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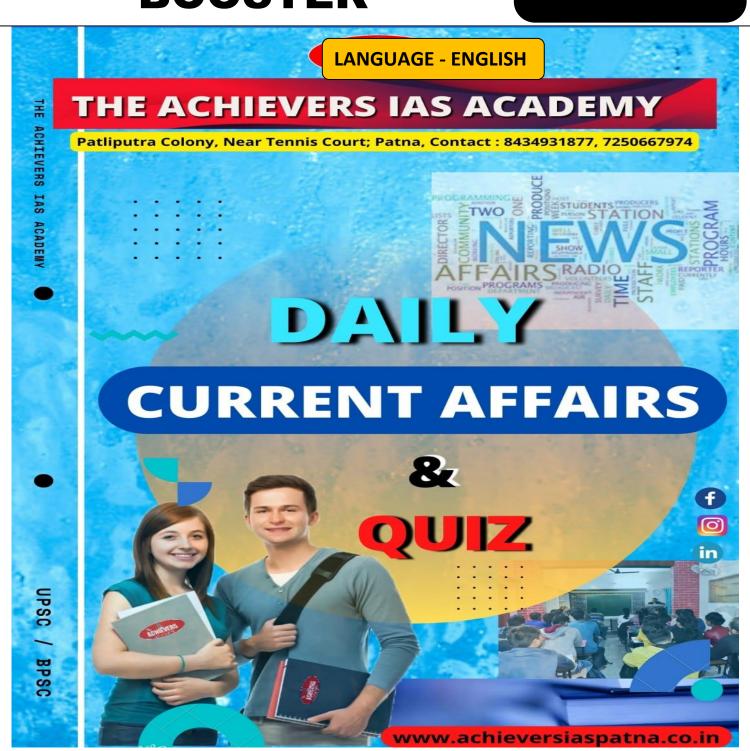
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1. Indian Army Launches 'Him-Drone-a-thon'



The Indian Army in collaboration with the Indian Drone Association has launched the 'Him Drone-athon' program on August 08, 2022. In line with self-reliance in defense manufacturing, the initiative aims to catalyze and provide focused opportunities to the Indian drone ecosystem to develop leading-edge drone capabilities to meet the needs of the frontline contingent.

The Indian Army's support for an indigenous drone ecosystem is based on the principle that the 'good available indigenously' is better than the 'best available globally'. However, the gradual increase in technology demanded by the defense forces is likely to encourage the creation of better and more capable drone products than ever before.

The 'Him Drone-a-thon' program is a continuous engagement between all stakeholders including industry, academia, software developers and drone product manufacturers across India. It will be conducted in multiple phases with quantitative parameters (such as height, weight, range, stability etc.) being progressively enhanced based on demonstrated capabilities. For this a wide range of activities have been planned involving interaction and consideration between users, development agencies, academia etc. This includes visits to operational locations by development agencies to understand industry feedback, on-the-ground perspective and requirements, engaging development agencies for in-house development and on-the-ground tests, and follow up on actual operation and evaluation of drone products.

2. International Chess Federation: Anand becomes Vice President



International Chess Federation (FIDE) President Arkady Dvorkovic was on Sunday elected President of FIDE for the second time with a huge margin of 141 votes. Former World Champion and Indian Chess Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand elected as the Vice President of FIDE. In the FIDE elections held here, Dvorkovich received 157 votes against 16 for his electoral rival, Ukrainian Grandmaster Andrey Barishpolets. FIDE said that the third candidate, who had filed his nomination for the presidential election, France's Bachar Coutelli, withdrew his candidacy after giving his speech before the start of voting.

Georgios Macropoulos, who unsuccessfully contested the 2018 election against Dvorkovic, told the agency that the current president, Dvorkovic, will take the oath of office again. Most chess federations in Europe and America would vote for him. Sanctions against Russia by European countries and the US seem to have had no effect in the FIDE elections.

A representative of the European nation told the agency on condition of anonymity, "At the geopolitical level, Europe and the US have taken strong action against Russia, but in the FIDE elections, the European and American unions may vote in favor of Dvorkovic." Huh.

