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Important News: World

UNGA votes to suspend Russia from Human Rights Council



Why in News

- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** has suspended **Russia** from the **Human Rights Council (HRC)** amid its ongoing war with Ukraine.

Key Points

- The resolution titled 'Suspension of the rights of membership of the Russian Federation in the Human Rights Council' was adopted with 93 votes in favour, 24 against and 58 abstentions, including India.
- With this, Russia became the second country to have its membership rights stripped at the rights council, which was established in 2006.
- In 2011, Libya was suspended by the assembly.

About United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC):

- The United Nations Human Rights Council is a United Nations body whose mission is to promote and protect human rights around the world.
- **Headquarters:** Geneva, Switzerland
- **Founded:** 15 March 2006

Source: Indian Express

Important News: India

First ever NTCA meeting outside National Capital held at Arunachal Pradesh



Why in News

- The 20th Meeting of **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** was held in Pakke Tiger Reserve in Arunachal Pradesh under the chairmanship of Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change Bhupender Yadav.
- For the first time in history the NTCA meeting happened outside the national capital.

About National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA):

- NTCA was established in December 2005, following a recommendation of the Tiger Task Force, constituted by the Prime Minister of India for reorganised management of Project Tiger and the many Tiger Reserves in India.
- A programme for protection called, 'Tiger Protection Program' (popularly known as Project Tiger) was started in 1973, by the Government of India in co-operation with WWF.

Source: PIB

Ministry of I&B constitutes AVGC Promotion Task Force



Why in News

- The **Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (I&B)** has constituted an **Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics (AVGC)** Promotion Task Force.

Key Points

- The AVGC Promotion Task Force shall be **headed by Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.**
- The AVGC Promotion Task Force has been constituted to promote the AVGC sector in the country under the aegis of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Source: The Hindu

Cabinet approves extension of Atal Innovation Mission



Why in News

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved continuation of **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)**, till March 2023.

The intended targets that will be achieved by AIM are:

- Establishing 10000 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs)
- Establishing 101 Atal Incubation Centers (AICs)
- Establishing 50 Atal Community Innovation Centers (ACICs)
- Supporting 200 startups via the Atal New India Challenges
- The total budgeted expenditure of Rs. 2000+ crore shall be incurred in the process of the establishment and supporting the beneficiaries.

About Atal Innovation Mission (AIM):

- The Mission has been set up under the NITI Aayog, in accordance with the Finance Minister's declaration in the 2015 Budget Speech.
- The objectives of the AIM are to create and promote an ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship across the country via interventions at school, university, research institutions, MSME and industry levels.

Source: Business Standard

Cabinet approves distribution of fortified rice across Government Schemes



Why in News

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, has accorded its approval for supply of fortified rice throughout the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman-PM POSHAN [erstwhile Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDM)] and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS) of Government of India in all States and Union Territories (UTs) by 2024 in a phased manner.

Key Points

- The entire cost of rice fortification (around Rs. 2,700 crore per annum) would be borne by the Govt. of India as part of food subsidy till its full implementation upto June, 2024.
- Earlier, the Centrally Sponsored Pilot Scheme on "Fortification of Rice and its Distribution under Public Distribution System" was implemented for a period of 3 years beginning from 2019-20.

Source: Indian Express

'AVSAR' Scheme



Why in News

- **Airport Authority of India (AAI)** has taken an initiative to allocate space to **Self Help Groups (SHGs)** at its airports for selling/showcasing the self-made products of their region through 'AVSAR' Scheme.

About "AVSAR" (Airport as Venue for Skilled Artisans Of The Region) Scheme:

- Under "AVSAR", an opportunity to help the indigent to mobilize their households into functionally effective self-earned groups for self-reliance and self-dependence, has been provided.
- Under this scheme, an area of 100-200 square feet has been earmarked at each AAI operated airport.

Source: PIB

Important News: Defence

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh releases the third positive indigenisation list



Why in News

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released the **third positive indigenisation list of 101 items**, comprising major equipment/platforms.
- It is based on the first list (101) and second list (108) that were promulgated on August 21, 2020 and May 31, 2021 respectively.

Key Points

- The list, notified by the Department of Military Affairs, Ministry of Defence, lays special focus on equipment/systems, which are being developed and likely to translate into firm orders in the next five years.

- These weapons and platforms are planned to be indigenised progressively with effect from December 2022 to December 2027.
- The third list comprises highly complex Systems, Sensors, Weapons and Ammunitions like Light Weight Tanks, Mounted Arty Gun Systems, Guided Extended Range (GER) Rocket for PINAKA MLRS, Naval Utility Helicopters (NUH), Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPV) etc.

Source: PIB

Important News: Award and Honours

Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards and Lalit Kala Akademi Awards



- Vice-President, M. Venkaiah Naidu presented the **Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship and Sangeet Natak Awards** for the year 2018 to 44 eminent artists (4 Fellows and 40 awardees), and 3 Fellows and 20 National Awards of **Lalit Kala Akademi** for the year 2021 in a joint ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Sangeet Natak Akademi has elected four Fellows in the year 2018 for their eminent contribution in the field of the Performing Arts, namely Shri Zakir Hussain, Shri Jatin Goswami, Dr. Sonal Mansingh and Shri Thiruvaidaimarudur Kupppiah Kalyanasundaram.
- The Lalit Kala Akademi has awarded the prestigious Fellowship to three outstanding artists with an expansive oeuvre namely Shri Himmat Shah, Shri Jyoti Bhatt and Shri Shyam Sharma.

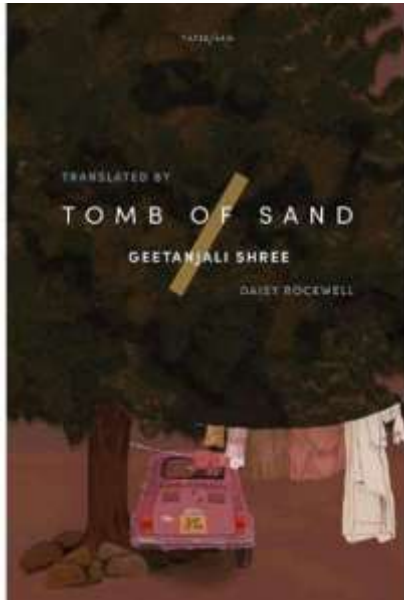
About Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards:

- Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) are national honours bestowed by the Republic of India on performing artists as well as teachers and scholars in the field of performing arts.

Source: PIB

Important News: Books

Geetanjali Shree's 'Tomb of Sand' first Hindi novel on International Booker shortlist



Why in News

- Author **Geetanjali Shree's** novel '**Tomb of Sand**' became the first Hindi language work of fiction to be shortlisted for the **International Booker Prize**.

Key Points

- Shree's book, translated into English by Daisy Rockwell and described by the judges as "loud and irresistible novel", will compete with five other titles from around the world for the prestigious 50,000 pounds literary prize, which is split evenly between the author and translator.
- The winner for 2022 will be announced at a ceremony in London on May 26.

Source: Indian Express