipuri film, which was released on the 9th of April 1972.
- Since then, April 9 is celebrated as birth anniversary of Manipuri cinema.
- Five non-feature films from Manipur being screened at IFFI are Ratan Thiyam: The Man of Theatre, Iisa Amagi Mahao, Look At The Sky, The Silent Poet and The Tainted Mirror.

- Veteran film makers from the state like Aribam Shyam Sharma, Oken Amakcham, Nirmala Chanu, Borun Thokchom and Romi Meitei are also attending the celebrations at IFFI in Goa marking 50 glorious years of Manipuri cinema.

## 2. 3-day long celebration of 400th birth anniversary of Assam's Legendary War Hero Lachit Borphukan

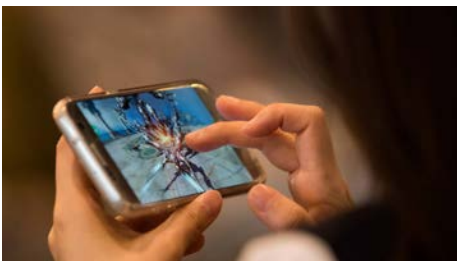


- The three day-long celebration of 400th birth anniversary of Ahom General Lachit Barphukan will begin in New Delhi today.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will inaugurate an exhibition on this occasion at Vigyan Bhawan this morning.
- Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju will attend the cultural event as the Chief Guest in the evening. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the closing ceremony on Friday.
- Talking to AIR News, Assam Handloom Minister U G Brahma said that the life and culture of Assam's village as well as the events of Lachit Barphukan will be displayed in the exhibition.
- AIR Correspondent reports that the main objective of organizing the 400th birth anniversary celebration in the national capital is to sanitize the people of the country on the bravery and war skills of Lachit Barphukan.
- Lachit Barphukan was the famous General of the great Ahom army who defeated the Mughals and halted the

expanding ambitions of Aurangzeb in the second half of the 17th century.

- The Ahoms who ruled Assam for over 600 years have a record as one of the longest reigns in the world.

### 3. GoM may recommend 28% GST on online gaming; Council to take a final call on valuation



- The panel of state finance ministers is likely to recommend a uniform GST levy of 28 percent on online gaming irrespective of whether it is a game of skill or a game of chance.
- Currently, online gaming attracts 18 percent GST. The tax is levied on gross gaming revenue, which is the fees charged by online gaming portals.
- The Group of Ministers report is almost final and would be submitted to the GST Council soon for consideration.
- However, it is likely to suggest a revised formula for calculating the amount on which the Goods and Services Tax (GST) would be levied.
- The Group of Ministers (GoM), chaired by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma, had in its earlier report submitted to the Council in June suggested a 28 percent GST on the full value of the consideration, including contest entry fee, paid by the player, without making a distinction such as games of skill or chance. However, the Council had asked the GoM to reconsider its report.

**4. '53-Hour Challenge' for the '75 Creative Minds Tomorrow' launched today by Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur**



- **Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports Anurag Singh Thakur has inaugurated '53 Hours Challenge' for '75 Creative Minds Tomorrow'.**
- **This is the second edition of 75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow and we have already made a community of 150 strong individuals connected through their shared love for cinema, creativity and culture.**
- **The competition will challenge the winners of '75 Creative Minds for Tomorrow' to produce a short film on their idea of India@100, all in 53 hours. This is powered by National Film Development Corporation (NDFC).**
- **'53-Hour Challenge' inaugurated today by Union Minister Anurag Thakur, is being organized on the side-lines of the 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI).**
- **The competition will challenge the 75 'Creative Minds' to produce a short film on their idea of India@100, all in 53 hours. This segment of IFFI 53 is powered by National Film**

Development Corporation (NFDC) in collaboration with Shorts TV.

- Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting Dr. L. Murugan, Secretary, Ministry of I & B Apurva Chandra were among the dignitaries who attended the event.

#### 5. 'It's going to be strange without him' – F1 drivers pay tribute to Vettel ahead of his retirement



- German racing driver Sebastian Vettel has retired from Formula One racing.
- Vettel won four Formula One World Championships between 2010 and 2013 while competing for Red Bull and previously spent six seasons with Ferrari.
- In the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Sebastian Vettel finished in 10th place, the last one of his career. Vettel received a guard of honor from his fellow competitors before the race.
- Vettel started his Formula One career as a test driver for BMW Sauber in 2006, making a one-off racing appearance in 2007.
- As part of the Red Bull Junior Team, Vettel appeared for Toro Rosso later that year and was kept as a full-time driver for 2008.
- Vettel was promoted to Red Bull in 2009. With Red Bull, Vettel won four consecutive titles from 2010 to 2013, the

first of which made him the sport's youngest World Champion.

- In 2013, he set the record for the most consecutive race wins with nine.
- Vettel signed for Ferrari for 2015 replacing Fernando Alonso and became Mercedes' and Lewis Hamilton's closest challenger in two title fights in 2017 and 2018, although he finished both years as runner-up.

## 6. Discounts lift Russia's fertiliser exports, becomes top supplier to India



- Russia has become India's biggest fertilizer supplier for the first time. Russian exporters reportedly grabbed a 21% share of the Indian fertilizer market in the first half of the 2022-23 fiscal year, overtaking China, previously India's largest supplier.
- Russian exports reportedly surged 371%, to a record 2.15 million tons from April to October. In monetary terms, India's imports over this period increased by 765%, to \$1.6 billion.
- Russia's share of Indian fertilizer imports was hovering around 6% during the last fiscal year, while China's stood at 24%.
- In the first half of 2022-23, China's exports to India halved to 1.78 million tons amid growing Russian supplies.

- **Global prices for fertilizers jumped in March after the US, the EU and allied states introduced sanctions against fertilizer supplies from Russia and Belarus.**
- **While Western countries have since backtracked on the ban, Russia has found new markets, mostly in Asia, for its exports.**

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