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Let's check this news about Maj Gen Ignatius Delos Flora. Then, we will move ahead.

# Maj Gen Ignatius Delos Flora takes charge as Additional DG, MNS

Major General Ignatius Delos Flora has taken charge as the Additional Director General of Military Nursing Service (MNS). The General Officer is an alumnus of the School of Nursing, Army Hospital Delhi Cantt. She was Commissioned into the MNS in 1985.

### Key Points:

- A) She completed her Midwifery training at Command Air Hospital Air Force Bangalore in 1986.
- B) She completed her PCBSc Nursing from College of Nursing AFMC Pune in 1995.
- C) The General Officer has held various key appointments in the Armed Forces Medical Services hospitals including JDMNS Eastern Command.

### About MNS:

- A) Stands for Military Nursing Service.
- B) It is a part of Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) of the Indian Army.
- C) It was first formed under British Rule in 1888.



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## VICT inaugurated in Visakhapatnam

The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated a world class state of the art Vizag International Cruise Terminal (VICT) in Visakhapatnam. He also dedicated projects worth Rupees 216.53 crores to the nation. It is a World class infrastructure which transforms Vizag to become the hub of cruise tourism in the region.

### Key Points:

- A) VICT was developed with an investment of 96.05 crores with a grant of 38.50 crores by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.
- B) It has a capacity to accommodate 2000 passenger vessels requiring a draft of 8.1 metres.
- C) The Visakhapatnam Fishing Harbour is one of the first five major fishing harbours which will be developed as "Hubs of Economic Activity".

### About Visakhapatnam:

- A) It is a port city and Industrial centre in the Indian State of Andhra Pradesh.
- B) It has the fifth busiest cargo port in India, Visakhapatnam Port.
- C) It lies between Eastern Ghats and the Coast of Bay of Bengal.

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[Image Source : The Hindu]

## IREDA and IIFCL to finance Renewable Energy products

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL) to finance renewable energy projects. It will empower IREDA and IIFCL to engage in Co lending and Loan Syndication for all categories of Renewable Energy projects including Small Hydro Projects.

### Key Points:

- A) IIFCL will invest in the bonds issued by IREDA as per terms and conditions.
- B) With this collaboration we will be able to support the Government of India's target of achieving 50 percent share of our energy from non fossil fuels by the year 2030.
- C) Mou Will enable a synergy of green financing expertise of IREDA and Infra financing expertise of IIFCL.

### About IREDA:

- A) Stands for Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency.
- B) It is a PSU under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
- C) It was founded in 1987.



[Image Source : ANI]

## Missing continent Zealandia discovered

Geoscientists discovered a continent named Zealandia that had been hiding in plain sight for almost 375 years. It is a long, narrow microcontinent that is mostly submerged in the South Pacific Ocean. It was part of the supercontinent called Gondwana.

### Key Points:

- A) It was first said to be discovered in 1642 by Dutch businessmen and sailor Abel Tasman.
- B) It is located in the South western Pacific Ocean primarily to the east of Australia and to the south of New Caledonia.
- C) The part of Zealandia that is above water forms the foundation of New Zealand's North and South islands as well as the Island of New Caledonia.

### About New Zealand:

- A) Island country in Southwestern Pacific Ocean.
- B) Its capital is Wellington and Currency is New Zealand dollars.
- C) It consists of two main landmasses: The North Island and the South Island.

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[Image Source : Forbes]

## Russia recognises crew to use Kinzhal Missiles

The First Russian Crew to use Hypersonic, air launched Kinzhal missiles during Moscow's Military operation in Ukraine has been presented with state Awards. The Su-34 aircraft used the Kinzhal Hypersonic Missile during the special Military operations.

### Key Points:

- A) Russia calls its action in Ukraine a "Special Military Operation".
- B) The Kh-47M2 nicknamed Kinzhal (Dagger) is a nuclear capable Russian Air launched hypersonic ballistic missile.
- C) It was one of the six "next generation" weapons unveiled by Russian President Vladimir Putin.
- D) The Missile manoeuvres during all stages of its flight to overcome hostile air defence systems.
- E) A hypersonic Missile is a weapon system that flies at least at the speed of Mach 5 i.e. five times the speed of sound.

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[Image Source : WION]

Q) Name the hypersonic Missile used by Russia in Ukraine during its Special Military Operations?

