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1. Sufi festival was organized in J&K yesterday at Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Center in Srinagar.



A Sufi festival was organized in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir yesterday at Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Center in Srinagar.

Organized by the Department of Tourism, the purpose of this festival is to propagate the messages of Sufi-Saints and Rishis of the Kashmir Valley.

Organized in coordination with the Department of Culture, Waqf Board, Khadi and Village Industries Board, Museum and Archives and Higher Education Department, the festival was inaugurated by the Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, R.R. Bhatnagar did it.

Shri Bhatnagar said that Sufism is a medium to descend within oneself and to know and understand the inner soul. Our Sufi saints and sages have shown us the way to reach this goal.

2. India ranked 121st in the Global Sustainable Development Report 2022



India was ranked 120th out of 163 countries in 2021, dropping a place to 121st this year. India's ranking in 2020 was 117.

The Narendra Modi government at the Center makes claims of development, but the reality is that only 17 of the United Nations' mandated Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are missing from this year's Union Budget.

As a result, India has slipped one place for the second consecutive year in the ranking of the Global Sustainable Development Goal 2022 (Global Sustainable Development Report, 2022). There is still 8 years left to achieve these goals, but the country has lagged behind in 11 out of 17 goals, which seems impossible to achieve.

India's poor performance in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals has been attributed to eight states – Bihar, Telangana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab and Jharkhand – with very low overall SDG scores. India was ranked 120th out of 163 countries in 2021, dropping a place to 121st this year. India's ranking in 2020 was 117. The United Nations has set 17 Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 for all member countries of the world. All 163 nations including India have promised to achieve them. But India has lagged far behind in 11 of these goals. India's performance has been very weak in ending hunger, providing better health facilities to the people and providing clean water, toilet facilities. SDG 8 is linked to better functioning of the government, which has become the biggest challenge according to the Global Sustainable Development Report, 2022. The report, prepared by experts from the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), raised concerns over India's progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

3. NASA to launch Devichi mission to Venus



The US space agency NASA on Wednesday announced two new missions to unravel the mysteries of the planet Venus, the first in decades to explore the atmospheres of Earth's "hothouse" neighbor. NASA's Discovery program has budgeted

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\$500 million for the two missions, which will take place between 2028 and 2030. The last US-led mission to Venus was in 1978.

This announcement comes after the space agency's successful mission to Mars, in which NASA's rover successfully landed on the surface of Mars and NASA's small robotic helicopter Ingenuity also flew on the surface of Mars.

Why does NASA want to go to Venus?

According to new NASA administrator Bill Nelson, "the purpose of these two missions is to understand how Venus became a furnace-like world whose surface is capable of melting lead." "The missions will give the entire science community a chance to investigate a planet we haven't visited for more than 30 years," he said. Although NASA is leading the mission, the German Aerospace Center (DLR) will supply the infrared mapper. Italy's space agency and the French Center National d'Etudes Spatiales will provide radar and other equipment for the mission.

According to Tom Wagner, chief scientist of NASA's Discovery Program, "It's amazing how little we really know about Venus. But the combined results of these missions can give us more information about the planet and its sky, from the clouds in its sky to the volcanoes on its surface." "I'll be able to tell." Wagner says, "With the help of these two space missions, so much information can be obtained that it will be almost like a rediscovery of Venus."

4. Himachal Pradesh becomes first state in the country to approve Drone Policy-2022



Himachal Pradesh is the first state in the country to prepare a drone policy. The policy envisages

creating a holistic drone eco-system based on Governance and Reform (Garuda) using Drones. Through this, robust infrastructure, R&D, market access to drone manufacturers and service providers will be ensured.

Cabinet Minister Ramlal Markanda said that this policy will prove beneficial for the people of remote and inaccessible areas of the hill state. Markanda said that this would open the doors of employment to the youth. Drone license has been given to the youth trained from Shahpur ITI. Apart from this, there has been a discussion in the cabinet regarding the creation of a drone park in the state. And for this, their skill development will be done through various drone related courses by establishing Drone Flying Training School. These are also being finalized by the Government of India through National Education Policy-2020 and National Skill Qualification Framework so that students can be prepared for the future. He said that youth would be empowered to access employment opportunities related to drone sector by linking them with the National Skill Qualification Framework.

