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Important News: National

Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme

Why in News:

- The Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme has been extended by the Central Government for another five years for the students of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.



Key Point:

- The Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS) was launched in 2011 by the Congress-led UPA government to provide funding to 5,000 meritorious students every year for studies in private and government educational institutions across the country.
- It is implemented by the All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), with the aim of promoting employment opportunities for the students of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.
- The period of the scheme was supposed to end last year, but the central government has extended it for another five years for the benefit of the students.
- In the Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme, a provision of 4,500 seats has been made for general education courses (bachelor's in arts, Commerce, and Science) and 250 seats for engineering and medical degrees.

Source: The Hindu

Mumbai International Film Festival

Why in News:

- The 17th Mumbai International Documentary, Short Film and Animation Film Festival (Mumbai International Film Festival) was organized in Mumbai.



Key Point:

- 808 films from 30 countries have been screened at the Mumbai International Film Festival. In which 102 films (35 International and 67 National) will be screened in the Competition category and 18 films will be shown in the MIFF Prism category.
- The best film of the festival will be given the Golden Conch Award and a prize of ten lakh rupees. Other awards include a cash prize of one to five lakh rupees, silver marbles, a trophy, and a certificate.
- 11 films from Bangladesh have also been included in the Mumbai International Film Festival which will be telecast at the festival.
- The Mumbai International Film Festival can also be viewed online and admission to the festival is free.

Source: News on Air

Important News: Economy

Indian Business Portal

Why in News:

- “Indian Business Portal”, an international trade hub for Indian exporters and overseas buyers, has been launched by the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry.



Key Point:

- FIEO, through a partnership with Global Linker, has designed and developed the "Indian Business Portal", an international business hub for Indian exporters and overseas buyers.
- Indian Business Portal is a B2B digital marketplace to empower SME exporters, artisans, and farmers to identify new markets for their products and increase their sales globally.
- The Indian business portal aims to help digitize Indian exporters and make them searchable online.
- The Indian business portal will also be helpful in encouraging virtual meetings between buyers and sellers.
- The Indian Business Portal aims to provide a reliable network of Indian exporters to overseas buyers.

Source: PIB

Important News: Awards

INTERNATIONAL BOOKER PRIZE

Why in News:

- The 2022 International Booker Prize has been awarded for a translated story titled "Tomb of Sand" written by Gitanjali Shree and translated by Daisy Rockwell.



Key Point:

- The book Tomb of Sand is the first book in any Indian language to win the high-profile award, which recognizes novels from around the world that have been translated into English.
- Giving equal recognition to the author and translator, Gitanjali Shree and Rockwell will share the prize money of £50,000.

- The book Tomb of Sand narrates the story of an 80-year-old woman who experiences a deep depression following the death of her husband and overcomes her depression to face the past left behind by her during the partition of Pakistan. decides to leave.
- The book "Tomb of Sand" is published in the UK by a small publisher, Tilted Axis Press.

What is the International Booker Prize?

- The International Booker Prize is an award given annually to a book that is translated into English.
- The International Booker Prize is awarded to books that have been published in the UK or Ireland.
- The International Booker Prize originated in 2005 as the Man Booker International Prize.
- The aim of this award is to encourage more and more reading of quality novels across the world.
- Each shortlisted writer and translator also receive 2,500 Pounds.

Source: Times of India

Important Personality

Vinayak Damodar Savarkar

Why in News:

- Tributes were paid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the birth anniversary of India's freedom fighter Vinayak Damodar Savarkar (Veer Savarkar) on 28 May.



Key Point:

- VD Savarkar was born on May 28, 1883, in Bhagur, a village near Nashik in Maharashtra.
- Veer Savarkar was an Indian independence activist, politician, lawyer and author, also known as Swatantryaveer Savarkar.
- Related organizations and functions:
- A secret society named Abhinav Bharat Society was founded by Veer Savarkar.

- Veer Savarkar was also associated with organizations like India House and Free India Society in the United Kingdom and also involved in the formation of organizations like Hindu Mahasabha.
- Veer Savarkar served as the President of the Hindu Mahasabha from 1937 to 1943.
- A book titled 'The History of the War of Indian Independence' was published by Veer Savarkar in which he wrote about the merits of guerilla warfare used in the Sepoy Mutiny of 1857.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: Science & Technology

All India Ayurved Mahasammelan

Why in News:

- The 59th General Assembly of All India Ayurveda Mahasammelan was inaugurated by the President, Shri Ram Nath Kovind at Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.



key points:

- The theme of the 59th session of the All India Ayurved Mahasammelan is 'Ayurveda Diet - The Basis of Healthy India'.
- On the occasion of the 59th General Conference of All India Ayurved Mahasammelan, the new building of Government Ayurveda Medical College at Ujjain was also inaugurated by the President through virtual medium.
- There are many medical systems practiced around the world, but Ayurveda is different from them. Ayurveda emphasizes on health as well as prevention of diseases.
- The objective of the All India Ayurveda Mahasammelan is to make Ayurveda the national system of medicine in India.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: Environment

North India's first Biotech Park

Why in News:

- North India's first Biotech Park is inaugurated by the Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh at Ghati in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir.



Key Points:

- In the Biotech Park, research on biodiversity, medicinal and aromatic plants of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh will be done, as well as this will also promote green category businesses.
- The Biotechnology Park established in Kathua has the capacity to create 25 startups in a year which will be one of its great contributions in this field.
- CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, (CSIR-IIIM) Jammu has been entrusted with the responsibility of implementing this project.

Source: PIB

Important Days

International Everest Day



- International Everest Day is celebrated on 29 May every year.
- International Everest Day is celebrated to commemorate the first summit of Mount Everest in 1953 by Sir Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay Sherpa of Nepal.

- International Everest Day is celebrated in Nepal and New Zealand and International Everest Day in Nepal marks an important event for tourism.
- International Everest Day was first celebrated in 2008 at the time of Edmund Hillary's death.
- Since 2008, Nepal has decided to celebrate International Everest Day on 29 May every year to commemorate the achievements of Edmund Hillary and Tenzin Norgay.

Source: News on Air

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