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1. In Delhi, India's first Khadi Centre of Excellence will open



The Ministry of MSME has created a Centre for Experimentation, Innovation, and Design for the Khadi Village and Industries Commission (KVIC) with the goal of empowering Khadi Institutions across the country. The Center's mission is to create clothing, home goods, and fashion accessories that appeal to individuals of all ages. The goal of the Khadi Centre of Excellence (CoEK) is to make Khadi a worldwide, classic, and value-driven brand.

Narayan Rane, the Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, will open the first Khadi Centre of Excellence in New Delhi. Minister of State for MSME Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma, Minister of State for Textiles Darshana Vikram Jardosh, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles U P Singh, and Secretary, Ministry of MSME B.B Swain will also attend the event.

KEY POINTS:

- The National Institute of Fashion Technology has developed a Khadi Centre of Excellence in Delhi,

with spokes in Bangalore, Gandhinagar, Kolkata, and Shillong.

- The Centre of Excellence will focus on creating clothing, home furnishings, and accessories for people of all ages.

- Khadi fabric, which is hand-spun and hand-woven, became a tool to bring people together, and thousands of people joined collectives to make Khadi fabric and dress in comfortable clothing at Mahatma Gandhi's request.

- The Khadi Village and Industries Commission has been tasked with developing, promoting, organising, and implementing programmes to develop Khadi and other village industries in rural regions, in collaboration with other rural development organisations as needed.

- Researchers are working on improving productivity and minimising drudgery in a variety of areas, including the utilisation of non-conventional energy and electric power.

2. A book Titled "The Struggle for Police Reforms in India" by Ex-IPS Prakash Singh



Vice President (VP) of India, M Venkaiah Naidu, released a book titled "The Struggle for Police

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Reforms in India: Ruler’s Police to People’s Police” authored by a former IPS officer, Prakash Singh in New Delhi. The book is published by Rupa Publications India Pvt Ltd.

About the book:

- i. This book documents the efforts made to bring about police reforms in India.
- ii. The book provides the historical background to the origin of the Indian Police and traces the evolution during British Rule and subsequently since independence.
- iii. The book focuses on the efforts of Prakash Singh to bring transformational changes in the Indian Police.

3. LS Speaker Om Birla launches One of its Kind ‘Kalam Website’



Lok Sabha (LS) Speaker, Om Birla has launched the one-of-its-kind literary initiative Kalam website of the Prabha Khaitan Foundation (PKF) to support and encourage vernacular literature. The aim of Kalam is to popularize Hindi literature and provide a platform for veteran and young authors and poets to talk about their writings and love for vernacular literature.

About Kalam Initiative:

- Kalam started its journey back in the summer of 2015 in the cities of Jaipur and Patna and has conducted over 550 sessions spread over 40 cities in India and overseas since then.
- Kalam is in sync with the philosophy of our nation – ‘Unity in Diversity’ which is reflected in the tagline of Prabha Khaitan Foundation – ‘Aapne Bhasha Aapne Log’.

About Prabha Khaitan Foundation:

- The Foundation is the custodian of the jewels of literary creations in the Hindi language and Kalam scripts successful sessions enriching the literary heritage of the nation. The hallmarks of Kalam, one of the prized literary verticals of Prabha Khaitan Foundation have a nationwide reach, global identity, and a niche audience.
- It is a non-profit trust founded by the Late Dr Prabha Khaitan in the early 1980s. Based in Kolkata, West Bengal, it is dedicated to promoting performing arts, culture, education, literature, gender equality and women’s empowerment.
- Its tagline is ‘Aapne Bhasha Aapne Log’.

4. NITI Aayog’s AIM has released the AIM-PRIME Playbook to assist academics

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The AIM-PRIME Playbook was launched at the Dr. Ambedkar International Center in New Delhi. The AIM-PRIME programme, a national project of the Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, is being executed by Venture Center, Pune, with support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Office of Principal Scientific Advisor. Following the launch, the dignitaries attended a startup display where they engaged with selected cohort start-ups and incubators.

KEY POINTS:

- The AIM Program for Researchers in Innovation, Market Readiness, and Entrepreneurship (PRIME) programme was designed to help bring early-stage science-based, deep technology concepts to market over the course of a year using a blended learning curriculum.
- The PRIME Playbook, a guide for science-based entrepreneurs and undertakings, the PRIME Library, a curated source of information shared by the program's faculty and expert mentors, and the PRIME Videos, an open-access video collection of the lectures delivered as part of the PRIME

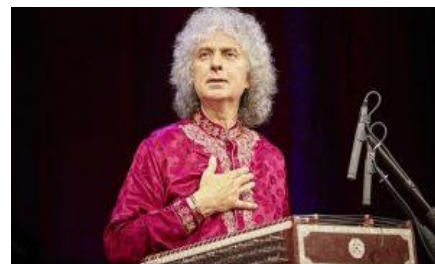
Classroom, are among the other programme benefits.

- The AIM PRIME program's initial cohort included science-based businesses, faculty entrepreneurs, and incubator managers who collaborated to further their ideas by partnering with an incubator.
- The cohort consisted of 40 organisations and 64 people from 23 cities across seven states. Industrial automation, IoT, electronics, robotics, energy and environment, health and rehabilitation, and food, nutrition, and agriculture were among the sectors represented by the cohort.
- As part of the initiative, over 17 national and foreign faculty members were onboarded, with a total mentorship time of over 640 hours.

