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1. QS World University Rankings IIT Delhi Placed At



IIT Delhi secured the 44th position in the QS World University Rankings 2024, reflecting its reputation as one of India's top technical institutions and its strong global standing in engineering, technology, and research. This ranking underscores the institute's commitment to academic excellence and international competitiveness.

2. Government E-marketplace (GeM) Seed Categories



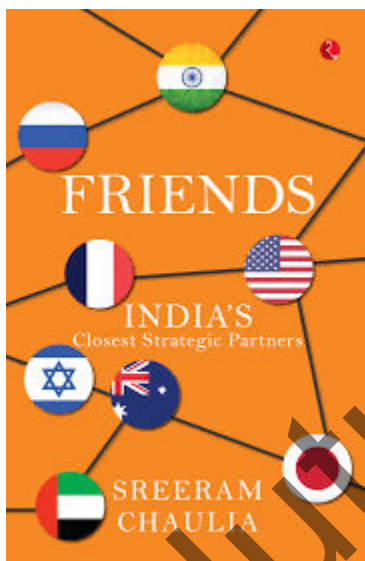
The Government E-marketplace (GeM) has introduced 170 seed categories to streamline procurement processes. These categories facilitate the buying and selling of goods and services between government buyers and sellers, ensuring transparency, efficiency, and a wider range of choices. This initiative aims to promote a more organized and efficient public procurement system.

3. IDFC FIRST Bank Real-time Tracking For International Transfers



IDFC FIRST Bank introduced a real-time tracking feature for international transfers using the SWIFT Global Payments Innovation (GPI) service. This advancement allows customers to monitor their international transactions in real-time, enhancing the transparency and speed of cross-border money transfers.

4. Book “Friends – India’s Closest Strategic Partners” Author



The book "Friends – India’s Closest Strategic Partners" is authored by Prof. Sreeram Chaulia. It explores India's diplomatic relationships and strategic alliances with key global players. The book provides insights into how these partnerships shape India's foreign policy and international standing.

5. South Africa’s Fast Track Visa Scheme for Indian Tourists



South Africa introduced a fast-track visa scheme specifically aimed at Indian tourists. This initiative is expected to boost tourism and strengthen bilateral relations between the two nations. It simplifies the visa application process, making it easier for Indians to explore South Africa's diverse attractions and culture.

6. Ningol Chakkouba Festival in Manipur



Ningol Chakkouba is a traditional festival celebrated in Manipur, India, symbolizing family unity and harmony. It is a day when married women visit their parental homes with gifts to celebrate with their families. The festival reflects strong cultural traditions and the value of familial bonds in Manipuri society.

7. Arjun Erigaisi's World No. 2 Spot in Live Chess Ratings



Arjun Erigaisi, a prominent Indian chess player, recently achieved the world No. 2 spot in live chess ratings. His rise in the rankings highlights his exceptional skills and competitive spirit, making him one of India's leading talents in the chess world.

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