

Daily Current Affairs- 13/01/2021

1. Khadi Prakritik Paint

Khadi India

LAUNCH OF
Khadi Prakritik Paint
(India's First Cow Dung Paint)

by
Shri Nitin Gadkari
Hon'ble Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

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COST-EFFECTIVE | FREE FROM HEAVY METALS | NON-TOXIC | ODOUR LESS

Guests of Honour

Shri Giriraj Singh
Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

Shri Pratap Chandra Sarangi
Hon'ble Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

in the august presence of
Shri Vinal Kumar Saxena
Hon'ble Chairman, KVIC

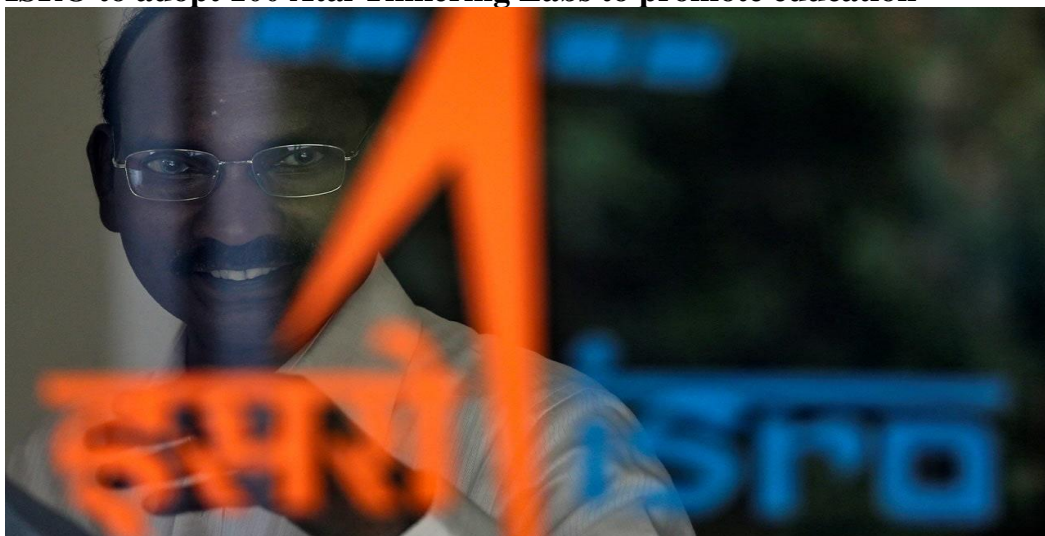
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Khadi Prakritik Distemper & Emulsion Paint

AN INNOVATIVE WAY OF INCREASING INCOME OF FARMERS

- Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari launched an innovative new paint – India’s first cow dung paint - developed by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC).
- The eco-friendly, non-toxic paint, called “*Khadi Prakritik Paint*” is a first-of-its-kind product, with anti-fungal, anti-bacterial properties.
- It is available in two forms – distemper paint and plastic emulsion paint.
- **Note:** The project was conceptualized by Chairman KVIC in March 2020, and later developed by Kumarappa National Handmade Paper Institute, Jaipur (a KVIC unit).

2. ISRO to adopt 100 Atal Tinkering Labs to promote education



- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will adopt one hundred Atal Tinkering Labs across the country to promote education in the field of Space Education and Space Technology related innovations for school students.



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- To foster entrepreneurship and innovation, Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog has established over seven thousand Atal Tinkering Labs across the country.

3. Sea Vigil-21: Indian Navy starts second edition of coastal defence exercise



- The second edition of the coastal defence exercise 'Sea Vigil-21' has been started on January 12 and will continue till January 13, 2021.
- The exercise aims at assessing India's preparedness in the domain of coastal defence and maritime security.
- The exercise by the Indian Navy will be undertaken along the entire 7,516 km coastline and Exclusive Economic Zone of India.
- **Note:** The inaugural edition of the exercise was conducted in January 2019. This is a biennial exercise.

4. Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan dedicates coastal research vessel 'Sagar Anveshika' to Nation at Chennai Port Trust



- Sagar Anveshika will enable scientists to conduct various oceanographic research missions.
- Marine scientists can travel six kilometers below the sea and stay for more than 16 hours and can conduct research activities.
- **Note:** NIOT (National Institute of Ocean Technology) already has Research Vessels- Sagar

Kanya, Sagar Sampada, Sagar Nidhi, Sagar Manjusha & Sagar Tara.



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5. **The Union government has appointed R S Sharma, former TRAI chief, as the chairperson of an empowered committee for administration of Covid-19 vaccine**



by Niti Aayog member, VK Paul.

- A ten member team has been constituted to be headed by Sharma. Top health ministry and UIDAI officials are part of the empowered committee.
- **Note:** He has also been included as a member of the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration of Covid-19 that was formed in August 2020 and is headed

6. **51st International Film Festival of India (IFFI)**



- From 16 January to 24 January, 2021, the 51st Edition of the International Film Festival of India is going to be held in Goa.
 - On 11 January, 2021, the International Film Festival of India announced this edition's Country in Focus. **For the 51st IFFI, the Country in Focus is Bangladesh.**
 - **About International Film Festival of India:** It was founded in 1952. It is conducted jointly by the Directorate of Film Festivals (under Ministry of Information and Broadcasting) and the state Government of Goa.
7. **Indian Railways bags 13 awards at the 'National Energy Conservation awards 2020'**



- Indian Railway has bagged 13 awards in three prestigious categories of National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA) for the year 2020, organized by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power.



Ministry of Indian Railways

- In the Building Category, Divisional Railway Manager's offices at Bhavnagar have won the first prize.
- In Railway workshops subcategory, Diesel Loco Shed, South Central Railway, Vijayawada has bagged the First prize.

- Some important awards are: In the transport category', Western Railway has been awarded the First Prize.

8. *Euphranta siruvani* -New species of fruit fly from India named after Siruvani in Western Ghats



- *Euphranta siruvani* is a new species of fruit fly in the family Tephritidae. This species is reported from the Siruvani which is an ecological hot spot located in the Western Ghats of India.
- This species has been collected from a non forest area near Siruvani in Coimbatore district of Tamil Nadu, India. This species is differentiated from other species of *Euphranta* by the presence of a 'V' shaped black band on the wing.

9. Senior Telugu journalist Turlapati Kutumba Rao passes away



- Veteran journalist and Padma Shri awardee Turlapati Kutumba Rao died in Vijayawada.
- Rao is known for his contribution to Telugu journalism with 4,000 biographies and 16,000 public speeches which won him a place in the world records.

