

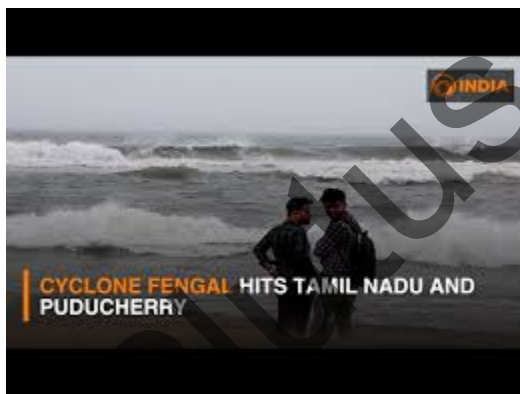
Current Affairs - December 1, 2024

1. International Conference on NbS for Sustainability and Climate Change



The International Conference on Nature-based Solutions (NbS) for Sustainability and Climate Change was organized by NTTM and IJIRA under the Ministry of Textiles. This event emphasized promoting Nature-based Solutions to combat environmental challenges like pollution and climate change. Union Minister Giriraj Singh highlighted the Northeast's unique potential in achieving carbon neutrality.

2. Cyclone Fengal Hits Tamil Nadu and Puducherry



Cyclone Fengal struck Tamil Nadu and Puducherry with wind speeds reaching 70–90 km/h. The cyclone caused heavy rains, flooding roads, and severely disrupted daily life in the affected areas.

3. Asthalakshmi Mahotsav 2024 Inaugurated by PM Modi



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Asthalakshmi Mahotsav 2024 in New Delhi, celebrating the cultural and artisanal heritage of Northeast India. The event included a Rural Haat Bazaar and the launch of a commemorative postal stamp to honor the region's rich traditions.

4. \$98M Loan Agreement with ADB for Agriculture



India signed a \$98 million loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to improve access to disease-free horticultural planting materials under the Atmanirbhar Clean Plant Programme. This initiative aims to enhance agricultural yields and boost resilience to climate impacts.

5. Australia Bans Minors Under 16 on Social Media



Australia passed a groundbreaking law banning minors under 16 from accessing social media platforms like TikTok and Instagram. Companies failing to comply with the legislation could face

hefty fines of up to AUD 50 million, making this a significant step toward protecting young users online.

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