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Let's check this news about National Film Awards. Then, we will move ahead.

69th National Film Awards

The President of India Shri Droupadi Murmu presented the 69th National Film Awards in various categories in New Delhi. The Star studded event honoured the most talented individuals in the Film industry. The Nambi effect directed by R Madhavan was recognized as the Best Feature Film while The Kashmir Files received the Nargis Dutt award for best Feature Film on National Integration.

Key Points:

- A) Alia Bhatt and Kriti Sanon won the award for best actress and Allu Arjun for the Best Actor.
- B) The Kashmir Files received the Nargis Dutt Award for best feature film.
- C) Waheeda Rehman was bestowed with Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award.

About National Film Awards:

- A) It is the most prominent film award ceremony in India.
- B) It was introduced in 1954.
- C) The awards take place in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

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Ayurveda Day to be observed on November 10, 2023

Ministry of AYUSH to organise Ayurveda Day on Dhanvantari Jayanti, 10 November 2023. This year's Ayurveda Day will be celebrated internationally in about 100 countries across the Globe. The theme is "Ayurveda for One Health".

Key Points:

- A) We should make 'Ayurveda Day' a global celebration by using the power of digital technology and mobilisation of different involvement activities.
- B) The Ayush secretary further said that we have to focus on the three main points of Ayurveda Day - 'Ayurveda for students, Ayurveda for farmers, Ayurveda for public health' with the message of 'Ayurveda for everyone every day'.
- C) The objective of Ayurveda Day is to promote and disseminate Ayurveda at international level and to establish it in the global scenario for the welfare of mankind, animals, plants and environment.

About AYUSH Ministry:

- A) It regulates the educational standards of the Indian systems of the Medicine and Homeopathy colleges in the country.
- B) It was formed in 2014.
- C) It revives the profound knowledge of our ancient system of medicine.



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MoU between NICF and IICA

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) and National Institute of Communication Finance (NICF) for academic and Research Collaboration to synergize Professional capabilities of both institutions.

Key Points:

- A) The MoU will offer a more structured approach between the two institutions on matters common to their mandate and objectives.
- B) Capacity building programmes and research will equip the Indian Posts and Telecom Accounts and Finance Service (IP&TAFS) officers in up-skilling the professional horizon.
- C) MoU envisages exchange of knowledge and resources between NICF and IICA for conducting research, training capacity building and advocacy.

About NICF:

- A) It stands for National Institute of Communication Finance.
- B) It operates under the aegis of the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications.
- C) It caters to the training needs of Indian Posts and Telecom Accounts and Finance Service (IP&TAFS) officers.



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Looking for Challan garners prestigious National Film award

A poignant Film "Looking for Challan" produced by the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) clinched the coveted National Award for "Best Investigative Film" category. It is directed by Bappa Ray. The film was honoured with the prestigious "Rajat Kamal" (Certificate of Excellence" and a cash prize of Rs 50,000.

Key Points:

- A) Looking for Challan deeply favours into the enchanting world of Kerala's Nilambur forest culture and heritage.
- B) It draws its essence and intended message from the profound cultural richness of Kerala's forest regions, also shedding light on the untold narratives of the Cholanaikkan community.
- C) Looking for Challan serves as a powerful testimony to the capacity of storytelling to bridge gaps, celebrate culture, and evoke transformation.

About IGNCA:

- A) It stands for the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts.
- B) It is visualised as the centre encompassing the study and experience of all the arts.
- C) It comes under the Union Ministry of Culture.

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First Indian Coast Guard Training Ship

The Ministry of Defence signed a contract for the construction of one Training Ship for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL), Mumbai under the Buy (Indian-IDDM) category. It will be built at the cost of Rs 310 crore.

Key Points:

A) It is the first dedicated training platform with integral helicopter capabilities that will provide basic sea training to 70 Coast Guard.

This training ship is equipped with advanced and modern high-tech surveillance and monitoring systems that will provide profound insight and expertise to the ICG cadets.

