



CURRENT AFFAIRS 03rd July 2024

1. ****International Plastic Bag Free Day****



International Plastic Bag Free Day is celebrated on July 3 every year. This day aims to raise awareness about the harmful effects of plastic bags on the environment. It encourages people to stop using plastic bags and find eco-friendly alternatives.

2. ****New Presidential Palace in Vanuatu****



China has constructed a new presidential palace in Vanuatu, symbolizing stronger ties between the two nations. Vanuatu's Prime Minister, Charlot Salwai, inaugurated the new building, part of a larger project that includes a finance ministry and renovations to the foreign affairs department.

3. ****International Toy Fair in Delhi****



More than 300 domestic companies and over 100 foreign buyers from countries like the US and Germany will participate in a four-day international toy fair starting on July 6 in Delhi. Over 250 Indian brands will showcase their products at Pragati Maidan during the fair.

National

4. ****New Species of Frog Discovered in Arunachal Pradesh****



Researchers from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) have discovered a new species of forest-dwelling horned frog in Arunachal Pradesh. Named *Xenophrys apatani*, it was found in Talle Wildlife Sanctuary and is named after the Apatani community for their efforts in wildlife conservation.

Banking

5. ****ICICI Bank's 'Student Sapphire Forex Card'****



ICICI Bank has launched the 'Student Sapphire Forex Card', a premium forex prepaid card designed for students going abroad for higher education. The card, powered by Visa, offers exclusive benefits and convenience for managing education-related expenses abroad.

Defence

6. ****Inauguration of Weapon Systems School in Hyderabad****



Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari, Chief of the Indian Air Force (IAF), inaugurated the Weapon Systems School (WSS) in Hyderabad. This school aims to provide advanced training to officers of the Weapon Systems branch, integrating ground-based and specialist weapon system operators to enhance the IAF's capabilities.

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