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Let's check this news about Report on the production of major kharif crops. Then, we will move ahead.

Report on the production of major kharif crops 2023-24

First Advance Estimates of production of major Kharif crops for 2023-24 was released by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare. These estimates have been compiled by the data given by states. According to the estimates there is an increase in area under rice, which is a major kharif crop by approx 2 lakh hectares.

Main Points:

- A) Kharif Maize production is estimated for about 224.82 Lakh Metric Tonnes by registering an increase of about 11 Lakh Metric Tonnes.
- B) The production of Tur is estimated at about 34.21 LMT.
- C) The first production assessment for 2023-24 Kharif is largely based on the average yield of the last 3 years.

About Kharif Crops:

- A) These are known as the monsoon or autumn crops.
- B) These last from June to November.
- C) Cotton, Rice, Maize are some of the Kharif crops.

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[Image Source: The Economic Times]

Coal Ministry and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy to Work Jointly

For the promotion of Green Energy, the Coal Ministry and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy decided to work

The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy will provide technical, policy & capacity building support and the Ministry of Coal will provide land, capital and undertake implementation of other renewable energy projects. This was during a secretary-level joint meeting.

Main Points:

- A) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy will support the Ministry of Coal and its CPSEs for training of engineers, technicians and other functionaries through National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE).
- B) Also the knowledge partnership through IIT Roorkee, Solar Energy Corporation of India shall be provided.
- C) CPSEs under the Ministry of Coal will create a generation capacity of about 12GW by year 2030.

About MNRE:

- A) It stands for Ministry of New & Renewable Energy.
- B) It is the nodal agency for the promotion of grid-connected and off-grid renewable energy.
- C) It is headquartered in New Delhi.



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ICG Subordinate Officers' Conclave 2023

Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Subordinate Officers' 6th Conclave was organised in New Delhi on 26 and 27 October. Various MoUs towards enhancing welfare measures for the personnel of Coast Guard were signed. The conclave comprised various sessions and lectures.

Main Points:

- A) The theme of the conclave was 'Towards an Inclusive Approach'.
- B) The Conclave encouraged innovative ideas towards inclusive growth of the service in particular, 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas aur Sabka Prayas'.
- C) It has provided a platform to express their innovative ideas and thought processes.

About ICG:

- A) It stands for Indian Coast Guard.
- B) It is an organisation that conducts round the year life operations at sea.
- C) It was established in 1977.

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[Image Source: indiancoastguard.gov.in]

Calixcoca Vaccine

Scientists of Brazil have developed a vaccine named “Calixcoca” for the treatment of cocaine and its addiction. The vaccine has undergone successful testing on animals and it produced significant levels of antibodies against cocaine.

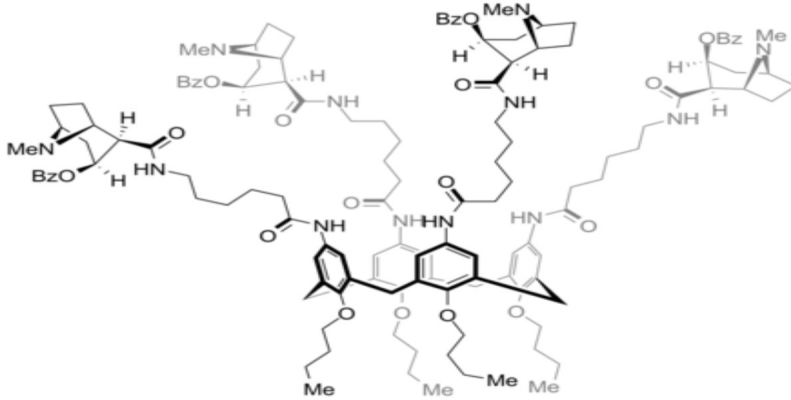
Main Points:

- A) The Vaccine aims to disrupt the effects of cocaine by triggering an immune response in the body by preventing the drug from reaching the brain.
- B) Calixcoca functions by inducing an immune response that generates antibodies which are capable of binding to cocaine molecules in the bloodstream.
- C) This binding process results in the enlargement of cocaine molecules by rendering them to pass into the brain’s “reward centre”.