C) By meeting the objectives of 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat', the contract would also boost the indigenous shipbuilding capability and help in bolstering maritime economic capabilities.

About ICG:

A) It stands for Indian Coast Guard.

B) It is a multi-mission organisation, conducting the real life operations at sea.

C) It is the rescue agency of India with jurisdiction over its territorial waters.



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Web Portal Apna Chandrayaan

Union Minister for Education Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched a web portal "Apna Chandrayaan" with activity based support material on Mission Chandrayaan-3. It is developed by NCERT under the aegis of the Department of School education and literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education.

Key Points:

- A) 10 special modules on Chandrayaan-3, offering a comprehensive overview of its various facts-including scientific, technological and social aspects have been released.
- B) More modules will be prepared on 14 different topics including women empowerment, COVID-19 vaccination, India's G20 Presidency, etc.
- C) The web portal launched today has a set of colouring books, online quizzes, jigsaw puzzles, picture builders and inspiring stories in the form of graphic novels on Chandrayaan 3.

About NCERT :

- A) It stands for National Council of Educational Research and Training.
- B) It was set up in 1961.
- C) It assists the Central and State governments on policies and programmes for qualitative improvement in school education.

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Robotic Process Automation Lab

Secretary, MeitY Shri S Krishnan inaugurated Robotic Process Automation (RPA) lab in NIELIT Gorakhpur during 26th All India Director's Meet of NIELIT. It is the first lab in Uttar Pradesh under FutureSkill Prime Project of MeitY.

Key Points:

- A) The objective is to upskill/reskill manpower in the emerging technology of RPA.
- B) This is the First-of-its-kind lab in Uttar Pradesh under Future Skill PrimeProject which has been established to bridge the gap between Industry and Academia.
- C) RPA is improving services to citizens by automating repetitive manual processes such as data entry and verification thereby reducing clerical errors and response time.

About NIELIT:

- A) It stands for National Institute Of Electronics and Information Technology.
- B) It was set up to carry out Human Resource Development and related activities.
- C) It is under the control of the Ministry Of Electronics and Information Technology.



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MoU between NRSC and MoRD for Watershed Development

The Department of Land Resources (DOLR) organised an event for signing MoU with National Remote Sensing Center (NRSC) for Watershed Development to ensure productive use of Geo-Spatial applications for the rural masses. The event also included release of Manuals by NRSC for the mobile application DRISHTI 2.0 and web portal SRISHTI 2.0.

Key Points:

- A) WDC-PMKSY 2.0 projects through high resolution satellite data for all the WDC 2.0 projects in States/UTs across the country.
- B) The customised mobile application Drishti is used for field data collection and data transfer to Bhuvan.
- C) Also analysis of land cover changes for the watersheds, impact analysis and reporting and creation of a dashboard for project status reporting can also be done.

About NRSC:

- A) It stands for National Remote Sensing Centre.
- B) It has established ground stations for receiving satellite data.
- C) Vikram Sarabhai is the founder of NRSC.



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IndiaSkills 2023-24

Union Minister for Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched the IndiaSkills 2023-24 and also felicitated the World Skills 2022 Winners. India has secured 11th position in the global competition.

Key Points:

- A) The importance is of introducing employable skills which will increase market acceptance of the workforce.
- B) We have to give equal importance to competencies, applied knowledge and hands-on training to lead in the 21st century.
- C) He also highlighted the need for mapping skill gaps to reduce the gap between degrees earned and skills acquired.
- D) These competitions provide both a benchmark for high performance and an objective way to assess vocational excellence.

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National title in the pocket, Shrivalli looks to take the next big step.

After a challenging start to the season, she has qualified for multiple \$25K events, won two titles and reached the finals and semifinals in doubles.

Key Points:

A) Shrivalli Rashmikkaa, a 21-year-old tennis player from Hyderabad has experienced a remarkable turnaround in her career.

B) She has become the Fenesta Open National champion.

C) Shrivalli beat her friend and doubles partner Vaidehi Chaudhari in a thrilling three-setter in the final.



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