5. Release of Books Democracy Ke Swar and The Republican Ethic containing selected speeches of the President



Union Education and Skill Development Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Wednesday released the compilation of President's speeches 'Loktantra Ke Swar' and volume four of the English version 'The Republican Ethic'. In the program organized in Rashtrapati Bhavan, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan raised the issue of increasing deformities in children and said that there is a solution in the new education policy.

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He said that the President has told the National Education Policy according to the needs of the 21st century. The President spoke of the need to provide equal education to all. The number of start-ups, unicorns is increasing in the country. He said that Rashtrapati Bhavan is a temple of faith for 130 crore people of the country. People coming from ordinary homes are the President and Prime Minister of the country today. The President described Ganga as not a river, but a mirror in the life character of India.

In the program, Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur said that the Publications Department has published the compilation of President's speeches. The 38 speeches of the President are divided into 8 sections. The book presents the views of the President in many areas. The book makes us aware of his inspiring thoughts on various subjects.

6. Central Government Launches National Awards Portal



The Central Government has launched the National Awards Portal to make the nomination process of various awards of various Ministries, Departments and Agencies transparent and ensure public participation. It has been developed to bring all the awards together under a single digital platform. The portal aims to facilitate citizens to nominate individuals and organizations for various awards instituted by the government.

The Ministry of Home Affairs said in a statement that the portal for nomination and recommendation of Padma Awards will remain open till September 15 this year.

Nominations for Sardar Patel National Unity Awards can be made till 31st of next month.

Nominations for Tenzing Norgay National

Adventure Award and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Telecom Skill Excellence Award can be made till June 16.

7. UK 'Right to Repair' law, so that the use of electrical equipment is 10 years more, it will protect the environment



Efforts are being made in many countries of the world to pass an effective 'right-to-repair' law. The roots of this movement go back to the beginning of the computer age in the 1950s. The goal of this movement is to provide consumers and repair shops with the necessary information for companies to manufacture spare parts, equipment and repairs for electronics and other products, thereby increasing the life of these products and preventing them from going to waste. Can go

'Right-to-Repair':

'Right-to-repair' refers to a right or law intended to allow consumers to repair and modify their own consumer electronic equipment, where otherwise the manufacturer of such equipment would provide consumers only with what they presented. allow the use of the Services.

The idea of 'right-to-repair' originally originated from the US, where the 'Motor Vehicle Owners Right to Repair Act, 2012' requires vehicle manufacturers to provide all necessary documents and documents to enable any person to repair vehicles. Makes it mandatory to provide information.

8. UNCTAD Releases World Investment Report 2022

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Recently, the 'United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) or 'UNCTAD' (UNCTAD) has released its annual 'World Investment Report'. Despite a 30% decline in 'foreign direct investment' (FDI) in the country, India is at the seventh position.

Key points of the report:

The United States continues to be the top recipient of FDI (\$367 billion).

China (\$181 billion) and Hong Kong (\$141 billion) also retained the second and third positions respectively in the list of FDI recipients.

Among the top 10 FDI recipient economies, only India has seen a decline in inflows.

However, outward FDI from India has increased by 43 percent to \$15.5 billion in 2021.

9. Fitch Improves India's Rating Outlook, Stabilizes From Negative



Fitch Ratings has changed India's sovereign rating outlook on Friday. It has stabilized India's sovereign setting from negative. Because the risk of a slowdown in growth over the medium term has been reduced due to rapid economic recovery. Fitch Ratings has retained India's sovereign rating at 'BBB-'. However, Fitch cut India's economic growth forecast for the current financial year from 8.5% to 7.8%.

However, Fitch Ratings has lowered the economic growth forecast for the current fiscal to 7.8 per cent, which was earlier expected to be 8.5 per cent.

This cut was made due to the rise in inflation due to the rise in global commodity prices.

