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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

PM MODI LAUNCHES 100,000SQM BHARAT MART IN DUBAI FOR EXPORTS



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and UAE Vice President Mohamed bin Rashid Al Maktoum laid the foundation stone of Bharat Mart, integrating retail, warehousing, and logistics at Jebel Ali Free Trade Zone in Dubai.

The Bharat Mart facility, reminiscent of China's Dragon Mart, is a collaborative effort between DP World, a leading logistics conglomerate based in Dubai, and India's commerce ministry.

The facility, spanning over 100,000 square meters, aims to reduce shipping costs and time from India to Africa and Europe.

JAPAN COMMITS TO LONG-TERM ENGAGEMENT IN UKRAINE'S RECONSTRUCTION



As the two-year anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine approaches, Japanese PM Fumio

Kishida has affirmed Japan's commitment to Ukraine's long-term reconstruction, labelling it as a strategic investment for the future.

Japan, in collaboration with the Ukrainian government and various business organizations, co-organized a conference where Kishida outlined a vision for a comprehensive partnership between the two nations.

The conference highlighted the critical role of investment across various industries for Ukraine's development, with more than 50 cooperation deals signed between Japanese and Ukrainian entities.

MALTA BECOMES 119TH COUNTRY TO JOIN INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE



Malta, a small yet significant player in the global arena, recently took a remarkable step towards sustainable energy by joining the International Solar Alliance (ISA).

This move underscores the country's commitment to reducing reliance on non-renewable energy sources and embracing environmentally friendly alternatives.

With this development, Malta becomes the 119th nation to join the alliance, reinforcing the collective effort to combat climate change through solar energy deployment.

TURKEY'S FIRST FIFTH-GENERATION AIRCRAFT, KAAN, COMPLETES MAIDEN FLIGHT



Turkey celebrates a milestone achievement as its first fifth-generation aircraft, KAAN, successfully completes its inaugural flight, marking a significant advancement in the country's military capabilities.

On February 21, KAAN embarked on its first flight, soaring through the skies for 13 minutes and reaching an altitude of 8,000 feet, highlighting Turkish engineering and aviation expertise.

Produced by Turkish Aerospace Industries with collaboration from BAE Systems, KAAN embodies synergy between Turkish and international defense industries, leveraging technologies to deliver an air superiority fighter

INDIA-GREECE BILATERAL COOPERATION: STRENGTHENING TIES ACROSS MULTIPLE FRONTS



During a 2 day visit to India, Greek PM Kyriakos Mitsotakis engaged in extensive discussions with PM Modi to bolster cooperation between the two nations. The visit marks the first by a Greek head of state to India in 15 years.

The talks primarily focused on expanding strategic collaboration in various sectors, including trade, defense, and counter-terrorism efforts, with an emphasis on doubling bilateral trade by 2030.

NATIONAL NEWS

CENTRE'S PROPOSAL FOR FARMERS AMIDST PROTEST: 5-YEAR MSP PLAN FOR PULSES, MAIZE, AND COTTON

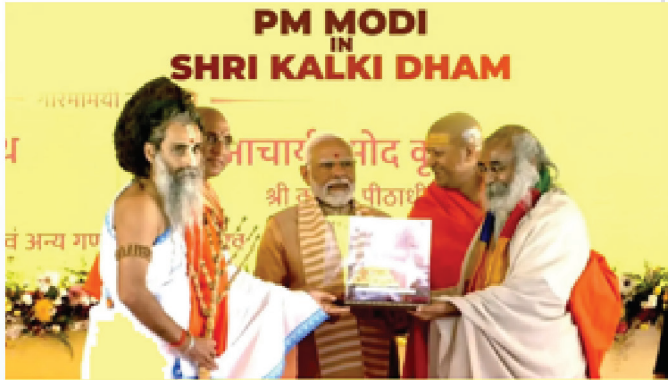


A panel of Union ministers has proposed a five-year plan to purchase pulses, maize, and cotton at Minimum Support Prices (MSP) from farmers.

