

Current Affairs: 01 October, 2024

1. ****Marburg Virus Outbreak in Rwanda****



Recently, six people have died due to a Marburg virus outbreak in Rwanda. Marburg Virus Disease (MVD) is a rare but severe hemorrhagic fever that affects humans and primates, caused by the Marburg virus, similar to Ebola. The virus was first identified in 1967 in Marburg, Germany, linked to infected green monkeys, and its primary host is the African fruit bat.

2. ****PM Modi's Visit to Solar Panels under PM Muft Bijli Solar Yojana****



Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently visited solar panels installed under the PM Muft Bijli Solar Yojana in Gujarat. This initiative encourages the adoption of rooftop solar power by offering financial subsidies, allowing households to receive up to 300 units of free electricity per month. Gujarat leads India in rooftop solar capacity, with a total of 4,195 MW.

3. ****Female Elephant Dies from Electrocution in Kerala****



A female elephant recently died from electrocution near a tribal colony close to the Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary in Kerala's Thrissur district. Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary, established in 1958, covers 125 sq. km and is home to tropical forests, rare medicinal plants, and valuable trees like teak. The sanctuary is situated in the catchment area of the Peechi and Vazhani Dams.

4. ****India's First Government-Funded Multimodal AI Initiative – BharatGen****



BharatGen is India's first government-funded multimodal AI initiative. This cutting-edge project aims to promote advancements in artificial intelligence across various sectors in the country, showcasing India's growing focus on technology-driven solutions.

5. ****Ravi Ahuja Appointed as New CEO of Sony Pictures Entertainment****



Indian-origin Ravi Ahuja has recently been appointed as the new CEO of Sony Pictures Entertainment. His leadership marks a significant milestone, reflecting the influence of Indian-origin professionals in global entertainment industries.

6. ****Exercise 'Kazind' Between India and Kazakhstan****



The military exercise 'Kazind' has recently started between India and Kazakhstan. This joint exercise focuses on strengthening defense cooperation and enhancing operational capabilities between the two nations' armed forces.

7. **'Cruise Bharat Mission' Launched to Promote Cruise Tourism**



The 'Cruise Bharat Mission' has been launched to promote cruise tourism in India. This mission is aimed at enhancing cruise travel and boosting tourism-related infrastructure, positioning India as a key destination for cruise enthusiasts.

8. **Nand Kishore Appointed as New CMD of IL&FS Group**



Nand Kishore has recently been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of IL&FS Group. His leadership is expected to steer the group through its financial restructuring and revival plan.

9. **A.K. Saxena Takes Additional Charge as CMD of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited**



A.K. Saxena has taken additional charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL). He will lead RINL in its ongoing operations and development initiatives.

10. **SBI Card Launches Co-Branded Credit Card with Singapore Airlines**



SBI Card has launched a co-branded credit card in collaboration with Singapore Airlines. This partnership offers exclusive travel benefits and rewards for customers, enhancing their travel experience with the airline.