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Let's check this news about first Illegal Coal Mining. Then, we will move ahead.

Khanan Prahari App helping curb Illegal Coal Mining

The Mobile app Khanan Prahari that allows citizens to report incidents of illegal coal mining through jio-tagged photographs and textual information is helping curb illegal coal mining. It is a significant step taken by the Ministry of Coal towards curbing illegal mining activities.

Key Points:

- A) Web portal called Coal Mine Surveillance and Management System (CMSMS) is developed in correspondence to the application.
- B) Illegal coal mining poses a threat to the environment and people involved in illegal mining.
- C) Objective of Khanan Prahari mobile app and CMSMS web portal is to encourage public participation through reporting about illegal coal mining.

About Khanan Prahari App:

- A) Report illegal coal mining through Geotagged photographs and textual information.
- B) Developed by the Ministry of Coal.
- C) It is an e-Governance initiative using space technology.

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SWAMITVA Scheme won National e-Governance Award 2023

Survey of Villages Abadi and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas (SWAMITVA) of Ministry of Panchayati Raj won the National Award for e-Governance 2023 (GOLD) for application of emerging technologies for providing citizen centric services. Technology is evolving very fast and initiatives to integrate technology with Governance reforms have started yielding results.

Key Points:

- A) It is a recognition of excellent work done by Team SWAMITVA and supported by Team NIC-MoPR.
- B) SWAMITVA scheme has helped in comprehensive village planning to make rural India Atma Nirbhar.
- C) The scheme has helped in improving financial stability of the people living in rural areas and transforming lives in rural India.

About Ministry of Panchayati Raj:

- A) It was founded on 27th May 2004.
- B) The Minister of Panchayati Raj is Giriraj Singh.
- C) It looks into matters relating to Panchayati Raj and Panchayati Raj Institutions.



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Symposium on Self Reliance in Missile Technology held at Visakhapatnam

The Missile Technology Conclave-cum-Symposium was organised by INS Kalinga at Samudrika Auditorium Naval Base, Visakhapatnam. The event was inaugurated by Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena. The Symposium received overwhelming response from DRDO, PSUs, DPSUs .

Key Points:

- A) The theme of the Symposium was 'Atma Nirbharta In Missile Repairs and Indigenisation Technologies (AMRIT-2023).
- B) The seminar provided and fostered a symbiotic environment for all stakeholders under Government of India initiative 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' mission.
- C) Exhibition stalls were set up where defence firms showcased their expertise and capabilities in Missile Repairs and Indigenisation.

About INS Kalinga:

- A) It is an Indian Navy establishment reporting to the Eastern Naval Command.
- B) It is responsible for preparing, storing and delivering advanced missiles to ships of the Eastern Fleet.
- C) It was Commissioned on 21 November 1985.

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Powerful Winds due to Fujiwhara effect torment Bay Area

Powerful Winds recently tormented the Bay area and other parts of Central and Southern California, uprooting trees and disrupting power supply due to the Fujiwhara effect. The Fujiwhara effect refers to a particular, highly unusual interaction between two cyclones or Hurricanes.

Key Points:

- A) The United States west coast witnessed Hurricane Hilary prompting the National Hurricane centre to issue its first ever tropical storm watch for parts of Southern California.
- B) When two hurricanes spinning in the same direction are brought close together, they begin an intense dance around their common centre. This interaction is called the Fujiwhara effect.
- C) Hurricane Irwin collided with Hurricane Hilary and merged together.

About Fujiwhara Effect:

- A) Identified by Japanese meteorologist Sakuhei Fujiwhara.
- B) Observed for the first time over the Pacific Ocean when typhoons Marie and Kathy merged in 1964.
- C) It is a mega cyclone capable of wreaking havoc along coastlines.



PM Narendra Modi conferred with Grand Cross of the Order of Honour by Greek President

The Indian Prime Minister was recently conferred with the Grand Cross of the Order of Honour by the Greek President in Athens. It is the second highest civilian honour in Greece. It is conferred to eminent personalities who by reason of their distinguished position have contributed to enhancing the stature of Greece.

Key Points:

- A) The Order of Honour was established in 1975.
- B) It is depicted by the Head of the goddess Athena on the front side of the Star with the inscription 'Only The Righteous Should Be Honoured '.
- C) The citation of the honour said 'In the person of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, an honour is bestowed upon the friendly people of India'.