Attendees:

- Mr. Suman Bery, Vice-Chair, NITI Aayog, the Guest of Honor
- Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)
- Dr. VK Paul, Member, NITI Aayog

5. Padma Vibhushan Pandit Shivkumar Sharma passes away



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Indian music composer and santoor player, Pandit Shivkumar Sharma passed away at the age of 84. He was suffering from kidney-related problems for the past six months and was on dialysis. He died due to cardiac arrest. He gave the santoor a classical status and elevated it along with other traditional and famous instruments such as the sitar and the sarod. Earlier the santoor was a little known musical instrument of Jammu and Kashmir. Pandit Shivkumar Sharma was awarded the prestigious Padma Shri in 1991 and Padma Vibhushan in 2001.

The career of Pandit Shivkumar Sharma:

- Shivkumar Sharma was born in the year 1938 in Jammu, he started learning Santoor at the age of thirteen. His first public performance was in 1955 in Mumbai. He is credited with popularizing the santoor.
- In addition, Pandit Shivkumar Sharma composed the background music for a scene from the 1956 film Jhanak Jhanak Payal Baje. Four years later, Pandit Shivkumar Sharma recorded his first solo album.
- Pandit Shivkumar Sharma along with Hariprasad Chaurasia composed music for several Hindi films including Silsila, Chandni and Darr.

6.. National Technology Day is celebrated on May 11, know its history and this year's theme



National Technology Day is celebrated across the country on 11 May every year. National Technology Day has significant historical significance in India. Every year on this day the officials honor the scientists of India for their achievements. This day is celebrated as the achievement of India's technological progress, in fact on May 11, 1998, the country successfully tested nuclear weapons in Pokhran.

National Technology Day: Theme

- The theme of National Technology Day 2022 is "Integrated Approach in Science and Technology for sustainable future". The theme was inaugurated by the Union Minister Jitendra Singh.

National Technology Day: History

- On 11 May 1998, India achieved a major technological breakthrough by successfully carrying out a series of nuclear tests at Pokhran. The first indigenous aircraft "Hansa-3" was test fired on this day. On this day, India also successfully test-fired Trishul missile.
- Keeping in view the technological progress, the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had announced to celebrate 11 May as National Technology Day every year.

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7 Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh launched 'Ladli Laxmi Yojana 2.0'



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the second phase of 'Ladli Laxmi Yojana (Ladli Laxmi Yojana-2.0)'. This scheme is an innovative initiative to encourage girl child to pursue higher education and make them self-reliant. This scheme is being implemented by the Madhya Pradesh government since the year 2007 to enhance the economic and educational status of girls.

What is Ladli Laxmi's scheme?

Ladli Laxmi Yojana is a comprehensive scheme which provides financial assistance to a girl child in installments from birth till her marriage. For this the girl's family should be a permanent resident of Madhya Pradesh. The family should come below the poverty line (BPL), i.e. should not be an income tax payer. A maximum of two daughters can be registered under this scheme.

8 . John Lee Ka-chiu Elected As Next Chief Executive Of Hong Kong



John Lee Ka-chiu has been confirmed to be elected as the next Chief Executive of Hong Kong. He will replace Carrie Lam. He will be the first security official to hold the post of chief executive of Hong Kong, which has seen years of political unrest and the recent COVID pandemic that has brought everything to a halt. Li resigned his position as the city's No. 2 official last month and was the sole contender to secure Beijing's support.

- The pro-democracy camp in Hong Kong has been demanding universal suffrage for a long time. This was also a major demand during the 'Umbrella Revolution' of 2014 and the anti-government protests of 2019.

- Major changes were made to Hong Kong's electoral laws in 2021 to ensure that only "patriots" loyal to Beijing get command of the city. The legislature in Hong Kong was also reorganized to suppress the voice of the opposition.

- His election marks the first time a security official has been placed at the top post in Hong Kong. The former Security Secretary in Hong Kong

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participated in the election under the slogan "Starting a new chapter for Hong Kong together".

9. SEBI sets up advisory committee for ESG related matters



The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted a committee to advise on matters relating to Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) in the securities market. The committee will be headed by Navneet Munot, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of HDFC Mutual Fund.

What is the work of this committee?

Essentially, the Committee's terms of reference will include the Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report, ESG Ratings and an increase in ESG investment. It will examine disclosures/metrics relevant to the Indian context and suggest areas for assurance and a plan for implementation.

Other Members:

The committee includes industry experts like Tata Chemicals MD and CEO R Mukundan, NTPC executive director C Shiva Kumar, Axis Bank chief risk officer Amit Talgeri, ESG head Cipla, Amit

Tandon, institutional investors. Advisory Services, JN Gupta, Founder and MD, Stakeholders Empowerment Services, Rama Patel, Director Crisil Ratings and Ramnath.

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- Madhya Pradesh Capital: **Bhopal**;
- Governor of Madhya Pradesh: **Mangubhai C. Patel**;
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**.
- Hong Kong currency: **Hong Kong dollar**;
- Hong Kong Continent: **Asia**.
- SEBI Established: **12 April 1992**;
- SEBI Headquarters: **Mumbai**;
- Executive of SEBI Agency: **Madhabi Puri Buch (Chairman)**.
- Capital of South Korea: **Seoul**;
- South Korea Currency: **South Korean Won**.
- Establishment of NPCI: **2008**;
- NPCI Headquarters: **Mumbai, Maharashtra**;
- MD & CEO of NPCI: **Dilip Asbe** • Vietnam Capital City: **Hanoi**;
- Vietnam Currency: **Vietnamese dong**;
- Prime Minister of Vietnam: **Phm Minh Chinh**.
- Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises: **Narayan Rane**
- Minister of State for MSME: **Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma**

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- Minister of State for Textiles: **Darshana Vikram**

Jardosh