Dvorkovic's second term will be his last as the first thing he did soon after being elected in 2018 was to revise the FIDE charter, introducing term limits along with other democratic reforms. From the beginning, the FIDE Presidential Board was

replaced by the FIDE Council, effectively limiting the powers of the President. Born March 26, 1972 in Moscow, former Deputy Prime Minister of Russia, Dvorkovich, first appeared in October 2018

3. Joint exercise 'Vajra Prahar 2022' between India and America begins



Exercise 'Vajra Prahar, 2022' of the 13th edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces Forces began on 8 August 2022. It has been started at the Special Forces Training School located in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh. The American contingent was represented by personnel from the First Special Forces Group (SFG) and Special Tactics Squadron (STS) of the US Special Forces. The Indian military contingent includes commandos of Para Special Forces.

4. Uttar Pradesh Government Launches Panchamrut Yojana To Increase Sugarcane Cultivation



In order to increase the yield of sugarcane, the Uttar Pradesh government has started the Panchamrita scheme, which will not only explain the five methods of farming to the farmers, but will also double the income of sugarcane farmers by giving more production. It will act as a lifeline for the farmers. In order to increase the yield by using new technology in sugarcane cultivation, the

sugarcane department has started a new scheme named Panchamrit. This includes modern methods of sowing sugarcane, trench, tree management, drip irrigation, mulching and co-cropping. Because of this, it has been named Panchamrit.

Everything in this has its benefits. For example, drip irrigation will reduce water consumption by 50 to 60 percent. Maintaining moisture as per requirement will ensure good growth of plants. The use of mulching leaves will solve the problem of burning them and pollution caused by it. Over time, these leaves will rot and make the field naturally fertile in the form of manure.

According to agricultural experts, the time from 15 September to 30 November is suitable for the cultivation of autumn sugarcane. The yield of this season's sugarcane crop is also higher than the spring sugarcane cultivation. With the sugarcane sown in this season, farmers can co-crop potato, cabbage, coriander, peas, garlic, tomato and wheat between two lines of sugarcane. The condition is that additional nutrients should be given separately for these crops. This will reduce the cost of sugarcane cultivation. Income from sugarcane cultivation will be additional. In this way the income of the farmers will increase. Only those plots which will be cultivated through Panchamrut mode will be displayed as model models.

5. Nitish Kumar: Wins elections five times, will become Chief Minister for the eighth time



Amidst the ongoing political crisis in Bihar, Nitish Kumar has resigned from the post of Chief Minister. JDU leader Nitish Kumar met Governor

Phagu Chauhan at Raj Bhavan and submitted his resignation to him. After submitting his resignation to the Governor, Nitish Kumar said that there was a consensus among all the MPs and MLAs of the party that we should leave the NDA. Nitish Kumar said that working with BJP was getting difficult.

After leaving the NDA alliance from Raj Bhavan, Nitish Kumar has reached Rabri residence to meet Tejashwi Yadav. Here he was given a grand welcome. Here he is discussing the strategy ahead with Tejashwi Yadav. There are media reports that Nitish Kumar and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav will hold a press conference. Both will announce when the swearing-in is going to take place. Nitish and Tejashwi will also address the leaders of the Grand Alliance regarding the future strategy in the new government.

Which party has how many seats in Bihar now?

The BJP has 77 seats, JD(U) 45, Congress 19, CPIML(L)-led Left 16 and RJD 79 in the Bihar Assembly.

6. Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant announces 100% NEP implementation in higher education



Goa Chief Minister, Pramod Sawant has announced that the state government will implement 100% of the curriculum in higher education institutions on the lines of the National Policy on Education (NEP). The implementation of NEP has started from college to university level. From the next academic year, 100% of the curriculum in higher education institutions will be online with NEP.

Sawant also talked about the skill of manpower. He confirmed that Goa has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with around 35 industry associations in the state which will work on skill development. The Chief Minister also mentioned the requirement of two lakh manpower in the hospitality industry in the next five years. The manpower will be trained by the government.

7. Defense Expo to be organized in Gandhinagar from October 18 to 22



Defense Expo will be organized from October 18 to 22 this year in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Giving this information in a statement issued on Monday, the Ministry of Defense said that this year's DefExpo will be the 12th edition of the prestigious biennial defense exhibition.

