

Current Affairs: 18 Sept; 2024

1. ****Paetongtarn Shinawatra Becomes Thailand's Youngest Prime Minister****



- Paetongtarn Shinawatra, at 37, became Thailand's youngest Prime Minister after Srettha Thavisin's dismissal. She is the third Shinawatra family member to hold this position, following her father and aunt. Paetongtarn won 319 parliamentary votes but faces economic and political challenges.

2. ****17th Divya Kala Mela Inaugurated in Raipur****



- Dr. Virendra Kumar, Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, inaugurated the 17th Divya Kala Mela in Raipur on August 17, 2024. Over 100 Divyang artisans from 20 states/UTs showcased their products. The event promotes the economic empowerment of Divyangjan with job fairs and loan programs.

3. ****Maharashtra Launches 'Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana'****



- The Eknath Shinde government in Maharashtra launched the 'Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana' on Raksha Bandhan. The scheme provides ₹1500 monthly to over one crore women in the state, aimed at women's protection and empowerment.

4. ****3rd Voice of Global South Summit Inaugurated by PM Modi****



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 3rd Voice of Global South Summit virtually on August 17, 2024. The summit, themed "An Empowered Global South for a Sustainable Future," focuses on climate change, food security, and conflicts, with participation from over 100 countries.

5. ****Krishi Decision Support System (Krishi-DSS) Launched****



- The Union government launched Krishi-DSS, a geospatial platform for Indian agriculture. It provides real-time data on soil, crop conditions, weather, and droughts, supporting targeted interventions and innovations for Indian farmers. Developed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Department of Space.