Government agencies will buy pulses, maize, and cotton crops at MSP for five years through agreements with farmers. Entities like NCCF and NAFED will enter contracts with farmers growing specific crops to ensure MSP procurement.

No restrictions are placed on the quantity purchased, enhancing farmer security and market stability. Furthermore, a dedicated portal will be established to facilitate transparent transactions.

PM MODI LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF SHRI KALKI DHAM TEMPLE IN SAMBHAL, UTTAR PRADESH



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the foundation stone-laying ceremony of the Shri Kalki Dham Temple in Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh.

PM Modi hailed India's transition into a nation that sets global examples rather than following them, particularly in digital technology and innovation.

He emphasized continuous support for local handicrafts and crafts, promoting economic growth and cultural preservation.

PRIME MINISTER MODI'S AMBITIOUS INAUGURATIONS AND INITIATIVES IN JAMMU



Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to Jammu is set to mark a significant milestone in the region's developmental journey.

With a suite of projects worth over Rs 45,375 crore (\$5.5 billion approximately) set to be inaugurated or initiated, this visit underscores the Central Government's commitment to enhancing infrastructure and healthcare in J&K.

A highlight of the Prime Minister's visit is the inauguration of the world's highest railway bridge over the Chenab River. The foundation stone for a new terminal at Jammu Airport will also be laid by the Prime Minister.

GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES 'SAGAR AANKALAN' GUIDELINES TO BOOST PORT EFFICIENCY



Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal spearheaded the launch of the 'Sagar Aankalan' guidelines for Indian port performance index, signaling a concerted effort towards port efficiency enhancement.

The 'Sagar Aankalan' guidelines aim to enhance the efficiency and competitiveness of Indian ports. Enforced nationwide, these guidelines for National Benchmarking of Indian Ports Performance are set to revitalize the country's maritime infrastructure.

PM MODI LAUNCHES ₹43,875 CR EDUCATIONAL AND INFRA PROJECTS INCLUDING 3 IIMS, IITS, 20 KVS, 13 NVS, AND AIIMS IN JAMMU



On February 20, Prime Minister Narendra Modi

inaugurated a series of ambitious educational and infrastructure projects across India, totaling an investment of ₹13,375 crore.

In addition to the educational projects, PM Modi launched a comprehensive ₹30,500 crore worth of projects in the fields of education, railway, aviation, and road sectors.

INDIA OPENS SPACE SECTOR TO 100% FOREIGN INVESTMENT



India has taken a significant step by opening its space sector to 100% foreign direct investment (FDI) through an amendment in the FDI policy.

Under the amended FDI policy, various sub-sectors and activities within the space sector now have liberalized FDI thresholds

The liberalized entry routes are expected to enhance the ease of doing business in India, leading to increased FDI inflows and contributing to overall economic growth, investment, income, and employment opportunities.

GOVT LAUNCHES RS 100 CR PROJECTS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



On February 21, 2024, Dr. Virendra Kumar, the Union Minister of Social Justice and Empower-

ment, virtually launched several projects valued at over Rs 100 crore.

The inauguration ceremony featured the introduction of crucial facilities across various regions. One key facility was Vocational Training Centre at SVNIRTAR, Cuttack

Spanning an area of 4563 square meters, this facility will offer comprehensive vocational training to disabled individuals, including courses in LED repair, beauty therapy, mobile hardware repair, and soft skills.

PRIME MINISTER INAUGURATES IIT HYDERABAD CAMPUS



The Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) witnessed the dedication of its transformative Campus Development Project to the nation by the Honorable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi via Video Conference.

The dedication ceremony included buildings such as the International Guest House, Convention Centre, Technology Incubation Park, Knowledge Centre, Sports and Cultural Complex, Students' Hostels, and various academic and administrative buildings, collectively valued at Rs 1089 Cr.