Earlier, the Defense Expo was to be organized in Gandhinagar from March 10 to 14. However, on March 4, the ministry had postponed the event saying that the participants were facing logistic related problems.

The five-day event will be organized in Gandhinagar from October 18 to October 22, the ministry said. It will take three business days. At the same time, this exhibition will be open to the general public for two days.

"The live demonstration of equipment and skill chain by the Armed Forces, Defense Public Sector Units (DPSUs) and industry will be held on the Sabarmati River Front for five days," the ministry said.

8. V Pranav Becomes India's 75th Chess Grandmaster



Chess player V Pranav on Sunday became India's 75th Grandmaster by winning a tournament in Romania. Pranav, 15, from Chennai achieved his third and last Grandmaster norm by winning the Lympedia Open in Bia Mare, Romania. He achieved Grandmaster Norm by scoring seven points in nine rounds.

He said – It is a wonderful feeling. This will boost my confidence and I will be able to perform well in the future. Pranav is the 27th Grandmaster of Tamil Nadu. Before him Viswanathan Anand, D Gukesh and R Pragyanananda have also become Grandmasters from this state.

9. Google launches 'India ki Udaan' project on completion of 75 years of independence



Google has launched an online project recounting key achievements in India's 75-year journey to independence, telling the country's story through rich archives and artistic illustrations. The project 'India Ki Udaan' launched by 'Google Arts and Culture' celebrates the achievements of the country and is based on 'India's unwavering and immortal spirit in these 75 years'. Union Minister of Culture and Tourism G Kishan Reddy and It was

officially launched by senior officials of the Ministry of Culture and Google at a function held at Sundar Nursery in Delhi.

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Google CEO: Sundar Pichai;

Google founded: 4 September 1998;

Google Headquarters: Mountain View, California,

United States.

What is the position of India in the medal table of

2022 Commonwealth Games - 4th

Who has won the title of 'Miss India USA 2022' - Arya Walvekar

When is National Javelin Day celebrated - 7th August

Where did the 13th special joint military exercise of India and America started - Himachal Pradesh

Who has been elected as the 14th Vice President of India - Jagdeep Dhankhar

QUIZ

- 1. Which state has got approval for USD 300 million World Bank funded school education project?
- (a) Chhattisgarh
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- 2. Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH)' is related to which institution?
- (a) UNICEF
- (b) UNESCO
- (c) World Economic Forum
- (d) Cultural Resources and Training Center
- 3. 'Mission Vatsalya', which has been in the news, is a scheme implemented by which central ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Women and Child Development Ministry of
- (b) Education Ministry of
- (c) MSME Ministry of
- (d) Commerce and Industry
- 4. Who has been named as India's new Sherpa for G-20 after Piyush Goyal?
- (a) Nirmala Sitharaman
- (b) Rakesh Sharma
- (c) Amitabh Kant
- (d) Parameswaran Iyer
- 5. Which of the following has recently released
- "Global Findex Database 2021"?
- (a) UNESCO
- (b) World Bank
- (c) Education Commission
- (d) United Nations
- 6. What is the name of the single repository of all the digital projects of the Government of India, which is to be shared with the world?
- (a) World. India Stack
- (b) IndiaStack. Global
- (c) Global Desi Stack
- (d) Local to Global Stack
- 7. Researchers from which of the following institutes have recently developed a prototype of an analog chipset named "Aryabhata-1"?
- (a) IISc
- (b) IIT Delhi
- (c) Delhi University
- (4) INH
- 8. Recently which government organization has announced the winners of 2022 Fields Medal?
- (a) World Bank
- (b) UNESCO
- (c) NITI Aayog
- (d) International Mathematical Union
- 9. Which of the following has started the Start-up School India initiative?
- (a) Meta
- (b) Twitter
- (c) Google
- (d) Microsoft
- 10. "Hariyali Mahotsav" has been organized by which of these ministry recently?
- (a) Ministry of Education Ministry of
- (b) Child Development Ministry of

- (c) Tribal Ministry of
- (d) Environment

