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Bharat Mandapam's maiden Trade Fair hosts 3,500 exhibitors



- The 42nd edition of the India International Trade Fair (IITF) was inaugurated at the recently opened Bharat Mandapam, offering widespread business opportunities to over 3,500 exhibitors, both domestic and foreign.
- This year, the theme of the annual exhibition organised by the Indian Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) is 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: United by Trade'.
- Representatives from 13 countries — Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Oman, Egypt, Nepal, Thailand, Türkiye, Vietnam, Tunisia, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Iran, and the UAE — are participating in the fair.
- The fair will also have a Delhi Pavillion, showcasing the Capital's heritage and its three key aspects — tourism, cultural corridor, and industrial corridor.

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Odisha readies draft of PESA Act rules, seeks suggestions

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- To bring the people residing in Fifth Schedule Areas in the mainstream, the Parliament, in terms of Article 243M(4)(b) of the Constitution, has enacted “the Provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996” (PESA) to extend Part IX of the Constitution, relating to Panchayats, to the Fifth Schedule areas, with certain modifications and exceptions. States, having Fifth Schedule Areas, have been empowered to make Panchayat Laws for these areas.
- Under “The Provisions of the PESA Act 1996, State Legislatures have been empowered to frame all laws concerning the extension of the provisions of Part IX of the Constitution relating to the Panchayats in Fifth Scheduled Areas, subject to such exceptions and modifications as are provided in section 4 of the Act.
- It is an important and key legislation to empower the tribal communities. It is called “Constitution within the Constitution”. The act aims at devolving governance to Panchayats/Gram Sabhas in Schedule V areas for mainstreaming tribal development.

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Modi to release PM KISAN funds today; Opposition protests

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Over 8 crore farmers will receive over ₹18,000 crore — ₹2,000 each — in this instalment of the BJP's pet scheme

- PM Kisan is a Central Sector scheme with 100% funding from Government of India.
- Under the scheme an income support of 6,000/- per year in three equal installments will be provided to all land holding farmer families.
- Definition of family for the scheme is husband, wife and minor children.
- State Government and UT administration will identify the farmer families which are eligible for support as per scheme guidelines.
- The fund will be directly transferred to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries.
- There are various Exclusion Categories for the scheme.

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At campaign, Modi pushes ₹24,000-cr. tribal welfare scheme

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced in Madhya Pradesh that the Union government would launch a scheme with an outlay of ₹24,000 crore for the welfare of tribal people on the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas.
- It is celebrated on November 15 to mark the birth anniversary of freedom fighter and tribal activist Birsa Munda.
 - revered as Bhagwan by tribal communities across the country.
- Birsa Munda was an iconic freedom fighter, social reformer and revered tribal leader of the country. He fought bravely against the exploitative system of the British colonial government, and became a legendary figure in his lifetime.
- The freedom fighter had encouraged tribals to understand their cultural roots and observe unity.
- Birsa Munda organized and led the tribal movement, giving a call for Ulgulan (Revolt) to the tribals.

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Rajnath to attend Defence Ministers' meet in Jakarta

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- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will pay an official visit to Jakarta on Thursday and Friday to attend the 10th Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) and will address the forum on regional and international security issues, the Ministry said on Tuesday.
- Indonesia is hosting the meeting as the chair of ADMM-Plus
- The ADMM is the highest defence consultative and cooperative mechanism in ASEAN. The ADMM-Plus is a platform for the ASEAN member-states, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, and its eight dialogue partners, India, the U.S., China, Russia, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand, to strengthen security and defence cooperation. India became a dialogue partner of the ASEAN in 1992 and the inaugural ADMM-Plus was convened in Hanoi, Vietnam, on October 12, 2010. Since 2017, the ADMM-Plus Ministers have been meeting annually to bolster the cooperation among the ASEAN and the Plus countries..

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Indian Express: Miscellaneous

Secrecy and no tax — reason why Indians look at Cyprus

The Cyprus Confidential investigation reveals that entities with offshore residency were controlled from India, and instructions for financial transactions in these entities are given by individuals in India



- Cyprus Confidential is a global offshore investigation of 3.6 million documents in English and Greek, which lays bare a paper trail of companies incorporated in the **tax haven of Cyprus** by the rich and powerful from around the world.
- The investigation, carried out in partnership with the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ), involves more than 270 journalists from more than 60 media houses in 55 countries and territories.

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PIB: Polity and Governance (GSII)

Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS) for OBC & Others

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- The scheme Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme- SHREYAS, has been proposed to implement during the 2021-22 to 2025-26 by placing two ongoing Central Sector schemes for OBC and others namely – (i) National Fellowship for OBC (ii) Dr.Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs).
- The main objective of the schemes is Educational Empowerment of OBC & EBC students by way of awarding fellowship (financial assistance) in obtaining quality higher education and interest subsidy on educational loan for overseas studies.
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