In April, it lowered the forecast from 8.7 per cent to 8 per cent and is now projected at 7.5 per cent. In the financial year 2021-22, the economy had seen a growth of 8.7 percent.

The Reserve Bank of India has retained the economic growth forecast of 7.2 percent for the current financial year (2022-23). The central bank has said that there has been an improvement in urban demand, while the situation of rural demand is also improving gradually, in view of which it has not changed the growth rate forecast. Das said the Indian economy remains strong and the central bank will continue to support growth.

10. BIMSTEC Celebrates Its 25th Anniversary



The Secretariat of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) in Dhaka celebrated the 25th anniversary of the regional organization on BIMSTEC Day.

The development of BIMSTEC over the past 25 years from the signing of the Bangkok Declaration on 6 June 1996, and the establishment of the Secretariat in Dhaka in 2014 and the signing of the BIMSTEC Charter during the Fifth Summit in Colombo on 30 March 2022 highlighted milestones.

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Recently the bank on which the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a fine of more than Rs 27 lakh - Punjab and Sind Bank

Maharashtra State Wildlife Board (MSBWL) has recently approved 12 new conservation reserves and as many wildlife sanctuaries as 3 to give a boost

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to the wildlife conservation movement and environment protection movement.

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The country to which Defense Minister Rajnath Singh handed over 12 high-speed Coast Guard boats on 09 June 2022 - **Vietnam**

Who has recently been appointed as the Director of the Asia and Pacific Department of the International Monetary Fund- **Krishna Srinivasan**

Recently the state government which has launched ACB14400 app- **Andhra Pradesh**

The country to which the United Nations has planned to provide humanitarian assistance of about \$ 48 million in a period of four months - **Sri Lanka**

Ramakrishna Mukkavilli became the first Indian to be recognized as a Global SDG Pioneer

QUIZ

1. What is the name of the official mascot of the 44th Chess Olympiad, launched by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin?

- (a) Willow (b) Thambi
(c) Miraitowa (d) La'eeb

2. Who has been given additional charge as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Prasar Bharati?

- (a) Mayank Kumar Agrawal
(b) Shashi Shekhar Vempati
(c) Alok Agrawal
(d) Ashok Kumar Tandon

3. Which of the following country will host special ASEAN Foreign Ministers' meet 2022?

- (a) Malaysia (b) Myanmar
(c) Philippines (d) India

4. What is India's rank among the top recipients of foreign direct investment (FDI), as per the UNCTAD's World Investment Report 2022?

- (a) 5th (b) 6th
(c) 7th (d) 8th

5. Who is the top recipients of foreign direct investment (FDI) as per the UNCTAD's World Investment Report 2022?

- (a) UK (b) China

(c) Denmark (d) USA

6. Who has been appointed as the ombudsman under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA)?

- (a) N J Ojha
(b) Raghuvansh Prasad Singh
(c) Rohit Kumar
(d) Shashi Bhushan Kumar

7. Which of the following Indian has been recognized as Global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) pioneer by UNGC?

- (a) Vishal V. Sharma
(b) Vinay Mohan Kwatra.
(c) Ramkrishna Mukkavilli
(d) Srinivas Das

8. Which of the following institutions has launched the book 'Business of Sports: The Winning Formula for Success'?

- (a) Symbiosis School of Sports Sciences
(b) Board of Control for Cricket in India
(c) IIM
(d) International Institute of Sports Management

9. Which of the following has been awarded with the Regional Director Special Recognition Award by WHO?

- (a) Resource Centre for Tobacco Control, PGIMER
(b) National Tobacco Control Cell, AIMS
(c) Jawaharlal Nehru Cancer Hospital & Research Centre
(d) National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences

10. What is the theme of Biotech Startup Expo - 2022, which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi?

- (a) Biotech Startup Innovations: Towards AatmaNirbhar Bharat
(b) Biotech Startup Innovations: AatmaNirbhar Bharat Foot Steps
(c) Biotech Startup Innovations: Path to AatmaNirbhar Bharat
(d) Biotech Startup Innovations: Growth of AatmaNirbhar Bharat