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Important News: National

Union Minister G Kishan Reddy launched Virtual Conference 'SymphoNe' to boost Tourism Sector

Why in News:

Union Minister Shri G. 'SymphoNe' has been launched by Kishan Reddy in a virtual conference aimed at promoting the tourism sector in Northeast India.



Key Points:

- The SymphoNe is the first in a series of discussions on the Development of the Northeastern Region conference that will include a wide spectrum of policy analysts, stakeholders, and influencers with the goal of advancing the Northeastern Region's tourism industry.
- On September 24 and 27, 2022, the Ministry of Development of the Northeastern Region will host a virtual conference called "SymphoNe" in honor of World Tourism Day.
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- Symphony wants to create a one-stop shop that will take care of all the problems that travelers and tour operators encounter.

Source: PIB

Make in India completes 8 years

Why in News:

- With the completion of the Make in India initiative's first eight years, annual foreign direct investment has increased by a factor of two, reaching US\$ 83 billion in 2022.



Key Points:

- Make in India was established in 2014 with the primary goal of making India a top global manufacturing and investment destination.
- The Make in India program extends a sincere welcome to potential partners and investors from all around the world to take part in the development of the "New India."
- Significant progress has been made under the Make in India initiative in 27 fields, including the crucial fields of manufacturing and services.
- Make in India seeks to develop India's existing industrial base and draw in foreign investment for new industrialization in order to surpass China.
- The government has set a goal to boost the manufacturing sector growth to 12–14% per year in the medium term as part of the Make in India drive.
- FDI inflows into India hit a record-high level for eight straight years in 2014–2015, when they totaled US\$ 45.15 billion.
- The year 2021–2022, with its USD 83.6 billion total, saw the largest level of FDI ever.
- In comparison to the same period in 2013, toy imports fell by 70% (or Rs 877.8 crore) in the fiscal year 2021–2022, while India's toy exports had a phenomenal boom of 636%.

Source: The Hindu

Important News: State

Amit Shah to Inaugurate Dairy Cooperative Conclave in Gangtok

Why in News:

- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate a day-long Dairy Cooperative Conference of Eastern and Northeastern Regions in Sikkim on 7 October.



key points:

- The conference is being organized by the National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India (NCDFI).
- The conference will be attended by top functionaries of cooperative milk unions and state dairy unions from the eastern and northeastern states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal.
- An online marketplace named “NCDFI eMarket” has been launched by NCDFI with the patronage of National Dairy Development Board to provide transparent and fair dealing for trading of bulk commodities to the member dairy cooperatives.
- The turnover in NCDFIs reached Rs 6,305 crore in the year 2021-22 from Rs 1,006 in the year 2015-16, with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of around 30 percent.

Source: Indian Express

Important News: Science & Tech

Government of India introduced "Sign Learn" smartphone app

Why in News:

- The Government of India has launched "Sign Learn" smartphone app, which is a 10,000-word dictionary for Indian Sign Language (ISL).



key points:

- Sign Learn App has been introduced by Pratima Bhowmik, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment.
- The 10,000-word Indian Sign Language Research and Training Center (ISLRTC) lexicon serves as the foundation for sign learn.

- All words in ISL Dictionary can be searched using Hindi or English on the app, which is available in Android and iOS versions.
- Earlier on October 6, 2020, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by ISLRTC and NCERT to convert NCERT textbooks for classes 1 to 12 into Indian Sign Language (Digital Format), so that children listening to the textbooks to be made accessible to.
- ISL translations were released by the Center as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in some volumes of the National Book Trust's "Veergatha" series.
- ISLRTC and NCERT collaborated to launch 500 academic words in Indian Sign Language for "Sign Learn" smartphone app.
- These academic terms, often used in history, science, political science, and mathematics, are used at the secondary school level.

Source: Navbharat Times

Important Awards

Asha Parekh to be honored with 52nd Dadasaheb Phalke Award

Why in News:

- Veteran actress Asha Parekh has been declared the recipient of the 52nd Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2020.



key points:

- His name has been announced by the Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur.
- Asha Parekh has worked in more than 95 films, and she was also the chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification from 1998 to 2001. Earlier, Asha Parekh was awarded the Padma Shri by the Government of India in the year 1992 for her services to cinema.
- Asha Parekh started her career as a child artist and was cast in Maa (1952) by filmmaker Bimal Roy, when she was 10 years old.
- The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is the highest honor of Indian cinema.
- The Dadasaheb Phalke Award was instituted in the year 1969, the award is the highest honor for an artist in Indian cinema.
- Earlier this award has also been presented to Raj Kapoor, Yash Chopra, Lata Mangeshkar, Mrinal Sen, Amitabh Bachchan and Vinod Khanna.

- Devika Rani was the first winner to receive the Dadasaheb Phalke Award, while actor Rajinikanth has been honored with the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award in the year 2021.

Source: Times of India

Important Days

World tourism day 2022

Why in News:

- World Tourism Day is celebrated every year on 27 September all over the world.



key points:

- World Tourism Day is celebrated every year with the aim of promoting tourism and spreading awareness about its importance.
- The theme of World Tourism Day 2022 this year is "Rethinking Tourism", which focuses on post-pandemic initiatives and developments related to the tourism sector.
- World Tourism Day aims to put people and the planet first and promote a shared vision for a more sustainable, inclusive and resilient tourism sector.
- This year Indonesia is the host country of celebrations for World Tourism Day 2022.
- World Tourism Day was started by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) in the year 1979.
- The official celebration of this International Day started in the year 1980.
- It was decided by the UNWTO in 1997 that events related to World Tourism Day would be celebrated each year in different host countries.
- This day marks the end of the high season in the Northern Hemisphere and the beginning of the season in the Southern Hemisphere.
- The celebrations for the year 2019 were hosted by India with the theme "Tourism and Jobs: A Better Future for All".

Source: Livemint

World environmental health day 2022

Why in News:



- World Environmental Health Day 2022 is celebrated every year on 26 September with the aim of spreading awareness globally about the health of the environment.



key points:

- The objective of World Environmental Health Day is to create an irrevocable link between the health of the human race and the health of the environment.
- World Environmental Health Day was first observed in the year 2011 by the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH).
- The International Federation of Environmental Health is fully dedicated to the development and dissemination of knowledge on the preservation and subsequent improvement of the health of the environment.
- The theme of this year's World Environmental Health Day is 'Strengthening environmental health systems for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals'.
- The goal of World Environmental Health Day is for mankind to pay attention to the environment and try to create a balance.
- Environmental health plays an important role in the implementation of the SDGs.
- Environmental health fits into the 7 SDGs, 19 goals and 30 indicators of the SDGs.
- India was at the bottom of the list of 180 countries with a modest score of 18.9 on the Environmental Performance Index 2022.
- India is behind Myanmar (179), Vietnam (178), Bangladesh (177) and Pakistan (176) in the rankings released this year.

Source: The Hindu