About Greece:

- A) Its capital is Athens. It is located in South Eastern Europe.
- B) Its official name is Hellenic Republic.
- C) It is often referred to as the Cradle of the Western Civilisation.
- D) It was home to famous ancient philosophers like Socrates, Plato and Aristotle.



10,000 penguin chick's drowned due to ice breakup in Antarctica

Scientists revealed 10,000 young Emperor penguin chick's were reportedly killed in Antarctica due to the breakup of ice underneath. The event occurred in late 2022 in the west continent in an area of Bellingshausen Sea and was recorded by Satellites.

Tallest and heaviest among all living penguin species, the Emperor Penguin is endemic to Antarctica.

About Emperor Penguin:

- A) World's largest penguin species found only in Antarctica.
- B) Its scientific name is Aptenodytes Forsteri.
- C) They breed in winter and are found throughout the Antarctic subcontinent and sub Antarctic islands.
- D) They spend their entire lives on Antarctic Ice and in its waters.
- E) They are approximately 120cm tall and weigh around 40 kg.
- F) They have large stores of insulating body fat and several layers of scale like feathers that protect them from icy Winds.

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Report on Onshoring Indian Innovation to GIFT IFSC submitted

The Committee of Experts appointed by the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) to explore Onshoring the Indian Innovation to Gujarat International Finance Tec-city International Financial Services Centre (GIFT IFSC) has presented its findings to the chairperson of IFSCA. The Report aimed to understand why Indian startups shift abroad and to prevent such externalisation in the future.

Key Points:

- A) The Committee was chaired by Shri G. Padmanabhan, former executive director of RBI.
- B) The committee focused on promoting GIFT IFSC as a global fintech hub and encouraging startups to set up commercial presence there.
- C) The report suggested aligning tax and regulatory laws within IFSC with international standards.

About IFSCA:

- A) Stands for The International Financial Services Centres Authority.
- B) It was formed on April 27, 2020.
- C) It is a regulatory agency headquartered at GIFT city Gujarat.



New Snake species Sahyadriophis Uttaraghati discovered

Team of researchers from Gujarat, Maharashtra, the United Kingdom and Germany have identified a new genus and species of colubrid snakes within the biodiversity Western Ghats. Their discovery has been published in the International Journal Taxonomy on August 21.

Key Points:

- A) New genus named Sahyadri Ophis is a combination of Sanskrit word for Western Ghats Sahyadri and the Greek word for snake Ophis.
- B) The study authors are Harshil Patel, Tejas Thackeray, Patrick Campbell and Zeeshan Mirza.
- C) The new species is also called Northern Sahyadri Keelback.

About Western Ghats:

- A) Also known as Sahyadri Mountain Range.
- B) Its elevation is 2695 m and its highest point is Cardamom Hills.
- C) It is a UNESCO Heritage Site Andis one of the 36 Biodiversity hotspots.



SEBI proposed inclusion of NRIs and OCIs in Securities through FPI

Security and Exchange Board of India allows increased participation of Non Residential Indians and Overseas Citizens of India in the Indian Securities Market through the Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI). It would be done by putting in place adequate measures to mitigate the risks emanating from such investments.

Key Points:

- A) Under the current rule FPI applicant cannot be a NRI or OCI.
- B) Contribution of a single NRI or OCI should be below 25 percent of the total contribution in the corpus of the applicant.
- C) FPI offers investors the freedom to diversify their portfolios internationally.

About FPI:

- A) It refers to purchase and holding of a wide array of foreign financial assets by investors seeking to invest in other countries.
- B) It generally intends to invest money into the foreign country's stock market.
- C) FPI is regulated by SEBI in India.



Neeraj Chopra qualifies for Paris Olympics 2024

Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra by one big throw of 88.77m qualified for the World Championships Men's Javelin throw final as well as the 2024 Paris Olympics. 88.77m was his fourth career best performance. The 2024 Paris Olympics qualifying mark is 85.5 m.

Key Points:

- A) With automatic final qualifications set at 83m Chopra left the arena after a single throw.
- B) DP Manu was third with a best throw of 81.31 m competing in the same group.
- C) Germany's Julian Weber was second with a best throw of 82.39 m.

About Neeraj Chopra:

- A) He is an Indian Track and Field athlete.
- B) He was born on 24 December 1997 in Khandra.
- C) He is reigning Olympic Champion, World Championship Silver medalist and Diamond League Champion in Javelin throw.
- D) He is the first Asian athlete to win an Olympic gold Medal in men's Javelin throw.

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