STATE NEWS

NORTHERN RAILWAYS TO LAUNCH MEMU, DMU BETWEEN BARAMULLA, SANGAL



The Northern Railway Firozpur division is set to revolutionize connectivity in the region with the introduction of a new Mainline Electric Multiple Unit (MEMU) and Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) train service between Baramulla and Sangaldan stations, Jammu and Kashmir.

This initiative marks a significant milestone in the ongoing Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project, enhancing transportation infrastructure and facilitating easier access for commuters.

In the communication, it was revealed that a new railway section was slated to open between Banihal and Sangaldan station, paving the way for expanded connectivity in the region

THE 11TH INTERNATIONAL PUPPET FESTIVAL IN CHANDIGARH



The vibrant city of Chandigarh became a melting

pot of cultural heritage and artistic innovation as it hosted the 11th International Puppet Festival at Tagore Theatre.

The festival commenced with a spellbinding performance by the Novosibirsk Regional Puppet Theatre from Russia, captivating the audience with the renowned puppet show “Petrushka.”

The festival also featured a Puppet Exhibition at Tagore Theatre, which ran from the opening day until February 21st.

MAHARASHTRA GOVERNMENT EXTENDS 10% RESERVATION TO MARATHAS

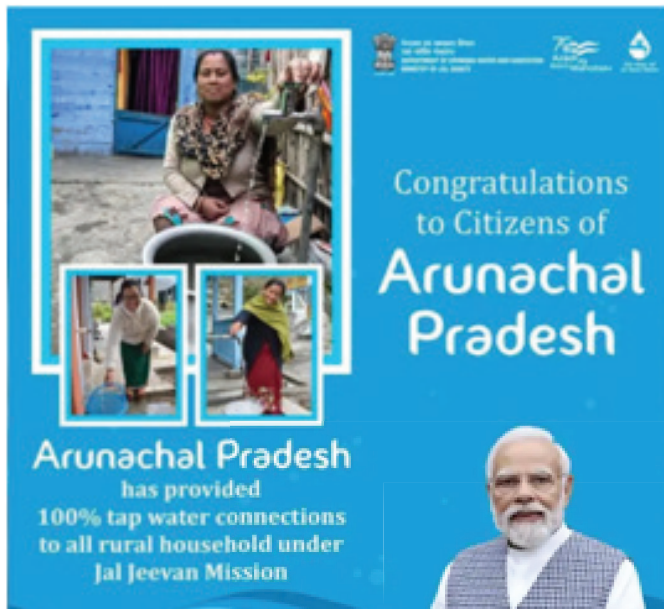


The Maharashtra Cabinet has approved a draft bill to extend a 10 percent reservation to the Maratha community in both educational institutions and government employment.

This move follows a report submitted by the Maharashtra Backward Class Commission (MBCC) justifying the extension beyond the 50 percent cap.

The government has scheduled a special session of the state assembly to introduce the bill in response to Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange Patil’s hunger strike.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH ACHIEVES FULL HAR GHAR JAL SATURATION, FIRST IN NORTHEAST



Arunachal Pradesh has made a significant achievement by reaching 100 percent saturation in the 'Har Ghar Jal' scheme under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), announced by Chief Minister Pema Khandu.

This milestone sets Arunachal Pradesh apart as the first state in the northeast and the tenth in India to fully embrace the central government's initiative, aimed at ensuring clean and safe piped water for every household.

Launched in 2019, the JJM aims to provide safe and adequate drinking water through individual household tap connections across rural India by 2024.

CHANDIGARH UNVEILS NORTH INDIA'S FIRST 'PIZZA ATM'



CITCO (Chandigarh Industrial and Tourism Development Corporation) introduces a pizza maker near Sukhna Lake, producing hot pizzas in three minutes, a first in North India.

The pizza vending machine is the only one operational in India, marking a significant breakthrough. Dr. Rohit Shekhar Sharma, Founder & CEO at iMatrix Group of Companies leads the project inspired by France.

The machine is crafted at their Mohali factory, outperforming similar ventures, dispensing 100 pizzas daily. Operational since early 2024, the Pizza ATM swiftly becomes a local favorite, offering both vegetarian and non-vegetarian options.

