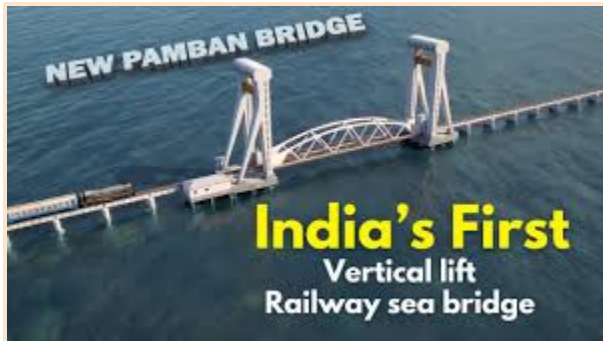


03rd December 2024 Current Affairs

National News

1. India's First Vertical Lift Rail Bridge: The New Pamban Bridge



- India's first vertical lift railway sea bridge, the New Pamban Bridge, has replaced the 105-year-old Pamban Bridge. This new bridge enhances connectivity between the Indian mainland and Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu. It is designed to ensure modern train compatibility, speed, and safety, marking a significant advancement in railway infrastructure.

2. UNESCO Declares West Bengal a Top Heritage Tourism Destination



- UNESCO has recognized West Bengal as a top heritage tourism destination due to its focus on religious, heritage, and tea tourism. The state's progress in enhancing its iconic religious sites and heritage spots has fostered job creation and boosted tourism. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee hailed the development as a key driver of the state's growth.

International News

3. Murdu Fernando Becomes Sri Lanka's 2nd Female Chief Justice



- Justice Murdu Nirupa Bindushini Fernando was sworn in as the Chief Justice of Sri Lanka on December 2, 2024. She is the second woman to hold this prestigious position, following Justice Shirani Bandaranaike, marking a significant milestone in Sri Lankan judicial history.

State News

4. Telangana's Rythu Bharosa: Boosting Farmer Welfare



- The Telangana government is rolling out the Rythu Bharosa Scheme, offering ₹15,000 annually per farmer as part of Congress' six guarantees. The scheme aims to bolster farmers' welfare, following the discontinuation of the previous Rythu Bandhu scheme. The state government has also cleared ₹7,625 crore in crop loan arrears for Kharif 2023.

5. India Launches First 'Uber Shikara' Service in Srinagar



- Uber has launched Asia's first water transport service, Uber Shikara, on Dal Lake in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir. This modernized version of the traditional

shikara ride aims to provide tourists with a more accessible, seamless experience, combining technology with Kashmir's cultural heritage to enhance tourism.

Defence News

6. Harimau Shakti 2024: India-Malaysia Military Drill Begins



- The 4th edition of the India-Malaysia Joint Military Exercise, Harimau Shakti 2024, began on December 2, 2024, at Bentong Camp in Malaysia. The exercise, which will run until December 15, aims to enhance cooperation between the two nations, focusing on counterinsurgency operations in jungle terrain.

Banking News

7. RBI Lifts Supervisory Restrictions on Navi Finserv



- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) lifted the supervisory restrictions on Navi Finserv on December 2, 2024, after the company took corrective actions to address regulatory concerns. The restrictions had been imposed in October 2024 due to issues related to loan pricing practices and non-compliance with lending norms.

Summits and Conferences

8. Chennai to Host World Maritime Conference 2024



- Chennai will host the World Maritime Technology Conference (WMTTC) from December 4-6, 2024. The event will bring together global leaders, professionals, and experts in maritime technology to discuss the latest advancements and developments in the maritime sector.

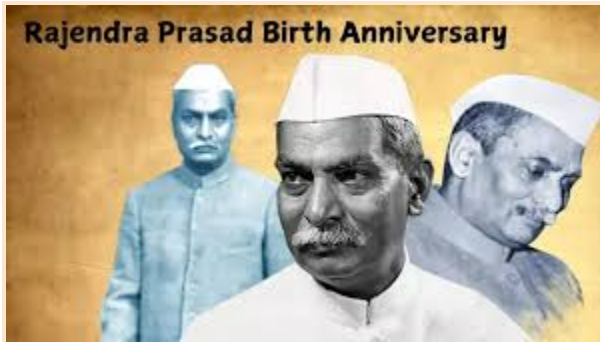
Important Days

9. December 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities



- The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is observed annually on December 3 to promote awareness about disability issues, advocate for the dignity and rights of persons with disabilities, and mobilize support for their inclusion in social, political, and economic activities.

10. Rajendra Prasad Jayanti 2024: Celebrating the Legacy of India's First President



- Rajendra Prasad Jayanti, celebrated on December 3, honors the birth anniversary of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India. Dr. Prasad played a pivotal role in India's independence and the establishment of its democratic values.

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