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Let's check this news about 20th ASEAN-India Summit. Then, we will move ahead.

20th ASEAN-India Summit in Jakarta

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 20th ASEAN-India Summit and 18th East Asia in Jakarta. Extension discussions were held for further strengthening of ASEAN-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and charting its future course.

Key Points:

- A) PM reaffirmed ASEAN centrality in the Indo-Pacific and highlighted the synergies between India's Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) and ASEANS Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP).
- B) He presented a 12 point proposal for strengthening India-ASEAN cooperation covering connectivity, digital transformation, trade and economic engagement.
- C) Two Joint statements one on Maritime Cooperation and the other on Food Security were adopted.

About EAS:

- A) Stands for East Asia Summit.
- B) Regional forum held annually by leaders.
- C) First summit was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 14 December 2005.



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Delivery of second ACTCM Barge

Second Barge of the series LSAM 16 was delivered to the Indian Navy in September in presence of Cmde MV Raj Krishna, COY. Contract for construction and delivery of Eleven Ammunition Barges was concluded with M/search Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd, Thane, a MSME in consonance with Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiatives of the Government of India.

Key Points:

- A) The Barge has been built under the classification rules of Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) with a service life of 30 years.
- B) The Barge is the proud flag bearer of Make In India initiatives of the Ministry of Defence.
- C) It will provide impetus to operational commitments of the Indian Navy by facilitating Transportation, Embarkation and Disembarkation of articles/Ammunition.



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[Image Source: Indian Navy]

REC Limited holds 54th AGM

Rural Electrification Limited (REL) held its 54th Annual General Meeting through Video Conferencing. Chairman and Managing Director Vivek Kumar Dewangan chaired the meeting which was attended by all Directors on the Board of the Company.

Key Points:

- A) REC is committed to increase its present loan portfolio of Green Projects to the extent of more than 10 times by the year 2030 amounting to 3 lakh crore.
- B) REC, known for Rural electrification, would now be known for its Renewable Energy focused initiatives.
- C) In terms of dividend REC is among the highest dividend paying companies in its category.

About REC:

- A) Stands for Rural electrification Corporation Limited.
- B) It is under the ownership of the Ministry of Power and promotes projects across India.
- C) It was founded on 25th July 1969.

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[Image Source: REC Limited]

Scheme titled VGF for Development of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Honourable Prime Minister approved the Scheme for Viability Gap Funding (VGF) for development of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). The approved scheme envisages development of 4000 MWh of BESS projects by 2030-31 with a financial support of up to 40 percent of the capital cost as budgetary support in the form of VGF.

Key Points:

- A) Minimum of 85 percent of the BESS project capacity will be made available to Distribution Companies (DISCOMS).
- B) It will enhance the integration of renewable energy into the electricity grid but also minimise wastage while optimising the utilisation of transmission networks.
- C) The Government of India remains committed to promoting clean and green energy solutions.
- D) The selection of BESS developers for VGF grants will be carried out through a transparent competitive bidding process, promoting a level playing field for both Public and Private Sector entities.
- E) The VGF shall be disbursed in five tranches linked with the various stages of implementation of BESS projects.



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White Sambar discovered in Cauvery WS

Researchers discovered rare leucistic sambar deer in the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary. The presence of a leucistic sambar has been documented in the Sangama Range of Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary during studies carried out on leopards by conservation scientist Sanjay Gubbi and team

Key Points:

- A) The Female sambar deer was seen accompanying another adult female sambar.
- B) It is the first recorded photographic record of a white form of sambar from this landscape through a white form of sambar deer that was previously recorded in Bandipur Tiger Reserve in 2014.
- C) The sighting of white form of Sambar deer is an important natural history documentation for this area.

About Sambar Deer:

- A) Largest deer native to the Indian subcontinent.
- B) Most active at dusk and at night.
- C) Play an important role in the ecosystem they live in by dispersing seeds through their native range.



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World Physiotherapy Day observed on 8th September

The 8th September has been designated as World Physiotherapy Day (World PT Day) since 1996. The day is set aside to honour the establishment of the profession in 1951.

Key Points:

- A) The day pays tribute to the dedication of physiotherapists and invaluable services they provide.
- B) They help individuals achieve optimal physical function from basic mobility to complex activities.
- C) This year the World PT day focuses on arthritis, delving into various forms of inflammatory arthritis, such as rheumatoid Arthritis and axial spondyloarthritis.
- D) The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment serves as the central authority for advancing the development agenda of Persons with Disabilities in the country.
- E) This observance will entail conducting a range of events across the nation through affiliated institutions.



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Dementia support line and DemClinic launched

Dementia India Alliance (DIA), a Nonprofit, family carer-centred organisation launched a national dementia support line and an Online memory screening clinic DemClinic.

It will assist individuals and families facing the challenges of dementia, a neurodegenerative brain disease.

Key Points:

- A) Support, Guidance and promotion of timely diagnosis will be done through online memory screening services.
- B) The services will be offered in English, Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada and Telugu Languages.
- C) DemClinic leverages telemedicine technology to increase access to diagnosis and Care.

About Dementia:

- A) Syndrome that typically leads to deterioration in Cognitive function.
- B) No cure for dementia
- C) World Health Assembly endorsed the Global Action Plan on the Public Health Response to Dementia 2017-25.

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Vijayawada gets IGBCs Green Railway Station Certification

Vijayawada Railway Station was awarded the Green Railway Station Certification with the highest rating of Platinum by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) for its efforts in improving the environmental standards and providing eco-friendly services to passengers.

Key Points:

- A) This is an upgrade of the station's ratings from Gold in 2019 to Platinum in 2023.
- B) It is the second railway station in the South Central Railway zone after Secunderabad to have bagged the Platinum rating.
- C) The IGBC developed the Green Railway Stations rating system to facilitate adoption of green concepts and enhance the overall experience.

About IGBC:

- A) Stands for Indian Green Building Council.
- B) It is a part of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and was formed in the year 2001.
- C) It is India's premier certification body.
- D) Its Headquarters are located in Hyderabad.



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G20 Tourism and SDG Dashboard unveiled

The Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with the United Nations World Tourism Organization has introduced the G20 Tourism and SDG Dashboard. This Online platform has been developed during India's G20 presidency.

Key Points:

- A) It is designed to showcase exemplary sustainable tourism practices, case studies and insights from G20 Nations that align with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) within the Tourism sector.
- B) It was launched virtually and consolidates information from the G20 Tourism Working Group, including the GOA Roadmap, survey results and best practices from G20 countries.
- C) It is expected to serve as a collaborative knowledge sharing platform, guiding the global community towards more sustainable, resilient and inclusive tourism practices.

About SDG:

- A) Stands for Sustainable Development Goals, also known as Global Goals.
- B) It was adopted by the United Nations in 2015.
- C) It was adopted as a universal call to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

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Indian Men's Table Tennis Team wins Bronze at Asian Championship

The Indian Men's Table tennis Team signed off with a Bronze Medal after going down 0-3 to Chinese Taipei in the Asian Championships semifinal. At the Asian Championships, the Losing semifinalists are also awarded bronze medals.

Key Points:

- A) Sharath was handed a 6-11, 6-11, 9-11 defeat by Chuang Chih-Yuan ranked 26th.
- B) Sathiyar went down 5-11, 6-11, 10-12 to World number 7 Lin Yun Ju as the third seeded Indian team trailed 0-2.
- C) County's highest ranked player at 63, Harmeet lost to World number 33 of Chinese Taipei Kao Cheng Jui with 11-6, 11-7, 7-11, 11-9.



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