1ST EVER SKILL INDIA CENTRE INAUGURATED IN SAMBALPUR, ODISHA



Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, spearheaded the inauguration of the first Skill India Centre (SIC) in Sambalpur, Odisha.

The centre boasts best-in-class infrastructure, cutting-edge technologies, and modern facilities to facilitate effective learning

The aim is to empower over 1200 students through this centre and equip them with the necessary skills for the 21st-century job market.

MADHYA PRADESH INTRODUCES 'BAG-LESS SCHOOL' INITIATIVE



In a bold move aimed at revolutionizing the educational landscape, the Madhya Pradesh government has announced a groundbreaking initiative – the introduction of a 'bag-less school' policy.

This policy is set to be implemented once a week from the upcoming academic session of 2024-25. It marks a significant departure from traditional educational norms.

Central to this initiative is the establishment of clear weight limits for students' school bags, as outlined in a notice issued by the state government.

The weight limits vary according to students' respective classes, ranging from 1.6 to 2.2 kg for classes 1 and 2, to 2.5 to 4.5 kg for classes 9 and 10.

UTTAR PRADESH TO SET UP FIRST TURTLE CONSERVATION RESERVE



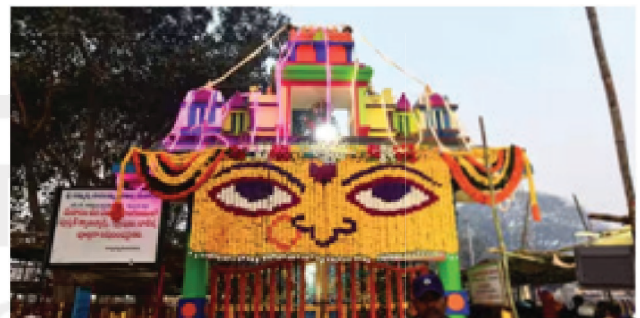
The Forest Department in Uttar Pradesh's Gonda district, in collaboration with the Turtle Survival Alliance Foundation India, is initiating a conservation effort.

This endeavor aims to establish a turtle conser-

vation reserve along the Sarju river, a tributary of the Ghaghra river. Gonda district is known for its turtle diversity, making it an ideal location for such a conservation effort.

The proposed reserve will encompass a 2-kilometer stretch of the Sarju river, teeming with a diverse array of plant species, avifauna, fishes, and water snakes.

TRIBAL FESTIVAL 'SAMMAKKA SARALAMMA JATARA' KICKS OFF IN TELANGANA



The Medaram Jatara, known as Sammakka Saralamma Jatara', began this year on February 21 in Medaram, Mulugu district, showcasing Telangana's rich tribal heritage.

This four-day event, considered the world's largest tribal gathering, attracts pilgrims to the remote village of Medaram once every two years.

The Medaram Jatara holds historical significance as it commemorates the struggle of a mother and daughter duo, Sammakka and Saralamma, against unjust rulers.

EDUCATION MINISTER INAUGURATES 211 PM SHRI SCHOOLS IN CHHATTISGARH



Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan, alongside Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Vishnu Deo Sai, marked the inauguration of 211 PM SHRI schools in Raipur.

In addition to inaugurating PM SHRI schools, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan introduced a Digital Library for Kendriya Vidyalaya and Virtual Reality labs for Navodaya Vidyalaya within the state.

These initiatives signify a progressive step towards integrating technology into the educational framework, enriching the learning experiences of students and preparing them for the digital age

ECONOMY NEWS

INDIA'S OUTWARD FDI IN JANUARY 2024 RISES 25.7% TO \$2.1 BILLION



According to recent data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), In January 2024, India's outward foreign direct investment (FDI) commitments surged by 25.7% year-on-year to \$2.09 billion.

In January 2024, equity commitments surged to \$760.9 million, marking a substantial increase from \$597.4 million recorded in January 2023. However, this figure was slightly lower than the equity commitments of \$834.7 million reported in December 2023.

