

Current Affairs - 23rd November 2024

1. Coking Coal as a Critical Mineral



- **Recommendation by NITI Aayog:** Inclusion of coking coal in India's critical minerals list to boost domestic production and reduce reliance on imports (currently 85%).
- **Importance:** Key for steel and infrastructure, aligning with India's Net Zero goals for 2070.

2. Self-Sufficient Gaushala in Gwalior



- **Inauguration:** PM Modi launched India's first modern, self-sufficient gaushala in Gwalior.
 - **Special Feature:** Equipped with a state-of-the-art Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) plant to promote green energy and sustainability.
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3. India-UK FTA Talks to Resume



- **Announcement:** UK PM Keir Starmer and Indian PM Modi confirmed negotiations to restart in early 2025.
- **Focus:** Strengthening trade (valued at GBP 42 billion annually) and strategic partnerships in various sectors.

4. Ngusaba Goreng Festival in Bali



- **Celebration:** Thanksgiving festival marked by sacred dances (Rejang Dewa, Rejang Pucuk) and gratitude rituals for a bountiful harvest.

5. Political Changes in Mali



- **Update:** Abdoulaye Maiga replaced Choguel Maiga as PM amid criticism of the junta's democratic transition.

6. Cyclone Fengal in Tamil Nadu

- **Introduction:** A new language to encode nanopore shapes, aiding ML models in predicting properties and advancing materials science.
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9. Guru Tegh Bahadur's Shaheedi Diwas



- **Observance:** Tribute to the ninth Sikh Guru for his sacrifices and stand against injustice.
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10. PM Modi Honored



- **Recognition:** Received the 'Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Global Peace Award' for efforts in minority welfare and inclusive development.