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1. 10 Years of NITI Aayog



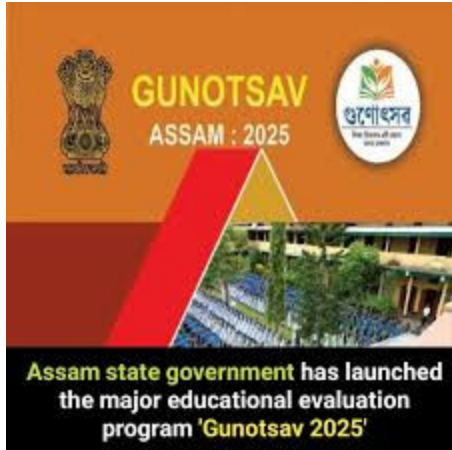
NITI Aayog marks its 10th anniversary, reflecting on its role in fostering cooperative federalism and driving India's socio-economic transformation. Established in 2015, it has introduced various initiatives such as the Aspirational Districts Programme and Atal Innovation Mission.

2. Sister Inah Lucas: World's Oldest Living Person



Sister Inah Lucas, a 116-year-old nun from Brazil, has been recognized as the world's oldest living person by LongeviQuest. Her long and inspiring life has been dedicated to religious service, and she serves as a symbol of longevity and faith.

3. Assam Launches Gunotsav 2025



Assam's Gunotsav 2025, a three-phase initiative, aims to evaluate the quality of education provided to over 14 lakh students. The focus is on improving teaching standards, infrastructure, and holistic student development across the state.

4. Abdali Missile Purchase by Bangladesh



Bangladesh is considering acquiring Abdali Short Range Ballistic Missiles (SRBMs) from Pakistan amidst growing regional security concerns. The deal is seen as a strategic move, potentially affecting South Asian defense dynamics.

5. India-U.S. Collaboration on Sonobuoy Production



India and the U.S. will jointly produce sonobuoys to strengthen the Indian Navy's anti-submarine warfare capabilities. This collaboration is part of the broader defense ties under the Indo-U.S. strategic partnership.

6. RBI Lifts Lending Restrictions



The Reserve Bank of India lifted restrictions on Asirvad Micro Finance and DMI Finance, allowing them to resume lending operations. This move comes as the financial entities complied with regulatory norms and improved their governance.

7. Goa's Bima Sakhi Yojana



Goa's Bima Sakhi Yojana trains rural women as LIC agents, empowering them financially while raising life insurance awareness. Launched under Swayampurna Goa 2.0, the scheme also aims to improve financial inclusion in the state.

8. UJALA Scheme Completes 10 Years



The UJALA scheme, which revolutionized India's lighting sector by promoting LED bulbs, has saved 48 billion units of electricity annually. It has reduced carbon emissions significantly and brought affordable energy-efficient lighting to millions.

9. Ashish Naithani as Uttarakhand High Court Judge



Ashish Naithani's appointment as a judge in the Uttarakhand High Court boosts its judicial capacity. This move comes amidst efforts to address the backlog of cases and strengthen the judiciary's functioning.

10. Martin Guptill Retires from International Cricket



New Zealand cricketer Martin Guptill announced his retirement after a stellar 14-year career, scoring over 14,000 runs. Known for his explosive batting in limited-overs cricket, he holds records like the highest individual score in a World Cup match (237*).