GOVERNMENT RAISES AUTHORIZED CAPITAL OF FCI FROM ₹10,000 CRORE TO ₹21,000 CRORE



Food Corporation of India

The government has increased the authorized capital of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) from ₹10,000 crore to ₹21,000 crore, demonstrating a significant commitment to enhancing its operational capacities.

This initiative, announced by the Food Ministry, underscores the government's dedication to strengthening FCI's role in ensuring food security and safeguarding farmers' interests.

The augmentation of authorized capital aims to bolster FCI's operational efficiency, reduce interest burdens, and positively impact government subsidies.

MORGAN STANLEY PROJECTS INDIA'S GDP GROWTH FOR FY25 TO 6.5%



In its latest analysis, Morgan Stanley Research projects India's GDP growth for FY25 to moderate to 6.5%, down from the 6.9% projected for FY24.

Despite this moderation, the report maintains a constructive outlook on the Indian economy, citing improvements in domestic demand and macro stability.

GDP growth for Q3 FY24 is expected at 6.5%, a slight slowdown from the first half of the financial year. The analysis is supported by robust services exports and declining global commodity prices, especially oil, the current account deficit is expected to remain benign...

DEFENCE NEWS

INDIAN AIR FORCE (IAF) CONDUCTED 'EXERCISE VAYU SHAKTI-24'



Indian Air Force (IAF) conducted 'Exercise Vayu Shakti-24' at the Pokhran range near Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, presenting a formidable display of its aerial firepower.

The event, attended by the Chief of Defence Staff, General Anil Chauhan, marked a significant demonstration of the IAF's offensive capabilities through a series of meticulously planned aerial manoeuvres and precision strikes.

Adhering to this year's theme, 'Lightning Strike from the Sky', the exercise involved over 120 aircraft showcasing the IAF's day and night offensive prowess.

INDIAN ARMY'S Rs 57,000 CRORE PROJECT TO REPLACE AGING T-72 TANK FLEET



The Indian Army is embarking on a significant endeavor to modernize its armored forces by replacing its aging Russian T-72 tank fleet with cutting-edge Future Ready Combat Vehicles (FRCVs).

These FRCVs, totaling 1,770 units, will be produced indigenously in India with advanced technologies including artificial intelligence (AI), drone integration, active protection systems, and enhanced situational awareness.

The induction will occur in three phases, each incorporating newer technologies for maximum survivability and lethality.

MULTINATIONAL MILITARY EXERCISE 'SHANTI PRAYAS IV' COMMENCES IN KATHMANDU



Kathmandu became the focal point of global peacekeeping efforts as it hosted the commencement of the multinational military exercise 'Shanti Prayas IV'.

This event, which draws army representatives from 19 countries actively involved in United Nations Peacekeeping missions, underscores the

collaborative spirit and dedication towards maintaining global peace and security.

The Shanti Prayas Exercise is co-hosted by the Nepali Army and the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, reflecting the strong military cooperation between Nepal and the United States

INDIA HOSTS MILAN NAVAL EXERCISE WITH PARTICIPATION OF NEARLY 50 COUNTRIES



India is hosting the 12th edition of the 'Milan' naval exercise in Visakhapatnam, aimed at bolstering maritime cooperation among like-minded nations.

Navies from almost 50 countries including the US, Japan, Australia, France, Bangladesh, South Korea, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Malaysia are participating.

Milan is a biennial multinational naval exercise initiated in 1995 with the participation of Indonesia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, and Thailand, aligned with India's 'Look East' policy.

The exercise evolved under the Andaman and Nicobar Command until its 10th edition.