- 1) Kinzhal
- 2) Khanjar
- 3) Zaitik
- 4) Anzac

Ans) Correct answer is Option 1 i.e. Kinzhal.

6) ENVIRONMENT

## Stump tailed macaques brought to Delhi Zoo

Eight stump-tailed macaques were recently brought to the Delhi Zoo from the Aizawl Zoological Park in Mizoram.

The Macaques listed as Vulnerable on IUCN Red List of Species have been placed in quarantine for a minimum 21 days.

### Key Points:

- A) The addition of the macaques takes the total number of species at the zoo to 97.
- B) In 2018, the CZA inventory showed the presence of 43 stump-tailed macaques at nine Indian zoo's.

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C) Maintenance of demographically stable and genetically viable ex-situ populations is thus crucial for ensuring the survival of species.

### About Stump-Tailed Macaque:

A) It is also called Bear Macaque.

B) It is a species of Old World Monkey found in South Asia.

C) They are found in tropical and Subtropical evergreen forests.



[Image Source : The Indian Express]

## AI to clean Umiam Lake

The Meghalaya government adopted AI-enabled robotic technology to keep its tourist Hotspot, Umiam Lake, free of pollutants. It is to tackle the state's growing waste problem. The AI powered boat has the capacity to gather as much as 15 litres of oil and 200 kilograms of floating refuse daily, thus making it an economical method for effectively removing waste.

### Key Points:

A) The robot is Unmanned and battery powered. It is built to collect plastic waste on the shoreline and in waterways.

B) The batteries are charged via solar panels at the on land docking station.

C) It is a part of Meghalaya Government's Smart Village initiative under which the AI enabled robotic boat was recently deployed in collaboration with a non profit organisation called Smart Village Movement (SVM).

### About Umiam Lake:

A) It is one of the biggest artificial lakes in Meghalaya.

- B) It was formed after a dam was constructed to generate hydroelectric power in 1965.
- C) It is a popular venue for water sports and adventure facilities.



[Image Source : Deccan Herald]

## PV Satyanarayana awarded Dr MS Swaminathan Award

Dr PV Satyanarayana, Principal scientist at the Agricultural Research Station has been awarded the prestigious 8th Dr MS Swaminathan Award for his outstanding contributions to the field of agriculture during the period 2021-22. The award was presented at an event at Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR), Hyderabad.

### Key Points:

- A) It is a biennial award constituted by RICAREA and NSL and includes a cash prize of 2 lakhs and Gold Medal.
- B) Dr Satyanarayana Pioneered work that involved development of High yielding rice varieties that exhibit resilience against various pests and environmental challenges.
- C) He has made substantial contributions to fine grain varieties and hybrid rice.

### About MS Swaminathan Award:

- A) Instituted in 2004.
- B) Objective is to recognise the lifetime contributions of eminent persons who have made great impacts.
- C) It is named after the doyen of Indian Agriculture, Prof MS Swaminathan.
- D) The award is open to all, irrespective of his/her nationality.





[Image Source : The Print]

## UNDP develop National Carbon Registry

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has developed open source software called National Carbon Registry that allows countries to effectively manage national data and processes for trading Carbon credits. It has been Accredited as a digital public good (DPG). It allows countries to replicate and adapt the information to fit their own needs and contexts.

### Key Points:

- A) The Registry follows National and International best practices.
- B) The Registry modules, software and technical documentation can be reused and tailored by countries which could potentially reduce production costs and implementation timelines.
- C) Built as an interoperable digital system, it can be integrated with National measurement.

### About UNDP:

- A) Stands for the United Nations Development Programme.
- B) It works in 170 countries to eradicate poverty and reduce inequality.
- C) It was founded on November 22, 1965.
- D) Its headquarters are located in New York, United States.

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[Image Source : Business Today]

## Hambantota to host Super 4 stage of Asia cup

Heavy Rain in Colombo forces ACC to change venue to Hambantota for Super 4 and Final. The Super 4 stage of Asia Cup will feature an India VS Pakistan fixture which was to be held at R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo has been changed.

### Key Points:

- A) Two teams from each group namely Pakistan and India from group A and Sri Lanka and Bangladesh from Group B have qualified for Super 4.
- B) Among the venues considered, Hambantota seems a safer Option as it usually doesn't receive much rainfall during September.
- C) India qualified into Super 4 by beating Nepal by 10 wickets.



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