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The Hindu: Polity and Governance (Page 1)

Same-sex marriage | Supreme Court's majority view holds that it cannot legalise queer unions

The Supreme Court upholds constitutionality of Special Marriage Act in present form; entrusts legislature to debate, decide on providing legal status to same-sex relationships

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- A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court held that only the legislature can recognise or regulate same-sex marriage.
- The Supreme Court upholds constitutionality of Special Marriage Act in present form; entrusts legislature to debate, decide on providing legal status to same-sex relationships
- The court urged the government to form a high-powered committee chaired by the Union Cabinet Committee to expeditiously look into genuine human concerns faced by same-sex partners.
 - The Chief Justice suggested that the committee should look into whether queer couples could be treated as members of the same family for the purpose of ration card; succession; maintenance; opening of a joint bank account; arrangement of last rites of partners; access benefits of rights and benefits of employment, etc.

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The Hindu : Art and Culture (Page 6)



- Bathukamma is a colourful floral festival of Telangana and is celebrated by womenfolk with exotic flowers of the region.
- Bathukamma comes during the latter half of monsoon, before the onset of winter.
- The festival begins a week before the 'Saddula Bathukamma' (the grand finale of the Bathukamma festival) which falls two days before Dassera

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The Hindu: IR / Growth and Development (Page 10)

How synergistic barriers are affecting progress on SDGs

Synergistic barriers have come to the fore as the world is set to achieve only 15% of the 169 targets

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- The 2023 SDG Summit took place on 18-19 September 2023 in New York.
- Lamenting the lack of progress on various Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), world leaders once again reaffirmed their shared commitment to eradicate poverty and end hunger. They recognised that the world was on track to meet only 15% of its 169 targets that make up the 17 goals and have committed to an SDG stimulus of \$500 billion annually.
- In 2015, countries adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) . They embarked on a journey to achieve the 2030 Agenda to promote prosperity, address inequalities while protecting the environment.
- The 17 SDGs offer the most practical and effective pathway to tackle the causes of poverty, violent conflict, human rights abuses, climate change and environmental degradation.

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The Hindu : Space (Page 13)

Modi 'directs' ISRO to land man on moon by 2040, work towards interplanetary missions



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has “directed” the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to set up an **Indian-crafted, indigenous space station by 2035** and land an Indian on the moon by 2040.

Do you know ?

- The International Space Station, developed and maintained by the U.S., Russia, Canada, Japan, and European agencies,
- The station was designed between 1984 and 1993
- It is the largest space station but is expected to be decommissioned by 2030.
- The International Space Station Program brings together international flight crews, multiple launch vehicles, globally distributed launch and flight operations, training, engineering, and development facilities, communications networks, and the international scientific research community.

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The Hindu : Miscellaneous (Page 13)

President gives away film awards; actor Waheeda Rehman gets Phalke Award



President Droupadi Murmu gave away the national film awards for 2021 under various categories at the 69th edition of the ceremony .

The prestigious Dada Saheb Phalke Award was conferred on veteran actor Waheeda Rehman.

About National Film Awards

- Established in 1954, the National Film Awards is one of the most prestigious and much looked-forward-to events in the country. The Hon'ble President of India presents the awards culminating in showcasing of award-winning films for the public.
- Since the first awards given for the films of 1953, the National Film Awards have come a long way
- The awards are given in three sections – Features, Non-Features and Best Writing on Cinema.

Dada Saheb Phalke Award: Instituted in 1969 when presented to Devika Rani, the Dadasaheb Phalke Award was introduced to commemorate Dadasaheb Phalke's contribution to Indian cinema who directed India's first full-length feature film, Raja Harishchandra in 1913. Honoured with the highest award in the field of cinema.

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The Hindu: Economy (Page 15)

Modi unveils long-term blueprint for India's maritime economy



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday unveiled the 'Amrit Kaal Vision 2047', a long-term blueprint for the Indian maritime blue economy, while inaugurating Global Maritime India Summit 2023 in Mumbai through video conference.
 - The blueprint outlines strategic initiatives aimed at enhancing port facilities, promoting sustainable practices, and facilitating global collaboration.

Do you know ?

- Maritime sector is the life line of Indian economy contributing more than 90% of EXIM cargo by volume and about 70% by value."

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PIB : Economy / Governance

Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) and National Institute of Communication Finance (NICF) sign MoU for Academic and Research Collaboration to synergise professional capabilities of both institutions

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ABOUT IICA

Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) is an institution established by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), Government of India as an autonomous body to act as a think-tank and a centre of excellence to support the growth of the corporate sector in India through an integrated and multi-disciplinary approach.

ABOUT NICF

National Institute of Communication Finance (NICF) is an apex level training institute, operating under the aegis of the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, which caters to the training needs of Indian Posts and Telecom Accounts and Finance Service (IP&TAFS) officers.

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PIB : Health

Union Health Secretary Shri Sudhansh Pant delivers keynote address at National Conclave on “Augmented Zoonotic Diseases Surveillance at Human – Wildlife Interface” & National Conclave for Endorsement of “National Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Snakebite Envenoming” to Stakeholders



Zoonotic diseases (also known as zoonoses) are caused by germs that spread between animals and people.

- Zoonotic disease is one of the areas of concern which is affecting humans as well as the animal health and 75% of newly emerging infectious diseases that have affected people over the last three decades are zoonotic in nature.
- The Central Government is taking several measures to promote One-Health and National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) through its various technical divisions is undertaking activities pertaining to pandemic preparedness likely to emerge from zoonotic threats at human, animal and environment interface,” said the Secretary.

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PIB : Economy / IR

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launches the IndiaSkills 2023-24 and felicitates the
World Skills 2022 Winners



- World Skills Competition is the largest skill competition in the world, held once every two years.
- It is conducted by WorldSkills International, which has 86 member countries.
- These competitions provide both a benchmark for high performance and an objective way to assess vocational excellence.
- The duration of the competition duration is 4 days spanning 16 to 22 hours.

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PIB : Economy

DOLR signs MoU with NRSC to monitor watershed development projects



- The Department of Land Resources, DOLR and National Remote Sensing Centre signed an MoU for monitoring of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana - Watershed Development Component, WDC 2.0.
- It aims to restore the ecological balance by harnessing, conserving, and developing degraded natural resources such as soil and water.

Do you know ?

- Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) was launched during the year 2015-16 to enhance physical access of water on farm and expand cultivable area under assured irrigation, improve on-farm water use efficiency, introduce sustainable water conservation practices, etc.