HAL, DRDO To BEGIN RS 60,000 CRORE SUKHOI FIGHTER JET FLEET UPGRADE

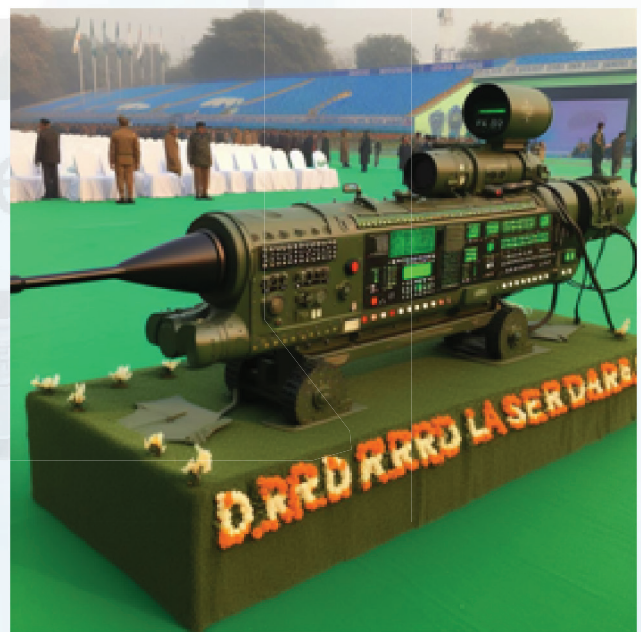


Hindustan Aeronautics Limited in collaboration with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) embarks on a comprehensive upgrade project worth Rs 60,000 crore for the Su-30MKI fighter jet fleet.

The initiative aims to bolster the aircraft's capabilities through the integration of advanced technologies and indigenous systems.

Over 50% indigenous content to be incorporated into the manufacturing process, reflecting India's commitment to self-sufficiency in defence production.

DRDO To TEST INDIGENOUS LASER WEAPON DURGA-2



In a notable stride towards advanced military technology, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is reportedly gearing up to test a real prototype of its indigenous laser weapon system, DURGA-2.

Directed energy weapons, commonly known as laser weapons, operate by focusing energy through laser, microwave, or particle beams. If successfully developed and deployed, such weapons have the capability to safeguard vital defense infrastructure from missile or air attacks.

BANKING NEWS

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK ANNOUNCES MAJOR SENIOR MANAGEMENT RESHUFFLE



Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB) unveiled a comprehensive reshuffle of its senior management, signalling a new phase of leadership and strategic focus for the leading private sector bank.

Effective March 1, 2024, this reorganization introduces KVS Manian and Shanti Ekambaram in enhanced roles as joint managing director and deputy managing director, respectively.

Shanti Ekambaram's role is set to expand significantly. Already a pivotal figure in the bank's operations, Ekambaram will continue to spearhead the growth of key segments such as 811, treasury, and global markets

HDFC BANK LEADS PROFITABILITY RANKINGS FROM APRIL TO DECEMBER



HDFC Bank emerges as the most profitable company in the first nine months of the current fiscal year, with a net profit of Rs 44,300 crore.

HDFC Bank's strategic merger with mortgage lender HDFC, effective from July 1 last year, contributes to its financial strength and competitive edge.

State Bank of India (SBI) and Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) follow closely, reporting profits of Rs 40,378 crore and Rs 34,781 crore, respectively.

BUSINESS NEWS

FINTECH STARTUP 'PAYMART' PARTNERS WITH FIVE INDIAN BANKS FOR VIRTUAL ATM SERVICE



Paymart, a fintech startup, announced its partnership with five Indian banks to introduce a groundbreaking virtual, cardless, and hardware-less cash withdrawal service

The partnered banks include IDBI Bank, Indian Bank, Jammu & Kashmir Bank, and Karur Vyasa Bank, with discussions underway with four additional banks for further collaboration.

Paymart boasts future-ready technology and direct connectivity to banks' Core Banking Systems, positioning itself as a versatile Cardless Switch.

RELIANCE INDUSTRIES, TATA POWER, ADANI POWER, AND VEDANTA LTD: PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN INDIA'S NUCLEAR ENERGY SECTOR



The Indian government is set to invite private investment worth \$26 billion into its nuclear energy sector. This initiative aims to bolster non-carbon-emitting energy sources, aligning with India's goal of increasing non-fossil fuel-based electricity generation to 50% by 2030.