About Brazil:

- A) It is the largest country in South America.
- B) It has Brasilia as its capital.
- C) It is the world’s 5th largest country by area.

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[Image Source: Wikipedia]

CCI Joins steering committee of ICN

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has secured a place in the steering committee of the International Competition Network (ICN). The committee serves as the apex body within ICN. It is a significant milestone for India.

Main Points:

- A) The ICN is a global organisation consisting of 140 competition agencies that provides antitrust authorities.
- B) It is uniquely dedicated to the enforcement of competition law worldwide.
- C) This achievement underscores India's growing influence and active participation in international forums dedicated to competition law and antitrust regulations.

About CCI:

- A) It is the chief national competition regulator in India.
- B) It was founded in 2003.
- C) It is responsible for enforcing the competition.



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State of Climate Report 2023

'2023 State of the Climate Report: Entering Uncharted Territory,' published in the BioScience journal, says this year i.e. 2023 has witnessed 38 days with global mean temperatures above this critical threshold. June, July, and August marking the warmest period ever recorded.

Main Points:

- A) The report acknowledges that anthropogenic global heating, along with various environmental factors, contributes significantly to recent weather extremes.
- B) Rising Atlantic Ocean temperatures and the release of greenhouse gases like water vapour into the stratosphere are among the driving factors.
- C) Report says if the current situation continues an estimated 3-6 billion people could face severe heat and other challenges.

About BioScience journal:

- A) It is a peer reviewed, heavily cited, monthly journal.
- B) BioScience includes articles about research findings and techniques, advances in biology education etc.
- C) It publishes special focus issues.



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India Mobile Congress

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 7th Edition of India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2023. It aims to strengthen India's role in various sectors like technology developer, manufacturer, and exporter. The program was held at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan.

Main Points:

- A) IMC 2023 focuses on harnessing the potential of 5G technology, fostering application development tailored to India's needs, and addressing global demands.
- B) The theme of this event was 'Global Digital Innovation'.
- C) One of the remarkable initiatives introduced at IMC 2023 is the 'Aspire' startup program.

About Bharat Mandapam:

- A) It functions as an International Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre
- B) It is situated at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- C) It hosted the 2023 G20 summit.



[Image Source: Mint]

8th convocation of Indian Maritime University

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu addressed the 8th convocation of Indian Maritime University at Chennai. The President said that India has a remarkable marine position with a 7,500 km long coastline and 1,382 offshore islands.

Main Points:

- A) During this function many medals were awarded to meritorious students.
- B) The country's maritime sector plays an important role in its trade and economic development.
- C) 95 percent of the country's trade in terms of quantity and 65 percent of trade in terms of value is done through sea transport.

About Indian Maritime University:

- A) IMU was established on November 14, 2008.
- B) It is a central university by merging seven legacy institutions.
- C) It provides excellent maritime education, training and research.



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Special Campaign 3.0

The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) continued the Special Campaign 3.0. In the movement all the officials of MeitY including its attached offices also participated. They performed various activities including clean driving.

Main Points:

- A) Special Campaign was undertaken for cleaning Indian Airways (INA), Subway, Hazrat Nizamuddin Dargah, Nizamuddin Railway Station etc.
- B) Mega Plantation work is done at Pashan Hills, Pune.
- C) UIDAI undertook a cleanliness drive at NDMC School and Convent Jesus Mary School, and nearby areas of Connaught Place, New Delhi.

About MeitY:

- A) It stands for Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- B) It is an exclusive agency of the Union Government of India.
- C) It is responsible for IT policies, strategies and development of the electronics industry.

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[Image Source: News on Air]

Sheetal Devi won gold in Archery at Asian Para games

Main Points:

- A) Sheetal was born with Phocomelia, a rare congenital disorder that causes under-developed limbs.
- B) She won three medals at the Asian Para Games in Hangzhou.
- C) She won silver in women's doubles compound, Sheetal won two gold medals from the mixed doubles and women's individual.
- D) PM Modi also congratulated her on Twitter.



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