



## CURRENT AFFAIRS 22nd & 23rd May 2024

### National News

#### Artara'24 Celebrates Indian Cultural Diversity in Dubai



The Artara'24 Fine Arts Exhibition and Competition has made its mark in Dubai as a prestigious platform for discovering and nurturing emerging artistic talents from India. The event aimed to uncover hidden artistic gems, with a particular focus on the Indian talent residing in Dubai.

#### DAHD & UNDP MoU on Digitalisation of Animal Vaccine Cold Chain Management



The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) under the Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India to digitalize vaccine cold chain management, enhance communication planning, and build capacity.

### **Cabinet Approves Over Rs 10,300 Crore for IndiaAI Mission**



The Cabinet has greenlit an ambitious financial allocation of over Rs 10,300 crore for the IndiaAI Mission, aimed at fortifying India's AI innovation ecosystem. Spearheaded by a public-private partnership model, this significant investment over the next five years is poised to catalyze various strategic initiatives, including compute infrastructure expansion, startup empowerment, and ethical AI deployment.

### **Appointments News**

### **BARC India Appoints Dr. Bikramjit Chaudhuri as New Chief of Measurement Science & Analytics**



The Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) India, the world's largest television audience measurement organization, has appointed Dr. Bikramjit Chaudhuri as its new Chief of Measurement Science & Analytics. He will succeed Dr. Derrick Gray, a veteran in the field of audience measurement and advanced analytics, who has been an esteemed member of the BARC India team for six years.

## **John Slaven Appointed Vice-Chairman of the International Aluminium Institute**



Vedanta Aluminium has announced the appointment of its Chief Executive Officer (CEO), John Slaven, as the Vice-Chairman of the International Aluminium Institute (IAI). In this prominent role, Slaven will spearhead global initiatives aimed at promoting sustainable transformation within the aluminium industry and highlighting aluminium's crucial role in advancing the energy transition towards a Zero Carbon future.

## **Business News**

## **Tata Motors Partners with Bajaj Finance to Enhance Dealer Financing Options**



Tata Motors' subsidiaries, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles (TMPV) and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility (TPEM), have teamed up with Bajaj Finance to offer an innovative financing programme for their authorised passenger and electric vehicle dealers. This partnership aims to streamline financing options and support the business operations of these dealers.

## Banking News

### SBI Bolsters Presence in GIFT City with Acquisition of Stake in CCIL IFSC



In a strategic move to expand its foothold within the Gujarat International Finance Tec City (GIFT City), the State Bank of India (SBI) has finalized the acquisition of a 6.125% stake in CCIL IFSC Limited. The transaction, valued at ₹6.125 crore, marks SBI's

commitment to enhancing its role in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) at GIFT City.

## Ranks and Reports News

### India Rises to 39th Position in WEF Travel & Tourism Development Index 2024



India has ascended to the 39th spot in the World Economic Forum's Travel & Tourism Development Index 2024, marking a significant improvement from its 54th position in 2021. Despite challenges posed by the pandemic, India showcases resilience and competitiveness in various aspects of its travel and tourism industry.