Private firms, including Reliance Industries, Tata

Power, Adani Power, and Vedanta Ltd, are being approached for investments totaling around 440 billion rupees each (\$5.30 billion).

The Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) will retain rights for building, operating, and managing the nuclear stations, including fuel management...

SCHEMES NEWS

ODISHA GOVT INTRODUCES 'SWAYAM' SCHEME FOR YOUTH EMPOWERMENT



In a significant move towards empowering the youth of Odisha, the state government has unveiled the 'Swayam' scheme aimed at providing interest-free loans to young entrepreneurs.

This initiative, announced by Odisha Agriculture Minister Ranendra Pratap Swain, underscores the government's commitment to fostering self-employment opportunities and economic growth.

Under the 'Swayam' scheme, eligible rural and urban youth aged between 18-35 years will have access to interest-free loans of up to Rs 1 lakh.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES NEWS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER DR. S JAISHANKAR ATTENDS 60TH MUNICH SECURITY CONFERENCE IN GERMANY



External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar is currently participating in the 60th Munich Security Conference in Germany.

During the conference, he is engaging in various discussions and meetings with global leaders to address bilateral cooperation and key global and regional concerns.

The 60th Munich Security Conference, spanning three days, serves as a platform for high-level debates on the world's most pressing security challenges.

RANKS & REPORTS NEWS

KARNATAKA LEADS IN EV INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT



Karnataka has emerged as the frontrunner in India's electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure de-

velopment, boasting the highest number of public charging stations according to Bureau of Energy Efficiency statistics.

Karnataka leads with 5,059 public EV charging stations, surpassing Maharashtra and Delhi. Maharashtra follows with 3,079 stations, and Delhi with 1,886. Other states with notable numbers include Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan.

HENLEY PASSPORT INDEX 2024: FRANCE TOPS LIST; INDIA AT 85TH



The 2024 edition of the Henley Passport Index has been published, offering significant insights into global mobility and soft power.

This index assesses nations based on passport strength, providing valuable insight into the global landscape of mobility and soft power.

France secures the top spot on the Henley Passport Index, with its passport granting visa-free access to 194 countries. India slips one rank down to 85th place, despite an increase in visa-free access for its citizens to 62 countries.

APPOINTMENTS NEWS

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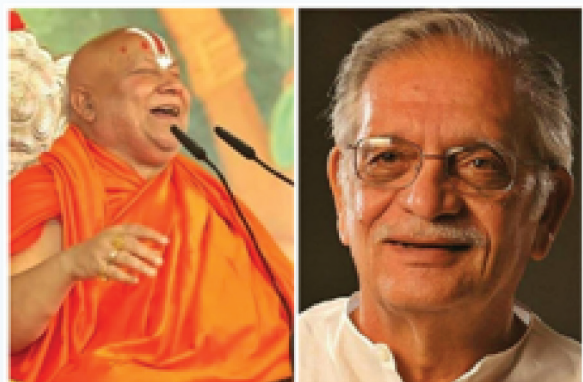


ICICI Bank announced the appointment of Mr. Pradeep Kumar Sinha as the Non-Executive Part-time Chairman at its recent board meeting. This decision follows the retirement of Mr. G. C. Chaturvedi, the current Chairman, effective June 30, 2024.

He was appointed as an Additional (Independent) Director for a five-year term, starting immediately, pending shareholder approval. Additionally, he will serve as the Non-Executive Part-time Chairman from July 1, 2024, or upon RBI approval, succeeding Mr. G. C. Chaturvedi.

AWARDS NEWS

GULZAR AND JAGADGURU RAMBHADRACHARYA AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS JNANPITH AWARD 2023



The Jnanpith Award, India's most prestigious literary accolade, has announced its recipients for the year 2023, marking a momentous occasion in the annals of Indian literature.

This year, the honour is bestowed upon two luminaries from the world of letters: celebrated Urdu poet and Bollywood personality Gulzar, and the distinguished Sanskrit scholar and spiritual leader Jagadguru Rambhadracharya.

