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National News

1. Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur to inaugurate 3 day All-India Taekwondo Championship at IG Stadium in New Delhi



- Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur will inaugurate the three-day All-India Taekwondo Championship at Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi on Friday.
- The Championship is being organized to mark 50 years of Korea-India diplomatic relations.
- At the inauguration ceremony, MOU will be signed in the field of sports exchange between the two countries and special performances, Korean dance, Taekwondo demonstration, and K-pop cover dance by performance teams from Korea National Sport University.
- The Korean Cultural Centre, India is co-hosting this Championship with the Sports Authority of India under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of India and Korea National Sport University in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Korea-India diplomatic relations in 2023.

2. Joe Biden nominates former Mastercard CEO Ajay Banga to become president of World Bank



- **United States President Joe Biden has nominated former Mastercard CEO Ajay Banga to become president of the World Bank, praising his background in business in his native India and his dedication to securing private funding to assist developing nations deal with climate change.**
- **Banga, 63, who is now a US citizen, would almost certainly have a position overseeing billions of dollars in funding as a result of Biden's nomination on Thursday, placing someone with strong ties to developing markets in charge of the financial institution.**

3. Lt Gen RS Reen takes over as Director General Quality Assurance



- Lt Gen RS Reen took over as Director General Quality Assurance on February 24, 2023.
- A 1986-batch officer, Lt Gen Reen is an alumnus of the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun.
- The Officer had completed his BE (Electrical) from the National Institute of Technology, Srinagar, Specialisation in Radio Engineering and post-graduation in Communication Engineering from MC EME, Secunderabad.
- He was a senior faculty at the Defence Institute of Quality Assurance, Bengaluru.
- In addition, the Officer is a certified Six Sigma Black Belt from Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata.
- He has done certification in Reliability Engineering from IIT, Kharagpur and is a Qualified Lead Auditor in Quality Management System & Integrated Management System from Bureau Veritas, Bengaluru.
- The Officer has headed a Senior Quality Assurance Estt., Brig at Headquarters, Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA) and was Controller (Missile System) in Secunderabad.

- The Officer headed the DQA(L) as Additional Director General (Electronics) at HQ DGQA, New Delhi.
- The DGQA is an Inter-Service Organisation functioning under the Department of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence.

4. SC will have 'neutral citation' system, says CJI Chandrachud



- The Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud announced that the Supreme Court has launched “neutral citations” of judgments to ensure a uniform pattern of citing its decisions.
- Earlier, the Supreme court informed that steps had been taken for the introduction and implementation of a uniform, reliable and secure methodology for identifying and citing decisions in the apex court, namely the neutral citations system, to ensure a uniform pattern of citing all decisions of the top court.
- The bench led by the CJI assembled to hear urgent mentioning of matters for listing, and the CJI announced that all judgments of the top court would have neutral citations.
- The Chief Justice of India informed that they have launched neutral citations. All judgments of the court will have neutral citations,” adding that around 30,000 verdicts of the apex court would have neutral citations.
- He also noted that hopefully, the HCs would also follow suit. The top court was using machine learning tools, which would translate its verdicts into Indian languages.

5. Financial crime watchdog FATF suspends Russia over Ukraine war



- The Financial Action Task Force (FATF), a global organization that monitors financial crime, suspended Russia's membership after finding that Moscow (Russia)'s conflict in Ukraine breached the FATF's principles.
- FATF is an intergovernmental organization created to fight money laundering and the financing of terrorism by establishing international standards and monitoring their observance by nations.
- Ukraine expressed its appreciation for the FATF's decision to suspend Russia but also stated that it will keep working with FATF members to further penalise and blacklist Moscow.
- As part of its efforts to exert pressure on Moscow, whose invasion began its second year, Ukraine has repeatedly called for Russia to be excluded from the organization.
- Russia is still a member, despite the fact that it has been suspended.

6. PM Modi to inaugurate 'Baarisu Kannada Dim Dimava' cultural festival at Talkatora Stadium in Delhi



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 'Baarisu Kannada Dim Dimava' cultural festival at Talkatora Stadium in Delhi on 25th February 2023.
- Prime Minister Modi addressed the gathering on the occasion.
- 'Baarisu Kannada Dim Dimava' cultural festival is being organized to celebrate Karnataka's culture, traditions, and history.
- It is in line with the Prime Minister's vision of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'.
- The festival, being held under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, will provide an opportunity for hundreds of artists to showcase Karnataka's cultural heritage through dance, music, drama, and poetry
- The "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" scheme was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Ekta Diwas, 31st October 2015, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel draws inspiration from the life of India's freedom fighter.

- The scheme was launched to celebrate the cultural vibrancy of India while establishing a strong mechanism to inculcate nationalism and cultural awareness among the citizens of our nation.

7. In a first, Indian submarine INS Sindhukesari docks in Indonesia



- In line with the expanding military cooperation with South East Asian nations, an Indian Navy Kilo class conventional submarine, INS Sindhukesari, docked in Jakarta, Indonesia, for the first time.
- The submarine, which was on operational deployment, travelled through the Sunda Strait and undertook the maiden docking in Indonesia for Operational Turnaround (OTR).
- Naval ships regularly make port calls to countries in the region.
- The OTR in Jakarta, over 2,000 nautical miles away from its home base in Visakhapatnam, significantly expands the area operational reach of the submarine arm near crucial shipping lanes and the strategic Malacca Strait.
- In the past, Indonesia gave access to its Sabang port to Indian Naval ships for operational turnaround.
- India has steadily expanded its defense and security cooperation with countries in the region, many of which are engaged in disputes with China in the South China Sea.
- In recent years, India has signed logistics support agreements with several countries to enhance reach and

sustenance of military assets while deployed far from home.

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