Their selection for the 58th edition of the award underscores the rich diversity and depth of Indian literary traditions, spanning the classical to the contemporary.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY NEWS

ISRO YOUNG SCIENTIST PROGRAMME 2024 (YUVIKA): EMPOWERING FUTURE SPACE EXPLORERS



The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) introduces the "Young Scientist Programme" "YUva Vigyani Karyakram" (YUVIKA) to foster the innate curiosity of children and youth towards space science.

YUVIKA aims to impart fundamental knowledge on Space Science, Technology, and Applications, particularly targeting rural areas.

The program aspires to ignite interest in STEM fields and nurture future talents in space exploration. Its objective is to provide basic knowledge on Space Science, Technology, and Applications, with a focus on emerging trends....

IMPORTANT DAYS NEWS

WORLD WHALE DAY 2024

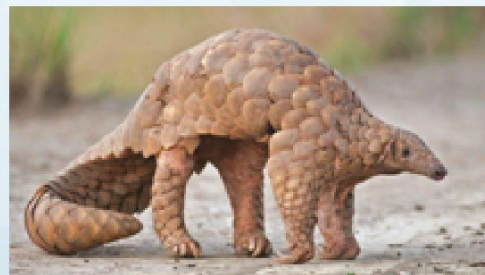


World Whale Day, observed on the third Sunday of February, is a pivotal event aimed at highlighting the critical importance of whale conservation.

This year, the day falls on February 18, spotlighting the urgent need to protect these marine behemoths crucial for ecological equilibrium.

Founded in 1980 by Greg Kauffman and the Pacific Whale Foundation, the initiative, initially centered on North Pacific humpback whales, has evolved into the Maui Whale Festival, celebrating broader successes in whale conservation.

WORLD PANGOLIN DAY 2024 OBSERVED ON FEBRUARY 17TH

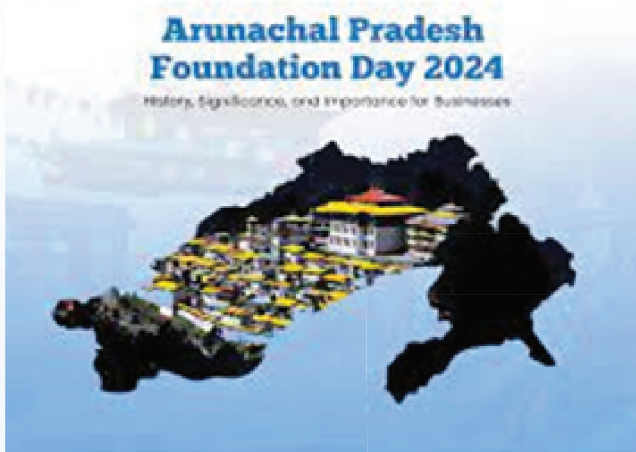


The Andhra Pradesh Forest Department, in collaboration with environmentalists, has launched an awareness campaign to commemorate World Pangolin Day on February 17, 2024.

Highlighting the plight of the Indian Pangolin also known as the Thick-Tailed Pangolin or

Scaly Anteater, this initiative underscores the urgent need for conservation efforts for one of the world's most trafficked mammals.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH FOUNDATION DAY 2024



Arunachal Pradesh, nestled in the northeastern corner of India, celebrates its

Foundation Day annually on February 20th, marking the day it attained full statehood in 1987.

This occasion commemorates the region's transition from the North-East Frontier Agency (NEFA) to a distinct state within the Indian union.

Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day 2024 falls on February 20th. This significant day commemorates the state's official declaration as a distinct entity within India in 1987.

MIZORAM FOUNDATION DAY 2024



Mizoram Foundation Day, celebrated annually on February 20th, holds profound significance for the people of Mizoram, marking the establishment of the state as the 23rd state of India in 1987.

This day commemorates the hard-fought struggle for political rights and self-determination by the Mizo people, culminating in the realization of their aspirations.

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